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Water access a contentious issue on Island

by Amei Parkes

The beach belongs to all of us...or does it? What happens when a homeowner puts up "no trespassing" signs along a public beach, or builds a shed across a path to the beach?

The short answer: agencies step in if they receive a complaint. The ins and outs are another story, where situations, policies and law come into play.

The Land Title Act ensures that whenever a waterfront property is subdivided, a beach access is made and maintained by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH). The Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) can apply to MOTH to open up an access. Islands Trust steps in when sensitive ecosystems, like the one on Silver Water Drive, are at stake. And the land below the high tide mark is under provincial jurisdiction, with certain exceptions.

More than land disputes, however, these organizations deal with the question of rights. Some residents see their rights denied, while others see them abused.

"We get quite a few complaints and concerns that [others] are doing something to the shoreline," said Linda Adams, Senior Planner at the Islands Trust.

At least four examples reared their heads last week when the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), along with the B.C. Assets and Land Corporation (BCAL), and the Islands Trust investigated beaches on Salt Spring Island for unauthorized development.

The property owners now face upgrading to acceptable standards, or removing the structures

altogether.

But environmental groups like the Waterbird Watch Collective have little sympathy for landowners who push development toward the ocean.

"[Wildlife is] critical to the whole web of life. If we are stepping on this area, we must step lightly."

—Nina Raginsky

"The intertidal [zone] is sacred," said Nina Raginsky, pointing to the 3,000- to 5,000-year-old Coast Salish shell middens on the Island.

Wildlife, too, like shorebirds, kelp beds and eelgrasses "are critical to the whole web of life," she said. "If we are stepping on this area, we must step lightly."

As far as the road accesses are concerned, living near one "is not all peaches and cream," said Raginsky, citing damage to properties which about the access points, including rocks thrown through a window by late-night party-goers.

As a result, some landowners have taken the law into their own hands, said Carin Perrins, PARC's acting administrator.

"Neighbours block [public accesses] off because they don't want increased traffic and vandalism," she said.

But people who want to get to the beach along these right-of-ways see the dilemma as a dispute between the haves and have-nots.

"The people who own the waterfront, use the waterfront," said Brian Little, who was recently prevented by neighbours from cutting the underbrush to clear a road access near heron feeding grounds. "If it is such a sensitive area, how does that make you sensitive, and me not?"

MOTH eventually closed the access in question, but Little is dismayed that he will now have to go farther afield to launch his boat. He is also concerned about the future of public access in general.

"What concerns a lot of the neighbours, is when the properties

are sold, maybe the access to public areas will be denied," said Little.

But access is guaranteed under the Land Title Act, and they are rarely closed for ecological reasons.

"The vast majority of water access roads are unopened and hence not maintained," said MOTH's Senior District Development Technician, Michael Donald. In addition, Salt Spring Island has 170 kilometres of shoreline, where only 10 kilometres are protected.

Adams estimates there are about 100 access points to the water. Right now, the only place to locate

them, she said, is on cadastral maps. These maps, intended to show the extent and ownership of the land, do not have public accesses marked on them, and only show where roads end.

The new map is in the very early stages, said Perrin. Upon completion, it will help agencies like PARC and MOTH determine where accesses are located, as well as important geographical features.

"There are sensitive grasses and middens [all over the Island]," said Donald. "But unless we know about them, we're stuck."

Sensitive area to be sold in trust

After Brian Little received verbal permission from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH) to clear a path down Silver Water Drive three weeks ago, a group of concerned neighbours have seen this feeding ground for herons go from threatened to protected.

Since MOTH told Little (who is also a Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) Commissioner) to stop cutting underbrush, the land has come under consideration for sale to its eco-wardens.

MOTH has agreed to accept an application from "a responsible body" such as the Islands Trust to purchase the 33- by 60-foot lot for fair market value, said Senior District Development Technician Michael Donald. The transaction will follow due course, from application, assessment to sale, Donald indicated.

Environmental groups, like

the Waterbird Watch Collective, see the transfer as an important next step in preserving this area near the heron rookery.

This corridor is "the connection between the herons' dining room and kitchen, and their bedroom," said Waterbird Watch Coordinator, Nina Raginsky.

In response to the news, Little said he and some neighbours may start a petition to keep the land open for the general public.

As far as MOTH letting any sensitive ecosystems slip through the cracks in the future, Donald said: "From now on, because of Silver Water Drive, for any beach access requested to be opened, we will exert more effort to ensure that nothing is impacted."

Encroachments probed

Other spots with sensitive ecosystems have also come

under fire since the dispute at Silver Water Drive.

At least four beaches are under scrutiny by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), B.C. Assets and Land Corporation (BCAL), and the Islands Trust. These agencies responded to public complaints regarding encroachments onto crown land last Wednesday.

"It appears there have been structures and materials placed on the foreshore...and property owners placed materials in front of their own property, in essence extending their own property," said BCAL Land Officer, Mark Harvey.

These property owners face upgrading to acceptable standards, or removing the structures altogether. Islands Trust planner, Phil Testemale, stressed public education "on what's allowed and what's not allowed" is also a necessary action.



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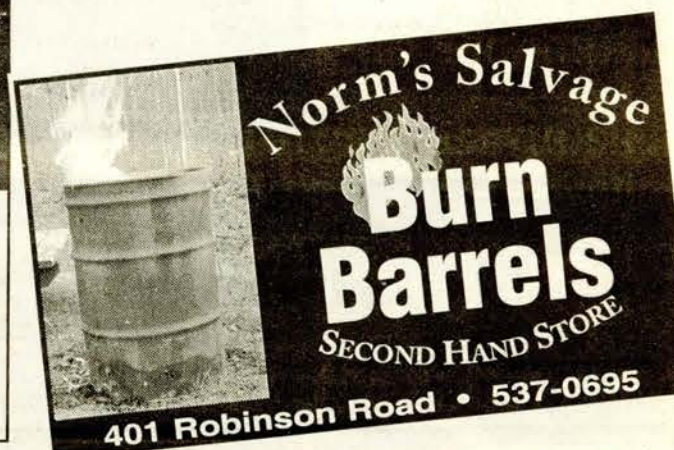
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Arsenic found in McAfee Creek

by Michelle Grant

On Saturday, November 11, Gary Gibson, Chief Environmental Health Officer for the Capital Health Region (CHR) hand-delivered precautionary notices regarding elevated levels of arsenic in McAfee Creek to residents with licences to draw water from the creek. There are 13 licences issued to residents in the Rainbow Road and Booth Canal area. McAfee Creek is also used as an illegal source of water for several residents in the area.

The water sample recently taken from McAfee Creek by Michael Riefman, CHR Environmental Health Officer, revealed an arsenic level at .065 milligrams per litre which is 2.6 times above the recommended federal safety standard of .025 for drinking water.

Additional samples from McAfee Creek will be taken by CHR officers next week to confirm the initial test result.

The creek originates from a fissure in the rock just above Rainbow Road east of Juniper Place and flows downhill underneath Rainbow Road towards Booth Bay. On its way down it collects surface water, a major contributor to the winter flow.

Riefman has taken more than a dozen samples from wells in the area since arsenic related problems were uncovered at the Rainbow Grove subdivision.

"We're trying to get the word out that water in the area should be tested. We have a budget that allows for some testing," said Gibson.

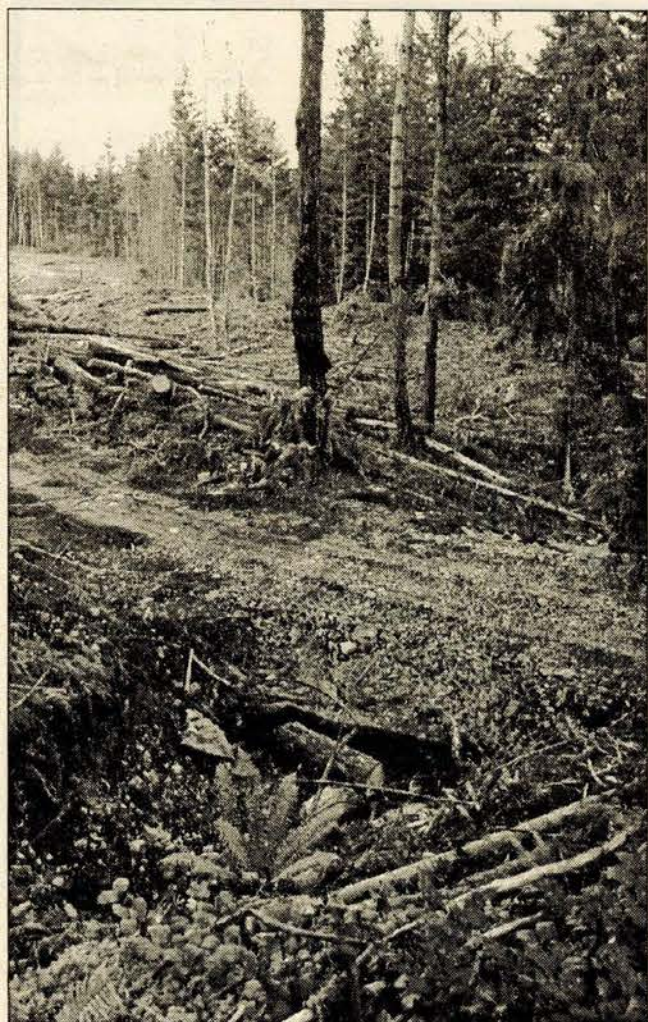
According to Walter Van Bruggen of the provincial Ministry of Environment Water Management

Branch, the department responsible for issuing water licences for the creek, obtaining a licence does not guarantee water quality. That is left up to the individuals. Van Bruggen did say he was making the names and addresses of the licences available to the CHR in order to assist in alerting residents to the potential health risks posed by the creek's water.

For Andrew and Betty Gibson, having McAfee Creek run through the property was part of the reason they bought their land 15 years ago. While they still use the creek for irrigation and laundry, they stopped using it for cooking or drinking purposes eight years ago out of concerns over the water's bacterial content.

Ray and Robin Smith have the original licence on McAfee Creek dating from 1913. For most of the year, they use water from a well on their property but in the fall switch to McAfee Creek water for cooking and domestic purposes. Bacterial content was their main concern which they felt would be eliminated with boiling. They have been using bottled water for drinking for the last five to six years.

Kathy Reimer of the Salt Spring Salmon Enhancement Society has taken a jaundiced look at the creek for some time. Ten years ago, she looked at raising some native sea run cut-throat trout in the creek but prior to doing so decided to test for pH. The test came back with elevated pH levels which put an end to the idea of raising trout in its waters. "I never thought to have the creek scanned for arsenic," said Reimer.



The government is monitoring Texada's forest practices on sites such as this one on Mt. Tuam.

Government monitors Texada

by Peggy Abrahams

Representatives of the Land Reserve Commission (LRC) and Ministry of the Environment (MELP) have visited Salt Spring recently, to monitor Texada's forest practices. The inspections follow Texada's violation of the Private Land Forest Practices Regulation in September.

Ian DeLisle, forest practices officer with the LRC said he has been on Salt Spring a number of times in the last few weeks with water specialist Glen Johnson of MELP to inspect specific sites where Texada has been logging. He said Texada was advised to put a couple of culverts and ditches in and to fix a few things up. "I'm checking to

see if this has been complied with," he said.

He also said that Texada was asked to resurface a road in the Lake Maxwell watershed. "The concern is that you can't have any soil erosion into creeks as a result of road construction. So we look at that.... We verbally asked them to resurface them to a higher standard to minimize soil erosion into creeks."

DeLisle said Texada had been complying. "So they're bringing the standards up. Texada's been quite co-operative to date," he added.

This week DeLisle expects to visit the Island again. "I will be finalizing my inspections on Friday," he said.

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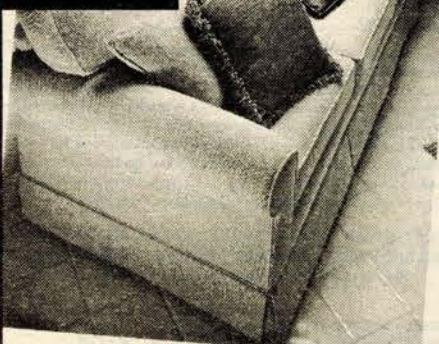
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Some people like getting surprises and others like giving them. That's particularly clear around Christmas when people begin shopping, wrapping and shipping presents off to friends and relations hither and yon. For many the big trip to the post office laden with parcels wrapped up in brown paper is as much a Christmas tradition as turkey or mincemeat tarts. Surprises abound at this time of year.

And Canada Post has decided to join in the yule tide tradition of surprise packages with a little jolt of its own this year. Now, we can't say the rates have gone up because Canada Post says that's not the case but...the cost has risen. Surprise, Christmas just became a lot more expensive!

Noel and Carol Fowles are Salt Spring Islanders who operate an antiques business on the web. They use Canada Post's services more than most of us do, shipping 400 to 500 parcels a year through the mail. Their business is dependent on Canada Post providing "reliable service at economical prices" (as quoted from the Postal mission statement). Well, as Noel pointed out to me last week—that business is being jeopardized since October 2 when Canada Post rearranged its pricing.

Costs are based on dimensions as well as weight. Imagine you are sending Auntie Edith in England an Island care-package—local chocolates, hand-knitted wooly socks, maybe the latest book on Island hikes—and it measures up at 14 inches by 14 inches by 12 inches and is half-an-inch thick. The whole thing weighs five pounds. If you were organized and didn't mind the fact that the chocolates would have to sit for a couple of months under the tree it would have cost you \$36 to send the parcel by air on September 30. As of October 2 sending the same package costs \$103.95! Surface mail: \$27.05 versus \$48. Talk about Scrooge!

As one dealer who emailed Noel and Carol about the sneaky gouging going on put it: "How can I expect the buyer to pay more for the shipping than for the item itself?" Better add some zeros to your Christmas budget if you've got loved ones overseas.

Noel pointed out that Canada Post is not regulated and so for some time now it's been able to rack up the rates. This is particularly true, he tells me, for packages being shipped within Canada because those increases aren't subject to international standards. That's why, he explained, shipping a spoon to Australia by air is cheaper than shipping the same spoon to New Brunswick by surface mail—two-and-a-half times cheaper! That's air versus ground!

Forget brain drain, people are going to start taking their mail south of the border.

But, maybe you don't have to go that far. Noel explained that not all outlets are applying the increase yet. Some (non-official post offices like those in drug stores) are waiting until January to apply the new rules. Hit and miss, but when there are hundreds of dollars to be saved it might be worth shopping around.

And that has led to an investigation into the matter by the Canada Post Ombudsman. The initial reason for the investigation was "lack of increase announcement" to the public and has since been expanded to "lack of standard application of rates across Canada."

Hey, forget mailing those parcels or waiting for the postal service to be roped in by the Ombudsman. At these rates you could fly overseas and hand deliver your presents for the same cost.

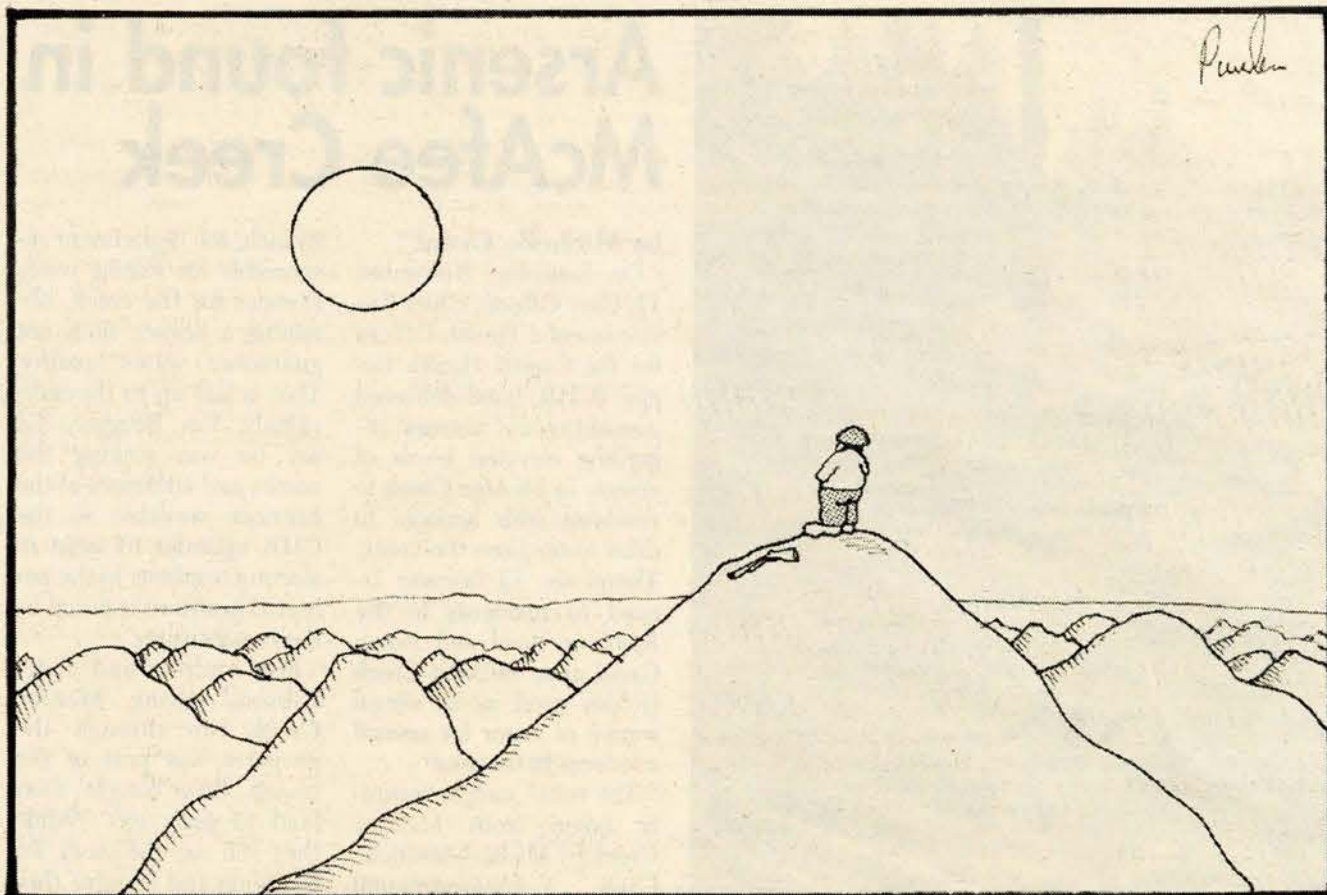


Photo appreciated

I would like to thank Mr. Dammel for his photo *Selective Logging on Hope Hill*.

It hurt!
I would like to remind Mr. Byron and Mr. Macdonald that yes, firewood and money are nice things. They feed and warm the body.

But we also have a psyche, Mr. Macdonald, and my psyche suffers tremendously when confronted with your methods and the results as depicted. Our human psyches need space, trees and beauty (among many other things) to be healthy.

All the money in the world does not help if your psyche is sick. Do you know how many people suffer from anxiety and depression these days? A big part of the cause is people's lack of access to nature, beauty and tranquility. You also have a psyche that needs the above.

Wake up to that part of yourself and stop your logging practices.

BIRGIT WOLF

Visitors send warning

To the People of Salt Spring:

We are recent visitors to your lovely island from the state of Oregon, U.S.A. We come from the small, picturesque theatre town of Ashland, and we were pleased to find a place even more un-

touched and serene than our home. On one of our days we planned a peaceful picnic up on top of Mt. Maxwell, which we had heard much about. Our day was cut short, however, by the constant sound of chainsaws and heavy equipment going about the business of clear-cutting parts of your wondrous Island.

We realize that the noise and disturbance may only be a temporary hindrance to the neighbourhood residents and visitors to Salt Spring, but we come from an area with a long history of timber-related industries like your own and in recent years there have been numerous tragedies, even deaths, involving landslides that were the result of poor timber harvest practices.

Even without these disastrous events, the pock-marked forest will put a damper on any exuberant soul's wonder-filled vista. The short term financial gains will never match up to the years of sorrowful sighs remembering the way things once were. The reasons for taking other approaches to timber harvesting make a long list—the reason for clear-cutting is only corporate efficiency or profit. THINK ABOUT IT!

Prayers for all the inhabitants of Salt Spring.

JOHN AND BROOKS
Ashland, Oregon

Wood's overuse

I am sitting at a table on a chair both made of wood. The paper to hold this thought is of wood also. My clothing...wood? No. Cotton, grown on land cleared of trees. The tea I drink is of herbs grown on cleared land. The heat in my small cabin is provided by wood. The cabin, a young 110 years, is of logs.

When I finish with ink I will get on my rubber boots, not from rubber trees. I will hop into my not-so-young 1972 VW Van and drive, burning all the while a substance that at one time was trees. When I park in town I think I will grab a cheese bun from Barb's. No bag, thank you, just a tree nappy to wipe my hands. Before I walk up to the *Barnacle* I'd grab a coffee in a paper to-go mug to have with my cigarette out of its paper package if I drank coffee or smoked.

When I arrive at the office I will smile, and silently try to swallow the small forest that I have consumed on this day.

My point? We humans are an organism. We consume. The way that the organism changes is when we individually start to look at ourselves. Individually, we start to change. Sometimes the best way to say things so that they are heard is by silently doing, making simple changes with ourselves.

Maybe next time I write a letter I will use that paper

bag. Next time I get a coffee I will take my own mug, if I drank coffee.

C. SEABROOK

Magnificent!

Where Art Meets Nature successfully raised awareness, spirits...and money. The 10-day event at ArtSpring—which included 10 events and the art exhibition, plus the final auction—raised about \$18,105 for the Salt Spring APPEAL, \$1,365 for the Save Salt Spring Campaign Fund (not including calendar sales), and \$470 for the Green Conscience Fund. Total revenue before expenses was \$24,082.

Needless to say, many people helped to make this event a success. We have attempted to list everyone in our oversized "Thank you" ad, but we have undoubtedly missed someone. Our sincere apologies.

Sheila Harrington originally conceived *Where Art Meets Nature* as an art exhibit and auction back in the spring and, when Sue Pratt volunteered to co-ordinate the event with Sheila's help, some magic happened and the whole thing just seemed to take on a life of its own. Ideas, artists and speakers materialized and we all had a thoroughly good time. Sue is recovering nicely.

The Salt Spring APPEAL

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fund has received another major pledge of \$50,000, which together with the *Where Art Meets Nature* proceeds brings the total raised to date to almost \$800,000. Thank you, everyone.

ELIZABETH WHITE

Candy-coated thanks

I would like to say thank you to all those people who generously donated candy for Maliview Drive residents this Halloween. I know everyone appreciated it a great deal.

I would also like to say to those individuals who felt the need to steal candy from the collection box—shame on you!

LIANNE FIDLER

Clarification needed

All those supporting the work of SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) to promote healthy and respectful relationships in

our schools and reduce violence in our community appreciate your coverage of the recently announced award of monies from the federal government to continue that work. But some clarification may be needed.

The funding from the National Crime Prevention Centre is directed toward not one but two projects: first, the "healthy and respectful relationships" programme which SWOVA delivers in the schools in partnership with School District 64 and second, a separate research study on the outcomes and cost effectiveness of this work, to be conducted under the auspices of SSI Community Services Society.

This separation of funds is not just a bureaucratic nicety. It helps to ensure the essential independence of the research.

JUDI STEVENSON

Another macho response

I'm not sure what planet

Mr. Price lives on, but it's probably high time that he be beamed back to earth and get his head out of the sand. Considering his personal SWOVA connection, his "real facts" are not surprising.

Like Mr. Price, I've done a fair amount of research regarding "gender abuse" and all reports coming in state women are just as violent as men, if not more. Of course men are generally stronger than women and so all the more reason for violent women not to instigate violent behaviour. This promotion of female innocence since feminism took seed is a good example of adult irresponsibility. Violence is wrong no matter which way one looks at it, but men need to defend themselves as well.

It's outrageous that organizations like SWOVA receive an enormous amount of government funding to promote fear and hate by only emphasizing male abuse and male violence without looking at themselves. There's a difference between funding for education and funding for propaganda. And now this anti-male organization is importing yet another militant feminist organization (FREDA) to help them spend your tax dollars. What a joke! Mr. Price's comment regard-

ing 97 per cent of men defaulting on their support payments in comparison to 3 per cent of women is nonsense. What it means is that 97 per cent of the time women are stopping child access and men continually have to pay for it. The real abuse then is the children being denied a balanced upbringing from both parents.

And finally, Mr. Price, I don't remember calling you a real "Macho Man" because "Real Macho Men" don't cower!!

MIKE GLUSS

New group forms

On a recent CBC phone-in show a team of psychologists spoke of verbal bullying in the workplace. Unsurprisingly, many of the victims are women but, as women move up the promotional ladder, they are also increasingly seen as the bullies. It seems that this is also becoming a problem for men who work for female bosses.

Judging from the audience's sympathetic reaction this is not just another example of south-of-the-border silliness. The phone lines heated up with many responses from both men and women who had suffered from such martinettes. For me, taught as a little boy that little girls are made of sugar



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Medellin, Colombia (at the Championship of the Americas), population 2.5 million.

Courtesy photo

and spice and all things nice, this revelation was especially shocking.

So my suggestion is that we men form an association to be known as SMOVA—Salt Spring Men Opposed to Verbal Abuse. As it may take some time to organize ourselves, I suggest that the inaugural meeting be held on April 1st.

ALAN CLEWS

Rowers' rights

Did I miss something? I was sure (it was before my time here) there was a Supreme Court decision banning gasoline-powered outboard motors from St. Mary Lake. And yet recently there has been such a motor on the lake—not some drive-by one-time scofflaw, but one which

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Dénouement

Richard's Rules:

All answers are wrong. All questions have no meaning.

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—Richard Cruickshanks



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402	Ganges/Maple Bay	8:00am	Vanc. Harbour	8:30-8:45am	Mon.-Fri.
404	*** SUSPENDED ***				
406	Ganges/Maple Bay	9:30am	Vanc. Harbour	10:00-10:15am	Sat. only
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How about it, Mr. Macdonald?

Mr Macdonald writes (*the Barnacle*, November 7) that "public statements made about Texada's activities [should] be truthfully and honestly made and not given or made to foster false impressions," and that "society at large must not tolerate public statements that are not true." We agree, Mr. Macdonald.

The BC Ministry of Forests, Forest Practices Branch, defines clear-cutting as follows: "A clear-cut system is defined as a silvicultural system that removes an entire stand of trees from an area of one hectare or more and greater than two tree heights in width, in a single harvesting operation." Furthermore, "Clear-cutting" means the sum of 'conventional clear-cutting,' 'clear-cutting with green tree retention patches' and 'clear-cut with reserves' harvesting methods. Hamish Kimmins, a renowned UBC forest ecologist, has defined clear-cutting as "the harvesting of all trees in a single cut from an area of forest large enough so that the 'forest influence' is removed from the majority of the harvested area".

When we drive down Lee's Hill and look at the hillside

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opposite, we see several large and growing openings on Texada land that clearly meet these definitions, as do larger and less visible previously logged areas on Mt. Tuam and Mt. Bruce.

However, you've been reported as saying that Texada is not clear-cutting (*National Post*, May 13, 2000; CBC website, July 10, 2000). How, exactly, would you suggest that society at large deal with your public and untrue statements?

Should we follow your example, and threaten legal action if you don't print a retraction and apology in the next two issues of both local papers? Here's a suggestion: "I, Robert Macdonald of Texada Land Corporation, have publicly stated that Texada Land Corporation is not clear-cutting on Salt Spring Island. This statement is not true. I wish to apologize to the people of Salt Spring Island and of British Columbia for making my untrue statement. I should not be spreading false information, or fostering false impressions. I am very sorry."

How about it, Mr. Macdonald?

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seems confident of its right to be there.

From where I live above the lake, it isn't one of those motors that keeps its oil apart from its fuel, but a good old-fashioned two-cycle machine which mixes both and spews the combusted results into the water. It powers a boat which appears to be intimate with a rowing skull, a more environmentally-friendly machine powered by some half-dozen or so rowers.

Was there a story about this in our local papers?

If not, it might repay some investigative reporting. The motor is purportedly there by special dispensation from the federal Department of Transport (DOT), and DOT might reveal the reason for its decision. The reason is actually not so important in itself—arguments being easy to concoct—so much as whether the decision clearly and categori-

cally sets no precedent, in which case it must be unique in administrative history. DOT might also tell us why there was no consultation with or notice to people living around the lake.

Athletics is a popular virtue, and to cavil at rowers having safe escort may seem miserably petty. But the quality of Island life is threatened not only by major disasters like the Texada incursion, but by erosion of small things. Some small things may be acceptable, but it would be reassuring if the judgement were made openly and somewhat closer to home than by a federal department.

JIM JACKSON

Editor's note: The coast guard has issued the GISS rowing team a permit in consideration of their safety.

Kindly Keith

The empathy shown by Keith Newman on Friday, October

27 during the severe rear end-
ing of my car was remarkable. Keith appeared at the driver's window and advised me not to move my head or spine. He anticipated each thought racing through a shocked mind, assuring me that he had witnessed the accident and would write down all of the necessary details as well as direct traffic until the professionals—whom he would phone—had arrived. He stated that my car would be towed away and that I should keep all transportation receipts for ICBC.

Next on the scene was the apologetic driver who took full blame for the accident stating that he had been pointing out Hastings House to his passenger. Such marvelous honesty, my heart went out to him.

Minutes later the synchronization of our 911 response tears took over. The firemen arrived and administered all precautionary procedures and apparatus for myself as well as

providing flag-men to direct traffic. RCMP Constable Hewitt capably took down all particulars and the ambulance professionals took over and transferred me to Lady Minto Hospital where the nurses were awaiting our arrival.

We were a mixture of people who each cared about another human being. The individual diversity, the caring, is my beloved community.

Dr. Karen Shklanka arrived at Lady Minto Hospital and with her usual efficiency she removed the precautionary apparatus. When I proudly declared that a tall, handsome, much younger man had asked for my phone number she immediately declared this senior well enough to be sent home in a taxi with follow-up at her office.

With sincere thanks to all concerned.

M. JOHNSTON

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B.C.'s war dead remembered with geographical names

The names of nine of B.C.'s war dead have been applied to seven geographical features throughout the province. In a gesture that honours all who died fighting World Wars I and II, the nine were chosen because of their exceptional courage and bravery. The Ministry of the Environment announced the naming as part of this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies.

"British Columbia is best known for the beauty of its outdoors and there is no better way to honour our war casualties than through our province's world renowned natural landscape," said Ian Waddell, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks. "These tangible features are permanent reminders of those British Columbians who

paid the ultimate price to protect our country."

Each year, the province releases a Remembrance Day list of geographical features named in memory of British Columbia's war casualties. Since the early 1950s more than 1,000 British Columbians who died overseas in armed conflict have been memorialized through geographical names. During World War II more than 3,700 British Columbians died in action.

On Vancouver Island five previously unnamed geographical features now bear the names of war casualties.

Duncan Lake, on the southeast side of Strathcona Park, has been named to remember two cousins from Comox who grew up in adjacent houses and were best friends through childhood.

Corporal Robert George Duncan, a stretcher bearer and medic, was hit by enemy fire September 27, 1918, near Cambrai, France and died of wounds the following day. After his death the 24-year-old was awarded the Military Medal for his devotion to duty during operations September 2 to 5, 1918. Lieutenant Charles Andrew Duncan, 23, died in action, also on September 28, 1918, while serving with the 46th Battalion only a few miles from his cousin.

Gillespie Island, in Metchosin's Matheson Lake, has been named to remember 20-year-old RCAF Flying Officer Ian George Gillespie from Sooke, whose plane was shot down December 22, 1943, off the coast of Norway.

McIntyre Point, on the southeast side of North Pender Island, is named to remember Leading Cook

Thomas James McIntyre, 32, from Victoria and Pender Island, who died when the minesweeper he was serving on, HMCS *Esquimalt*, was torpedoed and sunk April 16, 1945, off Halifax harbour. He survived the explosion but succumbed to exposure in the near freezing waters of the North Atlantic.

McQuillan Lake, on the southeast side of Strathcona Park, is named to remember RCAF Flight Lieutenant Murray Robert McQuillan, 22, from Comox, who was serving as a navigator when his aircraft was shot down over Norway on February 23, 1945.

Porter Bight, on the northeast side of Prevost Island, is named to remember 21-year-old RCAF Flight Lieutenant John Edward Porter from Victoria, who was piloting a Lancaster bomber when it was shot down over France on August 16, 1944



TOP SELLER—Nichola Howard was out again this year selling poppies for the Legion. Last year she was their top poppy seller.

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World unity includes kids

Apparently the message of world unity didn't hit home in Kelly Waters' heart. She wrote in her article in the November 7 issue of *the Barnacle*, "Unfortunately, some audience members chose not to appreciate the performances silently: their talkativeness was an annoying diversion, as was the activity of the children near the stage. The night may have been billed as a family event, but this shouldn't give people license to disrespect the performers in this manner."

From my point of view this evening was a wonderful evening in all aspects, including the joy expressed by the children. If the young children's performances interfered with the appreciation of the show in anybody's mind, it would have been very respectful to let them know that on the spot, instead of silently getting resentful about it.

World unity starts with the acceptance of diversity as a pillar stone of harmonious relationships. Children and adults have different ways of appreciating the world, or shows for that matter.

There are already enough unfriendly places toward children in the occidental world to let that comment go by without me noticing.

JEAN-CLAUDE CATRY

Marine critters speak out

We always enjoy reading Joe Clemente's *Life in the Garden* column. He is an inspiration to hundreds of gardeners. He is a treasure. Last week's column alarmed us though. His largesse in recommending that you collect our homes and meals and apply them to your compost and garden area set alarm bells off throughout the seashore kingdom around Salt Spring!

There is a delicate balance of life between the tides. Seaweed is part of an intricate web of plants and animals that live on the beach. As it decomposes, it provides essential nutrients for a huge array of our kinfolk. Please do not remove us! We still love you though, Joe, and we know you wouldn't want to harm us.

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Faithfully interpreted
and submitted by
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GISS Biz ...

with Dave Arstall

Report Cards Issued This Friday

Students at GISS should be bringing home report cards this Friday. The reports reflect students progress in the first half of semester one. Parents or guardians may make appointments with individual teachers or administrators by phoning the school at 537-9944.

Auditions for Grease

Auditions for the musical Grease are being held this week. The musical is set to hit the stage in March. Students will be needed for technical and stage support as well. Interested students should contact Ms. Pittmann or Langer for further details.

Grad Parent Meeting

Parents of graduating students will be meeting in the library Thursday at 8 p.m. This is intended to be a planning meeting for the after grad activity this June. Parents of grads are urged to attend and take part. Members of the grad 2001 council will also be in attendance. Grad this year will be held on Saturday June 2.

Scorpions on the Road

Our senior boys soccer team will be in Powell River this Thursday through Saturday at the double "A" provincial finals. The senior girl's volleyball team will be travelling to Woodlands Secondary in Nanaimo to compete in the Island double "A" championship. These teams have committed a lot of time and energy to reach these points in their seasons. Go! Scorpions go!

Crown Lands**Residents address future at meeting**

by Peggy Abrahams

Island residents passionately opposed provincial plans to categorize and potentially dispose of crown lands on Salt Spring at a meeting with local and provincial government representatives at the Lions Club last Tuesday.

More than 50 Islanders attended the meeting to provide input on the province's plan to categorize 12 crown land parcels on Salt Spring. Islands Trust Council Chair David Essig began the session by stating, "We are here to gather information, not to debate the future disposition of the crown lands."

He explained that the information gathered here would be used in future decisions made by the province. As to the disposition of the crown lands in B.C., he added, "I think all of us would like to believe they belong to us, but the crown lands have been taken as an asset, a jewel the province can pawn whenever it needs to."

The crown lands in question are untenured parcels under the auspices of B.C. Assets & Land Corporation (BCAL), a provincial entity. To the consternation of some in attendance, no BCAL representatives attended the session.

Essig made it clear that the Islands Trust does not agree with the notion of dis-

"The position of the Islands Trust in this [process] in no way advocates that there should be any disposition of the crown lands outside the official community plan (OCP)," Essig said.

Local residents were asked to comment on the mapping of the crown land parcels and their ratings according to the province's

Local consultant Jacqueline Booth contended that the ranking system itself was flawed. She pointed out there was no weighting of factors. "My major concern is not with the information, but that the models are way out of line."

A number of other technical concerns were raised related to the methodology. Local residents also pointed out contextual values related to the 12 local crown land parcels, such as visual or view scapes, tourism, archaeological sites, First Nations claims, conservation, endangered species habitats, watershed areas and unique topography. Residents also pointed out relevant features of properties adjacent to the crown lands.

Emotions entered the discussion, as resident Sam Lightman said, "The importance to the community of these crown lands isn't being taken into account, or its importance to the future. This is a totally unique environment.... What are

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"I think all of us would like to believe they belong to us, but the crown lands have been taken as an asset, a jewel the province can pawn whenever it needs to."

—David Essig

posing of the crown lands. He said trustees have recently met with the province to ask that the crown lands be given over to the Trust in keeping with its mandate to preserve and protect the unique environment of the islands. He said this request was turned down.

classification system. The parcels are grouped into three categories. The first, resource management, includes agriculture, mines, forests, water and recreation. Second is conservation and third, settlement, which could include community facilities like fire halls.

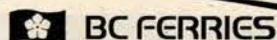
BC FERRIES TARIFF REVIEW

On March 13, 2000, the provincial government announced its decision to remove BC Ferries' \$1.08 billion debt and establish a permanent funding framework to ensure the long-term viability of the province's ferry service. A subsidy generated by a 1.25 cent/litre allocation of the motor fuel tax will help to offset a portion of BC Ferries' operating costs. The remaining costs of service must be offset by the corporation through revenue generated in the course of doing business with its customers. To cover these costs, BC Ferries needs the equivalent of a 3.8% tariff increase.

The establishment of the new financial framework described above has allowed BC Ferries to undertake a tariff equity review. Through the review, three implementation options have been developed. All three meet BC Ferries' revenue requirements, but do so in a different way. How best to implement tariff changes will be determined following further public consultation over the next four weeks.

The last change to BC Ferries' tariff was November 4, 1997.

For more information, including the latest Tariff Review Summary Report, please visit www.bcferreries.com and click on "BC Ferries News". Or call 1-877-281-1294 to request a copy of the report. You can also contact us by writing to BC Ferries Tariff Review, 1112 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8V 4V2.



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Elizabeth Buchanan III, left, and Kate Hosie took part in a photo shoot for the fire truck supplier while they were on-call as chiefs.

Students Fire Chief for the Day

Two girls took over the fire hall for the day last Monday

by Elizabeth Buchanan III

I won the *Fire Chief for the Day* draw. We did a lot of things. There was a girl from Fernwood there that won the contest, too. Her name was Kate Hosie.

At the start of the day, both of us got a hat badge, a

pin, two activity books and a water bottle. We also went to the Coast Guard and got a ride in the boat. They gave us an activity book.

Then we went back to the fire hall. Kate and I washed one of the fire trucks then Kate and I and the fire chief

and the fire chief's helper went to the Harbour House for lunch.

When we were about to go, the fire chief's helper sprayed one of the hoses across the field beside the Harbour House. When that was happening a rainbow

spread across the field and when we stopped spraying the water the rainbow faded. We went back to the fire hall and had some pictures taken. By then it was time to go home. I got driven back to Fulford in a fire truck. It had been a brilliant day!

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Heronry at risk—logging too close

The colony of Great Blue Herons at McFadden Creek on North Beach Road is in danger. About ten acres of trees are being logged nearby, much of it within the 300-metre buffer zone that protects the herons. Tess and Jim Loiselle, who operate Salt Springs Resort Spa, are within their legal rights to cut the trees.

The entire Pacific coastal subspecies of Great Blue Heron is at risk ("blue-listed"), and only 5,000 pairs exist. The McFadden colony is one of the few in Georgia Strait and Puget Sound to produce young in recent years. There are now 131 active nests at McFadden. This significant colony was the first "Important Bird Area" designated in B.C. by

Birdlife International.

There is plenty of evidence that a buffer of surrounding trees protects a colony against windfall, human disturbance and low-flying eagles. If adjacent trees are cut, herons may abandon their nests or young, as happened to an 80-nest colony on Beddis Road in the 1980s. Just below the border in Washington, 400 pairs of herons moved out in 1986 because of a nearby clear-cut. Then in 1997, illegal clear-cutting beside their new colony was stopped after four acres. However, windstorms blew down roost-trees, eagles had easy access and the herons suddenly abandoned their young. There was another large abandonment in

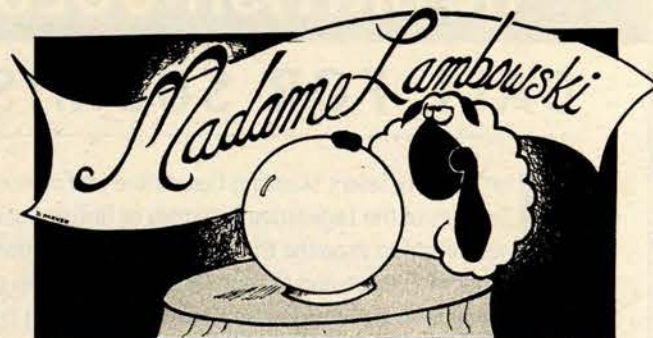
Washington in the 1990s, and a similar one at Royston B.C., after logging for a subdivision.

The provincial and federal governments are not protecting our heron colony. The Islands Trust declared a voluntary 300-metre zone of protection, and a cautionary zone of one kilometre. The Trust urged residents to "plan your property so few trees need to be cut." The community did magnificent work with other groups to buy and save the heronry, and until now the community has protected it. We were stunned to learn of the logging. The heronry and surrounding forest represent "unspoiled nature"—the very thing that attracts tourist trade.

Cutting by Salt Springs

Resort Spa might be complete in about 10 days. We ask the owners to stop logging, and hope for some arrangement to avoid the loss of adjacent trees. For the future, we are asking the Islands Trust to establish a Development Permit Area in the 300-metre buffer zone, to protect the essential habitat. We call on interested citizens to voice support for a DPA. We have asked for strong action by the Wild Bird Trust of B.C. and the Islands Trust Fund, our partners in managing the heronry.

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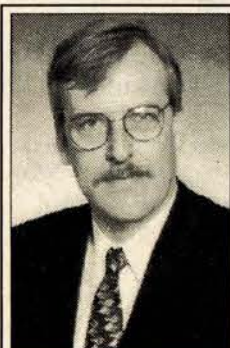
Change is the nature of the universe. It is neither good nor bad but simply the way things are. Our suffering comes when we find out we can't do anything about it. And death happens not just at the end of one's life but at every moment that we breath in, and out. What to do? Celebrate perhaps. Dance. Live your dreams. Rearrange the furniture in your house. Visit that old friend you never seem to have time for. Give something away. Smile at a stranger. It can all change quicker than we know. And maybe, just maybe, we can count our gardens by the flowers, never the leaves that fall. Count our days by golden hours, not remembering the clouds at all. Count our nights by stars, not shadows. Count our years with smiles, not tears. Count our blessing, not our troubles. Count our age by friends, not years.

This is for Rod Terry who died on November 5th, 2000.

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The committee will also be holding public hearings throughout the province during the month of November, 2000. Information pertaining to the work of this committee can be obtained through the committees' website as noted below.

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Computers and the write stuff



Wit & Whimsy...

with Arthur Black

I heard an expert on orthography rattling on the other day over the airwaves of the CBC about the computer—specifically the grievous effect the infernal machines are having on the penmanship of The Nation's Youth.

Now, I've done my share of mitching and boaning over computers but responsibility for the way I write with a pen is not on the list.

My handwriting was illegible long before computers infiltrated our lives. I've been spectacularly unreadable for as long as I can remember. Well, almost. Like most of us, I spent the first five or six years of my life unable to use a pen and paper to produce anything you could actually make out. Then school kicked in. Under the tutelage of a succession of vigilant and unforgiving old bats, I learned to clutch my pencil in a white-knuckle death grip and labouriously scrawl out the letters of the alphabet, painfully progressing from crude (and frequently backward) block letters to that oversized, looping cursive script they all insisted we master.

By the time I was 12 or thereabouts, I had quite a nice hand, actually. Neat and flowing and easy to follow. My teachers were impressed. Even my mother bragged about it. But the next thing I knew I was in high school and I suddenly had to take a lot of notes quickly. I didn't have time to worry about how my handwriting looked, or whether anyone else could read it.

By the time I got out of high school, I knew fragments of trigonometry, a smattering of history, was intimately acquainted with the innards of pickled frogs, a couple of dozen French verb declensions and what a dangling gerund was. I could even recite Marc Antony's funeral eulogy.

What I couldn't do was write about any of it, because my penmanship had regressed and deteriorated to a pre-school level. A note from me looked like it had been written by a seven-year-old suffering from advanced hypothermia.

My handwriting was so pathetic, several people mistook me for a medical practitioner.

Which has always mystified me—how doctors can get away with writing prescriptions that look like they stuck a ball-point between their toes and dashed it off. Bad enough that they're writing in Latin

shorthand and metric measurements—flagrant illegibility should not be the third horseman in this mix. The doctor with bad handwriting is a comedic stereotype, but why are we laughing? These are people who are supposed to be meting out specific drugs and dosages that could be the difference between life and death.

I can hear the pharmacist on the witness stand now:

"Oh, 'Aspirin'! I thought he wrote 'arsenic'—sorry."

And it looks like I'm not the only one who's nervous. The Metropolitan Medical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey is now herding practicing doctors into a classroom for the purpose of teaching them how to write all over again.

That's right—handwriting classes for doctors. And what's more the doctors are lining up to sign on. Why? Perhaps it's the fact that a recent study shows up to 25 per cent of medication errors in the US are related to illegible handwriting. Or maybe it's that lawsuit that was settled in Texas last year. The one where a jury ordered a doctor, a drugstore and a pharmacist to pony up \$667,000 to the family of a man who died as a result of a misread prescription.

Which reminds me of the old joke concerning a physician notorious for his lousy penmanship who replied to a dinner invitation with a scrawled note that looked like it had been written by a man operating a jackhammer with his other hand. The hostess couldn't make out a single word of it. "I've got to know whether or not he's attending," she complained.

"Simple," says a friend. "All you have to do is take the note down to the Pharmasave. Druggists can always read doctors' writing."

Desperate, the hostess hurries down to the Pharmasave. She goes to the prescription counter and hands the note over.

The druggist glances at the handwritten note, grunts, then disappears into the back room.

"Getting a second opinion," figures the hostess. Five minutes later the druggist comes back out to the counter and hands a small vial to the hostess.

"That comes to \$10.95," says the druggist. "Oh, and good luck with those haemorrhoids."

Studies to assess land *cont'd from p8*

you thinking of? Parcel it off and sell it! The amount you'll get for this land won't even pay off the ferry debt for a year."

Local naturalist and consultant Briony Penn told the panel that this community is beleaguered after the struggle to fight for the Texada lands, and now finds it must fight for public land as well. "We just raised nearly a million dollars to buy private land and now we're arguing if this [crown] land has visual qualities. It's absurd."

Members of the public expressed concern at the limited amount of time to conduct scientific studies to assess specific features of the local crown land parcels. The public consultation process continues until the end of December.

In January, the Islands Trust will draft a

report, reflecting public input on both technical and contextual issues. Gordon MacIntosh, executive director of the Islands Trust Fund, said there are three vehicles by which the community can provide input: in the document, through the Islands Trust, and voting in the upcoming election.

Essig said, "This doesn't end in December. You have a commitment from all 26 trustees to keep this issue alive."

The process is scheduled to enter the decision-making phase in March, 2001. Questions or input may be forwarded to Robyn Addison by calling (250) 405-5162, emailing raddison@islandstrustbc.ca or faxing (250) 405-5155. For more information or to make comments visit the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrustbc.ca.

Ministry report awards local schools top grades

by Michelle Mech

Pride and excitement filled the air on Gulf Island school grounds Wednesday as news of the Ministry of Education's Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) of grades 4, 7 and 10 students was announced. With the Gulf Islands ranked at the top of the Vancouver Island school districts, CHEK TV arrived mid-day to feature some of our schools in their daily news coverage.

"I'm really happy that our school did really well. I'm not sure why, but I know that lots of children like to read and our teachers encourage kids to read," said Brooke Shergold, a grade 8 student at SIMS.

Analysis of all Vancouver Island districts showed that the Gulf Islands' grade 4 results ranked first at 88 per cent (the provincial average was 83 per cent), grade 7 ranked second, at 86 per cent (average was 80 per cent) and grade 10 ranked second (tied with Comox) at 76 per cent (average was 74 per cent).

The Gulf Islands school district was also rated as one of the top four schools in the province, excelling particularly in reading, with

grades 4 and 7 ranking second only to West Vancouver, and grade 10s tied with the top school in the Lower Mainland at 89 per cent.

"I'm happy that we came in close second because everyone did a really good job. I think the teachers taught well," said Jordan Girard, grade 5.

SIMS principal Kevin Vine attributed the results to "excellent teaching staff and excellent family and community support." Bob Brownsword, principal of Salt Spring Elementary said, "We had such a difficult time financially in this district and the whole school community—the outer islands as well as Salt Spring—all came together. Since then, there has been a real positive thrust and energy which has made a huge difference for everyone."

The statistics are compiled from the results of three 40-minute tests, prompting some to say they represent only a snapshot taken at a particular time. Former grade 4 students had this to say about the tests: "Not too hard and not too easy—an average test," said Caitlyn Pal; "[We] didn't get to write



Philip Campbell of CHEK TV interviews Simon Miller, right, as Brooke Shergold (left) and Kathline Sinclair wait their turns.

[it] out in our own words—just got to fill in the dots, but everyone paid attention," added Kate Parker, while Cardin Davis described them as "similar to other tests and a lot longer."

Teacher Tom McKeachie who taught some of these grade 4 students last year stated, "We're happy to be in this position. However,

it's qualified by the fact that the measurements don't necessarily represent what many people imply—there are too many variables not taken into account."

Judy Raddysh, principal on Galiano at the time of the tests, explained that the same teacher, teaching the same subjects, "can get fluctuating results from

year to year, depending on the make-up of the class."

Though the FSA results may be one indication of successful teaching in our district, many are hesitant about using them comparatively across the province since they do not look at demographics, like the number of ESL students in a school or district, or the

varying socio-economic backgrounds of students. And, they are only one of several measures of the successful learning of our students.

"Students in this district have really been taught to read and write," said grade 4/5 teacher Wayne Taylor. However, he added that he does not like to see comparisons based solely on academics. "We want to improve in all aspects—academic, social, emotional, physical and artistic."

The Ministry of Education said the tests are conducted to help schools identify problem areas. But, even though they are tabulated over the summer, results are not available soon enough for schools to take the data into account at the beginning of the year when planning occurs.

This district's data is currently under review by a committee chaired by curriculum coordinator Barb Aust. The committee will be reporting back to the school board on this in late November or early December. Individual student results will be available to parents in the last week of November.

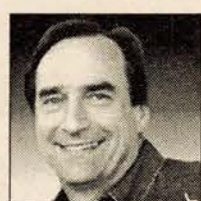
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Back by popular demand...another ferry story



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

I haven't written anything about BC Ferries in a long time. Some have even suggested I'd been bought off. (Perhaps with a lifetime pass on the Skeena Queen? Now there's a dream prize!) So, for those of you who need the occasional session of therapeutic ferry bashing, here it is.

When the Ferry Corporation is quizzed about their complete lack of interest in co-ordinating any of their schedules, they say they aren't in the business of making connections. Duh! Thanks to that attitude, we (the customers) don't dare even pray that we might occasionally be able to transfer from one ferry to another without a two-hour wait. Can you imagine if one of Canada's national airlines said that? Whoops, "one of" doesn't work anymore. Maybe,

now that Air Canada is the only show in town, they'll initiate a BC Ferries attitude. "Yes, we sold you a ticket to Halifax, but, thanks to us, you just missed your connection, so you'll have to sit here in Saskatoon for a few days."

Why doesn't BC Ferries want to talk about (or even think about) connections? It would cost them money. Not a lot mind you, and it would pay great dividends in customer satisfaction.

A few weeks ago, Leevus (the ancient Wrangellian God of missed connections) struck again. According to the schedule, the 3 p.m. sailing from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay appears to provide a good connection to the 4:50 sailing from Swartz Bay to Fulford. (Just often enough to give the poor traveller a shred of hope.) Over the last few weeks,

that particular sailing (the 3 p.m. from Tsawwassen) has been delayed 10 or 15 minutes due to dock repairs at Tsawwassen. It has to wait for a spot due to another ferry taking up the only suitable space. So, we leave 15 minutes late and arrive at Swartz Bay just as the Skeena Queen starts loading. Now here's the part that really jars my preserves: It depends on how quickly your particular lane gets unloaded from the ferry whether you make the connection or not. In this instance, there were 9 or 10 vehicles travelling on throughfares to Salt Spring. Of those, about half made it. The rest of us (five vehicles) drove down lane 32 just in time to watch the Skeena pull away. So the policy is: There's no policy. Even when BC Ferries is directly responsible for the late

arrival.

It should be very easy for the Terminal Manager to access the number of throughfare tickets sold. But that would presume that someone in senior management is interested in customer service. Yes, senior management is to blame: A company's attitudes and culture flow from the top down. Along with many other Gulf Islanders, I travel a lot on these vessels and the employees are not the source of the Corporation's woes. Generally they do an excellent job, whilst working for a company that reduces staff in the "non-peak" months (even on routes where the ferries are still full) and tells their employees to disregard customer complaints about a lack of policy or guidelines on interconnecting schedules. We deserve better.

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Go out with friends or family, not alone. Carry your purse close to your body. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Don't carry credit cards you don't need or large amounts of cash. If someone or something makes you uneasy, trust your instincts and leave.

Make your home safe and secure

Install good locks on doors and windows. Use them! Don't hide keys in mailboxes and planters or under doormats. Instead, leave an extra set of keys with a neighbour or friend. Ask for photo identification from service

or delivery people before letting them in. If you are the least bit worried, call the company to verify their ID. Be sure your street address number is large and clear of obstruction so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly.

Consider a home alarm system that provides monitoring for burglary, fire and medical emergencies.

Watch out for con artists

Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true—a free vacation, sweepstakes prizes, cures for cancer and arthritis, a low-risk, high-yield investment scheme.

Never give your credit card, phone card, social security or bank account number to anyone over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these numbers to verify a prize or gift.

Don't let anyone rush you into signing anything—an insurance policy, a sales agreement, a contract. Read it carefully and have someone check it over. Beware of individuals claiming to represent companies, consumer organizations or government agencies that offer to recover lost money from fraudulent telemarketers for a fee.

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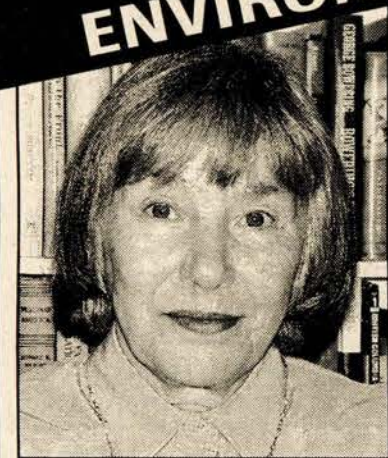
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Voice of Women serve tea in support of women in Afganistan

by Shellyse Szakacs

Mary MacMakin, an American living and working in Afghanistan, was the featured speaker at the Voice of Women's High Minded Tea last Friday at the Lions Hall. The Director of PARSA (Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support for Afghanistan), she is with one of 25 foreign based non-government organizations working in Kabul to provide relief and support to the survivors of the Russian military action. Their work has become more complex following the rise to power in

1994 of the harsh fundamentalist Taliban.

According to MacMakin it is the many widows and their families who are the worst off in Afghanistan right now. Educated or not, women are forbidden to work under Taliban rule. They are virtually confined to their houses and only able to appear in public with full facial and body coverings. In many cases a pre-pubescent son is the de facto head of the household and is the only member allowed to work or study.

PARSA works directly

with the widows, provides training programmes in various income-earning trades for their sons and is running home based schools for 1,200 female children otherwise unable to receive any education.

MacMakin was jailed for four days as a result of employing Afghan women in her office and subsequently deported under charges of spying.

"Loss of freedom is a profoundly affecting experience," said MacMakin. "Only when we lose it do we realize how valuable it is." She now

runs her office across the border in Pakistan.

The Voice of Women has long been active in this community, thinking globally but acting locally. This project is just one of many over the years in which VOW has used their resources to help better the circumstances of people in the world struggling under economic and/or political hardship. The beautiful and well-attended tea will raise enough money to employ one PARSA project coordinator for nine months.

All candidates meeting tonight

The Salt Spring Island all candidates meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday, November 14, at the GISS Multi-Purpose Room. Doors will open to the public at 7:00 p.m. and the formal

meeting will begin at 7:30.

Each candidate will be given five minutes for an opening statement. Following the opening statements, each candidate will be given an additional three minutes

for a closing statement. The floor will then be opened for questions directed to the candidates.

The meeting will be moderated by Gordon White, a professional mediator living

on Salt Spring Island.

Candidates and their representatives have been invited to set up display tables where residents will be able to meet the candidates following the formal meeting.

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Cell phone tower proposals considered

by Peggy Abrahams

Cell phone industry representatives presented their prospective plans to erect cell phone towers to serve Ganges in what was described as a "heated meeting" of the Islands Trust Advisory Planning Council (APC) last Wednesday.

Both Telus and Rogers presented their proposals for putting up a new tower to serve Ganges. Representatives of the Islands Trust APC, Industry Canada, Chamber of Commerce, and Island Residents Opposed to Cell Phone Antenna (IROCA) attended the meeting.

Enid Turner of IROCA noted it was a disappointment that representatives of Health Canada were not present. "This is a health issue.... There are a lot of questions that went unanswered because of the absence of Health Canada. The whole issue is, there are studies showing radiation is emitted from cell phone towers," said Turner.

APC member Greg Spendjian said that members of the APC have diligently read extensive data on the health issues related to cell phone use. "Where it appears there is no defin-

itive risk with cell phone antenna, there is no conclusive proof they have no danger whatsoever," he said.

The APC is in a difficult position, as local authorities cannot ultimately prevent the cell tower from going up. Industry Canada could step in and authorize it anyway, according to APC member Sally John.

Telus proposes to put a tower on one of three sites: atop the existing hydro tower near King's Lane, near Scott Point or near the Lions Hall, according to John. Rogers wants to put up a tower on Mt. Tuam at the NavCanada site.

John remarked, "The story really is incomplete. There's nowhere near enough research to conclude that cell phone use is safe."

As such, the APC has resolved to operate on a precautionary principal, based on the information available now. The APC has come to a preliminary conclusion that it can only recommend that any tower be located a distance from heavily populated areas, Spendjian said.

"There are two issues. One is the health risk factor, the other is aesthetic. On the aesthetic, our rec-

ommendation would be to the maximum extent possible, the visual impact should be reduced. Regarding the health risk, we will be recommending that attempts be made to locate the antenna far away, not sitting on top of school yards and hospitals," he said.

Spendjian added the APC will also recommend that it maintain a watching brief on this issue. "The subject will not be closed for the APC, and one of our members will be asked to keep an eye on new information as it becomes available."

Spendjian stressed that these are initial conclusions, and that the APC has yet to produce its final recommendations for the Islands Trust. A follow up meeting is to be held today by the APC, at which final recommendations will be made, he said.

Turner commented that she came away from last week's meeting feeling hopeful. "The issue is in the charge of some very sensible people, and they're trying their hardest to come up with an equitable solution. I did feel hopeful, but there's so much more to be said on this issue," she added.



RACE TO THE OCEAN—The Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre released three rehabilitated Harbour Seal pups on Sunday, bringing the total of seals released so far this year to 20. On hand to open the doors for the now healthy pups were Cathleen Freshwater, Grants Co-ordinator with the Victoria Foundation (foreground), and Greg and Michelle Duncan. The Victoria Foundation just granted the Wildlife Centre \$5,000 toward a new, large capacity walk-in freezer, much needed to store the six tonnes of herring consumed yearly by pups being rehabilitated at the Centre.

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Island Passions: The jockey and her tenacity

by Helani Davison

"Passion means having a burning desire for something or someone. Or it can mean making something happen—something you believe in very strongly. Something you're willing to pay a price for."

Joan Phipps reveals the compelling story of her love for horses. It began when Joan was only 10 years old when she asked if she could ride an old Clydesdale. "If you can catch him, you can ride him," she was told, and so she took on the challenge.

Joan was a city kid from a family of six children. "Horses were my refuge from a difficult family situation," she explains. All her free time was spent hanging around barns, mucking out stalls and feeding the horses. "I was mesmerized by the majesty and power of these beautiful animals. They have a kind of a soul. It's empowering, being with horses,"

says Joan. "They are more intelligent than most people understand."

In her youth, Joan worked with horses at the Saskatchewan Exhibition grounds. As a teenager, Joan started riding for other people in 4H, a club that worked with horses. Impassioned by the horse world, she rodeoed and did steer-riding. As a spirited young woman, Joan competed in gymkhana, which are challenging games done on horseback: pole-bending, rescue-race, barrel racing, jumping and English riding.

Compelled to follow her life's desire, this gutsy lady left home at the young age of 15 and moved to Winnipeg to make some money working at the race track. She was small enough to be a jockey and was encouraged to race. She proved her mettle by showing a complete lack of fear of the speed of the race horses.

"What motivates people to be the best of the best," Joan ponders, "is a desire to stretch your limits—to see how good you can get. It makes life more exciting. Most people curl up in their environment and hide. I can't understand that. I won seven races on a horse named Tenacity. She became the horse of the year in Manitoba. I often think about her because she really suited her name. Her drive and eagerness were unequaled. She was probably my alter ego," Joan muses.

Joan rode races for 10 years, impressing the world by winning two ladies' international world championships. She represented Canada at two world championships in Brazil and won five out of nine stake races in New York.

Female jockeys were very unusual at that time. There were only two or three in Canada. Now there are only six or eight. Joan broke ground for women in the horse world by being the first woman to compete against men in the West Indies. As the first woman to race in New Zealand, she won by a nose, creating headlines with this big victory for women. The odds were against her; she had a painful torn cartilage and her horse did not figure to run well.

"The male jockeys wouldn't speak to me and the judges were against me," Joan says as she relays her sweet victory. "I did it for all women. To show them they could do it." And she succeeded by making racing history. Joan became known as the jockey with fortitude.

"I have a strong faith in God," says Joan, "and I'm a recovering perfectionist. Today I put all that drive into my business interests. It's a vehicle to fulfill my dream to have a ranch for underprivileged children and give back some of what I got."



Joan Phipps raced horses for 10 years and won many championships.

Courtesy photo

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOUNDATION

STEWARDSHIP



REPORT: 1999

OUR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is **your community foundation**. All donations to it are pooled and preserved in an **endowment fund**. The income from that fund is distributed annually in grants to a variety of worthy Island organizations registered with Revenue Canada as a charitable organization. Recipients vary from year to year, as community needs and priorities change.

1999 SYNOPSIS

- * **Grants:** \$12,000 in grants were distributed. This brings the total to over \$46,000 since our inception in 1984.
- * **Growth "milestone":** By year-end the endowment fund reached the point (over \$500,000) where we will now be able to provide \$25,000 or so of support annually to registered charitable organizations in our island community.
- * **Overhead and administration costs:** These remained extremely low, being 3/10ths of 1%. Virtually all were for out-of-pocket expenses for printing and mailing the annual report, and for publishing an abbreviated version in the two local weekly newspapers.

1999 GRANT RECIPIENTS

From the income earned on the endowment fund, we were able to provide the following assistance to Island charitable organizations in 1999:

- * **Artspring:** A new copying machine.
- * **Salt Spring Preschool Society:** A grant towards construction of their new building.
- * **Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission:** A drinking fountain in Rotary Marine Park (next to Thrifty's).
- * **Fulford Community Hall Association:** Grants towards constructing a seawall to protect Drummond Park, and for purchasing needed land adjacent to Fulford Hall.
- * **School District #64:** Retrofitting two older school buses with roof hatches, to provide an accessible escape route for occupants if a bus should roll over on its side.
- * **Community Services Society:** A grant towards interior renovations of their building.
- * **Salt Spring Island Conservancy:** A computer.
- * **CNIB:** "Talking Books" for the library.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Some of the grants in previous years went towards the following:

- * Mary Hawkins Library – Display case. Computerization.
- * Greenwoods Intermediate Care Society – Equipment
- * Bessie Dane Foundation – Palliative care, equipment.
- * Home Support Services Society – Equipment upgrading.
- * Salt Spring Island Conservancy – Purchase of the Mill Farm property.
- * McFadden Creek Heronry – Purchase of property.
- * Island Wildlife Natural Care Society – Construction of a primary care aviary.
- * Core Inn Youth Project – Front entrance renovations.
- * Farmers Institute – Construction of a new poultry building.
- * Transition House – Window coverings for security and privacy.
- * SPCA – Relocation of the cat shelter.
- * Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society – Stream improvements. Educational materials.
- * Parks & Recreation Commission – Shelby Pool, hydraulic lift for disabled persons.
- * SSI Festival of the Arts Society – Concert grand piano.
- * SSI Volunteer Firefighters – Purchase of "Jaws of Life".

While we anticipate that a few donors may not necessarily agree with every single grant, we believe that they reflect the community's wishes when looked at overall. Regardless, if a donor wishes to support one or more specific organizations, or fields of interest, this can be arranged through a donor-directed fund.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every little bit helps. A donation of \$20, for example, means that an additional \$1 or so in grants can be distributed every year thereafter. \$100 equates to about \$5 annually. You are invited to help build the community endowment fund. Since all contributions are preserved, and the income from the fund is distributed annually, your contribution can be thought of as **"a gift that keeps on giving"**.

- * **"Cashless" gifts:** Without any cash outlay on your part, both "Thrifty's" and GVM will contribute 1% of the value of

your purchases to the Salt Spring Island Foundation. When shopping at "Thrifty's", simply ask the cashier to credit your purchases to "Number 10" (Salt Spring Island Foundation). At "GVM", simply deposit your cashier's tape in our box there.

* **"Wind-up" funds:** When an organization disbands there are sometimes assets to dispose of. Two organizations disbanded in 1999. We are grateful to both Island Watch and to the Personal Computer User's Group for contributing remaining funds to the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

* **Donation in return for a favour:** Does someone want to thank you for doing them a favour, but you don't want to accept money for it? Suggest that they make a contribution to the Salt Spring Island Foundation. (A tax receipt will be issued for all contributions of \$10 or more.)

* **"In memorium" contributions.** A letter will be sent to the family of the deceased, letting them know that you have made a contribution (without specifying an amount) in honour of the deceased, and a tax receipt mailed to you.

* **Leave a legacy to the community. Be remembered:** This can be done either in your lifetime, or through your will. After providing for family, consider setting-up a **"named fund"** with the Salt Spring Island Foundation. Many island residents have done so already, either in their own name or in the name of a loved one.

* **Other:** Donations can also be in the form of securities or life insurance policies

As the endowment fund grows, so also grows the support that can be provided to island charitable organizations.

MINIMIZE CAPITAL GAINS TAX BY DONATING SHARES RATHER THAN MONEY

In the 1997 and 2000 Federal budgets, several changes were made concerning capital gains. These changed the taxable portion of capital gains from 75%, to 66.66%, and reduced the taxable capital gain to one-half of what it would otherwise be, **provided the shares are donated directly** to a registered charitable organization. So rather than sell shares and pay capital gains tax on 66.66% of the capital gain, donate the shares themselves to the Salt Spring Island Foundation, and **cut your capital gains tax in half.**

NAMED FUNDS

Most of us would like to help make things better in the community in which we live. Also, to be thanked for it, and to be given recognition for doing it. What better way than by setting up a "named fund" with the Salt Spring Island Foundation?

A donation of \$5,000 or more (which can be pledged over several years) entitles you to have a specific fund set up in a name of your choosing (including a numbered "anonymous", if that is what you may prefer). "Named funds" are listed in the annual reports **every year** thereafter. As of the 1999 year-end, "named funds" total \$445,343.

They are:

Ruby Alton Estate	\$200,000
Jessie Mouat Toynbee Fund	*43,000
Dr. Raymond Rush Family Fund	*32,643
Elizabeth Baker Estate	25,000
Barnie and Bill Cowan Fund	16,000
Al Stubbe Memorial Fund	14,000
Olivia D. Mouat Fund	10,650
George Lamont Memorial Fund	10,300
Nels Vodden Fund	10,000
Marc and Jean Holmes Fund	10,000
Hubert and Margaret Robinson Fund	10,000
Hector Perry Fund	10,000
John Lees Estate	9,000
Anonymous # 1	5,250
Bob and Sharon Brawn Fund	5,000
Mimi Gossett Memorial Fund	5,000
Migs Edwards Fund	5,000
Basil and Margaret Franey Fund	5,000
Don and Betty McMahon Fund	5,000
Cam and Terry Wilkinson Fund	5,000
Drs. Albert and Peggy Mouat Johnston Fund	*4,000
Bill and Eleanor Puckering Fund	*4,000
Cordula Vogt Fund	*1,500

* Denotes pledges in addition to amount shown

Total \$445,343

ADVANTAGES OF "ONE-STOP" GIVING

We are all besieged constantly for donations by many charitable organizations, each worthy in its own way... so much so that it is often difficult to decide which one(s) to donate to. Those decisions become much easier by donating through the Salt Spring Island Foundation. The interest earned on your contribution will thereby be distributed proportionately to a wide range of charitable organizations each year.

The analogy is sometimes made that a community's United Way functions like a bank **chequing** account, whereas the community foundation's endowment fund is the **savings** account.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1999
(unaudited)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	1999	1998
RECEIPTS		
Donations	\$248,065	\$78,910
Interest income	20,194	11,768
Other income	201	243
TOTAL RECEIPTS	268,460	90,921

DISBURSEMENTS

Grants	12,000	7,805
Annual Report Printing,		
Postage and Publishing	1,280	1,027
Fees and General Expense	221	475
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	13,501	9,307

Excess of receipts over disbursements	254,959	81,614
Less: donation to the Dave Rayment Trust Fund	-	(100)
Net increase in Endowment Funds	254,959	81,514

Endowment Funds,		
Beginning of year	263,128	179,309
Prior year's adjustment, add	-	2,305
Endowment Funds, End of year	518,087	263,128

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in bank	8,090	9,580
Term deposits	36,751	34,347
Investments, at cost		
(Market value:		
1999, \$465,171)	473,898	222,762
Accrued interest receivable	4,459	-
Membership shares,		
Credit Union	219	219
TOTAL ASSETS	266,908	266,908

LIABILITIES & ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Grants payable	-	1,000
Revenue received in advance	2,500	-
Dave Rayment Trust Fund	2,780	2,780
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,280	3,780
Endowment Funds:		
Named Funds	445,343	204,366
Community Fund	66,744	52,762
Administration endowment fund	6,000	6,000
TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS	518,087	263,128
	523,367	266,908

The foregoing is an abridged version of the annual Stewardship Report mailed to past donors. A copy of the full report will gladly be sent upon request to 537-2501 (Bob Rush), or by writing to the Salt Spring Island Foundation at #2-110 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island, V8K 1S2, or by e-mail to rush@saltspring.com

Respectfully submitted, Trustees **Patrick Lee, Ron McQuiggan, Edith Sacker, Tom Toynbee, Bob Rush (Chairman).**

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NOVEMBER 14-26

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

Desert Island Choices

This week's castaway is artist, **Diana Thompson**. Diana has been a Gulf Islander since 1974—before moving to Salt Spring in 1983 she lived on Hornby. A park naturalist and a scientific illustrator, she has essentially pursued her art full time for the last fifteen years, when not getting married and having a son, now eight years old. Her current show, *Hundreds & Thousands*, refers to all the leaves from five trees that she collected, celebrating many of them with poems from numerous sources. Running at the Surrey Art Gallery till next February, it integrates her interest in science and art, combining her love of nature and climbing trees. The show has been a great hit with both adults and children.

The Book: Darwin's *Origin of Species*. I've only studied parts of this book, and have always wanted to read it the whole way through. It would keep me looking at the island over and over again, observing it powerfully.

The Disc: I was going to say Satie's Gymnopédies, or John Lennon, but I think they'd make me too sad, if that's all I had to listen to. I'd have to choose something that bears listening to over and over again—just for the communion of a man with music—Glen Gould's Goldberg variations.

Fellow castaway: Annie Dillard. I'd want someone who was a brilliant thinker, keenly aware of both the physical and spiritual world. Her mind never fails to excite me.

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- 🎵 Music
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- 🙏 Interfaith
- 📅 Meetings & Lectures
- ⊕ Health
- 🏃 Sports and fitness
- 🎬 Cinema / TV
- 📖 Review in this issue

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**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 20**

- 🎵 **Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- 🎭 **Cats Pajamas Dance Class**
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- 💃 **Tango Practice**
Lion's Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- 🙏 **Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- 🎨 **Life Model Drawing Class**
United Church. 1-3pm
- 🏃 **Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- 🏃 **Step into Shape All Saints'**. 9-10am
- 🏃 **The Fitness Recipe**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- 🧘 **Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 9am & 4:30pm
- 🎭 **Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- 🏃 **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm
- 🧘 **Seniors' Yoga**
Salt Spring Centre. 11am
- 📺 **Salt Spring TV. Cable 12**
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Central Hall. 7pm

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 21**

- 🎵 **Storytime for 3-5's**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- 📖 **Toy Library**
Portlock & Beaver Point
Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- 🎨 **Collage 3-5yrs**
Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- 🎵 **I Musici de Montreal**
ArtSpring. 8pm
- 🍲 **Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich.
All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- ⊕ **Planned Parenthood
Clinic** Core Inn. 4-6pm
- 🏃 **Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏃 **Beginning Running
Clinic-10k**
Portlock Park. 9-10:30am
- 🏒 **Drop In Floor
Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 22**

- 🎵 **Storytime**
Fables Cottage. W, Th, Fri. 10:30
- 📖 **KinderCraft 3-5's**
Fables Cottage 1-2pm
- 💃 **Argentinian Tango**
Lions' Hall. Practice 8-10pm
- 🙏 **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- 🙏 **S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- 🙏 **Caregivers Support Group.**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- 🙏 **Breastfeeding Support Group**
Family Place. 1:30pm
- 🏡 **SSI Garden Club**
AGM. Harbour House. 5-8pm
- ⊕ **BC Special Olympics**
AGM. Harbour House 7pm
- 🙏 **Serenity Through Self Care**
Arts Workshops. Core Inn. 7-9pm
- 🏃 **Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- 🏃 **Step into Shape All Saints'**. 9-10am
- 🏃 **The Fitness Recipe**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- 🧘 **Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 10am
- 🏃 **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 14**

- 🎵 **Storytime for 3-5's**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- 📖 **Felt Making.**
Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- 🎨 **Diana Thompson** Surrey Art Gallery
- ✂️ **Jonathan Yardley: Watercolours**
Bristol Hair Cutters.
- 🍖 **Deborah Gainer & Jackie Rutell**
SS Roasting Company
- 🍰 **Deborah Gainer** Luigi's
- 🍰 **Bob Rogers** Sweet Arts Patisserie
- 🎨 **Kristin Shoolbraid:Acrylics**
Barb's Buns
- 🍲 **Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30-1pm
- 📅 **SS Historical Society**
"Life As a Prisoner of War". Ivan Mouat.
Central Hall. 2pm
- ⊕ **All Federal Candidates Meeting.**
GISS multi purpose room. 7:30pm
- ⊕ **Planned Parenthood Clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm
- 🏃 **Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- 🏃 **Beginning Running Clinic-10k**
Portlock Park. 9-10:30am
- 🏒 **Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 15**

- 🎵 **Storytime** Fables Cottage. V 10:30am
- 📖 **KinderCraft 3-5's**
Fables Cottage 1-2pm
- 🎵 **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- 💃 **Argentinian Tango**
Lions' Hall. Practice 8-10pm
- 🙏 **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- 🙏 **S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- 🙏 **Diarmund O Murchu:**
Reclaiming Spirituality Bo Study. United Church. 1:30-3p
- 🙏 **Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- ⊕ **ASA Meeting.** Mahon Hall.
- 🙏 **Serenity Through Self Care**
Healing Arts Workshops. Core Inn. 7-9pm
- 🏃 **Beginner Step Class**
All Saints'. 10:15-11:15am
- 🏃 **Step into Shape All Saints'**. 9-10am
- 🏃 **The Fitness Recipe** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- 🧘 **Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 10am
- 🏃 **Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Elementary Gym. 7-8pm

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16

- W-F **Scholastic Book Fair** Fernwood School Library. 8:20am-3:30pm
- Family Walk** Mouat Park. 10am
- Soapstone Sculpture Series** Fables Cottage. 3:30-5pm
- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Family Country Dinner Dance** SS Elementary School. Dinner 5pm. Dance 6pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dance** Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Men's Breakfast** Meal & Discussion. 8-10am
- Community Meditation** Marg Simons on Art. United Church. 11:30-12:30pm
- Community Gathering Dance** With Willo. United Church. 5:30pm
- SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild** ArtSpring 10:30-noon
- BINGO!** Meaden Hall. 6:30pm
- Diabetes Clinic** Pharmasave downtown. 10-3pm
- Planned Parenthood Clinic** Core Inn. 4-6pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 4pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17

- ★ **Unicef Cards & Gifts** CIBC. 10am-2pm
- Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support** Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- SS Centre School Book Fair** Fables Cottage. 10-5pm
- Myths & Fairytales for 7-10's** Public Library. 3-4pm
- Random Acts 2** Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring 8pm
- Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Harry Manx: Dog My Cat CD** Release Moby's 9pm
- Step into Shape** All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Rollerblading to Music** Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18

- ★ **Legion Christmas Craft Fair** Meaden Hall. 10-4pm
- Lady Minto Aux. Soc. Christmas Sale** Lions Hall. 10-3pm
- Order of the Eastern Star.** Christmas Bazaar. Masonic Hall. 10-2pm
- SS Centre School Book Fair** Fables Cottage. 10-5pm
- Storytelling & Music** West of the Moon. E. Buchanan 10am. J. Raddysh 11am
- Calligraphy Series** Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Random Acts 2** Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring 8pm
- Open Stage @ The Core Music.** Poetry, Expression. Core Inn. 8pm
- Harry Manx: Blues, Slide, Indian Guitar** Moby's
- Dave Roland & Co.** Harbour House Lounge. 9-midnight.
- 50th Birthday Party** Born in 1950? Dance at Meaden Hall. 8pm
- Community Justice: Towards Healing Workshop.** GISS 9:30-4pm. Free
- Library Book Sale** 10am-1pm
- Free Intro. to Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9:30am

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

- The Other Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Dinner Jazz** Derrick Milton Quartet. Moby's 7pm
- GLOSSI** Monthly Potluck Meeting. SS Seniors'. 4pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

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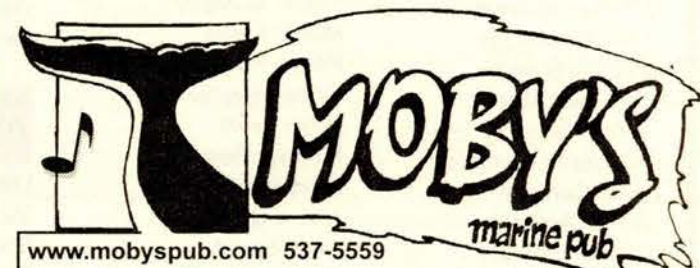
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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23

- Family Walk** Mouat Park. 10am
- Art From Many Lands** Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- Random Acts 2** Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring 8pm
- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Salty Wheels Square Dance** Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Community Gathering** Wisdom: SSI to Hawaii. United Church. 5:30pm
- Community Meditation** United Church. 11:30-12:30pm
- SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild** ArtSpring 10:30-noon
- Planned Parenthood Clinic** Core Inn. 4-6pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga** SS Centre. 4pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

- ★ **Unicef Sale of Cards & Gifts** Bank of Montreal. 10-2pm
- Guilds of Christmas Show** Mahon Hall. 10-5. Thru Dec. 3
- Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support** Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- Mosaic Series** Fables Cottage. 3:30pm
- Myths & Fairytales for 7-10's** Public Library. 3-4pm
- Random Acts 2** Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring 8pm
- Open Stage** Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- For The Love of Mike** BBQ, Dance & Auction. Legion 6:30pm
- Step into Shape** All Saints'. 9-10am
- The Fitness Recipe** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Rollerblading to Music** Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25

- ★ **9th Annual Home Based Business Fair** Meaden Hall. 9am-3pm
- Guilds of Christmas Show** Mahon Hall. 10-5. Thru Dec. 3
- Calligraphy Series** Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Random Acts 2** Graffiti Theatre. ArtSpring 8pm
- CFUW Christmas Luncheon** Women of Note. 11:30am
- Don Fisher & Chris Kodaly in Concert** Tenor and Piano. All Saints'. 8pm
- Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers** Harbour House Lounge. 9-midnight
- Library Book Sale** Library. 10am-1pm
- Free Intro. to Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9:30am

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26

- ★ **Guilds of Christmas Show** Mahon Hall. 10-5. Thru Dec. 3
- The Other Brothers** Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Dinner Jazz** Moby's 7pm
- Stacey Earle with Mark Stuart** Folk & Country. Fulford Hall. Reception 7:30pm. Music 8:30pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

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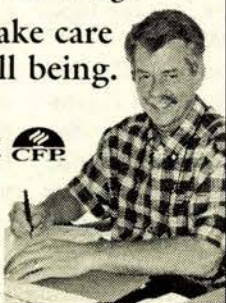
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Nights Alive back to drawing board

by Peggy Abrahams

A camping trip to Ruckle Park and Big Brother and Big Sister Programmes for students were among youth activities suggested by teenagers who attended a Nights Alive meeting at the Core Inn on Monday. Interested youth were invited to propose activities to be organized through the new programme, which will be administered by the Community Services Society.

The only criteria for Nights Alive, which is an initiative of the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association, is that the youth events be drug- and alcohol-free, explained Meredith Knox of Community Services. RCMP Sergeant Paul Darbyshire participated in the meeting as well, offering police assistance.

Some of the other suggestions made by youth who attended the meeting were basketball tournaments, movie nights, rebuilding an old car, mural painting and a youth art exhibition. The possibility of a mentor programme was proposed, as well as workshops on

special interests like martial arts, gymnastics and break dancing.

Richard Kerr of the Crime Prevention Association said, "We're anticipating this is something that will be continuing for years, so presumably new ideas will be suggested every day."

Knox said that funds may be available through the Attorney General's office and the Community Arts Council to pay teachers an honorarium to give classes in drama and other interests, so teens would not have to be charged.

"The main thing is that it is a youth initiative run by youth," said Norma Thompson of Community Services.

The organizers are waiting to hear whether they will receive a grant from the Attorney General's office to underwrite the programme after January.

Core Inn Co-ordinator Trish Nobile reminded the group that ideas are welcome. "There's a suggestion box at the Core Inn for any time kids want to contribute ideas."

Arts scholarships to two local students

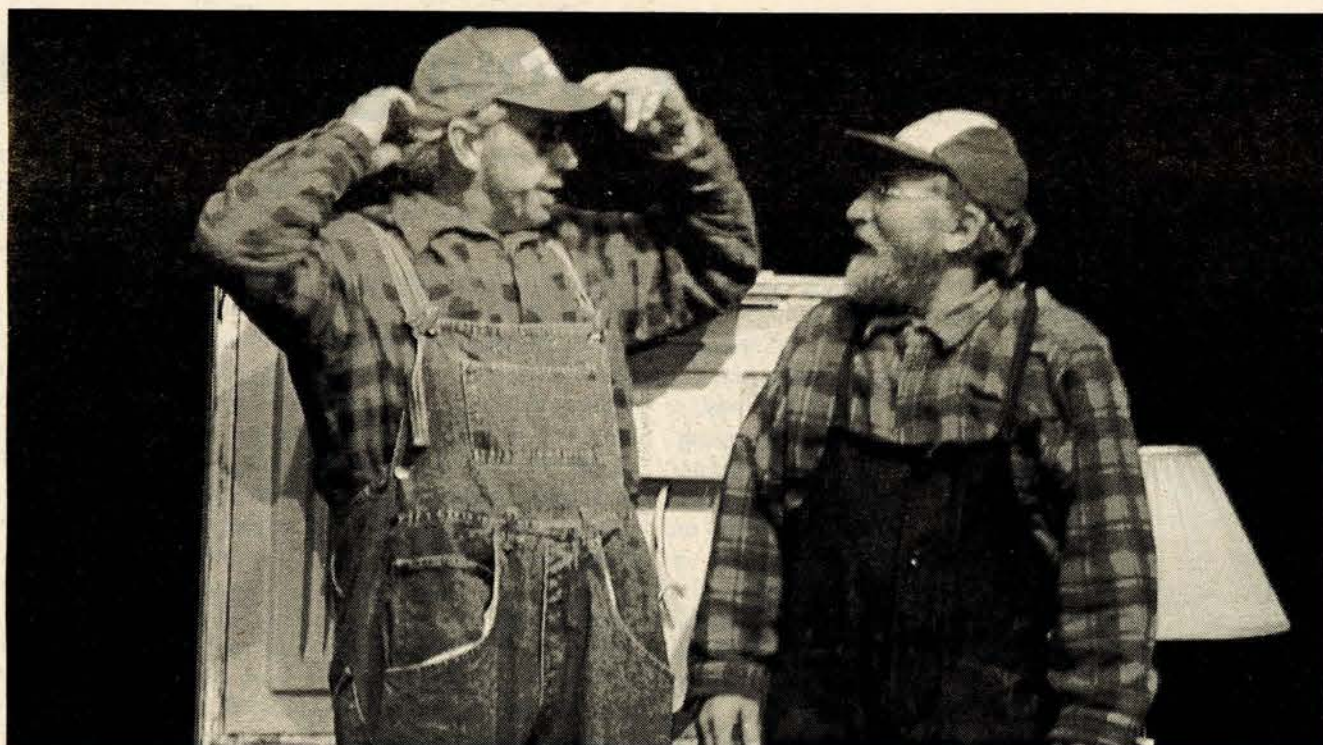
by Shellyze Szakacs

Caitlin Brownrigg and Regina Radisic of Salt Spring Island were each awarded a \$2,000 junior scholarship from the B.C. Arts Council. The scholarships are designed to assist young British Columbians pursuing full-time post-secondary studies in a range of arts disciplines. Brownrigg, who graduated last year from GISS, is enrolled in the theatre programme at Concordia University and Radisic is studying at the School of the Toronto Dance Theatre. They are two out of 36 students in the province to receive scholarships in the Junior Award category. Scholarships in this category are for first and second year studies and range in value from \$600 to \$2,000.

Overall, some \$208,800 were awarded to 107 students from all over the province in the combined junior and senior categories. Ann Mortifee, now

entering her third term as Chair of the 15-member committee, spoke highly of the wealth of talent evident in the applications. "These are the stars of our future. By assisting students the council is stimulating the development of our professional artists."

The B.C. Arts Council was established in 1995 as an independent agency. Last year \$11.7 million was awarded to artists and art organizations. In order to qualify for scholarships students must be residents of B.C. for 12 months prior to the submission of their application and be either Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. The deadline for next year's competition is May 31, 2001. Awards are adjudicated over the summer and awarded in the early fall. More information can be attained through the website: www.bcartsCouncil.gov.bc.ca.



Arvid Chalmers, left, and Sid Filkow brought the Geezers' sense of humour to life in Topic of Cancer last weekend.

Geezers tread all over the place

by Peggy Abrahams

Since when is cancer of the prostate a subject of comedy? Since the Geezers purloined it, along with any other subject they could lay their hands on. In fact, nothing is sacred or taboo to the Geezers. Death, the parking crisis in Ganges, greedy children, B.C. Ferries, Texada, rectal exams and incontinence...any material available to create something human, profane and outrageously funny.

The Geezers' performance at ArtSpring began before it even started. As the audience entered the theatre, there on centre stage was a body, the Geezer played by Arvid Chalmers, lying in a coffin. When Sid Filkow's Geezer character made his entrance, he

bustled about without noticing the Geezer in the coffin. When he finally did see Chalmers, he was crushed at the loss of his friend. "What you done gone. You done gone without saying goodbye. Just like a man."

Then he pulled out jumper cables, and attaching them to some unspeakably sensitive parts, brought his friend back to life. It turned out his friend has cancer and had just been rehearsing for death.

The two friends chatted about Island life. "There's a lot of dysfunctionals on this Island, you know. They've got 12-step programmes seven nights a week. Twelve steps is not enough for the people on this island."

This story line had to have

been planned, but they clearly were ad-libbing and updating their dialogue throughout the show. The two Geezers chatted about current events that just happened last week. One Geezer said to the other, "They settled the presidential election. They did a recount in Palm Beach. You know who won? Chretien.... It's all those Quebecers there."

Not only did the Geezers performance have a story line and a plot, but a cast of six characters, all played by Filkow and Chalmers through seamless scene and costume changes. Most hilarious were Chalmers' rendition of Maggie, a buxom Scottish woman from the Prostate Cancer Support Group, and Filkow's

Swami. The Swami, a purveyor of Eastern medicines, says his style of healing "has been around even before there was prostates."

When the Swami entered the squalor and disorder of the Geezers' den he fretted, "This room—the feng shui's all wrong!"

After she finished with the ironing, Maggie recounted in her thick brogue how she started off wanting to do community service with SWOVA, but she couldn't restrain herself from calling it the SWOVA SWAT team.

Chalmers also appeared as the unscrupulous real estate agent Milt Bottomly, his character from Paradise Lots. And Filkow did a charming cameo role as a tree from a Texada logging

Kodaly and Fisher play at All Saints' soon

In response to many requests for a local recital of songs performed on the West Coast last summer, artists Chris Kodaly and Don Fisher are playing a concert next Saturday, November 25 at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints' by-the-Sea. The programme will be diverse in its selection of ancient and modern folk and art songs, representing composers from Hungary, Italy, France, Germany and the British Isles. The songs all find expression in Fisher's lyric tenor, skillfully accompanied by Kodaly on piano.

Salt Spring has been fortunate in claiming Chris Kodaly for over 15 years. Well known for his performances as soloist, accompanist and chamber musician, he has recently performed with violinist Jean Knight with Tuned Air in their production of *Worksongs!* and with Fisher in his performance

of *Dichterliebe* (a song cycle by Robert Schumann). Kodaly will be also treating Islanders to a solo performance in this concert, playing Liszt at his most tender: the *Six Consolations*.

Don Fisher has been living on Salt Spring for 13 years but has only been sharing the lime-light for the last three. Island audiences first met him as a guest soloist with Tuned Air, and later saw him perform with the Salt Spring Singers. Recently, he has performed in the musical review *Showtime with Sondheim* and in numerous other collaborations with Kodaly.

The exquisite art of duet between piano and voice is well received here. Listeners are afforded an opportunity for a very enjoyable experience. Tickets are on sale at et cetera, Acoustic Planet and at Stuff & Nonsense.

protest site, carrying a sign, saying "trees are people too."

Somehow throughout all the shenanigans, the dialogue returned to the ever-present theme of cancer. The Geezers even went so far as to debate philosophy. "If you only had six months left what would you do?"

There's even a moral to the story. At the end,

Chalmers' Geezer was just about to pack it in and opt for his version of cryogenic freezing. He pointed out, "You know this thing you gotta remember about life? Enjoy yourself."

The Geezers ended their show by singing together, "Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think," to the tune of the old Labatt's 50 ale jingle.



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Students remember in moving ceremony

by Peggy Abrahams

High school, middle school and elementary students collaborated in a moving tribute to veterans and a retrospective on the impact of two world wars during a ceremony last Friday at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

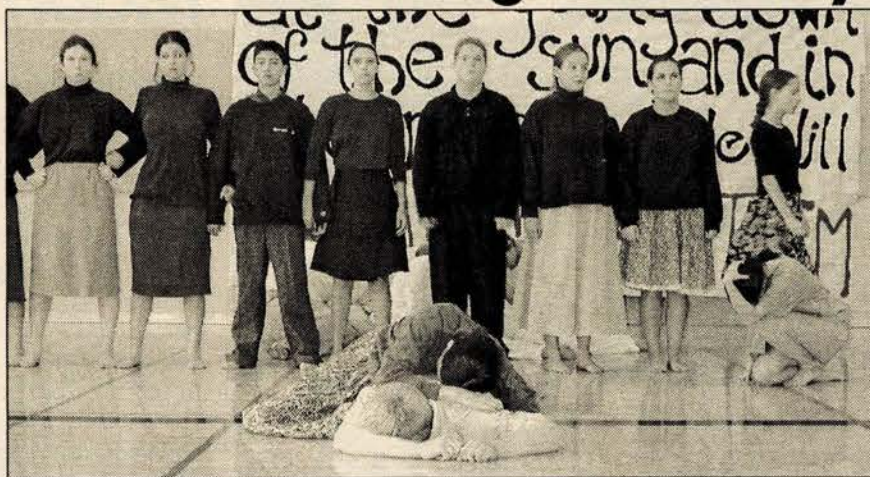
Among the most provocative parts of the programme were high school dance and drama performances. The grade 10 drama class presented the gripping *Children of War*. Entirely mimed, the piece effectively depicted children confronted with war.

A group of children start out playing together, innocent and naive. Suddenly, a soldier appears and forces them to line up. One child is killed. Emotions are conveyed in staccato sequences: fear, danger, death, sorrow. One fallen child drops an apple and the others forget their sorrow in place of greed and hunger.

A grade 12 drama class performed a piece entitled *When They Go Away*. Women cry as their men board a train to take them to war. The new recruits are told, "Chances are, you will not return. The casualty rate is three out of every five men."

The soldiers march in line, and one drops to the ground every few seconds. A voice-over describes the fighting. "Situation critical...wiped out, withdraw, retreat." When roll is called, few are left alive. The remaining soldiers are told, "Boys, you served the army well in these hard times. The army thanks you."

The GISS choir sang two numbers,



Students from GISS performed at Friday's Remembrance Day presentation.

one a unique arrangement of *River*, accompanied by music teacher Bruce Smith on the conga drums. Middle school and elementary school choirs each sang two songs with their lovely clear voices.

The GISS dance class performed *Images of the Holocaust*, a sequence of simple and subdued movements, with profound and disturbing symbolism. High school dancers also presented *Dance Against Violence*, choreographed by the students themselves. The piece demonstrated strong, clearly articulated movement to music with lyrics, "from this moment how can we feel?"

A guest presentation by veteran Ivan Mouat focused on women who served in the war. Mouat brought the speech home by remembering women from Salt Spring who served as nurses or drivers. Helping young students to identify

with the war, Mouat said that each year a wreath is laid for a local boy who died. This Remembrance Day, a wreath would be laid for Freddie Clemo, a Salt Spring boy who died on September 15, 1952 when the HMS Otto was sunk.

After the Remembrance Day ceremony, the new GISS sign was dedicated to Max Abley, who graduated in June and died last summer after an accident. Bree Eagle, a classmate of Abley's, said that he had taught his peers to live life to its fullest. "Max Abley's life was an inspiration to those who knew him," she said.

GISS principal Nancy Macdonald presented Abley's graduation certificate to his parents, David Abley and Melva Geldreich, and his brother Nick. Macdonald said that at the base of the sign, a garden had been planted with rosemary, a symbol of remembrance.

Deck the halls—every one of them

by Joanne O'Connor

Salt Spring Island will soon be alive with craft fairs, as vendors deck the halls with their wares. Fair-goers this year can look forward to quality crafts, great food and the joy of supporting some very good causes.

Craft fairs will be held at Beaver Point Hall, Fulford Hall, Lions Hall, Meaden Hall, Mahon Hall, the Masonic Hall and the Salt Spring Centre—and no two events will be quite the same!

On Saturday, November 18, three craft fairs will launch the season. At the Lions Hall, the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society will host the Thrift Store Christmas Sale. The sale, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature new and gently used items. Baked goods will also be offered for sale. All money collected will be used by the society to fund the Thrift Store and other Lady Minto projects. Donations are, as usual, gladly accepted at the Thrift Shop.

Meaden Hall will house the Royal Canadian Legion and Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The fair will have many handmade goodies from which to choose.

Also on Saturday, the Order of the Eastern Star will present their Christmas Bazaar at the Masonic Hall. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., those attending the bazaar will be treated to an excellent selection of baked goods, ornaments, crafts, plants and other items. An afghan, a doll and a grocery hamper will

be raffled off, and a silent auction will also take place. The Order will use the money raised from the bazaar to fund several projects, including bursaries and the aiding of cancer patients.

On November 24 the Guilds of Christmas Show, sponsored by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council, opens at Mahon Hall. Guilds from A to Z will display the fruits of their labours. The guilds, groups of skilled artisans, have hosted similar Christmas shows on Salt Spring for over 20 years. The Community Arts Council uses its funds to provide scholarships and grants and subsidize cultural activities. This year, proceeds from the sale of the Basketry Guild's Christmas ornaments will benefit the Food Bank. The Guilds of Christmas show runs until December 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The south end is the place to be from December 1 to 3, as both Beaver Point Hall and Fulford Hall present their respective Christmas fairs. The Beaver Point Hall Christmas Fair boasts fine crafts and gourmet food. The fair begins on Friday (5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and continues through Saturday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.). A raffle will benefit the Little Red Schoolhouse. Volunteers staff the kitchen and co-ordinate the fair, and the craftspeople donate a percentage of their sales to the hall. The fair is the largest fundraiser of the year for Beaver Point Hall.

Fulford Hall's much-loved craft fair opens at 5 p.m. on Friday, December

1 and runs until 9 p.m. that evening. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. As usual, the show will feature wonderful food from the volunteer-staffed kitchen as well as quality local crafts and baked goods. Those attending will also enjoy music. Admission is 25 cents, and donations to the Food Bank are also accepted. The craft fair is the largest fundraising event of the year for Fulford Hall.

On December 9 and 10, the Salt Spring Centre Christmas Fair offers a taste of local and off-island talent. Organizer Sid Filkow describes the Centre as an "intimate and cosy setting." A smaller fair with about two dozen vendors, the Centre fair offers a reprieve for the harried shopper. The kitchen will serve its usual good food, and parking, play areas and atmosphere abound. Vendor tables are still available from Filkow at 537-9596. Fair hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For those people who favour the "manana" attitude, the Off-Centre Stage Society presents the 11th Annual Last Minute Christmas Sale. The sale will offer a variety of options for the last minute shopper. From December 15 to 17, Mahon Hall will showcase the efforts of around 35 craftspeople.

This season brings several craft fairs, and although each fair is unique, they all demonstrate Salt Spring's renowned local talent and unquenchable community spirit.

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Magnolia—a phenomenal movie



Flick Pick ...
with Jason Tudor

Magnolia is a movie about people living lives, as the old quote goes, of quiet desperation. This might not be everybody's idea of a good time, I understand, but sometimes a director's vision is so inspired that a movie transforms "depressing" into something simply magical. Think of the simple contentment on Lester Burnham's face—just before his death—at the end of *American Beauty*: "I'm great." Or, in *Blade Runner*, as android Roy Batty (also facing death, albeit knowingly) tries to explain to Deckard the depth of his despair in the now famous "tears in rain" speech.

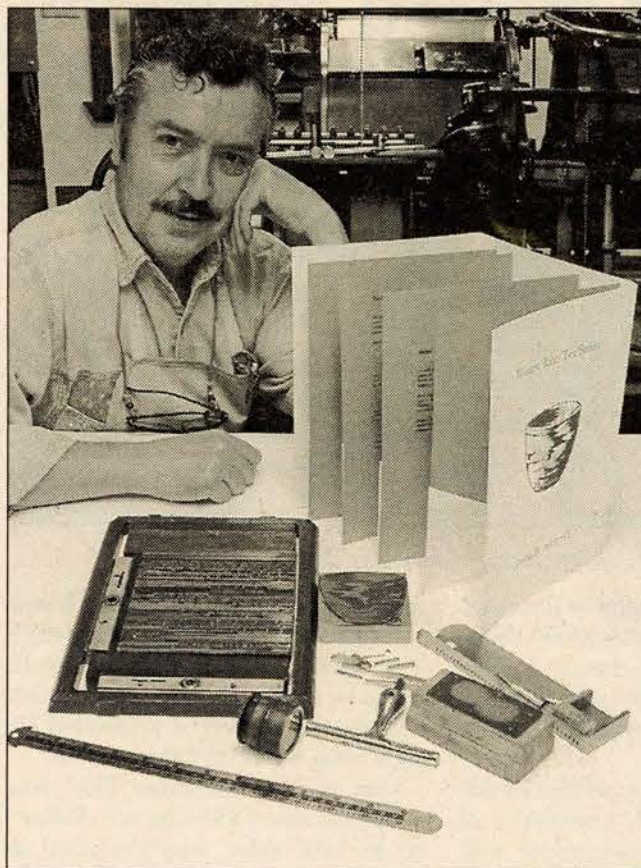
There are nine major characters in *Magnolia*, and all of them are facing major turning points. Some examples: a child prodigy faces his father's pressure to perform; a woman medicates away the pain of possible sexual abuse with cocaine; a terminally ill man tries to

reconcile with his son while his wife buckles under the strain of grief. Director Paul Thomas Anderson (*Boogie Nights*) weaves these stories in and out of each other in short vignettes, building to an absolutely sublime climax that is nothing like you've seen before.

It is very difficult to describe what makes *Magnolia* a phenomenal film and my personal favourite of 1999 (this is saying a lot for what was a banner year). I think it comes down to Anderson's sheer courage and ability in breaking the rules. Somehow he manages to straddle the fence between realism and fantasy, using whatever fits at the moment to satiate our hunger for meaning. Any movie can depict a realistic, sober and maybe depressing world, then tell us that everything will be okay. It takes a *Magnolia* to help us believe it.

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Rating: * * * *



Peter Haase with the tools used to print *Winter/Rice/Tea Strain*.

New book was a year in the making

(m)Öthër Tøngue Press recently released *Winter/Rice/Tea Strain*, a book of three new poems for Roy Kiyooka by Daphne Marlatt. The book is presented in an unusual format: its 7 3/4" x 11" pages are constructed as a fold-out sculptured piece within a 24" x 11 1/4" cover.

The book was designed and constructed by Mona Fertig; the type composition, lino-cut and printing was completed by Peter Haase (left). A limited edition of 80 signed and numbered books are available for \$95 (plus a \$5 shipping fee).

Daphne Marlatt is a former Salt Spring resident, poet, novelist, theorist, little magazine editor and university instructor. She has published 20 books. Her most recent book is *Readings from the Labyrinth*, collected essays from NeWest Press. She gives readings and lectures all over the world and now lives in Vancouver.

Roy Kiyooka (1926-1994) was a well-known Vancouver painter, poet and photographer.

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Moore disappoints

by Kelly Waters

The Mae Moore concert last Monday night was less than fantastic. In fact, it was really pretty bad. Moore, who headlined the Folk Club's season opener at Fulford Hall, confessed several times to being on a cold remedy that made her "a bit out of it." Next time she should think about taking a non-drowsy formula.

The set started off strongly with a few songs Moore wrote earlier this year. The music had a smooth, rich sound with layers of rhythm provided by Mark Atkins on guitar. In contrast, Moore's older music sounded drab and too stuck in a simple 4/4 beat.

The music itself was not the problem at this concert, however. Moore's songwriting may sound monochromatic at times, but has enough poetry in the lyrics to carry the tunes along. The performance Monday night was hindered by

Moore being in la-la land. Luckily, Atkins' superb plucking kept her well-backed up and kept the concert alive. Moore's constant chatter between pieces became annoying very quickly; while I enjoy hearing performers' tales, I would have welcomed a bit of silence to absorb the music once in awhile.

It was interesting to hear how much Moore has developed as a songwriter since the last time I saw her, several years ago. She's added depth to her pieces and introduced more rhythms. The same polished sound that appealed to me a decade ago is still present. I enjoyed hearing some of the old hits and, especially, the new music as yet unreleased.

I definitely look forward to hearing the album she promised to release next year. In the meantime, however, I'll wait until cold season is over before I head out to again to see Mae Moore.

Open stage at the Core Inn

An Open Stage will be held at the Core Inn Youth Centre on Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to poets, musicians and other artists of all ages wishing to perform. There are sign-up sheets available at the Core Inn and in the GISS counselling office.

There will be tasty snacks and refreshments

sold at low prices and a donation box will be at the front counter to collect money for future events and for sound equipment to facilitate these activities.

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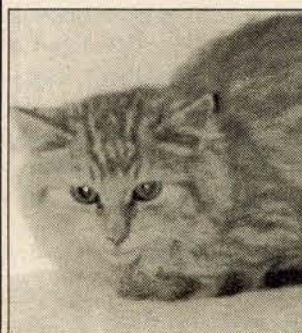
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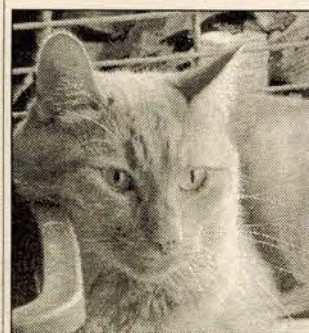


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WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE—War veterans marched through Ganges on Saturday as part of the Island's Remembrance Day observances. A ceremony was held at the cenotaph in Centennial Park.

Vet's story told

by Judy Harper

During the week leading up to Remembrance Day, the symbolic poppy and the phrase "Lest We Forget" were served up to us by WWII veterans on every street corner across the country. We made our donations and went about our business. There have been so many wars, and we are a generation removed from that particular one. Phrases like "triumph of the human spirit" and "a testament to human resilience" are becoming meaningless with wear.

John "PaddyMac" McMahon, an indomitable Irish veteran and a resident of Salt Spring Island, brings that conflict into focus once again in his book *Almost a Lifetime*. This is not your average war story, the Hollywood version we have all become accustomed to with great acts of heroism offset by the cowardly scurrilousness of the enemy.

Almost a Lifetime recounts the story of the young RAF Officer McMahon's survival in a long and terrible wartime journey. It begins on a February night in 1943 aboard a British aircraft spiralling in flames out of the sky towards Holland. McMahon recounted his thoughts during those long moments

of the crash: the awful knowledge of his own impending death, the question in the eyes of his friend when words were no longer possible. He alone, out of a crew of seven, survived the crash. Having been thrown free of the craft, he was able to open his parachute mere seconds before hitting the ground.

It is here that McMahon's journey begins, punctuated by the acts of human kindness and compassion that made it bearable: the Dutch family who risked their own lives in taking him home, the German soldier who arrested him and lent him his greatcoat when he noticed him shivering.

McMahon's subsequent imprisonment in a German POW camp is a narrative of tragedy and humour mixed—scoundrels and heroes are found on both sides of the fence. He recounts the infamous death walk, a forced march across 400 miles of frozen landscape he and thousands of other prisoners endured in the winter of 1945. It was during this march, when he had finally succumbed to the ravages of cold, starvation and dysentery, that another miracle occurred: he was saved from freezing to death by a woman who had lost her husband and son at the hands of the Allied forces. *Almost a Lifetime* asks us to remember that war may be engineered by governments but it is fought by ordinary people.

McMahon finished writing his memoirs in 1995. After a number of disappointing experiences with potential publishers, he started his own company, Shamrock Publications, and published the book himself. This route has served him well. He is constantly attending book signings all over Vancouver Island, and *Almost a Lifetime* is well received. The book is available at Ganges Village Market and most Island book stores and there will be a local book-signing in the near future.

Personal war memories



Seniors Scene ...
with Alan Fairlie

Thousands of Canadian families have felt the loss of loved ones in war. In my case, it was World War II.

Lieutenant William (Billy) Wood, a cousin, was in the Invasion of Sicily near Bari when, as was reported later, he and several others were blown up in the explosion of a German "88" shell.

Luckily, he was our only casualty of the war—unless

you include my Dad, Matthew Fairlee, a mining engineer at Ken-Addison gold mines near Timmins, Ontario. He was providing the gold to buy guns, tanks and other necessities to fight the last (?) good war! Dad had a heart attack (aged 64) in August 1944.

Billy was a shy bookish, soft-spoken lawyer who really had no business being there—but he was, and he did his duty!

So, on Remembrance



Billy Wood with Alan Fairlie's sister Joyce, circa 1941.

Day (November 11) I prayed for Billy Wood.

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Kava: the great calmer

by Bruce Burnett

The tropical paradise of Fiji is an archipelago of 332 islands flung like rice at a wedding across 230,000 square kilometres of the south-west Pacific. The enchanting and amiable natives of this sun-kissed Eden have two favourite expressions: "Bula," an all-purpose greeting which encompasses everything from "how are you?" to "have a nice day", and "mataka," which roughly translated means "later."

Historically the Fijians were fierce warriors—today they are exceptional rugby players—but their usual demeanor is relaxed, sweet-tempered and very "mataka." This is often attributed to their fondness for kava-kava, a drink made by pounding or chewing the roots of the kava kava vine and then soaking the mash in cold water. Heat destroys the active ingredients.

Several years ago I was sitting cross-legged in a jungle clearing in Fiji, in a circle of laughing young Fijians. They were passing around a coconut shell filled with a brownish green liquid that looked like muddy water. This was before I had studied herbalism. But I had heard about kava and its purported relaxing properties and had always assumed that it was alcoholic. Not so. When the shell was passed to me I took a sip and tasted a slightly bitter, but generally insipid liquid. Urged to drink more, I felt a slight tingling numbness in my lips and within minutes a serene glow was suffusing my body as quickly as butter melting in a hot pan. When the shell reached the last person in the group, he took a large mouthful and spat the contents on the ground. I learned later that this was an offering to the gods for a rich harvest.

Kava has long been considered a libation to the gods in the South Pacific. The spiritual healers of Fiji, known as *Dawaguna*, use the herb to help them communicate with *Vu*, a spirit force, who helps them foretell the future and directs them to apply the correct herbal remedies for their patients. Kava is believed to cure illnesses, remove curses and foster friendship. It has a pivotal role in the ratification of agreements and the settling of disputes. It is drunk

to ensure safety prior to long trips, especially sea voyages, and to celebrate marriages, births and even deaths. Mostly it is the South Pacific equivalent of the evening cocktail, being consumed every sundown as a relaxant.

Kava is a perennial shrub belonging to the pepper family, *Piperaceae*. It was given its botanical name, *Piper methysticum*, or intoxicating pepper, in 1777 by the explorer and botanist, Johann Georg Forster.

Research shows that the main active ingredients in the root of kava are a group of resinous compounds called kava lactones. These have a depressant effect on the central nervous system and are sedative and antispasmodic. Kava is a very effective muscle relaxant. Kava lactones also have an antiseptic and anaesthetic effect on the urinary tract and bladder and kava has been used successfully to treat urinary tract infections. The herb is a strong diuretic and this cleansing effect along with its analgesic properties make it a useful herb in combating arthritic and rheumatic problems, including gout.

But it is kava's ability to deliver a delicious combination of calmness and alertness that has put it on the list of top-selling herbs to combat the major disease of industrialized society: anxiety. German clinical studies published in 1990 revealed that kawain, one of the kava lactones, is as effective in relieving anxiety as benzodiazepene. In large doses kava produces a type of euphoria and for this reason it is still touted as an aphrodisiac in the South Pacific.

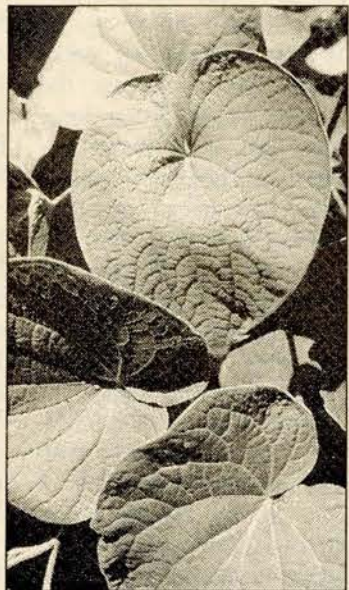
Until recently, kava was illegal in Canada. The Health Protection Branch of Health Canada had some concerns about the intoxicating properties of the herb. However, bowing to pressure from herbalists and the public, kava is now available on the shelves of health food stores and pharmacies across Canada.

Kava has proven itself to be a very effective herb to combat stress and anxiety without the addictive qualities and negative side effects of drugs such as Valium. However, some cautions should be noted. Kava should never be used by people taking anti-depressant or anti-anxiety medications. It should not be combined with alcohol or other recreational drugs. Pregnant or nursing women should not use it.

Although kava has minimal side effects, long-term heavy use may result in dry, scaly skin with a yellow pigment. Should this occur, users should discontinue taking the herb immediately. Also, a single, large dose of kava can cause intoxication and drowsiness, so it is advisable not to drive a car or operate heavy machinery after taking the herb.

The drowsiness that follows kava's initial rush of calm alertness can be a great sleep inducer and some people find the herb a more effective sleep aid than valerian and certainly a better option than sleeping pills.

Bruce Burnett is a clinical herbalist and writer living on Pender Island, where he operates a herb farm.



Kava kava is native to Fiji.

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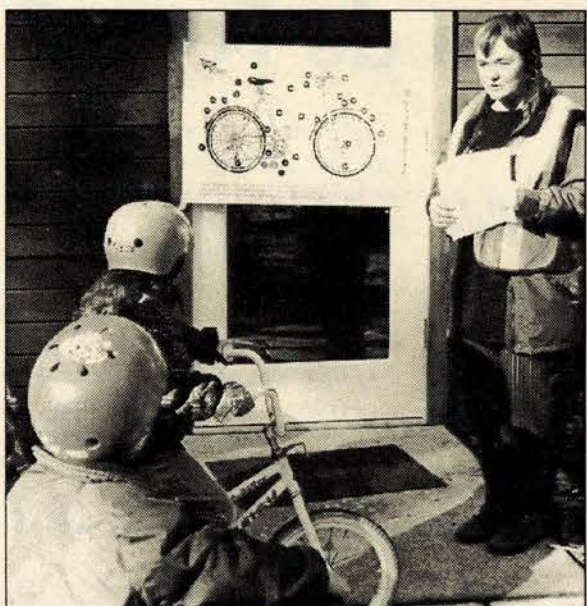


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GET ALONG, LI'L BIKERS—Island Pathways held a bike rodeo for about 35 children at the Salt Spring Centre School on November 6. The children had the opportunity to practise bicycle maneuvers and signals. They also had the mechanics of their bikes and their helmets assessed. Many helmets were old, damaged, did not fit properly or were not worn correctly. Eighty-five per cent of all head injuries can be prevented if a cyclist wears a properly fitted, approved helmet. To host a rodeo, contact Margaretha Nordine (above): 537-5043.

Crimson flag



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

Want a great-looking unusual flowering plant for your garden? Well then you'd better keep your eyes open for *Schizostylis Cocinea*, commonly called crimson flag or kaffir lily.

This plant (which resembles the leaves of gladiolus and stays evergreen in our climate) is a must if you don't already have one. *Schizostylis* is a species of herbs with fleshy fibrous roots that will eventually spread. (Plants can be divided if the clump becomes too large.) The leaves are about one and a half feet tall and the flowers are very showy

on long spikes up to two feet in height. These plants will bloom in October through November in our climate.

Crimson flag is a native to South Africa, but adapts very well to most areas in our growing zone. Plants are usually sold in one gallon pots and aren't too costly. Make sure to plant your crimson flag in good, well-drained soil and full sun. This species should take some drought when established, and though I haven't seen the deer munch this particular variety yet, I would still keep them planted in a deer-proof area just to be safe.

Healing through art—practice opens

by Helani Davison

An exciting adjunct to the Salt Spring social services realm is the opening of an Art Therapy Studio. "As far as I know," said professional art therapist Louise Goodman, "I am the only practicing therapist on the Island trained specifically in art therapy."

It was her personal journey into self-discovery that originally propelled Goodman's interests in this field. After years of work around personal issues of her own—reading psychology and self-help books and writing in her journal—Louise became convinced of her path in life. Working as a clay artist for 10 years became isolating and lacked the mental stimulation Louise craved. She decided that returning to university was clearly the thing to do to realize her vision of becoming a therapist.

At Simon Fraser University, Goodman focused her energies on cultural anthropology. Myths, symbols and the role of rituals in culture were fascinating to her. All three of her major interests were being fulfilled in her courses—art, symbol making and psychology.

A two-year graduate programme in

art therapy brought together Goodman's interests in self-development, art and counselling.

She opened a private practice in East Vancouver but her work was temporarily interrupted by the raising of three children and a relocation to Salt Spring Island six years ago. During that time she continued to work on her own personal development and artwork and kept her sights on her goal to re-establish her agency.

"What is specific to art therapy," explained Goodman, "is that people can often express through art what they can't verbalize. Making images is a powerful form of communication. It can help to draw out repressed feelings and conflicts spontaneously."

Goodman explained that symbol making is a basic human activity that is often neglected in our culture because our society emphasizes linear, rational thinking. "Human beings often think metaphorically," said Goodman. "When the process of art therapy is followed through for a period of time, people can find themselves developing a personal mythology. They will likely

find that they have their own style of expression, their own themes and their own way of processing conflict."

At Goodman's studio, one is met with an array of colourful paints, crayons and clay. "Some people choose to work quietly, while others begin talking immediately. Sometimes people say that they can't draw, but I assure them that it is not about technical ability. It's utilizing the honest freedom of expression of the child in them," Goodman explained. "A memory, a dream, a feeling or a simple attraction to a colour can begin the process. Playing with art materials is very natural. To see their issue materialize in concrete form can be very cathartic."

The aim of art therapy is to encourage the expression and development of one's true self in a physical space that is set up specifically for this purpose. To best facilitate this journey of discovery, Goodman strives to provide a non-judgmental, safe and confidential atmosphere and the guidance that comes from the personal empowerment she has attained on her own journey.

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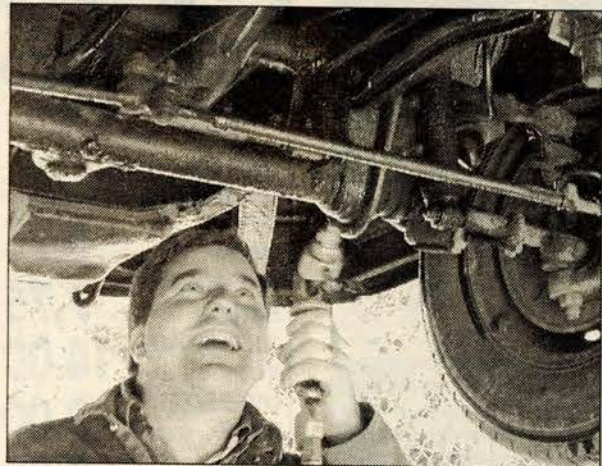
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Salt Spring FC 4, Juan de Fuca 2



Sidelines...

with Alan Webb

This game was interesting for a couple of reasons. First of all, Pete Aust—as anyone who has followed FC over the years knows—has never scored a goal outside of practice, until today. In years to come, being able to say you were there to see Pete's goal will have the same historical cachet as being able to say you were there to see Roger Bannister break the four-minute mile or Jean Chretien throttle a protester.

The second reason this game proved to be of such interest was the chance to witness some truly eccentric officiating.

The first 20 minutes were pretty uneventful. FC tried to attack but were disorganized and their possession kept breaking down. The visitors were adept at smoothing the ball around at the back, but not much else.

With the insertion of Jude Shugar into mid-field, things suddenly began to open up. Shugar gave the home side some width to their attack and he combined with Jesse Fisher to send Harrison Jason away with nearly his first touch of the ball. Jason's well-struck shot was tipped over the bar.

Half an hour into the game the referee, who is notoriously incompetent, had yet to make a mark on the game. We didn't have long to wait.

A long throw-in by Harrison Jason was flicked on by brother Chris for Jesse Fisher to head home. But the whistle blew before the ball hit the net.

The linesman had flagged for offside despite the fact that there are no off-sides on throw-ins. Since the play had been blown dead before the ball entered the net a drop ball should have followed. Nevertheless, the referee awarded FC a goal and the game would not be the same from that point on.

FC doubled their lead in the 43rd minute. A perfectly flighted Ryan Wellington cross was nodded on by Shugar for Harrison Jason who supplied a savagely effective finish.

FC were awarded a penalty just before half time and an anticipatory buzz rose from the sidelines as Captain Aust strode up for the shot. Years of selfless defense, near misses, and the occasional extravagantly mistimed volley fueled the spectator's collective unease.

With admirable calm, he took his goal like a Brazilian striker, sending the keeper the wrong way and denting the lower left corner of the net.

The second half was a bit of an adventure.

FC were clearly content to play out the clock and get out with the points. This they managed, but it was always a decision which rested upon the whim of the man with the whistle.

Two perfectly dreadful calls resulted in Juan de Fuca scoring twice from the spot to sandwich a goal from Fisher and make it close.

Fisher's goal was magnificent. Harrison Jason threw the ball to the FC midfielder at the corner of the visitors' box. Fisher dummied his defender into invisibility, walked into the clear and unleashed a venomous shot into the top corner.

If only the officiating had been of that quality. Many of the calls elicited disbelief from players and supporters of both teams. At times the whistle seemed to sound out of synch with the play, or to an entirely different game than the one we were watching. It was like a badly dubbed foreign movie: one craved subtitles to explain what the heck was going on. No matter, three points is three points.

Next Sunday at home against Lakehill, 2:15 p.m.

Victoria Athletics 3, Salt Spring Old Boys 2

Nine Old Boys showed up in Victoria Sunday to face the Athletics, a team which is always a handful to play with a full squad. Where the rest of the Old Boys were is anybody's guess, perhaps at home contemplating Saul Bellow's phrase "the moronic inferno" while riveted to CNN's American political coverage.

At any rate, just as in elections where every vote counts, so too is it in Salt Spring soccer. Every player who can manage to drag his carcass to the Fulford ferry is needed if you want to win in Florida, er ... Victoria.

Despite the manpower disadvantage and the loss of goalkeeper John Oblati to foreign travel, the Reds put on a good show of it.

Chris Cottrell and Mike Brown scored for the lads, while Victoria's winner came on a shot that 'keeper Chris Healey badly misjudged, though to be fair he could play another ten years and never make that mistake again.

To Salt Spring's credit, they nearly managed to steal a point. Navid Niazza broke in alone on the Athletics' net with less than five minutes to play but

was denied by a clutch save.

Next Sunday the Old Boys play at the high school, at 10 a.m. No doubt being a home game they'll have a full line-up. Extra incentive in this regard will come from the fact the opposition will be Gorge. In terms of rivalries, beating Gorge for Salt Spring is like knocking off George Dubya in brother Jeb's state, or Joe Clark's verbal pole-axing of our feeble Prime Minister in the televised debate.

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- 325 Crafts
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- 518 Beauty
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- 560 Health & Fitness
- 563 Heating
- 565 Machining/Welding
- 570 Marine
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- 575 Moving/Storage
- 578 Music
- 580 Office Services
- 583 Painters
- 585 Plumbing
- 587 Pools/Spas
- 590 Rentals
- 595 Sewing

REAL ESTATE 600-699

- 600 Acreage/lots
- 620 Commercial Properties
- 640 Houses for Sale
- 650 Real Estate Wanted

RENTALS 700-799

- 700 Apartments for Rent
- 710 Commercial Rentals
- 720 Holiday Accommodation
- 730 Houses for Rent
- 740 Housesitting
- 750 Miscellaneous Rentals
- 760 Room & Board
- 770 Shared Accommodation
- 780 Storage
- 790 Wanted to Rent

TRANSPORTATION 800-899

- 810 Boats/Marine
- 820 Cars/Trucks
- 830 Motorcycles
- 840 Recreational Vehicles
- 850 Trailers
- 860 Vehicles Wanted

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 100-199

120 • IN MEMORIAM

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140 • COMING EVENTS

YOU'RE WELCOME to display your event posters and meeting notices for 2 weeks on the Barnacle's Community Bulletin Board located in our office. Drop off during office hours.

WEEKEND MEDITATION Retreat. Vipassana Buddhist Community. Friday evening November 17th 7:00 - 9:00; Saturday 18th 9:00 - 5:00; Sunday 19th 8:00 - 4:00. The Barn, 191 Reynolds Road. \$20. Information: Heather Martin 653-9729.

TUPPERWARE WILL be at the Home Based Business Faire Saturday Nov. 25 - Meaden Hall, Legion. 9 am - 3 pm. For information contact Bev 537-4560.

ASA MEMBERS: Open Planning Meeting at Mahon Hall. Wed. Nov. 15, 7 pm. Next ArtSpring venue theme: Celebration. Contact Dee Harrison - 537-8774. Hanging Nov. 20.

EPICURE SELECTIONS. Book your presentation at the Home Based Business Faire and I'll give you a free gift. Come & see what it is! Saturday, November 25th at the Legion. 9 am - 3 pm.

ARGENTINIAN TANGO Parties (Milongas) at Lion's Hall. Saturday Nov. 25, Dec. 16, 9 - 12 pm. \$5.00 per person. Margie Korrisson at 537-2707 for info.

IN CONCERT. Don Fisher & Chris Kodaly. November 25th, 8:00 pm. Tickets available at Stuff 'n' Nonsense, Acoustic Planet & et cetera.

140 • COMING EVENTS

SERENITY THROUGH self-care using creative writing, drawing, movement & meditation. We will reduce stress. Wednesdays, November 15, 22, 29 & December 6, 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Top floor, Core Inn. To register, please call Lynda Monk at Creative Wellness, 538-0122.

THE SPCA 2001 calendar is available at the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic on Lower Ganges and at Clip n' Dip n' Pet Shop on Hereford for only \$10. Limited supply.

"SEASONAL TRANSITIONS" week-end fair. Nov 17th, 4 - 9, Nov 18th, 11 - 6, Nov 19th, 12 - 4. Donate gently used, clean winter clothing for Transition House and receive 1/2 price treatments on reflexology, ear coning, reiki, teacup readings at the Bodyworks Collective. 121 McPhillips Ave. (beside Apple Photo). 538-1988.

EPICURE SELECTIONS: Why not invite a few friends over for some fun & food? Shop from home & earn free products, it's that easy. Call Lianne @ 537-9636 for more info.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR listings are free. Display your meeting or upcoming event on the Barnacle Community Calendar for up to two weeks. Drop by our office and fill out a calendar form. Deadline for the Calendar is Thursdays at 4:00 pm.

Celebrate Christmas
with the
SALT SPRING CONCERT BAND & TUNED AIR
Directed by Dawn Hage
December 8 & 9
ArtSpring 8:00 p.m.
Adults: \$14; Students: \$7

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ONE
Unfolding Religion
ONE
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The Bahá'ís of Salt Spring invite you to an evening of
SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY
Theme:
"Care of the Soul"
Talk by Linda Popov
Children & Adults welcome
Music & Refreshments
Fri., Nov. 17 • 7 pm
at the
Seniors Centre
across from GVM
537-5071

140 • COMING EVENTS

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Society
Thrift Store Christmas Sale
New and better quality items
Saturday,
November 18
10am - 3 pm
Lions Hall
103 Bonnet Ave.

Please Recycle the Barnacle

9th Annual Home Based Business Faire
Saturday
November 25th
9am - 3pm
at
Meaden Hall
(Royal Canadian Legion)
120 Blain Rd.
Bring a food bank donation
Lots of parking
Information
537-4560 • 537-9636

Trincomali Chapter #93
Order of the Eastern Star
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday
November 18
at the
Masonic Hall
506 Lower Ganges Rd.
10 am to 2 pm

TUESDAY is Barnacle DAY!
Place your liner classified ads from 8:30am - 5:00pm any Tuesday for the next issue of the Barnacle, for **1/2 Price**
*Private party ads only, in any classification except Hold the Press. (In person/Cash/Ch/M/C)
Barnacle
324 Lower Ganges Rd.
Ph: 537-4040

145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

DIAL-A-PRAYER - 537-4734. An interfaith recording by the United Church, 111 Hereford Ave., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T3. The pre-recorded message will be changing every few days beginning in November.

ELECTION 2000. Politics is the skilled use of blunt objects. <http://SaltyTalk.net/Election2000/>

Salt Spring Island FOUNDATION
... your community foundation.
Help enhance the quality of life in your Island community. You can do this by contributing to our / your community endowment fund. Even \$10 will help make a lasting difference. All contributions are pooled and preserved in the endowment fund. The interest earned on it is distributed annually to a wide range of worthy island charitable organizations. These vary from year to year as community priorities change. You can help also by having your purchases at Thrifty's and at GVM credited to the SSI Foundation. Further information, including latest annual report, is freely available upon request, without obligation.
Phone 537-2501 (Bob Rush)

150 • MEETINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting. BC Special Olympics. Salt Spring Island. Wednesday, November 22, 2000. 7 pm. Harbour House Hotel. All are welcome.

CRD Environmental Services
Capital Regional District
FERNWOOD WATER LOCAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday
November 29
7:00 pm
at the Fernwood Elementary School
150 Fernwood Road
Salt Spring Island, BC
All members of the Fernwood Water Local Service area are welcome.

SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group
DATE: Saturday, November 18, 2000
LOCATION: Seniors for Seniors
TIME: 1:00 pm
GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. John Kinahan, Urologist (Victoria)
"New Developments" Everyone Welcome

160 • MILESTONES

Birthday?
Send a special birthday greeting in "Barnacle"
Priced as low as **77¢** + GST
and receive a **FREE Bouquet of Balloons**
courtesy of
DOLLAR STORE
P.S. You can even have them **DELIVERED FREE** in the Ganges area.

Anniversary?
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170 • NOTICES - BUSINESS

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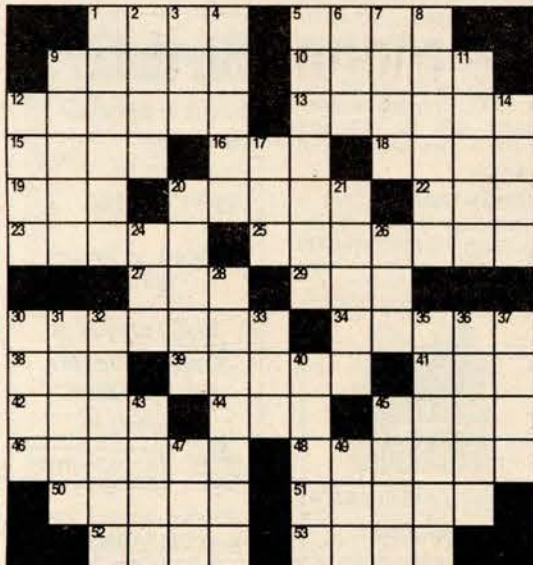
WE GOOFED! Did you receive a bookmark for the SS Singers Faure/Vivaldi concert? This is not a ticket! Get yours before they sell out at ArtSpring Box Office 537-2102.

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Canadiana Crossword

And Now, The Winner!



ACROSS

- 1 Canadian popular music award
- 5 Peak
- 9 One of the Greats?
- 10 Detached
- 12 Canadian television award
- 13 Common fastener
- 15 Italian Island
- 16 Faith
- 18 Transaction
- 19 Metric weight unit
- 20 Regarding
- 22 Facial twitch
- 23 Okras
- 25 Canadian literary award
- 27 Environmental protection org.
- 29 Letters denoting special care
- 30 Canadian innovation award
- 34 Vassal
- 38 Abraham, for short
- 39 Canadian music Award
- 41 Dog's moniker
- 42 Hair pieces
- 44 Sports car designation
- 45 Top notch
- 46 Less fresh
- 48 Dene habitat
- 50 Stone pillar
- 51 Lady's name
- 52 Dutch cheese
- 53 Hamilton newspaper, slangily

DOWN

- 1 Mare's nest
- 2 Murres
- 3 Negative
- 4 soup
- 5 Chest
- 6 Eskimo knife
- 7 Imbibers
- 8 Spud
- 9 Serf
- 11 B vitamin
- 12 Sparklers
- 14 Pet
- 17 Sound unit
- 20 Jelly
- 21 Count
- 24 Cyst
- 26 Roman 201
- 28 Word made from letters of another
- 30 Red Planet
- 31 Borders
- 32 Belie
- 33 Canadian tax, for short
- 35 Titillating
- 36 Canadian filmmaking award
- 37 Big wig
- 40 Joists
- 43 Musher's necessity
- 45 Zenith
- 47 Note in Guido's scale
- 49 Knock

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190 • THANKS

THE SPOOK House Monster Bash was a success due to the heroes who made it happen: Rod Terry, Tom, Lee, Brittany and Billie Woods, Derek Sowden, Jerry Ringrose, Tamsin Gilbert, Richie Bragg, Claudia Brown, Marnee Beauvais, The Schmah Family, Rusty Marshall, Kate Bragg, Jake B-B, Kim May, Michael Cwiklinski, Adam Butler-Cole and family, Amy and Charles Buchwald, Zosia, Eli and Dorian Balc, Mary Conrad, Thomas and Matthew Davies, Lucille Storey, Matt Stefich, Dave Roland, Mike Stefancsik, Adrian du Plessis, Dennis Parker, Roberta, Randolph Parker, John and Cathy Unruh, Jim May, Skye Wolfe, Gord Christmas, Ann and Thomas from the Food Bank, The Barnacle, The Driftwood, The Lion's Club, Russ Crouse, John Steele and Myles Wilson of Royal LePage, Dave's Blasting, JIM Maintenance, Thrifty's Food, GVM, Salt Spring Fire Dept., PARC, CAC, CIBC, SS Garbage, Choices, B.C. Hydro, Illyd Perkins, Simon Henson, Sue Newman, Great Canadian Dollar Store, Pharmasave, West of the Moon, Fables Cottage, Island Star Video, Cinema Central, Radio Shack, Mouat's Trading Co., Windsor Plywood, Reliable Construction, Rental Stop, Patrick Contracting, Stream Line Plumbing, Herb Burnett, Grace Point Square, Besley Rose Construction, Nicholas Langford Construction, Bouzouki Greek Cafe, Acoustic Planet, Langevin Contracting, Gulf Island Aluminum, Salt Spring Interiors, Lancer Contracting, Classic Construction, Tony Meek Contracting, Ken's Contracting, Hans Hazenboom, John Vroom, Larry Bongie, Geoff Gay, Mickey and Keith Gibson, Shaun Adams Construction, Wilco Construction, Strait Construction and all others who helped to make the event a success. Thanks to all who attended and if you'd like to see the pictures go to www.saltspring.com/surfthis. No internet access? Check them out at the Core Internet Cafe or Imagen.

THANK YOU

I, Robert Grossman, with Down To Earth Computer Services wish to thank all of my clients that have helped make my first year a success. I specialize in computer hardware and software installations, training, upgrades, repairs, networking, and Internet problems for either your personal or business computers. If you need help with any computer problems either at home or business contact me at 537-7798 or 538-0252 or email rgrossman@saltspring.com to set up an appointment.

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PERSONALS
200-299

220 • LOST & FOUND

THE SPCA has found the following cats: a friendly female tortoiseshell near Garner Rd; a light orange long haired cat near Quebec Lane; and a Siamese male, not neutered, in the Byron Rd/Sunaeagle area. Call 537-2123. 4600

Classifieds

220 • LOST & FOUND

MISSING SINCE Nov. 1st from Vesuvius area. Four year old male short haired neutered cat named Winter. All black with yellow eyes. No collar. Missing left eye tooth. Please call 537-1213. 4700

JACK RUSSELL went missing on Tues. Nov. 7th. Answers to "Rogue". Greatly missed. Reward offered. 716-0683.4600

260 • TRAVEL

CHRISTMAS
in November

Includes: bright sights, Christmas lights, craft fair.

- Overnight Sylvia Hotel
- Stanley Theatre musical "She Loves Me"
- 2 dinners, 1 breakfast
- Ferry fares: Long Harbour 8:30am Sunday
- Charter bus transportation in Vancouver
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M-F 9-4:30; SAT 9-2

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REASONABLY PRICED used washer, dryer, stove, fridge and dishwasher. All clean and in good working condition. 537-1905. 4600

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320 • COMPUTERS

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325 • CRAFTS

FLOOR LOOM, LeClerc, 36", bench, warping board, bobbin-winder, bobbins, shuttles, skein-winder, wool, cotton, many weaving books. \$700. 537-1262. Total worth over \$2,000. Great chance for a rewarding hobby. 4800

It's like money in the bank

Need extra cash? Clean your attic, basement, closets, or garage and sell items you no longer use, in the Barnacle classifieds. Our inexpensive line rates & large readership make it affordable and profitable.

Barnacle
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email: barnacle@saltspring.com

350 • FREE/RECYCLABLES

BIKE PARTS ad was a mistake! Please call 537-9669. Desperately want returned: Hand grips, fenders, seats, wheels, 2 tall bikes, one with yellow handle bars. Also please return heavy duty extension cord and palm plant. 1060 Walkers Hook Road. 4600

350 • FREE/RECYCLABLES

FREE OLDER large tweed couch. Jacuzzi sand filter for large swimming pool. 537-2540. 4600

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A LIONS PROJECT

RECYCLE YOUR OLD GLASSES

Your old prescription lenses can be a gift of sight. Boxes are located at:

- ✓ Pharmasave
- ✓ Bank of Montreal
- ✓ Bank of Commerce
- ✓ Island Savings Credit Union
- ✓ Gulf Islands Optical

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355 • FURNITURE

DOUBLE BED, 6 drawer chest and mirror, 9 drawer chest and mirror, 2 night tables. Good prices, moving off Island. Phone 537-4994. 4600

MOVING SALE: Chesterfield/love seat (grey blue), coffee table, end tables, wall units, 7 pc. bedroom suite, casio keyboard, shopvac and more. Call 537-1479. 4800

370 • MISCELLANEOUS

VIOLA, KEYBOARD, oak fire-place fender, electric piano, motorcycle bags, oak chairs, "brass" headboard, rattan/wicker bureau, queen size bed frame. 537-9514. 4600

YAKIMA SKI snowboard rack for car or vans. Locking, and can be added onto for other items. Like new \$195. 537-2329. 4600

PIANO: SCHUBERT apartment sized, full keyboard, cherrywood \$1300. Queen sized waterbed with liner and heater \$35. 537-5964. 4700

BLOND SOLID oak L-shaped nook. Custom made \$3700. Asking \$650. 653-9920. 4600

HYDRAULIC WHEELCHAIR lift off of CRD vehicle. \$500. 537-9124. 4800

WHITFIELD PELLET stove \$750. Pioneer trunks, large humpbacked canvas over wood, two trays, wonderful, \$125. Flat army trunk \$25. obo 537-5482. 4600

DSS SATELLITE card programming. "Our cards are running, is yours?" 653-9876.

COPIES MADE from large originals of house plans, surveys, posters, family trees, etc. up to 24" x 48". 537-4290.tfn

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

370 • MISCELLANEOUS

QUALITY PINE Furniture. Vancouver Island's largest selection of bedrooms, dining rooms, TV centres, bookcases, bunk beds, futons, computer desks, and much more. The Pine Factory, 5201 Trans Canada Highway, Duncan. 1-888-301-0051. tfn

CHAIN SAW chain sale, 20% off. Free installation. Ross the Boss Marine and Equipment. 537-9908. tfn

1 LARGE SOFA, 3 seater, free. Hide-a-bed/loveseat. Best offer. Lighting fixtures. Large fan. 653-9967. 4600

OSBOURNE FIREPLACE Inset. Good condition. \$50. 653-0072. 4600

FOR SALE: Grape plants. Several vinifera varieties, \$4 per plant, 10 for \$25. Phone 653-9755. 4800

SEAN KILPATRICK. Call Stream Line Plumbing at 653-2026 or 653-2374. Ask for Sam. 4800

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SECOND HAND
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375 • MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

PIANO FOR sale. "Cable" upright with bench. Dark mahogany, medium size. Good condition, sounds great. \$1200. 653-4365. 4600

LASALLE PIANO. Very good condition - \$1900. (250) 537-5737. 4700

380 • PETS/LIVESTOCK

PET PICTURES with Santa at Bow Wow & Co. Saturday, December 2nd. Call 537-4676. tfn

INTRODUCING EARTH-BATH™ at Bow Wow & Co. Totally natural shampoos and deodorizing spritz, naturally the best. Call 537-4676. 4600

BARK AVE. Grooming. Dog grooming with a flair. Certified professional and friendly. Call Jane at 538-1819. Tuesday - Saturday. tfn

390 • WANTED

WANTED: LARGE scale for 200 kg/500 lbs or more. Any used grain handling equipment, silos, augers, conveyors, etc. G.I. Brewing 653-2383.

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360 • GARAGE SALE DIRECTORY

Address	Date	Time
MID-ISLAND 103 Bonnet Avenue	Every Fri. & Sat.	10am-12noon
SOUTH ISLAND 1121 Beaver Point Road	Sat., Nov. 18	9am
NORTH ISLAND 269 Byron Road	Sat., Nov. 18	9am-1pm

LIONS GARAGE Sale, 103 Bonnet Avenue. Every Friday, and Saturday only, 10 am to 12 noon. Come and browse, we just may have it. New merchandise arriving daily. Good, clean merchandise wanted. Call 537-2000 for pick-up or info.

1/4 CENTURY garage and barn sale - the first layer. The Yardley's at Southdown Farm, 1121 Beaver Point Road 9 am onwards on Saturday November 18th. Many bargains! Useful "bits" which were never useful but will become vital the day after you take them to your place and then we can come to your garage sale. Garden stuff, farm stuff, horsey stuff, widgets and gadgets.

LOTS OF baby clothes and accessories, kitchen stuff, odds and sods. Too much to list. Saturday November 18th, 9 - 1 pm. 269 Byron Road.

Advertise your garage sale in the Barnacle classifieds and reach over 4,650 Salt Spring residences & businesses.

PLUS: Receive a FREE Garage Sale Kit.

Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT 400-499

420 • WORK WANTED

FULLY EXPERIENCED painter, wood finisher available for work on Salt Spring. Richard 537-8526. 4700

TWO HARDWORKING responsible brothers looking for farm and yard work. \$10 per hour each. Call Oban or Sascha 537-9616. 4600

WORLD FAMOUS on Salt Spring for excellent renovations. Call now for estimates on your fall projects. Peter Blackmore 537-4382, 537-8085. 4700

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NEW BABY? Will do cooking, laundry, light cleaning, help with older siblings. Certified Breastfeeding Counsellor. Reasonable rates. Call Tashia 653-4072. 4700

EXPERIENCED THOROUGH house cleaner has space available. Please call Isabelle 537-9813. 4600

440 • HELP WANTED

SSI Employment Services

Are you unemployed and need help with your job search? Are you thinking about retraining?

If you are receiving Employment Insurance Benefits (or have received these benefits within the last 3 years) we have a variety of programs to assist you.

Counsellor comes to SSI once a week and services are free.

Please call Marta at 1-888-993-2299

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BUSINESS SERVICES 500-599

525 • CLEANING SERVICES

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CARPET & UPHOLSTERY
CLEANING
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537-8168 pager

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Complete Janitor Service
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540 • EDUCATION

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555 • GARDENING/LANDSCAPING

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578 • MUSIC

REGISTERED TEACHER, Piano & Theory. All Levels. Specializing in beginning & returning adults. Private/group lessons, your home or my studio. Ann Schau, 250-544-4894, aschau@home.com 4900

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. 4700

595 • SEWING

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REAL ESTATE 600-699

640 • HOUSES FOR SALE

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WALKER HOOK area. Small cottage. Nice lot, terrible house. \$92,500 possible seller financing. Call after 6 pm. 537-7108. 4900

MOBILE HOME double wide 1350 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new carpet, new toilets, new dishwasher, new cork kitchen floor. Gas furnace, hot water tank and roof recently replaced. Included full length cedar deck. \$35,000. 537-4072. 4800

RENTALS 700-799

700 • APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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1 BEDROOM OCEAN side suite available Dec. 1. Utilities included. \$595. 537-2249. 4600

710 • COMMERCIAL RENTALS

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• 2 pce. washroom
• Chairlift
• Lots of parking
For more information or to view, please call 537-9220

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changes and the greatest truth is that there are many truths. Be a verb and

up call is for others consider that your reality reflects your own needs.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Though you have been behind the scenes and beneath the waters lately you know that there is storm raging outside on the surface. Zeus, Poseidon, Chronos, Ouranos and Hades are stirring the waters of the collective mind. The quickening has begun and every body is being shaken awake. So, you have slept in a little. You have probably accessed more in your dream lab that you might have from the tube. Take some time to fully wake-up then please share your insights.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Your mind is open, your intent is bold and your purpose is to take a new lead. Yet, you cannot achieve all of your goals alone. It is time to exercise some delegation skills. However, before you go commanding everyone around you, make efforts to understand their needs and desires too. True leadership is anchored in service and true power is demonstrated by the ability to empower rather than the need to control. You do have it in you; all you have to do is decide.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You are beginning to access a whole level of power. Yet, to do so you must get your feet back on firm ground. Not that there is any great urgency though. As long as you start to make plans over the next several months to act purposefully and with a long-term vision, you will be on track. Reaction is an indication of immaturity and weakness while visionary response is an indication of maturity and strength. Allow what has heart and meaning to guide you and aim for positive culture.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

As you release crusty old perceptions and attitudes you begin to soar like an eagle. When you are aloof and conservative you are really sending out subconscious messages that you are stiff and afraid. What others think is their business and what you do is yours. It takes strength to be honest. You are destined to have power at this time in history. You can awaken others to higher truths as long as you are awake your self. That ring in your ears is the alarm clock!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

The process of getting in touch with your authentic emotions continues. To this end you are challenged to let go of control. New attitudes and ways of doing things are required. You are in an inquiring mood and may be content to keep much of your insights to yourself for now. Yet, you are eager to negotiate some new deals and the pressure will grow all week. Your willingness to see things from a higher plane is ideal otherwise you may attempt to control situations. Timing is key!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

Some rather intense and transformational interchanges continue. You are challenged to re-evaluate your position and let go of some habitual beliefs and patterns. The goal is to see things more clearly. Self-honesty and empathy for all involved is the goal. The tendency to compare is a Taurean weakness. Through the process you are learning to get real with what you feel rather than learning how you think you should feel. Affirm: every experience happens 'for' us rather than 'to' us.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

Gemini tends to be a very impressionable sign. This is especially true when young. Children must learn right from wrong but sometimes what is considered right or wrong is actually a cultural prejudice. A key component of your destiny is to learn to break free of the limiting beliefs that trance the mind. It is said that we do not live in the world nearly so much as we live in our own mind. The facts are relative. Pure objectivity is an illusion in a universe that is ultimately subjective. Ask for guidance to see more clearly.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

A deep and passionate mood continues to shake your world. Old subconscious beliefs are dissolving steadily. A part of you wants to hold on to the patterns - the lower part. The apparent security of the familiar and the fear of the unknown are the trap of the lower mind. The higher mind is ever willing to let go of old baggage and beliefs. The greatest fact is that everything

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

Scorpio is a transformational sign and with the Sun in Scorpio everyone is going through it. You feel assertive almost aggressive as you wrestle to break free. Consider that you are bound-up by the ropes of your own mind. Blame and reaction are no more than a frustrating waste of energy. It is time for us all to release some of the old tools and methods. Habits tend to die-hard yet we can assist the process by simply choosing to see them. Be your own witness.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Exploring some of your habitual self-concepts and perceptions will guide you to new truths. As you explore uncharted regions of your mind you will come to recognize that self-honesty is challenging yet liberating. Your ambitions are running high now and you are eager to invest. Spend some of your precious time and energy liberating yourself from values you once blindly adopted and which have now become stagnant. In the end, strength of character is the only thing you can take with you.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

With the help of intuitive guidance you are steadily plowing and tilling the ground of your mind. Whether you are conscious of it or not you are preparing to plant the seeds of a broader vision. The planting will begin by next weekend. The extremes of black and white thinking that operates on good and bad, right and wrong, weak and strong etc. will assume a whole new shade with this crop. Expect to see a lot more grey, the shade of the dynamic movement between back and white.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

A bold and assertive drive continues. Everyone around you can feel the waves. The question is are you swimming confidently or being swamped yourself. When you stir, others do too and the whole effect is greater than the sum of the parts. With Saturn now retrograde in your relationship house you do well to re-evaluate your beliefs, values and your whole approach. While you might think that the wake-

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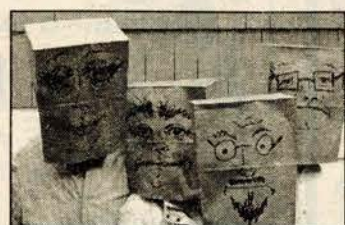
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Waterbait

Dear Waterbait,

We'll bite. There are several listings in our excellent Lions Club Directory under "Water Testing" that will help you out. One of the sources we checked said that the cost is \$36.00 plus a courier fee of \$10.00 to have your water sample sent off-island for testing. If you haven't had your

well water quality tested recently, it would probably be a good idea for your own piece of mind and peace of gut.

Dear Advice Committee,

I just moved here and I nearly fell over when I found out how much it costs to get rid of garbage. Why is this?

a New York Transplant

Dear N.Y.T.,

We nearly fell over thinking we might be addressing an American Hairpiece with attitude here; so, re: garbage, you probably were expecting a big barge that took garbage "au gratis" and then drifted around the Pacific for a while before doing a trade with China for some permanent visitors to populate the far side of the mountains...?

In reality, \$2.00 for a small bag is not bad when you take the following into consideration. As we have no 'dump' on Island, everything must be trucked off. This will teach you very quickly about recycling (which you should be doing anyway). You can compost and use the Refund Centre and the Recycling Depot. You will actually have very little left! Try it, you'll like it. (Look in the trusty Lions Phone Directory under Refund Centre and Recycling Depot for an explanation of what they take—it's amazing!)

Dear S.S.L.A.C.,

I'm fed up with all of them! I don't trust any of them!

They all make promises they don't keep—so why should I vote?

Fed-up

Dear Fed-up,

Does Fed stand for the Federals?

So why not vote? It takes you a nano second, and if you don't vote you can't complain.

And yes, politicians don't always tell the truth or follow through on promises (neither do we). If you don't like it—maybe you should get involved.

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The St. Mark's congregation gathers on the newly built side porch of their beloved church.

Scouts seek Ventures leader

by Judy Harper

About 50 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their leaders and families gathered at the Farmers Institute on Monday, November 6 to participate in a Scout Investiture. Scouter-in-Charge Brenda Anderson presided as 16 Beavers became Cubs, and 26 Cubs became new Scout members.

Cub leader Marcus Tessman sat on a Bengal tiger skin and told the story about how the tiger had been a man-eater, hunted and shot by his grandfather Col. Helmut Tessman. Representing the Scouting organization's Royal Canadian Legion sponsor was past president Kerry Butler. Sgt. Paul Darbyshire represented the

RCMP and held the flag while the young people took the Scouting oath of duty to God and the Queen. He was then initiated as a new Scout leader along with four other adults.

The local troupe, 1st Ganges Scouting, has suffered a blow recently with the loss of two Venture leaders (which is the age group following Scouts) and are hoping to soon fill these positions; there are currently about five leaderless Ventures. This group is presently inactive on Salt Spring until volunteers are found for the position. Beavers begin at five years of age, usually become Cubs at seven, and Scouts at twelve.

The resurrection of St. Mark's

Renovations completed in time for fifth-generation Islander's baptism

by Michelle Grant

For the people of St. Mark's, the long exodus is over. As of Thursday, November 2, they're back in their own house, thanks to the efforts and financial support of the Anglican parish and the greater Island community.

The hiatus began last fall when safety concerns over a sloping floor and deteriorating underpinnings temporarily shut down the 108-year-old church. The closure prompted debate around whether the church should be restored, moved to another location or dismantled and a chapel built at All Saints'. In April, the parish voted overwhelmingly to restore St. Mark's.

"It has been a work of grace," said Reverend Canon Dr. Kim Murray. "So

many people gave of their time, finances and/or donated services to make the restoration affordable."

One such individual was semi-retired contractor Eddy Jang who volunteered to supervise the contracting. "A heck of a lot of time and love went into building that church. 100 years may not be old in other countries, but it is in Canada," said Jang.

Murray and Bill Wakefield, Chairperson of the Restoration Committee, can't say enough good things about Eddy. "He was fantastic, he gave all of his time and expertise, and kept everything going," said Wakefield.

Phase one of the project included installing a perimeter foundation and replacing all of the deteriorating column supports.

Other work involved replacing damaged siding and skirting, levelling the back entrance (the church is now wheelchair accessible) and replacing the oil furnace with electric. The second phase will include a new roof, insulating the basement and roof, repairing the bell tower, painting the exterior and improving the driveway access.

To date, approximately \$25,000 of the \$40,000 raised has been spent. Work on the roof is expected to start shortly.

On Sunday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m., a special thanksgiving service in the

form of an Anglo-Catholic High Mass will be held to celebrate the reopening of St. Mark's. Cantus, a Salt Spring *cappella* group, will be singing parts of the liturgy, including a selection of masses from William Byrd, Palestrina and John Taverner. The service will also include the baptism of month-and-a-half-old Austin Philippe Thomas LeBlanc who traces his lineage back five generations to former St. Mark's member Mr. P. T. James. James was a church warden from 1921 to 1922. LeBlanc is the great grandson of Val and Don Watt.

Gathering features speakers

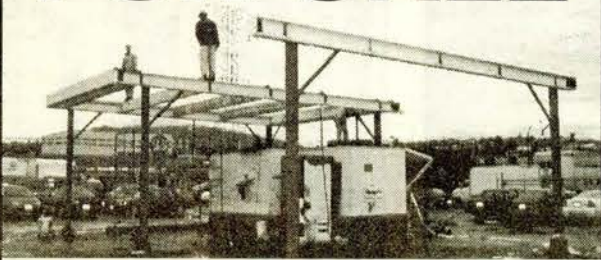
Story telling will be the theme of a celebratory evening at the United Church Thursday, November 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event is part of a series of Community Gatherings and is planned to highlight themes from last May's Community Wisdom Gathering. Individuals from the community will share stories of wisdom, the unofficial mayor of Salt Spring—Shilo Zylbergold—will be in attendance, and Mahaka and Ahava Shira will perform poetry and music.

Some of the key speakers

included are Maggie Schubart, Ron Hawkins, Tanya Lester, Lynda Monk and Adina Hildebrandt. An auction of two Native art prints will also take place. People are invited to wear their Hawaiian t-shirts in support of the upcoming World Wisdom Conference taking place there in January.

The evening is an effort to help defer the costs of Salt Spring Wisdom Gathering Representatives—Mahaka and Ahava Shira—attending the World Wisdom Conference. Entrance to the no alcohol event is \$5.

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Leah Hansel, left, and Amanda Spottiswoode each perform a variety of roles in *Random Acts 2*.

Graffiti Theatre

Random acts committed

by Joanne O'Connor

Graffiti Theatre's newest undertaking, *Random Acts 2*, promises audiences a rare blend of comedy and poignancy. Described as a "comedic compilation," *Random Acts 2* will also tug at your heartstrings.

The unique nature of the production has proved a challenging experience for the cast and crew. The play, a series of acts culled from numerous and unrelated theatrical pieces, is an exercise in movement, continuity and design.

Only five actors share the task of embodying 30 roles. To enhance the abilities of cast and crew, a workshop was held with mask maker Melody Anderson and movement expert Peter Anderson. Both facilitators helped to educate and inspire the company.

Since a small cast plays many roles, movement becomes essential in maintaining a distinction between characters. Equally important is the set design, where the transitions of setting should be sensed rather than enforced.

Set designer Brandi

Clovka revealed that she focused on continuity rather than realism when designing for *Random Acts 2*. Clovka, a graduate of Humber College's Technical Theatre Program, also created the set for Graffiti Theatre's highly acclaimed *Guide To Mourning*.

Clovka indicated that there are no elaborate set changes, since she wanted to establish a flow. Many levels will contribute to the multi-purpose design of the set and ease the transition in settings. Basic cubes and rectangles are utilized, and drapery will help convey a suggestion of ambiguity on the props.

Patsy Siemens, Marketing and Promotions Director, explained that Graffiti Theatre is a very professionally-oriented company. They quite often stage workshops and bring in specialists to augment their knowledge of a particular concept or method. Siemens, a veteran stage manager, praised the talents of cast and crew alike and called *Random Acts 2* director Yvonne Adalian "a brilliant director and actress."

Over 10 acts comprise *Random Acts 2*, and they range in scope from "snake charming to bingo playing," says Siemens. The cast is a sampling of local talent, featuring Patrick Cassidy, Amanda Spottiswoode, Vaughn Fulford, Leah Hansel and Tangle Caron.

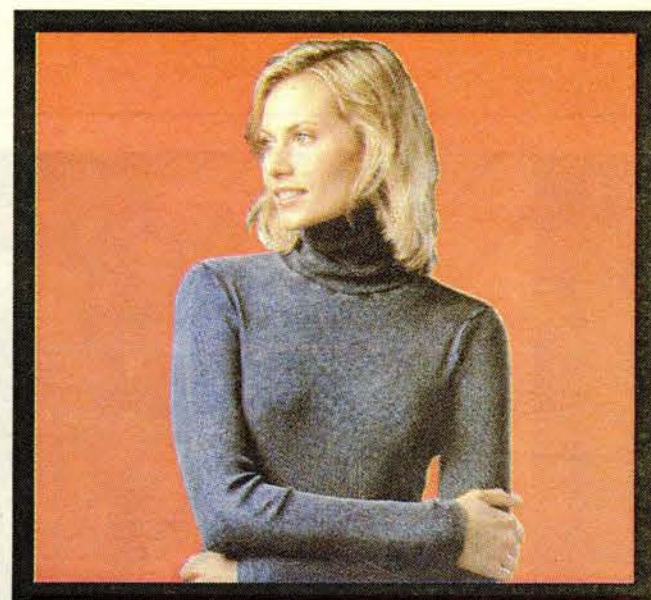
Random Acts 2 opens at ArtSpring on November 17, and has performances on the 18th, 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Arts council weathers changes

The Gulf Island Community Arts Council (GICAC) has recently undergone two more changes. During a November 1 special meeting of the board Judy Mitchell, Arcraft manager, tendered her resignation effective following the completion of the Guilds of Christmas show. During the same meeting, board members were surprised when Judy Weeden, chair of the Arcraft committee, also tendered her resignation effective after the Guilds show.

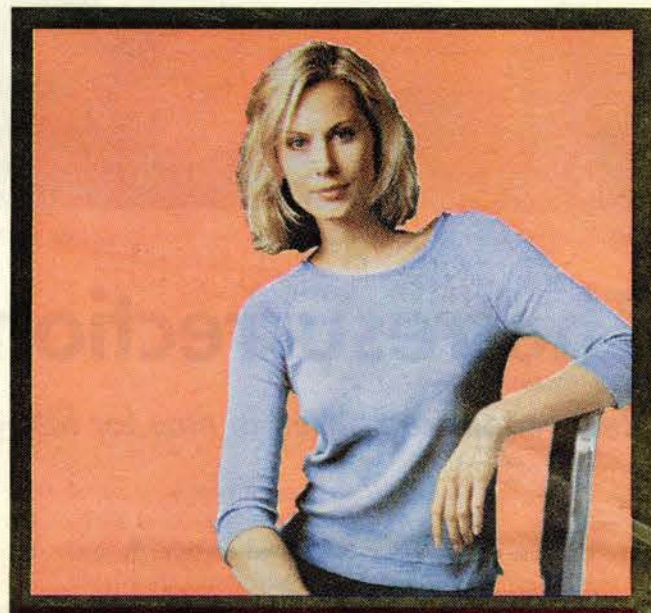
During the meeting the Arcraft committee presented its report which included some grievances along with aspects of running the summer-long retail operation held in Mahon Hall. The board was reportedly pleased with the level of communication and was optimistic that issues could be resolved.

Earlier this year the GICAC underwent some radical changes that ended with the organization splitting into two independent arts associations—the GICAC and the Trincomali Community Arts Council (TCAC).



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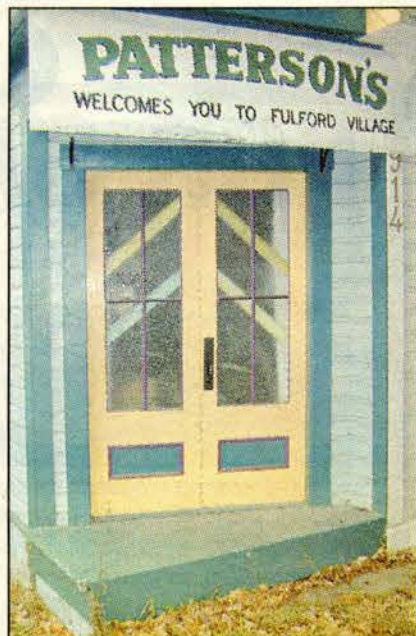
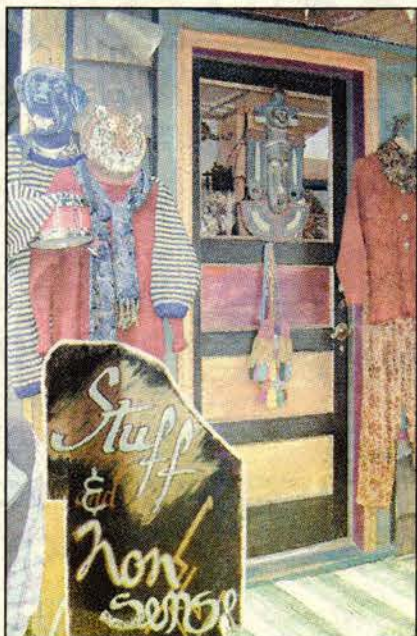
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