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Local man fights battle on two fronts

With a brain tumour and a rejection from Canada immigration, Darrin Craig faces an uncertain future.

by Shelagh Plunkett

It's a short, brutal story. A 38-year-old man with two daughters and a wife has been handed a death sentence by his doctors. Three to five years before the brain tumor he's battling will catch up with him. He's had all the medical treatment possible and now can only wait and hope.

That alone is grim, but the story gets worse.

This man is an American citizen and—now that he's ill—the Canadian government doesn't want him around to drain our medical and social system. They've cut off his access to B.C. Medicare and are leaving him and his family facing the potential loss of their home.

On the surface Darrin Craig's story seems simple. But, beneath the blunt reality are echoes that go back 14 years, reverberating into the present in ways that have now caught Craig in a legal and bureaucratic bind.

Fourteen years ago Darrin Craig jumped a \$500 bail bond in Washington State and fled to Salt Spring where his sister then lived. In Washington he'd been convicted three times for drunk driving and twice for driving with a suspended license. By jumping bail he added to his record a "failure to comply to a court order" note.

But the past has a way of catching up. Three years after coming to the Island, Craig met and married Christine. It was 1989 and Craig was now the father of Carmen, Christine's daughter by a previous relationship. Craig wanted to do the right thing: settle down, become a Canadian citizen and carry on with his life.

"I swore I'd never go back to the U.S.," said Craig. "This is the first place I've ever called home. The Island is where I want to stay."

He applied for Landed Immigrant status but was told he'd have to clear his record in Washington before Canada would accept him. With an outstanding warrant for his arrest that meant returning to Washington and facing the consequences.

"I just wanted to get it over with. I'd changed and wanted to move on."

In a 1990 letter to Immigration, Craig explained that his driving convictions had both taken place during difficult times in his life—when his first marriage was ending and he faced the loss of his son and again, when he'd learned his mother was ill with cancer. His family had a history of alcoholism and,

although he wasn't using that as an excuse, he hoped that by showing his awareness of underlying factors the authorities would look on his present situation differently.

In April of 1990, his wife Christine pregnant with their daughter Devon, Craig returned to Washington State and turned himself in. He paid a \$1500 fine and spent 60 days in jail.

Back in Canada he reapplied for Landed status in 1991 and was rejected. He applied again in 1993

through BC Medicare and allowed him to visit his mother in Washington. The permits had to be obtained annually (once he was issued one for a three year term) at costs ranging up to \$380. Every year he faced the possibility of being rejected and sent back to the U.S.

But, with a formal acknowledgement that he'd been rehabilitated, Craig and his family looked forward to stability.

And, that is where part two of Craig's story takes effect.

About a year ago and while at work, Craig collapsed. He was flown to a hospital off-Island where doctors were unable to determine the cause of his collapse. They thought it might have had something to do with his heart, but the diagnosis was uncertain. Six months later, however, Craig visited his local doctor with vision problems. She ordered a CAT scan and that's when they found that Craig had a brain tumor.

"It's amazing how much stress you find you can live with," said Christine. "When we walked out of that doctor's office I didn't think I could go on. A few days later though, you begin to think, 'Okay, I can handle that.'"

Handling it is taking a huge toll on the family, though. Wanting to be honest and above board, Craig voluntarily told Immigration about his medical condition.

"I just thought it was best to be up front. I didn't want them to find out later and think I'd deliberately lied," said Craig.

On February 2, after a routine medical exam with a doctor appointed by the Immigration office, Craig received a letter bluntly stating that he was being rejected on the grounds that his "medical condition could place excessive demand on Canadian social services."

"They never would have known if I hadn't told them," said Craig ruefully.

His application for a Minister's Permit was also rejected—it would have allowed him to seek coverage under B.C. Medicare. With a basic work permit, Craig can now keep his job with Mouat's Hardware and, ironically, pay his taxes but he can't risk visiting his sick mother because he could be turned back at the U.S./Canada border on return.

"I'm kind of trapped here."

What Craig and his family find so frustrating is that his medical prognosis is such that he's unlikely to place "excessive demand" on our medical system. Last year

(while still able to access B.C. Med) Craig had the maximum treatment recommended in cases like his.

"I've had five and a half weeks of radiation, CAT scans and MRI, I've seen a neurosurgeon and had a brain biopsy. They can't do anything more for me."

Craig explained that his employer—Mouat's Hardware—and its employee insurance carrier have been wonderful. He is currently receiving 60 per cent of his wages under a disability package but plans to be back at work within a month and a half. In the mean time, he is being weaned slowly off steroids used to help him through the radiation treatment.

"I'm hyper and can't sleep because of the drugs and the stress."

His family is also suffering. Nine-year-old Devon won't spend nights away from home and Carmen at 18 is facing graduation combined with the strain of her father's condition.

Christine explains that emotionally Darrin keeps the family together. "It's almost like our roles are reversed. He's the one that goes and talks to the school if there's a problem. He takes time off to go on field trips and bakes stuff for bake sales." She adds, "It's not right that somebody out there can make a decision that effects all our lives just by looking at a piece of paper."

It takes two incomes to keep the family going, however, and sitting in the dining room of the house they built, Christine and Darrin face an uncertain future.

"I don't want to be punished with poverty now after all these years," said Darrin. "This house is all we have."

With limited options, the Craigs are starting an appeal through Christine as Darrin's sponsor. But, it will be a year to a year-and-a-half, said Darrin, before they even get to place their case before a board.

"We don't need the added stress right now. I don't want to have to spend the next few years fighting the government. I just want to be able to enjoy my family."



The Craig family from left, Christine, Devon (9), Carmen (18) and Darrin at home.



Still hopeful, Darrin Craig looks to the future for answers.

and then 1997 and was rejected both times. In 1998 he applied again and was told he could seek a "letter of rehabilitation." In December of 1999 the long-awaited letter of rehabilitation arrived. Darrin was given the go-ahead to proceed with an application for Landed status.

During all those years, Craig had been working legally in Canada under both work permits (which allows work but restricts border crossings and prohibits a number of things like medical care and retraining) and Minister's Permits which enabled him to gain medical care

SIMS: Green at heart

With Spring upon us what better time to begin thinking about a garden refuge. That's exactly what SIMS is doing—planning a green garden space at the heart of the school.

"It will be a legacy for every child on this Island," said Nairn Howe. "All the Island children go through SIMS eventually, so they'll all benefit."

The "Millennium Garden Project" will turn the mound of dirt and rock in the middle school's central courtyard into an oasis where students and teachers can rest, projects can be carried out and nature contemplated. Howe said the planned garden will include a weather station, compost project, bird houses and water garden as well as growing space for class projects.

She said that the teachers have pushed for the green space as a place where students and staff can gain relief from daily stress. To date, two teachers and two parents are working on the project with the help of Lorraine Hamilton, who is designing the garden.

"We got 140 design ideas from students at the school," said Howe. Hamilton is incorporating many of their ideas into her design which will build on existing rock in the courtyard.

The school hopes to gain funding for the project from BC Hydro and the Greening the Schools Project fund but are also asking parents and community members to contribute.

"If we got \$10 from the parents of every child at the school we'd have enough. Any donation would be wonderful though," she said, adding that the project also seeks donations of topsoil.

Howe hopes planting can begin on or around Earth Day (April 22) but work will have to start earlier. Parents of SIMS students are asked to watch for notices. Donations to the SIMS Garden Project can be dropped off at the SIMS office.



Peggy Abrahams photo

Owners smile as old house burns down... The fire department burned down a Roland Road house Saturday as a fire fighting training session. Salt Spring Fire Chief Dave Enfield said the fire was started at about 10 a.m. "We let it get going and then put a crew inside to try to put the fire out. It's a learning experience for the guys to feel the heat and hear the noise. We have a back-up crew in place in case anything goes wrong." Most years, the fire department gets two or three houses aimed for demolition to use for practice. Owners Sally John and Jean Brouard plan to build a new house in place of the former building, which was in poor condition.

Full spectrum of women honoured

International Women's Day, March 9: the countdown is on

International Women's Day is fast approaching and the SVOVA committee is busy sorting the piles of nominations for women who make our community strong. One writer described this as an opportunity to celebrate "an unsung heroine" who contributes without pay and often little thanks; the volunteer who often remains faceless and nameless, but without whom many activities and events we take for granted would not be there.

The names of the 20 women who received the most nominations are a guarded secret until they are publicly honoured at the Rhiannon concert on March 9. We can reveal that in total, 96 different women were nominated.

Stretching across all ages, a grade 12 young woman was described as a great person to be around who contributes to fundraising, school sports and the organ-

izing of grad events. At the other end of the age spectrum, an 87-year-old woman was praised for her hospital volunteer work and for driving other seniors to activities and appointments.

In the health area, all four women physicians received individual nominations as did nurses, hospital staff, thrift shop workers, a midwife, a massage therapist and counsellors. School principals, current and former board members and teachers, were nominated by parents and students. Mothers giving time to school advisory councils were named as were mothers for their parenting. Other women were put forward for their work with youth through the Core Inn, Girl Guides, Community Justice, Planned Parenthood or with special needs children.

Women who work for social justice, peace, violence prevention or services for abused women and their

children, received special appreciation. Environmental activists were singled out for their dedication to saving habitat, protecting the wild creatures of land, sea, and air, and for educating the rest of us in ways to preserve our planet.

Women who encourage our spiritual growth were also appreciated.

Those who focus on Salt Spring's rich history and those whose efforts are for our future were praised.

Support for individual seniors as well as for their activities and facilities drew nominations. Some individuals drew appreciation for being a good friend and one woman was named for generating self-worth in those around her.

Many women in the arts community—music, theatre, dance, crafts—both the creative individuals and those who make events happen, were nominated.

And finally, there were

also group nominations for the Raging Grannies, all the women ferry workers, and the library volunteers.

The spectrum of efforts and activities was overwhelming. We are truly blessed to have all this energy making Salt Spring the wonderful place it is. A scroll listing the names of all 96 women will hang in ArtSpring for the gala concert on Thursday, March 9.

Rhiannon and the House Afire Tour group will kick off their Canadian tour here on Salt Spring, before their Victoria and Vancouver engagements. For those who love to sing, Rhiannon should not be missed. Her master singing workshops are renowned throughout North America, including Hollyhock Farm. Tickets are still available at Acoustic Planet and ArtSpring Box Office. For more information, contact Lynda Laushway, 537-1336 or 537-4471.

Old stuff for new beginnings

Antique Road Show comes to town

by Bev Stewart

The Canadian Federation of University Women, Salt Spring Island Club, is sponsoring an antique road show on Saturday, March 25. The proceeds of the event will go towards a scholarship awarded annually by the club to a Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate.

Al Bowen, curator and antique appraiser, has been hired to run the event. He conducts antique road shows and antique clinics in communities around the province. Salt Spring Islanders are invited to bring a "carriable" antique or two to the road show to have it described and appraised by this

expert. Items of furniture too large to carry are not welcome.

The event will take place at the Lions Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. For those who'd like to watch only, \$5 tickets will be sold at the door.

For those wishing to bring antiques for description and appraisal, tickets will be on sale March 9, 10, and 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon only in Mouats Mall between Pegasus Gallery and Volume Two Bookstore. Tickets for an appraisal of 1 item will be \$10.00; for 2 items the price will be \$15.00. Just one ticket per person please.

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Thinking of Farida on IWD



*In the catbird seat ...
with Shelagh Plunkett*

March 8 is International Women's Day and here on the Island SWOVA has organized a series of events to honour local women. Almost 100 women from all age groups, all areas of work, all kinds of financial backgrounds have been nominated for recognition for the contributions they make to our community. The 20 who received the most nominations will be acknowledged on Friday night at a gala event.

I think that's wonderful. It's terrific that SWOVA has organized this and that those women—most of whom quietly go about their business without any recognition—are going to get a little limelight.

It's the kind of thing we do in North America which is where International Women's Day originates.

But International Women's Day is not supposed to take place just in North America and I wonder about women in countries where the concept of volunteerism is as alien as the concept of equal rights. What about the women who are killed "for honour" in countries like Saudi Arabia. The women who, a few years ago in Afghanistan, were doctors but who are now starving to death because they are not allowed to work for a living. And what about the 200,000 Bangladeshi women and girls who are sold every year to brothels or households in India and countries of the Middle East?

How will they spend International Women's Day?

Three years ago I was in Bangladesh working with women who had been trafficked out of that country but who had found their way back to their homeland. For International Women's Day I'll tell you the story of one. It's a pretty common tale for women in that part of the world, the only unusual aspect is that Farida was able to tell it. She was one of the lucky ones and so, by comparison, her story is a happy one. It's one of hundreds of stories I think it important to remember as we head into a new millennium and as we celebrate the women in our lives.

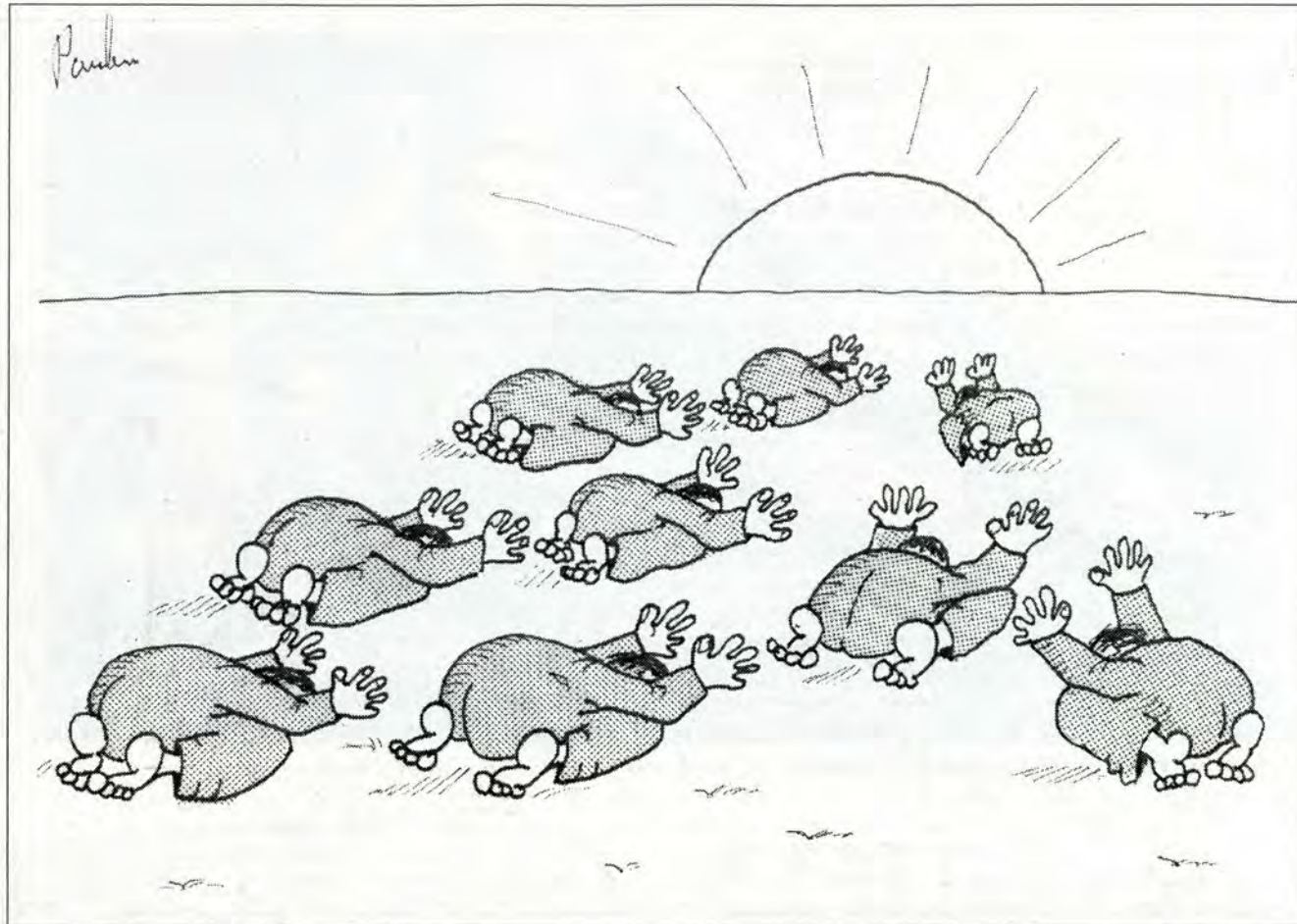
I met Farida at a wedding. She stood beside me and watched with a passive, blank expression as the Muslim ceremony between her young friend and a much older man took place. Afterward, she turned to me and said very quietly and passionately, "I will never live with a man. I hate them."

Farida was fifteen. She lived in Dhaka, a city of 12 million in the heart of Muslim Bangladesh. Her home was the country's only shelter for women and children who had been trafficked out of Bangladesh and subsequently repatriated. She spent her days serving tea to the members of the Bangladesh National Women Lawyer's Association (BNWLA), cooking staff lunches, cleaning the building and looking out through barred windows onto a city sinking in poverty. At night she and the other young women sheltered at the BNWLA facility were locked in.

In 1992, at the age of 10, Farida was trafficked to India by a man who told her parents a job as a domestic worker awaited her in Delhi. Once in Delhi though, her trafficker, his two accomplices and five police officers confined her for a month during which they raped her repeatedly. A journalist heard of her situation, rescued her and took her to Delhi's Tihar jail where she was kept in safe custody. The BNWLA were contacted and began the political and legal process of repatriation. Four years later Farida was brought to the shelter in Dhaka.

Farida still lives in the BNWLA shelter along with about 18 other women and children (some as young as five). Her father refuses to see her or allow her to return to her home—she has dishonoured the family and what happened to her could taint all the women she is related to.

Today thousands of women around the world are being bought and sold. On International Women's Day I hope the world remembers them along with those we honour for contributing to our local community.



CRD on the web

Readers in the Gulf Islands will be pleased to know that they now may send their comments to the CRD department of their choice. If their request is of a general nature, it will be forwarded to the appropriate CRD staff member.

Further, the minutes, agendas, bylaws, news releases and reports have been moved into a CRD Information Pages file which will dramatically improve the speed with which they are available to the people (of Salt Spring). This massive understatement will no doubt relieve our present CRD Director who, so far, has declined to run a regular CRD news column in our local papers, or, for that matter, to keep us fully informed on CRD matters.

However, one question is if the new website frees her from the responsibility of making herself available at her downtown office or readily on her home phone. We do not all have computers or the time to press buttons endlessly on our phone.

Some of the above information was taken from an article in the Island Tides, which also furnished a list of more commonly used email addresses. These may be quickly obtained from that paper, but one hopes that the

Salt Spring Director will have them published herself in the Driftwood and the Barnacle under her name and take the opportunity to renew her election promises to us. Working with her through the web is still not a very satisfactory arrangement but it is more efficient than trying to find out by osmosis where our director is or what is happening in Victoria.

DAVID MASSY

A bevy of boxes?

I was talking to someone the other day about Salt Spring Postal Codes and how they relate, for the most part, to mailboxes at the end of the road.

We have a "litter of pups", a "herd of sheep", a "pod of whales"...how should one correctly refer to those metal boxes?

TERRY RIDINGS

Bookstores in crisis

Dear Gary Lunn, MP,
I have operated a bookstore on Salt Spring Island for the last six years and it is with the deepest sadness and fear for my economic future that I have to close at the end of March.

Despite working well over 100 hours a week, providing flexibility and big discounts for every customer, going lit-

erally to the ends of the earth to find hard-to-get books and ensuring the most rapid delivery of orders I simply cannot compete with Chapters, Chapters online and most of all, Amazon.

The mail order/Internet based companies are completely cutthroat in their methods, conveniently forgetting to tell people about the shipping charges. They help customers avoid GST (which becomes a voluntary user tax that nobody pays). They give the impression that there are huge discounts on every book when in reality it is only a small number of heavily marketed books that are discounted.

Chapters has the clout of huge volume buying and its own wholesale operation—Pegasus. How could a small independent bookstore like mine possibly compete? Even on the Gulf Islands, where people have very little disposable income, there has been a huge shift of my customers away from the traditional friendly community-oriented bookstore to these three giants.

All across Canada the same thing is happening with a rapidity that has never been seen before in other retail sectors. A parliamentary committee is currently studying the problem and I would certainly ask that you pass this letter to the com-

mittee immediately. I would like to discuss this with you to find out what could be done and whether I can salvage my bookstore.

PETER VALBONESI

Where's the box?

I recently had a birthday party for some school aged children. Unfortunately when one of the parents came to collect their child, they got stuck in the ditch turning into my driveway off the Fulford Ganges Road. The

see Box p5



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truck blocked other parents from retrieving their children. One parent had to go all the way to the Fulford Inn in order to call me and let me know there was an accident at the foot of my driveway—I live near Blackburn Lake. (Way to go gas retailers!)

Why are there no public safety telephones between Fulford and Ganges? Is one supposed to impose on strangers in their homes if they need a phone in an emergency? I know there are a lot of car accidents along the Fulford Ganges Road and for people without those dreaded cell phones (that sometimes work if there's no mountain in the way...) an emergency phone would be a great convenience when sudden problems arise.

I'd like to thank all those

parents and passersby for their offers of help and their patience. And, let's ask Telus for an emergency phone box!

C. TATNALL

Talented turnout

Congratulations to the parents, teachers, friends and students of the middle school who put on an unbelievable performance. The evening was a fundraiser for the SIMS Band Programme and what a way to do it. For the parents it was a lot of fun and for the audience it was inspirational. Who would believe a school to have so many talented parents, teachers and students. It was a wonderfully entertaining evening for a good cause. Keep supporting our children, they need community support. This will be an annual event, so if you

missed this year, don't miss next. Well done!

INA CURRAN

New values needed

The current conflict over Texada Lands emphasizes the need for a different set of values.

There are inherent values that should be recognized—the value of clean air, fresh water and a vibrant ecology are values that do not and should not accrue to the individual land title holder but are societal values that belong to all of us. While usually noticed in their absence they are truly enormous. Consider what it would cost if our island were nothing but a bare rock and water, topsoil, trees, flowers and wild life had to be

see Values p5



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407	1640	1710-1725	Sun only	408	1710	1740-1755	Sun only

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805	1630	1655-1730	Daily	806	1700	1730-1800	Daily
8015	0900	0925-0955	Sat-Sun	8025	0930	1000-1030	Sat-Sun

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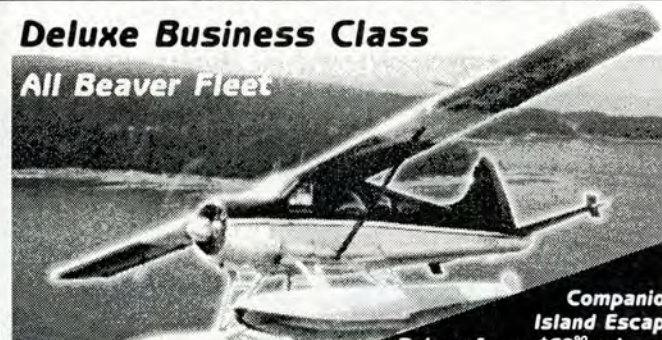
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remove carbon-dioxide from
the air and release oxygen, a
process without which life as
we know it could not exist. It
is not as well realized that
trees act as an anchor upon
which a whole ecosystem is

based ranging from a myriad
of micro-organisms through
plants, insects, birds and ani-
mals — a process that makes
this island attractive to resi-
dent and visitor alike.

If there were a more for-
mal recognition of these
inherent societal values per-
haps we might hear less of
the commonly expressed
view—"I own this land, I pay
taxes on it, I can do anything
I like with it"—and more of

an attitude that says, "I own
this land, I pay taxes on it, I
can do anything I like with it
that is specifically permitted
that I do, and nothing else!"

Then too, if someone had
merchantable timber on his
land and wished to log it, the
answer might be, "By all
means, provided that you
replace it with vegetation
that gives equal or better val-
ues in carbon retention, oxy-
gen emission, water reten-

tion and the fostering of a
varied and vibrant ecosys-
tem." Or better yet remove
the trees in the sensitive and
responsible fashion that is
already practiced here on
Salt Spring and elsewhere.

Unfortunately, that is likely
to come only when there is a
more formal recognition of
inherent values—values that
belong to all of us.

ART MORTON

COMMENTARY

Angered and outraged

This is a letter about my friend, Darrin Craig.
You know Darrin, he's the big guy who works in Mouat's
Hardware, with the ham fists and a gravel voice and a
shaved head.

Darrin was born in Bellingham, Washington State, 38
years ago and has been visiting Salt Spring since 1984.
During that time Darrin met Christine and her daughter
Carmen, and Christine and Darrin were married in 1989.
Since then Darrin has worked legally in Canada under a
Ministerial Permit, much of that time for me as a carpen-
ter. Why a Ministerial Permit all that time, you may ask?

Well, Darrin applied for Landed Immigrant status in
1989 and, being the honest person I know him to be, he
told Immigration of an outstanding warrant for impaired
driving in Washington state. He was told to go take care of
that then reapply. This he did, presenting himself to the
appropriate authorities.

Darrin was given 365 days and 365 days to be served con-
currently. He served 20 days hard time and 20 days as a
trustee and was released with a non-conditional discharge
in 60 days and was back on Salt Spring in time to be with
Christine for the birth of their daughter Devon.

Now all Darrin had to do was prove that he was a good citi-
zen for seven to nine years and then, maybe, Land Immigrant
status. Hence the work permits. Now this was going to be a
hard row to hoe for Darrin as he is a recovering alcoholic—it
runs in the family. I recognized this when he worked for me
seven or eight years ago and I helped him seek counseling. He
still attends AA meetings to this day and he is dry.

So, in December 1999, he received a letter of approval
from Ottawa that his time of "rehabilitation" was over; it
looked like the green light was on. Wrong! You see, Darrin
has a brain tumor and has been undergoing radiation ther-
apy...hence the shaved head. The prognosis does not look

good, but being the indomitable person he is, he's deter-
mined to beat it.

So off to Immigration he goes to try and get his Landed
Immigrant status. In the interview Darrin told them of his
medical condition. Bad news! He was told to go see one of their
doctors, which of course he did. A short time later a letter from
Ottawa informed him he would be a burden on our social sys-
tem and that his application was denied. Moreover, his
Ministerial Permits have been cancelled. He could, however,
remain in Canada but could no longer work. And, as of March
1, 2000 he has no medical coverage. Am I missing something?

I have talked about some of Darrin's bumps and warts. Here
are some of the ways he has contributed to our community:

- Coast Guard Auxiliary for two and one-half years. He
crews on a fast response boat.
- President of the SSI Minor Baseball League
- Coaches girls' minor baseball
- Two years with the 4-H club
- More than 10 years with the Farmers' Institute in vari-
ous capacities.

It is enough that this man must carry his personal burden,
but now he must fight for his very existence in Canada to
be with his wife and children.

I am personally angered and outraged that my friend must
carry this new burden when it seems to me that Landed sta-
tus is being handed out like Pokemon cards. What does one
have to do—promise not to get sick while residing in
Canada? Darrin and Christine have both paid taxes over the
years and their children will also pay in the future.

The cost of a legal battle is considerable and I for one am
willing to contribute. Is there anyone else out there? If so,
please call me at home (653-9333).

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Cats of the Week



My name is Christal. I have
long, fluffy black fur and I'm
about one year old. There is also
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The adoption fee of \$60 for a male and \$70 for a female covers
the cost of spaying or neutering and a vaccination.

Town Hall: Texada campaign raises \$200,000 to date

by Peggy Abrahams

About 200 Island residents, representing a geographic and demographic cross-section of the Island, participated in a Town Hall to discuss community plans for the Texada lands, last Thursday at GISS. A series of updates on fundraising, lobbying, and other community-driven activities aimed at protecting or acquiring land owned by Texada Land Corp. was presented.

Conservancy donates \$10,000

Maureen Bendick of the Salt Spring Conservancy announced that since the campaign to preserve Ford Lake has been successfully concluded, the SSCS is turning its attention to the Texada lands. "Tonight I'd like to announce we are pledging \$10,000 towards the Texada campaign," said Bendick.

In a follow-up interview, Gary Holman, chair of the South & West Conservation Partnership, explained that until recently, the Conservancy had expected they would need to commit funds toward the Ford Lake property. Other parties, including the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program (PECP), recently took care of the funding, freeing up SSCS's land acquisition fund.

Elizabeth White, coordinator of the fundraising campaign, announced that pledges and donations to date, including the \$10,000 from the Conservancy, now bring the land acquisition fund to \$200,000. The May Day campaign goal is \$500,000.

White said that 200 donors have given money or pledges so far, and that some people have donated stocks. At the end of the meeting, almost \$500 was collected in a hat passed around.

Overview of land parcels

Holman gave an overview of strategies the community is considering for protecting specific Texada land parcels by acquisition or covenant. He outlined two components of the plan: first, to stop destructive logging, and second, to preserve green-

space. North Salt Spring Waterworks, the CRD and The Land Conservancy of B.C. are all involved in the land negotiations.

According to Holman, a 50-acre parcel on the Lake Maxwell watershed, is zoned as a development permit area (DPA) in the official community plan (OCP). "Even though this is ALR land, the DPA applies, [requiring] a 1000-foot area no-logging buffer," said Holman. North Salt Spring Waterworks is having the area appraised Holman said, but because it was just learned that the DPA strongly precludes logging in this area, it is questionable if this parcel is a first priority for acquisition.

The Georgia Bay Eco-system Initiative has supported protection of the North Shore of the Burgoyne Bay. Depending on the availability of funds, said Holman, "We have to decide if we're going to buy the land or fall back on conservation covenants."

Finally, he identified parcels of interest to the CRD for protected parks. "It's one thing to have a vision, but I think the community needs to feel we can achieve something. Parkland at least is something that could come out of this debacle," Holman said.

He explained that any funds donated by the community would be matched by public funding. "You can multiply the amount of dollars by three. This vision is achievable," he concluded.

Assessment Appeals

Stan Donnelly suggested that property owners appeal their property tax assessments. He suggested that property values would drop as a result of the diminished scenic and environmental values on the Island because of clear-cutting. "I wonder if the threat of losing revenue—not just next year, but for the next 40 years until the landscape returns—I wonder if they (the provincial government) would listen?" he said.

Ramesh Meyers volunteered to start a database collecting the names of people interested in appealing their tax assess-

ments, giving his email address as creating@saltspring.com.

Manulife postcard campaign

Audrey Wild read a letter that she had received from Manulife Financial Corporation, the company that provided \$16 million in financing to Texada. After Wild wrote the company, pointing out its responsibility for the clear-cutting on Salt Spring, the company wrote back denying any responsibility and urging residents to "make their viewpoints known to the company directly, and specifically to Robert MacDonald, President of Texada."

Murray Reiss distributed postcards showing a clear-cut, addressed to Richard Coles of Manulife Financial Corporation. He suggested

that community members send the postcards to Manulife, challenging the company to live up to their own ideal as corporate good citizens. "I think it's time they started hearing from one tenth of our Island. That's why I printed up 1,000 postcards. I think [Coles] bears some responsibility for this," Reiss commented.

The audience was also alerted that Manulife is sponsoring a writers festival in Victoria this May, featuring prominent Canadian writers. It was suggested that this forum may provide an opportunity to confront Manulife.

Blockade group

Members of the Affinity Blockade group, who have been camping on a piece of Crown Land near Texada's Musgrave Road logging operation, invited community members to visit the camp.

Farewell KIS



Clients and friends stopped by for a final farewell to the staff at KIS Office Services before they closed the doors to their Creekside location on McPhillips Avenue last Wednesday. Among the many well wishers was John Wilcox who said, "I was Dianne's first customer and I'm going to be her last!" After 17 years of operating a Ganges location, KIS Office Services and Dianne Fidler will continue to offer word processing services from her new home office. Dianne can be reached by calling 653-2002.

SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF COUNTER PETITION

The Saltspring Fire Protection District proposes to purchase a new fire fighting vehicle. This vehicle will service the entire Fire Protection district. The cost of this new vehicle will be \$280,000, paid over a period of 15 years and will replace a twenty year old fire fighting vehicle.

Those opposed to the purchase of this vehicle may sign or pick up a counter petition at the Ganges Fire Hall. Deadline for signing and submitting the counter petition is **5:00 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2000.**

For the counter petition to be sufficient, 5% of the electorate of the district must sign.

At present there would be approximately \$3.00 per household per year levied for 15 years. Currently there are two other vehicles being levied, one of which is paid off July 1, 2001 and the second December 31, 2001. When these vehicles are paid for this levy will be reduced.

Temporary Schedule Change

Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay

Beginning **Friday, March 10, and until further notice**, the *Bowen Queen* will provide 10 round-trips a day (except Wednesdays and Sundays) on the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route.

The following schedule will be in effect:

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#12:30 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
2:15 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
5:15 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:45 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
8:15 p.m.	9:05 p.m.

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Daily, except Wednesdays

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That's why we're working hard to raise enough money to buy as much land as we can, and protect the rest through covenants and stewardship agreements with private buyers. That's why we've entered into cost-sharing partnerships with regional, provincial, and federal agencies.

And that's why we're asking for your help.

PARKLAND

Tourism is already the the back-bone of Salt Spring's economy. Many islanders depend on it for most, if not all, of their income. The Texada lands abound with wildlife and unspoiled beauty. They are a natural magnet for eco-tourists, the fastest growing segment of the tourist industry.

Most of Canada's largest Garry oak woodland meadow lies within those 5,000 acres. So does the largest contiguous

Douglas-fir forest left in the southern Gulf Islands. The land is home to river otters and mink, long-toed salamanders and red-legged frogs, peregrine falcons and great horned owls, phantom orchids and the rare dusky wing butterfly. Porpoise and orca swim in the bay.

As protected parkland, these unique ecosystems will attract new visitors to Salt Spring from all over the world.

COMMUNITY FORESTS

Several parcels are just right for a sustainable community forest where logs would be only one of many possible products.

Cascara and yerba buena for herbal medicines and teas; resins for perfumes and soap; mushrooms and berries for the natural food market; willows for crafts — these are just a few of the products a responsibly managed forest can provide.

The logs that are harvested will stay on the island, provid-

ing jobs in value-added activities like specialized milling and the manufacture of finished products. Fast-maturing alder, ignored by industrial logging, could serve a thriving island furniture-making guild while slower growing trees are allowed to reach their full potential.

Managed sustainably, these forests will still be providing island jobs a hundred years from now.

ORGANIC FARMS

Lee's Hill and the Burgoyne Valley are perfect for small organic farms and orchards. Working with a community land trust, farmers can have secure, affordable, long-term leases, and the farm land will be protected for future generations.

Salt Spring is already linked with a healthy, rural lifestyle. Farm fresh organic food from Salt Spring Island has an instant year-round market, on and off-island.

And just like the community forest, the land trust farms will support a multitude of value-added enterprises. Dried fruits and fruit leathers, tinctures and teas, packaged soups and mixes, organic sauces and salsas are just a few examples. Demonstration gardens would add to the island's tourist attractions; as an added bonus, we would preserve our rural views and open vistas.

That's our vision for the Texada lands. Groups like the Land Conservancy of BC, CRD Parks, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, and the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society are already pitching in. We CAN acquire the land.

But we need your help.

To volunteer your skills or make a donation to invest in Salt Spring's future, visit our new fundraising and information centre, above Barb's Buns & the Mobile Market. We're open Tuesdays to Saturday, from 9 to 5. Call us at 538-0337 and visit our website, at www.savesaltspring.com.

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Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black

Canada isn't the only country that's being homogenized these days. There are 14 nations in Europe that are undergoing the same process, melding themselves into one oleaginous mass called the European Union.

Depending on your point of view, it's an idea whose time has come, or a juggernaut that can't be stopped.

Consider the might the European Union has displayed already. It has forced Germany to give up its beloved deutchmark. It has made the English produce a sausage that is actually edible.

Hell, it's convinced the fractious French to sign a binding agreement with non-French nations—that in itself is a miracle.

The European Union is a powerhouse, all right. It has transformed the face of Europe as we know it. It seems unstoppable—but by God, when they take on the Spanish siesta, they go too far. Spaniards have been treating themselves to long sensual mid-day breaks for centuries. Which doesn't exactly jibe with their new Euro partners—those hard-working Belgians, Swedes and Austrians who get by with a half hour for lunch and a couple of short coffee breaks.

Well, I know which tradition is barbaric—and it's not the Spanish one.

The siesta is, in my humble opinion, the greatest gift the Spanish have given the world. Each working day in Spain, at precisely two p.m., work stops. Banks close, gas stations shut off the pumps, bricklayers drop their trowels, painters put down their brushes, office workers turn off their computers and matadors hang up their capes.

It's siesta time, and no work will be done until 5 p.m.

Do Spaniards simply sleep the siesta away? Some do—but more often they go to their homes, have a leisurely lunch, play with the children, read a book, drink some vino, make love to their spouses — in a word, they live.

And the European Union nabobs would like to change all that. They want to deep-six the siesta. Why? Because it's inefficient,

of course. All those people at home enjoying themselves when they could be hard at work? Sacrilegious. What the enemies of the siesta don't acknowledge is the fact that Spaniards work as many hours as any other Europeans do. They come back to work at 5 p.m. and stay on the job until 8:30 in the evening. They still put in an eight-hour workday. They just do it in two manageable chunks rather than one backbreaking stretch.

Sad to say, the anti-siesta-ites are gaining ground. There was a time when most of Latin America observed the daily siesta, but no more. In Rio de Janeiro, Bogota and Buenos Aires the normal work day runs from 9 to 5, five days a week.

And last spring, Mexican president Ernesto Zedillo flat-out cancelled the siesta, by passing a law that requires all Mexican government officials to be at their desks from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The irony is, the siesta is in danger at a time when North American business gurus are extolling the virtues of Power Naps, meditation and a whole host of mid-day breaks from the workplace.

So is it doomed? I doubt it. Efficiency experts have been trying to outlaw the Spanish siesta for ages—Ernest Hemingway wrote about anti-siesta campaigns seventy years ago. It didn't work then and I doubt it will work now. It's a brave soul who gets between a Spaniard and his siesta—as construction contractors working on new buildings in the town of Plasencia learned last year. The citizens were so concerned about construction noise interfering with their siesta that the mayor of Plasencia actually issued a decree calling for silence between 3 and 5 p.m.

Well, he's got my vote. And I fervently hope that the siesta survives.

The world has enough baggy-eyed, junk food gobbling, horn-honking, ulcer-cultivating nine-to-five working stiffs. We need to be reminded that work is just a part of life—not the whole enchilada.

Viva la siesta!

I'm not sure exactly what the word siesta means, but I like to think it translates as "What's your hurry?"

SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD

March 28, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.

Fire Hall #1, 105 Lower Ganges Road

ELECTION OF THREE TRUSTEES (for 3 years)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday, March 28, 2000. Three trustees are to be elected for a term of three years each. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the Ganges Firehall, 105 Lower Ganges Road at or before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2000.

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East meets west

Coastal Women concert

By Peggy Abrahams

A Salt Spring audience will hear a rare East Coast voice when Newfoundland musician Liz Pickard teams up with Salt Spring's Susan Cogan for an evening of song Saturday, March 11 at the Lions Club Hall. Billed the *Newfoundland-Saltspring Connection*, the *Coastal Women concert* will feature Cogan's folk and jazz music along with Pickard's alternative sound.

A singer, writer and actor, Pickard currently works with two bands, *Lizband* and *Live Girlz*, an all female St. John's alternative rock band. Both bands have performed at the East Coast Music Awards (ECMA), *Lizband* for six years. Two CDs by *Lizband* were nominated by the ECMA for best alternative artist. Away from the alternative scene, Pickard has performed with Ron Hynes, and has been featured on CBC radio and television productions.

According to Salt Spring resident and concert producer Lou Ellis, also a Newfoundland native, Pickard is a great example of the vibrant East Coast talent rarely heard locally. "I'm thrilled to be able to introduce one of the voices that I've missed for four years on Salt Spring. This is one of those voices that needs to be heard. It's about time the West Coast

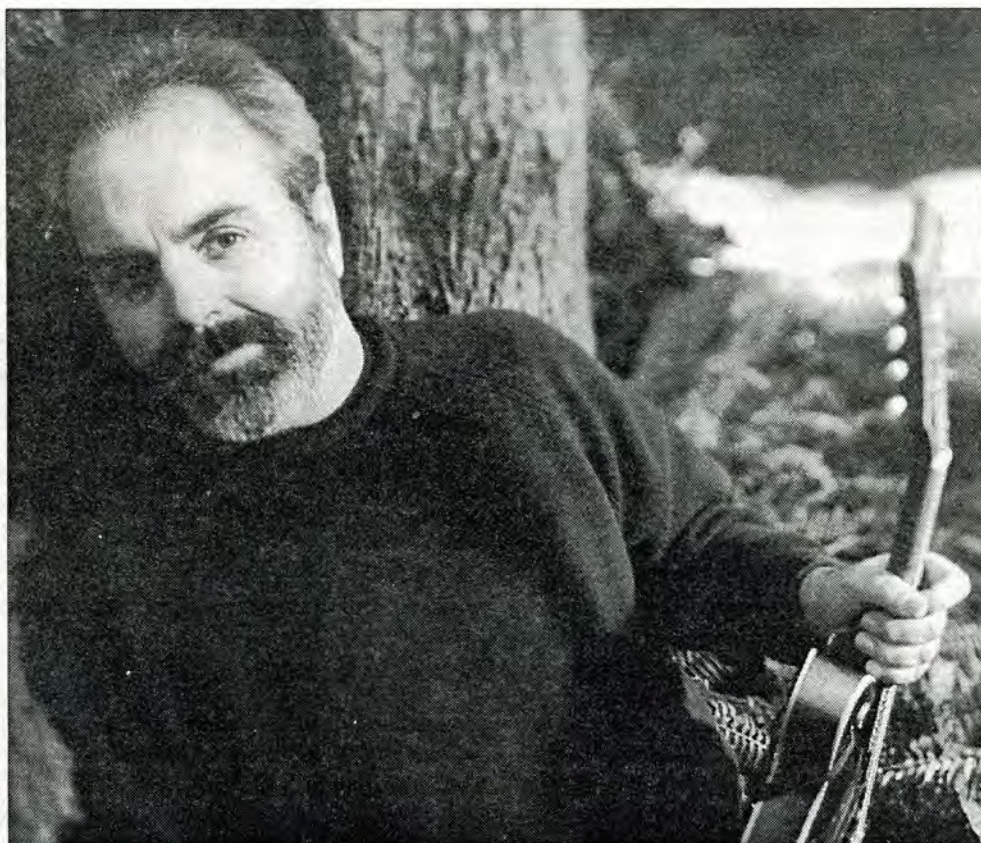
knew something about the East Coast other than traditional celtic music," Ellis said.

While people may be most familiar with east coast artists like Ashley McIsaac, Figgy Duff and Great Big Sea, Ellis pointed out that there are many other incredible East Coast musicians we don't get to hear in the west.

Ellis arranged the concert when she found out Pickard was coming to B.C. She approached Cogan, who recently visited Newfoundland, because she wanted to arrange for Pickard to play along with someone who had a Newfoundland connection.

"Susan spent time in Newfoundland last year and fell in love with it," Ellis explained. Ellis and Cogan worked together to arrange the concert.

Pickard will play mostly original work on acoustic guitar, as well as some Ron and Connie Hynes songs. It's expected that Pickard will lead off the concert followed by Cogan, but they may do a circle featuring both performers on stage at the same time. "We're hoping it'll be like a kitchen party. A couple of other people might turn up and do a song," Ellis added. Tickets are available for \$10 at Acoustic Planet or at the door. For more information, call 537-5075.



John Reischman.

John Reischman & The Jaybirds

Innovative bluegrass group not to be missed

Mandolin master John Reischman has put together a top-drawer cast of acoustic musicians for his latest exciting foray into the world of bluegrass music. *The Jaybirds* were assembled in the summer of '99 to perform material from Reischman's new CD *Up in the Woods* and includes Nick Hornbuckle on 5-string banjo, Greg Spatz on fiddle, Rich Jones on guitar and lead vocals, and Trisha Gagnon on acoustic bass and lead vocals.

Paying homage to Bill Monroe, the Stanley

Brothers, Flatt and Scruggs and other bluegrass legends, *the Jaybirds* draw material from a wide range of sources with a prime focus on John's sparkling and innovative originals. The combination of traditionally based material and John's more progressive instrumental compositions—sometimes bluesy, sometimes hard-edged, sometimes haunting—is powerful, dynamic and fresh.

John Reischman and *The Jaybirds* are a band whose style is new and old at

once—a band that can make an old song sound new, or make the newest song or tune sound like a forgotten gem from years ago. Taken together, their blend of instrumental virtuosity, inspiring material and soaring vocals generate an exhilarating live stage performance not to be missed.

Warm up—pick-up band Charley & Lisa Erck, Jordy Sharp, John Law and Carol Wright.

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Spring has sprung and eros abounds

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Her Big Chance by Alan Bennett begins the Eros month, with an intimate evening with Leslie, played by Susheela. Getting to know her happens after the show; Mahon Hall at 8 p.m. on the 9th, 10th, & 11th are the incidentals, with limited tickets at et cetera for \$10.

Then, you have a full two weeks to go as wild as you dare while dreaming up what you'll wear to the Eros Ball. A Masqued or Costumed dance will ensue on the 25th at Mahon Hall at 8 p.m. with performance

pieces, participation and passion plays into the night. And, lots of dancing. Pre-sold tickets only, available at et cetera; \$15 or come together for \$25.

Playback Theatre will give their interpretation of your secret scenes and add Salt Spring sexual power plays involving trees for a truly contemporary and pertinent look at Eros. United Church, March 31, 7:30 p.m.

SS Hysterical Society will finish the month off and put a little slippery residue into the sexy & silly rites of *April Fools*. Their erotic dates play March 31, April 1 and 2 at ArtSpring.

Spring has sprung with proof a-growing Locations hung Our senses knowing Eros month has come.

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Reviving the story

Mort Ransen talks about his upcoming NFB documentary on the Texada Lands issue.

by Amei Parkes

Three p.m. A circle of protesters join hands. Sally Sunshine has just been freed from the chains that bound her to a logging truck for more than five hours. The protesters are tired, but somehow exhilarated. The echo of a meditative "om" travels from person to person like a Gregorian chant. In the center of the circle, filmmaker Mort Ransen, scans the wax and wane of tones with his video camera.

Ransen is now on call seven days a week to document the clash between developers of the Texada lands and residents. This makes him a busy man, with little time for sleep or a regular meal. To keep track of all the action, he frequently consults his computer day-timer for his busy schedule of protests, rallies and town meetings. The ensuing one hour, made-for-TV documentary, will capture the hundreds of hours of discussion and action, leading up to some kind

of resolution.

"Making a documentary is like riding a wild horse," he said. "You don't have a clue where you are going."

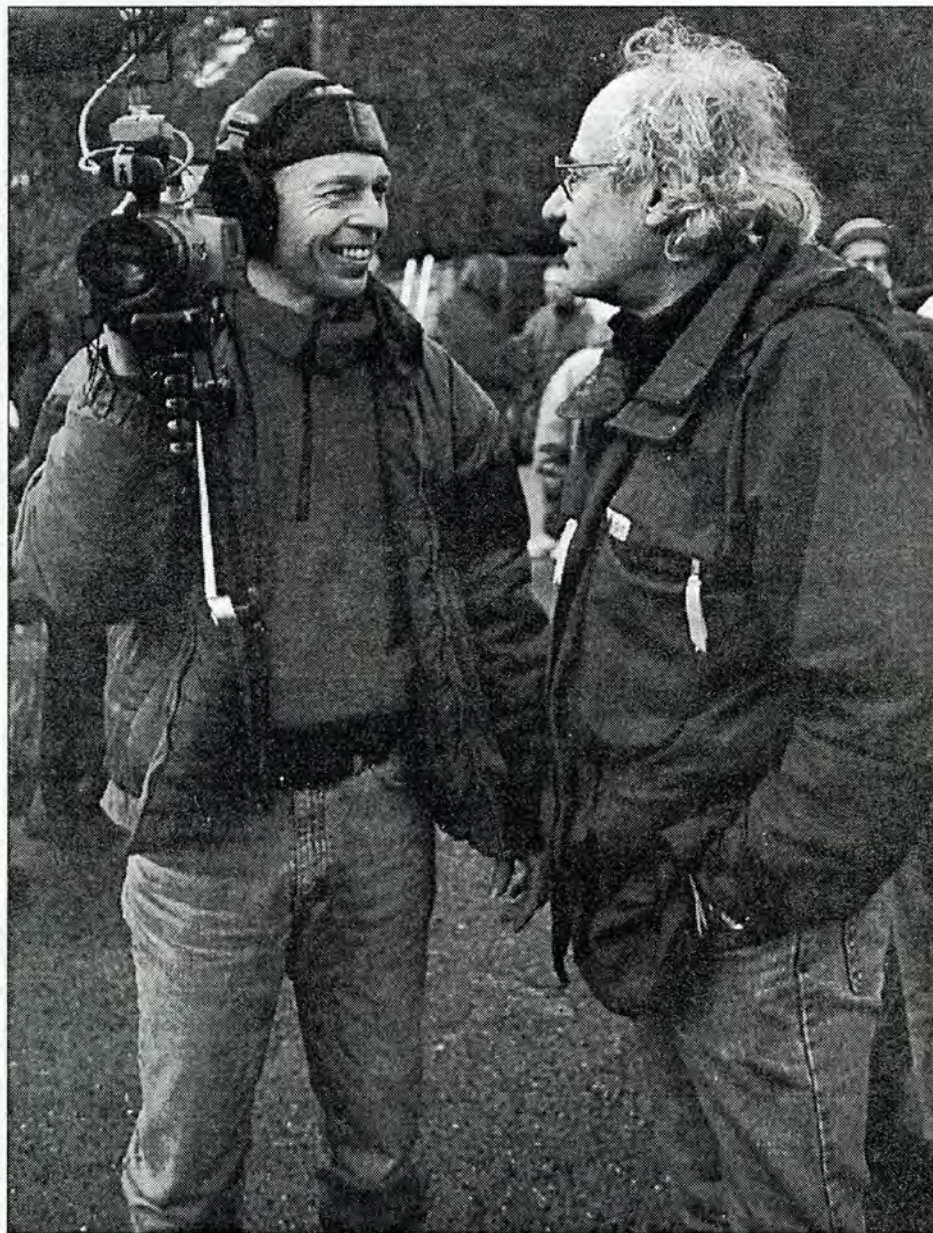
In an interview, he jokes he will know when it's done when he finally collapses, but that is where the jokes end. For most of the interview, Ransen holds his head in his hand, heavy in thought. Making this documentary is a complex undertaking. After a resolution is found, this seasoned NFB filmmaker will piece together a potent story that juxtaposes the need for environmental accountability with the laws that permit developers to make a profit from private land.

And although this is a project that is close to home, Ransen sees the dispute as a microcosmic example of other environmental problems happening all over the world. The documentary, to be released internationally, will serve as an archetype for crises elsewhere, be it the Brazilian rainforest or oil spills in the Arctic.

"I have a feeling that wherever the battle is fought, you are not just defending the place where you live, you are defending the planet, because it's a wired world. What happens in one place influences every other place," he said.

But Ransen did not always view film making in such a political light.

Like many Salt Springers, Ransen made the shift from city life to Island life. This ex-Montrealer, now a regular Fulfordite, who is often seen clad in gumboots and jeans, is making another shift—one from mainstream films to films with a conscience. Both his upcoming film, *Touched*, (due out in mid-March) and his previous films, like *Margaret's Museum*, *Emerald Tear* and *Sincerely, Violet* have been dramas or comedies which did not have a direct political message. *Touched* is the story of healing love between an elderly alcoholic woman and a young boy with mental difficulties. Six-time Genie award winning *Margaret's Museum* tells of the struggle of



Peter Prince (left) and Mort Ransen at the Burgoyne Triangle rally.

Margaret (Helena Bonham Carter) to protect her family and friends from the ravages of the coal-mining industry in a 1940s Nova Scotia town of Scots/Irish immigrants.

Now, he is gearing up for films which center around an environmental theme, such as the Texada land documentary, and a feature film he is in the middle of writing.

As is evident from all his films, Ransen celebrates the art of storytelling. But making films is not as easy as it used to be, he said.

Funding films used to be a happy marriage between art and business. But its messy divorce in recent years has left film-makers scrambling for financial backing.

"Very often you are dealing with people who are not even interested in films. They don't even care if the film does well, as long as it appears to do well and influences their third quarter stock," he said.

Ransen has reason to be cynical. Over his 25-year career as writer, director and producer, he has seen the art of making movies become a money-making venture, over an art.

"The importance in films has suf-

fered incredibly," said Ransen, head in hand. "There's more encouragement to use special effects and violence."

He also sees this growing trend in a more global light.

"What is happening to the film industry is happening to every industry. The large corporations have taken over. They've won the battle, and quality in every area is being compromised in the service of quick profits on the market."

His push to take more control over his films' messages is, in essence, an attempt to revive the art of storytelling, where the storyteller had the important role of passing on cultural information for the survival of their community.

"Storytellers used to be peace-makers," says Ransen.

His current documentary on Salt Spring attempts to balance the responsibility he feels to his own community with his love of film making.

"It's impossible to see the place go through such a wrenching change as is happening on the Texada lands, without doing something about it," said Ransen. "And the only thing I know how to do is make films."

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-Mort Ransen

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MARCH 7-19

Desert Island Choices

Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?

Adam Davies. Adam is a grade ten student at GISS who has lived on Saltspring since he was two. He played the role of Stephen Girard at ArtSpring last week, immensely enjoying his first experience of acting. Thanks to his "great drama teacher", he will be taking Acting 11 next year. His main enthusiasms are hockey, baseball and sailing—he is looking forward to crewing for a friend in this year's round Saltspring sailboat race.

The Book: "To Kill A Mocking Bird. I liked the child's perspective on racism in that little Southern town. I'm not a big reader, don't like analysing books in class much, but really enjoyed the way this book is written."

The Disc: "That would have to be Dizzy Up The Girl by Goo Goo Dolls. I can't describe why, but it's the music that affects me the most—you'll find it in the rock/pop section."

Visitor: "John-Michael McColl. He's just the best friend I've ever had. We really connected right away. He got me into acting, persuaded me to audition for this play. Some friends come and go, but this one will be a keeper."

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TUESDAY MARCH 7

★ **Int'l Women's Day**
Presentations and Displays. GISS Multipurpose Room. 12:30-1:30pm

✎ **Kindergym** Parc Portable. 9-10:30am

Toy Library
Beaver Point Hall. 9-10am

Storytime with Jean Voaden
Library. 10am

✎ **Contact Dance**
Lions Hall. 7:30pm

✎ **Joe Benge Photographs**
Sweet Arts Café to March 8

Jonathan Yardley
Watercolours. ISCU. to Apr. 1

Lithographic Exhibit
Salt Spring Roasting Co. to March 31

Margie Korrisson
Paintings. Luigi's Pizzeria to March 31

Christine Crombie
Art at Moby's Pub to March 31

☞ **Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm

✎ **Gary Lunn**
Meet Your MP. Ganges P.O. 10am-1pm

✎ **Flexible Strength** All Saints. 8:30-9:30am

Boot Camp All Saints. 5-6pm

Volleyball (co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8

★ **Int'l Women's Day**
Presentations and Displays. GISS Multipurpose Room. 12:30-1:30pm

✎ **Free the Voice - Touch the Soul**
Singing workshops with June Bender. 121 Howard Rd. 7-8:30pm

Wednesday Night Live
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm

✎ **Argentinian Tango**
Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30-9:30pm

✎ **Dana Pennington**
Photographs. Sweet Arts Café to April 14

☞ **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am.

✎ **S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am

✎ **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am

Step into Shape All Saints. 9-10am

Soccer Co-ed Drop-in
Portlock. 2pm

Circuit Challenge
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm

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Legend	MONDAY MARCH 13	TUESDAY MARCH 14	WEDNESDAY MARCH 15
★ Special Event			
✎ Children	Storytime West of the Moon. 10am	Kindergym Parc Portable. 9-10:30am	✎ Argentinian Tango Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
✎ Performing Arts	Midnight Café Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm	Toy Library Beaver Pt Hall. 9-10am	Living Language Sacred Dance Co. Dance Class. Beaver Point Hall. 2-3pm
✎ Music	Kabir Helminski Study Group Contemplative Centre. 10am. Info: 537-1657	Storytime with Jean Voaden Library. 10am	☞ Centering Prayer Contemplative Centre. 7:30am.
✎ Dance	Life Drawing All levels-no instruction. United Church. 1-3pm	Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm	✎ S. End Centering Prayer St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
✎ Gallery	Ease into Fitness Mahon Hall. 9-10am	Tom Koppel Coastal Search for the First Peoples in the Americas. SS Historical Soc. Central Hall. 2pm	✎ Family to Family All Saints. 7pm
☞ Interfaith	Step into Shape All Saints. 9-10am	Our Forest Ecology Why so important? Lions' Hall. 7pm	✎ Ease into Fitness Mahon Hall. 9-10am
✎ Meetings & Lectures	Yoga SS Centre. 9-10:30am	Fulford Community Hall Assoc. AGM. Fulford Hall. 7:30pm	Step into Shape All Saints. 9-10am
✎ Health	Fly tying Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm	Genetically Engineered Foods & Bulk Water Exports Action meeting. GISS room 206. 7:30pm	Soccer Co-ed Drop-in Portlock. 2pm
✎ Sports and fitness	Circuit Challenge Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm	☞ Mammography Screening Unit Ganges Coast Guard. Toll free appt. 1-800-663-9203. Daily to Mar. 24	Circuit Challenge Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
✎ Cinema / TV	All About My Mother 9pm	Flexible Strength All Saints. 8:30-9:30am	
✎ Review in this issue		Boot Camp All Saints. 5-6pm	
		Volleyball (co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm	
		✎ Snow Day 7pm	
		All About My Mother 9pm	

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THURSDAY MARCH 9

International Women's Day

- Mom & Me Music**
Tots 1-3yrs. Parc Portable. 9:30-10:30am
- Her Big Chance by Alan Bennett**
Susheela. "Studio" setting at Mahon Hall. 8pm
- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- House Afire**
Rhiannon & Jami Sieber. SWOVA benefit concert. ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Dhikr** Christian chant. The Contemplative Centre. 10am Info: 537-1657
- Community Meditation**
The Heart of the Womb with Ahava Shira. United Church. 11:30am-12:30pm
- Christianity in Crisis**
Healing: Rita Thomas & Jack Clement. United Church. 6:30-8:30pm
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30am-12noon
- French Conversation**
Croftonbrook. 10:15am-12noon
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 4-5:30pm
- Fly tying** Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY MARCH 10

- Her Big Chance by Alan Bennett**
Susheela. "Studio" setting at Mahon Hall. 8pm
- Making Music** Voice & music improv. with Margaret Little. Lions' Hall. 7-9:30pm
- Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Fred Eaglesmith & The Flying Squirrels**
John & Michele Law opening. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Celebrating Women in 2000** Art Exhibit. ArtSpring
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Introduction to Ayurveda & Yoga**
The Salt Spring Centre. Fri. 4pm to Sun. 2:30pm
- Boot Camp** All Saints. 5-6pm
- Rollerblading to Music**
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm
- Snow Day** 7pm
- All About My Mother** 9pm

SATURDAY MARCH 11

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Her Big Chance**
by Alan Bennett/Susheela. "Studio" setting at Mahon Hall. 8pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Coastal Women**
Newfoundland (Liz Pickard) meets SS (Susan Cogan). Lions' Hall. 8pm
- Legends of Broadway**
Bob Leblanc's Harmony Street. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Celebrating Women in 2000** Art Exhibit. ArtSpring
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Yoga** SS Centre. 9:30-11am
- Introduction to Ayurveda & Yoga**
The Salt Spring Centre. Fri. 4pm to Sun. 2:30pm
- Snow Day** 7pm
- All About My Mother** 9pm

SUNDAY MARCH 12

- Young Artists in Concert.**
Students' Music Recital. ArtSpring. Admission by donation
- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Choral Evensong for Lent**
All Saints'. 4pm
- Dinner Jazz**
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Introduction to Ayurveda & Yoga**
The Salt Spring Centre. Fri. 4pm to Sun. 2:30pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm
- All About My Mother** 9pm

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- Mom & Me Music**
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- Shakespeare's Twelfth Night**
Salt Spring Centre School. ArtSpring. 11am
- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Men's Breakfast** United Church. 8-10am
- Dhikr** Christian chant. The Contemplative Centre. 10am Info: 537-1657
- Community Meditation**
Spirituality in Photography with Ron Hawkins. United Church. 11:30-12:30pm
- Christianity in Crisis** God's Politics with Rev. Bob Wild. United Church. 6:30-8:30pm
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30am-12noon
- SS Hours Potluck** Lions' Hall. 6pm
- Bingo** Meaden Hall. 7pm. Early Bird 6:30pm.
- French Conversation**
Croftonbrook. 10:15am-12noon
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Yoga** SS Centre. 4-5:30pm
- Fly tying** Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY MARCH 17

- Shakespeare's Twelfth Night**
Salt Spring Centre School. ArtSpring. 7pm
- Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Triskele Celtic Band**
St. Patrick's Day. Moby's Pub. 9pm-12midnight
- Wisdom Circle**
Ritual Approach to Environmental Issues. United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints. 5-6pm
- Rollerblading to Music**
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm

SATURDAY MARCH 18

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- John Reischman & the Jaybirds**
All Saints. 8pm
- Living Language School of Becoming**
Gateway Ceremony—Moving With Inner Vision. Pan Ea Maat Light Centre. 9-4:30pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am

SUNDAY MARCH 19

- Heritage Celebration**
Spring Break Historical Tours. Daily to March 24. Info 653-2006
- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Dinner Jazz**
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Long Dance**
Drumming to Deepen our Connections. Beaver Point Hall. 7pm-7am
- GLOSSI**
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- Badminton Club**
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The Insanity of Mary Girard

Plumbing the depths of madness

by Bev Stewart

Gulf Island Secondary School students presented their second dramatic production of the year on the weekend with *The Insanity of Mary Girard*. Directed by drama teacher Christina Pittmann and choreographed by dance teacher Sonia Langer, the play represented a successful exploration of evil, corruption and personal fragility in 18th century Pennsylvania.

Mary, played by the talented Emily Roop, portrayed the horror of a young woman locked away in an insane asylum by her hateful husband. As she moved from shock and utter disbelief to acceptance of the finality of her incarceration, she became in the end a willing victim of the evil forces that surrounded her. Her husband, Stephen, played by Adam Davies, expressed the chilling singularity of a man who wanted nothing less than to be rid of his wife, and was willing to throw pots of money at the asylum and its employees in order to achieve his nefarious ends.

Frances Millerd captured brilliantly Stephen's cold and calculating mistress of the day, Polly. Steve Melanson as the hospital's flippant warder and Dave Melanson as the eminently corruptible psychiatrist Mr. Phillips, gave the hospital administration its dark, impenetrable facade. Tangle Caron played a convincing Mrs. Hatcher, the sick, inept woman who received Mary's illicit baby, even though all previous babies given to her care had died. There was no doubt that the same fate awaited this baby, also. The coldness of all characters connected with the hospital was carried over to Mary's dead mother, to whom Mary made a final appeal. Gisele Contant, as the utterly unsympathetic mother, brought home the reality of Mary's isolation.

Nine students—Charlotte Curtis, Britt Christianson, Megan Colgan, Jani Janzen, Avery Klenman, Kael Lalonde, Adrian Leitch, Jekka Mack, and John-Michael McColl—played Furies: evil, menacing inmates of the asylum, who literally and figuratively drive Mary mad. Their whirling, swirling dance around Mary formed a moving wall of insanity from which she could not hope to escape.

The set construction, which positioned Mary's tranquilizing chair high on a scaffold, presented a challenge to cast members who had to climb to it in their long, flowing robes. Spandex set passages, though innovative and expressive, also caused



Mary (Emily Roop) undressed contemplates her husband's mistress Polly (Frances Millerd).

occasional delays in entering and exiting the set. Lines were occasionally spoken too fast and low for audience members to catch, though the mood remained clear.

All in all a laudable production. The next show is eagerly awaited.

A lifetime of musical memories

By Elizabeth Courtney

Where were you when you first heard *The grass is as high as an elephant's eye* or *If I loved you*? Ten years ago or forty, it doesn't much matter. The memories will pile up like autumn leaves (see how affecting the language of North America's most enduring popular form is!) if you can get a seat for *Legends of Broadway*, one performance only, on Saturday March 11th.

Legends began its life in Halifax in 1991, running successfully all over the Maritimes. In 1998, Bob Leblanc was the pianist for an expanded and equally successful run at the McPherson Playhouse in Victoria. At Jane Forner's invitation, Leblanc brought a more intimate version to

the gala opening of ArtSpring last April, and following the rave reviews of that concert has gone on to form an ensemble called *Harmony Street* for yet another version of *Legends*.

Harmony Street comprises a very accomplished group of singers. David Brillinger has sung in many of the Victoria Operatic Society's shows, including *Sound of Music*, *Wizard of Oz* and *Oklahoma*.

Stephanie Greaves has been performing since she was seven, winning Victoria's "Catch the Spirit of Patsy Cline" contest in 1998.

Sue Klassen started her singing career a little later, at the age of nine, and is a regular contributor to Vision TV's *Let's Sing Again* with Louise Rose.

Tony Patriarche started

so young his first role was as a girl in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Princess Ida*. He's also a veteran of such productions as Ibsen's *Wild Duck* and Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.

The evening is written and produced by Bob Leblanc and promises a dynamic and entertaining musical journey through all the favourite songs of Broadway's most celebrated composers—Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Berlin and Lloyd Webber.

You didn't get to see *Carousel*, or *Phantom*? Well, it's never too late. ArtSpring will surely ring with the sound of music, and quite possibly add a worthwhile new memory to that pile of autumn leaves.

March Break Workshops—March 19-23

A Salt Spring art school?

The Alliance of Salt Spring Artists is hosting five fascinating workshops in a variety of disciplines by teachers with prestigious backgrounds. Their hope is that this debut Millennium project will grow to become the small beginning of a Salt Spring Art School.

Five professional artists have been invited to Salt Spring. Deloras Churchill, is a master Haida basket weaver from Alaska, and a Fellow of the Canadian Museum of Civilization. She will teach beginning and advanced skills of cedar bark weaving, learned from her mother, to create a traditional Haida basket, using false embroidery and/or crossed diagonal warp.

Jennifer Mascall is a dance company director from Vancouver. She is a choreographer of 25 years experience and a certified Body/Mind Centering Practitioner. Her workshop will focus on creative expression and improvisation, appealing to dancers of all abilities as well as body workers, yoga students, and anyone who loves to move.

Glenys Marshal, a celebrated New Zealand potter now living in Sooke, is an inspirational teacher. Her workshop will focus on releasing inhibitions, enabling students to create and design from resources within, starting by drawing design elements, and progressing to clay tiles, 3D objects, pottery and sculpture.

Lorne Loomer is a water colour artist from Victoria who is a regular teacher at the Metchosin Summer School of the Arts, and has had 15 one-man shows. His workshop will be conducted in a wonderfully meditative milieu, focusing on his method "The Path of the Brush."

Brent Heighton, renowned West Coast

water colourist from Vancouver, has inspired students to release the artist within and to paint with joy and exuberance. His palette includes acrylics, oils and watercolours to achieve an effect transcending the usual limits of each medium. The workshop will focus on mastering light and colour.

Barbara McCaffrey recently moved to Salt Spring. She received her BFA in Textiles from Alberta College of Art & Design. Her workshop will include feltmaking, inlay techniques to make controlled designs and images, and mixed media combinations of felt, handmade paper, surface embellishment and other natural resources.

The workshops are being held throughout the March break week in a number of locations close to Ganges. Participants will have the opportunity to visit and interact with the other workshop disciplines, offering an exciting collaborative experience in the creative process. The entire event opens at ArtSpring on Sunday, March 19th. Each instructor will give a slide presentation, offering participants a chance to view the work of all of these special artists who are coming to our Island. The public can also attend this event for a small fee.

For information and registration call:

537-4535 for Brent Heighton: Path of the Brush. 4 days—\$175

537-1808 for Glenys Marshal: Pottery/Sculpture. 4 days—\$175

653-0024 for Barb McCaffrey: Felt making. 4 days—\$175

538-0033 for Deloras Churchill: Haida Basketry. 2 days—\$100

537-5681 for Jennifer Mascall: Movement/Dance. 2 days—\$100

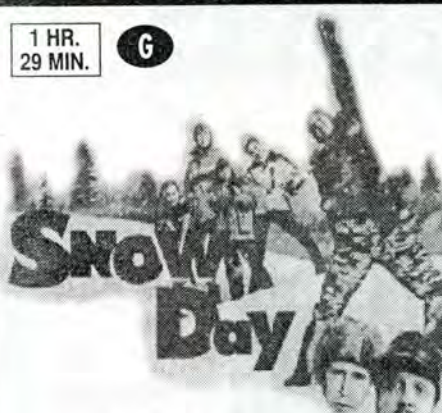


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Michelle Meach photo

TUNEFUL TIME—A grand total of 92 Island choir students from grades 3, 4 and 5 from Fernwood and Salt Spring Elementary schools crossed the water to attend the Cowichan Music Festival last week. Both choirs received very good adjudications. Although the competition does not rate the choirs with placements, all benefited from listening to other choirs and by the positive comments and suggestions of the adjudicator.

Education and support for illness

by Elizabeth Courtney

Many things came out of the closet in the twentieth century, yet one of the most challenging of situations remains the most hidden. Hard to talk about and hard to get the help that you need.

As Barry and Betty Pinchin retired three years ago and moved out West, their son came down with an alarming illness which they were at a loss to understand. As a result they have spent most of their retirement so far learning about his condition and studying ways to address the illness' impact both on his life and theirs. Now their son is remarkably improved and approaching his future with a sense of optimism that in their darkest moments might have seemed impossible.

We are talking about mental illness—a label that still carries such a stigma that few are willing to own or discuss it. The Pinchin family has learned so much

they are now ready to share their findings with any adult member of the community who is the friend or relative of someone who has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, clinical depression, anxiety and panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder or bi-polar illness.

When their son became ill, they were introduced to a group in Vancouver that was called at that time Journey of Hope. The group, which has since been renamed Family to Family Education Program, offered training and support at a time when Barry and Betty were devastated and confused. They had to face a multitude of problems: problems associated with caring for an adult with privacy rights—all doctors and hospitals refused to discuss medication with them for instance. Barry Pinchin dealt with this frustration by carefully documenting his

son's daily response to all his prescriptions and having him take a printout to his medical appointments. As a result of this strategy, the doctors discovered some unanticipated things, and Barry's son is having excellent results with the medications he is now on. Then there were all the ins and outs of provincial and federal disability programmes and issues surrounding future planning to be dealt with...and much more.

Sponsored by the BC Schizophrenia Society, the Pinchins have now received special training for family members that provides a thorough grounding in the principles of "non-professional education and support." The training has been approved in BC since 1993 and covers everything from dealing with the initial feelings when a diagnosis of mental illness is received, through a better understand-

ing of the brain chemistry involved, a review of new medications, the skills required to deal with the frustrations, a sharing of individual experiences and solutions, the potential for rehabilitation and the need for advocacy to fight both discrimination and stigmatizing.

No one can help like the one who has already been where you are. Betty and Barry Pinchin could not have come so far without the support of family members who were willing to share their experiences and training. Now it is their turn. The first session of a free 12 week programme will take place on Wednesday, March 15 in the downstairs hall at All Saints' Anglican Church from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Anyone coping with a diagnosis of mental illness in someone they love is welcome. For more information, call Betty or Barry Pinchin at 537-2543.

Searching for first colonists

Not content to rest on his laurels, local author Tom Koppel was already hard at work on another project when his book *Powering the Future* was published last fall. Koppel, who is well known for his articles in *Canadian Geographic*, *Equinox*, and other magazines, will make his new project the subject of his talk to the Historical Society, Tuesday, March 14, at 2 p.m., Central Hall.

Titled *Coastal Search for the First People in the Americas*, the talk will examine the exciting, ongoing research along the north Pacific coast for evidence of the earliest people to enter and colonize North America. This research is being done by archaeologists, paleontologists, biologists, and geologists. The main focus has been on underwater archaeology in the Queen Charlotte Islands and excavation in limestone caves in southeastern Alaska.

Traditionally, scientists have thought that the first people were big-game hunters who came overland from Siberia and down an "ice-free corridor" east of the Rockies about 12,000 years ago. If the current search is successful, it will show that people from coastal Asia skirted the north Pacific coast in boats or rafts thousands of years earlier, settling the coast of Alaska and B.C. before they penetrated the interior of our continent.

Koppel has followed the story closely since the early 1990s, making four research trips to the sites, and writing about it for several magazines. He has twice won the Public Writing Award of the Canadian Archaeological Association for his articles on this topic.

In addition to his magazine articles, Koppel has written two books: *Kanaka: The Untold Story of Hawaiian Pioneers in British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest* and *Powering the Future: The Ballard Fuel Cell and the Race to Change the World*.

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Senior's herbal workshops

A unique workshop series is being offered to the seniors of Salt Spring. The topic is *Elder Health and Herbal Medicine*. This six-part class focuses on herbal therapies for the preventative and therapeutic care of elders' health issues. It is organized through Community Wellness Programmes and will be offered at the senior's centre.

The instructor, Kisae Petersen, is a clinical herbalist and owner of Chrysalis Herbal Clinic. She has volunteered her time because of her strong commitment

to the seniors of this Island.

"Many people are concerned about their health but don't know where to start with herbal medicine," said Kisae. "Some are using medications and are unsure about combining herbs and drugs. This course will help to educate elders so that they can make informed decisions around the safe use of medicinal plants."

In addition to her clinical practice, Kisae offers workshops on a variety of health topics. She is a natural teacher with the ability to

communicate and share her keen interest in herbal medicine.

Elder's Health and Herbal Medicine will be held on Tuesday afternoons starting on March 28. The class is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and is located at the seniors center, across from Ganges Village Market. This class is free because Kisae has volunteered her time. To register, call Kisae Petersen at 537-1256 or Community Wellness Programme Coordinator Sharon Glover at 537-4607.



Chiropractor opens Ganges office

Dr. Morash has been in practice for 30 years (14 years in Prince George and 16 years in Victoria). He decided to open an office on Salt Spring Island to make it easier for Island patients to receive regular chiropractic care and to conduct consultations and examinations for new patients. Those cases that he feels would benefit from his care will visit his rural office in Victoria for x-rays and first adjustment. Subsequent visits will be in Ganges.

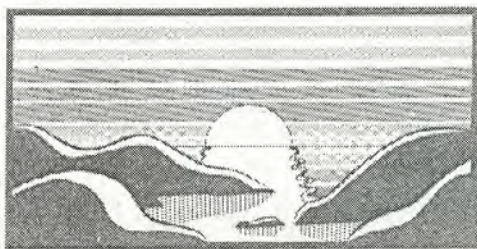
Dr. Morash uses a technique that is somewhat different than the conventional mainstream chiropractic approach. The NUCCA/Groscopic technique is an upper cervical adjustment that utilizes specific neck x-rays to determine the misalignment pattern. The resulting spinal correction realigns the entire spine from top to bottom. As with most specific chiropractic spinal balancing, many body functions improve with increased nerve flow and mechanical integrity is restored.

Dr. Morash will be working out of Dr. Libby Barlow's office most Wednesdays until he finds a more permanent office. Call (250) 727-3113 in Victoria to book an appointment and cell phone (250) 920-9287 while he is in Ganges.

Education Week March 6 to 10

Getting an early start toward academic success

It takes a village ... to raise a child



Intervention programs provided early in the primary grades will foster student success by helping them to become effective learners before learning difficulties result in student failure/retention and low self-esteem. These programs may also result in a decline in problems such as early school leaving and delinquency.

Approximately one in 10 B.C. students currently receives some form of special education service. Early intervention may reduce this number by helping to ensure that students receive appropriate instruction early enough to acquire the basic skills they need to succeed in school.

The term early intervention refers to "any planned, systematic program of services necessary to prevent or minimize the effects of difficulties on individuals and their families." Early intervention includes, but is not limited to, intervention with pre-school-aged and primary school-aged children. With preschool-aged children, the focus is largely prevention, whereas the emphasis may shift to remediation with primary school-aged children if their difficulties have begun.

In the Gulf Islands School District, our main focus for the last year and a half has been on speech and language support and screening. Our Speech and Language Pathologist, Colleen Belliveau, visits the schools on all the islands. Her focus has been on helping students with communication difficulties to be more successful academically and socially in school. Colleen Belliveau has put a lot of time into screening for "phonological awareness" (the awareness that words are made up of sound and syllable parts) with early primary students. This has assisted Kindergarten and

Grade One teachers with students who require additional support with their language development.

Currently a committee is working on providing human and print resources that will provide added support to students in kindergarten and grade one in their journey toward academic success. We are hoping that this emphasis on "front-end loading" for early intervention will be viewed as a gain for students as lifelong learners. A report prepared for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development put it this way: "Specific instruction for under achievers, especially at the beginning of primary education should be regarded ... as a first-class investment ... It become(s) progressively more costly to deal with the difficulties of students with low achievement since, as they move up from class to class, compensatory programmes tend to have less and less effect ... Investment in compensatory education should be seen, therefore, not as a charge on educational budgets, but as a deferred gain."

Parents play an essential role if their young children need intervention with speech and language development. For instance, parents of pre-schoolers can help by reading books aloud, teaching songs with rhyming words, writing down the words their child says and reading them back, and by minimizing television and computer exposure. With kindergarten children, parents should continue to read aloud and emphasize rhyme in games, songs and books. Parents of Grade 1 and 2 students can help them develop their speech and language by continuing to read aloud and working with the school to support their child's learning. If a child's difficulties continue into the third grade, parents are encouraged to work with the school and promote activities where your child can succeed while his or her reading struggle continues.

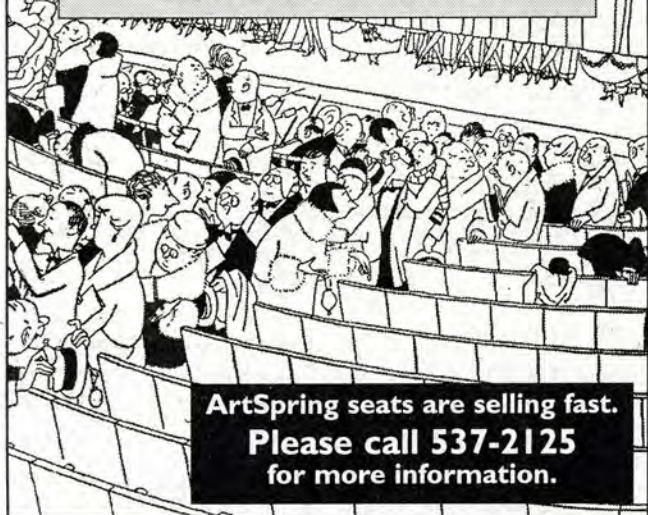
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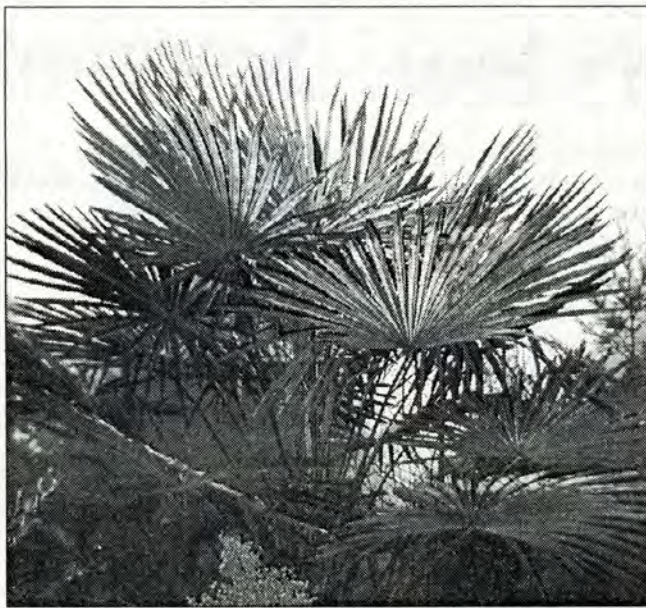
*Life in the garden ...
with Joe Clemente*

As the warmer weather approaches, it has prompted me once again to give you another yearly update on cold hardy palm trees, especially for you fortunate folks that may have just recently moved to our beautiful Island from colder growing regions of this country.

Trachycarpus fortunei or Chinese Windmill Palm is probably the most common palm grown outdoors on the south west coast of our province. Most areas of our coast within 8 km. of the ocean can successfully grow *T. fortunei* without too much

fuss. No pests or diseases bother this species in our climate, thus making this plant an ideal low maintenance landscape specimen for most any local island garden.

Palm trees are nothing new to our growing region, and have been successfully cultivated outdoors for more than 50 years. Some of the oldest and tallest palms can be found in private and public gardens in Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle south of the border. The tallest I've come across are at least 30 feet in height, but will eventually reach 40 feet or so. Generally the



Joe Clemente photo

larger the palm, the more severe cold it should withstand. Very young newly planted palms might need a little help if winter weather turns extremely cold. A mulch of leaves or straw works just fine. Some gardeners also like to use a lit-

tle burlap, wrapping up the trunk and centre spear for extra-added protection. In my own garden it's always been survival of the fittest, and no winter protection has ever been given. I find that plants that have had too

see Palms p23

The right tool makes all the difference



*Let's eat ...
with Linda Koroscil*

A few weeks ago I flew to Toronto for the spring trade show. A thousand wholesalers and a few thousand bucks later, I came away with kitchenware images dancing in my head for days. Fabulous stuff! And it's particularly exciting when you just happen to be an obsessed cook. Anything that makes the job easier is okay in my books.

I look at kitchen equipment as I would look at a heavy duty power drill—no

sense using inferior tools because the job will be that much harder to do. High on my list are good cookware, good knives and a good peppermill. It's taken a few years but I'm finally narrowing down what's worth buying and what is just useless fodder! One new gadget which I found (actually one of my customers put me on to it) which I can't live without is the micro-plane grater. It's so good I can hardly wait to rush home and start zesting my

lemons, grating my ginger or garlic or parmesan. It's quite unbelievable. It will also shred hard butter for toppings and shred hard-boiled eggs for garnishes

and do finely minced onions for meatballs.

My other favourite new discovery is the cookie sheet or muffin liner—it's a

see Tool p23



Sweet potato chips

Salt Spring Sizzles ... with Gail Prior

The sweet potato is a nutritional All-Star! Loaded with Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Potassium and Fibre.

2 lbs. sweet potatoes,
scrub and pat dry.
Cut lengthwise, into wedges.
1-1/2 tbsp. vegetable oil

1 tsp. pumpkin-pie spice
chunky-tomato salsa
1 tsp. coarse salt
1/4 tsp. paprika

Heat oven to 450 F. In a large bowl, combine sweet potato wedges, vegetable oil, salt, pie spice and paprika until well coated. Arrange potato wedges cut-side-down on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake 20 mins., turning occasionally, until crispy and tender. Serve with salsa. (4 servings.)

Types of advocacy discussed

by Michelle Mech

Twenty-six people attended the DPAC sponsored advocacy workshop held March 2 and presented by Cathy Bedard and Janet Phillips from Nanoose Bay (Qualicum school district). All five of the islands in school district 64 were represented and with the very capable, and at times amusing, delivery of the instructors, it was deemed a very successful afternoon.

The workshop blended an introduction to the BC Advocacy Project with information on how parents can be their children's natural advocates. It explored barriers like communication, lack of time and information, fear of retribution, lack of support from other parents, and issue confusion. Bedard and Phillips described the aim of the project as helping people help themselves, informing parents and students of their rights, building confidence, providing tools for appropriate decisions and actions, and advocating on behalf of parents and/or students only when they are unable to help themselves. They stressed the latter, explaining that rather than automati-

cally interceding on behalf of parents and/or students, they attempt to enable them to act for themselves.

System, as well as individual, advocacy was discussed as promoting open communication between parents and teachers and/or administrators. If both sides are aware of the process, then it should provide for less defensive discussion. Additionally, it was noted that principals should see their roles as somewhat similar so parents have some consistency in what they can expect at each school.

In their positions as BCCPAC Advocacy Project coordinators, Bedard and Phillips are available for information or assistance to parents at 1-888-351-9834. Also available is the Speaking Up advocacy guide, which contains very helpful information. It can be ordered through your school (at \$3 each) or accessed on the Ministry of Education web site at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/iep/cover.htm>.

A condensed version of the advocacy workshop will be held during the evening portion of the upcoming Education Day on May 10.

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Slashers are Island's best Scorpions to B.C. champs

Three Salt Spring teams were involved in cup competition this past weekend. Two local men's teams won opening round matches while the U-19 Girls Slashers won the final of the Island championship and thus berths in the Provincial finals in Prince George in July, and the Coastal finals in Vancouver in April.

Kyla Dares scored twice and Stephanie Collette added another in the Slasher's exciting 3-2 victory over Campbell River at Portlock Park.

Dares' speed and antici-

pation were a constant threat to the visitors who couldn't match her for pace or determination.

Likewise at the back the Slasher's Centre-backs Jenny Kerr and Jessica Coulter were simply too quick and brave into challenges than the Campbell River front runners could handle.

Though the margin of victory was narrow it could have been wider based on the quality of the sides. Salt Spring were the more imaginative team and always looked like winners from the opening whistle.

Salt Spring FC followed the U-19's in the second half of an excellent double header.

FC were tested physically by Gordon Head but Salt Spring's superior skill prevailed in the end.

Corbin Scott hit a superb volley from twenty yards to give FC all they would need early in the second half.

Harrison Jason and Josh Byron added fine goals themselves to pad Salt Spring's winning score line to 3-0.

On Saturday in Victoria the Salt Spring Old Boys got four goals from Dave Norget and one from Kerry Walker to knock Vic West out of the Cup by a decisive 5-2 score.

Norget potted two from the penalty spot, one from a sensational left foot shot from distance, and his fourth on a clever curling free-kick from the top of the eighteen.

Walker's goal was a delightful, bending left foot chip from the top of the area.

Goalkeeper Chris Healy preserved the Old Boys early 2-0 advantage with two stunning back to back saves which may well have ensured the Red's victory. Next Sunday both the Old Boys and FC play their second round games at home, FC at 2:15 at Portlock, the Old Boys at 10:00, hopefully at Portlock.



Courtside ...

with Alan Webb

The Gulf

Island Scorpions senior boys' basketball team is off to the provincial championships in Kamloops this week.

The Scorpions qualified as the third Island Double-A seed in the 16 team tournament after lopsided wins a week ago over Max Cameron of Powell River, Brentwood and Kwalikum. A loss to Ladysmith, the second ranked team in the province, was the only set-

back in the final tournament prior to the BCs.

The Scorpions join Lambrick Park of Victoria (ranked 7th in the province out of 82 schools) and Ladysmith in the prestigious competition.

Despite lengthy injuries to star players Brian Crowe and Chris Langdon this winter, the Scorpions have lost only a handful of their forty games and were given Honourable Mention ranking for several weeks in the provincial AA ratings.

The Scorpions open the tournament against David Thompson of Invermere, a team ranked sixth in the province most of the year, though lately they've slipped to Honourable Mention.

"They've got one big guy but he's stoppable and they've got good shooting guards," co-coach Myles Wilson said. "But we've got a deep bench, we're rested, and we're totally healthy."

For Wilson the game plan is simple, "We've got a young team, the youngest team there; it'll be a good experience for us. Our goal is to play well and represent our school and community well."

Bowling Banter ... with Ruth Hume

Bowling Banter Special Olympics: Gloria Dale-157, 170, Stuart Elliot-153, Mahjor Bains-250, 212, Terry Swing-191, Jimmy Beck-161 Circus: Peter Brodie-216, Ron Cunningham-223 50+ League: Tuesday morning: Madalene Jory-203, Audrey Illingworth-269, Ken Robinson-220 Tuesday afternoon: Rita Dods-200, Wynne Edwards-204, Reg Winstone-205,

June Webb-212, Vanda Winstone-214 Friday morning: Edie Gear-200, Margaret Baker-200 Ladies Golf: Lorraine Toller-204, 216, Becky Armstrong-205, Shirley Parsons-211, Deanna Marleau-261, 219/679 Loonie Tunes: John Sutherland-210, Jamie Sayer-233, 222, John VanSchetsen-216, Lance Leask-211, 260, 264, Ron Cunningham-205

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5 Montreal.....	501	28	14 Islanders.....	448	22
6 Dallas.....	492	29	15 Buffalo.....	447	24
7 St. Louis.....	491	14	16 Washington.....	437	23
8 Boston.....	482	14	17 Anaheim.....	413	13
9 Atlanta.....	482	12			

GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Fri., Mar. 10th, 5pm sharp.

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JOHN, KENNETH M: Born Sidney, BC November 26, 1924. Passed away suddenly on March 1, 2000 on Salt Spring Island. He is survived by loving wife and best friend Anne (nee Potter), daughter Susan Brewster (Brian), son Clifford and three grandchildren. Retired BC Tel, Burnaby 1979. No service by request. Please no flowers but if desired donations may be made to a charity of ones choice. Haywards Funeral Service. 537-1022. 1000

MEYER, GEORGE Florian. Born Maklin, Sask. April 26, 1931 died Salt Spring Island February 26, 2000. Survived by wife Beverley - two sons Paul & Stuart, four daughters Verna, Ilona, Teresa & Sheila and ten grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 2 at Our Lady of Grace Church. 1000

BYDAND, GORDON, Mary Belle passed away peacefully on March 1, 2000. Born on November 11, 1923 in Cranbrook, she lived and worked for many years in Nelson, BC as a Provincial Government employee. In 1978 she moved, with her mother, Robina, to Victoria, BC. She is survived by her loving brother, A.P.S. Gordon, of Salt Spring Island; her niece, Heather Tanner (Tim) and their sons, Ryan and Sean; nephews, Ted Gordon (Sue), Phil Gordon and his daughter, Sarah. Her loving presence will be sorely missed by us all. Mary was a long time member of the O.E.S. Ruth Ch.#22, Saanichton and Rose City Ch.#28, Nelson, BC. She was also a member of St. Aidan's Church. On Mary's behalf, the family would like to express thanks to Drs. D. Woodley, R. Crossland, D. Shea and all the nursing and administrative staff of the Lady Minto Hospital for their outstanding professional, caring and involved attention to all of her needs. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2000 at 2:00 pm in McCall Bros. Floral Chapel, Johnson at Vancouver Street, with the Rev. G.N. Haworth officiating. Donations may be made, if desired, to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1T1 or a charity of your choice. McCall Bros. (250)385-4465.

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140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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MEETING, BOARD of Directors, Central Community Hall, Tuesday, March 21, 7 pm. Public welcome. 1000

TRISKELE CELTIC Band at Moby's Pub, Friday March 17. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day! 1100

PARENTS OF G.I.S.S. students: next P.A.C. meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, March 8th, 7 pm, school library. Agenda: casino, policies. See you there. Info: 537-1008. 1000

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED Foods/Bulk Water Exports Action Meeting. Tuesday, March 14th, 7:30 pm. Room 206, High School. Everyone Welcome. 1000

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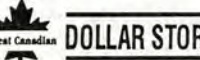

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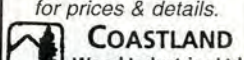

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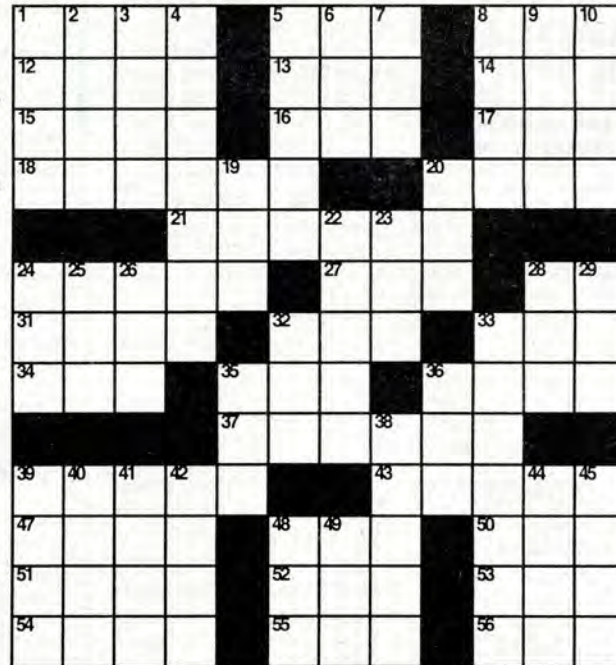
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- 21 Orderly
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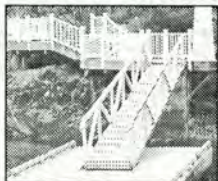
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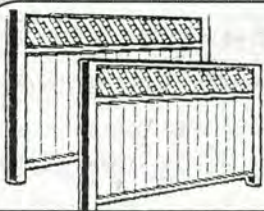
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HOROSCOPES

For the week, by Michael O'Connor
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TIP OF THE WEEK:

This week the Moon will be new at the 15th degree of Pisces. Along with the whole scope of the night sky, the particulars of this monthly seed event reveals a lot of creative inspiration. The urge to make key investments and to take key initiatives will be

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) With the Sun and retrograde Mercury in Pisces, this is a time for reflection and contemplation as a backdrop for all the other exciting events unfolding in your life. You may well want to be social, but perhaps in a quieter way. Exercise your ability to listen and observe without having to lead conversations. If you feel at all depressed, reach out with heartfelt sincerity and touch someone. Love and compassion are the keys to happiness.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Riding the line between independence and social activities continues as a central theme. This process may feel awkward. The process of letting go of what you once thought success is all about figures prominently. A courageous exploration of what you truly want now is another theme yet. Getting real with what you feel will continue throughout the year. Summon the courage to be honest with yourself above all.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) You may be tempted to reach out to gain favors and/or recognition from authority figures at this time. This is a better time to play with ideas than it is to sign deals. Meanwhile, you are breaking new ground in a revolutionary manner and this is causing waves. Fortunately, they are gentle as opposed to tidal. Others feel more stimulated than overwhelmed by your actions. Continue to disrupt assumptive attitudes in yourself and others.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) This is a wonderful time to learn new things of a right brain sort. Imaginative, abstract, surreal, sublime and subtle modes of perception are right brain functions. Listen to music without lyrics, go to an art gallery, paint or write prose and poetry. When the imaginative left is balanced with the factual right hemisphere of the brain, creative inspiration increases. Whatever you do, be receptive to life's magical nuances.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) Now is a good time to tie up loose ends before the hastened pace of spring begins. Things stand to move quite quickly this year and you do well to have things in order. Give yourself plenty of time to organize and keep an outline of your objectives. Bring completion in all areas as much as possible so that your vision for the future is uncluttered. Proceed with caution and humility, things may be quite different than they appear now.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 23) Magical engagements with others are bringing an added measure of mystique and intrigue to your life. Others, however may see it as dreamy reverie and even confusion. In any case, you may have to make some extra efforts to get your ideas across clearly for the next couple of weeks. Still, your ability to probe to new depths remains strong at this time. Be flexible and willing to move easily beyond who you think you are.

strong. Unfortunately, as our communications and mental processes stand to be hampered by Mercury retrograde, this is definitely a good time to look twice before getting into any binding commitments, especially of a legal sort.

Put simply, this is a good time to wait and see as much as possible. Some adjustments and refinements around how we invest our time, energy and resources is also likely. An empathetic approach towards deciphering what people and others in general want, without assumption, is ideal.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) An assertive, albeit diplomatic, mood vies with a mellow easy going urge. You want things to progress with as little fuss and bother as possible at this time. With financial pressures mounting and key investment opportunities presenting themselves, however, things may not go as smoothly as you might like. To compensate, take everything slow with trust and a steady thorough pace. Breathe deep and exercise a meditative attitude.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) Your mind is swimming in a sea of imaginative possibilities. The everyday world appears colored with hues that you do not normally perceive. You are in a mood to give of yourself in a full way and to work towards taking effective initiatives. Allow your imagination to guide you for awhile, yet do not accept all that you experience as objectives you necessarily need to manifest in the world. Give space to creative thinking as an end in itself.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Before you can give form to your inner mystery, you have to dance with it as though it were your beloved. Too many people think they know themselves and then set out to live along the lines of their narrow interpretation. Boundaries have their place, yet ideally they are malleable and permeable so that the ever emerging possibilities have a chance to be integrated. Yield to your deep imagination so that you can be moved by its power.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) As you soar on the wings of possibility, expect to encounter the unexpected. A subtle melting of inherited ego patterns is the ideal so that you can venture to new thresholds in mind and body. Explore your core motivations and discard any priorities that no longer truly inspire you. Allow you mind to drift between the past, present and future. Playfully spin the wheel of fate by acting upon impulses that lead you beyond the habitual.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Of all people, you recognize the value and power of applying the fruits of imaginative thinking in a scientific and systematic manner. Experimentation usually follows theory, so be patient with the urge to act without adequate reflection. This is a good time to do research and gather facts and ideas as much as possible. Plan to share your observations and be open to the opinions of others. Play with others by bouncing ideas off of one another.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) This week's New Moon in Pisces will move us all to rely on our inner source for guidance and inspiration, especially you. With Mercury retrograde as well, you may feel uncertain about the linear facts. That is all the more reason not to lean on them. If in doubt, ask questions. Make efforts to not take anything or anyone for granted. Still, this is a good time to forge ahead. Just make sure that your heart takes the lead over your ambitions.



Shelagh Plunkett photo

Saturday was a beautiful day for soccer and dozens were out competing in the Inter-Island games.

The right tool for the task *cont'd. from p17*

weird rubbery thing that withstands intense heat and you'll never have to butter your pans again. Good for the fat-free crowd. It's a tad pricey but I think it's a good investment if you do lots of baking. Plus, Martha uses it! Another nifty idea—the butter ruler is just about the handiest thing to throw in the drawer. No more guesswork because it gives all the measurements you'll ever need. Now, I have to say my all-time best piece of cookware is my ribbed cast iron grill. It gives a BBQ flavour anytime of year because it's designed to be used on the stovetop. It seals in the

juices and sears the outside. I use it for boneless chicken, stir fry beef, fajitas, fish, you name it. Here's a won-

derful beef recipe that can be done either on the BBQ or on the ribbed grill. It's very very good!

Oriental Barbecued Beef Tenderloin

1 lb. beef filet	1/4 C. sesame oil
4 cloves garlic, grated	1/4 C. soy sauce
2 tbsp. grated ginger	fresh ground pepper
1 tbsp. lemon juice + zest	1/4 C. brown sugar

Combine all ingredients and pour over beef. Chill, turning to coat in marinade. Heat stovetop grill or BBQ and brown meat on all sides. Cook to desired doneness. Sometimes I slice the tenderloin into thick steaks and sear both sides until rare in the middle. And for an added flavour, throw on a few sprigs of fresh rosemary—it will produce a lovely rosemary smoked taste. I like this with roasted garlic mashed potatoes with sour cream!

Cold-hardy palms *cont'd. from p17*

much protection sometimes look the worst. Some of the oldest palms on our coast are the most neglected.

T. fortunei, by most accounts, is the cold-hardest arborescent (tree-sized) palm available in local nurseries. I do know of palms that will endure more cold, but they are only available through the Palm Society. *Trachycarpus takil* is probably the most cold-tolerant of the *Trachycarpus* species, and its hardiness is understandable. This palm's native range is the western end of the Himalayas at altitudes of 2,000 to 2,400 m. It grows in cool, north facing wooded valleys where it is covered with snow throughout the winter months. Temperatures can be bitterly cold in the heart of winter, so heavy frost is quite common throughout its growing zone. This palm is very rare, and only a few wild stands remain. In the near future this palm will be growing on Salt Spring Island thanks to a local palm grower who has obtained seed from overseas.

T. fortunei is native to an area of central China which receives quite cold winter temperatures, and native palms are subject to frost and snow throughout the coldest months. Its native range would be comparable to growing zone 7. I do believe this species of palm should survive into zone 6, if planted in the best microclimate, and given some protection each winter.

My latest report of palms growing in Bulgaria really interested me. Fifty-year-old *T. fortunei* palms have survived extreme low temperatures—down to -28°C on one occasion, and several times of temperatures as low as -25°C. That's pretty darn cold for a

palm! The shrubby Needle Palms and *Sabal minors* native to the southeastern U.S. can tolerate temperatures as low, but require much more summer heat to produce new fronds. I have these species growing at my location and they can also be found growing in another local garden. My own *T. Fortuneis* have successfully survived winter temperatures down to -15°C without any problem, and the advantage of this species of palm is that it will adapt nicely to our cool wet winters, and continue to grow if temperatures stay above 5°C.

A good healthy *T. fortunei* can open as many as 10 new fronds a year on Salt Spring, and grow more than 30 cm in trunk height in that same period. Also they need much less summer heat than the southeastern species. The Windmill palm produces viable seed in our climate if both male and female trees are present. I have a nice batch of seed ripening now, and over the years I've grown hundreds of palms from local seed.

In other temperate areas of the world growing palms outdoors is nothing new. The British have been doing it for well over a century now, along with Ireland and Scotland and of course we can't forget Switzerland. Locarno and Lugano in southern Switzerland grow many varieties of mature palm trees. Over the past decade the Vancouver Parks Board has agreed with the Palm Society to plant palms along English Bay in Vancouver's West End. There are nearly one hundred palms in that area alone, and over three dozen more will be added this March, along with a new

species, bringing the number of species up to nearly six. This is a very good example of a fabulous urban microclimate, not to mention a very high-exposure tourist area.

There are dozens of palm trees growing right here on our Island, but most of them are quite small. I believe I know where most of the oldest palms reside on Salt Spring. Unfortunately they are hidden away in private gardens. The largest is nearly 20 feet tall, growing in a private garden on the north end of the island; it was planted back in the mid 1970's. The original owner is responsible for all the exotica flourishing out at the Grace Point townhomes. This is a very high exposure area and a pleasant sight for our eastern visitors. There are four beautiful palms planted in the garden in front of Talons restaurant. When I sold them to the landscaper nearly 5 years ago they were small 5-gallon size plants. Lady Minto Hospital and Vesuvius Pub have nice specimens of good size Windmill Palms in their landscape.

The best time to plant your palm is in the spring or summer. I've planted palms in every month of the year, and have never really noticed any different growth results. Make sure your soil is rich in nutrition and well drained. Feed your palm spring through summer, and make sure to water it during real dry weather, especially newly planted ones. Full sun or part shade is just fine, but try to plant them in a sheltered location. They don't seem to like cold east winter winds. These will sometimes cause the frond tips to dry out and turn brown.



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Doug Pearson surveys damage done by a vehicle to playing field at GISS this past weekend. Estimates of damage to field and curb areas were unavailable at press time.



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Forest ecology: what's the fuss?

On Tuesday, March 14, Andy MacKinnon, Forest Research Branch, Ministry of Forests as well as the Habitat Acquisition Trust and author of *Plants of Coastal BC*, and Harvey Janszen, rare plant specialist and researcher from Saturna Island, will discuss the significance of the Garry Oak and Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystems found on our Island. Both these ecosystems are categorized as "At Risk" by the Ministry of Environment.

The Garry Oak meadows found in the Texada Lands are the largest remaining intact system in British Columbia. The Ministry of Environment notes that such meadows are restricted to southwestern B.C. and they are among the rarest ecosystems in the province. Their story begins before the ice ages when B.C. had

a diverse hardwood forest, including oaks. As the climate warms, they may hold a key to the future as coniferous forests retreat.

The Coastal Douglas Fir forests are another endangered ecosystem. The tree itself is a "keystone" species, one that has a great influence on the whole ecosystem. There are about 100 species of plants in these forests, and two provincially rare plant species and 10 rare vertebrate animal species live in old-growth coastal Douglas Fir forests.

Both speakers will be looking at why these forests particularly deserve our attention, and they will be showing slides of the rare and endangered species that live in this area.

This event takes place at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club Hall. Admission is \$2.



Shelagh Plunkett photo

From foreground, Clea Booth (7), Ruby Erck (7) and Rosa Erck (13) draw a "postcard" to the princess.

Postcards for a princess

Once upon a time, legend has it, a prince came to our fair Isle. He was in a plane en route to visit family nearby when the pilot landed in the waters of Burgoyne Bay for lunch. Sparkling blue waters, soaring rock cliffs, a thick pelt of green trees—the prince took one look and fell in love. "This is a beautiful land," he said.

Well, being a very wealthy prince, he was able to buy the land he'd fallen in love with and that's where the story stayed for many years.

Lately the legend of the Texada Lands hasn't held much that speaks of beauty. The prince died, the land was sold and new—far from noble landlords—have begun removing the pelt of green trees covering the hills the prince had fallen in love with. There may be dragons in this legend but not much magic these days...it seems.

End of story? Perhaps not. You see, there is a princess out there and as all who love legends know, they are the ones who often have magical powers. And, this German princess, Gloria von Thurn und Taxis, is, they say, a lover of beauty as was her husband. She also holds a \$30 million mortgage for those wielding the axes here on the Isle.

In a play on the "dragon kidnaps fair maiden" theme, some Islanders—like the three shown above—hope the princess will help rescue the lands held hostage by Robert MacDonald and his development corporation. Perhaps she will help buy back the land and allow it—what hasn't been clear-cut—to remain as the prince saw it years ago. Hoping that she will listen to the story of what's become of the prince's beautiful land, Chloe, Rosa and Ruby have drawn Princess Gloria a "postcard" complete with a dragon, a castle and a parade of princesses promanading under green trees. They are faxing her their postcard to her at: 011-49-941-5048-111. Others are welcome to send their postcards to her as well.

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