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Sarah Walsh, one of the people sponsored by The World Development Tea. Sarah spent 3 weeks doing voluntary school work in Ghana, Africa with Cross Cultured Solutions last summer. The tea was organized by Carol Williams to support locally based projects overseas. The tea was also an opportunity to showcase some wonderful floral arrangements. On the right, first place winner Aileen Shanks Thoughts on a Dutch Painting.

What's next after reaching May Day fundraising goal?

by Peggy Abrahams

Launched only a few months ago, the campaign to raise \$500,000 by May 1 towards the acquisition of Texada-owned lands has succeeded, fundraising appeal coordinator Elizabeth White announced last week.

She said the campaign succeeded thanks to almost 1,000 companies and business who contributed. "The May Day campaign goal is met. What it means is negotiations can proceed. The whole objective of the May Day campaign was as a down payment," White said.

Bill Turner, executive director and chief negotiator of The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLCBC) said in a

statement, "The fact that we have \$500,000 is a very valuable tool in the negotiation which gives our position strength. While \$500,000 is a wonderful achievement it will not go far in purchasing these very expensive lands. We are using this money to create leverage with other potential funders."

Explaining what's next, Turner said in the coming weeks and months a number of hard decisions will have to be made on priorities and what is achievable. "It is certain we will ultimately need to raise more money," he said.

According to White, the final fundraising goal is more likely to be in the neighbourhood of \$2 to \$3 million.

This, combined with funding from conservation buyers and other matching funds, will give the community some negotiating power.

White could not disclose the details of negotiations to date. "One of the problems is that negotiations at this point are confidential."

Turner explained that Texada has been aware for some time which areas are of primary interest to TLCBC. "We are attempting to find a way to stop logging in those primary areas of interest. The owner knows that if they log areas of primary interest those areas will lose value and will lose their place as a priority," he said.

Turner will be at the

information center above Barb's Buns tomorrow (Wednesday) to answer questions from interested community members.

The final tally from the April 22 Stump Stomp barn dance was \$23,344.83, said Maureen Bendick of the Salt Spring Conservancy, which sponsored the event and is working closely to support the efforts of TLCBC. A complete breakdown of the campaign to date will be provided at Thursday's Town Hall meeting at GISS, scheduled for 7 p.m.

"We're going to continue fundraising for as long as it takes to protect as much of the land as we can," said White.

May 17 to 27

Conservancy offers free workshops

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy, a non-profit society committed to the conservation, restoration and stewardship of the Island's natural values, is launching its initiative in the south and west portions of the Island.

The area includes some of the rarest and most threatened woodlands, plants, butterflies and birds in the province. The vulnerable habitats are extremely under-represented in the park system, so it is vital to take care of what's left.

The purpose of the project is to provide assistance to south and west Salt Spring landholders interested in stewardship options. Services available to landholders include a tour of their property with biologists, 3D air photo viewing, follow-up research to answer questions in more detail and a limited number of management plans by professionals.

Workshops and presentations will be offered throughout the project on topics such as shoreline stewardship, rain water collection, conservation covenants and ecological restoration. These events will be advertised in the papers.

The first presentation introducing the project will be Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Fulford Hall. Brenda Beckwith, an ethnobotanist, will speak about "People in Natural Landscapes" in an historical perspective.

On Friday, May 26, Bruce Ellingsen of the Cortes Ecoforestry Society will tell the story of the Islanders' campaign to secure land for community ecoforestry. The same evening Jay Rastogi will speak about the application of ecoforestry to woodlots.

On Saturday May 27, Bruce Ellingsen will have a display next to the Salt Spring Conservancy display at the Farmer's Market. Anyone interested in stewardship issues is welcome to contact the conservancy at 538-0318 or visit the office in suite 204, Upper Ganges Centre, 338 Lower Ganges Road, Mondays or Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thrifty's runs fundraiser for 24-Hour Relay

The 24-Hour Relay for the Kids is a running event and major fundraiser for the Lions Society of B.C. While the relay doesn't take place until June 24 and 25, Thrifty Foods is already working hard to raise funds for kids on the Gulf Islands. "We have a great group of volunteers here," said Dan

Lee, manager of Salt Spring's store. "Staff at our store are putting a lot of their own time in to stage events and raise money to support children with disabilities. Last year five kids from the Islands went to Camp Shawnigan—it costs about \$1000 per child to provide a week of freedom

and fun—we want to help raise that money."

The next big event planned to raise funds will be held Saturday, May 13 when Thrifty's and the Lions Club will hold a barbecue while the Lions will also hold a garage sale (just in time for Mother's Day). All proceeds from both

fundraisers go toward sending local children with disabilities to camp.

Staff at Thrifty's have planned a golf tournament for June 4 at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. And you'll also notice a lot of employees in jeans each Friday as the staff hold weekly "Jeans Days" to collect funds.

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Texada plants seedlings on Mt. Tuam and Mt. Bruce

By Peggy Abrahams

In the last two weeks, Texada Land Corp. has been planting fir, cedar and some white pine in areas logged by the company on Mt. Tuam, Mt. Bruce and in the Burgoyne Valley, according to Brent Kapler, Texada's local operations manager.

In Texada's code of forest harvesting principles, issued to the community last year, one clause read, "We will reforest the harvested lands using both natural and supplemental planting, and we will incorporate seed tree retention in our harvesting plans."

Texada has contracted Salt Spring Planters to plant about 50,000 seedlings in areas logged to date. According to Claude Contant of Salt Spring Planters, "They've clear-cut exactly 60 hectares or 150 acres." Based on Contant's figure, the planting of 50,000 seedlings aims for a density of between 500 to 600 stems per hectare.

Contant said that this exceeds the required 400 stems per hectare for privately managed forest land. On forest land managed by the government, the required density is 600 stems per hectare, he explained.

However, local forestry consultant Sally John estimated that including the Holly Farm, Mount Tuam and Jones Road sites, the area clear-cut by Texada so far more likely exceeds 300 acres. She said that in replanting, the normal density is about 11,000 stems per hectare, or roughly twice the density indicated by Contant. She added, "Clearly they are relying on natural regeneration as well."

Ted Baker, former director of the research department of the Ministry of Forests and Salt Spring resident, pointed out that Salt Spring has been logged before. He said, "This is an artificial forest we're in now." Baker added there are many forests in B.C. that aren't replanted because natural regeneration is taking place. He said this may or may not be feasible on the Texada clear-cuts depending on the species of seed trees that have been left.

"You can't just use a formula and expect to come up with an answer... If it's a big clear cut and they've taken everything out that's where you need the seedlings."

Some experts have questioned the timing for the replanting, as well as other practical considerations. Local environmental consultant Briony Penn said the planting is too late in the season. "We're just about to head into summer drought. It's the worst time of the year to plant.... You just don't plant trees when you're heading into the dry season."

Contant acknowledged that the planting should have been done earlier, but he explained he was only just contracted by Texada. He said the slash and needles on the ground from the recent logging would provide valuable nutrients for the seedlings. "It would have been better to do it in February, but to wait until August or September we would have lost nutrients in the needles. It's still better now than waiting until September," he said.

Regarding the timing and other decisions related to the

replanting, Kapler said he has relied on Salt Spring Planters. "I depend on the people doing the planting for us and they seem comfortable doing it now. They've been doing it 20 years and have assured me the conditions are good."

Kapler also said Texada's local forester Terry Gordon has played a role in overseeing the project. "He's looked at the planting to make sure it's done right and make sure the vexars (plastic protectors) are put on correctly."

According to John, the planting should have been done by mid-March at the latest. She added that lateness is only one problem. "Exacerbating the lateness, when you have stock this small with small roots it is not likely the roots will be able to get down to the moisture."

Penn questioned whether the system of replanting is the right approach at all, particularly for this specific area. She said, "There are better ways to reforest. One of the things that happens is that you get an enormous amount of brush coming up, invasive species like broom. Broom invasion is a big problem because it inhibits tree growth."

She also pointed out that replanting of this kind involves ongoing maintenance. "This kind of plantation style forestry is very labour intensive. You've got to have someone going in and moving the tubes and replacing the [trees] that are dead."

Penn explained that when a primal forest is removed, the trees are not the only life forms affect-

ed. She said many interdependent life forms vanish, including predators and organisms such as fungi, adding that the replanted forest doesn't have the same productivity as the forest it has replaced. "Even from an economic point of view, it is not known if the plantation forest will be viable."

Emphasizing that Salt Spring is an ideal forest environment for growth, Baker said, "This land will grow trees. When you look at clear-cuts, how it will affect the other plants and animals is what we don't know."

Penn commented that Texada is operating without a forestry plan per se. "If you clear-cut you're going against the odds. You've got to have a plan."

In a similar vein, Baker commented, "There should be a plan right from harvest, when you cut a tree, for what you're going to do to reforest." Regardless, Baker said the seedlings will be fine as long as they get enough moisture. "It will depend on what kind of spring we have. That's just part of growing trees."

He added, "In spite of what happens, there are going to be trees on those sites. Nature's on their side in this one."

Kapler said Texada has replanted in every area harvested with the exception of a few areas in the agricultural land reserve. "We will be planting more in the fall," he added.

Contant said, "We'll recheck in the fall. I intend to replant whatever doesn't make it."

"There should be a plan right from harvest, when you cut a tree, for what you're going to do to reforest."

—Ted Baker, former director of the research department, Ministry of Forests

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Setting the jewel



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

Sitting in my livingroom I look out over a green expanse of fir, arbutus, maple and dogwood. In the distance, mist forms over Blackburn Lake, eagles soar in the valley, humming birds hover nearby. At night I listen to owls hooting in the distance and bats zoom through the air outside my bedroom window.

This is a truly magnificent place to live.

We on Salt Spring Island are some of the most fortunate people in the world. We live in a place that most can only dream of, where a lucky few visit perhaps once in a lifetime.

And, this environment we live in the midst of, is rarer than you might imagine. In particular, the south-west area of Salt Spring includes 6,000 hectares of some of the rarest ecosystems in B.C.—Coastal Douglas Fir and Garry Oak ecosystems. Less than one per cent of B.C. contains these endangered areas and they are among the least protected.

And yet, right now, we are powerless against those who would come, purchase vast tracts of land and proceed to remove all that it is about this environment that most of us came here to enjoy. Texada Land Corporation owns 75 per cent of the FLR on this Island. They are clear-cutting at a rate of about five acres a day. By the end of this year, more than 1,000 acres of your magnificent environment could be reduced to stumps.

No more eagles, no more owls, no more Garry Oak meadow.

Some have recommended that to stop the logging we should offer Texada densities. We should swap them the right to develop beyond our OCP in areas of their choice in exchange for leaving other areas uncut. Penthouses for parkland? Condos to stop clear-cuts?

Well, it's an idea.

Do you want to trade what we have now, what people all over the world think of as paradise, what thousands come to see and experience every year...would you be willing to trade that for some expensive homes? Expensive homes that you can look at from a distance. It's not an appealing idea.

Fortunately, it's not the only idea.

Here's another. Imagine the federal government joining us in our fight to stop the clear-cutting of our rare ecosystem. Imagine Salt Spring Island as the jewel that it is: Douglas Fir and Garry Oak ecosystems intact, eagles soaring, owls nesting, bats foraging in the air. Imagine that ecosystem protected and preserved for all of us and all of the world.

Take a deep breath. That clean, sharp scent could remain pure. Turn on your tap and imagine that water remaining unsullied. Listen for a moment and imagine that you could always hear the sounds of ravens and eagles in your backyard. Take a walk in the Burgoyne Valley and imagine that the slopes remain carpeted in thick, dense forest—a place where you could take your grandchildren to see, hear, smell and touch one of the world's most rare natural jewels.

How can we preserve that?

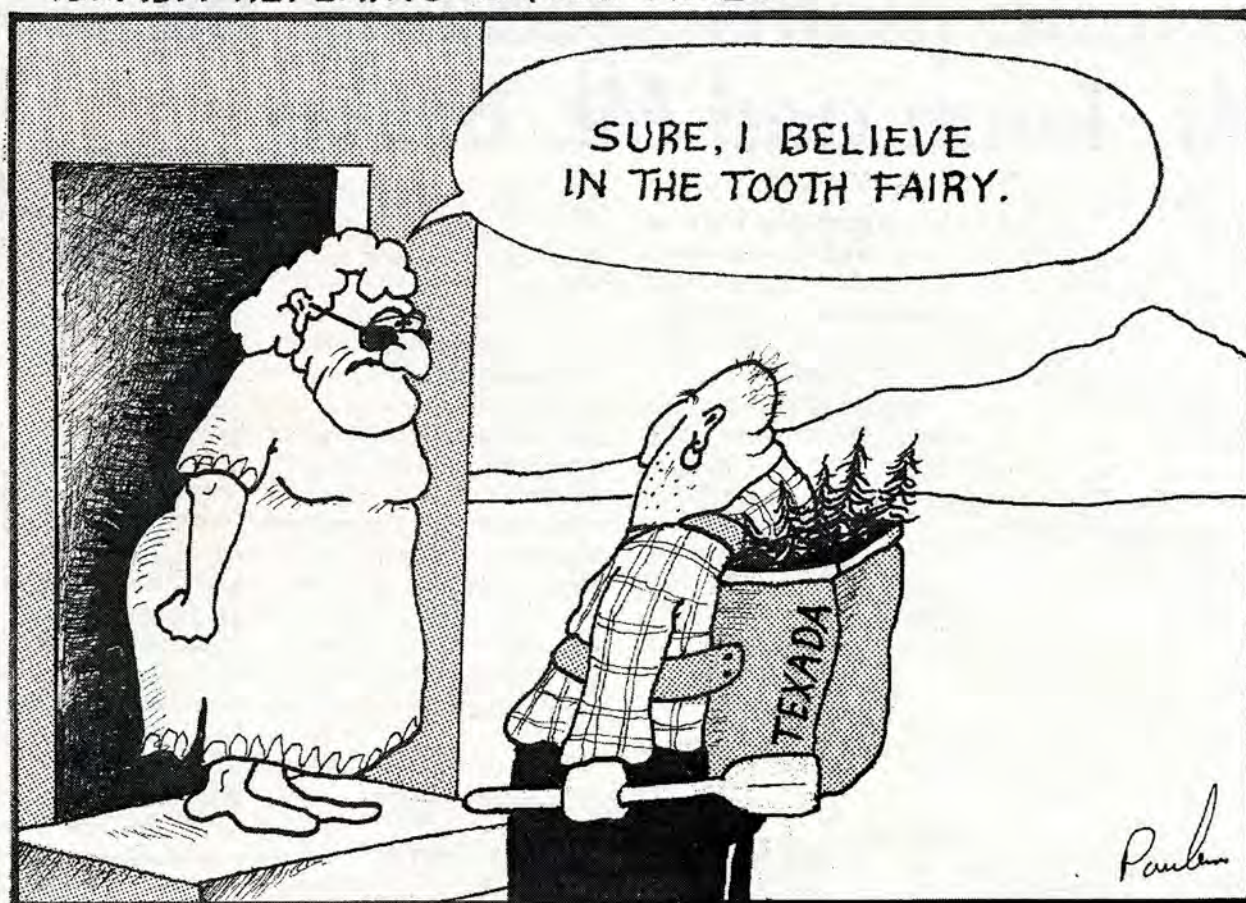
To date Islanders have raised half a million dollars toward stopping Texada's clear-cut logging in areas that should be saved. That's an enormous gesture...but on its own it's not enough. Half a million will not buy all that should be protected from Texada's chainsaws.

It is enough, however, to show that we're serious and we're seriously concerned. And that—our demonstrated concern—could be enough to convince the federal government to help us save our Island.

One week from today Islanders will have a chance to meet a man coming here to discuss an idea of national proportions. On May 9, 6 to 7 p.m. at Fulford Hall Greg McDade will discuss the idea of a proposed national park that could include parts of this Island now slated for clear-cuts. Through the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy, we could save our Island. Our Coastal Douglas Fir and Garry Oak meadows, the owls that inhabit them, the eagles and the bats that soar in the clean sharp air we breathe could become the jewel in a new national park.

All we have to do is ask.

TEXADA REPLANTS 50,000 TREES



Why was it killed?

It is with the deepest regret that I read the account of the destruction of the young male wolf on Saturna Island in the week of April 16.

I understand the losses this animal caused in that community; I sympathize with the farmers affected.

The wolf was merely doing what he was created to do to survive. Whatever happened to tranquilization and relocation? Why was it necessary to kill this beautiful creature?

So much manpower; so many dollars; one little wolf. It was lost from the start; such a waste of precious life.

Shadow of the forest
the earth mourns your passing.

MARILYN MARSHALL

Protecting St. Mark's

Salt Spring Islanders, whether members of the local Anglican parish or not (and I fall into the latter category), should be pleased and relieved to learn of the parish's decision to restore and maintain St. Mark's Church. Constructed largely in the years 1889-92, it is one of the small number of 19th century heritage buildings remaining to us on the Island, a landmark of early Salt Spring.

St. Mark's is important to the many Anglican families who have worshipped there (in some cases for generations), but also to others in the community who have come to the church over its many decades to share in the joys and sorrows of their Anglican friends. Even newcomers to the Island can sense that St. Mark's is filled with local history—that it is a church building significant to the whole community.

In its decision the Anglican parish has recognized the importance of St. Mark's to the wider community. It is now necessary that the community generously support efforts to restore and preserve this important part of our local heritage. We are properly anxious about the preservation of the natural beauty of our Island, but we should be mindful too of the need to protect the sense of local identity that rests in our built heritage.

STEUART BEATTIE

What a party!

On Easter weekend I was lucky enough to be a guest on Salt Spring Island (in fact, I'm lucky enough to be able to spend most holidays there), and I was ALSO lucky enough to get tickets to the Stump Stomp fundraiser put on by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy

before they were all gone.

I bought the tickets because I so strongly admire and support what you on Salt Spring are doing to preserve the environment and to save that precious Island from going the way of the mega development that has already spoiled too much of B.C. I've followed, through the mainland media, the latest battle with Texada Land Corporation, and I wanted to contribute at least a little to the SSI Conservancy's efforts to stop the Company's unconscionable plans.

But what a party! Such a wide cross section of people, such a happy atmosphere, such good food, entertainment, decorations, so many wonderful items at auction (I came home with a couple myself)! I've been to a lot of fundraisers, and have also helped organize a few, so I can make a pretty good guess as to the work, planning, and generosity that went into the Stump Stomp. There was truly something for everyone, and there wasn't a glitch. My congratulations to everyone who made it happen.

I'm certain Stump Stomp will have been wildly successful. I'm equally certain that with the spirit I saw there you

Salt Spring Islanders will achieve your goal.

GENE ERRINGTON
Vancouver

Money, honey

I read with some interest Mr. Doerksen's letter (*Property Rights, the Barnacle*, April 25). In it he waxes patriotically about wars being fought and people dying for individual rights and freedoms including the right to own land.

What of the right to freedom of expression and the right to assembly? Were these rights not also fought for? If the actions of an individual are extremely detrimental to the group (humanity, for example) are we to sit on our hands?

Civil disobedience has led to a number of changes that we all take for granted now. For example, the right for all adult members of society to vote. It has also led to negotiations between large corporations intent on "extracting fibre" and a coalition of environmental groups.

As for "selective clear-cuts," I think that is a contradiction in terms unless, of

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Dénouement

A genius knows countless equations but a fool only counts his blessings.

-Richard Cruickshanks

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course, you select all of them.

While Mr. Doerksen states that the government is reluctant to impose regulations on private land except where absolutely necessary, for the public good, for essential needs such as water, Premier Dosanjh stated prior to his leadership that: I have said around the province, the first thing we need to do is we need to protect all of the watersheds that are providing drinking water for all British Columbians. It is important that we deal with these issues right across the province so that the natural heritage of all British Columbians is protected because good quality natural water is a fundamental right for all British Columbians.

I suppose now that Mr. Dosanjh is leader he may be reluctant to impose those rights. Which brings us back to civil disobedience.

As for the Trust acting arbitrarily, I would say there is very little danger of that, unless of course, you consider Mr. Borrowman's performance on the legislature steps.

I think Mr. Trethewey said it best when asked by a little girl at the barbecue on the beach why he was cutting all of the

trees down. He responded, "For the money, honey." Where does the earth, mother of all that lives, stand in all of this? She is being raped in the back seat of a Cadillac or a brand new Suburban.

ROD MCGUCKIN

Dangerous waves

Last week I wrote for a request for microwave information because Telus is hoping to acquire a microwave location "in my backyard."

Well, one response was from a former employee of the company who tried to alleviate my apprehensions by likening microwaves to riding a bicycle down a hill. "What happens when you stop?" My lame reply was that you hit the brakes and lurch forward. "Exactly," he replied. "Much the same with microwaves."

I recounted the conversation with someone else who pointed out that the energy expended to turns to heat. My brain instantly flashed back to a smoking brake incident coming down Mount Maxwell a little too fast. Brakes wear out. So do immune systems.

Cancer cells divide in erratic ways and eventually out of control. A fruit tree sends out whatever it can to

save itself after an assault with a saw. Guess what folks? Microwaves rip apart your DNA. Your body tries to repairs itself but when it can't any longer it dies. Sometimes fast, sometimes slow.

Since all studies are inconclusive, microwave (cell phone) companies are cashing in on that one little fact. One test totally refutes another. Is this because some immunities are stronger than other, or is it because the questions we are asking and theories we are trying to prove are all off base to begin with?

There have been hundreds of adverse effects documented—bleeding eye sockets, cataracts, brain tumors, leukemia, but all are suppressed, yet there is a link or two to microwave pollution.

Another call I received was from the Cellular Phone Task Force providing me with all kinds of scientific results. They also gathered their own information. "CPTF gathered statistics on weekly mortality rates in U.S. cities from the U.S. Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. Seven major cities showed an increase in deaths of between five per cent and 27 per cent for several weeks



A Journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Ancient Olympia, Greece, population: 10, 707, 135.

after the activation of cellular phone networks. No increase in non-cellular cities during the same period. As far as we know, no one has refuted these statistics."

If anyone would like documented scientific evidence, I have been given a sizeable dossier full of pertinent information. Or, click on: Internet Waveguide at

<http://gate.cruzio.com/~rbe-dard/waveguide/clearcall.html> or Nzine at <http://www.nzine.co.nz/features/neilcherry.html>.

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COMMENTARY

PR gambit or misguided effort?

Texada Land Corporation has implemented a tree planting programme. While the planting itself is of top quality, and the planters have clearly worked with loving care and attention, there are reasons to suspect that the planning of the programme was less than adequate; that in fact the programme has more to do with PR than with good stewardship.

Implementing a tree planting programme isn't quite like buying annual bedding plants for your home garden. At the arrival of spring you prepare the soil, visit the nursery and choose the varieties you like, buy a few flats, take them home, and plant the seedlings. Can you do that in the forest? Definitely not. The time frame involved in growing tree seedlings, and considerations of genetic diversity, ecology and site-specific adaptation, make planning a reforestation programme a complex effort, requiring expertise, lead time and foresight. Planning is further complicated by the enormous natural variation among growing sites, even on a small Island like Salt Spring.

Simplified, the planning stages are as follows. First, choose the species. Sometimes this choice will reflect the mix present before harvesting, and sometimes it will use site-specific knowledge of species that might be expected to do well. Then identify the right seed source. The general rule of thumb has traditionally been "local is best;" seed sources are chosen for their adaptation to the planting site. Thirdly, the ideal seedling for the planting site is envisioned. Specifications will include seedling size and allocation of biomass to root and shoot, depending on the characteristics of the planting site. For example, for a rich, brush-prone site, a larger seedling with a good root system, maybe grown in the nursery for two years, may be called for. Finally, the seed is ordered from the seed centre and sent to the nursery. All these decisions are typically made by a forester responsible for silvicultural activities, usually one, two or more years ahead of the planting programme.

Texada didn't buy this land until November 1999;

certainly not in time to order stock for planting in spring 2000. Since there wasn't time to go through the process of ordering appropriate stock, can we surmise that Texada accepted whatever was available at the nurseries, and bought leftovers from other companies' seedling orders? Box labels show that one ordering agency was TimberWest; another was MacMillan Bloedel. How confident are we that these seedlings are from seed sources appropriate to our Island's growing sites? I asked Brent Kapler for a list of the seedlots so that I could follow this up; at first he agreed, then he said he'd think about it; then he said he'd get back to me quickly. I haven't heard from him.

Amazingly, neither of their contracted forestry experts were apparently involved in programme planning, or in decisions on stock type (size and shape of seedlings).

There are other odd things about this programme. The end of April is awfully late for planting here; planting should have been completed six weeks ago (by mid-March) on sites at these elevations, in this part of the province. Trees planted too late are in danger of the soil drying out before their roots can penetrate far enough. To increase this risk, the fir seedlings I've seen are very small. For these sites most foresters would have prescribed a far larger stock type, with a large root system that could get a head start. Furthermore, the amount of logging debris left on the ground, especially in the more recently logged areas, will be a considerable fire hazard this summer, but seedlings have now been planted all through the slash.

Why didn't Texada do some appropriate site preparation to alleviate the fire hazard and, together with its forestry experts, properly plan a reforestation programme for February-March next year? Their haste, particularly when combined with the full-page ad in last week's *Driftwood*, suggests to me that this planting programme, rather than a sincere effort to regenerate our Island's forests, is a hastily contrived public relations gambit.

SALLY E.T., PH.D.,
Forest Geneticist

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Meetings will also be held in the following communities:		
Mayne Island	May 4	Mayne Island Agricultural Hall Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Saturna Island	May 5	Saturna Community Hall Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Pender Island	May 6	St. Peters Anglican Church Hall Open House 1:30-2:00 p.m. Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Sidney	May 10	Sancha Hall, Main Hall Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Vancouver	May 30	Robson Square Media Centre Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Victoria	May 31	Laurel Point Inn Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Watch for an information package in your mailbox, and take advantage of the Information Repository located on Salt Spring Island at the Islands Trust office for more background information.

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From left: Laurie, Don and Goodie Goodman, and Barbara Imler at Goodies 90th birthday celebration, Saturday April 29.

Two from Polynesia to bring wisdom on global warming

Islanders concerned with the fate of Salt Spring resulting from global warming will be able to draw upon some cross-cultural Polynesian insight this Thursday night at the United Church at 8 p.m. Chief Dorice "Te Tika" Reid of Rarotonga and the Maori Artist Te Aturangi Nepia Clamp of New Zealand will share their concerns and knowledge in *Bringing Polynesian Wisdom to Global Warming*.

The dangerous effects of global warming will be discussed, in particular rising sea levels (two mm annually) and resulting erosion which will affect all Pacific Islands, including Salt Spring, said Baron Fowler, one of the organizers of Thursday's talk. The process will, he said,

cause, "literally thousands of small islands [to] disappear and several Island Nations [to be submerged] underwater by the end of the century." Reports from fisherman in the high-risk areas have confirmed this, since low-level but familiar islands have disappeared over the decades. Sea levels in the Pacific will rise a minimum of three feet as Antarctica melts, and a maximum of 10 feet in the next 100 years if the current rate of erosion continues. This problem is visible on Salt Spring at Walker's Hook, where the road is slowly being claimed by the sea, and in Ganges and Fulford, where Fowler said "disappearing beaches" are evident. During the next century, at the current rate

of sea expansion, downtown Ganges will likely be flooded, the creek beside Barb's Buns will overflow, Walker's Hook beach will cease to exist and instead be two separate islands, and Fulford Inn and the adjoining road connecting Ganges and Fulford will be submerged.

Te Tika, who is an Hereditary Chief on Rarotonga, one of the Islands in the Cook chain, is also the Managing Director of the Little Polynesian Resort. She has traveled before with Te Aturangi, a carver from Gisborne who was brought to Salt Spring with the financial aid of Island wildlife artist Robert Bateman. In the past, Te Tika and Te Aturangi crossed from Fiji to Hawaii

with 22 other people in a large canoe. The trip took four months. The pair recently attended the Climates Change Conference in Victoria, during which they spoke about the problem of rising ocean levels and gave examples from the South Pacific, including the island nations of the Shelles and Mauritius, which will be dissolved before the century ends. Te Aturangi will embark on a tour of local First Nations following the event on Thursday, and will also be present at the Community Wisdom Gathering on Salt Spring from May 26 to 28. Proceeds generated from the discussion will be used to finance his journey among the First Nations people.

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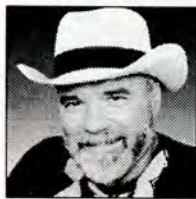
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Marshall McLuhan once said something to the effect that no goldfish ever was aware that it lived in a goldfish bowl—point being that none of us can know what or who we are until we manage to step outside our environment and look back at it. That's why that famous space photo of Planet Earth—all blue and green and white and swirling—was so electrifying. We'd never seen ourselves from outside our global fishbowl.

It makes me wonder if people of the Victorian Age ever realized that they were, well, Victorian. Prudish. Uptight. Laughably hypersensitive about sex and mores.

Makes me wonder if anybody realizes we're doing it again.

We're getting pretty silly, folks. Cynthia Stewart, a Cleveland housewife, may well be on her way to the slammer. Her crime? Well, she'd taken a roll of film into her local drug store for development. A photo clerk there took one look at some of the shots on the roll, and called the cops. The cops moved in and charged Ms. Stewart with "pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor." Sure enough, on the film are shots of an eight-year-old female rinsing off after a bath using a detachable shower spray. One "minor" thing about the minor—she is Cynthia Stewart's daughter. "Throughout her life I have taken pictures of her to record the growth of her body and moments of silliness and play," Ms. Stewart testified. She has been suspended without pay from her job as a school bus driver and faces up to 16 years in prison if convicted.

I am reminded of that Coppertone ad—you know the one, where a mutt on the beach is pulling down a little

waif's bathing suit bottom and the (gasp!) cleft of her bum is showing? Sure hope they nail the Madison Avenue pervert responsible for that one.

The folks railroading Ms. Stewart would feel right at home in the town of Fall River, Nova Scotia. Authorities there recently suspended three grade schoolers for the heinous crime of "snowing."

Snowing is when kids...run around in the snow and push each other into snowbanks. It is also known as "fun."

Except at George P. Vanier Junior High School in Fall River. That's where a teacher last winter noted "suspicious" signs of snow on a young girl's jacket and reported her to the principal. Yes, the kid admitted, they (three girls and a boy—all close friends) had been frolicking in the snow. At George P., that qualifies as "aggressive behaviour." No one had been hurt. None of the kids had complained. They were all suspended.

Does it get stupider than this? Actually, yes.

A Nebraska seventh-grader was kicked out of school for showing up with a pair of blunt-edged safety scissors. In Kansas, a 13-year-old was suspended for "racial harassment" after he sketched a Confederate flag on a piece of paper. At an elementary school in Gimli, Manitoba, kids can be turfed out for hugging. The numbnuts faculty of the school calls that "inappropriate touching."

Score one for our side though—after long and thorough soul searching the City Council of Birmingham (England's second largest city) has decided that the nursery rhyme Baa Baa Black Sheep...is not racist.

Perhaps it was the black mother who stood up at a city council debate and pointed out "the rhyme is about black sheep, not black people."

Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black

I wonder how you say 'Duh!' in Birminghamese?

One is tempted to laugh at all this Pecksniffian stupidity. One would be wrong.

Zach Jones thought it would be a good laugh to write a column in his student newspaper on a subject that affects every human being and about which many people—children and adults—spend an inordinate amount of time chuckling over: flatulence.

Maybe Zach's column wasn't Pulitzer Prize material, but it was a long way from Mein Kampf—although you wouldn't know it from the way authorities reacted. The High School principal took all 1,200 copies of the student newspaper containing the column and locked them in a safe. Zach was relieved of his column. The teacher who helped Zach was fired. The District School Superintendent thundered on to the battlefield, declaring the column to be "obscene."

"If that column's obscene, then I deserve the death penalty for some of the things I've written about," commented an observer; an observer by the name of Dave Barry, who just happens to have won the Pulitzer Prize for humour. He shakes his head about the silliness, but he's not surprised. "There are always going to be people in positions of power who don't have a sense of humour" he says.

Okay, no sense of humour. But how about two brain cells to rub together?

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A night of music and fashion

By Peggy Abrahams

Summer is in sight and the music students of GISS took the opportunity to show their talent modeling warm weather fashions on the catwalk last Thursday, raising an estimated \$550 to help support the music programme. The entertaining evening also featured engaging performances by singers Deb Toole, Don Zacharias, Don Fisher and Emily Roop.

The high school multi-purpose room was transformed with the addition of a black catwalk, screens, and tables dressed with white cloths and lit by candle. Some 70 people who attended were shown a range of summer styles provided courtesy of local merchants. Band and choir students strutted their stuff to the sound of techno music, dressed in clothing from Workworld, Eve's Attic, Choices, A Class Act, Fields, Blue Dragon Naturals, WearEverywhere and Ganges Garment Company.

Some of the fashion highlights were Fila sport coordinates and sundresses from WearEverywhere, as well as sailing clothes from Ganges Garment Co. Well-cut natural fibre garments from Blue Dragon Naturals and sportswear from Choices also looked like stylish and comfortable pieces for the season ahead.

Joining the music students, a group of children modeled smaller scale summer clothes. One of the evening's highlights was a performance by a little girl who ran up the catwalk lifting her purple flowered dress, much to the amusement of the audience. Among the younger models were Julian Smith (eight years) and Amala Smith (six years), the children of Bruce Smith, director of the GISS Music department.

After the intermission, Emily Roop and Don Fisher sang the charming duet, *Give Me Thy Hand*. In keeping with the fashion theme, Deb Toole took the stage and quipped, "My dress is from Cotton Ginny Plus." With her customary flair and rich voice, Toole performed a hilarious piece from the opera *Cinderella*, called *The Stepsister's Lament*, in which the step-sister bemoans her failure to attract a handsome suitor.

Don Zacharias gave an a cappella rendition of *Sweet Night*. This Russian folk song is the lament of a young man who has the opportunity of a perfect autumn night with the woman he loves, only to learn she does not love him.

This was followed by Don Fisher singing the Robert Louis Stevenson poem *Wither Must I Wander* set to music by Van Williams. And finally, Emily Roop sang *Think of Me*, a pretty song ideally suited to her sweet soprano voice. Paul Verville accompanied the singers on piano.

Patricia Brown organized the event. Coming up next for the GISS music students, the choir will sing with the Salt Spring Singers at ArtSpring May 12, 13 and 14. Later this month music students will be participating in the Vancouver Heritage festival.

Music and Munch

Violin and organ promise unusual recital

Tomorrow at 12:10 p.m., Islanders are invited to experience the unusual combination of violin and organ, as performed by Jean Knight and Barry Valentine at the All Saints' Church. The recital is part of the church's successful *Music and Munch* programme, now in its fifth year, and will feature a selection of light works for the organ and violin, accentuated by the wonderful acoustics of All Saints'.

This is the first time

Valentine and Knight have played together in performance, though both have an eclectic and enriched musical background. Valentine has been involved with church music all his life and is currently All Saints' Musical Director, as well as the organist at All Saints' and St. Mark's. His skills as a performer and accompanist were developed through positions as organist at McGill and assistant organist at the Cathedral in

Montreal. His playing has been enjoyed at All Saints' throughout the history of *Music and Munch*.

Knight has studied music at the Brighton School of Music and the Royal College of Music in England, both of which she won scholarships to attend. After obtaining her degrees, she performed with Sadler's Wells Opera and Ballet and the BBC Concert Orchestra, and filled the role of concert

mistress of a light orchestra. After emigrating to Canada in 1955, she played with the CBC Radio Orchestra and was the Principal Second Violinist with the Vancouver Symphony. She has also been involved with the Victoria Symphony, has taught music, and is currently a freelance musician.

As on every Wednesday, the recital will be followed by a brunch overlooking the harbour, for the bargain rate of \$4.75.

Lifetime member at Historical AGM

The Salt Spring Island Historical Society Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday, May 9, at 2 p.m. at Central Hall. In addition to electing a new executive for the next year and hearing various reports on the current health of the society, this year's AGM will have two additional features.

For the first time, the society will honour a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the society over a number of years. This individual will be made an honorary lifetime member. The society hopes to continue this practice in future years to thank those members who have worked to make the society an Island institution.

The second feature of the AGM will be an address by historian John Lutz entitled *The Erotics of Exploration*. Lutz has had articles published in books issued by the University of Washington Press, UBC, and Oxford University Press. His specialties include Aboriginal relations, race relations, and the Pacific Northwest. The talk will focus on the ordinary seaman on the voyages of discovery and what he hoped to find in the New World. The talk will follow the other events of the AGM.

The Historical Society heartily invites anyone interested to attend the year's last, and what promises to be a highly entertaining, meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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Spectacular gardens rise from raw Island earth

story and photos by Peggy Abrahams
An English garden overlooking Vesuvius Bay

When Valerie Watt's parents moved to their Vesuvius home in 1960, the half-acre lot was a field, she recalls. Her parents transformed the field into a serene world of colour and scents, reminiscent of an English country garden. Watt and her husband Don moved into the house four years ago, and have worked to preserve the garden the way her parents conceived it.

Valerie Watt said her parents designed the garden and did all the planting. "We've left it pretty much the way mom and dad would like it. It's in memory of them."

It's evident that her parents knew what they were doing. Don Watt pointed out, "Val's mother was a horticulturist. At university she was into biology and entomology." The expertise in gardening turns out to be a family tradition. One of Valerie Watt's grandfathers was an entomologist, and the other an agriculturist. Don and Valerie's three children all enjoy gardening as well.

What was once a field, is now a series of gardens, rolling down a gentle slope. In the early spring garden, the daffodils were fading, but beds of bluebells, tulips and other blossoms spill generous colour. Waves of pinks and mauves prevail. The magnolia trees are now shedding, while the lilac bush is on the verge of erupting in full purple regalia. The garden is a lush mixture of flowering trees, fruit trees, and beds of herbs and flowers.

Most prized perhaps for the Watts are their roses, some 50 at the last inventory. Amongst the most special is a Cecil Brunner rose that climbs to the top of a noble walnut tree. "We simply call it the rose nut tree," Watts said.

Another of the roses was brought by an uncle from Harvard University about 80 years ago.

Among some of the more unique trees and plants, the Watts have family heirloom specimens. "We have a double clematis that my grandfather propagated. It's named after my grandmother, Mrs. P. T. James," she said. Her grandfather also propagated a special tomato, The Salt Spring Sunrise.

Then there's the fremontia, with yellow flowers, and an albezia. A fig tree produces black figs, and recently added, there is a thriving olive tree. "I was thinking of planting a pimento tree right next to it," joked Don Watt.

Also scattered throughout the garden are a yellow bamboo and an old gnarled pear tree that bears luscious bosc pears along with 60-odd azalea, rhododendron and camellia.

And, the Watts garden is home to an array of bird life. A clever hummingbird has returned for the third year in a row and a tribe of quail visits regularly. "We see as many as 20 at a time, marching in the garden," said Valerie Watt.

As for the deer, the Watts say they have finally gotten the upper hand. "We love deer, but not in my backyard," said Don Watt. Fences and shrubbery keep the

deer out. "The shrubs hide the fences so it's not only private, but it's also a wind-break," said Valerie.

Maintaining such a garden does take time. Both Don and Valerie start their day by watering their private Eden. Don starts at one end and Valerie starts at the other. They meet halfway after about an hour. "Then it's time for coffee," said Don.

Valerie said she takes her time in the garden and doesn't make snap decisions about what she plans to do. "I don't count the hours I spend on it because I'd rather be outside than in."

Maracaibo garden thrives in microclimate

It may be April, but David Mundy's Maracaibo garden is already dancing with colour. Although Mundy said his garden reaches its prime in July, early spring is a beautiful time. Most striking are throngs of tulips in unusually exotic

hues, like peach, magenta and brilliant scarlet. Mundy has created several distinct garden environments, a shade garden, a south-facing garden and rock gardens, interspersed with rock pools and circulating water, on a secluded hill overlooking Long Harbour.

What makes the garden so special, according to Mundy, is its location—a microclimate exists on this spot of land enabling extraordinary things to grow. Commenting that Salt Spring is a great place for gardening in general, Mundy revealed that it wasn't until he began his garden that he realized how good the conditions were.

"They claim we have a special sub-climate here because we're facing south and we're protected by Long Harbour, which has a moderating influence. We're able to grow things here that can't be grown elsewhere, like New Zealand tea which is a sub-tropical plant," he explained.

Mundy chose the site 12 years ago as the spot to build a house. The location is 75 feet above sea level and 100 yards from the sea. "The prevailing south-easterlies don't hit us so hard. They hit the other side of Long Harbour," he said.

A former deputy minister in the federal government



From top: The Maracaibo garden of David Mundy. Flowers in bloom at the Watt house in Vesuvius. A smiling David Mundy in his garden. Salt Spring offers gardeners microclimates that enable the growth of trees, shrubs and plants not normally considered viable this far north.



and one-time president of the Air Industry Association of Canada, Mundy said that he decided to make gardening his retirement project.

"I chose the plants and designed it with help from Foxglove. After that I started to design it myself—the terrace, the steps, the gates...we add to it each year. I must admit that I looked at every gardening magazine in the world for months. There's no such thing as a new idea but you have to design a garden," Mundy said.

He explained that they started with nothing. Hundreds of yards of dirt were trucked in and the landscaping was done from scratch. The patio was designed first. Rocks had to be moved by bulldozer and fences were put up to keep out the deer.

"The first garden was the shade garden. It grew like Topsy. We got very good advice from Chris Schmah. He helped greatly with setting up the garden," Mundy said.

For the last 10 years, Mundy, who is 80, has had assistance from gardener Gary McComb, who comes twice a week. The other five days it's up to Mundy to take care of things.

This beautiful garden has some high tech features as well. "One of the unusual things about the garden is it's entirely watered automatically, by computer. It comes on during the night—the best time to water and be water efficient, which we try to be," Mundy added, though, that the garden requires a lot of water in the summer.

Water weaves in and out of the garden through little ponds and self-circulating waterfalls. Terraces of colour look out over a breathtaking view of Long Harbour on one side. On a clear day, the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club can be seen across the water just up the inlet.

Mundy shares a gardening secret he said is vital important. "One of the greatest secrets of gardening is to add two or three inches of mulch every year to your garden. It gradually decays and adds organic matter to the soil."

Wildly enthusiastic audience for *A Guide To Mourning*

by Elizabeth Courtney

Not to beat about the bush, the opening night of Eugene Strickland's brilliant play, *A Guide To Mourning*, was a coup. When I first read the script I knew it would be easy to reach an audience for comedy, but what about the audience for whom the whole ritual of death and funeral was a recent or still painful reality? At the dress rehearsal it was not clear that both audiences were being reached, yet last night the alchemy was perfect—there were gales of laugh-



Director Tony Bancroft.

ter, quite a few tears and the extraordinary sensation of both audiences co-existing in my own body.

The secret was in the timing: underneath the surfaces of these dysfunctional family members, revealed in pauses, body language, gestures and the ability to convey the unsaid, lay the fully realized human beings who could draw us into their lives as the action moved from hilarious absurdity to its moving conclusion.

Pivotal to the play, Yvonne Adalian, as the bereaved mother, has the immensely challenging task of conveying the shock and unreality of death and the ability to cope. She accomplishes the distracted transitions from one state to the other like a shift from major to minor key in the subtlest of fashions—hands distractedly patting her seat, a lingering look, a small modulation of tone as she remembers.

Her terminally unemployable son, Rex, for whom she has the weakest of spots, is perfectly cast and acted by Patrick Cassidy—again, the subtlety of such moves as standing up and sitting down again to absorb the shock of the news of his father's death, is more telling than any words could have been. The other son, Lewis, effete and very insecure, is a tragi-comic tour-de-force in James Wilkinson's hands. His ability to sustain a pain-induced rage seething just below the surface was there in every breath he took, every look, every gesture. Siobhan Sintzel glitters with a brittle spunkiness as the empty headed, clothes-obsessed daughter who could never compete with her brothers, and Stewart Katz (as her boyfriend) does a wonderful transition from cliché-ridden post-urban Torontonion to the deflated son in search of a father.

The character who does so much to provoke the transformations is the over the top Anglican cleric, performed by Vaughn Fulford. His performance is, well, over the top—and watching the family's stunned reaction to him is as pleasurable as his outrageous insights are funny. The sets are simple and very effective—and the use of kleenex in setting moods and generating movement unimaginably effective.

The man responsible for pulling all this together? One of the actors described director Tony Bancroft as "brilliant, insightful, funny, relaxed, always encouraging, a joy to



Siobhan Sintzel, Stewart Katz and Yvonne Adalian (background) in *A Guide to Mourning*.

work with." It shows.

A Guide To Mourning continues at ArtSpring, Wednesday through Saturday. As a great piece of ensemble acting it is an inspiring example of what Canadian theatre can do and be. I hope Eugene Strickland drops by. He would be happy.



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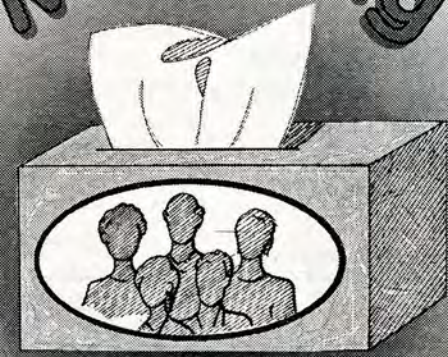
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Desert Island Choices
Reading, music and a visitor—what would you pick if you were stranded on a desert island?

 This week's castaway is **Stewart Katz**, playing Dardon in *A Guide to Mourning* at ArtSpring this week. Stewart studied theatre at McGill and worked (till burned out) as a theatre agent in Toronto before leaving for two years of travel in Asia. He loved Nepal, is working on a book on India and will never forget the day his face hurt from smiling after shaking hands with the Dalai Lama—or the trip to Everest base camp. He arrived on Salt Spring three and-a-half years ago, lives with his girl friend Julie Howard and has a Massage Therapy practice.

The Book: "Lions in Winter: A History of the Montreal Canadiens—because if there was somewhere else I could be other than this desert island, it would be playing with the best hockey team in the world."

The Disc: "Natalie Merchant's *Tiger Lily*. It's a pop/rock disc—serious, sad and spiritual. It evokes a lot of emotion for me, can even make me cry. Mostly I'm kind of stoic though."

Fellow castaway: "A young looking Elizabeth Taylor (but Julie knows I really mean her)."

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TUESDAY MAY 2

Toy Library Beaver Pt. Hall. 9-10am
Storytime for Little Ones Library. 10am
Spring Show Ewart Gallery. 175 Saltspring Way.
Bob Rogers Roasting Company.
Diana Dean Paintings Talon's
Jacqueline Hooker Sweet Arts Café
Joe Benge Photographs Luigi's.
Trees ASA Group Show. ArtSpring Lobby.
Judy Weedon Ceramics Bristol Hair Cutters
Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
Herbal Health for Elders SS Seniors' Building. 1:30-3:30pm.
Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9am
Nia Fitness Dance North End Fitness. 7pm
Volleyball Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30pm
American Beauty 6:45pm
Erin Brockovich 9:15pm

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

Guide to Mourning Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring. 8pm
Music & Munch Jean Knight, violin & Barry Valentine, organ. All Saints'. 12:10pm
Wednesday Night Live Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
Argentinian Tango Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30pm
Centering Prayer Contemplative Centre. 7:30am.
S. End Centering Prayer St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
BCSS/NAMI Mental Illness Education. All Saints'. 7pm
New Mum, New Baby Clinic Pharmasave uptown.
Ease into Fitness Mahon Hall. 9am
Step into Shape All Saints. 9am
Yoga SS Centre. 10am
Soccer Co-ed Drop-in Portlock. 2pm
Circuit Challenge Fulford Gym. 6:30pm

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Storytime West of the Moon. 10am
Midnight Café Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
Kabir Helminski Contemplative Centre. 10am.
Life Drawing United Church. 1pm
Ease into Fitness Mahon Hall. 9am
Step into Shape All Saints. 9am
Yoga SS Centre. 9am
Circuit Challenge Fulford Gym. 6:30pm
Erin Brockovich 7:30pm

TUESDAY MAY 9

Storytime for Little Ones Library. 10am
Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
Sacred Dance Moving meditation. Birgit Wolf. United Church Hall by donation. 7pm
SSI Historical Society AGM & John Lutz: The Erotics of Exploration. Central Hall. 2pm
Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9am
Nia Fitness Dance North End Fitness. 7pm
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The Emperor and The Assassin 9:15pm
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WEDNESDAY MAY 10

Argentinian Tango Practice. Lions' Hall. 7:30pm
Centering Prayer Contemplative Centre. 7:30am.
S. End Centering Prayer St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
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Public Library. 3pm
- Guide to Mourning**
Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7pm
- Men's Breakfast**
United Church. 8am
- Community Meditation**
United Church. 11:30am
- Polynesian Wisdom on Global Warming**
Elders' Presentation. United Church. 8pm
- Open Garden** Featuring Iris. 185 Furness Rd.
- Spinners and Weavers**
ArtSpring. 10:30am
- Texada Lands Community Meeting**
GISS Multi-purpose room. 7pm.
- Bingo** Meaden Hall. 7pm.
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9am
- Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 9:15am
- Yoga** SS Centre 4pm
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8pm

FRIDAY MAY 5

- Guide to Mourning**
Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Contact Dance**
Cats Pajamas. 104, Langs Rd. 8pm
- Toni Onley**
Vortex Gallery. 6pm
- Wisdom Circle**
United Church. 7:30pm
- Open Garden**
Featuring Iris. 185 Furness Rd.
- OAP Bingo**
Fulford Hall. 2pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9am
- The Emperor and The Assassin** 6:30pm
Erin Brockovich 9:30pm

SATURDAY MAY 6

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Guide to Mourning**
Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Contact Dance**
Workshop. Cats Pajamas. 104 Langs Rd. 10-4pm
- Open Garden**
Featuring Iris. 185 Furness Rd.
- Ashtanga Yoga**
Free. Salt Spring Centre. 9:30am
- Nia Fitness Dance**
All Saints'. 9:15am
- The Emperor and The Assassin** 6:30pm
Erin Brockovich 9:30pm

SUNDAY MAY 7

- Mary's Matinée**
A Celebration of Mary Williamson. ArtSpring. 2pm
- The Other Bros.**
Brian (Buck) McDonald, Dave Roland & Richard Cross. Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Contact Dance**
Workshop. Cats Pajamas. 104 Langs Rd. 10-4pm
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Biting Hands Theatre. Mahon Hall. 8pm
- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7pm
- Community Meditation**
United Church. 11:30am
- Open Garden**
Featuring Iris. 185 Furness Rd.
- Spinners and Weavers**
ArtSpring. 10:30am
- Pre Natal Class**
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- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9am
- Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 9:15am
- Yoga** SS Centre 4pm
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8pm

FRIDAY MAY 12

- Vigour Mortis**
Biting Hands Theatre. Mahon Hall. 8pm
- Open Stage**
Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Music of the British Isles**
Salt Spring Singers. ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- Open Garden**
Featuring Iris. 185 Furness Rd.
- OAP Bingo**
Fulford Hall. 2pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9am

SATURDAY MAY 13

- Gulf Islands Shrine Club**
Garage Sale. Masonic Hall. 9am-1pm
- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Vigour Mortis**
Biting Hands Theatre. Mahon Hall. 8pm
- Music of the British Isles**
Salt Spring Singers. ArtSpring. 7:30pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Open Garden**
Featuring Iris. 185 Furness Rd.
- Ashtanga Yoga**
Free. Salt Spring Centre. 9:30am
- Nia Fitness Dance**
All Saints'. 9:15am

SUNDAY MAY 14

- Mothers' Day Breakfast**
Meaden Hall. 9-11am
- Music of The British Isles**
Salt Spring Singers. Art Spring. 2pm
- The Other Bros.**
Brian (Buck) McDonald, Dave Roland & Richard Cross. Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8pm

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Vortex Gallery, May 5

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Vortex Gallery is opening May 5 with an exhibit of paintings by Toni Onley. Entitled *Travels of Toni Onley* the gallery will show more than 50 works painted during Onley's travels in such far flung places as India, Egypt, Ireland, Italy, the Arctic and Canada. Described as ranging from "monumental to personal in scale," the paintings hung will include oils and watercolours.

Onley is one of Canada's best known painters both at home and abroad. A recipient of the Order of Canada in 1999, Onley's work is in the permanent collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum and Tate Gallery (both in London, England), the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa and the Vancouver Art Gallery of British Columbia.

Much has been said of the influence that Onley's paintings have had on the way artists and the general public view the landscape of our country. Vortex Gallery's exhibit is interesting in that it shows how this acclaimed Canadian painter incorporates his great skills and fluidity in oil and

watercolour into his interpretations of the landscape of other countries. Well known landmarks such as the pyramids of Egypt and the monoliths of the British Isles, which could easily become clichés in the hands of a lesser artist, are constructed by Onley to form symbols of human milestones. Through Onley's paintings we can see these wonders of our world with fresh vision.

Onley was born in 1928 on the Isle of Man where he received his early training and was influenced by the work of the great British watercolourists. He came to Canada in 1948. After moving to British Columbia in 1995, he studied in Mexico at Instituto Allende and in London, England, where he studied etching and re-established his landscape roots with the Norwich School of Watercolour Painting. His course was then set towards the work he is best known for today: landscape of simplicity and power.

Onley's work will be on display at Vortex Gallery from May 5 to 31 with the artist in attendance May 5 and 6 to 9 p.m.

Vigour Mortis, May 11-13 and 17-20

Death, memory and communication

by Rob McMahon

Death is like being "tall, thin and never having to worry about sunscreen," says a daughter to her estranged father. What's bizarre is that she speaks from experience, having recently died. The strange scenario is part of Salt Spring playwright and director Erin Butler's first full-length production, *Vigour Mortis*. The comedic drama will be performed at Mahon Hall from May 11 to 13 and 17 to 20, before moving to the Victoria Fringe Festival for six days at the end of August. The play concerns the complexities and difficulties of communication between a father and a daughter.

Butler hopes that the play will, "be unique in the way it is presented." He believes, "there is no such thing as an accurate memory." One of the play's themes, Butler hopes the concept of faulty memory will also play a part in the way the audience experiences his work. He said each audience member should, "walk away with a different perception" of the story. The play also concerns the difference between our perceived and inner selves; "Be careful who you pretend to be, because that's who you are." *Vigour Mortis* is dialogue-driven and has evolved intensely since

the ink of the first edition dried (it has gone through nine revisions so far). Butler said, "the script has adapted to the actors as much as they have adapted to the script," when describing the changes the play has gone through.

Butler describes his play's main characters as authentic. The father is, "afraid of imperfection...can tolerate (expects) it in other people, but fears it in himself." This fear of failure has caused a rift in his family's relationships and led to total estrangement with his daughter, Sam. The character of Sam also has, "a lot of fear" but has had "years of practice in covering it up, usually with humor." The interaction between the two ("terrifying for both [and] totally intimate") is the focus of the drama, compounded by the fact that Sam is dead.

Butler has previously written skits for the Salt Spring Hysterical Society and Off-Center Stage. He has been writing for a number of years, flipping through past ideas "like a family album." Acting in the play is Lottie Fast as Sam, Rusty Marshall as the father, Geoffrey Davidson as Death, and Marnee Beauvais as the intern, all from Salt Spring. Tickets are available at both Island Star locations, and cost \$8 each.



Poetry and movement

by Rob McMahon

"Breath is the most subtle and yet the most present form of eternal expression," said Ahava Shira. Shira, an Island poet and dancer, is currently teaching a four-week workshop at the CORE Inn called *Ebb of Flesh, Flow of Breath* which focuses on movement and writing, and how the two can be used to access creativity. The classes, which began on April 4, are designed to, "free the students' creativity and cause them to have an expanded sense of their own potential." Internal expansiveness is stressed, with students exploring the "magnitude, width, and breadth of [their] inner landscapes." Shira acts as a "catalyst...a slipstream or elemental force that gets behind something and pushes it along."

Shira describes the process of creation as having two steps: we "take in inspiration and express it outwardly." Everyone is a naturally creative being. The literary or performing output isn't stressed—instead people are encouraged to block out the internal critic or editor that inhibits creative inspiration. Play is stressed during the workshops, in order to establish a free, unconditional and encouraging environment from which to access one's inner creative energy.

The response to the workshops has been amazing, said Shira. Nine people are involved in the classes, ranging in age from mid-20s to mid-50s. Last Wednesday, the class began with a discussion circle, during which past writings, thoughts and movements were shared between the students and the teacher. Shira encouraged all expression, "creative writing is expressed in lots of ways...write whatever you want to write, whether creative or not. Train yourself to use words and explore what happens in your life." After the discussion, a short meditation commenced, the central focus of which was the movement of breath within oneself. While the meditative state continued, the class split, with half of the students writing out their inspiration and half dancing. After some time, the roles were reversed and each student had an opportunity to express her or himself in both ways.

Shira moved to Salt Spring six months ago from Montreal and then Vancouver. She has released a book of poetry entitled *Womb—Weaving of My Being*, which will be available soon at the Saturday Market, along with a new project entitled *Poem Weaving* through which she invites people to introduce a subject and, for a toonie, will create a personal poem for them. Shira produced her first play at UBC last year. She has already offered a course in writing through PARC last January and intends to continue with *Ebb of Flesh* in May, contact her at 537-4510.



Sharon Marmorstein, Susan Cogan, Rhema Cossever and Alan Caplan (l to r) play a scenario presented by an audience member.

From dinner parties to suicide Playback Theatre spans life's full spectrum

by Amei Parkes

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to relive an event—or better still, change fate?

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Through a blend of storytelling, improvisation and music, actors enact a story told by an audience volunteer with the help of a conductor. The conductor, who could be described as a cross between an MC, a therapist, a confidante and a medium, draws out the story.

Robert Osborne achieved this beautifully at the Friday night performance at the United Church, keeping the atmosphere warm and supportive throughout. The actors on

stage, Alan Caplan, Susan Cogan, Rhema Cossever and Sharon Marmorstein, performed the scriptless stories with respect and skill. Through their intuition and the sheer experience of working together, they created a seamless flow of energy on the stage.

What emerged was an intimate theatre experience. Not only did they keep the pressure mounting as people wondered whether the actors could pull it off, but the intensity of sharing a deeply personal story lingered in the air like a confession between close friends.

Playback works like a "theatre laboratory," where real-life skits can be accepted, repaired or transformed.

We saw this as Karen described a "hot, wild, snaky, ancient being" battling between her shoulder blades. In the first skit, *It's Only A Matter of Time*, Marmorstein and Cossever wriggled, grated and mirrored danced with the uncomfortable thing. In an effort to repair and transform her emotions, Karen re-named the second skit, *Love Me*. She turned the thing into a powerful force and accepted her dark and light sides.

At one point Osborne asked the 20-person crowd, if anyone had a question they wanted to explore.

Jane did.

She gave some background. It all started when she was sharing a meal with

three long-time girlfriends and her new husband on the Island of Elba, in Italy.

Is it a piece about the new-lweds, probed Osborne? No, the women. One is a nymphomaniac, one is a bitch and then there's me. Jane's remark sent cascades of laughter through the audience, breaking the tension as she edged to the climax of this story.

They sat down to a regular meal of "wine, pasta and pigeon," when the topic of birthdays came up. The nymphomaniac revealed her birthday is January 9. The bitch said, no, in fact, that's her birthday. And Jane? Yes, she is a January 9 baby, too.

Coincidence or circumstance?

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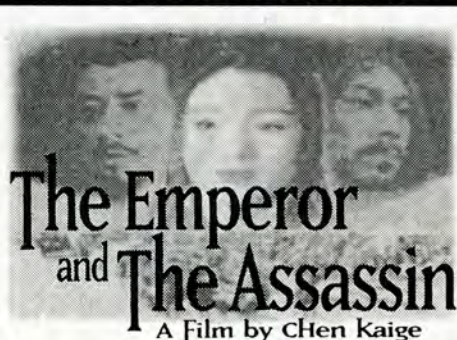
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Life in the garden ... with Joe Clemente



What a fabulous time of the year to be out in the garden! I'm sure spring is probably many gardeners' favourite time of the year. I know it's my

favourite, because spring is when a lot of lifeless looking plants explode with lush growth and blooms. This is also a time when those marvelous perennials that disappeared in the winter months start to look real good.

I can't think of a better time to head to the local garden centre and decide which new varieties you'd like to add to your collection. Or, maybe this is your first time out shopping among the vast varieties available. The benefit of growing a perennial over an annual is that it will give you joy year after year, and you only have to plant them once.

Here are several to keep your eyes open for when you decide to head down to the nursery. *Aquilegias*, more commonly known as Columbines, are one of my favourites. I have hundreds of these things growing throughout semi-shaded areas of my garden. They come in mixed colours, and they vary in height. The flowers are beautiful, and the plants self seed easily. So you can expect an abundance of these beauties over a period of time. They bloom in spring.

Epimediums is good to try in a fairly shaded location. They produce interesting blooms in April or May. *Convallaria*, or Lily-of-the-Valley, is a fairly low-growing species of perennial that works best in a more shaded area of your garden. The blooms are white, and are produced in spring. *Astilbes* are available in several different colours, and can be used as a cut flower. They bloom over a longer period of time, generally right through the summer months. *Astilbe* prefers partial shade and fairly moist soil.

Dicentra, or Bleeding Heart, is a very popular plant in local gardens. These are also spring bloomers that do great in partial shade to shade. I like *Dicentra spectabilis*; the flowers are more heart-shaped, and they are available in white or pink.

Now for some of the sun lovers such as *Doronicum*, or Leopard's Bane. These daisy type flowers are a brilliant yellow. Some gardeners believe this species should be grown in partial shade, but mine have been growing in one of the sunniest locations of my garden for two years with no problem. My own *Doronicum* started blooming in mid-April. They can be divided every few years if the clump gets too large for your flowerbed.

Monarda, or Bee Balm is very popular, and is very good for attracting hummingbirds. Some Bee Balms can reach more than three feet tall, and I believe the most common is the Mahogany variety that produces dark, wine red blooms in the summer. *Penstemon* is also another great choice that is available in different colours. The purples and reds are good varieties for any garden. These can reach more than two feet tall. *Ligularias* is very exotic looking to me with its large

foliage. Many people like to plant them in partial shade, but with ample moisture full sun will work just fine. Some *Ligularias* can reach up to six feet in height, but that includes the tall bloom stalk.

Oriental Poppies fit into just about any Island garden, and are drought tolerant when established. Late spring and summer is their bloom time.

A wonderful species that makes a great cut flower is *Campanula persicifolia* or Peachleaf Bellflower. It is a fairly tall variety, up to four feet. This plant produces bell-shaped blooms on tall stems in the summer. Thread Leaf *Coreopsis* are fairly compact, up to two feet tall, and nearly as wide. I prefer the yellow blooming varieties over the pink ones. They flower over a long period of time through the summer months. The are quite drought tolerant when they become established.

These are some of the dozens of species available locally. There are just too many to list. For best results at planting time, make sure you have good soil where you are to plant your perennials, and regular irrigation through their first summer will help them establish. Have a good look through some garden magazines to get a few ideas on some of these, and how they may fit into your garden scheme. Most perennials are fairly inexpensive to buy, and many are available in four inch pots as well as in the one-gallon size. Have fun shopping for these exciting plants!

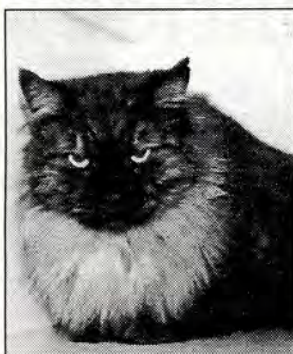


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Pasta with Blue Cheese Sauce

Salt Spring Sizzles ... with Gail Prior

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8 oz. (250 g) whole wheat spaghetti
2 small ripe pears, peeled and sliced
2/3 cup vegetable stock
6 tbsp. dry white wine
2 tbsp. butter
1 tbsp. olive oil
salt and pepper

1 red onion, quartered and sliced
1 garlic clove, crushed
1/2 cup walnut halves
2 tbsp. chopped oregano
1 tbsp. lemon juice
3/4 cup blue cheese
fresh oregano sprigs for garnish

Cook the pasta 8-10 minutes, or until *al dente*. Drain and keep warm until required. Place the pears in a pan with the stock and wine. Poach gently for 10 minutes. Drain and reserve the cooking liquid and pears. Heat the butter and oil together, then saute the onion and garlic for 2-3 minutes, stirring. Add the walnuts, oregano and lemon juice. Stir in the reserved pears with 4 tbsp. of the poaching liquid. Crumble the cheese into the pan and cook over gentle heat, stirring occasionally, for 1-2 minutes or until the cheese just begins to melt. Season the sauce with salt and pepper to taste. Toss the pasta into the sauce; garnish and serve. 4 servings.



From left: Betty Poole, Jim Spencer, June Frazer, Bryan Dawson (treasurer) in rear, Edna Gatt, Bob Appleton (retiring president), and Lois Sprague.

Volunteers put in over 9000 hours



Bev Cartwright is the new president of Seniors Services, elected at the annual general meeting last Wednesday, April 26. Mrs. Cartwright did not attend; she's on the East Coast visiting her 90-year-old mother in Newfoundland.

June Frazer is the new vice-president and Bryan Dawson stays on as treasurer. Lois Sprague also retains her post as secretary and Edna Gatt remains a board member. New members are Betty Poole and Jim Spencer. Here are some statistics from the meeting:

Volunteer hours increased from 7,996 in 1998 to 9,112 in 1999, but the board is asking for still more volunteers.

There was some heated discussion over the financial report and finally members voted to call another "special" meeting and invite all members to participate (in the next month). However, Treasurer Dawson said, "We are about \$6,000 better this year." Revenues totaled \$45,300.

On the work of Seniors Services, Mary Toynbee has compiled some new statistics as follows:

Seniors Scene ... with Alan Fairlie

- Total office contacts: 1,978
- Information requests: 248
- Drivers (appointments, etc) on-Island: 611
- Drivers (appointments, etc) off-Island: 95
- Total volunteer hours (estimate): 9,112

The taxman cometh (and goeth!)

Once again an income tax roster helped seniors file their returns before the April 30 deadline. Our thanks to them all for their ongoing assistance. Tax volunteers included D. Seward, D. Storr, D. Hamilton, B. Dawson and I. Chisholm. J. Conlan covered Brinkworthy and Greenwoods.

Toronto

I think I have now completely recovered from my two week excursion to Toronto last month. It was nice to take a trip after three years on the Island—but the joy of boarding the "Queen of Tsawwassen" for the final leg home will be felt for many moons.

True love blossoms at "The Wilderness"



Samuel Beddis had died in June of 1893. Five years went by and Charles, the oldest son, lured by the tales of gold in the Yukon, left the farm and headed north along with his friend, Walter Stevens.

Henry, two years younger than Charles, followed a year later.

Meanwhile, Emily carried on farming at "The Wilderness" with her remaining children. She was in great demand as a midwife and practical nurse, and she passed along these skills to daughter Decie. My aunt was the local nurse all her life, and I remember my mother telling about how she saved the life of a baby boy, born weighing only one pound. She kept him in a shoebox that she placed in the warming oven of the wood stove!

By 1900, sons Charles, Henry, John and Lionel built a new two-storey house for the family which was, of course, much more comfortable than their original small cabin. My grandfather, Raffles Purdy, by this time had acquired land two miles along Beddis Road (which was then just a cow trail) and with the help of Arthur Cartwright, built a house overlooking Ganges Harbour, where I grew up.

The new house at "The Wilderness" attracted a great many tea-time visitors. Two sisters in particular would change the course of Henry and Lionel Beddis' lives. They were Bess and Ruth Grover, visiting Vancouver from their home in Manitoba. Ruth later wrote, "Some friends of my sister asked us to go over in a sailboat called the *Wideawake* to Salt Spring Island to visit their mother,

Let's eat ... with Linda Koroscil

brothers and sister, so off we started, but the wind dropped and they had to row most of the way across the Gulf of Georgia so we did not arrive there until two in the morning! We were surprised to see the lights on; as it turned out, they were all up chasing rats that were molesting their canaries, there being several in a cage.... One of the people chasing the rats was Lionel Beddis." Henry and Lionel fell in love with the two young women and after a courtship carried on by boat, train and letters, Lionel and Ruth and Henry and Bess were married in 1903.

My sister sent me this recipe and it is awfully good. I also like her little footnote!

Sweet and Sour Squash

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 lbs. butternut squash | 1/2 cup granulated sugar |
| 1/3 cup olive oil | (or brown instead of white) |
| 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint | pinch of cinnamon |
| 3 large garlic cloves, | (this gives a great flavour) |
| sliced thin, or pressed | salt |
| 1/2 cup red wine vinegar | freshly ground black pepper |

Peel, seed and chop up squash into 1/4" thick slices that are about 2" in size. In large fry pan, heat oil over medium heat, add squash and saute for 6-8 minutes or until tender, turning to brown on all sides. Add mint, garlic, vinegar, sugar, cinnamon, salt and pepper, toss around frequently until sauce thickens to coat the squash. (When I cut this recipe down for just the two of us, I went easy on the amount of vinegar and sugar since I didn't want it swimming in liquid, cuz I was in a hurry to serve dinner!)

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Catching the great Chinook

Fishing the great outdoors ... with Keith Newman



Well derby fever is finally over. The first annual St. Mary Lake fishing derby was an overwhelming success, the Thrifty's foods derby held this past weekend is done and the winter long derby sponsored by Newman's ended March 31 with Chad Williams taking top prize with a 4-1/4 lb. cutthroat. Amazingly enough after all this, there are still people out there fishing. It seems they can't get enough.

Good reports are coming out of Stowell, Blackburn and St. Mary Lakes. St. Mary Lake in particular has trout feeding heavily on the bottom feasting on bloodworms. The bass are also there in increasing numbers as the weather gets warmer. The hot fly to try right now is the segmented wire bloodworm fished on a sinking line with a slow retrieve (treat it like a chironomid—after all, that's really what it is) this heavy fly will produce for you.

The real story, though, is the great action with Chinook salmon these past couple of weeks. I was present this past week on a charter when Aiden Fennell, visiting from Whitecourt, Alberta, reeled in a 24 lb. Chinook off Galiano Island. Fennell, who had never fished Chinook on the west coast before, played it like a pro, reining in the monster after it tore off over one hundred yards of line. When he finally got the salmon alongside the boat and we got a look at this fish the excitement was near its climax. Hal Keown,

our charter guide, was waiting with net at the ready for this beauty and just in time. The fish hit the deck and the line parted showing us just how close we had come to having a fish story and no fish. Aiden was ecstatic! In all the years fishing

salmon and trout in Newfoundland, his original home, he had never landed such a prize and as the guy who planned the trip for him I couldn't have written a better script, especially since Aiden is my uncle and it's great when you can tell a story like this.



Segmented Wire Bloodworm

Hook: Mustad 37160
Tail: White Fluorescent Floss
Under Body: Black Thread
Body: Red Copper Wire
Head: White Antron Dubbing

For the record this was a red Spring in perfect condition—quite pink and its girth was amazing. We had limited action the rest of the day, although my cousin, Kris, had a brief hit and I brought in a 25-inch Ling which we released (Ling are closed for retention right now) but Hal's crab traps yielded some Red Rock and Dungeness crab. It



Aiden Fennell with his 24 lb. Spring salmon caught last week off Galiano Island.

seemed nature was out to impress with a herd of seals surrounding the boat on the way back through Active Pass along with a group of 200 or more Terns feeding on herring. It was a great day to be on the water for a fishing reunion.

So with photos in hand I can confidently say the fishing is great right now and I will personally vouch for an anchovy trolled behind a green flasher. I would also like to commend Hal Keown of Rope'n and Reel'n Charters who made the trip enjoyable through his great knowledge of the fishing grounds. Until next time good luck and good fishing.

Basketball all-stars game at GISS

by Peggy Abrahams

Basketball fans are in for a special treat Saturday, when two top notch teams of under 17 boys play an exhibition game 7 p.m. at GISS. The game will be the highlight of a clinic for middle school basketball players taking place this weekend.

Larry Street, Level 3 coach and senior boys coach at G.P. Vanier in Courtenay, has been invited to hold the clinics. Street also coaches both of the elite teams, Victoria Under 17 boys and North Island Under 17 boys. "It should be a good game. We've already scrimmaged once. There's a good rivalry between north and south," said Street. Salt Spring Middle school basketball coach

Nairn Howe organized the event for the co-ed grade six and seven house league. She said that the visiting teams feature some special talent. "They're the best high school boys in Vancouver Island," said Howe.

In addition to being a coach, Street is a conductor for Level 1, 2 and 3, and therefore qualified to certify coaches at those levels. He most recently came to Salt Spring last fall to certify middle school level 1 and 2 coaches.

This time, Street explained, "I was coming down to do these clinics for the Salt Spring kids, and Nairn wanted something to happen for the kids. I'd thought I'd have a game to highlight and showcase the top 22 boys on the island. It's going to feature three kids that are six-ten or six-eleven."

Admission to the game is by donation, and proceed will be split between the visiting teams to help pay their travel costs, Howe explained. The public is also welcome to attend the teams' practices on Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m. The clinics will take place from noon to 5 p.m.

Girls Island Cup

Soccer kicks ... with Malcolm Legg

Yes, it is tournament time again but this time Salt Spring Island features some of the best in girls soccer from Vancouver Island as the Island Championships are played off in the U-12 through U-19 levels on May 6.

The games will be played on the Gulf Islands Secondary and Middle School fields. Games will start with U-16 and U-15 girls at 9:30 a.m. At 11:15 a.m. U-17 and U-12 will play followed by U-19 and U-13 at 1 p.m. The final game will be a U-14 match-up at 2:30

p.m. with presentation at 3:30 p.m.

Salt Spring soccer fanatics will have a chance to see some of the best in girls soccer this weekend with some solid match-ups at all levels.

U-16 and U-15 Powell River squads and Nanaimo at U-17 will be teams to watch for, but all the games should have excitement, even though no local squads made the finals.

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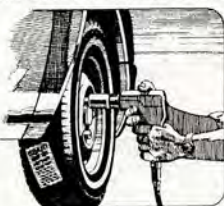


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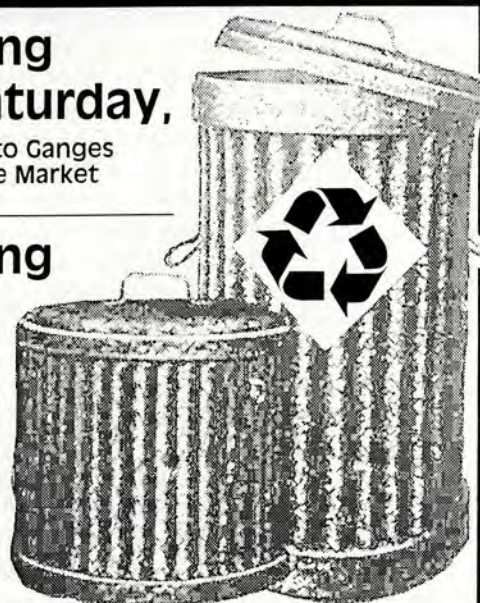
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110 • DEATHS

MCCONNELL, ALLEN DUNLOP P.Eng. Passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, April 26, in his 78th year, in the loving presence of his devoted wife Joan, children David, Malcolm and Gillian and son-in-law Ray. Much loved and mourned by his daughter-in-law Sarah, grandchildren Airlie and Tegan, Mal's partner Jhil, his sisters Nancy and Dell, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and many friends and colleagues in Canada, Australia, and around the world. Dear Allen enjoyed a fulfilled life in his long engineering career earning the respect and affection of all who worked with him. Now Allen has departed on his flight of "the Alone to the All-one" and all our blessings go with him. Allen's family wish to thank Drs. Reznick, Crossland and the nursing staff of Lady Minto Hospital and Home Care and Bessie Dane Foundation for their wonderful care and loving support. Donations in Allen's memory may be made to Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island Foundation or the charity of your choice. 1800

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MARY'S MATINEE, a benefit to fund the Mary C. Williamson Scholarship for the Performing Arts, Literature and Journalism. May 7th, ArtSpring, 2:00. 1800

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WED., MAY 17
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Presentation about South and West Salt Spring Stewardship Project. Also: "People in Natural Landscapes" - an historical perspective by Brenda Beckwith.

FRI., MAY 26

7:00 p.m. Lions Hall
Bruce Ellingsen of the Cortes Ecoforestry Society on campaign successes to secure land for community ecoforestry. The same evening, Jay Rastogi of Wildwood will speak on ecoforestry practices.

All events are no charge.
538-0318 or #204-338 Lower Ganges office for info on stewardship issues.

145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

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150 • MEETINGS

Salt Spring Conservancy



Tues., May 9
Fulford Hall
Open House 6pm; Mtg. 7pm
(Members' Evening Postponed)

Members and the public are urged to attend the
Public Consultation on the Proposed New National Park in the Southern Gulf Islands.

TEXADA LANDS

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thurs., May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

•Updates, questions
•May Day Campaign Results
•The Next Steps
- Everyone welcome -

MEET BILL TURNER

Wed., May 3 All Day

at the Information Centre
(above Barb's Buns and the Mobile Market)

Bill Turner, Executive Director of The Land Conservancy of B.C., will be here for questions and discussions. Drop by with your questions. We will be summarizing the questions and answers at the Community Meeting on May 4.

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160 • "MILESTONES"

Tom & Leslie David
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the marriage
of their daughter
Cheryl Ann
to
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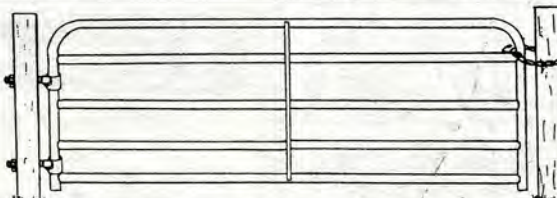
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590 • RENTALS

PARTY TIME Rentals We rent dishes, glassware, cutlery, linen, tables, chairs, assorted party supplies. Tel/Fax 537-4577 and phone 537-0909. Inquiries, pick-ups and drop-offs at Love My Kitchen. **537-4577**

595 • SEWING

SEAMSTRESS & CUSTOM Design by Judith. I have essential sewing services tailored just for you. No job too small. 537-9880 - jb@saltsping.com

ELEGANT CARING personalized approach to alterations and sewing needs. Consideration to changes in lifestyle, aging and health. Margie Korrisson, Vesuvius Bay. 537-2707. **1800**

REAL ESTATE 600-699

600 • ACRES/LOTS

LAKE SHORE property - 5.88 acres 250 feet of lake frontage. Hay fields and woody area, \$260,000. 537-2226. **1900**

SOUTH SALT Spring, 2.96 tranquil acres. Mature trees, potential views. \$105,500. Firm. 403-254-0278. **2100**

640 • HOUSES FOR SALE

RIDGE TOP 2.3 acres. Ocean & Lakeshore view. 2 bedroom. home. Very sunny & private. Vesuvius area, 350 Woodland. \$219,000. Phone for appointment. 537-9329. **1900**

NORTH VANCOUVER apartment for sale or trade. Bright corner suite with views of the harbour & mountains. Near Seabus terminal. Looking for property with or without cottage. 537-1831. **1900**

4 BEDROOM great Ocean view. \$179,000 minus decorating costs. North End. 653-4558.

TWO BEDROOM House, garage/workshop, fireplace 0.8 acre. Luscious view lot. \$145,000. 110 Cranberry Road.

RENTALS 700-799

700 • APARTMENTS FOR RENT

DELIGHTFUL TOP quality apartment, above garage in near new waterfront home, approx. 760 sq. ft. Suitable for quiet, mature, single professional requiring one bedroom & smallish den/computer room. Some furnishings. Private entrance. N/S, N/P, N/C. \$500/ month plus utilities. 537-1614

710 • COMMERCIAL RENTALS

RETAIL/OFFICE storefront area for rent. Fulford Inn lot. Approximately 200 sq ft. Call Alf 653-4432. **1800**

UPPER GANGES CENTRE

- 2nd floor office
- 554 sq.ft.
- 2 pce. washroom
- chairlift
- lots of parking

For more information or to view, please call 537-9220

Answers to this week's Crossword Puzzle

730 • HOUSES FOR RENT

LAKE SHORE property - 5.88 acres 250 feet of lake frontage. Hay fields and woody area, \$260,000. 537-2226. **1900**

3 BEDROOM 2 bathroom duplex (near school and beach) kids OK. \$750 includes garbage, sewer & water. Available May 1st 537-4577

FOUR BEDROOMS. Rec. room, utility, possible separate office or studio. Large deck with ocean view. North end. \$900. 653-4558. **1800**

ONE BEDROOM cabin, ocean view, wood and electric heat, 5 min. walk to Fulford ferry, N/S, N/P, single or quiet couple. \$600. 653-4520 - messages.

700 • WANTED TO RENT

FAMILY of four wishes to rent a minimum four bedroom home. 1 year lease preferred. Please call 537-9624.

WANTED TO rent: 1 bedroom apartment or cabin, cottage, small house close to Ganges by single mature woman. N/S, N/P. 537-8434 or 653-9546. **1900**

WANTED: 3/4 BEDROOM house for June 1. \$750 - \$1000 per month. Reliable, references available. Call Dave (250) 709-2200. **2100**

TRANSPORTATION 800-899

810 • BOATS/MARINE

BOATBUILDING SUPPLIES for less. Fibreglass, epoxy, hardware, fasteners ... Best prices; will ship anywhere. The Marine Supply Store, 1-888-748-1149 or lmarine.com. **1900**

WE BUY and sell new and used boats and motors. Salt Spring's largest boat broker. Ross The Boss Marine. 537-9908.

14' DOUBLE Eagle Runabout. 60HP o/b, 6HP Evinrude. 537-5084.

SAILBOAT - CAL24, Leitch McBride sails, engine with electric start, fresh bottom paint, excellent condition, \$7,500. 110 Cranberry. **1800**

TAIT TECHNICAL Solutions. Marine mechanical, electrical & pumping systems repair & service. Machine shop services. Fine machining, milling & welding. Sam Anderson. 537-5268. **1900**

13.5' GREGOR all-welded aluminum boat, with like-new 15 HP 4-stroke Honda outboard, trailer. \$3000. 537-9125

KAYAK - FOURTEEN foot fibreglass over wood, paddle, spray skirt, lifejacket, excellent condition, \$1200. 110 Cranberry Road. **1800**

820 • CARS/TRUCKS

1990 JEEP Cherokee Laredo, Automatic, Air, Cruise, Power Door locks, Power windows, power mirrors, 4 door, Red. 183,000 kms. Tuned, new brakes, clean. \$11,600 obo. 537-8433. **1900**

1986 VW JETTA. Low km, PW, PL, sunroof. New parts. Moving must sell, \$3,800 obo. Call D'Arcy 538-0158.

95 FORD AEROSTAR van 45,000 km, 7 pass, ext warr, sport package, excellent condition. \$13,500 obo. 537-9867. **1800**

82 TOYOTA 4x4 truck with steel canopy. New tires and brakes. Runs great. Body needs work. \$3000 obo. Call 653-2051. **1800**

1989 JEEP Cherokee Limited 4x4. Power windows, locks and sun roof. 4 door, \$7,500 OBO Lady driven. Good condition 537-2300. **1800**

1987 CUTLASS Ciera Brougham 4 door, power windows, locks, seat. Air conditioning, good tires, used daily, 2.8 Litre engine. \$1500 OBO. 537-5297

1981 SUBARU 4 door sedan. New clutch, taking offers. 537-4282. **1800**

ASTRO CHEV van 1986 good condition. Runs on natural gas & regular gas. 537-4859. **1900**

820 • CARS/TRUCKS

1990 FORD F250 4x4, excellent condition, white, 302 gas engine, 145,000 km. \$8,000. Call Bruce 537-2880. **1900**

1989 4 door Toyota Corolla Station wagon, 5 speed standard. 255,000 km. \$2,800. obo. Can be seen at Murakami's. **2000**

'99 DODGE DAKOTA Club Cab Sport, White, A/C, P/M, cruise, auto, towing package, bed liner, AM/FM Cassette, fog lights, 3.9LV6. \$25,000. obo. 537-1860. **2000**

1991 ALFA ROMEO 1 64 L 6 cyl, 5 spd, 4 dr, 108 K. Green tan leather, loaded, beautiful. \$8,500. 537-8341. **1800**

LEAVING COUNTRY MUST SELL!



1991 Pontiac Sunbird

- Blue with silver trim.
- Excellent condition in and out.
- 151,000 kms

Must see to be appreciated. Asking \$6,500 Now \$5,800 **537-4625**

850 • TRAILERS

FOR SALE. Luxury 27 foot travel trailer in excellent condition. Sleeps 6. \$8,000. Telephone 653-9926. **1900**

1974 SCAMPER TRAILER, 17 feet - sleeps 6. Shower, toilet, 3-way fridge. 3 burner stove with oven. Clean. 2 propane tanks. Spare tire. \$2,000 obo. 537-2113. **2100**

HOLD THE PRESS

NEWSPRINT ROLL ends now available for sale at The Barnacle office - 324 Lower Ganges Road. 537-4040. **1900**

EAT, DRINK and <http://cetsi.net/BeMerry>. **1900**

C.O.R.E. and C.F.S.C. courses and exams available upon request. Course books available. Plse. call Greg 537-9815.

FOR SALE: Flagstone for patios and stairs, stacking rock for walls and gardens. Call Greg at 653-4519. **1900**

CHIMNEY CLEANING, window washing, de-mossing roofs, gutter cleaning, power washing and more. No job too big or small. Call Greg, 653-4519. **1900**

FOR SALE Luxury 27 foot travel trailer. Excellent condition. Sleeps 6. \$8,000. Call 653-9926. **1900**

ASTHMA? INTERNATIONAL study needs participants for non-drug approach. www.asthmaworld.org/R44.htm **1900**

FOR SALE. Green Houses - Delivered & erected. 8' x 8' x 9' peak. 2 x 4 clear cedar, tempered glass. \$969. Phone 1-250-978-0067. **1900**

SPECIAL GARDENER looking for special garden. Call Paul 653-9659. **1900**

HORTICULTURE SERVICES. Landscape design and installation. Tree and shrub maintenance. Quality work, reliable service. ISA certified Arborist. Call Ty 653-9673. **1800**

MARY'S MATINEE: a benefit to fund the Mary C. Williamson Scholarship for the Performing Arts, Literature and Journalism. May 7th, ArtSpring, 2:00. **1800**

SPECIAL BOOK Sale - All Paperbacks 5¢. Saturday May 6 from 10 to 1 in the library, downstairs. **1800**

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Blackburn Meadows
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GOLF CORNER

EVENTS

TUESDAYS - KP CONTEST

Tee off between 4-5 pm and you could win a CRUISE FOR TWO in our season-end draw. PLUS: for \$2.00 more you can enter the nightly KP (closest to the pin) contest.

SAT., MAY 13 - LESSONS

Lessons with John Palmason. Call for an appointment. Groups or individuals (ages 9+).

SAT., MAY 27 - McCOLL CHALLENGE

Lee McColl Golf Challenge is a fundraiser for Darin Craig. Everyone welcome. Please call for tickets.

NEWS

Hole-in-One!



On Friday, April 21, Braden Dragomir shot a hole-in-one using a pitching wedge on the 102 yd. first hole. Congratulations!

HOROSCOPES

For the week, by Michael O'Connor Ph: 1-877-352-2936

Tip of the Week: (part 1 of 4)

This is it! The May 3rd line-up of Planets (stellium) in Taurus is upon us. Right in the midst of the peak of the 11 year sun spot activity with solar flares threatening to damage satellites and disrupt communications, the Bull is set to charge with full force once again. Recent economic land slides of unprecedented magnitude on the global market are one reflection of this groundbreaking event. Of added significance to the close line-up of planets said to be much like that which appeared in the sky when Prince Siddhartha, better known as Buddha, is the less known fact that the planets Uranus, Neptune and Asteroid Juno are forming a 90 degree angle by sign and, in some cases, by exact degree to this impressive alignment.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) An independent thrust forward is showing you that you are not quite as independent as you thought. An impatient mood backed by some heated ambitions will be slowed by larger events beyond your control. Still, this is a good time to set new projects in motion or at least to make some plans that extend well into the future. Take stock of your resources, list your talents and count your blessings in preparation to build a new foundation in the light of an expanded awareness. Wake-up call!

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) Is it your heart or a thousand drums beating wildly around you that is creating such passion in your soul? An Astrologer will tell you that it is a herd of planets thundering through your sign. In any case, this is a time to take yourself and current decisions quite seriously. You must choose wisely now and with some haste as your choices may have some far reaching consequences. It is time to bust up some patterns and harness a new team visions and attitudes.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) The energy will build to a climactic peak this week. You may find yourself making efforts to harness it all in. By May 4th, the first real signs of breakthrough will come forth in a dramatic display. You will not be alone in this regard, but may well be the one leading the march. A whole new day is rapidly dawning. Certain aspects of your life rhythm will not be as they were and you are challenged to not look back. See your blind spots and learn to share the power more.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) A time of returns is upon you, for better or for worse. It all depends upon what you have been up to leading up to this time. In any case, you are in an inventive mood. Your creative aspiration may lead to constructing something new outside of yourself or you might be eager to recreate an aspect yourself altogether. Perhaps the easiest and most enjoyable way to do this is to simply reach out and engage with others in joint projects and/or other group

interests.
Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) Your life continues to shake and quake you awake. Your personal, professional and public life in general is being impacted. This process is bigger than your personality and yet you must work with it as though it is yours alone. That is how the paradox works. We are all going through something of a re-birthing and while the off-spring stands to be beautiful, the process can be painful. Acknowledge yourself for playing along at all and keep breathing deeply.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 23) Cultural and educational interests continue to call you out. You know that it is time to get more educated and you may feel drawn to learning something completely new. Make efforts to let your gut guide you as to how you can give to others in a meaningful way. The answer may be more simple and perhaps even more traditional than you suspect. Trust that you are an intelligent guide for others. Your greatest need now stands to become your greatest contribution.

Libra (Sep 24 - Oct 21) Mergers of all kinds are happening everywhere and on all levels. Cultures, economics and schools of thought previously segregated are joining forces out of necessity as well as creative possibility. Opportunities are presenting themselves at an unprecedented rate. Your job is to engage your energies and resources with trust and vision. This is a time of planting seeds of all kinds. Be sure to be involved and be patient with the growth process.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) Something new, powerful and special is making its way into your life. Like an unbroken stallion with blue ribbon winning potential, it will take time, love and attention and probably even financial investments as well to succeed. A joining of forces is also implied. A shared vision always generates power and yet you do well to maintain a healthy measure of independence. Cultivating a more realistic and balanced approach is key.
Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec

20) Learning how to make more practical and measurable efforts as a means of refining your lifestyle continues. An all or nothing attitude seldom the answer. You must seek the middle path. Just a little progress each day sustained over a year, for example will bring about at least three hundred percent gain. The key lies in sustained effort. To succeed, you must learn to release habitual patterns of behavior and self-concept. Be slow but sure in this regard above all.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) An implosion of creative energy from deep within your being is welling up to the surface now. It may yet take some time before you will actually see and harness it, but you know that it is there. Learning to let go of inherited beliefs about who you are and are not and what you are and are not capable of is a part of the process. Be open to the inspiration and recognition that others have for you. As far as criticisms go, only be open to the constructive ones that are uplifted by loving intentions.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Your whole being is shaking and trembling with unforeseen realizations. You are being pushed to get in touch with feelings that you perhaps forgot you had. In some respects this will prove to be a healing process and in others it is an awakening to powerful potentialities lying dormant in your soul until this time. Both are possible as well. Every moment and every event is like a seed if seen in their fullest light. Yet, the sprout must always break through the shell.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A whole new kind of perception is being born in you. Your mind is becoming increasingly practical in some very fundamental ways. You know that you have many talents to draw upon. Your challenge is to be able to harness them. Take time to brainstorm by listing all of the creative possibilities that you already possess that can turn into practical outlets. More knowledge may not be necessary at this time. Check your inventory so you know what you really need before you buy more.



Michelle Mech photos

SPRING THING—Elsbet Krayenhoff visited Salt Spring Centre School last Friday with her six one-month-old baby bunnies. Shown left, Kelly Fitzpatrick snuggles up with one of the pale red-coloured babies. The same day Janet Hoag's class practiced their May Day dance and song. All classes performed a Maypole dance Monday. During the traditional dance to welcome spring and new life, students wore costumes and had white garlands in their hair.

Playback *cont'd. from p15*

A staring contest ensued between the three women, as they tried to figure out: *how much of me is in the other women?* Fear and questioning soon dissolved into comedy when Cogan's eyes seem to bulge out of her head in search of answers.

And then there's Coco, who was mesmerized by Gypsies as a young boy. His quest for freedom and self-definition erupted into a hilarious-to-poignant skit of his life from age 6 to 30. Dream sequences and gypsy chanting by Cogan and Caplan, transformed the room into a hillside in the Pyrenees, as we watched Coco (Cossever) come of age.

The last story best underlined the evening's central theme, last chance. It all

began when Leslie went to a party in Paris. We are drawn into the scene as a belligerent partygoer (Caplan) mutters in drunken French, and Leslie (Cossever) slinks shyly around the party as a naive foreigner. At one point, Caplan threatens to throw himself over the third story balcony, but is persuaded to come down. But the drama does not end there. After continuous eye contact with Leslie, the man does in fact run for the balcony and end his life. Leslie's haunting memory is of shouting "No," when it was already too late.

But at Playback, Leslie gets another chance.

Let's watch....

Improv with Onionoak

Looking for something different to do this Friday evening? Check out *Onionoak Performance Group*, 8 p.m. at Cat's Pajamas Studio, May 5. If captivated, you can sign up for their two-day workshop to be held May 6 and 7.

This group from Lasqueti Island promise a spectacle of interdisciplinary improvised dance, music and spoken word. Described as, "an exploration of the possibilities of bodies flowing through contact," Karl Frost, Jez Parus, Lori Ray and friends—who are *Onionoak*—say their unique form of performance art is sometimes quiet and meditative, sometimes

wild and acrobatic, creating organic blends that range from the pyrotechnic to the sublime. The physical foundation of their work is the 27-year-old art/sport of contact improvisation.

The art of the practice is in the ongoing dialogue between intent and detachment from goals.

The contact workshop will include bodywork, alignment and weight sharing, easy lifts, movement into and out of the floor, and explorations in physical listening.

Karl Frost, the director of *Onionoak*, has been practicing and teaching contact improvisation since the mid-80s. His work, known for its

dynamic nature, has been showcased throughout Europe and North and South America. Frost is also director of the *Dancing Wilderness Project*, an ongoing exploration into the inter-relationships amongst wilderness experience, body-based creative process, and how we live our lives.

Cat's Pajama Studio is at 104 Langs Road. The performance begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Tickets are \$8. The workshop will be held May 6 and 7 at Cat's Pajamas Studio from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. For more information, contact at (250) 333-8608 or Dancingwilderness@hotmail.com.

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1986 HYUNDAI PONY. Silver, standard, runs great, reliable. \$750 obo. Call Linda 653-9568 after 6 pm.

PANASONIC WORDPROCESSOR. New cartridge, two new disks and instruction book. A beautiful machine. \$150. 537-9822.

1996 DODGE CARAVAN, immaculate condition. Loaded with 5 doors, PW, PL, A/C, AM/FM, tinted windows. Great warranty till May 2001. 69,000 km's. \$15,995. 537-0719.

FEMALE LOOKING for a female companion for walking tour in Tuscany this September. Estimated Expenses \$4,000. Call Michelle 537-9634.

HOLD THE PRESS

86 CHEV CAVALIER. Runs well, 180,000 km's. Leaving island, must sell. \$500. obo. 537-1065.

MOVING SALE. 681 Beaver Point Road. May 6th and 7th. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Everything must go!

TREAD MILL, electric, new condition. 3 year warranty. Paid \$1,500. Must sell, no room. \$950. Firm. 537-0719.

PUBLIC EVENT: Polynesian wisdom on global warming, with Hereditary Chief Dorice Reid from Rarotonga and Teaturangi, Maori artist from New Zealand. United Church, Thursday, May 4th 8 pm. All funds for First Nation's tour. 538-0345.

HOLD THE PRESS

TO JEAN ELDER, a sincere thank-you message for all the hours and contributions you have made on behalf of Core Inn. Thank you for pulling those weeds, laying those bricks, painting those walls and window frames, providing and buying works of art when we held auctions, cleaning washrooms and windows, donating to the building fund, keeping us on task, sharing your wisdom, writing minutes and letters and generally being an excellent member of the Core Inn Youth Project Society Board. Your shoes will be hard or impossible to fill. Best wishes in your future endeavors. Have a wonderful birthday holiday in the Scottish Isles.



Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

Includes games of Saturday, April 29, 2000

DAGWOOD'S POOL Next meeting: Wed., October 4th, 7pm sharp at DAGWOOD'S.

GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Thur., October 5th, 8pm sharp.

	Total Points	Not Golfing
1 Los Angeles...	61	10
2 Montreal.....	50	5
3 Philadelphia..	41	5
4 Vancouver.....	39	6
5 St. Louis.....	37	3
6 Islanders.....	35	2
7 Toronto.....	34	4
8 Boston.....	33	8
9 Ottawa.....	32	5

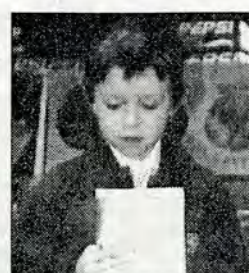
	Total Points	Not Golfing
1 Anaheim.....	32	10
11 Atlanta.....	29	9
12 Buffalo.....	27	7
13 Phoenix.....	26	9
14 Edmonton....	25	1
15 Dallas.....	24	5
16 Pittsburgh....	23	6
17 San Jose.....	22	6
18 Washington..	20	1

GANGES VILLAGE MARKET

COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to these winners whose names were drawn from the entries in the Colouring Contest sponsored by Ganges Village Market and Nestlé.

Thanks to everyone who entered.



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Movie



Fiona McNinch
Backpack



Breanne Savinkoff
Blanket

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