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toured the
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story next week*



Entries in the journal - there's no telling what will happen next

This week's cover shot may appear to represent something of a departure, an image plucked from the maelstrom of current events. Well, it only goes to show that on any given week there's no telling what might take our fancy, really, or the lengths to which we may feel compelled to go in order to bring at least some kind of perspective to the teeming world around us.

Here we have a floating city, massive and discrete, nestled on our shores. In all honesty, it's a pretty difficult thing to ignore. Our intrepid man on the dock, Peter Clarke, and publisher, Jeff Outerbridge, were there and will be bringing you all the sights and sounds of C.V. Abraham Lincoln in our next issue.

Peter's all pumped with a new camera at the moment - anything that moves is liable to wind up in his sights. So don't be alarmed if he pops up unexpectedly, flash blazing. For a look at what he saw happening during a recent stroll around the docks, see his 'Out and About' feature on page 6.

It is quite astonishing, the range of experience, creative energy and thoughtful commentary that can emerge week-to-week from the eddies of Island life. The impressive scope of submissions received over the last few weeks, not all of which have yet found their way into print, can attest to that. There is a rich vein of passionate, inspiring and committed people living within these

Bird's Eye

Charles Hart



environs. While that's hardly news, it's gratifying that so many folks are ready to seize the moment, to share their impressions, ideas, attitudes and experiences with their neighbours via the medium of print. The Barnacle is striving to reflect that ebullient atmosphere within its pages: this is a publication whose ethos is predicated on the blending of myriad voices and viewpoints into a weekly collection of writings that entertain as well as inform.

The response to our recent invitation for travel writing has been quite overwhelming. Some articles will be appearing shortly, others in due course and as space permits. By the way, that applies to the host of other submissions that may not have appeared yet. (If you're curious to know what's happened to that brilliant piece you slaved over, you can always call to discuss its fate).

Seeing as there are no reporters here, per se, contributions are welcome in all areas of interest. Community coverage, reviews, essays, serialized accounts of Island life. Feel free to put your ideas

forward, or to submit a write-up on something you attended - be it political, community, the arts, recreation ...

Regular freelancers - Peter Clarke, Dayle Gaetz and Alison Booth - are diligently producing features. Dayle this week becomes the object of attention herself as she goes back to school to see how students have responded to her book - *The Mystery at Eagle Lake* (see page 18). Also in this issue, Joanne O'Connor augments *the Barnacle's* freelance slate with stories on the GISS Band and a look at animal protection laws. Cy Peck fans, alas, will have to wait. Jim Russell's conclusion hasn't been penned yet.

Columnists are in there, too, giving the benefit of their expertise on a variety of topics - gardening, herbs, music, food, business. More column ideas will be forthcoming as we get to them.

Among these varied offerings, *the Barnacle* struck up another new feature last week - the mystery photo. Each issue we'll be running a mystery Island shot, a familiar (or not so familiar) sight seen from an unusual angle or in close up. Drop into the office before Friday each week, fill out an entry form with your solution to the mystery image and you could end up snagging a couple of tickets to the movies.

There's no strings. Honest!

Not even a review.

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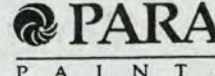
calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS

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MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
15  	16  SSI Golf & Country Club, Ladies Division Meeting, Clubhouse - 10am  	17 Barley Bros, Moby's  Embe Bakery 20 Year Celebration  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18  Cemetery Club, ArtSpring - 8 pm - runs Mar 18 to 20 Bingo, Meaden Hall - 7pm	19  The Ecclestons, Moby's - March 19 & 20 Unity Gathering Potluck & Open Stage, Fulford Hall - 5pm to 9pm First Day of Spring, Pegasus Gallery, runs March 19 to April 2	20  Salt Spring Island Rotary, 2nd Annual Auction Meaden Hall - 7:00 pm The Ecclestons, Moby's Bill Phipps, United Church Hall - 7:30pm Spring Equinox Walk, Ruckle Park Group Campsite 7am Island Natural Growers, Stowel Lake 9am to 3:30pm VERNAL EQUINOX	21 Taize Music Service, United Church - 7:30pm Marc Atkinson Trio, Sunday Dinner Jazz, Moby's Gays/Lesbians/Allies Meeting, Salt Spring Seniors - 2pm Bill Phipps, United Church Hall - morning worship
22 Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society AGM, United Church - 2pm Kids at Heart, Lions Hall 6pm to 9pm	23 Kids at Heart, Lions Hall 9am to noon	24 Wednesday Night Live, Moby's - 9pm	25 Cemetery Club, ArtSpring - 8 pm - runs Mar 25 to 27	26	27 Hysterical Society "RAW", Beaver Point Hall, 8 pm Swing to Seattle, Swing Dance with Swing Shift, Fulford Hall - 8pm GISS Workshop, Multi-Purpose Room - 1pm to 4pm Laurie Rolland Workshop, ArtSpring - 10am to 4pm Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Food Seminar, Lions Hall - 2pm to 5pm	28 Simone Grasky Quartet, Sunday Dinner Jazz, Moby's Alan Moberg & Laurie Thain, Lions Hall - 7:30pm Laurie Rolland Workshop, ArtSpring - 10am to 4pm PALM SUNDAY
29 	30	31 Beddis & Cusheon Lake Area Residents Assoc., Salt Spring Seniors - 7pm	1 APRIL Graffiti Theatre's Quills, ArtSpring, runs April 1-3 & 7-10 Gypsy Moon Dinner Theatre, Hart Bradley Lions Hall APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 Friday Night Live, Open Stage, Rose's Seaside Cafe	3 	4 Sunday Dinner Jazz, Moby's 



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Turning sheepish when dogs run wild

by Joanne O'Connor

Early morning bird song, fresh green buds and the soft bleating of lambs can mean only one thing: Spring has sprung on Salt Spring.

Bird song and buds aside, what does this traditionally life-giving new season hold for our woolly island mascots?

The answer, in some cases, isn't pleasant.

Two sheep were recently attacked by a dog at a local farm. One sheep was so badly injured that she had to be put down. This ewe had been a reliable breeding sheep, and at the time of the attack she was carrying twins. Unfortunately, these types of incidents tend to occur quite often, especially at this time of year.

There are any number of reasons why a dog might be on the loose. The quest for a mate frequently causes a dog to stray away from its own territory. The mere presence of a dog can startle sheep into a panic, fatally injuring themselves in a frenzy to escape. Sometimes a dog may directly attack the sheep - leaving them badly injured, or dead. Dog owners whose pets are involved in attacks face serious penalties.

A dog determined by the CRD Animal Control Centre to be 'at large' - found unaccompanied by its owner on another person's property or public land - becomes the prime suspect in a sheep attack or kill. In such cases the owner may be fined \$100. If the dog is unlicensed, the fine increases to \$200. If an Animal Control Centre investigation reveals

that the dog was involved in a livestock kill, then the fine is raised a further \$100. In some circumstances the dog in question may also be seized by the Animal Control Centre. This action, stemming from a court order, can be the result of the dog owner's lack of cooperation. If a dog is found to be a danger to public safety, then the action to seize the dog and have it put down is usually initiated regardless.

The Salt Spring Island Animal Control Centre advises potential dog owners to think seriously about the responsibilities of dog-rearing. Under the Livestock Protection Act, farmers have the right to shoot a dog which is pursuing or killing their livestock. By allowing a dog to be at large, the owner is endangering not only the life of livestock, but potentially the life of their pet.

On a more positive note, the Centre says the number of impounds has decreased recently. The incentive to license dogs has also increased; the current special on license fees has been extended until April 15.

Regardless of the success of such incentives in encouraging responsible dog ownership, there are signs that the sheep of the island may be taking matters into their own, um, hooves. The Animal Control Centre recently received a report that a sheep was 'harassing' a dog!

For more information, call the Animal Control Centre: 537-9414 (or in Victoria: 478-0624).

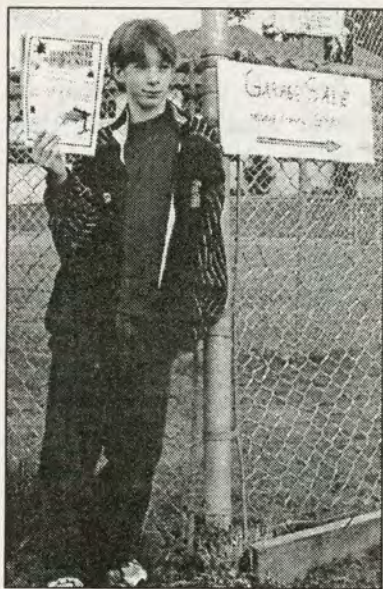
Middle School garage sale raises funds for student causes

by Peter Clarke

Thanks to young William Shedlock manning the gate, this year's Middle School garage sale was easy to find and, as a result, well supported.

Some \$370 was raised through table rentals and sales of donated items, this money going into the Parents' Advisory Council (PAC) general fund to purchase books and other school supplies as well as support the creation of a new playground at the school.

Part of the fund is also earmarked for families that normally wouldn't be able to send their children on the



William Shedlock

many educational school trips taken throughout the year. Leslie Northey, the

PAC member in charge of financing, sees this use of the money as one of the most important. "It's unfair that some kids are left out totally because they can't afford them, so we help out with that as well."

The community's donations, as well as the vendors' donations of 'leftovers', are the backbone of the school's garage sales and allow the group to offer a good variety of books, toys, sports equipment - even surprises like the antique sewing machine and golf cart featured at this sale.

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Keep our waters free from pollution

We would like to join Allan Hoskins in his plea to keep the waters of Walker Hook pollution free. We would like to extend this request to all the streams and to the entire seashore of Salt Spring Island.

We depend on the seashore for our livelihood too! Many of our clan have chosen to build on Salt Spring for the same reasons that you dear readers have done.

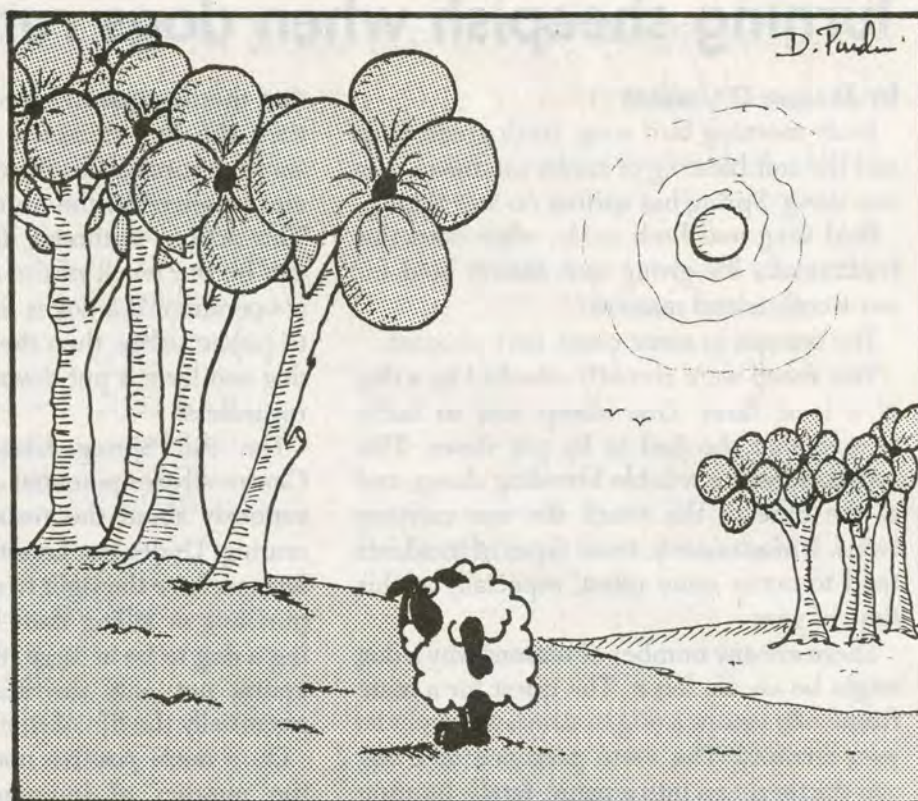
Two of our kin, the coastal great blue heron and the black oystercatcher, are at the edge. Did you know that the black oystercatcher is now on the American Bird Conservancy's "Extremely High Priority" watch list, and that there remain only 8,000 coastal great blue herons from Alaska to California. That means that the total of great blue herons (coastal species) living on the planet is less than the present human population on Salt Spring of around 10,000 individuals.

We are all so interconnected, so much so that if Allan Hoskins' oysters are contaminated, Allan Hoskins is in economic trouble.

We imagine that you would not savour your dinner when a gravy of bilge water, detergents, road runoff and sewage is served over your mashed potatoes. Our friends the oysters, clams and crabs aren't fussy over this stuff either.

Please do your part to provide us and our grandchildren with delicious food and comfortable sleeping accommodations. Soon our newborn will be feeding in the little bays and inlets near you. Our future is in your

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SEARCHING
FOR HOURS,
LAMBO SOON
DISCOVERED
THAT FOUR
LEAF CLOVERS
ARE NOT
SOMETHING
YOU JUST
FIND ON
TREES.**



hands.

Submitted on behalf of the shorebirds, ducks, wading birds and sea birds of Salt Spring Island

NINA RAGINSKY
Co-ordinator of the
Waterbird Watch Collective

Play should have been reviewed

Might as well scrape this one off my chest. 'Tis indeed a matter somewhat trivial, especially as it's in the past (nothing more boring to a newspaper than the immediate past, though the distant past, hey, we can build a whole ID around that).

My production of Endgame was news, on the artistic front. Even after the fact, it was news. It is a disturbing poetic masterpiece, which was performed, if not with razor sharpness, then certainly the edge of a good buck knife. This was acknowledged variously as a fairly uncommon achievement. Beckett with the right dash of salt, or elan, is rare.

We didn't precisely get it, but we were on the scent.

Why you made no mention of this event, is a puzzle to me. I bring it to your attention because I also consider it a gaff.

It may have been a simple case of 'there was no one around to cover this beat'. It is February, after all, some of our best brains head south. OK. I can dig that. Sorta.

From the evidence of this winter/spring though, the theatrical activity around here is intense. If *the Barnacle* wants to keep up with what's going on, then fuller attention should be paid.

If you don't have someone, then advertise.

As has been said many times, from Samuel Johnson to current pundits - a perceptive and demanding critic/reviewer can create an appetite, educate an audience, and thereby elevate the entire process.

SCOTT HYLANDS
Salt Spring Island

Cy Peck story entrancing

I must say I enjoy your newspaper. I like the general tone, the well written columns and articles about the community, and particularly the old photos on the cover and the history within.

I am following with great interest the series on the Cy Peck written by Jim Russell - absolutely fascinating! All the more entrancing because it details the youthful endeavours of people we know today.

ANDREA RANKIN
Fulford

Hospital care appreciated

Recently I spent 5/6 days in the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. I was very impressed by all the staff and the excellent service and attention which I received from administration, catering, housekeeping, and above all, the nursing and medical staff. They are all under great strain in these days of uncertainties and so their caring for their patients is doubly appreciated. I wish them all well and thank them very much. I know it is fashionable to criticize the food, but considering the bland diet required and the fact that one's appetite is curtailed I thought it was good and varied and I hadn't had to plan, shop and cook it!

P. ANN TOMLINSON
Salt Spring

MARCH 2 COVER SHOT

The two men pictured are Bill and Jim Richardson (don't know which one is which ...), who emigrated from England in 1911 and eventually made their way to SSI. The family soon took over Mr. Monk's farm, and became good neighbours with the Ruckles and the Kings.
- From a submission by Anne Humphries



THIS WEEK'S COVER SHOT

is of the flight deck of the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln, anchored off Esquimalt, which was open for public tours this past weekend.

DROP US A LINE

Or send in a photo flashback of your own (and include details) for future publication. It doesn't have to be an old or historic shot; unusual angles on contemporary events are welcome.

Further study recommended in the bird/dinosaur evolution debate

Your March 2 article, "Could birds have evolved from dinosaurs?" advertises a speaker, Dr. Mace Baker, and a group of web sites, in order to promote a point of view in our community.

The article focuses briefly on a debate among paleontologists over whether recently-discovered fossils support the theory that birds evolved from a line of primitive dinosaurs, or whether they are more closely related to the crocodilian line of reptiles. The article suggests that scientists can't agree 100% on the evolutionary pathway that led to birds, and therefore (get ready for a leap of incredulity), birds didn't evolve.

As a scientist and teacher of biology, I welcome the opportunity for a public interest in a fascinating field of endeavor - evolutionary biology.

I am however, a bit dismayed at the selection of web site and books provided as background references. In fact, after looking over the recommended web sites, I'm skeptical about possibilities for hearing much about the real issues in the debate on the dinosaur/crocodile origins for birds.

As a service to your readers and those who would really like to read up on the subject, I've provided two briefly-annotated lists of web sites: 1) those suggested in your March 2 article and, 2) a list that I would recommend. Happy reading.

1) My annotated reviews of sites published in the March 2 article:
<http://www.rae.org/dragons.html>

I had to laugh. The basic argument of this site is "Dragons are discussed in the mythology of human cultures, therefore humans and dinosaurs (read dragons) are contemporaneous." So much for 150 years of detailed studies of fossil and living species of vertebrates, by thousands of highly trained anatomists, paleontologists, physiologists and evolutionary biologists.

<http://www.christiananswers.net/dinosaurs/home.html>

A graphically slick web site that uses classic rhetorical arguments and flashy presentation in an attempt to discredit scientific thinking about evolution. If you want your child to learn how to manipulate words, ignore evidence, and accept doctrine

without thinking critically about it, this is a great place to begin.

<http://www.rae.org/birds.html>

Like it's sister page (see above) about dragons, this site is full of misinformation and misinterpretation. If you're interested in something that goes beyond humour, it's a slightly better read than the dragon site.

<http://www.firinn.org/trueorigin/birdevo.htm>

This is an article titled: "On the Alleged Dinosaurian Ancestry of Birds." You get the drift. Since it's a long and convoluted article, I think it best to simply quote a sentence: "One cannot, of course, disprove a negative, but the evidence seems sufficient to create, within an evolutionist framework, a presumption that the hypothesized ancestral theropods did not exist at the required time."

2) For anyone genuinely interested in exploring questions about bird evolution or the evolution of other groups of organisms, I recommend the following sites:

<http://www.sciam.com/explorations/1998/032398padian/index.html>

A Scientific American article discussing recently discovered fossil evidence in the debate.

http://www.newscientist.com/ns/970419/inbrief_nf.html

A brief article from New Scientist on new bird / dinosaur link fossils discovered in China.

<http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/faqtransitional/part1b.html>

A discussion of transitional fossils in the evolution of a variety of vertebrates including birds.

<http://www.talkorigins.org/>

This site is the best point to start learning about evolution and gaining access to information about evolution published on the internet. The site provides excellent resources explaining evolution theory and excellent links to a number of useful sites, including sites which promote the "creation science" perspective.
<http://www.talkorigins.org/origins/faqs-mustread.html>

Key articles about the evolutionist/creationist debate.

<http://www.talkorigins.org/origins/faqs-creationists.html> - Links to 34 articles exposing "creationist science" arguments.

<http://www.libweb.sdsu.edu/Doe/fawbrey/evolth.html> - A thoughtful site about the postulates of evolution theories.

DAVID DENNING
Salt Spring Island

TIDE TABLES

AT FULFORD HARBOUR
Pacific Standard Time.
Measured in feet.

Day	Time	Feet
16 MAR	0445	10.5
	1015	6.9
	1525	9.5
17 MAR	2205	3.0
	0510	10.5
	1050	6.2
18 MAR	1625	9.5
	2245	3.6
	0535	10.5
19 MAR	1125	5.2
	1725	9.8
	2325	4.3
20 MAR	0605	10.5
	1210	4.3
	1830	9.8
21 MAR	0010	4.9
	0630	10.8
	1255	3.6
22 MAR	1940	9.5
	0055	5.9
	0700	10.8
23 MAR	1345	3.0
	2055	9.8
	0150	7.2
24 MAR	0735	10.5
	1440	2.6
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25 MAR	0255	7.9
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26 MAR	2340	10.2

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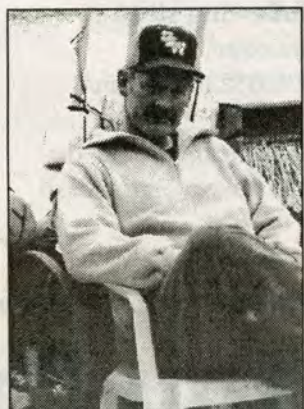
CASTING ABOUT

*Hands are busy,
summer hats threaten to appear
- another season beckons*



Photo feature
by Peter Clarke

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:
Dave Waldie splices buoy
ropes aboard Pacific Prowler;
Gary LeMarchant thinks
about changing hats;
Wilf Smith mends crab traps;
Chris and Travis with their
Fernwood catch;
busy crabbers John and
Verna Elliott;
Paul Nelsen takes a break.



It's as if a hand had reached down through the thick grimy overcast and, after fumbling for a month or two, found the socket and plugged in the docks. They are charged. The sky still looks like it needs a good scrubbing and the wind and rain seem bent on setting even more unbreakable records.

But to the people who fish, this is spring - this is 'get cracking' time.

Chris Hicks pulls the rod back and snaps a cast 30 feet out from the Fernwood jetty. As the bait sinks, he pushes the brim of his cap back and studies the sky. The rain has stopped for the moment and he gives his buddy a good-natured shot on the shoulder. "Just a couple of lads fishing, Travis, that's us."

Just a spit or two away in Ganges Harbour the grip of a long silent winter is broken. The deep, powerful purr of diesels is back and the sodden docks throb underfoot as the big boats, like giant furnaces, are stoked back to life.

Cartload after cartload of groceries and supplies rattle down the ramps and into the ship's bellies as crews hustle to ready themselves and their vessels for months at sea. Everything is checked, stowed, redone and checked again. There is an endless list: painting, engine maintenance, buoy ropes, nets, hydraulics, refrigeration, hooks, electronics, charts, dish soap, toilet paper, books, life jackets, toothpaste, engine parts, tools, deodorant, can openers, long johns. The only thing that gets left behind is the dock. This isn't day sailing ... this is the business of fishing.

Pacific Prowler is heading out in a week to long-line halibut in one of the toughest fishing grounds on earth, the northwest coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands, where she and

her crew will be at the whim of Mother Nature's version of 'extreme fishing.' The seiner Semedi is also on her way to the wild side. In the savage beauty of Barkley Sound she'll cast her nets, like lucky dice, into the sea and haul in her share of this year's herring quota.

On the other side of the dock, crab fisherman Gary LeMarchant pulls off the wool toque he's been wearing for the last three months and holds it up in front of him. "Just about time for the summer hat," he says to the young man in the stern, and sticks it back on his head. Wilf laughs and goes back to mending the trap.

Like their dockmates, fellow crabbers Doug Rajala and John and Verna Elliott, or sole fisherman Paul Nelsen on Teddy, Gary and Wilf are busy all year round. Even in the darkest days of the winter these boats are out there, playing their cat-and-mouse games with the gales and storms, pulling and baiting traps from East Point to Nanaimo or setting lines for sanddab or lemon sole in the Trincomali.

And now it just gets busier - it's time for the summer hats to come out.

Chris pulls his prize out and onto the dock where he and Travis can get a good look at it. They study it closely, mesmerized for a long minute as it gradually relaxes and uncurls at their feet. Travis eventually breaks the spell. "Time to quit," he says and slips the creature back into the sea.

The two friends collect their poles and boxes and walk back down the long jetty where they make it to the truck just in time. The rain has got a second wind. In all respects it is the end of an absolutely perfect day of fishing ... and the only opening needed was the one in the clouds overhead.

SSI United Church busy marking 100th anniversary

In 1861 a Methodist missionary, Reverend Doctor Ebenezer Robson, came by canoe to Salt Spring Island to preach the gospel and minister to the early settlers. In 1899, a separate Salt Spring Island Circuit under the Home Missionary Board was established. It is this event that Salt Spring Island United Church is celebrating in 1999.

To inaugurate the "100 Days for 100 Years" anniversary celebration the Church will receive a visit from a present-day advocate of faith and social justice, the Right Reverend Bill Phipps, Moderator of the United Church of Canada. He will speak to all Salt Spring Islanders on today's issues, whether it has to do with Third

World poverty, Canada's social welfare system, the aboriginal residential school issue, or BC's forest clear-cutting policies.

Phipps, accompanied by his wife Carolyn Pogue, a freelance writer/editor, arrives Saturday, March 20. That day, at 7:30 pm, he will address and discuss issues with a gathering of islanders at Ganges United Church. On Sunday, March 21, the Moderator will speak again at morning worship.

Elected Moderator in August 1997, Phipps is outspoken in his theological opinions and has been active in many areas, both in Canada and overseas. He has travelled to the Congo and met with President Laurent Kabila, who is working to restore order in that country. In January 1998, after the ice storm of the century, Phipps personally toured the hard-hit areas of Ontario and Quebec, bringing immediate emergency funds and supplies from UC churches throughout the nation. He and his wife spent Christmas of 1998 in Zimbabwe after attending the World Council of Churches Assembly in Harare.

Other events to mark this

100th Anniversary have been planned for community participation. On Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, a Timeless Quilts Show is planned. This will be the biggest, best and (undoubtedly) the last quilt show of the 20th century. On Saturday, May 29, a Victorian Tea, hosted by the U.C.W., will be a gala occasion, when everyone gets a chance to dress up in period costumes or accessories, to suit individual tastes.

On Saturday, June 19, a Historical Pageant to be produced, written and performed by talented parishioners, debuts in the Church meadow. These skits are guaranteed to present a light-hearted look at the colourful past of the Salt Spring Island Church, Methodist or United, as the case may be.

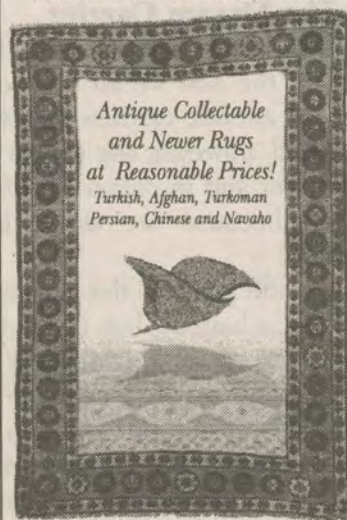
We honour our pioneers by remembering their achievements and contributions to the Church on Salt Spring. Stories from the past will be published on our bulletin board and in our weekly calendar.

As a proper finale to the 100 days, on Saturday, June 26, the congregation sits down to an Anniversary banquet at Meaden Hall. The guest speaker on this occasion will be Marion Best, former Moderator (1994-97) of the United Church of Canada. Best is a lay person, fully involved in the work of the Church. She attended UBC, graduated from the Royal Columbian Hospital, then worked in intensive care and emergency departments. She moved to Naramata in 1977 to work at the Naramata Centre for Continuing Education. Best has also served on many governing bodies within the Church and community. Her message is one of hope in the changing world.

On Sunday, June 27, a special anniversary worship takes place to celebrate the past and look forward, in hope, to the challenges of the future.

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Dock Talk ... with Peter Clarke

The Dream Carrier

I had that dream again last night. You know, the one we all have once in a while about aircraft carriers and stuff. This time around, however, the dream was a little stranger and in colour. (Which was nice because we don't have cable.)

I'm still going to the Carrier to get a haircut, but instead of flying on an Eagle's back I'm going by cab. I climb in the back of the taxi and fish in my wallet while the driver watches me in the mirror, and pull out five dollars. "Take me there," I tell him, holding the American bill up for him to see.

"And no taking me around the Horn buddy, I'm savvy to that." He nods and flags the meter on.

We drive up to the side of the ship and I roll down my window to have my first look. I'm absolutely star-spangled by the sight. I am in at least 51 states of excitement and feel bombs bursting in the air in my head.

The driver stops the meter and points at the screen. I'm a little slow and it takes a moment to register: the cab fare is THREE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS! I consider not paying it but immediately chastise myself - this simple working man has

bills to pay, a family to feed. I pull my wallet back out.

(I always keep at least \$3.5 billion tucked in behind my grocery receipts - just for this kind of thing.)

"Wait." The driver stops me.

"You're a Salt Spring graduate, right?" If you say so I nod.

"You're on a scholarship, right?" Whatever you say I nod.

"For you my friend," he says with a flourish, "for you it's only seventy-five cents today." Great, but I didn't bring anything smaller. I hand him the \$3.5 billion. "Here, keep the change."

This morning I read my horoscope and it didn't help at all. If anything it only succeeded in heightening the sense of impending adventure that had been growing in me for days. 'Mars is in your seventh house,' it told me. I jumped from the kitchen table and ran to the window. Sure enough, there, up the hill between our sixth and eighth house, I spotted a skulking shadow. It was Mars all right and he was at the bedding again.

What can all this mean ... the dream, the cabby, the maniacal shrieks of Mars entering my seventh house? It's beyond me now, but I know I'll figure it out sooner or later.



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Food seminar at Lions Hall

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There will be a "tasters table," recipes for simple three-ingredient dishes using your food storage, and a demonstration on how to calculate your yearly food storage, tailor made to fit your family's needs. Members of the Church have been counselled to have a year of foods and goods on hand in case of emergencies or personal calamities. What you can do to prepare, and how to utilize basic foods and goods, will be the thrust of this seminar. Also, there will be a presentation and discussion on emergency preparation - you and your home.

Call Per & Jenny Svendsen, 537-1983 or Ted & Sonja Baker, 653-4430, for more information.

Let's Eat ... with Linda Koroscil

So there's no one to blame but me. It's all my fault. I said to her, "Heidi, as soon as that graduation certificate hits your hand, catch the next ferry. See the world. Don't stay on this little island!" So every day I pull on my raincoat and trudge out to the mailbox, hoping for a word.

Even a postcard would be nice. I guess they don't have Canada Post in Toronto. It's only been six years. Wait! I can't believe it! The phone is ringing! "Hi Mom, it's Heidi" - as if anyone else would call me Mom. "I thought you might need a recipe for this week - get your pen!"

Mussels Mediterranean

Sauté:

2 tbsp oil,
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3 garlic cloves
1 red onion, diced

Add:

1 tbsp dill
4 tbsp red wine
1/2 orange, 1/2 lemon, rind and juice
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by Bryan Smith

When I was a young lad I said to my father, "Dad, what does 'forks pass' mean? Is it when you pass a fork to someone at the dinner table?"

Father smiled indulgently. "No son. I think you mean 'faux pas' pronounced 'fo par.' It is an embarrassing error you have made or an error of judgment."

Which brings me to the late Jack Webster of radio, TV and media fame. One evening circa 1979 I was playing the piano in the dining room of the Harbour House Hotel when the head waitress came over to me and whispered that the chunky sort of man in the large white sweater was none other than Jack Webster. "I'll try and please him," I said and plunged into When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Did Your Mother Come from Ireland and other well known Irish melodies. It was then I realized with horror that Jack was a diehard

'Faux Pas with VIPs on SSI'

Scot and my repertoire was not exactly in the best of tastes.

Jack got slowly to his feet, turned round and, with a broad grin on his face, raised his glass to me and said in a loud voice, "A toast to the piano player."

I thought he was being sarcastic, but on his way out he stopped by the piano and shook my hand. "I did enjoy your Irish melody. I am fed up to the back teeth with fellow Scots ringing me up whilst I'm on the air requesting Annie Laurie, Loch Lomond and other Scottish airs."

After that gaffe I met Jack on two other occasions. Going to Vancouver one day by sea plane my fellow passengers were Jack Webster and the current 'maestro' of Mouat's, namely Tom Toynbee. Then, after his wife died, I came across him

sitting quietly in a corner of the BC ferry run to Tsawwassen.

He looked sad and tired which was quite understandable at that time.

The other VIP faux pas also involved the hotel. At that time I was resident manager of the out-station belonging to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club out at Long Harbour. I had been given strict instructions that under no circumstances was I to let anyone tie up to our floats, no matter who it was. Came the day when I spotted a cruiser sporting a flag covered in stars and stripes endeavouring to come alongside outer float number four. I hurried down and explained it was private property and they would have to tie up elsewhere. A red-faced skipper with grease marks on his face and arms shouted out they had engine trouble and could only move back-

wards. For a moment I wavered, but I had my orders and sent them on their way chugging backwards down Long Harbour en route to Ganges Harbour.

That evening I arrived at the hotel and I had no sooner sat down at the piano when I was confronted with David, the busboy. He glared at me and went raving on about how could I be so callous to those nice Americans earlier in the day. I tried to soothe him with explanations of 'duty first' and 'entente cordiale' last but it was of no avail.

"Do you realize," he cried, "who was on board that cruiser?"

"I couldn't care less."

"Well, for your information, the guest of the skipper was Bobby Orr!"

My response infuriated him even more. "Who is Bobby Orr?"

Bryan Smith is a writer and former Salt Spring resident now living in Sidney.



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by Joe Clemente

How to make your specimens thrive in the banana belt

(continued from last week)

Bananas are heavy feeders, but they grow really fast! In approximately four years you can expect your first bunch of fruit to form, but the bananas are not edible - the large flower pod is. It can be steamed or boiled and it's centre eaten like the heart of an artichoke. I know this because mine usually produce bananas every year.

By late October I'm ready to protect my banana canes for the winter. Bubble plastic works best, and takes no time at all to apply. Usually three to four wraps of bubble plastic provides enough insulation so your canes won't freeze on the coldest winter days. Don't worry about the leaves. The first killing frost takes care of those for you. Also a thick mulch of leaves or rotted manure serves as good ground protection so the earth doesn't freeze. This is how to get your bananas to the maximum size so they won't be missed by those friends of yours who may be visiting

from colder parts of our country! If you don't want to be bothered by wrapping banana canes, simply let them freeze to the ground, but make sure you have a thick mulch down first. They'll bounce right back in the spring. I have several friends that let them freeze to the ground every winter and by the end of summer they are more than 10 feet tall. When warm spring weather returns you can count on at least one large leaf to unfurl each week. You can almost watch them grow. There are dozens of banana growers right here on Salt Spring Island. I believe the tallest ones on our island reached near 17 feet last summer and had four fruiting plants.

As of late January green growth was already starting to poke out of the bubble-wrapped canes! So give them a try. Like I tell people all the time, there is no trick to growing bananas outdoors in our climate. You just have to choose the right variety that will stand up to our growing conditions. Maybe that's why Salt Spring is sometimes called the Banana Belt of Canada, eh!

Two family oriented workshops coming up

Separation and Divorce

Family Place is holding a workshop titled 'Caught in the Middle' at the Lions Hall March 22, 6 pm to 9 pm and March 23, 9 am to noon.

This free workshop is aimed at parents of separated, divorced or reorganized families. Learn how to help your child get through this difficult period. It is encour-

aged, but not necessary, for both parents to attend. You and your former partner will attend at different times. Phone Ragnild at the Family Place, 537-9176, to register.

A Workshop for Parents and Professionals on Sexuality and Children

Family Place and Salt Spring Island Co-op

Preschool have co-organized another workshop from 1pm to 4 pm on Saturday, March 27, in the high school Multipurpose Room. Topic: Sexuality and Children. Sexual Abuse. Title: "What Do I Say Now?"

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Follow a short path down through tall evergreens and quickly arrive at a rough, wood-sided studio. On invitation, bypass the studio and continue down wooden stairs to the house. This is where Kathleen Measures does most of her work these days - a place where three-year-old son, Devon, can play while she creates an impressive variety of masks.

At UBC, Kathleen studied all aspects of theatre, including history, writing and acting. But her real interest lay in building sets and designing costumes, especially theatrical masks. Kathleen says that the popularity of masks rises and ebbs over time; the current trend is toward using more masks. She adds that, historically, many theatre people believed that "the human face is too meagre to portray strong drama, tragedy, etc."

Commedia dell'arte, for example, was a roving band of Italian actors who wove local village gossip into their plays, using stock characters identified by masks. In Elizabethan England also, masked performances were a popular and probably safer means of making a statement on court life. So masks were used to conceal as well as to reveal characters. Kathleen says that a big nose identifies a nosy person, while a "slovenly" character "will have

grotesque features." In Greek drama masks were also used to amplify the voice.

After leaving UBC Kathleen worked for Vancouver's 'Theatre At Large' where she spent a lot of time at rehearsals to develop suitable masks for each character. After seeing her work, the native theatre group 'Spirit Song' commissioned Kathleen to create masks based on west coast nature art. The masks hanging on the walls and lining the shelves of her home are dramatic and elaborate evidence of Kathleen's background and talent.

Kathleen begins by casting a face using a plastic bandage on a human model. She later molds in clay, a process that might take 40 - 50 hours. The final paper mache mask still requires hours of work before it is ready to paint, but the results are worth all the time and painstaking effort. Her masks make attractive wall decorations and are increasingly sought after as costume attire for cultural events - such as art gallery openings.

For several years now, Kathleen's partner, John Quinn, has been taking small clay models of her masks and creating eye-catching jewelry. He uses a complicated process to make unique silver earrings with tiny, sculpted faces. Extraordinary little faces also look out from leather brooches

that are another creation of the couple's combined talents.

Returning up the stairs to the studio, it becomes evident that making jewelry is not John's only talent. The studio, which he built himself, is on two levels. The top floor is a small room to showcase examples of their work. The lower section is John's workshop.

The idea of taking pieces of slate, generally used for flooring and fireplace material, and making them into something entirely different came to him about three years ago. The slate is brought from Vancouver Island or imported from India and when split, reveals attractive textures and crystalline patterns that John incorporates into candle holders, vases and planters.

Vases begin with the bottom half of a wine bottle, around which John cements interesting shapes of slate. His finishing touches enhance each creation's one-of-a-kind design. In the spaces between the slate, John insets small pieces of granite, beach stones, tiger eyes from Africa or amethysts to add colour and sparkle.

Studio Interface, Number 7 on Salt Spring Island's Studio Tour, is located at 161 Thomas Road and is open daily 11 am to 5 pm except Wednesdays.



The Barley Bros are returning to Moby's for some St. Patrick's Day fun.

Barley Bros, Colleen Eccleston and Marc Atkinson Trio lined up at Moby's

Moby's has some excellent musical fare on the menu this week - beginning tomorrow night with the return of local lads **The Barley Bros** playing for St. Patrick's Day.

The Barley Bros need little introduction, a staple on the Island music scene for nearly 10 years. Bassist Dave Roland, banjo picker Graeme Maltby, and guitar whizz Brian McDonald are a powerhouse singing and playing trio steeped in the bluegrass tradition. Whether putting their spin on standards or working over a rich selection of original material, it's all about having a good time. The trio recently produced a new CD.

On Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, Victoria singer, songwriter and guitarist **Colleen Eccleston** takes the Moby's stage.

With a career spanning 20 years, Colleen's music encompasses a vast range of emotions, political geography and influences. She has written songs for Amnesty, the Carmanah

and Walbran valleys, as well as composing and performing for CBC films.

"Victoria's Colleen Eccleston is a remarkable singer ... Her on-stage ebullience makes her concerts a delight, but she can switch from a carefree song about life on the road to a sobering tale of environmental or interpersonal damage with consummate ease." - *The Rogue Folk*

Fans of Gypsy Swing are in for a treat on Sunday, March 21 when Moby's features the **Marc Atkinson Trio** for Dinner Jazz, 7 pm.

Along with the eponymous leader, the Victoria band features Chris Frye on acoustic guitar, and Joey Smith on bass. Atkinson is the founder of Loose, Caravan the Bill Hilly Band, and has toured and recorded with Mac Moore and many other artists.

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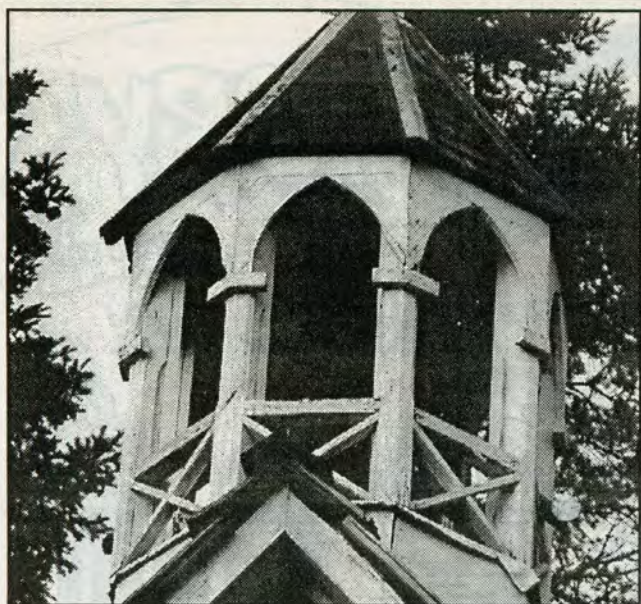
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Decorative potter hosting ArtSpring workshop

A workshop with celebrated potter Laurie Rolland will be held March 27 and 28 at ArtSpring from 10 am to 4 pm. A potluck dinner with the artist at a private home will precede the workshop on March 26 at 6:30 pm.

You can call Louise Harker at 537-9872 to register; there are still a few spaces left.

Laurie Rolland is based in Sechelt and recently won a prestigious award for her unique decorative work in an international competition sponsored by Ceramics Monthly magazine.

Part of the two-day workshop will focus on hand building. Laurie will utilize numerous decorative techniques she has developed specifically to enhance oxidation firing. Her own custom texturing tools will be used and various slip techniques will also be illustrated. The workshop will also show how Laurie combines thrown and hand-built sections to create jugs, cups, teapots and vases. Her work is vessel oriented. Although it begins



Laurie Rolland will unveil skills refined over 20 years of pursuing the potter's craft.

from a functional format, however, pieces end up too visually involved and delicate to be considered for use.

Laurie will also deliver a slide presentation during the workshop covering a 20-year span of her work.

Catch 'First Day of Spring' show at Pegasus Gallery

The 'Inspiration Specialists' at Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art are embracing spring.

On March 19 the Gallery opens *First Day Of Spring*, a collection of 25 new paintings by impressionist Steven Armstrong.

For a first look at this new body of work visit Pegasus Gallery between 4 pm and 9 pm on March 19.

Anyone who witnessed the

phenomenal success of Steven's work last summer will be keen to see what he's created for his first solo show at Pegasus Gallery.

His work was so popular that a large body of it was rarely in the gallery at one time. This is a splendid opportunity to see a group of paintings all at once. Steven's concentration on colour, tone and texture in each work conveys his

passion for the rural Canadian countryside and most especially the Gulf Islands. He continues to work in acrylic, primarily outdoors.

Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art is open from 9:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday.

The gallery is pleased to present *First Day Of Spring* as a Spring Onto Salt Spring cultural event.

The Cemetery Club,
left to right:
Rusty Marshall,
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Theatre offerings continue with Cemetery Club and Gypsy Moon

Running in the theatre at ArtSpring from March 18 to 20 and from March 25 to 28, Active P.A.S.S. presents **The Cemetery Club**, heralded as 'funny and touching' and featuring Rachel Jacobson, Lynda Jensen, Debbie Toole, Rusty Marshall and Leslie Corry.

Catered goodies are supplied by The SSI Roasting Company. Tickets are available at et cetera and ArtSpring. Contact: Patsy Siemens, 653-9108.

The grand opening of **Gypsy Moon Dinner Theatre** is coming up April 1 at Hart Bradley Memorial Hall. The evening of comedy includes the Salt Spring Geezers (Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers) with special guest appearances by Mary Williamson and the artists from Vancouver's Act 1 Scene 1. The gourmet buffet dinner preceding the theatre performance will be accompanied by music from Brent Streeper, singer and pianist, and Marcelle Nokony, violinist. Tickets are \$39.95.

As an added option, Gypsy Moon has organized door-to-door pick up and drop off service for those who would prefer to leave the car at home. Tickets are \$15 single, \$17.50 per couple.

Call 537-4712 or 537-5568 for show reservations.



Alan Moberg and Laurie Thain to play Lions Hall concert

In 1996 they thrilled island audiences in concert and as featured entertainers at the Fall Fair. Both artists have released numerous recordings and have been active in folk/country music for many years.

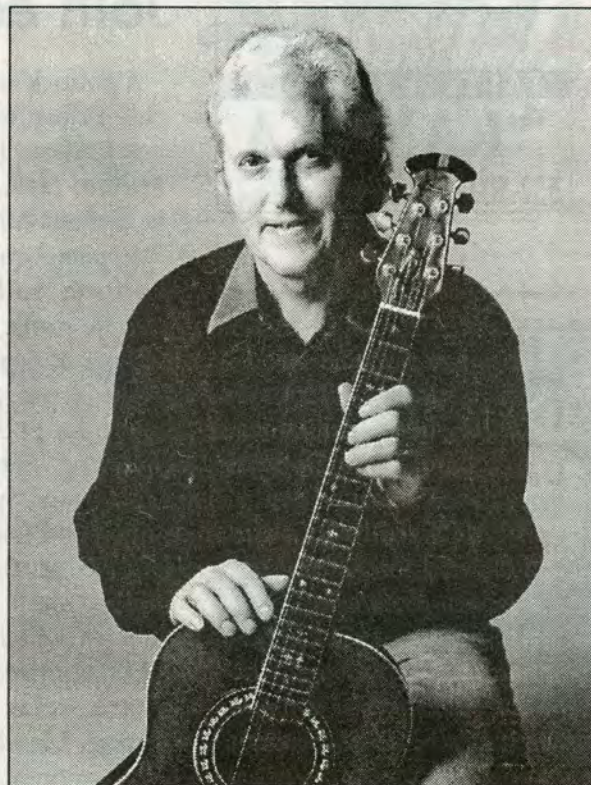
Laurie Thain and Alan Moberg are in concert Sunday, March 28, at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue.

Those who have heard Laurie Thain perform know that she'll steal your heart the minute she steps on to the stage. Thain has won many audiences with her rich voice and big energy. As a singer/songwriter she has already recorded three albums: *Hopeless Romantic*, *Matters of the Heart* and *Stages*, and is currently working on a fourth. Thain co-wrote *Rope the Wind* with blues great Tim Williams (recorded by Cindy Church) and has played with other major artists such as Pam Tillis, Janie Frickie, Michael Martin Murphy, Lee Greenwood and Rita MacNeill.

Thain is also recognized for her TV work, including CBC's Timmy's Christmas Telethon on which she has hosted and performed for over 18 years. Thain has been described as: "... on the brink of stardom ... champagne country, smooth, melodic and honest." Fans agree.

Recently Alan Moberg did an encore performance as the opening act for Laura Smith at the Salt Spring Folk Club. Alan Moberg endears himself to audiences everywhere. In a recording career that spans 30 years, he has won three BC Country Music Association awards and the BMI Canada (Socan) Certificate of Merit Award for "An outstanding contribution to Canadian music."

With his quality voice and his gift for heartfelt expression, Alan has shared his creative gratitude for a Western Canadian lifestyle. Alan Moberg reaches into his soul to find



HIGH COUNTRY

Alan Moberg, pictured, and Laurie Thain bring their seasoned brew of songs to Salt Spring March 28.

words that capture BC's beauty and mystery; its loves and its uniqueness.

On stage, Moberg's melodious naturalness wraps his audiences in a sense of uncanny familiarity. His words paint musical scenes of good

times and troubles, loves and laughter which people recognize as their own. As he portrays personal life experiences, his openness gives his songs a particular poignancy and reverence not usually found in ordinary country music. Alan sings and listening hearts respond.

Doors open at 7:30 pm. Limited seating. Tickets \$12 at the Acoustic Planet, Music Emporium or call 537-5607.

Swing into action and benefit GISS Music Program's festival hopes for Seattle

by Joanne O'Connor

Swing into something new! Appealing to people of all ages, swing music is enjoying a tremendous revival these days.

On March 27, you can try something different, practise your style, and support the GISS Music Program by attending a swing dance at Fulford Hall.

The event, dubbed 'Swing to Seattle,' is a benefit for the GISS Jazz Band and

Choir trip. The destination is a large Competition Music Festival in Seattle.

Ambitious indeed, for the GISS Music Program has only been in existence since September of last year, and students' previous exposure to jazz and swing music has been limited. However, this only seems to add to the enthusiasm of the students, who are excitedly practising for the competition, and showing a tremendous

amount of talent. Vocal, saxophone and guitar solos are being perfected, in addition to the regular practices.

Bruce Smith, Music Director at GISS and Swing music aficionado, is working hard to prepare the students for the festival, which will showcase musical talents from across the United States and Canada.

Those who attend the Fulford Dance can expect a number of treats! Dance

instructors will be on hand to show all how to "swing," and live music will be provided by Salt Spring jazz band, Swing Shift. The GISS students will also be giving a taste of their talent. There will be a Silent Auction as well as a donation box, and fabulous desserts are promised at the concession, with all proceeds going to support the trip. To help the students gear up for their May 7 showing at the Seattle

festival, Bruce Smith has organized excursions to a few local competitions on Vancouver Island. Other fundraisers for the GISS Seattle trip are in the works. Look for their upcoming talent show, bottle drive, car wash and bake sale to show your support.

Swing to Seattle starts at 8 pm. Tickets (\$12 adults, \$8 students), are available at Acoustic Planet, Choices, GISS and the door.

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Join equinox coffee house potluck, walk

A potluck and coffee house with open stage this Friday night will kick off the weekend celebration for Spring Equinox. Held at Fulford Hall, the theme for this family event is Honour All Nations!

A special guest drum and dance troupe will perform and bring sacred eagle feather prayer staffs. Doors open at 5:30 pm with supper at 6 pm. Open stage will run from 7 pm. to 9 pm. Admission is by donation; bring a dish for potluck.

Among Saturday's activities, the 3rd Annual Spirit Walk for Unity, Peace and Dignity will begin at sunrise at the Ruckle Park group site. Sunrise ceremonies will launch walkers on an approximately 60-kilometre relay around Salt Spring Island. It's intended as a spiritual journey, where each step is part of the prayer for ourselves, each other, and Mother Earth. Spiritual walking is a time-honoured way to slow down, contemplate and meditate.

This walk is open to persons of all faiths and beliefs. Although it is 'spiritual' it is not religious or political in any way. However, particular respect is given to the First Nation ancestors of this land.

Inspired directly by spiritual runs and rides of Indigenous peoples, the Solstice and Equinox walks on Salt Spring for Unity, Peace and Dignity (this one will be the 9th) are affiliated and in alliance with First Nation spiritual communities also running and practicing for 'Peace and Dignity, World Unity and Global Healing.'

The realization of the Mayan prophecy of the Condor and the Eagle (the sacred bird of North and South America) is the seed of inspiration for an upcoming 15,000 mile, transcontinental Peace and Dignity journey.

Starting May 1, 2000, spiritual runners will leave the northern tip of Alaska and the

southern tip of Argentina, concurrently, beginning a five and a half month trek in which runners will cover up to 100 miles a day.

Acting as cultural ambassadors, these runners will travel across Western Canada and the United States, as well as 17 countries through South and Central America, meeting at the pyramid temple Teotihuacan in mid-October for a large spiritual gathering.

It is hoped that through prayers and by example, First Nation communities, many having to transcend often long-standing, bitter differences among their own nations, will lead the way in promoting peace ... one person, family, community, country at a time!

On Saturday, March 13, regional organizer Diana Lindley attended a meeting in San Diego and will provide interested persons with the latest news about the transcontinental run.

One step at a time, each person doing their little bit, the needs of the community are tended to. Spiritual walking is a metaphor for just this, as with the worries and concerns of the world, no one person can or should carry it alone. It is by working together towards a common goal, mindful of the "greater good" with respect to All Beings - peace is found.

Sacred fire will be lit at sunrise on Saturday and kept going for the duration. There are lots of ways to participate - you don't have to be an athlete or walk at all. Anyone can join in at anytime!

The central meeting area and kitchen will be at the Ruckle Park group site. Camping is available so bring your gear (come prepared for weather). Closing sunrise ceremonies on Sunday will welcome walkers and conclude the celebration - breakfast to follow.

For more details or if you'd like to help out, call Caren or Diana at 653-9497.



Ferry service proposals lack the vision of a 10-year plan

The following is a copy of the brief from the Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association re: proposals for Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Services, presented at public meetings in January and February

Our Directors have studied and discussed the presentations and submissions made to the Public Information Meetings on Salt Spring Island on January 23 and 24, 1999.

What is lacking is a context within which to consider these service proposals. In our view, that context should be a 5 - 10 year business plan for the southern Gulf Islands ferry services. That was not presented.

Indeed we do not believe it exists. This lack of a proper 5 - 10 year business plan is one of the reasons why the service here has deteriorated and why the planning exercise has taken so long.

Secondly, there is a lack of accurate management information which will allow alternatives to be tested and evaluated. This was also not available at the meetings and we understand is still in the development stage.

Without such information BC Ferry Corp cannot expect to garner full stakeholder and community support for their proposals. We are pleased, however, that efforts are being made to correct this deficiency.

Despite this lack of both a business plan and adequate information some immediate strategic decisions about the current services and the planning of those services need to be made.

We support the following:

1. Reinvigorate Route 9: Shorten the trip time, reduce the number of stops, schedule arrivals and departure at more convenient times, maintain the schedules, upgrade Long Harbour docks to handle all trucking.

2. Reorganize Route 5: Eliminate 'deadheading' trips, examine 'home porting' at Long Harbour (rather than Otter Bay, Sturdies Bay, Montague Harbour and Lyall Harbour as has been suggested). This would reduce employee relocation. This 'home porting' could also aid inter-Gulf Islands travel and focus more on Ganges as the service centre for the southern Gulf Islands.

3. Maintain Routes 4 & 6: Fine tuning may be required if Route 9 attracts trips away from these routes. This diversion would also help maintain the village atmosphere at Fulford. Reducing the vessel size on Route 6 may undesirably divert more trips to Route 4.

4. Branding and promotion of the Gulf Islands ferry services could contribute to better cost/revenue ratio for all the routes. Partnership with the community could result in economic benefits for the Islands if 'shoulder season' tourism were to increase. Stop the 'bad mouthing' of the Gulf Islands services and the delays which favour of other routes.

5. Stakeholder Involvement:

Preparation of 5 - 10 year business plan should be objective of the planning exercise. Functional and transparent accounting are a precondition. Open the process more to the public; use the web page, chat lines and e-mail. Continue 'Scheduling Committees' for fine tuning. Establish a process for selecting some BC Ferry Corp Directors from users.

6. Stabilize Funding: Restore the subsidy formula which was based on highway mileage equivalents and pay for it from motor vehicle fuel taxes.

The Corporation should develop its 5 - 10 year business plans annually in that context. Corporation should set fares (not the provincial government) and they should be based on business plans which have been reviewed with the public.

New vessel acquisitions are taking an increasing proportion of Corporation's budgets. If the provincial government takes on this responsibility it should pay capital costs from consolidated revenue.

Otherwise the Corporation is responsible and should seek the best business deal for vessels which meet specifications and price parameters for such as set out in the business plans. The provincial government should not intervene with non-transport considerations like ship building.

7. Transport Fundamentals:

With so many issues and problems on the table, adding to the list may seem counterproductive. Nevertheless, the Southern Gulf Islands needs an integrated transportation system of ferries, terminals, roads, transit, bike routes, car rental depots, taxis, school water taxis and buses and air services. Travel demand management and cross-subsidization between modes need to be considered. This approach does not exist, yet is sorely needed. No mechanism is available to bring it into being.

More fundamental for the Gulf Islands is the continuing need to come to grips with the economic and population growth (which demands more and more ferry capacity); with the desires to preserve and protect the islands (by purchasing parks and sensitive areas, and by restricting development) and, at the same time, responding to residents' and property owners' desires for quiet enjoyment of their property (with less intrusion through more taxes, fees and regulations).

Our Association has no pat answer as to how to balance these sometimes conflicting desires. Each public body offering services or making regulations has to address these issues in developing their plans. We trust that BC Ferry Corporation will do so in developing 5 - 10 year business plans for the ferry services here and continue to consult with the public in the process.

We would like to have the opportunity to discuss these thoughts with your officials and with the Advisory Committee at your convenience.

We would like to have the opportunity to discuss these thoughts

BC FERRIES ANNOUNCES SPRING SAILING TIME CHANGES

The Southern Gulf Islands Spring schedule, which came into effect on Friday, March 12, announced several important scheduling changes.

As of March 12, the first sailing from Long Harbour weekday mornings leaves even earlier: the Queen of Nanaimo now departs at 6:30 am Monday to Friday, instead of 6:50 am. On Tsawwassen - Southern Gulf Islands sailings, a refuelling at the Tsawwassen terminal every Wednesday morning beginning Wednesday, March 17 means there will be no morning lift-off from Tsawwassen to Sturdies Bay, Village Bay and Otter Bay

on Wednesday each week.

The changes in BC Ferries' refuelling practices are necessitated by the closure of bulk fuel plants at Long Harbour and Fulford Harbour, effective the end of this month.

There are also changes to the Vesuvius - Crofton run. As a result of the bulk fuel storage closures, extra dangerous cargo capacity is needed. To meet the fuel demands of the island, BC Ferries has set aside two Monday sailings for dangerous cargo. As of March 12, the 8:30 am Monday sailing from Crofton and the 4 pm Monday sailing from Vesuvius are reserved for dangerous cargo only.

NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

THE ELECTION OF TWO TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in April, 1999, one trustee is to be elected to serve a term of three years and one trustee to serve a term of one year. Nominations of a candidate for this position must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, 761 Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Wednesday the 31st day of March, 1999.

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To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age or older, an owner, or spouse of owner, of land in the Improvement District, and entitled to be registered as a voter under the Election Act.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Michael Larmour,
Manager



Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Just as the momentum began to build up to a charge the pace has slowed a bit again. A rushed approach may lead to important details being overlooked. It is difficult to undo what we have said and done. Becoming accustomed to each stage on the path before advancing has its advantages. Look to the long term and do not take on more than you can handle in the short. Of course, good management leads to high productivity. Just don't allow quantity to replace the quality that your customers have come to appreciate.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Spring of the last year of the millennium (to most) is here! A soul felt and searching exuberance is inspiring creative expression. The change of seasons is a powerful and mysterious time. A subtle shift in your normal perception to fully receive the magic of this time is in order. Touch the warm ground; feel the sun. Be in your body and rejoice with gratitude for sensations of every kind. Enjoying being in the body as we organize and take action to sustain and uplift the experience of life is the message of the mystics.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) An inward journey to discover newly emerging elements of your being is now underway. This is a period of acquaintance and briefing before you fully begin the real march. You are destined for the heart chamber of your creativity. First you must re-define your priorities and perspectives. You have changed and so too have some of your needs. Hot fire licks of the dragon can be felt yet, it may take until the summer before the flames and body of the beast will be fully seen. Be patient with spring and with your self.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Have you ever witnessed the building of a basement even though the upper floors were already built and in use? That may serve to describe what you are now beginning to do. This new foundation will have a transformational impact on the upper floors that are in open view. Now imagine that the reason you will do this is to both expand your life and to create a stronger base of security. Now consider that the fundamental change will be one of a quality of confidence rather than a quantity. Is not true success the measure of spirit as opposed to the amount of things?

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) It's time to think less and act more. Inspiring ideas have been flowing in steadily. In your 'busyness', can you honestly say that you are following through on your priorities? If not, perhaps you are waiting for the right moment to make your ideas and proposals known? Well, that time has arrived. That your interests are in some 'one' special is your business. As the sign of families, you Cancers are fond of intimate connections. Like the birds and bees, bring spring in with song and honey.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) You have been taking stock of assets and resources of late, yours and those of others. Getting more of your share may be on your mind. You know it can be a jungle out there, but hey, lions are the kings of the jungle! And how they like to go out on the prowl, those lions. Otherwise they are happy to just hang and keep everything 'lickity' clean. You may want to hang around the health den for awhile and clean things up in preparation for the new season. Look into cleansing your organs. This way every adventure will be fresh.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) The search for a deeper and more authentic connection with your truth will begin this week. Of course, you may truly want to merge your talents with those of others. Either way, spring is in the air and you are ready for something new. Instead of trying to figure things out in your head, stay close to your body. Virgo is referred to as the 'health' sign. Remember that the part of the body governed by Virgo is the Colon. Make good health the basis of your truth. After all, your body is the altar of your heart and soul.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) The nature of fire is that we need it to survive, it feels good when it warms us, but it burns when we get too close. The compelling magic of fire beckons and inspires, soothes and nurtures. But, like love the closer we get the more likely we are to be burned. A good way to fight fire is with fire. Avoid jumping into anybody's fire unless you also become one with the flame. Solar fire's from the heart last the longest, but there is nothing light the spark and crackle of wood, lit candles and a close friend.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22) Mars is said to be the lower octave ruler of Scorpio with Pluto as the higher octave. Mars is now in Scorpio and is retrograde as of March 18. Ideally, the energy will allow you to cut through to the fullness of your passion. Be sure to love yourself regardless of all circumstances. With Pluto in Sagittarius as of 1995, you are becoming more independent. Taking the initiative to embark on new adventures is key. Keep an eagle's eye the details and be alert. Look to ways to upgrade your whole image.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Things will really begin to heat up this week. You are now entering into stride to clear hurdles in your path. A deft and swift approach will show that sometimes the sleeping hare can win the race over the tortoise. Everyone has their own rhythm and timing. Create a new image with vision and action, vision and action as a two part beat in rhythm. Some are quick at the start, others go faster as they proceed and some are happy to do the shuffle. The one who has the most fun along the way wins.

Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 20) So the General has called a covert meeting with the soldiers of freedom. The plan from headquarters is that it is time to build. Before anything can happen, however the old must be removed and the walls must come down. Building the new fortress will begin as soon as enough debris is cleared. The task must be done with timing and precision. Discussion and collaboration as to the best mode of approach is in order. Are there any opening comments, opinions, or questions? As soon as the meeting is over fitness training will begin.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Once on the other side the two first questions we are asked is did you love with an open heart and what is the value of what you learned. We are in an information age. The amount of available information can be overwhelming, much of it confusing and of very little use or worth. Keep things as simple and focused as you can. Making choices requires responsibility and sticking to them takes heart. Take an independent approach to add to your growing sense of freedom. Stand strong and follow through.

(For expanded insight read all of the signs especially your rising sign!)



Students in Joy Brownsword's class at SIMS share pride in their recent novel study project for 'The Mystery at Eagle Lake.' Photo by Dayle Gaetz

Author goes back to school for book work

by Bridgid Hoban
Grade 7

On Friday, the last day before Spring Break, Mrs. Brownsword's class had a visitor. The whole class had read the book, *The Mystery At Eagle Lake*, by Salt Spring Island author Dayle Gaetz.

They did a novel study on the book which took them a month to complete. Mrs. Brownsword was so pleased with their work that she invited the author to come in and see it.

The project included illustrations and different research projects, along with a watercolour painting. The research, which was probably the most detailed part, was about several different things in the book. They studied eagles, Vancouver Island, and an animal of each student's choice.

The characters in the story were written up in a character list and the plot in a plot outline. The class studied the setting and drew a map of Vancouver Island, which

is where the story takes place.

All the students thoroughly enjoyed the book and Mrs. Gaetz was very impressed with their work. When she came to the classroom to talk about her book she was interested in how her story had been portrayed in the novel study projects. The class hopes to do more projects about her books and they are looking forward to her next visit.

A big thank you to Mrs. Gaetz from everyone in Mrs. Brownsword's class.

On trees, leaves, branches and nature's poetic gems ...

Chris Smart recently did a poetry workshop with Robyn Huntley Smith and Pat Beitel's Grade 5 class at Salt Spring Elementary.

Students were excited about writing some of their own poems after the workshop. Ms. Smart gave them the word "tree" to work with. Here is a selection of the resulting poems.

Tree Poem

The tree branches
crashing
against each other.
The leaves flapping.
Then the tree falls.
The roots rip out
of the dirt.
The rocks go flying.
It comes crashing down
... smash
An old man cries.
by Devin

Tree

Trees leaves are rustling
the tree trunk
all safe inside with
the bark coat around it
no cold getting in
the branches are moving
all around
the twigs are falling
the roots are warm
all inside the ground
the trees and wind are
making music.
by Chad Cottrell

Peace

I am walking
on an Autumn day
past the trees
the sunlight is shining
on my face
I stop to rest
under a maple tree
I hear birds singing
above me
it is so beautiful

I could fall asleep

I hear branches swinging
in the peaceful wind
by Stormey

Trees

Trees are green as grass.
The trunk is as brown
as chocolate.
Trees bend in the wind.
You help my dad
on sunny days.
Make the tree fort.
Trees you planted
so long ago.
The paper you draw on.
The wood you build
your dream house on
that sunny hill.
The mill your true love
works at.
The trees that surround you
at your funeral.
Trees grow up as you do!
by Christy Jarman



NICK GETS A HAIRCUT

Just a little off the top — don't give me a 'pony tail'! Nikoli (just call me Nick), an Arab Gelding owned and operated by Aleta and Camille Schmah gets ready for his spring trim at Foxglove.

Peter Clarke photo

SIMS students taking run at cross-country meets

For three weeks now a few students from each of the Grade 6 classes of SIMS Middle School have been competing at off-island cross country meets. Middle schools have been hosting these meets, including: Queen of Angels, Mount Prevost and George Bonner. Attending the first run (3.5 km) at Queen of Angels were about 35 students, 10 of which were from Salt Spring, including: Deven Banman, Sarah Howe, Simon Millerd, Adam Ruddell, Evan Eyles, Ryan Smith, Koby Anderson, Rae Cassidy, Penny Dale and Seth Byron.

Out of the boys from Salt Spring, Koby Anderson placed highest with sixth place. The trail was partly in the woods and partly on the road. The second run at Mount Prevost was a two-mile run. Salt Spring students were the only Grade 6s in the race, so they were racing each other! The 12 students attending from Salt Spring were: Britany Woods, Vanessa Shemilt, Deven Banman, Sarah Howe, Simon Millerd, Adam Ruddell, Evan Eyles, Ryan Smith, Koby Anderson, Rae Cassidy, Penny Dale and Seth

Byron. The run was a very tough trail through the woods, including creeks to jump over, mud to the ankles and barb wire fences to climb through. Adam Ruddell placed first.

The third run was at George Bonner Middle School, a 3.6 mile run, partly forest, partly road. Attending this run were Salt Spring students: Vanessa Shemilt, Sarah Howe, Simon Millerd, Adam Ruddell, Evan Eyles, Ryan Smith, Vassa Drobyshev, Seth Byron and Kai Vogt. Out of the boys Kai Vogt placed first. Out of the girls Sarah Howe placed first. This one was filled with swamps and mud to the ankles. This was a very treacherous run. Last week there was a run at George Bonner again. The students that competed were: Angela Stalker, Sara Larsen, Evan Eyles, Seth Byron, Ryan Smith, Rae Cassidy, Penny Dale, Vassa Drobyshev, Julian Tross, Dylan Davies and Kai Vogt. This run was as treacherous as the last one. Mud to the ankles and 10-inch streams. There will be another one at George Bonner. These runs are very fun. After the March break track and field will start.



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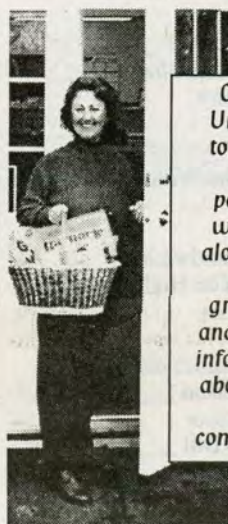
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Grade 6 entry - September 1999

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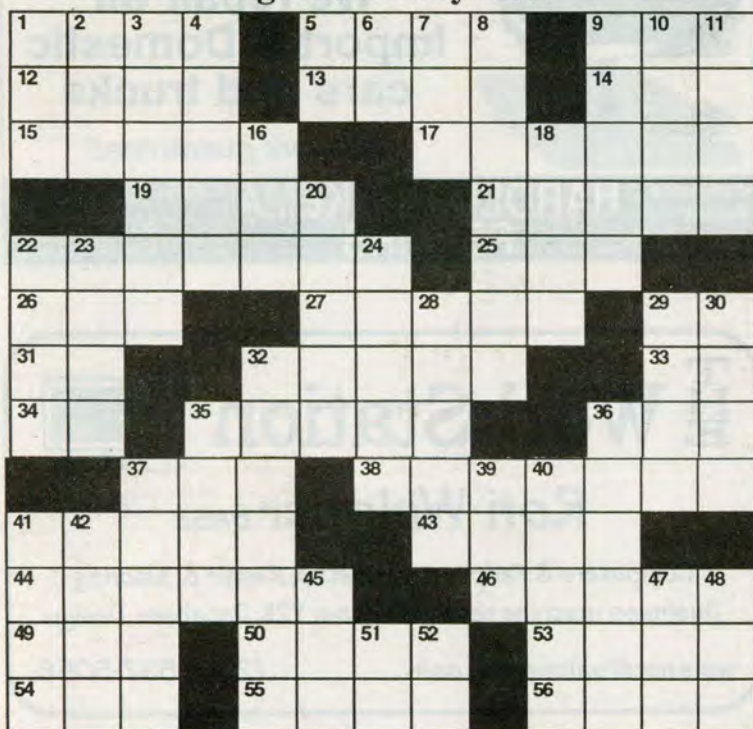
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ACROSS

- 1 Top guns
- 5 Sinister
- 9 Successful song
- 12 Gangway
- 13 Italian Monetary unit
- 14 Cry of delight
- 15 Calgary's Ralph
- 17 Clever
- 19 Stepped
- 21 The present
- 22 Ottawa's Charlotte _____
- 25 Daisy _____
- 26 European Economic Community, abbr.
- 27 Wanderer
- 29 Alternating current, for short
- 31 Popular TV series
- 32 Veteran
- 33 _____ Belle Provence
- 34 Knockout, for short
- 35 Strayed
- 36 No, in Dundee
- 37 Sheepish remark?
- 38 Cut of beef
- 41 Steep embankment
- 43 Imitator
- 44 Annie _____, showbiz sharpshooter
- 46 Water bird habitat
- 49 Grow older
- 50 A long, long time
- 53 Wind instrument
- 54 Cent or annum prefix
- 55 Golden rule word
- 56 Tailor's concern

DOWN

- 1 Noah's domain
- 2 Coach Murphy, for one
- 3 Makes one throw up
- 4 Gush
- 5 Overhead railway
- 6 6, to Brutus
- 7 Mortal sin
- 8 North York's Mel _____
- 9 Montreal's Camillian _____
- 10 Tiny quantity
- 11 Those ones
- 16 Ready or _____
- 18 'Wind In The Willows' character
- 20 Giver
- 22 7 days
- 23 A kind of sandwich
- 24 He wrote 'The Highwayman'
- 28 News sources
- 29 Jai _____
- 30 Canadian battlefield in WW2
- 32 Montreal's Jean _____
- 35 Titled Britisher
- 36 Winnipeg's Bill _____
- 37 Regina's Henry _____
- 39 Revs. per min.
- 40 High jumps
- 41 Cleaning agent
- 42 Pen
- 45 Japanese currency
- 47 Resort
- 48 Skirt part
- 51 Overtime, for short
- 52 Nyet

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In honour of St. Patrick's Day, here are a selection of limericks from students in Lindsay MacQueen's Grade 6 class at Salt Spring Island Middle School..

There was a young lady from Hyde
Who ate so many apples she died
The apples fermented
Inside the lamented
And made cider inside her inside

There once was a girl with a cat
Who herself was a bit of a brat
A steamroller ran over
Her poor cat named Rover
And now her poor cat is dead flat

There was a young lady from Salt Spring
Who had a bad habit of running
She ran here she ran there
She ran everywhere
But was she going or coming?

There once was a poodle named Fran
Who went to the beach wishing a tan
She turned all red
Went home to bed
And cooled herself off with a fan.

There was a lady with a fat chin
I will diet, she said with a grin
No more ice cream
She commented with a scream
So the fat lady became very thin.

There once was a man called Stan
He was very addicted to Spam
He had quite a fit

He had spent all his money on it
Now Stan lives in his old ratty van

There once was a cowardly shark
Who was afraid of the mystic dark
He thought of a plan
To save his clan
And shipped them all off in an ark

There once was a big fat snake
That ate and ate and ate
He had a hollow leg
So he phoned Jenny Craig
And ended up skinny as a rake

There once lived a family of bears
Who lived in the woods without any cares
They snuggled up tight
On one cold winter night
And emerged in the spring to eat pears

There was a young lady from Niger
Who smiled as she rode on a tiger
They came back from the ride
With the lady inside
And a smile on the face of the tiger

There was a young girl from Tibet
Who had an elephant as a pet
One gray lonely day
The elephant would not play
So the girl took her pet to the vet

There was an old man of the coast
Who placidly sat on a post
But when it was cold
He relinquished his hold
And called for some hot buttered toast

Submitted by Keiko Taylor's
Grade 4/5 class at Fernwood
School.



**Fernwood
Elementary
School**

Noon Dance

by Thomas Loiselle

On March 5 our school had a noon dance. The dance music was western. Most of the kids were dressed up for the dance in western clothes. The singer was Brenda Hannah. During the dance Brenda Hannah chose people to come up on the stage and dance. We did line dancing and square dancing. Some of the kids were nervous, but mostly we all had a good time. Our school will be having another dance, a spring dance, on March 26 in the evening.

Boys Basketball Tournament

by Christopher Spencer

On Tuesday, March 9, we had a boy's Salt Spring Basketball Tournament. Our school was split into four teams. Two teams went to Fulford and two teams went to Salt Spring Elementary. I went to Salt Spring Elementary. Each team got to play two games. Everybody played really well. It

was a lot of fun and we all received certificates after the games.

Grizzlies Game by Myles Teagle

My family won tickets to a Grizzlies game from a raffle that Fernwood School had. There were five tickets so my whole family got to go. Mom, my step-dad, Gavin and Sam and me. We had to wake up at 5:30 a.m. to catch the Vancouver ferry. There was arcade games on the ferry which I wasted most of my money on.

When we got to G.M. Place we looked off the balcony of Gate 8 and saw Science World. The basketball games started at 12 noon. Mom brought me a giant size Coffee Crisp and jumbo Coke and after that she bought us all a hat, T-shirt, a pin and a super Grizz foam

head. The music was great and the TV cameras zoomed in on people in the crowd, but they didn't zoom in on me and my family. At half time the super Grizz went off a trampoline, through a ring of fire, did a flip and slam dunked the ball. The Grizzlies lost to the Houston Rockets, but it was still a pretty cool game.

Girls Basketball Tournament

by Dustin Van Wyck

On Tuesday, March 9, three schools were at Fernwood competing; Salt Spring Elementary, Fulford and Fernwood. The girls have been playing basketball since January. For the tournament the teams were mixed up to let all the players play as much as possible. There were four minutes in each period, and each team played their best, but most of all the idea was to have fun.

Three teenagers from the high school came to referee. They were Jess, David and Dustin. By the end of the day the girls had scored 100 baskets altogether. It was a great tournament.

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ON BEHALF of Irene Palmer, our long time family friend, we are expressing our most sincere thank you to the Lady Minto Hospital, especially to the Extended Care Unit staff and volunteers for the years of loving care they gave to Irene. They are unfailingly cheerful, helpful and understanding to the residents and their families. Thanks to the ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary, the volunteer musicians and singers, the day care children and their teachers who bring so much light and joy into the E.C.U. Thank you for the spiritual comfort offered by all Churches. The Christmas, Thanksgiving and Birthday parties were specially looked forward to, the organizers never lacked imagination. Shortly before she passed away, Irene thanked those who were with her, and reminded us not to forget to extend her thanks to all her care givers. John and Mary Stepaniuk. 1199

120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

THANK YOU drivers on Beddis Road who slow, dip lights, give my dog and I a wide berth, especially during rain and darkness. Much appreciated. Jill & Monty. 1199

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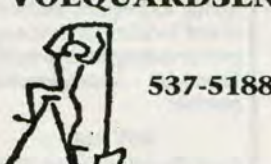
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YOU DON'T have to be Irish, but you have to come in on Wednesday, March 17 to get 10% off in-stock mats and moulding on custom framing jobs. 17% off if it's Green! No blarney! See Elaine and Krista at "A Thousand Words" Picture Framing, 785 Fulford-Ganges Road, 537-5131.

SWING DANCE with Swing Shift! March 27, 8 p.m., Fulford Hall. Tickets \$12/\$8 at Choices, Acoustic Planet, GISS. Benefit for GISS Music.

HYSTERICAL SOCIETY - "RAW", Beaver Point Hall, Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m. (see upcoming events ad).

CALLING ALL horse people. If you ride, drive, lope, jump, tolt, piaffe, or love ambling along the trails, you are invited to a meeting at Southdown Farm, 1121 Beaver Point Road, Friday, March 19, 7 p.m. Claire Heffernan from Island Pathways will speak about Salt Spring's membership in the Regional Trails System. We need equestrians to be in on the planning now. Sue Yardley, 653-4322.

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Salt Spring Youth Soccer wound up the season with a tournament at Portlock Park this past Saturday. Photo by Jeff Outerbridge

Bowling Banter ... with Ruth Hume

Looney Tunes: John Sutherland-218, Henry Schwagly-211, Lance Leask-214, 233, Lisa Sayer-213, Jamie Sayer-214, 220/622, Ruth Hume-216.

Special Olympics: Jessie Maron-160, Gloria Dale-164, 188, 171, Mahjor Bains-166, 151, Terry Swing-181.

Golf Ladies: Lorraine Toller-253, Shirley Parsons-212.

Wednesday afternoon Ladies: Becky Armstrong-211, Margaret Baker-327.

Friday morning Seniors: Gordon Parsons-200, Natalie Horel-214, Jerry Latvala-234, 232/633, Cliff Jory-264, Ken Robinson-213.

Circus League: Tony Farr-218, Ron Cunningham-202.

Tuesday afternoon Seniors: Betty Kane-202, Kay Latvala-204, 230, Vanda Winstone-217, June Webb-242.

Sports Pool ... with Terry Stringer

TWISTERS' POOL

Next meeting: Wed., Apr. 21, 7:00 pm sharp at TWISTERS.

		year	month	week
1	Edmonton	566	26	26
2	Ottawa	544	20	20
3	Vancouver	541	37	37
4	Philadelphia	534	32	32
5	Dallas	530	24	24
6	Islanders	527	23	23
7	Pittsburgh	522	26	26
8	Montreal	522	20	20
9	Buffalo	508	35	35
10	St. Louis	502	19	19
11	Washington	502	29	29
12	Anaheim	473	14	14
13	Boston	468	13	13
14	San Jose	460	20	20
15	Los Angeles	436	14	14

GOLF COURSE POOL

Next meeting: Thurs., Apr. 22, 8:00 pm sharp

		year	month	week
1	Cyclones	610	31	31
2	Edmonton	603	32	32
3	Ottawa	602	24	24
4	Greenwoods	593	24	24
5	Ice Dogs	563	34	34
6	Rangers	563	12	12
7	Dallas	547	19	19
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STUPIDITY ALERT!

Is it just me, or is an epidemic of Terminal Dumbness sweeping the planet?

It seems every time I pick up a paper everything I read is fuel for the argument that human evolution is not quite complete.

There was a story a while back about three guys who robbed a Wendy's Restaurant (a Wendy's Restaurant???) in Vancouver. The crooks stole a car and took off, only to crash into a culvert a few miles down the road. A culvert right across the street from a police dog training school.

The clowns got out of the car and took to the bush - with six enthusiastic German Shepherds in hot pursuit. It's hard enough to elude one police dog, never mind a six-pack. The guys were handcuffed and in custody in less time than it takes to eat a Wendy's whopper.

Then there was the case of the two Bubbas in Kentucky who decided to use their pickup truck to bust open a cash machine. What they did, see, is run a heavy chain from the bumper of their truck to the front panel of the machine. Then they just put 'er in gear and floored it.

Pulling the bumper off the truck.

At which point they panicked and drove off.

Leaving the chain still attached to the cash machine at one end and their newly detached bumper at the other. The bumper with the vehicle's license plate still attached.

And police in Seattle were a tad nonplussed to find a man curled up in agony next to a motor home. The man had a section of rubber tubing by his side - and a lot of spilled sewage around his head.

He confessed that he'd tried to siphon gasoline from the motor home by sticking his hose down the gasoline tank and sucking mightily - except that he'd stuck his hose in the motor homes sewage tank by mistake.

Some drug traffickers in Texas had a similar problem trying to smuggle dope in from Mexico through El Paso using a propane tanker truck.

These guys weren't dumb. They rigged it so that, even though the truck contained more than three tons of marijuana, all the propane valves would work if suspicious border guards turned them on.

Correction: they were dumb. The sign they painted on the side of their truck read: EL PASSO PROPAIN COMPANY.

There's a lot of serious stupidity going around - and it's not confined to this continent. I just read in the paper yesterday of a young Frenchman who was knocked off his moped by a hit-and-run driver in the south of France. The moped rider got up, thumbed a ride from a passing motorist, got home, was taking off his coat when his mother said words to the effect of "Excuse me, mon cher, but you don't seem to have a left arm."

It was true. The missing limb was found by the side of the road at the accident scene. Police packed it in ice and flew it, along with its erstwhile owner, to a hospital in Marseille where the two were successfully reunited.

Reminds me of the story of the Yuppie who piles his speeding Porsche into a bridge abutment.

The police arrive to find the man weeping inconsolably beside the pile of rubble that was his convertible.

"My Porsche!" wails the Yuppie. "My beautiful, beautiful Porsche!"

The cop can't stand it. "You idiot," says the cop. "You came this close to being killed. In fact, you lost your left arm in the crash - and all you can do is moan about your car?"

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