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*No corncob pipe, but
kumquat buttons, two
eyes made out of
brussle sprouts
and a bright sweet
pepper smile adorn
this snowman.
Michelle Mech photo*

Rally musters community spirit to stop clear cuts

Tepid applause for announcement of Fulford Creek covenant

by Peggy Abrahams

Roughly 450 people representing a cross section of Island demographics took part Saturday in a rally to protest clear-cut logging by Texada Land Corp. Locals danced to the beat of the Salt Spring Samba Band and musical offerings from North & South and other local musicians, and spoke out on the issue of clear cuts and logging. Tables along the roadside offered hot beverages, buttons in protest of clear-cutting, and lists of committees seeking community volunteers.

Robert Osborne, one of the organizers of the rally, invited community members to get involved in fundraising, arranging walkabouts of the land, and other efforts. He welcomed new ideas and input. Elizabeth White announced that \$15,000 has been raised to date towards a fund to purchase back land from Texada.

A number of people carried signs protesting the clear-cutting. One of the signs read, "Weyerhaeuser uncertified wood?" In a follow-up interview, local environmentalist Briony Penn explained that Texada's logging operation does not meet sustainable forest certification standards.

According to Penn, most of Texada's wood is sold to Coastland in Nanaimo. Wood that doesn't meet Coastland's dimen-

sion requirements is sold to a former MacMillan Bloedel subsidiary, now a part of the Weyerhaeuser family, and Weyerhaeuser claims it buys certified wood.

"We plan to research both primary and secondary buyers of this wood to see what their view is on buying uncertified wood. We want to ask Weyerhaeuser, do you know that your wood is uncertified?" said Penn.

She suggested that individuals who don't want to take a stand on the clear-cutting can still make a difference as consumers. "They should be going to Windsor Plywood and asking, 'Is this wood coming from Coastland?'"

Also at the rally, Texada's local operations manager Brent Kapler announced that Texada agreed to covenant the whole of Fulford Creek. "Setbacks are one thing, protecting them for perpetuity is another. We'd like to announce at this time we will be covenanting the whole of Fulford Creek."

In an interview earlier, Kapler said, "The OCP (Official Community Plan) requires a three-meter setback. We're going to covenant from the Holly farm to the Northeast corner of our property. The setback for the most part will extend beyond 20 meters on either side of the creek."

Penn commented, "That creek is protected see Crosses planted p6



Shelagh Plunkett photo



Bart Terwiel photo

Above: Those opposed to clear cut logging gather in the Burgoyne triangle. Below: Marching to plant crosses at the foot of Lees Hill. Markers representing trees cropped up all over the Island after the rally.

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"Road rinks" wreak havoc

RCMP and Salt Spring firefighters got little sleep Friday night as low temperatures froze wet Island highways into virtual hockey rinks. Maintenance crews were swamped as local ambulances and tow trucks also got stuck due to the ice freeze.

"It's iced up really quickly in all areas. Local RCMP members are all out on the road," said the off-Island RCMP dispatch center.

At approximately 10 p.m. Friday night, a Loomis delivery truck heading northbound from Lees Hill lost control on an icy curve and spun 180 degrees into a ditch. Firefighters said the truck was traveling behind a long line of ferry traffic coming from Fulford Harbour when it swerved to avoid another car. The driver was examined by ambulance crew and was reported to have suffered no injury.

Another vehicle heading southbound at approximately 11 p.m. slid off Fulford Ganges Road and took a nose dive into the ditch in front of Slegg Lumber.

Close to midnight, several stranded drivers waited patiently at the top of Lees Hill after RCMP and firefighters closed Fulford Ganges Road due to impassable ice. At approximately 1 a.m. Saturday morning a salt truck arrived at the scene and cleared the road as far as Fulford Harbour. Stewart



Road crews righted this Loomis truck in the early hours of Saturday.

Road remained closed all night as dangerous ice obstructed the truck's ability to salt the road.

Vapours cause reaction, Island Savings staff sent home

Island Savings closed early last Thursday and Friday after seven staff members reported itchy eyes and sore throats in reaction to a cleaning solution used on the tile floor the previous weekend. At least one suffered a reaction so severe that she was sent to the hospital where antihistamines were administered said Michelle Vogelsgang of Island Savings administrative offices in Duncan.

A cleaning solvent containing 99 percent monoethanolamine had been applied to the floor, followed by a sealant. The fire department

was called by Islands Savings to help evaluate the problem.

According to Fire Chief Dave Enfield, "On a normal tile floor, the cleaner would dissipate, but because the tiles were porous, it soaked down inside the tiles and didn't have a chance to dissipate properly. When the sealer was applied, it pushed the cleaner back to the surface."

Offices closed early so that crews could clean up the problem following recommendations from an environmental air quality expert in Victoria. "We started treating the

floors with a solution of water, T.S.P. and baking soda to disperse the vapours," said Vogelsgang. In all, five washes with T.S.P. and baking soda were applied before start of business Monday morning.

The clean-up was done by Island Community Floor Care, the company contracted to do the original stripping. "They did everything right," said Vogelsgang. "Because the floors are porous, the cleaner they put on could have reacted to something that had been applied years ago. Nobody could have anticipated this."

Y2K transition a snap for local emergency communications team

While some of us were nursing millennium sized hangovers January 1, a group of dedicated volunteers stood by in case Island communications systems went down with the Y2K bug.

For many months, representatives from the CRD, Capital Health Region, Lady Minto Hospital, SSI Emergency Programme and first response agencies planned, exercised and co-ordinated in preparation for the year 2000 turnover.

From the Salt Spring Island Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), located in the Provincial

Government Building, radio operators from the SSI Amateur Radio Club worked in concert with amateur and professional communications operators spread across southern Vancouver Island and the lower mainland. It was these community volunteers who were ready and waiting at the EOC during New Year's Eve and the following day, prepared and able to provide emergency communications to the Regional Hospital Systems or any other agency that might have required assistance.

Ross Armstrong, SSI

Emergency Programme Deputy Coordinator, planned and organized the programme. He spent many hours ensuring that there would be no communications glitches to herald the new year.

Although Y2K brought no disasters or chaos, Islanders can thank Ross Armstrong, Norm Slater and all the amateur radio operators who volunteered their time and talents to ensure our communication systems would have continued to operate had there been computer shut-downs.

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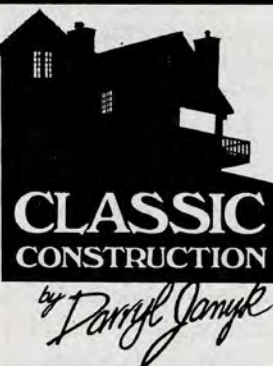
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Clear cut priorities



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

Where are we going with the Texada Lands issue? Do the majority of the people on this island want clear-cut logging banned or not? Those who've been organizing and attending the meetings and the rallies would say "Of course people want clear-cut logging banned on Salt Spring!" And they're probably right. But, as one well-known islander said in reference to the "blockade" two weeks ago: "We didn't save one tree." Which begs the question "What are we going to do about it?"

I'm not criticizing the meetings and rallies—they serve an important purpose in raising the community's level of awareness. But they're not enough. If Salt Spring Islanders truly want to put a stop to this type of activity, the fight has to progress to another level. And that leads to the role of The Islands Trust.

What's the purpose of The Trust? Why does it exist? The Trust was established to preserve and protect the unique natural environment of these Gulf Islands. Period. So it's not the same as other government structures such as municipalities or Regional Districts. Those forms of local government are there to provide services, cohesion and planning to areas that have grown into communities. The Islands Trust has some of those responsibilities too, but they always fall under the unique umbrella of the preservation and protection mandate.

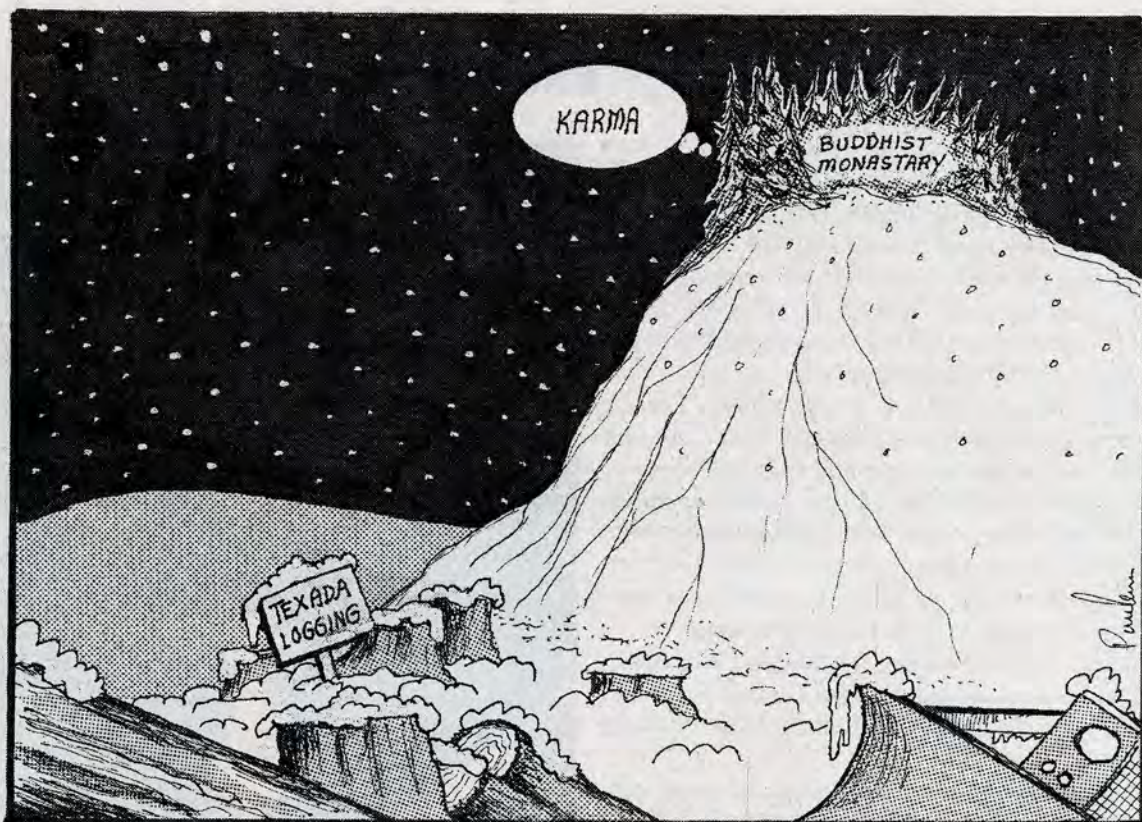
Why would you expect Texada Land Corporation to come here and do anything differently than they have? They bought the land to make money. They're allowed to do what they're doing, so if the people of this island don't want clear-cut logging, then the people of this island have to change the rules. And the way to do that is through The Trust.

I understand why The Islands Trust is a little gun-shy after the Bullock Lake situation. The fear of prohibitively expensive lawsuits against The Trust, or Trustees, is a real one, but this is

a whole different barge of logs. Other islands have introduced bylaws that restrict or ban clear-cut logging on private land and Salt Spring could do the same thing. To accomplish that, Islanders must convince their trustees that there is overwhelming support for such a bylaw, and then be willing to stand and work with them in convincing other levels of government to take The Trust's mandate seriously.

We already have zoning bylaws to permit or restrict certain activities. The wording of Salt Spring's own Zoning Bylaw says it's to "regulate the use of land", so The Trust clearly has the authority to do just that. If you look under the heading of "Home Occupations" the Salt Spring Zoning bylaw says: "There will be no variation from the external residential character of the land" and "There shall be no external storage of materials, commodities or finished products." Those provisions are in there to protect the nature and appearance of the neighbourhood. If that's not blissful irony I don't know what is! We have bylaws to protect neighbourhoods from unsightly piles of lumber or old Chevy trucks, but if your neighbour wants to log, he can turn the whole Burgoyne Valley, or the slopes of Mt. Maxwell, into a moonscape. Unbelievable!

Obviously Salt Spring is evolving—and must evolve—for several reasons. Industries that were the mainstay of the Island's economy for years, or even generations, are no longer viable. Secondly, we're always learning, and as we learn we change the way we do things. As attitudes change, the Island changes. In deciding Salt Spring's future, we'll never all agree on the specifics of what "preserve and protect the unique natural environment" means. But surely we can agree on some things that it cannot possibly mean. Such as transforming the Burgoyne Valley, Mt. Tuam and Mt. Maxwell into barren eyesores for the next thirty years.



Blatant homophobia

It was with nothing short of disgust that I noted a public statement blatantly expressing homophobic prejudice, apparently assumed by its author to be acceptable to the yoga community of Salt Spring Island.

The offending reference was contained in the article "The word on yoga" (*the Barnacle*, January 11) and I quote:

"There will be a small section (in the monthly news letter) relating to relationships, marriage, and finding one's special soulmate. The section is for heterosexual seekers only and will cost..."

The question is: Does Mr. Beckman's proscription of other than "heterosexual seekers" in his *Salt Spring Yoga Newsletter* accurately reflect basic yoga philosophy?

JOHN BAXTER

Old advice still good

During a controversy on Salt Spring Island a few years ago I wrote a letter to the editor of the *Driftwood* and made the following statement that I still believe and stand by today. I quote: "A big problem on Salt Spring Island today is that too many people are minding other people's business when they should be minding their own." End of quote.

JOHN BENNETT

Local children's TV

All the children and others involved in *An Island Day* children's television programme, with a focus on field trips to organic farms, nature and visits to local artisans, would like to congratulate Peter Prince on his appointment as

Community Programming Director for Salt Spring Cable.

We have been working on this project, which has the support of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the Heron Conservancy (Nina Raginsky) among others, for a year and a half. Twelve episodes have been shot to date, and we are busy in post-production. Due to lack of formal funding, I have spent thousands of dollars from my own purse on this project. As a single mother, this has been a significant investment. Our pilot episode was aired on channel 13 last Christmas and in the new year. It featured children baking organic ginger bread at the Salt Spring Centre.

Due to programming interruptions at Salt Spring T.V., we have not been able to air further shows, but we are looking forward to continuing our project into the new millennium, and airing more episodes on our local channel while negotiating wider distribution.

It is with a firm hope that Mr. Prince will accommodate our post-production and programming efforts and that he respect the integrity of our project ideas, which we have amiably discussed with him at length, that we write this letter.

KRISTINA K. ESTABLE
AND THE KIDS

Barbarians still

Where is the "silent majority"? In caves?

The Silent Majority reflects the commonness that is a tragic definition of our society—content with the status quo, ignoring the warning signs that the earth's environment is

headed towards the final exit.

The life for future generations will be of our making and is our responsibility. The savaging of lands next to a world class spiritual retreat on Mt. Tuam is barbaric and I fear the barbarian of the past century is still amongst us. We have taken enough—it's pay back time.

ANNE HUMPHRIES

Logging soon near Maxwell watershed

At the Texada Lands Community meeting last Thursday we were told by the Texada hired guns that they would begin logging in March next to our Maxwell Lake watershed. This is shocking and dangerous news. This should sound an alarm, loud and red, to all Salt Springers. Get involved. Now. Before it's too late.

PS. Unforgiveably absent at these recent meetings are David Borrowman, Bev Byron, & Kellie Booth. Where are they and who are they working for?

MONA FERTIG

Not "secret" or hidden

In response to Robert MacDonald's (Texada Land Corporation) letter (*Driftwood*, January 5) I would like to say, if he (or any one else) takes the time to visit the website www.savesaltspring.com he will find an entry called:

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Robert MacDonald or any other
see *Secret* p5

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interested person is welcome to attend by calling Gina at (250) 653-9788.

The location is not "secret" (as MacDonald wrote in his letter)—the sharing weekend will take place in Fulford Hall.

I don't know who is feeding Robert MacDonald misinformation but perhaps he'd like to attend the SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY RALLY AND PARTY, Saturday, January 15, 1 p.m. Burgoyne Triangle (bottom of Lee's Hill).

A number of Salt Spring residents are eager to hear about his logging "plans" and "principles."

A. JAMES

Consider the future

I wrote a poem the other day, after recalling a movie called "The Eternal Forest." I then realized that it is appropriate to Salt Spring in some ways.

THE RAIN FOREST

Giver of Light, Energy, Life,
You are the Enemy here.
The Stumps offer no relief,
The Leaves Curl and Parch.
The Cricket, the Frog go deeper,
for Refuge.
The Children play by the
Cesspool,
as the trucks roll past.
The Compound is Rectangular,
Parallel to the Road.
It's all very Ordered,
Relentless.
The Birds have left.

The view from Mount Maxwell was once rated in the Top Ten in the world by *National Geographic*. That is all about to change, as is life for the inhabitants of the Burgoyne Valley. I planted trees for several years, and I never enjoyed grave yards.

How will regeneration and biomass be affected by previous cuts, slope and a deteriorating ozone layer? We do have examples already. Do we need more? I consider it a rhetorical question, and I think the birds would agree, if they could speak.

When people's idea of who they are is based on what they have, when they can never have enough, that is fear. How do you open the hearts of people to the impact of their fear? I once cut two beautiful trees down, that had been around for at least 100 years. I cut them down for view, for profit, but a little voice inside knew it was wrong.

I hope these men will have a change of heart, before it is too late. We need beauty in our lives, we need trees producing oxygen, we need tourism on this island.

What you are doing, gentlemen is very destructive; please consider the impact on thousands of people, for decades to come. I hope you will consider alternatives, something sustainable for years to come. Perhaps sustainable cut in the bulk of the blocks and beautiful camp sites to generate revenue. A person could get quite a number of campsites on four to five hundred acres, with very beautiful views, that in addition to upgraded residential revenue perhaps.

There have to be dozens of alternatives. Please gentlemen, consider alternatives, something you can be proud of, something you would be proud to tell your children about, perhaps something they could inherit. There is hiking, kayaking, cycling, camping, fishing and sight seeing right there, or another grave yard.

ROD MCGUCKIN

Don't expect help

We have always been taught to believe the policeman is our friend. You're getting mugged, you yell, "Help, police!" and a constable comes to your assistance.

Imagine how surprised you'd be if he started assisting the mugger.

As H. Davison's letter in last week's Barnacle attests, that's exactly what's happening here.

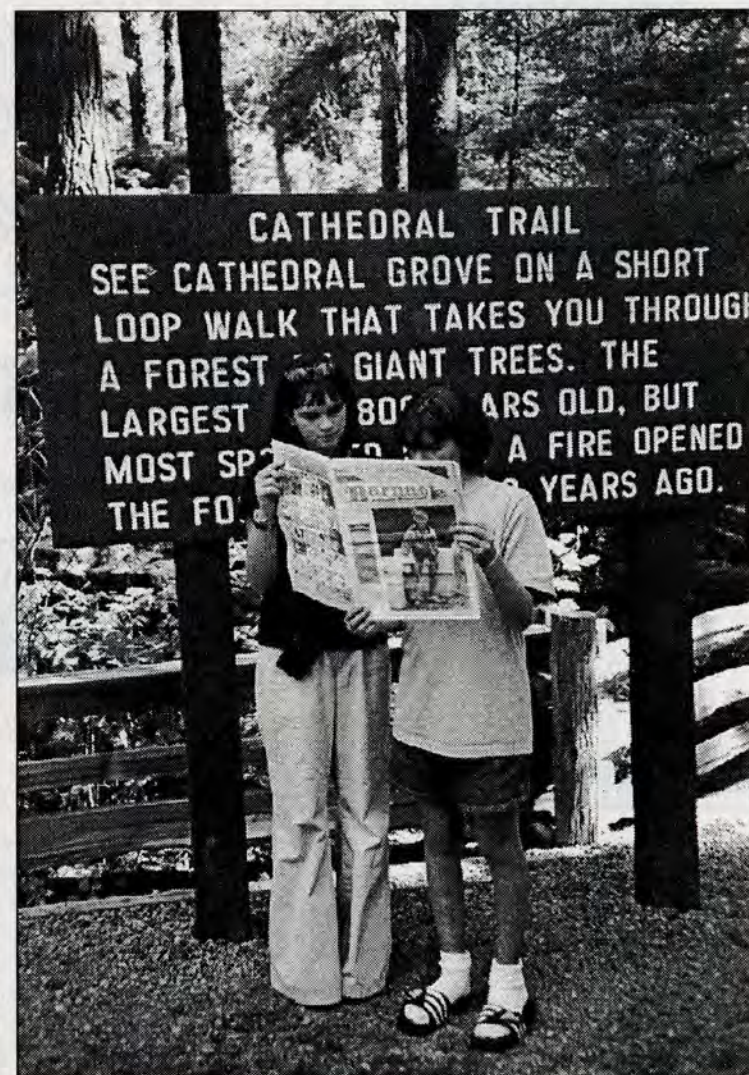
The blockaded logging truck was clearly in violation of safe operating standards, which in fact the RCMP do enforce with roadside checks elsewhere in the province.

Instead of issuing a ticket or, more appropriately, suspending the vehicle's operation pending the necessary repairs, the attending constable permitted the truck to continue on its merry way.

In this regard, the RCMP is performing in a remarkably consistent fashion. In any environmental dispute, the RCMP always comes to the aid of the environment mugger, or at least looks the other way.

We are getting mugged on Salt Spring. Don't yell for help.

SAM LIGHTMAN



A journal as literary as the Barnacle is bound to appear in the most unusual places. Take Cathedral Grove, (Vancouver Island) for example, home to some of Canada's most ancient trees, some as old as 800 years.

TIDE TABLES

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	0750	9.5
JAN	1250	11.2
TU	2045	1.0
19	0505	11.2
	0900	9.8
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WE	2130	0.3
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	1005	9.5
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Crosses planted for trees cut *cont'd. from p2*

by the natural environment and the OCP. We're very glad they're doing it but it needs to be put in the context of the fact that it's part of what they legally have to do anyway."

Kapler also said Texada plans to help build a fish ladder in Fulford Creek to facilitate salmon spawning. According to Penn, while salmon enhancement has value, it is only a part of the picture. "A fish ladder can be a complete red herring if used as a negotiating point to further destroy habitat. What is not replaceable isn't a fish ladder, it's habitat."

"It maintains the status quo and doesn't push the bigger argument. It's the whole eco-system. The relationship between fish and the forest extends far beyond a 20-metre border. There are rare and endangered species all over these slopes."

Prior to the rally, a row of crosses was planted on the side of Fulford-Ganges Road by the Burgoyne Bay turnoff, representing trees cut down in the logging.

The next Town Hall meeting to discuss commu-



Cameras crowd Texada Land Corp.'s on-island representative Brent Kapler (centre) and forester Julian Dunster (left) as they announce the decision to covenant Fulford Creek.

nity plans regarding the Texada lands is scheduled for Thursday, February 3.

Shaws thanked for Drummond wall

by Michelle Mech

Last Friday at Greenwoods, Willy (William) Shaw, 97, and his sister Cree (May), 92, were presented with flowers and a photo of the completed Drummond Park sea wall. These, plus many words of thanks, were bestowed on the Shaws in recognition of their generous \$25,000 donation last year to the Fulford Community Hall Society, represented on Friday by executive members Ron Spencer, Val Gyves, and Brian Finnemore.

Finnemore explained that with the old log sea wall rotting out,

major erosion had occurred in the park over the previous two winters, spurring the Fulford Community Hall society to hold a major fundraising campaign about a year ago. The Shaw's significant donation, as well as funds from the Lions Club and the Salt Spring Island Foundation, enabled the rebuilding of the sea wall to proceed.

Contributions to the local community have long been a part of the Shaw family's legacy. Willy and Cree's father donated the land that Fulford Hall stands on, as well as the land for the

Fulford Anglican Church and cemetery. Their sister, Betty and her husband Captain Drummond, donated the land for Drummond Park.

The new sea wall, built of large rocks, was completed at the end of October.

"All that is left to be done is to restore the integrity of the park and to build ramps or some alternative method of beach access," said Finnemore. "With the completion of the sea wall, Drummond Park is protected from winter storms and the Shaw's major contribution has made it possible."

Deadline looming for appeals to tax

Year 2000 assessments were discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the Islands Farmers' Institute held on Tuesday evening, January 11. Also on the agenda was the matter of farmer Harry Bapty and remission of taxes.

The Farmers' Institute assisted the Bapty's in the successful appeal of their 1999 farm assessment and are now helping them

obtain a remission of taxes paid in the taxation years 1995, '96, '97 and '98. BC Assessment has acknowledged there was an error made on their part in "split classing" the Bapty farm for five years resulting in a substantial overpayment of taxes.

The surveyor of taxes assured Woodward and the Bapty's that due consideration is being given

to their claim and that a decision is expected soon.

The Institute urges its members to carefully study their Year 2000 notice for possible errors, incorrect classifications, or valuations. The Institute is pleased to assist anyone with questions—call 537-4755. All messages will be returned, but time is short. Appeals must be postmarked by January 31.

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Ecoforestry 101—Part II

Not such a clear-cut issue

by Peggy Abrahams

Forestry: The science of developing, caring for, or cultivating forests.

Webster's Dictionary

This is the second part in a series that will take a look at logging practices, forestry and ecoforestry, both historically and today. Part I, (*the Barnacle*, January 4) defined some of the concepts related to ecoforestry. This week we take a look at the clear-cut.

At the January 5 rally to stop the logging of Texada lands, protesters said it's not logging they're protesting so much as clear-cutting. One protester carried a placard reading, "On a clear-cut, you can see forever."

Some forestry experts say there are different degrees of clear-cuts. Julian Dunster is an environmental forester and consultant to Texada Land Corporation on their Salt Spring operation. According to Dunster, people automatically assume that clear-cutting is bad. "Some people say if you take one tree down in the forest you've

made a hole in the forest—that's bad. Some people don't want any logging. It becomes a philosophical issue," he said.

Dunster described what he called good clear-cuts and bad clear-cuts. "In a bad clear-cut the extent of the opening in the forest is so great there is no natural opportunity for re-generation or re-seeding, for example, 5,000 to 6,000 acres. Where you've taken every living tree off in one fell swoop. The landscape has no trees. A bad clear-cut is easy to define because they're so huge."

On a scale of clear-cuts from bad, described above, to something not as severe, Dunster said you have to look at the forest management objectives and the specific site. "It's pretty arbitrary depending on whether you know the land and the management objectives,"

he said.

Dunster stressed that what is being done on Mt. Tuam by Texada to date is not bad. "It should be considered patch logging. We're logging patches of the timber that is merchantable. It's not continuous. We're not taking all the marketable timber at this point. We're not taking old growth timber. We're also leaving merchantable timber within the leave areas and around the creeks and wet zones."

Salt Spring resident Hank Doerksen, a 35-year veteran of the provincial forest service and former Director of Forest Protection for B.C., said clear-cutting can be a solution in some circumstances. In the late 1980s, the pine forest in the Nelson-Prince George region

see *Ecoforestry* p27

The new semantics of logging...

Today's logging jargon seems to reflect technology, as well as a growing awareness of the environmental impact of logging. These definitions come from a glossary of forestry terms by the B.C. Ministry of Forests (available on the Web at www.for.gov.bc.ca), and from a forestry course on the Forest Harvesting Home Page at <http://flash.lakeheadu.ca>, with input from Hank Doerksen, former Director of Forest Protection for B.C.:

Clear-cut: Complete removal of a mature or over-mature stand of timber; any clear-felled area greater than or equal to two hectares.

Patch cut: Any clear-felled area of less than two hectares, which is irregular in shape. Patch cuts are usually more aesthetically pleasing than block cuts, which are generally square-shaped. Between the patches, stands of trees may be left for up to ten years, allowing re-seeding from the sides (not suitable in windy

areas where remaining trees could blow down). Line cut and strip cut are similar concepts, leaving trees standing around the cut area for natural re-seeding.

Feller buncher: Machine with a great pair of snippers that cuts the tree down, grabbing and snipping it in one operation. (Experts have estimated that the rate of cut using a feller buncher may be equal to that of several fallers.)

Grapple yarder: A machine used in harvesting to bring logs into a landing. The grapple closes like teeth around the log, and is controlled by the machine operator.

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JANUARY 18 - JANUARY 30

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 Charles Kahn, author, vice-president of the Historical Society (which drew its biggest audience ever for last week's talk by Chris Arnett) and avid hiker and kayaker (if only down to Moby's pub from the Long Harbour slip.)

The Book: James Joyce's *Ulysses*. It is a book that you can reread over and over again and continue to find new meanings and new pleasures in it each time. So it's ideal for a desert island where you don't have a bookshelf and you're only allowed one book.

The Disc: Glenn Gould playing the *Goldberg Variations*. Whenever I listen to this disc, I remember his figure at concerts—crouched on a tiny stool with his hands raised to the keyboard—and I hear the constant humming that was his trademark. It's not the only piece of music that comes to mind, but I know I could never get tired of it.

Visitor: Who else but Judy!

TUESDAY JANUARY 18

- Bill Rhodes**
Papier maché chickens, crows & fish Moby's Pub. Held Over to Jan 31
- Michael McPherson**
Photography Exhibit.
133 McPhillips to January 31
- Maureen Garbarino**
Images of Tuscany
Paintings. Luigi's Pizza to Feb 28
- Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich for anyone who needs it. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- Osteoporosis Clinic.**
Downtown Pharmasave.
10am-5:30pm Info: 537-5534
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Kindergym**
Parks & Rec Portable. 9-10:30am
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9am
- Volleyball (co-ed)**
Fulford Elem. Gym. 7:30pm
- Volleyball (co-ed)**
GISS Gym. 7:30pm
- Storytime with Jean Voaden**
M H Memorial Library. 10-10:30am
- Fight Club** 6:45pm
Earth 9:15pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19

- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Osteoporosis Clinic**
Uptown Pharmasave.
10am-5:30pm. 538-0323
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints'. 9-10am.
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- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
- The Dream Life of Angels**
NDP Film Night. Rm. 2
Middle School. 7pm

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MONDAY JANUARY 24

- Lady Minto Aux. Soc.**
General Meeting.
Lions' Club hall.
2pm
- Kabir Helminski Study Group**
Contemplative
Centre. 10am. Info:
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- Monday Midnight Café** Acoustic Jam.
Rose's Café. 7pm
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Step in Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
- Man on the Moon**
7:30pm

TUESDAY JANUARY 25

- Central Community Hall Board Meeting**
Public welcome. Central Hall. 7pm
- Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich for anyone who needs it. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- Dynamic Life & Health the Natural Way**
Presenter Anthony Fulker. Lions' Club. 7-9:30pm
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Kindergym**
Parks & Rec Portable. 9-10:30am
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- Storytime with Jean Voaden**
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- Man on the Moon**
9:00pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26

- Uneven Plaid**
A Class Act Studio. 7-9pm
- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- South End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Resolution Fair**
Clinic. Uptown Pharmasave. 6-8pm
- Wellness Programme Medical Equipment and Burns Tea**
S.S. Seniors' Services Soc. 2-4pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9am
- Step into Shape**
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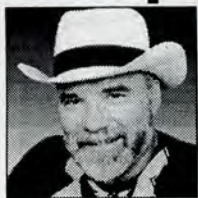
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SIGNS OF THE TIME?—The prank of a disgruntled Islander or perhaps a stash that had been uncovered on the weekend. These were explanations offered by RCMP officer Shane Savinkoff as he took stock of a pile of signs dumped in front of the Driftwood's office. Marshall Lindholm, whose Channel Ridge sign appeared among the mix of post boxes, studio tour indicators, B & B signs and house numbers, said the bill board sized item went missing on the weekend.

Computers and poetry?



Wit & Whimsy ...

with Arthur Black

There's a guy in my town named Herc. He is shortish but extremely muscular—think human fire hydrant. The word on Herc is: don't mess with him. Oh, he's friendly and gregarious enough, most times—but he's also as tough as a platoon of Ninjas, and if you incur his wrath, your allotted span on this planet can be measured in nanoseconds.

Which is why it was unusual to see Herc lined up at the local Libation Emporium one day, grinning like a man who'd won the Lotto 649.

"You're looking mighty chipper today Herc" said the checkout clerk, "What's up?" Herc smiled a smile as wide as the federal deficit and said, "Just walked down to the end of the bleepin' dock" (Herc swears a mite) "with my bleepin' computer—an' I hove that bleeper as far as I could into the harbour.

"And it felt so bleepin' good that I went back home, got my printer and I hove that motherbleeper in after it!"

I know exactly how Herc feels. I love my computer when it's doing what I want it to do. Which would be about 1.3 per cent of the time. The rest of the time I hate my computer. I hate it more than Eatons hated Simpsons. More than Alberta hated Trudeau. More than Tyson hated Holyfield.

If I could find an ear on my computer I would gnaw it off.

But I can't. I can't find much of anything on my computer—that's the point. I could probably live with my handicap if only my computer wasn't so bleeping smug. I'll be working away on it when suddenly my monitor screen will go into a kind of graphic stomach cramp and a message will flare across the screen.

THIS PROGRAM HAS PERFORMED AN ILLEGAL FUNCTION AND WILL BE SHUT DOWN.

What??? What illegal function? I paid for this computer! I'm over 21! Another favourite computer moment occurs when I painstakingly type in some incredibly stupid Internet address—(http://Lizard~xanadu/medusa/@#&phrymzik.com)—the computer clicks and whirrs and this message pops up on my screen:

COULD NOT CONNECT TO "[1.135.245.49]". CAUSE: CONNECTION TIMED OUT (10060)

Gee, thanks, Bill Gates—I can sure work with clear and concise info like that.

No point in appealing to your friendly neighbourhood computer geek—they understand this gobbledegook! It makes sense to them! Nope, folks, we're on our own.

Well...maybe not quite.

I hear that the honchos at Sony Vaio Programming in Tokyo have replaced the stupid and meaningless Microsoft error messages with haiku poetry.

Which my dictionary defines as: a very short Japanese style of poetry, consisting of three lines. And how does that apply to computer error messages? Try these:

A file that big?
It might be very useful
But now it is gone.

First snow, then silence.
This thousand dollar screen
Dies so beautifully.

A crash reduces
Your expensive computer
To a simple stone.

And my personal favourite:
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A Lady of Letters: Show extended to Feb. 3, 4, 5

by Elizabeth Courtney

A monologue is both the most daunting and yet potentially the most rewarding of theatrical forms. Daunting because there is no one else to share the pressure of performing, yet rewarding because there is nothing to impede the development of a rich space between actor and audience. When it works it can be better than the best remembered experiences of being read to as a child, the imaginary characters and landscapes more vivid than any attempt at representation.

Debbie Toole seems quite ready for the challenge, sitting behind her letter-writing desk as Margaret Jardine and Lynda Jensen, director and producer respectively, discuss what they are hoping to achieve with Active P.A.S.S.' newest production, *A Lady of Letters*, taken from a collection of short pieces by Alan Bennett (of *Beyond the Fringe* fame).

Margaret Jardine's past directing has included the hugely successful *Waiting for the Parade*, *The Taste of Rain*, co-starring Lynda Jensen and Sandi Johnson, and All Saints' Festival performances of *The Play of the Creation* and Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Brendan Voyage*. Rehearsing for most was done in the Jensens' Vesuvius studio. It is such an enjoyable space to work in, they decided to stage a small piece for a very intimate audience where the post-performance conversation could follow naturally where the performance leaves off.

Deb Toole is a versatile performer with a background in classical voice as well as theatre and stand-up comedy. As Miss Ruddock, "an ordinary middle-aged woman," she says her biggest challenge is to resist going for the easy laughs. The script is beautifully written, subtle and complex, exploring loneliness and alienation. "The issues it raises are just as relevant here in Canada as in England where the play is set. I'm not going to attempt an English accent, but still, I hope to convey all of the characters she refers to. I find it fascinating that she herself has no idea how much she reveals

see *Lady of Letters* p27



Deb Toole

Gypsy jam & dance at GISS

by Rob McMahon

The popular "high energy gypsy passion" group Sunyata is holding a fundraising performance for the Gulf Islands Secondary School music programme on Saturday, January 22. The all-ages dance begins at 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Sunyata has built quite a substantial Island following over the past few years. They have released a CD, played several concerts at Moby's, and packed Beaver Point Hall. Performances have always been events in themselves with audiences moving to the versatile and talented band's flamenco/gypsy/rock music. Studying their technique should be an added benefit for GISS music students who can mix work and pleasure on Saturday night.

The fundraiser is one in a series being held to raise funds for the GISS Jazz Band and Choir's off-Island trips. Future events will include a Swing Dance at Fulford Hall and a Pat Coleman dinner and Jazz at the Lion's Club.

Tickets to Sunyata are available at Acoustic Planet and at the door for \$10.

Elizabeth Courtney photos

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"When there's only two of you on stage there's no hiding. All we can offer is ourselves and our songs. We want the audience to see and feel the love we have for the music. That's powerful and real." And that's the feeling they've tried

JOHN & MICHELE LAW

estimated time of revival



to get across with their CD—pure, honest songs with contemporary yet ageless themes.

Recorded at Randy Bachman's studio by Amy Bowmer, produced by Jordy Sharp of Acoustic Planet Music, printed and designed by Melanie at Barnyard Graftix with all photographs taken by Osman Phillips, this CD is 100 per cent homegrown. Jordy

plays banjo on one track and Laurent Boucher provides percussion on three tracks.

Fred J. Eaglesmith, who provided a quote for the CD and has already booked them to play at his annual songwriter picnic in Ontario this fall said, "In these days of hype and buzz it just feels good to hear a simple and honest approach. This is the essence of John and Michele Law's music. On the flip side, it could

be very glitzy and radio friendly. These are two everyday people, gifted and articulate, presenting themselves to the world. You can't argue with that."

John and Michele Law will be officially releasing their new CD on January 29 at the new Talon's restaurant, 7-10 p.m. Tickets are free and should be picked up at Acoustic Planet Music.

Native title to rock never relinquished says local historian

by Anastacia Wilde

There's a lot of history to our little Island and not all of it is warm and fuzzy. In fact, Ganges Harbor was home to a bloody fight between warring native tribes in 1860, one of the first inter-tribal battles witnessed by white settlers during the British colonization of the Gulf Islands. Ten people were killed and 200

shots were fired.

More than 60 people turned out for the monthly Salt Spring Historical Society meeting at Central Hall last week, where guest-speaker and author Chris Arnett discussed aboriginal and colonialist history leading up to the Ganges Battle, land ownership conflicts and the impact of natives on white settlement in the area.

"Before we understand where we are right now, we have to appreciate where we've come from and how it will lead to reconciliation in the future," said Arnett. "The Battle of Ganges Harbor was significant because it took place in the largest white settlement and established legitimacy of native rights to land which

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ON THEIR TOES—Back Alley Beats is the name of the show that these (and more) GISS Grade 9/10 dance students will perform January 21 at ArtSpring. In all, 28 high school students (all girls) will be joined by dancers from SIMS (including a lone male fiddle-player) to perform a dozen pieces ranging from Irish to hip hop to street funk to ballet. Most dances were choreographed by the students and average about three minutes in length. The lively and eclectic show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, seniors and children.

Community Arts Council

Galiano meet ends without resolution

by Judy Moscovitz

The Christmas decorations were still up in Galiano Hall on January 11th, but that was one of the few signs of peace and goodwill to be found in the room. Gathered under the boughs were close to 150 members of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC), engaged in heated debate about the future of their group. At stake was the very fabric of the 30-year-old organization: would it remain united, or would it break up into two groups? If the latter, how would the combined assets be divided?

After decades of harmonious relations between the artists of Salt Spring and those on the Outer Islands, what has occurred to elicit such anger and distrust?

The roots of the current problem go back to the Annual General Meeting of March 1999, when it was decided to split the GICAC into two separate arts councils. This decision was made by five members of the Board of Directors, the only parties in attendance at the meeting, and it was presented to the membership at large as a fait accompli. Most members claim they did not even hear of it until late September, when they went to pick up their work at Artcraft.

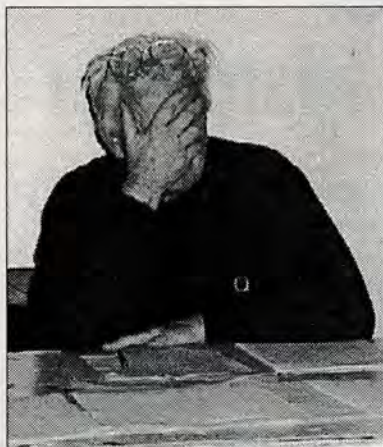
At that point, mis-communications and misunderstandings came into play. It now appears that the Outer Island artists were under the impression that

the Salt Spring contingent wanted to get rid of them—and keep their assets—while Salt Springers believed that the matter had been fully discussed by the Outer Islanders, who had chosen to break away. Feelings ran high, and it was in this charged atmosphere that Tuesday's meeting took place.

Chair Keith Holmes opened the event by calling for an adjournment of the originally planned meeting, following which a second meeting, with an entirely new agenda, was called to order. This new agenda represented days of hard work between Holmes and representatives of the Concerned Members of the GICAC, but it took many in the overflow crowd by surprise and left some wary of the sudden shift. Calls for good will and good faith were met with gales of laughter.

By 8 p.m., only two of the seven new resolutions had been dealt with, and the meeting was starting to break down. Strident voices called out from all sides at the same time. Adding to the pressure was the need to conclude the meeting in time to get the Salt Spring contingent, some 80 members strong, back to the dock in time to make the last ferry.

In a de-briefing held on board during the return trip, Concerned Member Judith Borbas advised members that three courses now remained open: court action, a requisition meeting to roll back all business from March 3 onward,



Director Lawrie Neish shows signs of frustrations at January 11 meeting.

or further negotiations with the directors to iron out the remaining points. While declaring a preference for the third option, Borbas stated that letters had already been delivered to each member of the Board of Directors, advising them that a legal process would be started. She referred to this action as "an expensive insurance policy" should negotiations fall through.

Interviews with several artists on the Outer Islands suggest that most members believe an amicable solution that does not involve a split is still possible and desirable. It is anticipated by the members that the present Board of Directors will resign within the next few weeks, leading to a new slate of nominees. Failing this, a requisition meeting has been scheduled for February 20 on Salt Spring Island. A Sunday date has been selected so that all islanders will be able to attend and get home the same day.

Marriage helped two cultures co-exist *cont'd. from p11*

the British did not challenge."

According to Arnett, natives have an occupancy of 5,000 years in the region, which began when sea levels situated themselves roughly where they are today. The abundance of salmon and shell-fish beds sprouted sedentary villages across Vancouver and the Gulf Islands, establishing an economy based on the exploitation and trade of local natural resources.

Salt Spring was considered a place of rich harvest to local aboriginal peoples, Arnett explained. "Elders have said it had tons of food and was incredibly valuable." There were places on the Island considered especially sacred and the present-day Buddhist Monastery was the site of a training ground for native spiritual practices.

Indian names for a village or specific area of land often related to natural resources or activities practiced in that place. For example, Burgoyne Bay was called Hwaagwum, so-named because of yearly migrations of merganser ducks that left the bay teeming with life. Fulford Harbor was called Hwne'nuts and literally means, "Move Your Butt Over."

The aboriginal system of land stewardship and trade was well-established when British explorers arrived in the late 1790s. Later, in 1849, Britain granted the Hudson Bay Company power to establish a colony on Vancouver Island and set out to extinguish native land ownership so settlers could buy and occupy land. Following a colonial model from New Zealand, the Hudson Bay Company offered sanctuary to native tribes in their home villages with access to traditional food gathering sites in exchange for recognition of British sovereignty.

The Hudson Bay Company had some initial success with land treaties on Vancouver Island but negotiations turned sour when friction between native and white interests magnified because of a sudden influx of settlers. In 1858, gold was discovered in the Fraser River which brought an onslaught of 30,000 prospectors.

"It was a pivotal moment in history when the balance of power switched from native to white domination," Arnett said.

With the British Colony established in Victoria, thousands of natives made annual migrations for trade.

"There were lots of skirmishes and violence," Arnett said.

On Salt Spring, there was a large turnover of land. "The Natives would come and go as they pleased. They considered this to be their land and felt that anyone on their land would have to share it with them."

Some settlers on Salt Spring gained access to land through marriage and by 1860, 16 North End settlers had married native women. "People who married native women did fine," Arnett said. "A lot of the descendants of original interracial marriages are still around today."

The Battle at Ganges Harbor in 1860 was one of dozens of intertribal conflicts during the chaotic time of white settlement. Curiously, native title to Salt Spring land has never been extinguished. "The land was never rightfully sold and treaties were not signed," Arnett pointed out. "In a sense, we're all trespassers."

A massacre in Ganges Harbour?

Chris Arnett's presentation to the Salt Spring Historical Society of some of the material covered in his book (which I have not read) provided some interesting background to the Cowichan Nation land claim on Vancouver Island and Salt Spring, but he failed to clarify that some of the key terms he used have very different cultural meanings for First Nations peoples than for those of us whose attitudes to land have been conditioned by the values implicit in the Roman legal system.

Ownership, family, title, economic resource, private property, village, even marriage, warfare and slaves are words which can be very misleading when applied to non-western peoples without some understanding of very different values and ways of securing rights. We need to remember that thinking of animals or trees as resources, of property as private, of villages as immovable is something we ourselves learned to do somewhere between the fifth and the twentieth century.

The challenge of the twenty-first century is going to be in finding new ways to communicate between peoples of widely divergent cultural backgrounds. A first step is to notice how loaded words can be and how they can prejudice a discussion before you start.

ELIZABETH COURTNEY

Help Protect Southwest Salt Spring

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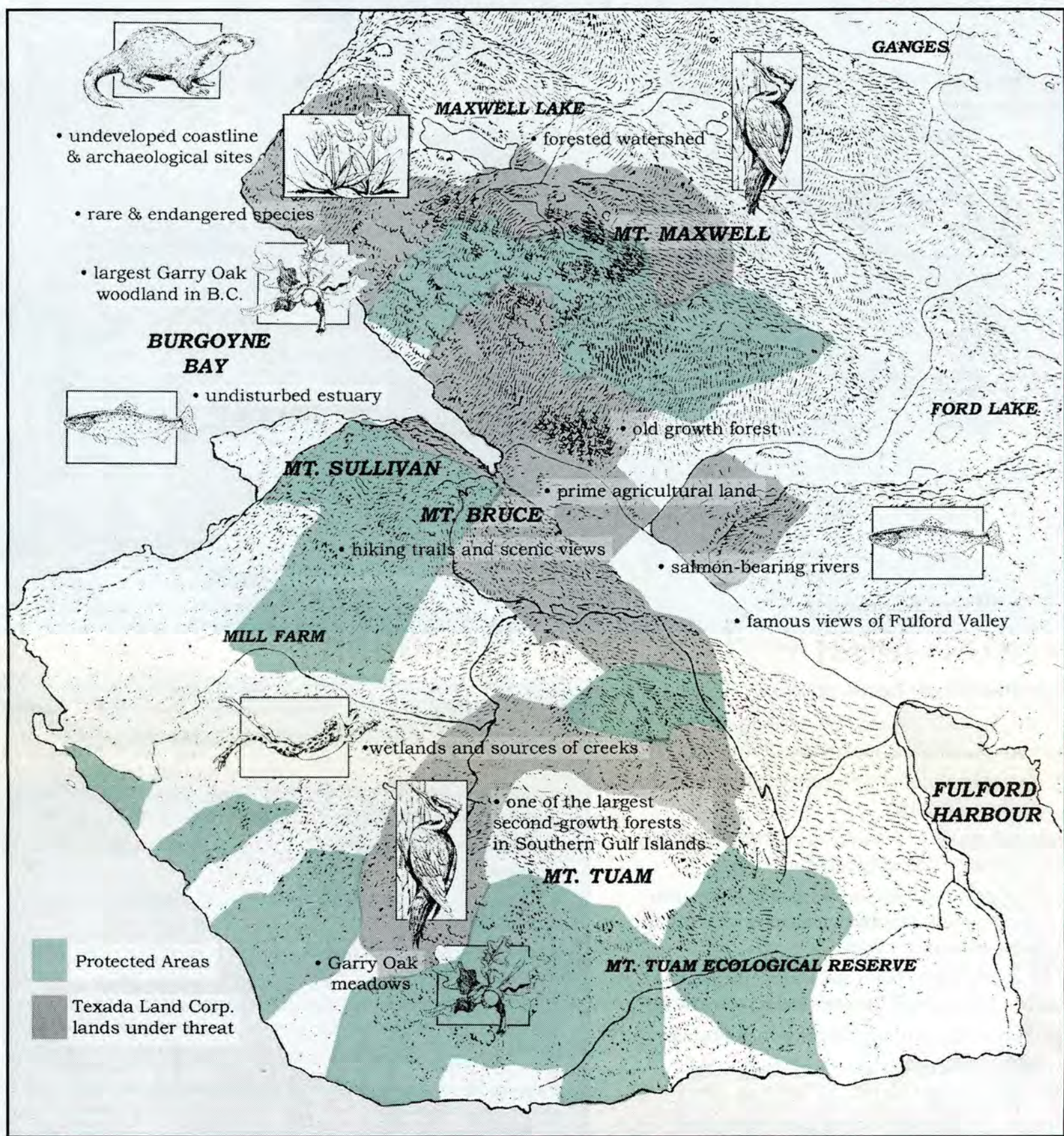
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This map is of the southwest area of Salt Spring Island—the largest undeveloped area left in the southern Gulf Islands. This land is a precious ecological, recreational, and economic resource and must be protected before these values are lost. To find out more, please read on.

map by Jacky Booth,
David Denning,
and Briony Penn



What's happened?

On November 1, 1999 almost 5,000 acres—over one tenth—of Salt Spring Island was purchased by the newly formed Texada Land Corporation. This area is in the southwest part of the island and is the largest undeveloped area of the Southern Gulf Islands. It includes the forested hills along the Fulford Valley, parts of Mount Tuam and Mount Maxwell, and both shores of Burgoyne Bay—all part of the magnificent picture-postcard views that visitors from around the world come to see. Ninety percent of these lands contain sensitive, rare, or endangered ecosystems. Texada Land Corporation also has logging and development rights to a large portion of the Maxwell Lake watershed, Salt Spring Island's last relatively undisturbed drinking water source.

The new owners are logging heavily. As logging on these lands is unregulated, they have a legal right to do so. The scale and speed of this unregulated logging operation seriously jeopardizes future parks, community forests, and tourism. The rate of cut is estimated to be ten to fifteen times the sustainable harvest rate. One hundred acres next to the Buddhist monastery on Mount Tuam were clear cut between November and Christmas of 1999. When Texada's loggers have finished cutting on Mount Tuam, they will be moving on to Mount Bruce and Mount Maxwell, where they will be clear cutting three to five acres each day. At this rate, by the end of the year 2000, over 1,000 acres of forest will have disappeared. Try to visualize a clear cut the size of 500 soccer fields—is this what we want for our island?

Why does it matter?

What makes these lands so special?

The southwest area of Salt Spring is a special place—a diverse environment with rare and endangered Garry oak meadows, rocky arbutus bluffs, eighteen kilometres of undeveloped coastline, four of the highest mountain peaks and the largest expanse of Douglas fir forest in the Southern Gulf Islands, lush red cedar wetlands, outstanding outdoor recreation and scenic areas—many of which can be viewed from as far away as the Malahat.

And our governments agree that this area of Salt Spring is a special place. Mount Maxwell Provincial Park was created back in 1938. Two ecological reserves were created in the area in the 1980s by the provincial Ministry of the Environment. In 1999, southwest Salt Spring was identified as a priority area for park acquisition as part of the Capital Regional District Parks Master Plan of regional parks and trails.

*Southwest Salt Spring is earmarked for protection,
but the clear cutting continues.*

Salt Spring landscape threatened



Forest awaits Texada chain saws

photo by Jonathon Grant

What has been done so far?

From the day Texada Land Corporation's chain saws arrived, community volunteers have:

- organized a series of community information meetings and rallies
- mapped the areas suitable for parkland and for community forest and agricultural use
- met with the company's owners and representatives to provide information about critical ecological and scenic values
- reviewed logging plans and walked the logging sites with company foresters and representatives
- started a letter-writing campaign to politicians
- provided articles for and information to the media
- begun a fundraising campaign to protect the land.

The Land Conservancy of BC is spearheading the fundraising efforts and negotiations with Texada Land Corporation. Members of the South and West Salt Spring Island Conservation Partnership are directing the land protection and acquisition process. Partnership members include The Land Conservancy of BC, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Parks, BC Parks, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, the Islands Trust Fund, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Habitat Acquisition Trust, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, several land owners with an interest in conservation covenants, and the Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission (PARC).

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In a nutshell, what is important about the Texada lands?

- scenic beauty such as the drive through the Fulford Valley and the views from Mount Maxwell
- wetlands, creeks, including Fulford Creek, our most important salmon stream, and Maxwell Lake watershed, which supplies much of Salt Spring with potable water
- forestry and agricultural lands that are part of a landbase that can provide long-term local livelihoods
- extensive recreational opportunities—from hiking mountain trails to kayaking serene bays
- endangered Garry oak meadows—the largest Garry oak woodland in BC is included in these lands
- undeveloped shorelines—Sansum Narrows is the last wilderness waterway in the southern Gulf Islands—and an estuary with important fish and waterbird habitat
- one of the largest areas of contiguous Douglas fir forest in single ownership
- these lands surround and connect regional and provincial parks, ecological reserves, and crown park reserves
- sensitive watershed forests of Mount Tuam, Mount Maxwell, and Mount Bruce
- habitat for rare and endangered species—from peregrine falcons to phantom orchids
- important archaeological sites—from middens to burial sites
- First Nations sacred sites

What are the next steps?

The owners have indicated that they are willing to sell the land and would be willing to place conservation covenants on the land if compensated. (*Conservation covenants are voluntary written agreements between a land owner and a conservation organization, in which the owner promises to protect the land in a specified way. Covenants are registered on the land title and bind future owners.*) CRD Parks have indicated that they intend to help purchase some of this land for parks. Other sources such as the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy—a partnership of the federal and provincial governments—and the Georgia Basin Ecosystem Initiative may also be willing to help. While the Texada lands are worth many millions of dollars, the cost of protecting the key values on these lands will be significantly reduced by entering into partnerships with regional, provincial, and federal agencies. By using covenants and stewardship agreements with private buyers, protection can be achieved at much lower cost than outright community acquisition. Also, some properties acquired by the community can offset some costs with revenues from eco-forestry and agriculture activities.

At the beginning of the year, our negotiators will be reviewing the land appraisals and the ecological and forestry assessments. Based on this information, a detailed acquisition and protection strategy will be developed. Fundraising for the Ford Lake area, the largest undisturbed wetland on Salt Spring and the source of Fulford Creek, will likely be included in the protection plans.

—The Vision—

Protection of the Texada lands can do much more than preserve the beauty of the land and sensitive, rare, and endangered ecosystems. People are part of the ecology too, and the protection of these lands presents many possibilities for the economy of Salt Spring, including eco-tourism, organic food production, and ecoforestry, including milling and the production of eco-certified wood products. By protecting the southwest area of Salt Spring from extensive clear cut logging and inappropriate development, the Salt Spring community will be making a strong statement for a vibrant and sustainable economy, with jobs for working people and youth, while preserving the character of our island.



Texada clear cut, Mount Tuam

photo by Jonathon Grant

Now we are looking for:

- **conservation angels**—donors, large and small
- **conservation buyers**—people to purchase individual parcels that have conservation covenants placed on them
- **community forest and farm trust sponsors** (sponsors who hold land for community sustainable forestry and agriculture)
- **conservation investors** for eco-forestry, farming and eco-tourism ventures.

We have already received many donations, including one to cover the costs of covenants, appraisals, and other expenses. **We need you to help us make our dream of protecting this land a reality.**

Remember that we already have great success stories on this island with the purchase of the Mill Farm and the McFadden Creek Heronry. We can do it again!



The land protection jigsaw puzzle—a mix of private conservation investors, public agencies, and non-profit organizations.



Texada lands, hikers, and Mount Maxwell

photo by Tamar Griggs

Some words of support:



the Salt Spring Island Conservancy



The Salt Spring Island Conservancy, the Waterbird Watch Collective, and the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society fully support the fundraising efforts for the protection of the south and west area of Salt Spring. We encourage all islanders to join us in this initiative to preserve sensitive ecosystems, water resources, and fish and animal habitats while providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, tourism, farming, and eco-forestry. The preservation of these lands will provide an opportunity for current and future generations of Canadians to protect one of our nations' rarest and most unusual natural habitats.

Please help!

- Make a donation to The Land Conservancy of BC toward the purchase of land. You can donate now, or you can make a pledge to donate in the future. Just fill out the form on the next page. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations received.
- Write, e-mail, or fax key politicians and the principals of Texada Land Corporation. Tell them how important you think these lands are, and how much you hope they will do everything they can to protect them. (See separate box for names and addresses.)

Letter to Texada Land Corporation

*to the principals of Texada Land Development Corporation
from Salt Spring residents*

Dear Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Trethewey:

We urge you to slow down the rate of clear cutting on Salt Spring lands. As you are aware, Salt Spring residents are doing everything they can to obtain the support and monies necessary to protect as much of this land as possible from further clear cutting. But everything takes time—the processes of government are slow, as is fundraising. We are optimistic about our ability to enlist the kind of support we require. But all will be lost if you continue to clear cut at your present rate.

Please slow down! Help us come to a win-win solution.

Yours truly,

Judy Norget and Charles Kahn, Salt Spring Island



Letter to our federal politicians

to **The Hon. David Anderson, Minister of the Environment**
from a Salt Spring resident

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Salt Spring Island is facing a crisis.

As you may be aware, in November 1999 Texada Land Corporation acquired almost 5000 acres on the south end of Salt Spring Island and announced their intention to remove most of the merchantable timber from these lands. Nearly ninety percent of this land has been identified as of either high scenic value or high biodiversity value (sensitive ecosystems). The land includes large 100-hectares-plus sections of contiguous second growth forest, as well as wetlands, old growth forest, and arbutus and Garry oak meadows.

Mr. Anderson, years ago you recognized the importance of the special environment of the Gulf Islands to the tourism economy of our province. We need your help if these lands on Salt Spring are to be saved from clear cut logging! I urge you to dedicate the resources of your department and those of Parks Canada to the creation of new park lands on Salt Spring Island that could become the cornerstone of a new national park in the Gulf Islands.

It would be unforgivable if the future recreational and tourism value that Salt Spring Island represents to the province and the people of BC was lost forever because of a lack of government leadership at this critical juncture.

The Texada lands are being clear cut now. Please take immediate action.

Yours truly,

Gary Holman, Salt Spring Island

cc. Gary Lunn, MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands



Letter to our provincial politicians

to **Premier Dan Miller**
from a Salt Spring resident

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I urge you to honour your promise to contribute to the Pacific Marine Heritage Legacy fund for the purchase of park land in the Gulf Islands and dedicate funds to the purchase of Texada land, particularly the sensitive areas around Burgoyne Bay and Mount Maxwell. Please ensure that people from BC, and indeed from around the world, can continue to enjoy this unique and irreplaceable resource only 50 kilometres from the urban centre of Vancouver. It would be unforgivable if the future recreational and tourism value that Salt Spring Island represents was lost forever because of a lack of government leadership at this critical juncture.

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Yours truly,

Nora Layard, Salt Spring Island

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Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

As most British Columbians should know, our native Dogwood tree's bloom is our province's flower. So why not grow one of these beautiful ornamental specimens in your own garden. They aren't difficult but, an established *Cornus* does not like to have its roots fiddled with so ball and burlap or potted specimens are recommended.

Unfortunately my favourite species of *Cornus* is quite difficult to obtain. *Cornus capitata* is an evergreen to partial evergreen species native to the Himalayan region. They can grow to more than 20 feet, and may be a tad bit marginal in exposed areas.

Cornus species are common in most nurseries, especially Eddies White Wonder. This is a very popular and hardy variety that produces many blooms in late April or May. It is a hybrid between *C. florida* and *C. nuttallii*.

Cornus florida is also a very good species for our island. Its native range is eastern U.S. This tree can reach nearly 20 feet and blooms profusely in May. The flowers are white, but *C. florida* "Rubra" has pink or rose bracts. The foliage turns a nice red in the fall.

Cornus kousa is native to Korea and Japan, and blooms a little later than other Dogwoods in June or July. This species can also reach 20 feet or more. In the fall, large red fruit hangs under the branches like huge strawberries. *Cornus alba* or Tatarian Dogwood is grown as more of a shrub, up to 10 feet tall with many upright twigs that are valued for their blood red colour. The flowers are smaller than the larger Dogwood species, but these shrubs can be used as background plants, eventually spreading to form a thicket. There is also a variegated variety

of this form. These plants are extremely cold tolerant, and probably would look even better in a colder neck of the woods where the red branches would put on a nice show sticking up out of the snow.

Cornus canadensis, or Bunch Berry is a ground covering carpet plant that only grows to just over six inches in height. These little plants spread by creeping rootstocks that send up stems topped with rich green leaves. This species blooms in May or June, and produces small tight clusters of tiny white flowers. This *Cornus* grows best in rich humus, and acidic soil, with good summer irrigation in a fairly shaded area along with ferns, Hostas or Rhodos.

All these *Cornus* prefer a very nice rich topsoil mixture, and ample summer moisture so they don't get too stressed out in our dry months. Also a well drained site in the garden is preferred. They also seem to prefer a partially shaded area to keep them happier. Dogwoods can be planted right through our winter months without any problems.

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Let's eat ...
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Morning: The typical housewife tosses aside her electric blanket and rises. She takes a shower in water heated by an electric furnace and dries her hair under a hair dryer. The baby is crying. The woman puts the baby's bottle in an electric sterilizer and warmer.

Breakfast: The housewife prepares a scrumptious meal with the electric waffle iron, coffee maker, egg beater, egg timer and toaster. The six cubic foot

refrigerator is opened and closed. When the meal is over, the dishes are placed in the electric dishwasher.

Cleaning: Washing machine and dryer are on. Iron is on. Upright vacuum cleaner is on. Housewife frequently glances at electric clock to ascertain the time. Baby is crying. Housewife stops cleaning to put electric heating pad below baby and vaporizer beside baby.

Evening: Wife is too tired to appreciate electric phonograph, electric radio, electric harpsichord or husband. She picks up a newspaper. Reads that her electric devices cost \$2,274.00. She wonders just how long she must wait to buy an electronic maid.

TURKEY SAUSAGE AND SPINACH PIE

No, this isn't another use-up-your-leftover-turkey recipe, it's just a good old comfortable winter pie.

1 lb. ground turkey
1/2 lb. pork sausage meat
6 eggs
2 10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
16 oz. Swiss cheese, grated
2/3 c. ricotta cheese
salt, chopped onion, pepper, fresh rosemary, fresh sage, fresh thyme, to taste
pie crust (use the never fail recipe)

Cook ground turkey and sausage until browned. Add onion and herbs. Drain excess fat. Reserve 1 egg yolk. Combine remaining eggs with turkey mixture, spinach and cheeses. Mix pastry. Rest 1/2 hr. Roll to fit 9" springform, line bottom and sides, trim. Pour in turkey mixture. Roll dough to fit top, crimp edges, brush with egg yolk. Bake at 375° about 1 hour or till golden.



Turnip Puff

Salt Spring Sizzles ... with Gail Prior

6 C. turnip - cut into 1 inch cubes
2 free range eggs, beaten
1 tbsp. brown sugar
1/2 tsp. salt, dash pepper
pinch of nutmeg

2 tbsp. melted butter
2 tbsp. butter
3 tbsp. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 C. fine dry bread crumbs

Cook turnip until tender. Drain and mash. Butter 1-1/2 quart casserole. Add butter and eggs to turnips and blend well. Combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Stir into turnip. Spoon into prepared casserole. Combine crumbs with melted butter and sprinkle over the top. Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes or until fluffy and brown. "Fluffy" turnips? Yes! Serves 6 - 8.

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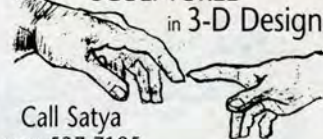
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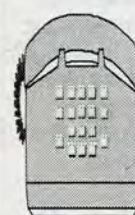
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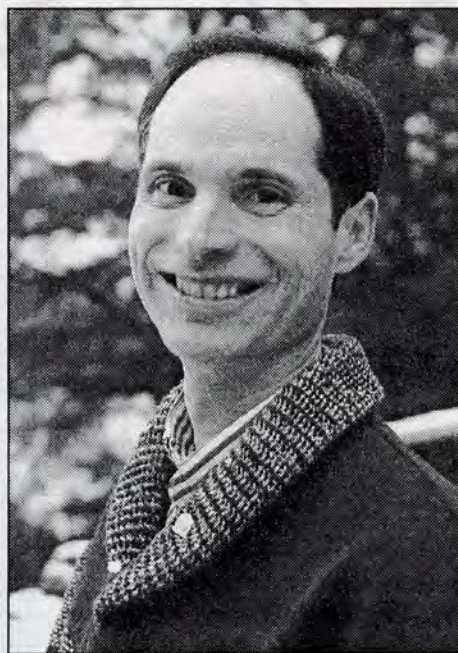
by Dayle Gaetz

Anthony Fulker is a Wellness Coach. Just as a Fitness Coach offers advice on how to achieve optimum muscle tone, Fulker helps people attain a vibrantly healthy body. And he does this not by telling clients what to do, but by guiding them along a pathway of learning and understanding; a path that permits the body to heal itself.

Fulker is quick to point out that he is not a doctor or a naturopath, nor does he advise patients to turn away from these professionals. Rather, as a holistic nutrition and lifestyle counsellor he works alongside health care professionals to help patients overcome chronic illnesses by showing them how to "take the power" over their own recovery.

It took an eight-year illness of his own before Fulker accepted the need to change his lifestyle. Before falling ill, he had considered himself healthy enough, being an athlete and long distance runner. But then things changed dramatically. He lost energy, became easily fatigued, and for four years went through a series of illnesses. Facing one series of antibiotic drugs after another, he went into a cycle of remission and relapse that lasted another four years until he realized the drugs were preventing him from getting better.

Determined to heal himself, Fulker began to learn all he could about health, nutrition and overcoming disease. He studied what other people had done to recover from long term and even terminal illnesses and searched for commonalities in their methods. By setting his own programme and allowing his body to heal itself, Fulker was cured in three



Anthony Fulker

months.

Fulker now believes that, "all disease is an opportunistic element that feeds on over-stressed and undernourished bodies." The human body, in his view, has an innate intelligence and the immune system is like an "incredible, intelligent army" that is capable of destroying viruses and bacteria which, being simple organisms, can only flourish under a narrow spectrum of conditions.

Having recently moved to Salt Spring from Vancouver, Fulker is looking forward to the change of lifestyle. The physical, emotional and mental stresses of city life can make maintaining good health a daily struggle.

At his upcoming talk, Fulker hopes to meet people and motivate them toward wanting to learn more. His own learning has come from attending numerous workshops, collecting and studying a library of hundreds of books, and keeping up to date by reading magazines and journals. Although he believes that each of us has to be our own authority, he realizes most people need some help. By using his knowledge, he is able to point people in the right direction, suggest which books to read, and what doctors or naturopaths to consult. Having an educated guide, or Wellness Coach, along the way makes the journey toward health that much easier to follow.

Motivational Talk

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Christopher Byron

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Chris' favourite sport is soccer
because he started playing when
he was four. He also likes to ride his
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Chris says the most important thing
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Cynthia Cameron of Gulf Islands Scorpions drives to the basket against Highlands of Comox, Saturday at GISS.

Scorpions get stung at the eleventh hour



Courtside ...

with Alan Webb

There is
nothing quite
like feasting

on a weaker opponent to start a
tournament and the Scorpions
Senior girls' basketball team fed
well off Parklands Panthers
Friday afternoon at the GISS
gym.

After one quarter of play, and
with the Scorpions leading 8-0,
several questions came to mind.
Can anyone defend against
Annette Wright and/or Clare
Rustad? Has a basketball team
been shut out before at any level?
Is there Saran Wrap stretched
across Salt Spring's basket?

The latter question was
answered on Parkland's fifth trip
to the foul line a minute into the
second quarter. Having broken
the goose egg, the visitors went
on a modest 10-4 run to finish
the half down 28-10.

The Panthers' play in the first
half of wildly optimistic outside
shooting—and hitting nothing
but air—improved somewhat in
the second but Wright and
Rustad did prove to be virtually
unstoppable. The Scorpions
allowed the Panthers to get to

within 10 in the third quarter
before pulling away in the end
to win 55-36. Wright's defense
elicited the biggest cheer of the
day when her emphatic stuff of a
jump shot had the already rau-
cous crowd hooting with glee.
Too bad about the shutout
though.

A win over Highlands of Comox
on Saturday morning would send
the Scorpions on to the final and
this they accomplished with rela-
tive ease. The Senior girls broke
out to a 14-0 lead in the first
quarter and largely coasted to vic-
tory on the strength of Wright's
Hoover-like rebounding at both
ends of the court.

Cynthia Cameron and Jenn
Keating supplied solid support
for Wright and Rustad on
offense. Cameron hit for 10
points, while Wright led all
scores again with 16 in a 52-35
win.

The final pitted Gulf Islands
against the Abbotsford
Panthers. The Panthers gained
the final by coming from behind
to win a squeaker in overtime, a
result the Scorpions would have
done well to note.

Directly from the tip-off, GISS
shot the lights out in the first
quarter. A 10-0 run to start
stretched into a 23-3 lead and a
25-6 advantage at the first inter-
val. But, before anyone could
begin whistling *Sweet Georgia
Brown* a change occurred.

A buzzer-beater at the half
narrowed the home side's advan-
tage to seven. The Scorpions
managed to lengthen their lead
to 11 after three but the
momentum had turned. Gulf
Islands had gone as cold as the
gym itself (which was frigid
enough to have made a suitable
venue for *Late Night with David
Letterman*) and Abbotsford was
suddenly on the ascendant.

While Abbotsford chipped
away at the deficit, the
Scorpions suddenly appeared
weary. Errant passes, mental
mistakes and woeful foul shoot-
ing allowed the Panthers to level
the score with 3:12 to go.

With 2.6 seconds to play, the
hosts led 60-59 and the ball was
in the hands of the tournament's
most gifted player. But Annette
Wright missed, a Scorpion foul
sent Abbotsford to the line and
two clutch shots later the
Panthers were victors.

While Abbotsford celebrated,
Clare Rustad's succinct assess-

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ANDERSEN, HEDVIG Marie passed away peacefully in the Lady Minto Hospital January 12, 2000. Hedvig was born in Bovling Denmark, March 4th, 1911. Her nursing career brought her to Canada in the late 1940s. Hedvig met and married Emil Andersen in 1950, they obtained their Canadian citizenship on June 6th, 1952. Emil predeceased Hedvig in 1974. Hedvig made many friends on Salt Spring Island and was a founding member of the OAPO #170 in Fulford Harbour. Hedvig leaves a brother Alfred Truelsen, nieces: Bette Rhode-Jensen, Sys (Holger) Hansen, nephew Gorm (Boetta) Rhode-Hansen and many great nieces & nephews in Denmark & 3 great nephews in BC, Peter, Eric (Suzanne) & Jan (Michelle) Jensen. Hedvig was a very caring, loving person and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. At her request there will be no funeral service. For those who wish donations may be made to Lady Minto Hospital or a charity of your choice. 0300

GARNER, OLIVER Jeffrey Joseph passed away 7th January, 2000 at Central Park Lodge, Victoria, BC age 81. He will be missed by his children James, Mary-Ann Neil, and Kenneth as well as his grandchildren Dianne Gordy - Shona, Kara, and Cameron Neil - Katherine, Jessica, and Genevieve Garner, and great grandson Craig Gordy. "Ollie", born on Salt Spring Island, 3 May 1918, lived most of his life on Galiano Island. He was a logger, land developer and was an active and long time member of Galiano Lions, Galiano Rod and Gun Club and Pacific Indians. He is survived by his wife Ruby, sisters Edith, Margaret, and Dorothy and his brothers Albert and Lloyd. He is predeceased by his infant son in 1944, wife Genevieve 1975, sisters Ethel, Pearl, and brothers Thomas, and Joseph. Internment at Forest Lawn, Burnaby, where his late wife and several members of his family are buried.

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GERRY (GERTRUDE HUNTINGTON) McPherson (Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, U. of Saskatchewan) died peacefully Jan. 11, 2000 at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island. Gerry was a humanist, a scholar, a teacher, a lover of the arts, and will be missed by friends and family. Students will remember Gerry for her enthusiastic and innovative teaching, communities will remember her for her tireless volunteer work for numerous organizations devoted to humanitarian ideals and social justice. Scholars will remember her contributions to the study of social issues and her entertaining and insightful book: *Small Town Teacher* (Harvard U. Press, 1972). Friends and family will remember her warmth, humour and generosity. Gerry is survived by brother Austin, sister Mary, daughter Karen, son Chris, and grandchildren Soma, Eden and Tristram. Donations in lieu of flowers to Amnesty International or Parkinson Society. Thanks to Dr. Woodley and to all the dedicated home support workers who helped Gerry in these last years, and to the staff at Lady Minto ECU for their loving care during these last difficult months. Memorial info: 537-1776. 0300

SELIG, FRANK F. Passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital at age 80. He is survived by his family, wife Norma and daughters Beverley (Don, Lee (Ian) and grandchildren Michele, Lealle, Burke (Susanne) and Jonathan, Dean, Stephan, and Emily. A service was held at Seniors for Seniors on January 16th at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

110 • IN MEMORIAM

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GANGES



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120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

THANKS TO Parks and Rec for a beautifully done catalogue. And what a huge number of interesting classes this year! 0300

TO THE Lady Minto Hospital. Thank you to the staff, nurses and Drs. Karen Berg, Bob Crossland and Daniel Levitt for the exceptional care they gave to Hedvig Andersen. Also many thanks to the Fire Dept. & ambulance attendants for their immediate response & care. 0300

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140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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Feb. 3 - 4 - 5
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SS Minor Baseball Assoc. & Girls Softball

Thurs., Jan. 20
7:15pm

Seabreeze Inn Conference Room

Election of Officers

Interested people please come!

140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Barnacle office will close at
12 NOON on TUES., JAN. 18
for a staff retreat.

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WED., JAN. 19
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140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Women's Meeting Only

Thursday nights: 5:15 pm

Please call

250-537-1733 or 250-537-2993

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- 740 Holiday Accommodation
- 750 Storage
- 760 Business Rentals
- 790 Rentals Wanted

TRANSPORTATION 800-899

- 800 Cars/Trucks
- 810 Motorhomes/Campers/RVs
- 815 Trailers
- 820 Boats/Marine
- 830 Aircraft
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180 • LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER LICENCE WATER ACT (Section 8)

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The point of diversion will be located +/- 100' offshore and +/- 50' west of the east property line. The quantity of water to be diverted is 2500 IGPD. The purpose for which the water will be used is industrial. The land on which the water will be used is Lot 2A Plan 1921 Section 12 Range 1 South North Salt Spring Island Cowichan District.

Objections to this application may be filed with the Regional Water Manager at 2080-A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6J9 within 30 days of the date of the publication of this notice.

190 • BUSINESS NOTICES

INTERNET RESEARCH. University graduate will research genealogy, health issues, you name it. Efficient and confidential. Karen 653-4589.

PARC BROCHURE correction: The adirondack style backpack basket is on Saturday, April 8 and Sunday April 9 for the price of \$86.03. For registration or more information call the PARC office at 537-4448.

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385 • WANTED

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390 • MISCELLANEOUS

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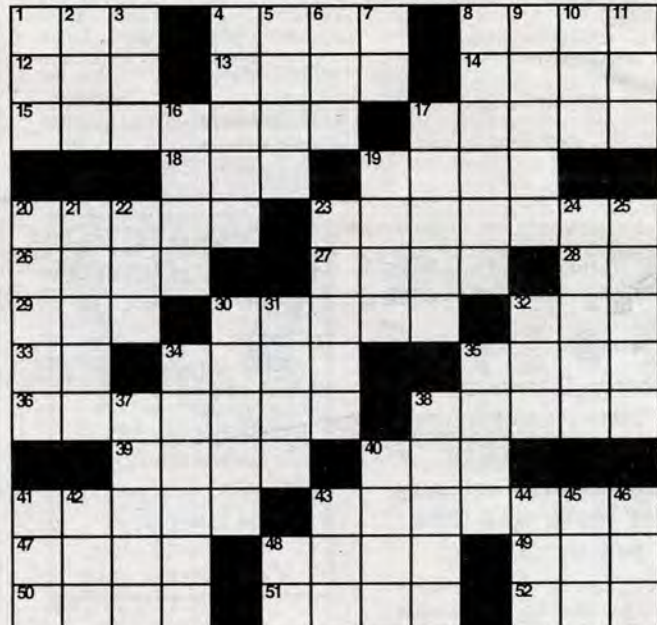
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Home Sweet Home

ACROSS

- 1 Aussie ostrich?
- 4 Niche
- 8 Cried
- 12 Read Only Memory, for short
- 13 Body parts
- 14 Conscious minds
- 15 Victoria's _____ Hotel
- 17 Weird
- 18 Dine
- 19 Chateau _____ Louise
- 20 _____ Springs Hotel
- 23 Montreal's Ritz _____
- 26 Impresses
- 27 Cranky
- 28 _____ myself and I
- 29 Weekend day, abbr.
- 30 Small gulls
- 32 Decibels, abbr.
- 33 Exists
- 34 Slave
- 35 Winnipeg's _____ Garry Hotel
- 36 Quebec's _____ Frontenac
- 38 Satisfies
- 39 Optical device
- 40 Go downhill fast?
- 41 Thai food
- 43 Ottawa's Chateau _____
- 47 Partner of Eve
- 48 _____ Harbor, Nova Scotia
- 49 Vancouver's _____ Pacific Hotel
- 50 Dinghy
- 51 Toronto's Royal _____ Hotel
- 52 Married woman
- DOWN
- 1 Before, poetic
- 2 Mother
- 3 Baseball official, for short



- 4 Bundle
- 5 Register
- 6 Operations, for short
- 7 Poet Eliot's initials
- 8 Every 7 days
- 9 White heron
- 10 Taro root paste
- 11 Toronto Stock Exchange, for short
- 16 Umps
- 17 Peers
- 19 Greensward
- 20 Fundamental
- 21 Flooded
- 22 After expenses
- 23 Ionian Island
- 24 Shaded colors

- 25 Resting places
- 30 Little
- 31 Epochs
- 32 Tiny circle
- 34 Humid
- 35 Exhibition
- 37 Church part
- 38 Prowl
- 40 Region of Germany
- 41 Melancholy
- 42 Bustle
- 43 British closet
- 44 Inches per min.
- 45 Receptor
- 46 Registered Nurses, for short
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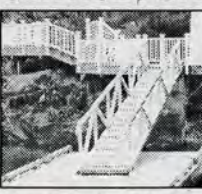
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near Williams Lake was infested with pine beetle. Doerksen explained that after such an infestation, trees are susceptible to fire and ultimately the wood can be lost as a result of the infestation.

"But the wood is marketable for three years after the pine beetle infestation. After three years, the wood will be too far-gone to be marketable. This is one place clear-cutting makes sense," he said.

In another scenario, Doerksen said Douglas fir can be prone to root rot and in these areas the only solution is to clear-cut sections and re-plant with other species.

In general, Doerksen expresses optimism that the local climate is ideal for regenerating new growth, and that clear-cuts will come back as new growth forest. He said much of the island has been logged before, both to develop farming land and for industrial logging, and most of the forest has come back.

"On this island nature does a pretty good job.... the proof of the pudding is what Texada is doing now. They're logging second, maybe third growth forest which was re-generated within 50 or 60 years. That'll tell you it's fantastic forest land," he said.

Although Douglas fir do not re-seed annually, they seem to throw a good seed crop every seven years, Doerksen said. He added that he has noticed tremendous cone crops this year in the valley bottoms. "I'm not sure about the higher elevations, but as it's done in the past, if they've left some of the old growth scattered there it can provide the seed."

Some experts, like sustainable forester Merv Wilkinson of

Ladysmith, are against clear-cutting in general, and point out specific risks for this geographic area. "The Gulf Islands land base is very dicey. Once you ship the timber off you have severe erosion and water tables are severely damaged. Streams that have never flooded before will flood. It kills off fish and spawning sites are destroyed."

"It also changes the climate. Forests are the earth's blanket; just like when you go to bed at night, the earth uses forest as a cover. The temperature and climate change subtly. It doesn't happen suddenly, but over ten, fifteen, 20 years or so. This is well documented," he said.

According to Doerksen, most erosion is not a direct result of logging. "I don't care where you go in the province, the main cause of erosion and stream damage is from roads. With modern logging they have massive road systems that cause disturbance down hillsides. You also lose about 20 percent of forest land from roads," he said.

Doerksen points out that the province established annual cut rates to ensure the forest would be sustainable into perpetuity. He cautions that the annual cut should be adjusted to take into account the loss of forest land to parks and native land claims. "Every time you create a park or lose a big piece of land you need to adjust the cut."

Local resident Art Morton is a convert to forest conservation. A former tree faller for MacMillan Bloedel, and a contract logger for years, he plans to have his own property, largely second growth timber, held in conservancy.

In an article for a Conservancy newsletter, he wrote, "I have seen old growth forest in all its majestic grandeur—stately trees, deep moss, clear sparkling streams and a deep peaceful aura. And I have gone back to the same area later after logging, sometimes to find it recognizable only by an outcrop of rock or a peculiar stump, to find gouged out valleys, streams now dry in summer, muddy torrents choked with logging debris in the rainy season, broken and smashed remains of once proud trees everywhere. A scene of utter and complete devastation."

He said that this sight, together with Chris Mather's book, *The Redesigned Forest*, changed his views. Morton said the book explains the complex forest ecology which includes birds, animals, insects and micro-organisms. A tree may live 500 years, and when it naturally falls to the ground, it continues to function as an integral element of the ecology for another 500 years.

"When you have clear-cutting you're removing 1000 years of tree, a thousand years of biomass. Many of the organisms surrounding a tree are in the ground, and when you clear-cut some of the animals migrate, but micro-organisms in the ground can't," Morton said.

Of second growth forest, he commented, "Oh yes, trees will grow again, eventually, where the erosion of the forest has not left bare rock. If it returns by reforestation you have a plantation forest, largely a monoculture, and if by natural regeneration you have what is called second growth—it might well be called second rate as compared to the old growth."

Our Island *cont'd. from p19*

Programs and Archives of Salt Spring, will showcase themselves side-by-side with globally-reaching groups, like UNICEF, Save the Children Fund, Baha'i Faith and Ometepe Gulf Island Friendship Association.

"You hear about so many groups, but don't learn the details about them. I am looking forward to meeting them," said Simons.

Louise Henson, who will be presenting a session on the Baha'i faith, also sees it as an opportunity to appreciate the strength in diversity on the island.

"It will help us look at where we are heading in common directions—whether it is just-

tice, environmental issues or arts issues. We will get a chance to share our perspective on the social issue of the time," said Henson.

Page 50 of the Salt Spring phone book shares this little gem: "Few things say as much about a community as those who volunteer to serve it."

Our Island, Our World aims to spread the message of cooperation and diversity, while educating, entertaining and making connections.

As Schubart said, "The idea is to celebrate community in film, conversation, music and food."

See next week's issue of *the Barnacle* for more details on the Film Festival and the Afghani Feast.

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about herself when she is describing other people. And, no, it is not depressing. Her redemption comes in such an ironic and unexpected way—lots of food for thought."

The stage is almost built—planks and plywood arriving as we talk. Set among the trees in Vesuvius, it promises to be a delightful experience for devotees of theatre who love the chamber atmosphere of a venue which will seat thirty for an

evening of poignant, witty and moving theatre, followed by coffee and conversation. Be warned, the Studio (116 Langley Road) can only hold thirty. At press time, the shows originally scheduled were already sold out and three performances (February 3, 4, 5) had been added to the run. But, those will likely sell out fast too. Thirty seats for three nights will probably go fast. See this week's calendar for details.

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