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In Focus This Week

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Evacuation at sea



BERT SMALL
Making a life in art



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Wigen claims half
school board votes



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to identify the
people in this
photo?

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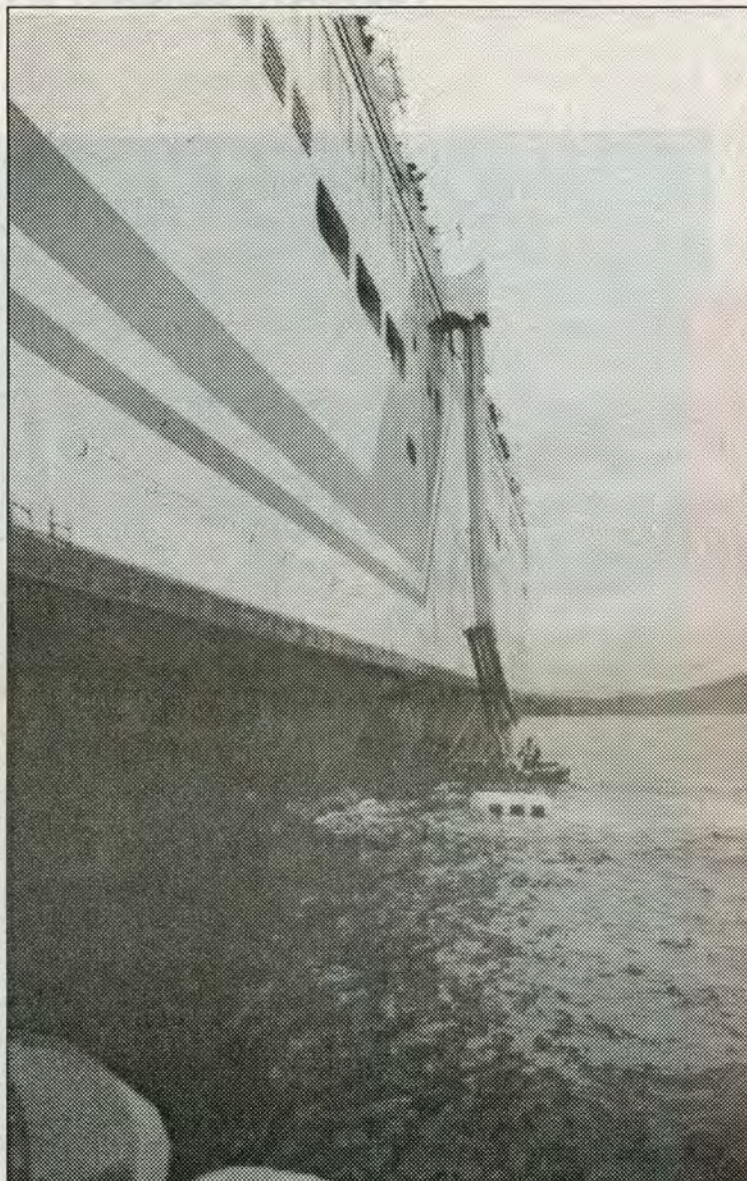
Gulf Islands' Coast Guard and Auxiliary respond

SAREX 2000

A Barnacle Exclusive



Story and photos
by Peter Clarke



MECHANICS OF A RESCUE

Above left: Unit 25 Canadian Coast Guard Cutter Skua leaves Ganges in response to a Mayday broadcast.

Above: Officer in Charge Ian Kyle and Leading Seaman Al Hoskins (at the helm) go over their response readiness.

Far left: Leading Seaman John Nilssen checks his gear before boarding the stricken ferry.

Below left: Nilssen is ready to go aboard.

Centre: Passengers are evacuated down the emergency chute, escaping an 'explosion and fire' on the car deck.

At 0830, February 6, 1999, the Canadian Coast Guard station in Ganges receives the Mayday - an explosion on the Spirit Of Vancouver has crippled the vessel; a fire is out of control below decks.

Within seconds of the call, Coast Guard Cutter Skua is on her way. On board, Officer In Charge (OIC) Ian Kyle orchestrates an immediate response from his Unit 25 Gulf Island command. Skua and Ganges One, the Station's RIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable), are first on the scene, followed by Unit 25 Coast Guard Auxiliary boats To And Again and Pender-based Nu-To-Yu Rescue 25 with their crews of volunteer auxiliary members.

The Super Ferry is in serious peril: life boats are being lowered from the

upper decks as evacuation shutles and life rafts are hastily deployed. It's a battle with time, the elements and a raging fire ... It's abandon ship. Over 400 people, more than a hundred of them injured, have to be removed safely and transferred to hospitals and other facilities ashore. And the front line in the battle is our Gulf Islands' Coast Guard and Auxiliary.

This is Operation Canam-Sarex 2000 (Canadian-American Search And Rescue Exercise), one of the largest marine disaster simulations ever undertaken in the world and it's taking place here on our doorstep in Plumper Sound. This may be a simulation, but it is not a game.

After the Gulf Islands first

response, a wealth of equipment from the two countries arrives to assist in the evacuation. Canadian Navy vessels HMCS Yellowknife and HMCS Winnipeg take survivors from the Coast Guard Hovercraft 45 and other surface craft, American Coast Guard Cutter 1322 arrives to help and offer back-up to the Canadians; above it all, in the stinging wind and battering rain, roar the Labrador, Sea King and Buffalo helicopters lifting the seriously injured off the Ferry deck.

There is co-ordination in this apparent mayhem. A web of communication radiates from the Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Esquimalt through Vancouver Coast Guard Radio and to the 'On Site Command'

(in this case the Canadian Navy) and the Unit 25 Coast Guard. All available resources are 'tasked', given jobs that are tackled without question or delay.

Skua goes directly to the ferry and gets her two Sartecs (Search And Rescue Technicians) on board. Once on the ship, John Nilssen and Al Hoskins can assess the condition of the injured and provide first aid. With them, the two Leading Seamen take their training as Rescue Specialists and emergency Medics. In one sense this is all in a day's work. Nilssen puts the entire operation in perspective when he states simply: "This is what we do."

Unit 25's Cutter is now without her crew. Kyle radios the On Site Commander and requests replacements.

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The Barnacle



Peter Wigen elected by wide margin

Youth triumphed over experience in Saturday's School District 64 By-election as Peter Wigen, a 23-year-old, third generation Islander, swept aside four other candidates, including two former school trustees.

Currently a student of political science at the University of Victoria, Wigen emerged victorious with 190 votes, very nearly half of the voting turnout of 384 people.

The total votes for the other candidates were as follows:

James Garth Hendren - 70
David Eyles - 51
Ken Lee - 45
John Davies - 28.



Peter Wigen

Wigen attended Fulford Elementary School, then commuted daily off-island to high-school at Pacific Christian High, where he served as president of the Student Council.

"As a former student on Salt Spring I believe I would bring a unique perspective to the Board," he said in promoting his candidacy. "As a

student of UVic I am reminded on a daily basis of programs that are beneficial to ambitious students seeking post-secondary education. I am also aware of parts of the curriculum that are less important or unnecessary."

Wigen was unavailable for comment prior to press time, but has previously said that he is a strong believer in the basics of education, in math and English, and in the duty of public educators to instill good work and social skills in their students. "I believe my age and experience will prove a benefit in diversifying and focusing the efforts of the Board."



Storm water cascading off a washout on Stewart Road last week
Photo courtesy Dave Hogarth.

Charges proceeding in recent robberies

Three Vancouver men charged in a Salt Spring home invasion Dec. 23 have been committed to stand trial after a preliminary hearing concluded in Victoria last week.

Kevin James Jones, 20, Cecil Henry Jones, 22, and Jazz Lamer Slater, 21, are charged with robbery, unlawful confinement and weapons offences and were ordered to trial after a three-day preliminary inquiry in Victoria Provincial Court.

Cecil Henry Jones also faces a charge of sexual

assault, alleged to have occurred during the Reid Road incident.

In a second recent Salt Spring robbery that police also describe as drug-related, two Metchosin men have now been charged.

Joseph Jacques Beriault 34, and Christopher Leggo, 31, are to appear for a preliminary hearing in Victoria court Feb. 17, said Sgt. Paul Darbyshire of Salt Spring RCMP.

The pair are facing charges of break and enter, robbery with a weapon, pos-

session of marijuana, unlawful confinement and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace for an incident that occurred on Bayview Road Jan. 29.

Along with nearly 700 grams of marijuana the accused had in their possession at the time of arrest in Crofton, 60 grams of hashish and 60 grams of cocaine were also seized by Duncan RCMP. Several pieces of jewelry, including gold chains and a ring, as well as about \$5,000 in cash were also stolen in the incident.

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Column 'blackened' unfairly

While generally agreeing
with Arthur Black on the
difficulties of dealing with
bureaucracy, I found it
unfortunate that he glibly
included in his diatribe the
building permit application
process.

Having recently gone
through the process of
applying for such a permit
and the following series of
inspections I find his com-
ments out of place. I found
the local office exceedingly
helpful in obtaining all the
necessary paperwork and in
all aspects of the inspection
process, often far beyond
what their mandate calls for.

A black mark Arthur.

PETE DRAGE
Salt Spring

Y2K kaboom

Recent events are making
thoughtful people question
whether our evolution from
ape to human was a step up.
The impeachment circus in
Washington comes to mind,
but this being a family publi-
cation, let us consider another
indication that we are
evolving backwards - the
proliferation of millennium
doomsday cults.

Our coming down from the
trees and converting our
muscles into brains, however
addled, has had at least two
negative side effects: walk-
ing on all twos gave us bad
backs, and even more crip-
pling, our bigger brains gave
us the leisure to luxuriate in
the concept of original sin.
We are guilty at birth of
something or other - wouldn't
it serve us right if the
Creator gave up on us and
wiped out the entire earth in
one giant fireworks show?



Those afflicted by this pre-
occupation became the nat-
ural prey of shamans claim-
ing to be in the Divine loop.

Our ancestors were there-
fore encouraged to become
nervous when there were
meteor showers, comets or
eclipses. Believing that the
sky was a crystal sphere a
few miles up they conclud-
ed, with at least some logic,
that an angry God must be
breaking up the sky dome.
After science explained
these formerly terrifying
phenomena, the doom mer-
chants had to fall back on
what could be cooked up
from the ravings of ancient
prophets, many of whom,
having spent years alone in
the desert away from the
rationalizing influence of
women, were certifiable
nuts. Their predictions, so
vague that almost anything
can be read into them, were
the preferred vehicles for
stirring up the flocks of
human turkeys.

The approach of the third
millennium has now hatched
the Y2K-KABOOM cults,
the goofiest of all. They

believe that there is such
potency in multiple zeros
that the year 2000 is a nat-
ural for all Hell breaking loose.
Many subscribe to some
variant of the creation theo-
ry of James Ussher, the Irish
bishop who in the 1600s
announced after much study
that the world had been cre-
ated on October 23, 4004
BC at, I believe, 2 am
Dublin time. Although it is
possible that some zealots
were on tenterhooks around
Thanksgiving, 1996, their
Creation date has little mil-
lennial pizzazz, because our
current Western reference
point is loosely based on
Christ's birthday which, alas,
cannot be pinpointed exactly
(this uncertainty is not a
matter of any significance
theologically, but think of
the confusion of the cults if
it were proved that Christ
was born in the year 4 BC).

But even if, by the most
amazing coincidence, the
accepted date of the first
Christmas is correct, why
the rather arrogant, if not
sacrilegious, assumption that
the Architect of the Whole

Universe of billions of galax-
ies not only attaches some
magic meaning to the cube
of a number, but uses a sys-
tem of counting based on
the numbers of fingers or
toes (digits, that is) of the
leading primates on this
speck of dust that we call
Earth? The number 12,
among others, was very
highly thought of at one
time, which is why we have
12 hours and a dozen eggs. If
we cube it, the next millen-
nium (or dodecium) won't
come until the year 12
cubed x 2, or 3456, a date
that we current earthlings
can ignore unless there are
some really speedy advances
in gerontology, hibernation
and cryogenics.

This should be a comfort-
ing thought during 1999
when we wonder if we
should refuse to pay for
insurance coverage beyond
December 31. My advice -
pay. Any crash will be from
our computers, and possibly
our bank accounts. Now do
you feel better?

ANDREW GIBSON
Rainbow Road

LAST WEEK'S COVER SHOT

Many thanks to
Dick Illingworth
for contributing these
family photos for our
last issue. If you'd like
to submit interesting
family photos for
publication on our
front cover we'd
love to see them.

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Hello central ...

Give me a human being, please!

I've seen a lot of bad ideas in my time. The Edsel was a bad idea. So was Classic Coke. Kim Campbell moving her furniture into 24 Sussex Drive - that was a bad idea.

And I'll bet Bill Clinton wishes he'd never ordered that pizza.

Here is another decidedly bad idea of our time: Corporate Voice Mail.

There is probably no single experience that ticks more people off on a daily basis than the nightmare scenario which unfolds when you phone up a business and get a robot instead of a human.

I, for instance, host a CBC radio show called Basic Black when I'm not pecking out this column. Wanna know what happens if you try to call me up at work and you get Voice Mail?

Dial the CBC number and this is what you hear - in, of course, both Official

Languages:

"Welcome to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Voicemail Service.

(French translation).

"Our regular office hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday. We are closed between noon and 1:15 PM.

(French translation).

"Please listen to all the options before making your selection.

(French translation).

"If you are not calling from a touch-tone telephone, please remain on the line and an operator will assist you.

(French translation).

"For service in English, press one."

You press one.

"If you know the show, the name of the person, the department or the extension number press one.

"For television and radio information, press two.

Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black



"For CBC addresses or dial positions, press three."

You press one.

"If you know the name of the show, press one. If you know the name of the person you wish to reach, press two. If you know the department you wish to reach, press three.

"If you know the extension number, press four. To hear the selections again, press nine."

You press one.

"For radio programs, press one. For television programs, press two."

You press one. Eight shows are listed. Basic Black is number four. You press four ... And you get a recording that starts: "Hello, you have reached Basic Black..."

More than two minutes have elapsed on a telephone call that you're paying for

and you have yet to say a word - or indeed to speak to a single living human.

It's not just the CBC, of course. In today's world, most corporations and major businesses are serviced - if that's the word - by one voice mail system or another. No doubt the corporations save buckets of dough by pitching human receptionists out on their ears and replacing them with electronic message takers.

But man, they infuriate an awful lot of customers in the process - and you've got to wonder just how smart that is as a long-term business strategy. I'm happy to report that at least one business - the provincial government of New Brunswick - is bucking the voicemail trend. Speeches from the throne are usually windy exercises in

political rhetoric, full of pomp and piety, signifying next to nothing - but the speech given at the opening of the New Brunswick legislature by Premier Camille Theriault, included this remarkable sentence:

"In (telephone calls to the government of) New Brunswick, the first thing you hear will no longer be 'For service in English, press one.'" Theriault has promised that all telephones for services listed in the blue pages of the New Brunswick telephone book will henceforth be answered by a real person.

Almost makes me want to sell my house and move to Fredericton, just to vote for the guy. Good old New Brunswick. I can hardly wait for the rest of the country to catch up.

TIDE TABLES

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TU	1020	10.2
	1825	3.9
10	0305	9.2
FEB	0555	8.9
WE	1100	9.8
	1910	3.6
11	0350	9.8
FEB	0745	9.2
TH	1145	9.8
	1955	3.0
12	0425	10.2
FEB	0900	9.2
FR	1235	9.8
	2035	2.6
13	0455	10.5
FEB	0945	9.2
SA	1330	9.8
	2115	2.3
14	0520	10.8
FEB	1020	8.9
SU	1420	9.8
	2155	2.0
15	0545	10.8
FEB	1050	8.5
MO	1515	9.8
	2230	2.0
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TU	1605	9.8
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Deficit gridlocked at school district

The Collective Agreement, negotiated in 1987 between the Board and the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA), is a major obstacle to our Board's efforts to achieve a balanced operating budget and long term fiscal stability.

The Problem

At the signing of the present Collective Agreement in 1987, we were the second "wealthiest" school district in the province. Two changes have significantly contributed to the present crisis.

1. In 1992 the government eliminated the Board's right to levy local operating funds through property taxation. This single piece of legislation reduced our School District from a wealthy Board with an affordable Collective Agreement to an impoverished Board with an unaffordable Collective Agreement.

2. The introduction of Provincial bargaining in 1995 removed the right of this Board and GITA to renegotiate the Contract. At that time an Employers Group (BCPSEA)

was legislated to carry on negotiations. The teachers' union (BCTF) didn't like their proposals and walked away from the table to the government, which secretly negotiated a deal with them and cut off BCPSEA at the knees. Since BCPSEA Employers Group is made up of elected school trustees, this makes a mockery of our democratic system. In four years of "provincial bargaining" nothing has been accomplished.

Instead, Minister Ramsey has said that the government will not fund the entire cost of existing teacher contracts, neither may Boards renegotiate these contracts. At the same time, he pressures School Districts to balance their budgets or be replaced.

Gulf Islands District Facts

- Gulf Islands School District #64 has the lowest, and therefore the most expensive, class size collective agreement language in British Columbia.

- A comparison of average sizes for elementary classes in British Columbia's 59 school districts shows a 1997-1998 elementary class size average of 18.7 pupils in the Gulf Islands.

- The average number of

pupils for elementary classes in Vancouver Island districts are:

Gulf Islands 18.7

Sooke 22.5

Greater Victoria 24.3

Comox Valley 23.9

Campbell River 23.3

Alberni 20.8

Saanich 23.5

Cowichan Valley 24.0

Vancouver Is. North 21.0

Vancouver Is. West 21.1

- A GISS class size maximum of 27 pupils, the second lowest of the 53 school districts in British Columbia, where secondary school class maximums are:

28 pupils in 1 district

29 pupils in 4 districts

30 pupils in 52 districts

31 pupils in 2 districts.

Conclusion

If the Gulf Islands School District were able to utilize the predominant class size language at GISS and at the Salt Spring Island elementary schools, the District would likely be able to balance the budget, provide a full range of programs and fiscal stability. This would not apply to schools on the Outer Islands which are isolated geographically, and have fewer pupils.

Submitted by Ken Lee, school trustee candidate.

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Salt Spring Elementary has declared February as Literacy Month and is sponsoring a four-week series of literacy events designed to raise the profile of reading and to involve students and their families in the enjoyment of literature.

Students are being challenged to read everyday and to record their reading accomplishments at home on a calendar.

An Adult Book Sale is being held at the school Thursday February 11 at 3 pm. Here's a chance to get rid of those read-already books and to purchase something new. Proceeds will go toward promotional prizes for the kids.

Other events:

Read-a-Thon, Tuesday Feb. 23 at 1 pm - students will read as long as possible, marathon style.

Free Book Day, Thursday Feb. 25, children's books collected during the month will be distributed.

Patrick Lewis Storyteller, will regale the end-of-month assembly with his tales and wit, Friday, Feb. 26.

Fernwood Web Site

Check out Fernwood school's Internet website! Thanks to Helene Meurer, a parent volunteer, this new feature is up and running, taking contributions from parents, staff and students. As we are going to have more classrooms coming on-line this spring, we anticipate it being a powerful information tool for the school to use. Find the site at: www.saltspring.com/fernwoodschool

barnacle Jr junior

Moon Watch

by Margo Milton, Grade Two

Our class is doing a 'Moon Watch'. We are learning about the phases of the moon like full moon, new moon, half moon, crescent moon and gibbous moon. We learned about 'blue moons' too!

The moon reflects sunlight. A waxing moon is a growing moon. It grows from right to left. A waning moon is a shrinking moon. We are watching the moon because Chinese New Year starts on the next new moon, which is February 16.

Our Class Computer

by Drew Storey, Grade One

We have a computer in our class and we take turns on it. We work on a programme called Math Journey. We learn about math in levels. There are 10 levels. There are patterns, measurements, addition, subtraction and multiplication. We work with partners.

The Chinese Dragon

by Cody Gruzaz, Grade Two

The Chinese dragon breathes clouds. When he is angry he makes thunder. He has the eyes of a rabbit, the head of a camel, the horns of a deer, the scales of a fish, the body of a snake, the paws of a tiger, and the claws of a hawk. He lives in seas and rivers and lakes. He has a magic pearl in his mouth. He can transform into anything. This dragon is not like the western dragon. The Chinese dragon is not bad. In China they worship the dragon in the spring. If he is happy, he will make it rain for the farmers. If you go to China you will see a lot of dragon statues.

Chinese New Year

by Hayley Winn, Grade Two

Our class is studying Chinese New Year. It starts Feb. 16 and it is the Year of the Rabbit. There will be Lion Dances in Chinatown. Chinese children will get lucky money called li-see in little red envelopes. People will put up red signs with wishes for the new year printed on them. There will be lots of fireworks to welcome the New Year gods.

Chinese New Year lasts for two weeks. It will end on the full moon. On the last day, people in China will have dragon dances to welcome the spring.

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life in the garden

For cold hardy palms, try Chinese Windmill

by Joe Clemente

So you want to plant a palm tree, but you're sort of unsure what species is best suited to our coastal climate. For those who are hooked up to the internet, a little research will unearth hoards of information about cold hardy palm trees.

By most counts there are at least 2,800 species of palm trees in 200 genera, although some experts estimate there are as many as 3,500 species in 230 genera. But who really cares how many different types there are - all you really want is a palm that is going to look great in your garden and survive local growing conditions. *Trachycarpus fortunei* or Chinese Windmill palm, then, is the one for you. There are nine species of *Trachycarpus* in all, possibly a few more that experts are uncertain of.

The Chinese Windmill palm has a proven track record along the southwest coast of BC, especially in Victoria and Vancouver, and is growing in popularity in the southern Gulf Islands as well. The *Trachycarpus* family of palms is native to northern India, Nepal, Burma, northern Thailand and China. Most are best suited to a cool, temperate climate such as ours. They are also very popular in other temperate areas of the world - southern Ireland, England, Scotland, southern Russia and Switzerland are great palm-growing areas, having introduced *Trachycarpus* to their landscapes more than a century ago. Here on the southwest coast some of our oldest palms are 50 years old and nearly 30 feet tall.

Some really nice specimens of Chinese Windmill palm can be seen growing in Van Dusen Botanical Gardens in Vancouver, and in Victoria's Beacon Hill Park. Palms by the dozens have been planted along the English Bay area in Vancouver's west end. Some of them are now reaching an impressive size. Every year the Vancouver Parks Board plants a few more palms in that area. It's wonderful for tourism - some people visiting for the first time can't believe their eyes. *Trachycarpus fortunei* are usually in good supply at local

garden centres in the spring and summer months. Their cold hardiness is understandable since they are native to the cold, snowy mountainous regions of China.

I consider *Trachycarpus* to be one of the best tree-size palms for our coastal climate. They don't mind our cool, damp winters, and they don't seem to be bothered by snow or frost. In the palm's native range, rhododendrons and camellias can be found growing. Windmill palms will continue to grow through our winter months and as it passes through each winter it will acclimatize to colder temperatures. The old ones growing in parts of Vancouver survived the all-time low temperatures of December 1968 when the thermometer dipped to minus 17.8° Celsius. These specimens are still growing happily today!

Some palm experts say it is good to protect young specimens for the first few winters by means of burlap or straw mulch when the weather turns unusually cold. In my own garden, it's survival of the fittest, and over the course of 10 years of growing Windmill palms on Salt Spring I've never lost any to winter cold, and they have never received any protection. The best time to plant a palm is in the spring or summer. They like good soil and lots of organic matter added for optimum growing conditions. Drainage is also a must. They grow in full sun to part shade and appreciate summer watering if you want vigorous growing plants. Also regular applications of fish fertilizer and liquid seaweed will keep the palms happy! What they don't seem to like are cold, east winter winds. So if your garden is in a really windy spot, plant your palm in a sheltered location.

In time *Trachycarpus fortunei* can reach heights of 40 feet in our climate. They are moderate to fast growing in the right conditions. I've seen them put on as much as one foot of trunk growth in one season here on Salt Spring, and as many as 10 new large, fan-shaped fronds as well. *Continued next week*

Salt Spring TV Current Week's Schedule

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

6:00 p.m. BC Ferries Public
Meetings from January 26 & 27
9:30 p.m. Satsang with GangaJi

Sunday, February 14, 1999

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Salt Spring Elementary has declared February as Literacy Month and is sponsoring a four-week series of literacy events designed to raise the profile of reading and to involve students and their families in the enjoyment of literature.

Students are being challenged to read everyday and to record their reading accomplishments at home on a calendar.

An Adult Book Sale is being held at the school Thursday February 11 at 3 pm. Here's a chance to get rid of those read-already books and to purchase something new. Proceeds will go toward promotional prizes for the kids.

Other events:

Read-a-Thon, Tuesday Feb. 23 at 1 pm - students will read as long as possible, marathon style.

Free Book Day, Thursday Feb. 25, children's books collected during the month will be distributed.

Patrick Lewis Storyteller, will regale the end-of-month assembly with his tales and wit, Friday, Feb. 26.

Fernwood Web Site

Check out Fernwood school's Internet website! Thanks to Helene Meurer, a parent volunteer, this new feature is up and running, taking contributions from parents, staff and students. As we are going to have more classrooms coming on-line this spring, we anticipate it being a powerful information tool for the school to use. Find the site at: www.saltspring.com/fernwoodschool

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Moon Watch

by Margo Milton, Grade Two

Our class is doing a 'Moon Watch'. We are learning about the phases of the moon like full moon, new moon, half moon, crescent moon and gibbous moon. We learned about 'blue moons' too!

The moon reflects sunlight. A waxing moon is a growing moon. It grows from right to left. A waning moon is a shrinking moon. We are watching the moon because Chinese New Year starts on the next new moon, which is February 16.

Our Class Computer

by Drew Storey, Grade One

We have a computer in our class and we take turns on it. We work on a programme called Math Journey. We learn about math in levels. There are 10 levels. There are patterns, measurements, addition, subtraction and multiplication. We work with partners.

The Chinese Dragon

by Cody Gruzaz, Grade Two

The Chinese dragon breathes clouds. When he is angry he makes thunder. He has the eyes of a rabbit, the head of a camel, the horns of a deer, the scales of a fish, the body of a snake, the paws of a tiger, and the claws of a hawk. He lives in seas and rivers and lakes. He has a magic pearl in his mouth. He can transform into anything. This dragon is not like the western dragon. The Chinese dragon is not bad. In China they worship the dragon in the spring. If he is happy, he will make it rain for the farmers. If you go to China you will see a lot of dragon statues.

Chinese New Year

by Hayley Winn, Grade Two

Our class is studying Chinese New Year. It starts Feb. 16 and it is the Year of the Rabbit. There will be Lion Dances in Chinatown. Chinese children will get lucky money called li-see in little red envelopes. People will put up red signs with wishes for the new year printed on them. There will be lots of fireworks to welcome the New Year gods.

Chinese New Year lasts for two weeks. It will end on the full moon. On the last day, people in China will have dragon dances to welcome the spring.

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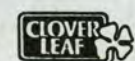
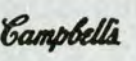
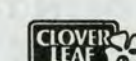
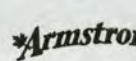
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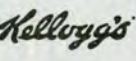
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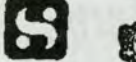
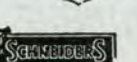
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Left: Amy Newman, singing along with Sue, Ray and Gary at Moby's.

Rap Chat ... with Matt Cecill

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Over the years, rap groups have established their own individual sounds.

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Funkmaster Flex is a DJ who, with the permission and help of the artists that he features, mixes and records freestyle rap from many of today's biggest names in hip-hop. He takes different rappers' rhymes and puts them over other artist's beats

and rhythms. The result is a fresh, new sound from all of the featured artists.

This album is Funk Flex's third release. The first two were very successful, and this one should not be an exception as it is very good.

It showcases a lot of new rappers while still including a huge helping of established talent. Ice Cube, Mack 10, Lord Tariq and Peter Gunz, Big Pun, Fat Joe, DMX, Keith Murray the Wu-Tang Clan and many more all grace this album with their presence.

The way that Funk Flex mixes his songs is very entertaining. Combinations such as DMX rapping over a Mobb Deep beat, or Ice Cube and Mack 10 rapping over a Wu-Tang beat provide new life to tired old styles and rhythms.

I would recommend this album to anyone who enjoys rap music.

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by Jim Russell

The Blue Moon Concert at Rose's Cafe in Fulford was a resounding success!

On January 31, Susan Cogan, Lisa Maxx, and Jane and Kathy Stack performed for an appreciative audience of music lovers. The on-stage banter was lively and entertaining, and the original tunes played and sung by the ladies were even better.

Hopefully another performance by this harmonious quartet is in the offing. It was too good to occur only once in a blue moon!



Susan Cogan, Lisa Maxx, Jane and Kathy Stack performed a 'Blue Moon' concert at Rose's Cafe, Jan 31.

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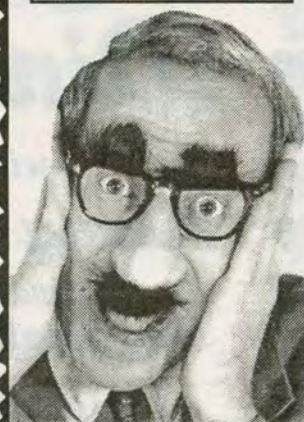
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A romantic evening with your valentine

by Dayle Gaetz

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So, how do you have a play without a script? As conductor, Robert Osborne begins by talking about the theme. He invites audience members to share what they are feeling. Whatever feeling is expressed by an individual, the conductor then turns to the actors for their interpretation. Each will express that feeling in their own unique way through music, movement and sound.

After spending some time exploring feelings, the conductor gradually shifts into the second part of the performance. The audience is invited to tell their own stories, sparked by the conductor's words. When each telling is finished, Playback actors reenact the story using intuition, rhythm,

Troupe member Devon Guest says that "Playback Theatre is about honouring the individual story, and in so doing, by honouring one individual in a group, we end up honouring all." The audience and actors often achieve a deeper understanding of one another when a personal story is recognized as being truly universal.

Playback Theatre worked with troubled youth in Toronto for many years, helping to explore problems of drug and alcohol abuse, family violence, and racism. They offer their services on Salt Spring to use the playback concept as a vehicle for working on issues that affect groups of people. Their technique allows them to reflect back differing opinions and therefore help provide a path to better understanding.

This form of theatre also has a tremendous entertainment quality, especially when the audience is able to see themselves reflected in the actors. At a performance just before Christmas, which had a small attendance due to snow, everyone joined in and had a fun-filled evening. Be sure to bring your Valentine

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ArtSpring offering drama reprieve

by Dayle Gaetz

Just when many of us are wondering what to do with another gloomy west coast month, ArtSpring comes to the rescue with Drama Month.

The first of three scheduled plays, 'If We Are Women', by Saskatchewan writer Joanna McLelland Glass, provides a look at family dynamics and the way many of us reject our parents' advice, but can hardly wait to pass words of wisdom on to our children.

Four women, representing three generations, gather at an east coast beach house after the death of Jessica's (Anne Cullingham) common-law husband. Rachel Cohen (Jane Phillips) is Jessica's ex mother-in-law, an



Polly Lottie Fast, Ruth (Maureen O'Brien) Jessica (Anne Cullingham) and Rachel (Jane Phillips) rehearse a scene.

intellectual, well educated Jewish woman from New York. Ruth MacMillan (Maureen O'Brien), Jessica's mother, grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan and could scarcely be more opposite. And then there is Polly Cohen (Lottie Fast), Jessica's 18-year-old daughter who is struggling to live her own life despite the well-meaning interference of her mother and two grandmothers.

The play is directed and produced by a husband and

wife team. Director Frederick Howell taught drama at Burnaby North for many years and has directed plays and musicals in the Lower Mainland. Producer Jean Howell is also a retired teacher.

'If We Are Women', runs from Thursday Feb. 11 to Saturday Feb. 13 with performances at 8 pm. A Sunday matinee will be presented at 2 pm Valentine's Day. Tickets are available at Pattersons, Island Books Plus, and et cetera.

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Fred J. Eaglesmith, Heartbreak Hill to play ArtSpring concert Valentine's Day

Juno Award winning singer-songwriter Fred J. Eaglesmith and Toronto bluegrass band Heartbreak Hill join forces for an exciting evening of acoustic music at ArtSpring Sunday Feb. 14.

Mining a music niche somewhere between rock and country, Eaglesmith has built up a solid fan base and favourable comparison with such lyrical stylists as Guy Clark, Tom Waits, Lyle Lovett and Joe Ely.

His new album, *Lipstick, Lies and Gasoline*, has helped spread the word about Eaglesmith's song talents with the result that he is lately finding himself in increasing demand for touring. His songs are about working hard, living hard, and struggling to make it to the end of the day, although the harsh realism is frequently offset by twists that are both strange and surreal.

The truth has come from his own hard experiences. He's one of nine kids born of a hardscrabble, religious family who lost their farm when he was fifteen. "I was working like a man when I was 11 and 12 years old," he recalls. "My little brother

and I were doing all the hay on the farm - 60 to 80 acres of it. We were getting up at dawn and working till we couldn't see the road anymore."

Willie P. Bennett, a Canadian folk legend in his own right, accompanies Eaglesmith on harmonicas, mandolin and with vocal harmonies

Accompanying Eaglesmith are Ralph Schipper, bass and harmonies, Washboard Hank, percussion, dobro, harmonies, and Willie P. Bennett, a Canadian folk legend in his own right, on harmonicas, mandolin and harmonies. Bennett played Salt Spring last November and has a recent CD of his own - *Heartstrings* - which is nominated for a Juno.

Heartbreak Hill is a four-piece band that extends the roots tradition of bluegrass music into some new, high-energy areas that touch on the future of pop, as well as the past of country music.

The band members are young, but experienced performers. Mandolin player Dan Whiteley is son of Chris Whiteley, one of Toronto's busiest session musicians, and nephew of another formidable Canadian musical talent, Ken Whiteley. As a charter member of the Junior Jug Band, Dan has been performing on stage and in recording studios since he was six years old. Older sister Jenny enjoyed the same musical heritage and is Heartbreak Hill's bass player, singer and one of its main songwriters.

Keeping things in the family, guitarist and singer Dottie Cormier is Dan's wife and a songwriter with passion and intensity. And rounding things out is Christopher Quinn, whose lively, aggressive approach to the banjo brings a sparkle to the band's instrumental compositions.

Along with its striking original material, Heartbreak Hill also mixes in some bluegrass standards, and has built a solid reputation for tasteful interpretation.

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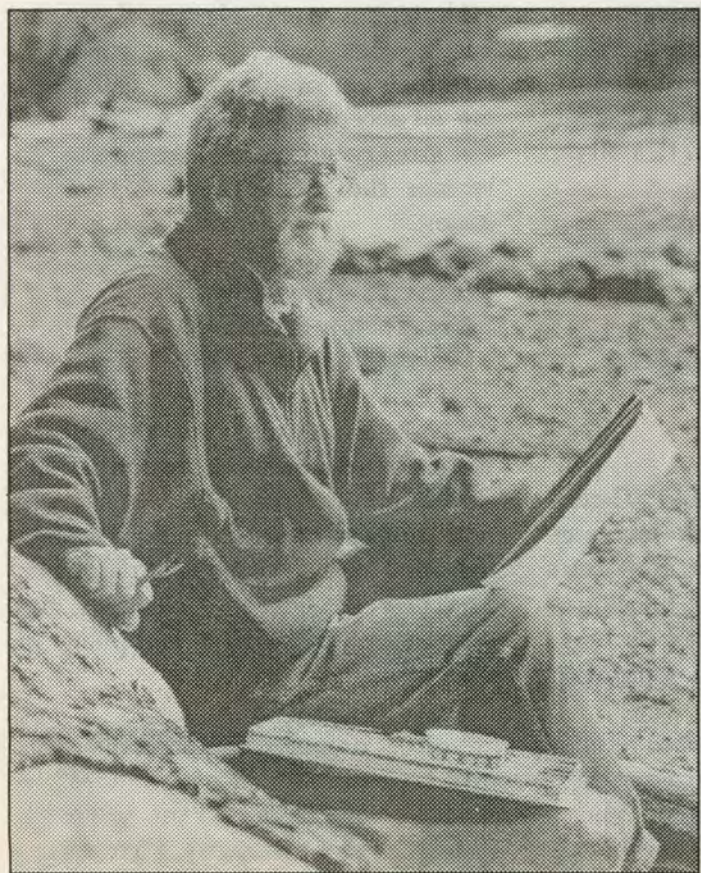
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RENAISSANCE MAN

Story by Dayle Gaetz



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Watercolours, stained glass, wooden objects: all facets of Bert Small's studio expression

explains that he does his own matting and framing, and for this scene he continued the shapes of clouds, trees, and the contour of the land in pencil onto the matte itself. This is an old technique he uses occasionally, "when it looks like it would work best." There are times when Bert works from photographs. Last summer he was coming home from his boat along Upper Ganges Road when he happened to glance in the rearview mirror

and thought: "Wait a minute," and stopped. Golden sunlight slanting through tall trees made for a perfect painting. But he was already late for dinner so he took a picture and finished the painting later.

Another time he saw two gentlemen sitting outside Glad's ice cream parlour, perfect subjects for a painting. He took care to snap their photo without alerting them so that the resulting picture would not look posed or unnatural. The finished painting is quite different from the photo, but captures the mood of the 'Sunshine Boys'.

Bert worked as a commercial artist in Toronto and, for a time, in New York. Years ago, all the pictures in Simpson's catalogues were done by hand. A large staff of artists was employed with entire departments devoted to drawing shoes, or women's clothing, or appliances. Bert remembers that each item was a challenge, it had to be drawn exactly right, the colour and texture needed to be perfect because people would return goods that were not what they expected. Eventually Bert became an art director and art buyer and during his 48-year career moved up to be assistant advertising manager for Sears Canada.

He always enjoyed his work and always painted in his free time. Since officially retiring in 1985, he's had even more time for his painting,

something he never intends to retire from. Wherever Bert goes he takes his paints with him, everything he needs - colour, towel, brushes, pencils, water, palette and paper - is conveniently packed in a small, easy-to-carry kit. This is important because, "you can be driving along and there's this perfect painting, but if you go home, get your stuff and come back it's gone, the light has changed, it isn't right anymore."

His style varies widely from quite realistic, detailed work through to very broad strokes, washes, and images pushed to the point of being somewhat abstract.

The style he chooses depends on his mood, "whether I go abstract or very realistic or just let the brush flow." The subject matter has something to do with it as well, he says.

His studio is one of over thirty on the Studio Tour and Bert receives about 25 visitors a day during the summer. People who have signed the guest book come from across North America and as far away as Australia, Holland, Korea and Japan.

Bert does not stop at simply painting. He enjoys using many different mediums. At times he feels the need to work on something three dimensional. In a corner of the studio is a striking welded steel sculpture depicting rocky islands and evergreen

trees bent over by constant winds. Next to that is a carved wooden box, shaped like an Orca. Bert entered this in the Woodworkers' Guild box show a few years ago under the title 'Unorthodox Orca Box.'

A video entitled: 'Just Add Water', catches the eye. It is a teaching video in which Bert demonstrates the techniques of watercolour painting. The

video is very popular and has been shown on the Knowledge Network a dozen times or more. He also taught many workshops in Toronto and has presented one for the Painters' Guild on Salt Spring.

Right now, Bert's passion is his antique boat. A painting of the unique 22-foot wooden craft stands on his desk. The boat is presently in the back yard and Bert is making plans to remodel the interior. On the corner of the desk is a wooden model of the galley, which he will build this spring. For windows on the cabinets, he intends to use his own distinctive leaded glass, incorporating found objects, such as small pieces of driftwood and clam shells.

Listening to Bert talk about all the things he does in a day, one cannot help wondering how he ever had time to work. Seagull Art Studio is open most days from 10 am to 4 pm and Bert welcomes visitors to come and see his work.

'His style varies widely from quite realistic work through to very broad strokes, washes, and images pushed to the point of being somewhat abstract'

Bert Small may be retired, but he certainly hasn't slowed down. And he's never likely to be bored. At 74, he's full of energy and enthusiasm, brimming with ideas for whatever project's next.

The first hint of something unusual comes as you approach his Seagull Art Studio and notice what at first glance might be a deer skull with antlers, but on second look becomes a white bicycle seat mounted below turned up handlebars. A path leads to the studio door, where interesting shapes and sizes of driftwood wait patiently to be transformed into new works of art. On either side of the door is a totem pole Bert carved many years ago in Toronto and brought with him when he and his wife, Peggy, moved to Salt Spring seven years ago.

Inside, the studio is not large, but is nevertheless impressive. Watercolours line the walls: beach scenes that are closeups of rocks, logs and water; misty westcoast paintings of forested islands, cloudy skies and the gray sea; unusual perspectives of familiar Salt Spring buildings and people.

Whenever possible, Bert prefers to paint outdoors, on the spot. A watercolour of the entrance to Montague Harbour was completed while sitting on his boat. This particular painting has an intriguing, somewhat mysterious look, an added touch. Bert

The Sunshine Boys, watercolour by Bert Small.



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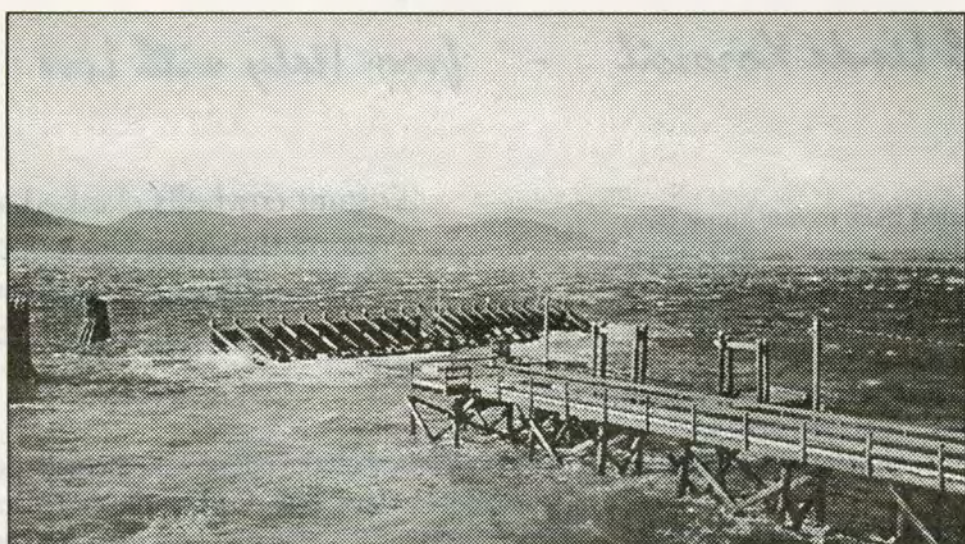
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Dock Talk ... with Peter Clarke

I know what people think of me (that's why I don't go out much), but what do people think of us? That is, how is Salt Spring Island viewed by the outside world, that other existence on the other side of the moat.

To answer this question, the Barnacle conducted a random survey. The results are accurate 6 times out of 4, 100 percent of the time and have been organized for your reading pleasure in the following format: Section 1: Calls to other Gulf Islands ... Section 2: Calls to Buckingham Palace.

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Joan: "There's more life there (Salt Spring) for a person moving from the city with a family. We're in the woods here ... a much easier transition for a family: more facilities, better schools etcetera."

Maggie: "My daughter's going to the high school there so I only think about the schools."

Bert: "I used to like to go shopping there and I think there's a gym there to work out in ... don't get there much anymore, the ferry service is bad you see."

PENDER:

Gordon: "... where all the rich people live;

that's all you wanna' know."

MAYNE:

Vicki: "... the lovely little sheep farm we went to see. You have an artist with an old farm and a beautiful old garden; she has her little studio where she does her work."

SATURNA:

Emma: "Isn't Hastings House on Salt Spring. That's what I think of."

Clifton: "A suburb of Victoria." Then apologetically: "We do look at things a little differently here on Saturna."

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Let's Eat ... with Linda Koroscil - from Italy with Love

Continued from last week . . .

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Once off the gondola we were met by a farmer with tractor and trailer. My dad hopped aboard, cane in hand, and we wound our way one kilometre up the mountainside to Heidi's mountain chalet.

We spent the day sitting on the porch in the sun, eating salami and bread, washing it down with red wine. I hadn't realized what good vintners the Swiss were! Distant cowbells clanked and chimed across the Alps, the slopes below us were silhouetted with two old men mounding hay on their wagon. They were apparently both deaf and mute from birth and lived a solitary life caring for their mother who was in her 90s. When November comes so does the snow in the Alps, so there they were, with their dog and cat and six cows until spring thaw. What in the world they did all winter I can't imagine! Here, sadly, is the last of Josephine's recipes. The flavours are wonderful and it is really very easy to make.

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- 2 oz semi-sweet chocolate, coarsely chopped

'Distant cowbells' clanked and chimed across the Alps, the slopes below us were silhouetted with two old men mounding hay on their wagon'

Trim end crusts off the pound cake and cut horizontally into 1/2 to 3/4 inch slabs. Rub ricotta through a coarse sieve into a bowl with wooden spoon and beat with electric beater until smooth. Beating constantly add cream, sugar and liqueur. Centre bottom slab of cake on flat plate and spread generously with ricotta mixture. Place another slab on top. Repeat procedure ending with cake. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate about 2 hours, until firm.

Chocolate frosting

- 8 oz semi-sweet chocolate cut in small pieces
- 1/2 cup strong coffee
- 3/8 lb unsalted butter, chilled, cut in 1/2 inch pieces

Melt chocolate with coffee in small heavy saucepan, stirring until chocolate has completely dissolved. Remove pan from heat and beat in chilled butter, one piece at a time.

Beat until smooth, chill to spreading consistency, spread over top and sides of cake. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let ripen in refrigerator for 24 hours before serving. (Freezes well, foil wrapped.)

Cut in thin slices or small pieces to serve.

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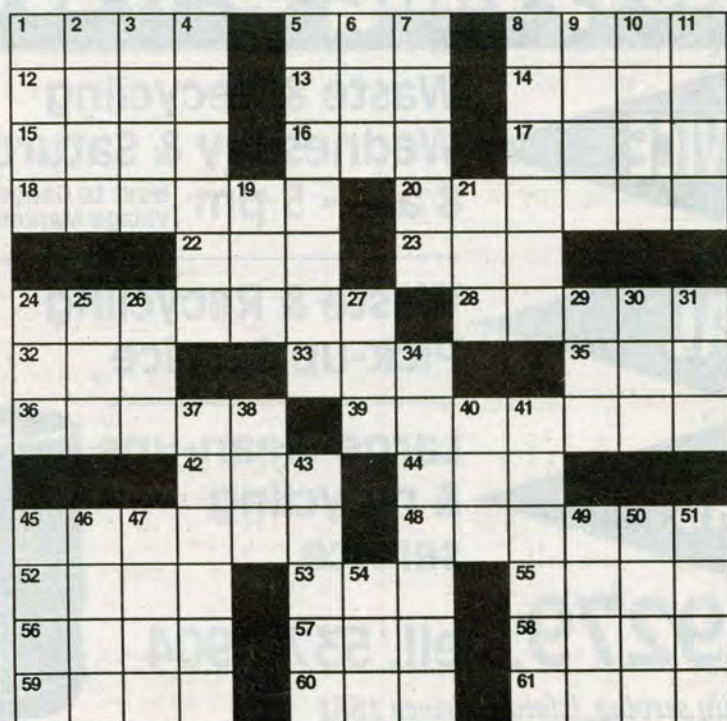
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cellulite;

- helps relieve arthritic pain, circulatory problems and others;
- soothes certain skin ailments while aiding respiratory problems and insomnia.

Canadiana Crossword

Famous Valentines By Bernice Rosella and James Kilner



ACROSS

- 1 Tab
- 5 A pair
- 8 Cake Decorator
- 12 European auto
- 13 Promissory note
- 14 Dress
- 15 Yoo-hoo, across water
- 16 Smallest Province, for short
- 17 Chickpea stew
- 18 Loved 48 Ac.
- 20 Loved 36 Ac.
- 22 Cereal grain
- 23 Plus
- 24 Decorated
- 28 Indian soldier
- 32 Self or wasp follower
- 33 Ocean inlet
- 35 Loved 49 Dn.
- 36 Loved 20 Ac.
- 39 Loved 8 Dn.
- 42 Save our souls, for short
- 44 Take to court
- 45 Loved 4 Dn.
- 48 Loved 18 Ac.

DOWN

- 1 Bear part
- 2 Sound of laughter
- 3 Graven image
- 4 Loved 45 Ac.
- 5 Tout
- 6 Misery
- 7 Board game
- 8 Loved 39 Ac.
- 9 Town in Columbia
- 10 One of the Greats?
- 11 Civil disorder
- 19 Fleming
- 21 Ones, in Outremont
- 24 Tune
- 25 Service medal,

for short

- 26 Electrical unit
- 27 Telegraphic partner of dah
- 29 Favourite
- 30 Eggs
- 31 Japanese currency
- 34 Weapons depot
- 37 Station
- 38 Zero, Zip, Zilch
- 40 Birth control means, abbr.
- 41 Drains
- 43 Fasteners
- 45 Island
- 46 Etats _____, Fr.
- 47 Partner of rock
- 49 Loved 35 Ac.
- 50 Take back, for short
- 51 Last drop
- 54 Classic or conservative prefix

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Seeing wonders of Hoi An, Vietnam

by Carl Duncan

Wearing loose pantaloons, sandals, and conical straw hats, the women arrive at the riverside market in Hoi An in narrow sampans pushing their quill-shaped oars. Squatting next to bamboo baskets of produce, they chat and laugh among themselves. Play cards. The scene is pure, traditional Vietnam.

Picturesque little Hoi An sits on Vietnam's central coast, just south of Da Nang on the South China Sea. In a land of bamboo and thatch, 16th century Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese merchants built with brick, tile, and hardwood. Although over 800 historically significant structures remain, Hoi An is more than its unique architecture. It's a living community. Some of the families here have been neighbours for 400 years.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, this was the most important port in southern Vietnam. When the estuary silted up in the 1800s, the huge junks and tall clippers moved up to Da Nang. Time passed Hoi An by. But so did the war.

"Hoi An is nearly perfect because the war never got here," said Tang Thu, who owns an art gallery. "Up in Da Nang, everything was bombed and broken."

The one-hour taxi was only \$15 from Da Nang airport to Hoi An. As no cars are allowed in the old riverside section, we got out on Le Loi Street, four blocks from the waterfront. At the Thuy Duong hotel, \$100 US got us their choicest corner room (spotless modern bath, mahogany furniture) for a week. We washed up and walked down to the quay for food.

At Thanh Restaurant we had crepes filled with shredded duck, shrimp and spices; rice-paper-wrapped shrimp spring rolls with chili-spiced peanut sauce; stir-fried vegetables and two large BGI ("beegee") beers, a good Da Nang brew. All for just \$7.

Hoi An is walkably small and a map is not necessary. One good idea, though, is the \$5 Old Town Ticket which gets you into a selection of museums, Chinese assembly halls, wealthy merchant houses, and temples. Along the way, the shopping is as good as the sightseeing. The hand-crafted goods Hoi An was famous for in her glory days (cottons, silks, ceramics and fine carpentry) are still made and sold here. Everywhere we found people with a surprisingly innocent sense of hospitality, not yet soured by tourists.

On our last day we ate at the floating restaurant near the famous Japanese Bridge. While I enjoyed yellow noodles and beef, Maria sampled the chao tom - spicy ground shrimp wrapped around stalks of sugar cane and grilled. It burnt until she had tears in her eyes. The waitress hurried over. "So sorry!" she said, and rushed off for a glass of cold water.

At the table next to ours, Heinrich and his wife, Briggite, introduced themselves. Both were engagingly outgoing, in their sixties. "People often ask us why we travel so much," Heinrich said laughing. "Well, it's not for escape. It's so we can wake each day to something new and interesting." Briggite gestured toward the waterfront. "A good place," she added, "is where you can stay a week and not be bored."



TIP OF THE WEEK A number of shifts worthy of our recognition are contenders for front-page news this week. The three biggest events are Jupiter entering the sign of Aries (Feb. 13, 1999 to Feb. 15, 2000) the beginning of the Chinese New Year (Feb. 16, 1999 to Feb. 4, 2000) and Valentine's Day, of course. First let's look at Jupiter. Both Jupiter and Aries are strongly associated with the element of fire. The combination suggests a lot of initiative and risky ventures. With Jupiter influences, one rarely goes for half measures and Aries is a pioneering force. The combined effect can be likened to a mass of burning arrows in swift flight. The Cavalry in proud uniform and full gallop with trumpets sounded is a Jupiter in Aries theme as well. Jupiter in Aries is also symbolic of heroism. However you look at it, this fiery combination suggests drama and adventure. The Oriental Year of the Earth Rabbit will therefore be quite exciting! The Rabbit is said to bring a much-needed softening tone to the intensity of the Tiger and the Dragon, which precede and follow the Rabbit. Yet, with so much happening in the world these days we may need a necklace of rabbit's feet to be so lucky. As for Valentine's Day, Jupiter heads us to say Thank you! for the abundance of life, the drama, flowers, chocolates and all. The Earth Rabbit says he is in tune with the pulse of the universe, calm and alert with an ear close to the ground.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19) This week's New Moon in Aquarius will sow the seed of fresh new perspectives. You desire to turn dreams into tangible returns. It was pretty hard going in the last lunar cycle to make progress. Remember 'that the past does not equal the future'. Take a methodical step by step approach. Of course, you can create much of your reality in your mind. To follow through, however, you will have to take concrete action. Make a list of all of your assets and resolve to make them earn a return.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) A period of gestation before the momentum increases continues as your best option. Things are happening so quickly now you really need to re-center. New prospects are appearing like magic. There is much promise of a handsome return. This New Moon will make the whisperings of your soul much more audible. Be flexible to re-adjust and align your perspectives accordingly. Recognize that you are worth much more than you are currently earning. Redefine your value with an eye on expansion.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Joining forces with others to get things done is a main focus now. To meet your agenda you are challenged to contend with a mixed array of energies. Predominantly, you feel restless, rebellious and eager to make changes. In other respects you recognize the need to be patient and respectful of the rights of others. Between these two extremes you feel diplomatic. Yet, all the while your resolve to be heard is packed with passion. With Jupiter now in Aries, your final decision will be to take the initiative and get things moving.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) You are emerging from a rather challenging period in your life. Your faith has been tested. You are eager to forgive, forget and move on. Anxiously awaiting your cue, you are preparing to launch a major initiative. An independent stance is key. Meanwhile, a diplomatic assertion of your will is commanding attention. You are ready to gamble and you want to go for much more than perhaps even you realize. May the song you sing be sweet and true for your sake and everyone else's too!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) By now your whole vibe feels significantly different than it did only a month ago. You are willing to work hard to follow through with the details of this rapid transformational time period. You know a new day is dawning; you can feel the warm light making your silhouette glow. Others are noticing the change and can feel the energetic shift. Your heart is open and all fears of feeling alone are like ice steadily melting in the summer sun. You feel committed to this growing peace and will do what it takes to have it continue.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Inherited patterns of behavior are being scrambled. There is a quickening in the air and everyone is feeling it. A lot of energy is being spent during this process of toxic release. Mood swings reveal the turbulence. You feel free and passionate at one moment and burdened by the weight the next. You feel the need to build upon a whole new foundation. Major initiatives are required. Summon all reserves of faith, call 'off' the guard and follow through. A Phoenix is rising!

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22) A deepening sensitivity to subliminal levels of awareness is underway. You feel enchanted and mesmerized as though music only you can hear is playing off in the distance. You even see lights as well. Stardom awaits! Are you prepared to do the work necessary to claim a new place in the world? Ready or not... Amidst the exciting pace of change sweeping through your life you are re-connecting with old friends. You have always believed that good deeds are rewarded and now you have real evidence.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) The shifts and changes in your daily patterns continue to escalate. With Venus in Pisces relationships have been healing with the power of love. It has not been an easy go of it. Yet, your efforts are being rewarded. Your outer life may be in need of new directions to balance the inner changes. You feel open and perhaps a little confused. The birth of a whole new perspective is soon to arrive. You are eager to explore yet another side of what independence means for you. The New Moon will plant a seed of 'intelligent foresight'.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) What excitement! You feel creative, romantic, dramatic, charged! Illumination and inspirations need to be made manifest. You are eager to go on to the next level. Are you prepared? Friends love your spark and shine these days and are happy to support you. Changing financial realities are strongly influencing your perspectives. You would like more and it's time to make your move. Before you share your ambitions visualize precisely what you want. Pick a number and reach for a realistic sum.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 22) You have been getting a grow-up call for months now. You are undergoing a threshold struggle. You know that you must stand strong and independent. You have been flirting with the possibilities for the near future a lot over the past few weeks. Fortunately, the wizard within has re-awakened. Open your eyes and behold the wand before you. With this power you can direct your dream thoughts to create your reality much quicker than ever before. Go-ahead, try it out. There is one rule: You must fully respect the rights of others.

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 22) You are drawn inward to explore the hidden elements of your musings and dreams. There is no need to rush. You can sensitize and attune to the shifts through imagination. Lay low for a while and re-connect with your soul. Pamper yourself to enhance receptivity. There is no place to go to only a state of communion. Silence, candles, soft music perhaps. Do what you must now and open a window of time for sweet, soft and quiet. The next major corner in your life is approaching, be relaxed trusting.

Capricorn (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Your warrior spirit is re-awakening. The search for something new to believe in is yielding results. You are on to something and are eager to lay the foundation. Keeping your affairs private for awhile may be in your best interest. A holiday to a hot place would sure help to inspire you. You owe it to yourself. If you can't get away, journey in your imagination with visions of hope and adventure.

(For expanded insight read all of the signs especially your rising sign!) Michael O'Connor is available for consultations. (250) 352 - 2936 or oconnorm@netidea.com

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SAREX 2000

Pace of evacuation picks up

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Auxiliary Coast Guard vessel 'To And Again' is dispatched to pick up two deckhands from the Yellowknife and transfer them to the Skua. Once on board, the new crew is kept busy as Skua goes back to work.

The pace of the evacuation picks up. A steady stream of survivors flows from the ferry's evacuation chute into the life rafts and RIBs. The scene is wild. Boats and crews are tasked, deployed and retasked as fast as communication allows: the sea and sky is alive with the frenzied effort to save lives.

Ian Kyle directs his 'resources' from the wheelhouse of the Skua. One hand is always at the vessel's controls, the other either at the radio or sliding back a window to shout instructions to crew or nearby boats. He is relentlessly professional ... Keep busy; be aware of everything around us: if you're cold get below, if you're not cold get to work; don't stand around on deck blocking vision ... In this storm of crisis he and Skua are an eye of relative security. This thing is under control.

Auxiliary boats and volunteer crews

from both Unit 25 and Unit 34 are pressed into service. These are the people doing the real rescuing, getting the passengers off the burning ferry ... From the Gulf Islands: Ross McLeod, Rob Zuk and Phillip Grange on 'To And Again'; Coxswain Dan Harvey with Auxiliary members Brian Wolfe-Milner and Ben Cooper on Ganges One; Coxswain Ian Mott with crew Darrell Adamson and Amarah Gabriel on the Nu-To-Yu Rescue 25 from Pender Island; the Hardy from Unit 34 Mill Bay and Sidney's Jack Simpson work tirelessly throughout the emergency to fulfil the tasks given to them.

At 1530, February 6, 1999 ... Unit 25 Canadian Coast Guard Cutter Skua and her auxiliary members are released from the 'Disaster Site' and head home. For the regular Coast Guard members, it's simply the end of one shift and time to prepare for the next 8 to 4.

For the Auxiliary members, it's back to families and jobs. For these volunteers, there is no way to know when the next call will come. But it will come and they will answer.



score

board



Above left: A Canadian helicopter provides support.
Above right: Ferry casualties, cold and exhausted, are brought on board Skua for transfer to Coast Guard Hovercraft.

Right: In the background Coast Guard vessel John P. Tully observes, as two deck hands from the vessel Yellowknife replace Nilssen and Hoskins on Skua.

Below: Disaster survivors are given help and instructions from Unit 25 Coast Guard Auxiliary members.



sports pool

TWISTERS POOL

Next meeting: Wed., Feb. 10, 7:00 pm sharp at TWISTERS.

		year	month	week
1	Edmonton	430	129	26
2	Ottawa	430	125	29
3	Dallas	418	116	22
4	Pittsburgh	410	115	25
5	Islanders	402	113	19
6	Montreal	388	117	40
7	Buffalo	377	75	20
8	Philadelphia	372	138	39
9	Anaheim	364	119	20
10	Vancouver	361	104	17
11	Boston	359	87	13
12	San Jose	358	83	12
13	Washington	357	91	17
14	Los Angeles	347	84	11
15	St. Louis	342	97	32

GOLF COURSE POOL

Next meeting: Fri., Feb. 12, 5:00 pm sharp

		year	month	week
1	Ottawa	473	144	30
2	Greenwoods	469	135	38
3	Cyclones	464	131	26
4	Edmonton	457	121	26
5	Rangers	428	131	25
6	Dallas	426	125	16
7	Ice Dogs	422	116	24
8	Marx Brothers	397	113	21
9	River Rats	387	70	11
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110 • IN MEMORIAM

FRIENDS OF William David Dexter are invited to a celebration of his life on Sunday, February 14 at his home on 401 Wilkie Way, Salt Spring Island. At 1:30 p.m. lunch will be served. Potluck salad appreciated. At 3 p.m. is a sharing of memories and stories. You are encouraged to bring a musical instrument to play at 3:30 p.m. Please park on Wilkie Way and a ride will be provided up the driveway. 0699

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COMMUNITY SEED Exchange. Bring your seeds to trade, or buy heritage and organically-grown seeds for vegetables, grains, herbs and flowers. View exhibits, eat great food, and meet friends old and new. Salt Spring's 4th Annual Seedy Saturday, February 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mahon Hall, Ganges. Admission by donation, \$2 suggested. 0699

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at ArtSpring
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February 18, 1999
7:30 p.m.

Members please note:
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175 • VALENTINES GREETINGS

BARB, YOU have the most incredible blue eyes - please look into mine this Valentine's. Love you always, Eddie. 0699

WHEN WE said I do, we must have had rocks in our heads - but now that we've been together so long, so long B.J. 0699

THE NIGHTS are long when you're not here - please come back - I'm sorry Steve! Love always, Anne. 0699

ROSES ARE red, violets are blue, sugar's off your diet, so I'll have to do! Have a great day Honey! With love, Shirley. 0699

WE MET by chance! We love to dance! Please be my partner for life! Two hearts that beat as one! Love you always George. Love Cheryl, XXXO. 0699

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175 • VALENTINES GREETINGS

HAPPY VALENTINE'S Day! Bobbie - You are the blood in my veins - and the beat in my heart - I belong to you! What do you mean who's this from? It's me, "Silly One!" 0699

ROSES ARE red, violets are blue, I LUV reading the Barnacle every Tuesday at two! 0699

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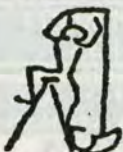
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There were plenty of oysters on the beach, crab and cod fish were easily caught, and we hunted for grouse and deer ashore. Every second day either Maggie or Doug would bake up a fresh batch of bread in the cook stove, which we ate smothered with butter and blackberry jam.

Our neighbours were few: John Helm and Beverly had recently moved into a tiny cabin at the head of the cove with their baby girl, Aura Lee. The next cove over, in an even tinier cabin, lived Howie Brown and his wife Jeannie with their little girl, Becky. Howie was, (and still is), an excellent saxophone player, and on many dark winter nights the old ferry rocked to his jazzy riffs, with John and I trying to keep up on our guitars. We probably sounded terrible, but there was no one else around to complain, save for the wolves who could be heard howling their own mournful tunes in the dark forest.

The nearest settlement with a store and a post office was Whaletown, around the western side of Cortes and about an hour away by tugboat. There were no roads over to our side of the island - at least no roads that hadn't become completely grown over in the half-century or so since the heyday of the logging era. We therefore went everywhere by canoe, rowboat, power skiff, or tugboat, and got to know more of the people living over on Read Island than we ever did on Cortes. Finbar and I used my tug, the Arrow 500, to salvage logs all that winter, and became familiar with every nook and cranny between Cortes and the Yaculta rapids. It was a pretty Spartan enterprise since the Arrow had neither a deckhouse nor bunks down below: she had been built and used all her life to push logs and barges around on the Fraser River. By day we would huddle in the heatless 'wheelhouse', (which lacked a back door and wasn't any bigger than

THE CY PECK Goes Tree Planting

a telephone booth), wearing as many layers of wool as we could get on and still be able to move enough to beachcomb for logs. At night, having anchored or tied up somewhere, we would lie down below on the bare boards on either side of the huge diesel engine. It was usually nice and toasty down there if the engine had been running all day, but towards

hailed out of the water with our log crane, including a 30 ft. ex-gillnetter belonging to Doug. The idea of operating a floating workshop was a good one, but it brought in zero income since it was always our friends who brought in their boats for repair. In trade they brought along plenty of home brew, smoked salmon, venison jerky, and home-grown herbs, but



The Cy Peck heading up Knight Inlet with tree planters aboard.

dawn it became as cold and dark as a Viking's grave. We eventually started remembering to bring sleeping bags, a lantern, and something to eat on such excursions, and thought it totally luxurious at the time. Finbar even became a complete expert at cooking things on the exhaust manifold: he would wrap a rock cod or a snapper we had jigged up in some tin foil, having added a little butter, some chopped onion, and whatever spices he had brought along. He would then place it in exactly the right spot on the manifold so it would be ready at the same time the potatoes were. Washed down with a good slug of dark rum, these were some of the best meals I have ever tasted, although the cold and the hunger just may have played a part in our enjoyment of them.

Back aboard the Cy Peck, Doug Marshall and other friends passed the winter by refurbishing an endless stream of old wooden boats they had

never a nickel in hard currency ever changed hands, at least to my knowledge. Still, from my point of view it was usually handy to have extra crew around when things needed doing, and having Doug's shop tools aboard was essential to the whole project. By the spring of that year, however, everything had changed. Finbar took off to go herring fishing, and the Read Islanders, (their boats now repaired), went home to plant their gardens. Doug and Maggie split up, and poor Doug went off to drown his sorrows somewhere. Maggie remained for awhile, but eventually left with a guy named Elf in an 18 ft. clinker-built loaded with all their mutual possessions. They eventually made it all the way up to Porcher Island, near Prince Rupert, where they raised three children and lived on absolutely nothing for many years. I hope Maggie writes a book about it some day.

So there was I with no crew, no girlfriend, and almost no money, living aboard the Cy Peck and wondering what to do next. The log salvage operation had proven to be just about a break-even affair, what with fuel, crew costs, and the pitiful amount paid to me by Gulf Salvage, the Crown-sponsored rascals that I was legally obliged to sell the logs to. I got a few jobs with the Arrow towing things here and there, but it wasn't really enough to keep going on, and I knew it. Then one day my friend Mara called to say she knew some tree planters who were looking for a barge ride up to the end of Knight Inlet. Would I be interested, she wondered, in towing them and all their equipment up there in the Cy Peck? I said 'sure, no problem', and got in touch with them right away. As it turned out, they had already secured a contract to plant half a million trees up a river valley at the head of Knight, the largest inlet on the B.C. coast, but had no way of getting themselves and their vehicles up there. The commercial towing outfits they had talked to were demanding a fortune for the return trip, especially since the planting was going to take a month or more and the barge would therefore have to make the journey twice. I told them I wouldn't mind waiting around, since I had plenty of work on the Cy Peck to occupy me, and ended up quoting them a figure that was less than half of anything they had heard so far. Overjoyed by the prospect, they finished up the contract they were doing on southern Vancouver Island and made their way up to Cortes by early May. Fortunately for me, herring season was over by now and I was able to get both Sean and Finbar to come along on the adventure and lend a hand. The immediate problem was how to get the half-dozen vehicles aboard the Cy Peck without serious mishap and mayhem occurring. Then one day as I was returning to Whaletown on the car ferry from Heriot Bay, I noticed that all the deckhand did to lower the ramp at the ferry slip was to reach up and grab a button switch that was dangling from a power cord, and presto!- down came the ramp and off rolled the cars. This was going to be easy! We quickly hauled the Cy Peck's anchors up off the bottom of Quartz Bay and towed her around to Whaletown, where we innocently tied her up to the store wharf across the bay from the unsuspecting ferry slip. Our tree planters were due in on the next ferry.

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