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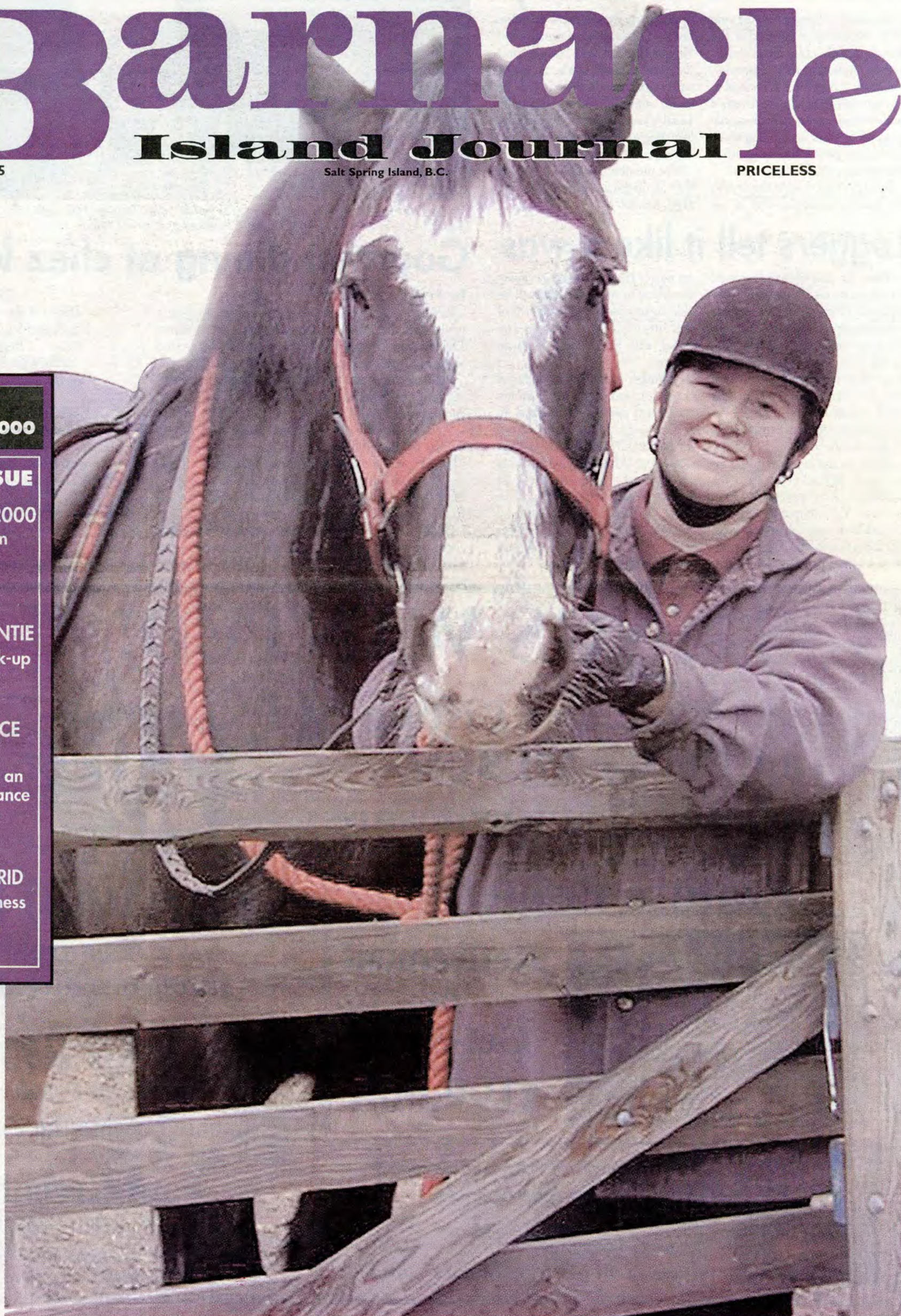


GET OFF THE GRID

New Island business
offers energy
alternatives

*Jazzi Tinsley and
Dan enjoy a mild
and sunny winter
day together.*

Jeff Outerbridge photo





Ganges meeting to hear from Land Conservancy

Community forestry is just one of the topics to be covered at the Texada Lands community information meeting this Thursday, February 3. A group has formed to explore options to acquire forested lands to manage on an ecologically sustainable basis for the benefit of the community. A similar group is looking into organic farm trusts.

Thursday's meeting is the first to be held in Ganges and is an

opportunity for everyone to come out and hear about the many initiatives that are underway to protect the Texada lands. A major campaign announcement will be made, and Bill Turner from the Land Conservancy of BC will be available to explain covenants and other protection mechanisms.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room at the High School.

Loggers tell it like it was

When the Salt Spring Historical Society meets on Tuesday, February 8 (2 p.m., Central Hall), the subject will be logging, with a panel of old-timers on hand to tell it like it was.

How did people get into logging? Was it profitable? Where was the wood sold? Was logging good or bad for the island? Was any thought given to sustainable forestry in the past?

These are the kinds of questions the panel will address. Together, panelists Bob Akerman, John Bennett, Vic Sampson, and Ray Simard have more than 150 years of experience in the logging business. Another panelist, retired for-

est ranger Hank Doerksen, came to the island in the 1950s and will be able to provide the perspective of the provincial government. The panel will be chaired by Ivan Mouat.

Although logging has changed over the years and has become more and more controversial in recent years, it has always been an important part of our Island's economy. While logging today is often big business, in the past mainly small operators logged on Salt Spring. The Historical Society discussion will concentrate on the story of people and events in the Island's past.



The Full Mountie dinner gives new meaning to "serve" when Sergeant Paul Darbyshire and Constable Jamie Tretiak present a gourmet meal to Erin Butler, Jenny Bradford and Jeremy Milsom.

Gourmet dining at chez lock-up

by Peggy Abrahams

Picture the scene: a private room, soft candlelight, a white cloth draped over a table elegantly set for three, Ella Fitzgerald's melodious voice in the background and a gourmet meal served by two attendants in red.

But look closer, and you'll notice the candles are floating in a nearby latrine. It must be the second annual chef-catered Full Mountie night in the RCMP jail cell.

This year, the RCMP sold about 900 tickets, raising \$1,800 in the Full Mountie fundraiser. On January 24, lucky winner Jeremy Milsom dined with his two guests, Jenny Bradford and Erin Butler. Sergeant Paul Darbyshire and Constable Jamie Tretiak, in full RCMP regalia, were attentive servers.

Chefs Steven Lynch and Katherine Ackerman concocted a five-course feast with groceries courtesy of Ganges Village Market.

The Menu

Puree of Banana Squash Indienne
Pan Seared Scallops in a Lemon Pepper
Beggars Purse
with White Wine Cream Sauce
Organic Greens with Salt Spring Island
Goat Cheese
Hazelnut Raspberry Vinaigrette
Filet of Alberta Beef Béarnaise Garnish
a la Bouquetiere
Rustic Pear Tarte with Hand Crafted
Ginger Ice Cream

Melanie Iwanow coordinated the dinner and Kristi Spencer graciously handled dishwashing detail.

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BACON IN THE SUN—Henrietta and Daisy are admittedly not Ground Hogs. (Unlike some uncivilized parts of North America, we on Salt Spring don't grind up Hogs just to see if we can cancel our snowmobile insurance.) However, these two fully intact 'Sow' Westers in this pork-like setting at Mike and Noella Fraser's place cast a mighty big shadow with the help of a powerful flashlight...The trick is getting them to look at it.

Logging update

Company prepares land for real estate development

by Peggy Abrahams

In the last week, the Texada Land Corporation has been clearing trees in the Burgoyne Bay area, including the CRD septic tank site and the former site of Camp Narnia. The area is being logged in preparation for resale.

Regan Trethewey, who is in charge of the company's logging operation, says this area involves about 150 acres, which is zoned for residential development. He estimated that 60 percent of the flats of Burgoyne Bay will be logged. "It won't be clear-cut. The logging is being done from the point of view of resale. We're evaluating the home sites

from the point of view of what we want to leave."

The area, currently 50-acre titles, may be sold as 100-acre titles, Trethewey said. "We're trying to identify what would be the highest acre home site," he said.

According to Trethewey, the Camp Narnia site was mostly open ground with few trees standing. "They overgrazed it. The timber areas around there are being harvested," he added.

He said that logging in the Burgoyne Bay area should be completed by today (Tuesday) and they will proceed next to Lees Hill. Texada originally began logging on the Lees Hills site after

the land purchase last November, but moved to Mt. Tuam after the community protested clear-cutting in the Fulford Valley.

Local forestry consultant Sally John explained that logging is not possible in the higher elevations now because of the snow. But, she commented, "It was unexpected that they'd go to the Burgoyne Bay."

In the Spring they will be going back to the Burgoyne Bay to remove stumps and seed the area, Trethewey said. "The great thing about Salt Spring is the land has so much value. There's a lot of interest in that land. We have no problems with what we're up to."

Eleventh hour departure of Skeena

As per schedule, the Skeena Queen has been removed from service Sunday pending repairs to its engines...and none too soon.

Although originally slated to continue service until 2 p.m., the vessel began its trip to Deas Dock earlier because of tides. (Entering Deas Slough requires riding certain tides.)

On route to Deas, however, the vessel encountered what

Superintendent of Engineering Wayne Ralph described as "major problems." At 12:30 alarms sounded when the coolant tank around main engine #4 drained, indicating a crack in the engine block. The engine was immediately shut down and the vessel continued—albeit slowly—on its way. At about 6 p.m. alarms again sounded and the same problem was discovered with main engine #3. That engine

was also shut down and sometime later that evening the Skeena Queen limped into Deas on one engine.

"We caught it just in time," said Ralph. "This problem began about a year ago and a team has been working on a solution. They're close to solving the problem, but now we have to do something about it."

Until then, the Bowen Queen will service the Fulford/Swartz route.

CRD approves \$10 levy for parks

Last Wednesday, the CRD passed a \$10 levy, which over a 10-year period could amount to a fund of \$15 million, available to acquire parkland in the Capital Regional District. According to Kellie Booth, CRD director for Salt Spring, this is a positive first step, but does not

guarantee CRD funding to acquire parkland on the island.

"The money will go into an acquisition fund. There will have to be diligence with regard to identifying properties that meet (specified) criteria and not exaggerating land values," said Booth.

She remarked that it was sig-

nificant that the board was not split on approving the levy. "Approval was given to continue with the development of a provisional budget at the \$10 level. There still has to be final approval given on the budget," said Booth.

The budget is to be formally approved by the end of February.

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VESSEL & SCHEDULE CHANGE

FULFORD HARBOUR-SWARTZ BAY

Effective **January 31, 2000**, the *Skeena Queen* will be removed from service so that engine and hull repairs can be carried out. It is expected to be back within about four months.

In the interim, the *Bowen Queen* will provide service on the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route. Because this is a smaller vessel than the *Skeena Queen*, customers may experience some overloads at peak traffic periods.

Also note that, with this vessel change, **the final sailing of the day from Salt Spring Island on Wednesdays only will leave Fulford Harbour at 7:15 p.m.** The rest of the schedule, including eight round trips a day Monday through Saturday (seven on Sundays) is unchanged.

During the period of reduced capacity, lower parking rates will be available at Swartz Bay for customers wishing to board as foot passengers.

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Normal. What's that?



In the catbird seat ...
with Shelagh Plunkett

Readers will have noticed a lively dialogue being conducted in the letters pages of *the Barnacle* sparked by the views of a man publishing a yoga newsletter. This week the heated debate continues with writers supporting both sides. And here am I joining the fray.

The controversy began when one of *the Barnacle* writers interviewed Paul Beckman (a.k.a. Palu Rainbow Song) about a newsletter he was launching. Beckman said he would include in his publication a personals classified section open only to heterosexual seekers. The writer was asked to double check this little bit and it was confirmed that, indeed, that was what Beckman intended.

Why was the writer asked to double check? Because such an exclusionary column contravenes B.C. Human Rights legislation and I wanted to be sure that Beckman really was proceeding in that direction.

Well, as readers will have noticed in last week's letters section, a member of GLOSSI (Gays and Lesbians of Salt Spring Island) was aware of the law too. What Alywn (the letter writer) didn't understand is that *the Barnacle* was not also contravening that law in reporting Beckman's bias nor did the item "slip by the editor's pen" as stated in her letter.

Beckman, signing as Palu Rainbow Song, then responded to the effect that he was now aware that perhaps he was wrong to assume that his views were held universally and so he'd change the name of his newsletter. He said nothing about changing the criteria for listing in his personals classifieds. Apparently he missed the essence of Alywn's letter. He peppered his response with disclaimers about his bias—he was not, he stated, homophobic.

This week another writer supporting Palu has written at great length on the "absolute laws of nature." Angelica Havens has taken the biological empiricist's route (predicated on a false assumption) as an argument supporting her bias.

Well, the plain truth is that both Angelica Havens and Palu Rainbow Song are homophobic whether or not they are just "grossed out and repelled" as Palu put it or blind to the realities of scientific evidence as is Havens.

Opinions are just that. Diversity of opinion is what makes things lively and interesting and, I believe, on that basis (and for a few other spin-offs) the freedom to differ should be encouraged.

However, opinion is not fact and shouldn't be touted as such. When it is and when it is rigidly and blindly argued as fact we all start swimming in hot water. Such rigidity taken to an extreme has resulted, for example, in racism and the long held "belief" that people of African descent were incapable of intelligent thought. This supported the argument that they were on a par developmentally with animals and in turn justified (and, sadly, justifies) the horrors of slavery, lynchings, segregation. Well, despite continued racism, that "law of nature" (the one that outlined the inferiority of non-whites) has repeatedly been broken.

Unfortunately there are many other examples of biased opinion taken to an extreme and supported in law—the Holocaust, violence against women, present day "racial cleansings" to mention a few. And, among them, homophobia.

Palu's opinion that same sex relationships are gross does not take precedence over the law. He can maintain his opinion but he cannot legally exclude gays and lesbians from his personals classifieds. Havens' assertion that all life forms adhere to either and only an XX or XY chromosomal make-up is incorrect. Not only are there many of us born with XXY or XYY combinations (and more variations) but there are numerous life forms in nature that actually alter their sex as needed.

Ain't nature grand? Fascinating, diverse, highly complex...and far from black and white. Opinion can be based on just one end of the spectrum but law should not. Thankfully in this part of the world we are beginning to understand that.



Natural vs. Unnatural

In response to Palu Rainbow Song (*the Barnacle*, January 25):

"A world in black and white hath no colour"

I believe "yoga" is a word that means union, not division. The rainbow is a bridge between heaven and earth reflecting all the colours of the visible light spectrum. And we are all reflections of the various Light vibrations in the spectrum of Life. To assume that sexual energy is only sacred between a man and woman perpetuates the myth that same-sex couples only unite on a sexual level.

Although sex and love are unique in their nature, once combined they create a formula of physical, emotional and spiritual bliss.

Love can be shared between people on many levels encompassed by body, mind and spirit. Therefore, all acts of love and affection, whether between opposite sexes or same sexes can be honoured and embraced by that Light.

It is our individuality that is our similarity—when we dispel the darkness of our fears with Light, we may discover that we are all soul mates.

RICHARD BARRETT

One really wonders...

Well, Well! So Paul Rainbow Song, a.k.a. Paul Beckman is once again breaking into print. Perhaps one more letter from him will convince those who do not already know that he is not just a harmless colourful Island eccentric but a seriously unbalanced individual who holds bigoted and ignorant views. It's about three years ago that I urged

him to seek some professional help. I should know; he was my difficult and irresponsible tenant then.

His views on homosexuality seem to mirror those of the religious right in his homeland. He told me that he had no intention of ever applying to become a Canadian. Now I understand. Canada (Surrey and the Reform party excepted) is not just a more tolerant society but especially on Salt Spring Island goes beyond tolerance to understanding and acceptance. One really wonders why he stays here.

Regrettably I had to have Flo the bailiff serve him with an eviction notice for repeated infractions of fire regulations and damage to property. Flo told me that she had to do the same earlier at the Y property where the landlady had been driven close to a nervous breakdown.

So Paul abhors same sex relations. I think I can assure him that it is not because of his bigoted views that he is almost certain never to be faced with a request for such himself. I wonder whether his malnourished cat which I reported to the S.P.C.A. is still alive and being fed "only refried beans!"

JACK C. HALLAM

Sickened by the thought

It has come to my attention that there is a group of reprehensible individuals, some of whom probably live right on this island, who are abusing correct dietary philosophy: liver and onion eaters.

Please don't misunderstand me! Though I am repulsed and sickened by the thought of people eating liver and onions, I am not prejudiced

against them in any way. Thankfully, most of them have been chased out of the public eye, with a few horribly disgusting exceptions.

I suppose that what people eat in their homes is up to them, however twisted and deviant my body and spirit tell me it is. It's not my fault that they are going to Die and Burn in hell forever!!! I suppose that's just their choice, which (for now) even they are allowed to have. Just make sure you're not left alone with one.

Not that I think about it much, of course.

ERIN BUTLER

a.k.a. Ernie Thursday Grapefruit

"Laws of Nature" are brutally simple

To begin with, the absolute Laws of Nature including the human species are created in only two biological genders, male or female, as in, XY is male and XX is female. There are no other human genders in Natural Law. We are all born either male or female and the Natural Law equation for procreation is XY plus XX = XY or XX, which makes for 'Natural Law' families. This Natural Law equation is a universal fact of life that applies to everyone, everywhere and reigns supreme in all life forms.

So, make no mistake, boys are born to be men, they don't metamorphize into women, their penises don't drop off, and they can't grow a womb. Girls are born to be women, they don't morph into men, their breasts don't fall off and they can't grow a penis.

Boys are born male, only males have penises and carry the sacred

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seeds of human life. Girls are born female and only females have wombs and breasts, bleed monthly and make babies. Men and women can't procreate without each other, naturally or artificially, and that's just simply a fact of life in Natural Law. The Laws of Nature are not invented by humans, they are God created and are the absolute facts of all life, bar none.

Now, as for men and women who choose to wallow in oxymoronic and/or perverse heterosexual lifestyles, that's their choice to do so, but, that still doesn't change one fact: all forms of sexual debauchery are destructive, deadly and a brazen deviation from the sacred Laws of God. Which, inevitably breed hate, lies, fear, denial, child abuse and exploitation, abortion, AIDS, a myriad of other sexual diseases, violence and murder.

As for men and women who choose to indulge in same sex, oxymoronic liaisons this, once again, is their own choice to do so. But, that also doesn't change the fact that these perverted, same sex liaisons are absolutely, unnatural, superficial, artificial, abnormal, deadly, deceptive, ego-driven, groin retentive and totally 'Out of whack' with the absolute Laws of all Nature.

Hetro-perversion is just as revolting but at least they don't have a gender identity problem.

As to the gender identity problem, it makes no difference whether men try to disguise themselves as women or whether women try to disguise

themselves as men, or whether they choose to mutilate their genitals, it's still all just a fraudulent masquerade. They were still born either male or female, and no amount of delusional denial will ever change the fact, that men and male, and woman are female and that's, a fact of life, The Laws of Nature, and the simple truth.

Blessed are the pure in heart and soul for they shall know God.

ANGELICA HAVENS

Petition posted

The following petition is posted at the retail outlets listed below and will be presented to the Minister of Forests.

"We, the undersigned, demand that the Islands Trust and our Trustees invoke The Preserve and protect mandate (their only mandate) on Texada Land Corporation, The Ministry of Forestry and The Forest Land Commission and formally request in writing that: Texada cease and desist its clear cut logging practice on Salt Spring Island...immediately."

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Island Star Video (both locations)

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HELANI DAVISON

This paper was once a tree

I've been to the clear cuts on Mount Tuam. I've stood in the middle of the fallen forest, balancing on hundreds of amputated limbs, silent witnesses to their generation's untimely death.

And I can't forget how paper began life as a tree. How the notebook, the towel, the napkin were manufactured from trees that were, perhaps, important to others. Someday soon, they will come from trees that were important to me.

MICHELLE GRANT

Reluctance and consequences

I think many people feel a reluctance or ambivalence towards getting involved in protesting the logging on this Island. There has been a great deal of negative spin put on efforts made by committed individuals who feel strongly that the environment is worth saving.

They have been branded as radicals, misfits, misinformed, irresponsible, fringe types.

Straight line logic tells me that they are heroes, deserving great respect, and that they are perhaps the only impediment to man's blind efforts to

destroy the only home we have.

A number of these dedicated individuals have come to Salt Spring recently to offer help, and share their knowledge and experience in the ongoing battle, to save the breathing apparatus of this planet.

While they are here to help, the struggle on Salt Spring is ultimately our struggle. The decision to act or acquiesce is ours, and we will bear responsibility for the consequences.

I know already how I will feel if Texada succeeds in its efforts to systematically rape Mt. Tuam, Mt. Bruce and Mt. Maxwell. I can visualize driving through the

see *Consequences* p6



A journal as literary as the Barnacle is bound to appear in the most unusual places. Take Costa Rica, population: 3,463,083.

TIDE TABLES

AT FULFORD HARBOUR
Pacific Standard Time.
Measured in feet.

Day	Time	Feet
1	0435	10.5
FEB	0905	9.5
TU	1235	9.8
	2045	2.6
2	0510	10.8
FEB	1000	9.2
WE	1325	9.8
	2120	2.3
3	0540	10.8
FEB	1040	9.2
TH	1410	9.8
	2155	2.0
4	0610	10.8
FEB	1115	9.2
FR	1455	9.8
	2230	2.0
5	0635	10.8
FEB	1145	8.9
SA	1540	9.8
	2305	2.0
6	0700	10.8
FEB	1215	8.5
SU	1625	9.8
	2335	2.3
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8015*	Vanc. Airport	9:00am	Ganges & Montague	9:25am	Sat./Sun.
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802	Ganges & Montague	8:10am	Vanc. Airport	8:40am	Mon.-Fri.
804	Ganges & Montague	12:45pm	Vanc. Airport	1:15pm	Mon.-Fri.
806*	Ganges & Montague	5:00pm	Vanc. Airport	5:30pm	daily
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405	Vanc. Harbour	9:00am	Islands	9:30-10:00am	Sat. only
407*	Vanc. Harbour	3:30pm	Islands	4:00-4:30pm	Sun. only
Flt#	FROM	DEPARTS	TO	ARRIVES	FREQ.
402	Islands	8:00am	Vanc. Harbour	8:30-9:00am	Mon.-Fri.
406	Islands	9:30am	Vanc. Harbour	10:30-11:00am	Sat. only
408*	Islands	4:00pm	Vanc. Harbour	5:00-5:30pm	Sun. only

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Fulford Valley and witnessing the sheer magnitude of the devastation. One Fulford Valley resident said that, after listening to Texada's promise of a fish ladder in Fulford Creek, he didn't feel like dancing. I could relate.

If you are a logger, realtor, merchant, building contractor, restaurateur, or anyone who benefits from tourism, have you pondered what may be at stake? There is a strong likelihood of impact and ripple effect long after Texada has finished its profitable business here.

I see tourists driving the Fulford-Ganges Road and vowing never to return to a community where they are reminded of environmental degradation while spending their vacation dollars. How, they might ask, could a community have such a callous disregard for something so beautiful and precious?

I see prospective retirees, potential home builders, reaching the same conclusions. The impact could affect real estate values, housing starts; it will most certainly affect anyone benefiting from tourism.

Texada is also depriving Island loggers of tens of thousands of man hours of work over the next several decades, forcing them off-Island in search of work, while Doman employees take their paycheques home to their communities.

There is no value added activity for the community, just losses for

everyone who lives here.

On Sunday, January 23, at dusk, heavy equipment was at work using headlights on a platform at the foot of Mount Maxwell. A truck descended the foot of Mount Bruce into Camp Narnia, and a truckload of logs sat idling at the log dump. On Tuesday, January 25, trees were falling in the Burgoyne close, but just out of sight from the cabins on the beach.

On Saturday, January 22, direct action workshops were attended by about 0.5 per cent of Salt Spring's residents. From what I have seen and listened to so far, I doubt very much that Texada will stop of their own accord. I think it will take a very unified effort to stop them. The question is of course, who? If people allow a fear of being labelled to hold them back, Texada will go unchallenged.

Joni Mitchell once wrote a song about paradise, and among the lyrics were the words, "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone." If a beautiful forested mountain is turned into a huge pile of rocks, soil, stumps, scars and erosion, we have lost; the beauty will be gone. I hope more people will search their hearts for what is important to them. If people can set aside their fears and their differences and work together, the degradation of this beautiful island can be stopped. If we leave it up to someone else, the

consequences will be devastating.

Economically we stand to lose millions, but I think there is something of even greater value at stake.

I can't put a price on the feeling I get when I drive up the valley on a summer evening at sunset. It is spectacular. I hope that more people will become actively involved and I hope that those who don't will refrain from judging those who feel the beauty of this place is worth protecting.

ROD MCGUCKIN

Venting his spleen

BC Ferries gets a lot of bad press and, when accurate, fully deserved.

Like many people who live on this Island I too am angered and confused by many of BC Ferries 180 policy changes, insane financial planning and inconvenient sailing times. I detest waiting in ferry line-ups especially when I don't get on the damned thing, it is an hour late again or gets me to Swartz Bay just in time to watch the Vancouver ferry depart. I personally disagree with the no connection policy along with many others. But what's that got to do with the price of eggs.

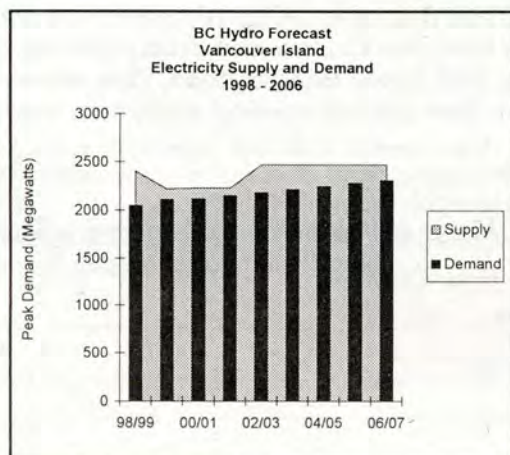
Perhaps that is because even though I'm the captain of the ferry they don't operate for my personal convenience. Unfortunately I can't afford a water taxi.

Both the *Barnacle's* articles on January 25 annoyed me. Contrary to see *Spleen* p7

GEORGIA STRAIT CROSSING PROJECT

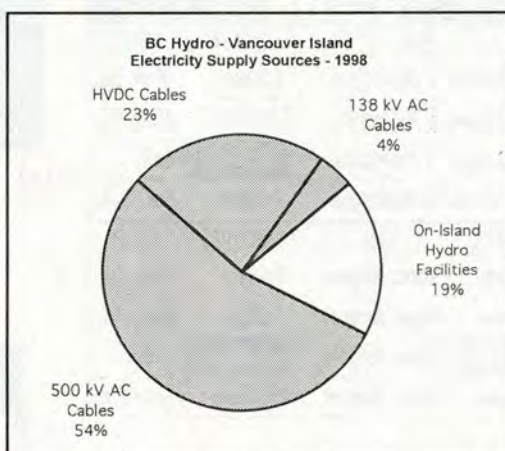
The Georgia Strait Crossing Project is a joint proposal by BC Hydro and Williams to build a pipeline to transport natural gas from Sumas, Washington to Vancouver Island. The pipeline will supply the fuel needed by two new natural gas-fired electricity generating facilities on Vancouver Island.

Vancouver Island's population and economy continue to grow, increasing the demand for electricity. BC Hydro forecasts a demand increase of approximately 1.4% per year for electricity on Vancouver Island over the next 20 years.



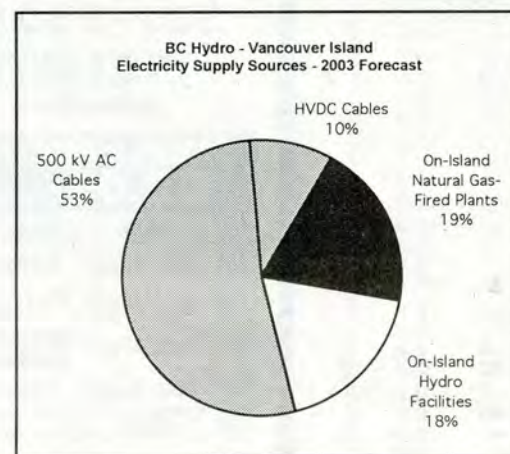
WHY THE PIPELINE IS NEEDED

In addition, less than 20% of the electricity required by Vancouver Island is presently generated on the Island at six hydro-electric generating stations. The remaining 80% is supplied from the mainland via submarine cables.



Some components of this cable system are reaching the end of their serviceable life and are expected to be retired in stages between now and 2007.

The two new private sector natural gas-fired generating plants on Vancouver Island - one under construction in Campbell River and one proposed for Port Alberni - will help BC Hydro replace the electricity supplied by these retired cable facilities and meet future energy requirements. At the same time, generating electricity on Vancouver Island will reduce the Island's reliance on the mainland for electricity supply.



The existing natural gas pipeline system linking Vancouver Island to the mainland, operated by Centra Gas, is reaching capacity and cannot satisfy the fuel requirements of the two new generating stations, creating the need for a second marine pipeline - the Georgia Strait Crossing.

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Spleen cont'd. from p6

popular opinion neither I, my crew on the Skeena Queen or Ross Harris get up in the morning and plot schemes for annoying even more passengers.

Collectively we try and provide a cheap efficient service for our communities and the majority of travelers. Unfortunately it is impossible to please everybody all the time. With the exception of some emergencies, every time I delay the ship to wait for many different reasons my crew get complaints from angry sometimes verbally abusive customers who believe the ship should have sailed on time and that if we have a schedule we should stick to it. Every time I leave people behind it both annoys and angers them and they complain too. So do I when it happens to me on both counts.

I asked Ross Harris in December what schedule we would have when the Skeena inevitably had to be taken out of service. I was led to believe at that time he hoped for a return to 10 trips per day. Last Friday he informed me and my crew that he had convinced the management that the Bowen Queen needed 10 trips to carry the traffic load.

Neither I nor anybody else found it necessary to go above anybody's head. I believe your article is inaccurate and you owe an apology.

I delayed a 9 p.m. sailing between Christmas and New Year because the Long Harbour ferry had overloaded and some people had no choice but to try and connect at Fulford. My

crew received complaints from those already aboard. But I thought in that case it was reasonable to wait because I at least knew when the other vessel would arrive. It cost overtime and I have received no complaint yet from Ross Harris.

As it happened I was a passenger on the Skeena Queen at 9 p.m. on January 7. I had to get up at 5 a.m. to come to work on the Skeena and my Grade 2 son had school the next morning. I, like most of the 100 or more people on board the ship, wanted to get home on time. As sailing time came and went with no sign of the ship moving my blood began to boil. I went and complained as did others. I was able to talk to the afternoon captain while he and Ross Harris decided it was unreasonable to delay the vessel and the people on board indefinitely. It finally sailed about 9:20 p.m. It is not a guaranteed connection and there was a dedicated Salt Spring ferry from Tsawwassen that evening which sailed almost empty. The crew were already into overtime. Had there been a time frame for an end to the ramp problem their decision may have been different. I don't know.

Some of the general tax- and fare-paying public may feel it is financially irresponsible to sail an empty ferry to Salt Spring and have a connecting ferry at approximately the same departure time. Use it or lose it. I gave up expecting financial responsibility from the current administration long time ago.

Evidently the reporter thinks the ship was delayed almost half an hour just to cause the maximum annoyance to as many people as possible. Perhaps he's right.

I understand your reporter's anger but unlike mere letter writers I believe he has a responsibility to get his facts right and remember there are two sides to every story.

JOHN MACDONALD
BC Ferry Captain

Editor's Note: The writers John Macdonald alludes to in his letter were Shelagh Plunkett (the editor) and John Pottinger (columnist). Both spoke extensively with BC Ferries employees in gathering information used in the published pieces (one article and one column) and both are confident they "[got their] facts right." Despite John Macdonald's efforts, readers will note that the Bowen Queen will not be operating on a 10-run per day schedule.



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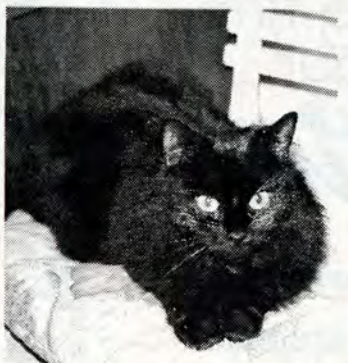
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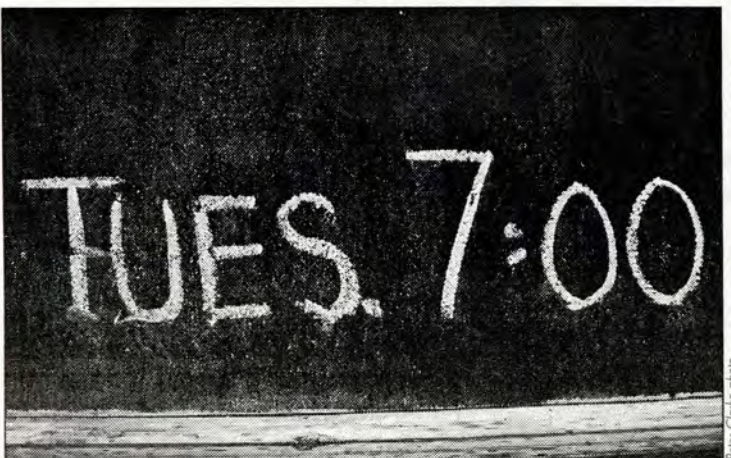
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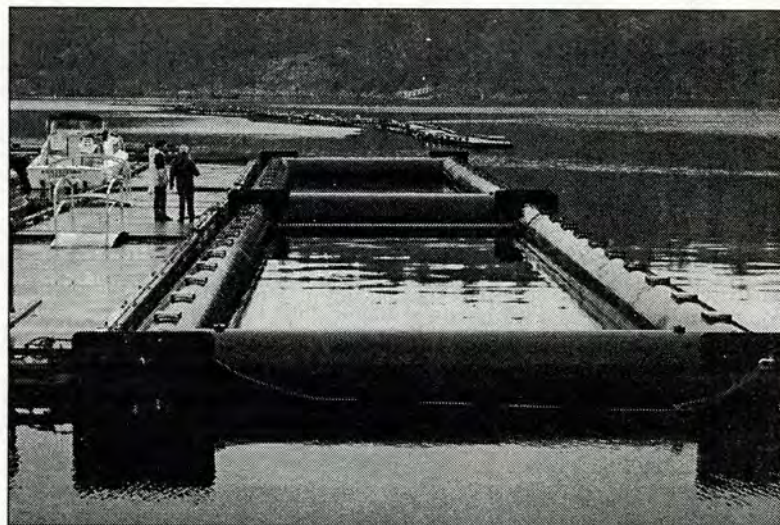


Bring on the boaters—Ganges gets a breakwater and pump out facility

by Peter Clarke

Some of the comments and guesses were interesting when a cluster of the curious gathered at the Kanaka public wharf in the early morning of Tuesday January 25, 2000 to study a number of large and exotic objects floating at their feet.

It's a fish farm!...No no, it's the bridge to Maple Bay! Hey, this thing'll go half way across the harbour! Sorry, nice tries, but a little adrift.



Peter Clarke photo

New breakwater en route to final destination.

How Did it get here?

It took Vancouver's largest mobile crane to get the 75 tons of steel in the water, but once it was launched at 11: Am on Monday, January 24, the Salt Spring Island Tug Island Master hooked on to the load and towed the sections in-line across a lumpy Georgia Strait to a perfect tide in Active Pass and a safe arrival at the Ganges wharf at 9:30pm on the same day. The next day the Tug moved her charges to a mooring in the commercial anchorage.

Where is it going?

First of all, NOT halfway across the harbour. When fully assembled, the three 80 by 28 foot 48,000 pound steel sections will become a floating dock that will replace the existing Coast Guard and Float Plane wharves. Beginning close to shore the structure will extend into the harbour just enough to fully protect the public visitors dock and provide more room for the

planes, the Coast Guard, commercial loading and a new waste pump-out for boaters - the first such facility in the Southern Gulf islands. The existing ramp to Skua's dock will rest at right angles on the 'first' section.

How much did it cost and who paid for it?

Not cheap—approximately \$200,000 to \$75,000 of which was supplied by the Federal Small Craft Harbours' Department, leveraged by the funds accumulated over 10 years by a succession of prudent Salt Spring Harbour Authority volunteer Boards.

Why do we need it?

Over and above the obvious sea-state-and-wave-height concerns and the draw of the pump out station, local Board member and 'breakwater' Project Manager Steve Patterson pointed out that this job is just one part of

see Breakwater p23

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Wit & Whimsy ... with Arthur Black

Hey folks, we hit the big time. Canada, I mean. Yep, got ourselves a four-column, nearly full-page spread on page three of the Sunday New York Times. Why, the editors even added a little Map of Canada insert, so that readers of the paper would have a good idea of where Canada is.

And what got us the attention of the most influential newspaper in the English-speaking world? Was it a story about our prodigies—Gretzky? Dion? McLaughlin? Nope.

Was it a story about Vancouver being the only North American city to be voted best burg in the world? Nope.

It was a story about our Health Care System. In case you haven't run afoul of it lately, you need to know that Canada's Health Care System is a joke. Even the readers of the New York Times know that now. Actually, I jest. Everybody knows Canada's Health Care System is pathetic, an international laughing stock. Everybody, save it seems, a few elected officials in Ottawa.

How did this happen? It wasn't so long ago that our Universal Free Health Care system was the envy of the world. Hell, Americans came up here to see how it worked and how they could copy it. But then the government bean counters moved in, carrying fire axes. Hospital beds were, as they like to say, downsized. New medical equipment was put on hold, and as many employees as they could slash were put on ice.

Care to hear the numbers? In the last few years, 4,800 doctors and nurses were bought out, given early retirement. Nearly 5,000 medical pros—and folks that's only in the province of Quebec.

Same story all over the country. In Ontario, 44 hospitals closed. In Montreal, the waiting lists for chemotherapy treatments for breast and prostate cancer victims now stand at four months, if you're lucky. In British Columbia nobody knows exactly how long the wait list—but if you join the queue you will find 670 people ahead of you.

Are Canadian medical professionals discouraged? Sure are—the ones that are left anyway. In the last few years more than 1,000 Canadian doctors and 6,000 overworked nurses said, "The Hell with it," packed their bags and went south. Hard to guess how long the remaining medical staff can last. To say that they're overworked is a cruel understatement. Two weeks ago, 23 of Toronto's 25 hospitals turned ambulances away. Hospitals turning away ambulances. Even a mordant satirist like Joseph Heller would never have come up with that.

And how has this played out for the American medical system, which Canadians used to tut-tut and dismiss condescendingly? Like gold-plated bedpans dropping from the sky. In Canada, our hospital corridors are clogged with patients there's no room for. In the States, they're reaping the benefits of a medical system in freefall.

A couple of years ago, the hospital in Plattsburg, New York was about to close its cancer unit. Not enough customers. Then Montrealeers, fed up with the constipated dog's breakfast that is our Health Care system, began crossing the border, streaming south, wallets in hand. The hospital in Plattsburg has just invested a half a million dollars in new equipment to handle the snowbirds.

I have only one question for the Chretiens and the Martins, the Ralph Kleins and the Mike

Harrises: When you started cashiering doctors and nurses, mothballing hospitals, getting rid of beds, cutting the number of spaces for students in our medical schools—just what the hell did you think would happen?

Hard to guess whether the politicians thought much about it at all.

Last month, an apologist for our National Health Fiasco told reporters, "The social equity of our health system reflects our Canadian values."

Know who said that? Allan Rock, Canada's Federal Health Minister.

Anatole France wrote: "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets and to steal bread."

Not much of a silver lining in this commentary—maybe we can take a little comfort from the ingenuity some of our fellow citizens have shown in making what's left of our Health Care system work. One beleaguered patient in Ontario recently grew weary of waiting month upon month for the magnetic resonance imaging tests he needed. So he checked around, found out that veterinarians are exempt from the burial shroud that Canada's health safety net has become. Veterinarians can operate privately. For cash. Outside the system.

Which is how our patient finally got the magnetic imaging test he needed. He reserved a session for himself...at a private animal hospital. The name he wrote on the hospital admission form?

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Big smiles at Law CD launch

by Buck

It's 7 p.m. Saturday at Talons Restaurant and people are lining up at the bar hoping for a table. They are there to party and celebrate the CD release of *Estimated Time of Revival* by John and Michele Law who stand at the door greeting everyone with big friendly smiles.

A large part of Salt Spring's music community is in attendance, including producers, engineers, publishers and players of all genres. There is a stage area set up that puts you in mind of an old country barn dance: a perfect back drop for the music to come.

Shortly after 8 p.m., Bill Levity, a singer and songwriter from Duncan, steps up to the microphone and shifts the mood from socializing to listening. After performing a couple of his own tunes Bill announces that John and Michele are ready to play. They are each still wearing their big smiles as they start into their song *Hobo Trail*. This song swings and they immediately have everyone's complete attention. Michele's solid bass and John's superb guitar and mandolin playing—he is equally good on both instruments—are a perfect accompaniment for vocal harmonies so tight and "on" that it's near impossible to separate one voice from the other.

After a while its time to invite a couple of friends up to join in the fun. Jordy Sharp, who produced the CD,

picks up a guitar and Longevity John, a music promoter from Duncan stands drum-brushes in hand behind...a pizza box to add his percussion to the group sound. With a four-piece band now on stage, John and Michele can't resist the temptation to pick some bluegrass. With toes tappin' and knees flappin' the audience becomes one with the music.

Still smiling, John and Michele begin to thank everyone for coming out and for showing their support but the crowd wants more and they oblige. The last song of the evening, a gentle love song, further captivated the audience with not just the quality of their tight musicianship but the obvious love they share for music-making and each other...an unbeatable combination.

It's well after 10:30 before the line-up to buy their new CD begins to dwindle. And I imagine I am no different than the many others in attendance who can't wait to get home and listen to their copy. If the Saturday night release party is any indication its going to be well-played. The CD is excellent; it's hard to believe it's a first effort. All the songs are their original material (except the last cut). Ranging from country roots to bluegrass to gospel sounds with even a hint of Dixie, this CD showcases the musical depth of a truly lovely musical couple. I am going to spend some time enjoying it before I say more....

Music and Munch starts new season of Scottish, Italian and English music

This year's opening concert for the winter season of Music and Munch presents two of Salt Spring's well known performers. Janette Grey, mezzo-soprano, and Chris Kodaly, accompanist, will make their second appearance together at the All Saints By-the-Sea lunch hour recital on February 2.

Janette's early voice training was in Scotland where she performed roles in several operettas and as soloist in Handel's *Messiah* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. Since moving to B. C. she has sung with the Victoria Choral Society, the Linden Singers and Amity Singers, as well as several Salt Spring choirs. She has given four

recitals in Ganges and regularly delights the residents of Greenwood and Extended Care.

Chris Kodaly has been resident accompanist for Tuned Air since 1986, as well as continuing to perform as a piano soloist and to teach piano and theory. He graduated from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and has studied with masters Healy Willan, Witold Malczewski and Jacques Ferrier.

This year's recital will feature Scottish as well as some early English and Italian songs. Music begins at 12:10 and continues to be free. Lunch follows, for those who wish to stay, for \$4.75.

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Oscar Lopez

Heating up the Hall

"Passionate," "hot," "high-energy," "breathless," are just a few of the adjectives used to describe the Folk Club's February 7 performer, Oscar Lopez.

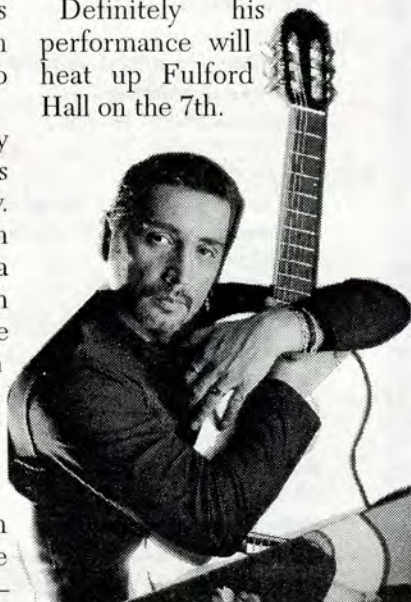
The Chilean/Canadian guitarist has won critical acclaim for his four CDs, earned three Juno nominations and gathered a following that includes both fans and musicians. His music is described as hybrid although Lopez himself is reluctant to use that label.

"It is so many things, so many different sounds," he said. "It's not flamenco, but it is in a way. It's not rock or blues, except in certain ways. There is always a strong Latin beat, a Spanish beat. Latin, definitely, because that's me, but there is so much other music that has touched me. Latin fusion, maybe? World beat? Soul beat? It cannot be named."

Lopez moved to Canada in 1979 and now makes his home in Calgary. His albums—

Suenos, 1994; *Dancing on the Moon*, 1995; *Heat*, 1998 and the latest release *Seduction*—have all achieved widespread airplay and excitement making him widely recognized. Reviewers have said that his "particular combination of technique, taste and soul make him a dazzling instrumentalist"

Definitely his performance will heat up Fulford Hall on the 7th.



Alternative rock at Inn

On Friday February 4 and Saturday the 5th, Nanaimo's top alternative rock band *Faded Muse* will perform at the Fulford Inn, 9 p.m.

The four-piece band plays all original songs and have been building a following through playing at various colleges and

universities, as well as night clubs on Vancouver Island.

Described as youthful and energetic, the group is made up of students from Malaspina College and are all of South African (Afrikaner) heritage. *Faded Muse* is currently recording at local studio, Nomad Music.

Think poetry, think fun, think Ed Sullivan

Cherie Geauvreau has this to say about poetry readings: "They can be so dismal, so relentless! Make me want to say 'get me a bourbon.'" She has lived and written poetry on Salt Spring for 15 years, published one book (*Even the Faun has Wings*) and feels it's time to share some of her newer work with the community that has always supported her.

Her own evening of poetry promises lots of audience

participation and a kind of variety show featuring the "incredible songwriting—she can do Sarah McLaughlin, the Indigo Girls, Jewel—she's amazing," of Jenny Rensby (veteran of the open mike circuit), and Oscar Riley's, "great singing and guitar accompaniment." There will be apple cider and Salt Spring treats in the interval and a surprise at the end. Performance to take place at Lion's Hall, Sunday, February 6. Seating will be limited.

Bateman on arts ethics

World renowned artist Robert Bateman will discuss ethics in the art world, and the relationship between the arts and nature through the ages in *Art and Nature: Ethics and Spirituality*, Friday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the United Church, Lower Hall. He will

also give his opinions on the connections various cultures have to nature with respect to their spirituality. Questions, opinions and discussion from the audience will be welcomed.

Bateman's talk is part of an ongoing series of talks entitled, *Ethics, Spirituality and the Arts*.

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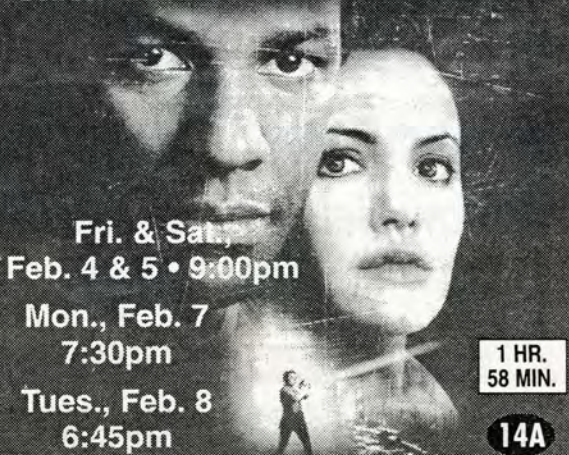
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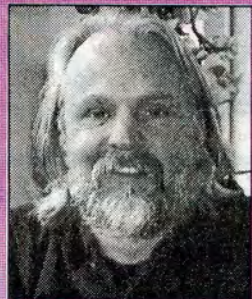
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-  **Fly tying**
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All Saints By-the-Sea. 9-10am
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2

- Groundhog Day**
-  **Music & Munch**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10-1pm
-  **S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Taoist Tai Chi Open House**
United Church. 7-9pm. 537-1871
-  **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
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-  Children
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MONDAY FEBRUARY 7

-  **Oscar Lopez**
SSFolk Club. Colleen Eccleston opening. Fulford Hall. 7:30pm
- Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
-  **Kabir Helminski**
Study Group. Contemplative Centre. 10am. Info: 537-1657
- Slowpitch Meeting**
Harbour House lounge. 6:30pm
-  **Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Step in Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
-  **Community Programming**
SSTV Channel 12. 7-9pm
- Sweet & Lowdown**
7:30pm

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8

-  **Storytime with Jean Voaden**
Library. 10am
-  **Soup's On**
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-  **Old Time Logging**
SSI Historical Soc. Panel discussion. Central Hall. 2pm
- Genetically Engineered Foods**
Action meeting. GISS. Room 206. 7:30pm
-  **Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Kindergym**
Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 5-6pm
- Volleyball**
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-  **Sweet & Lowdown**
9:00pm
- The Bone Collector**
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9

-  **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
-  **S. End Centering Prayer**
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- Heart Dance: Sufi Sacred Circle**
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-  **School District #64**
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Oscar Lopez

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3

- Storytime West of the Moon** 10am
- A Lady of Letters**
Active P.A.S.S. presents Alan Bennett's play.
The Studio-116 Langley Road. 8pm. 537-4168
- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Tango practice/lessons**
104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm. 537-2707
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 537-4855. 653-9346
- Bingo**
Meaden Hall. 7pm. Early Bird 6:30pm.
- Men's Breakfast** Meal & discussion.
United Church. 8-10am
- Community Meditation: Rohanna in Guatemala.** United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
- Wisdom Circle**
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United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
- Community Meeting**
Texada Lands. GISS Multi-Purpose Room.
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- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 9-10am
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS. 8-10pm

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4

- A Lady of Letters**
The Studio-116 Langley Road. 8pm. 537-4168
- Playgroup for Grown Girls**
Personal growth through theatre. Central locations vary. Info: 537-0684
- Open Stage**
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Robert Bateman on Art & Nature: Ethics & Spirituality.** United Church. 7:30pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 5-6pm
- Rollerblading to Music**
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm

Ahava Shira

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5

Chinese New Year

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- A Lady of Letters**
The Studio-116 Langley Road. 8pm. Info: 537-4168
- Listening to the Womb: Poetry & Music.** Ahava & Mahaka Shira. SS Centre. 8pm
- Faded Muse** Fulford Inn. 9pm
- Dinner, Country Dance & Silent Auction**
Fulford Elementary School. 5pm. Info: 653-4254
- Living Language**
Sacred Dance Co. Classes. Beaver Point Hall. 2pm. 653-4573
- New Distinctions: New Choices**
Health Presenter: Anthony Fulker. Lions Hall. 9-5:30pm
- Vegan Potluck**
Host Anthony Fulker w/ local entertainment. Lions Hall. 6:45pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 8:30-9:30am

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6

- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4-7pm
- Cindy Fairbank Trio**
Dinner Jazz
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Poetry & Song:**
Cherie Geauvreau, Jenny Rensby & Oscar Riley. Lions Hall. 7pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm
- The Bone Collector** 7:30pm

Seedy Saturday

A Lady of Letters

Active P.A.S.S. presents Alan Bennett's play



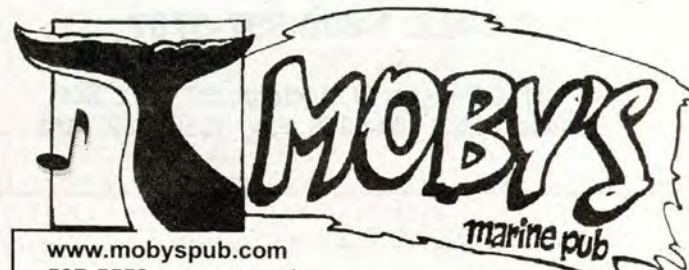
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United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- ASA Meeting** 7pm
- Heart Health**
Pharmasave Clinic. Downtown. 10am-3pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 9-10am. 537-4448
- Volleyball**
Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm

Storytime. West of the Moon

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11

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- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 5-6pm
- Rollerblading to Music** Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm
- Sweet & Lowdown** 7:00pm
- The Bone Collector** 9:00pm

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- A Lady of Letters**
The Studio-116 Langley Road. 8pm. Info: 537-4168
- I'm Off My Rocker**
Valentine Dance
Meaden Hall. 7-10pm.
Doors open 6:30pm
- Valentine's Swing Dance**
with GISS' Swing Shift Fulford Hall. Doors open 7:30pm
- Seedy Saturday**
Community Seed Exchange. Mahon Hall. 10am-2pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 8:30-9:30am
- Sweet & Lowdown** 7:00pm
- The Bone Collector** 9:00pm

Drop-in Soccer

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Michaela Richards Trio**
Dinner Jazz
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- Choral Evensong**
All Saints By-the-Sea. 4pm
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Peggy Abraham's photo

Debbie Toole delivers a focussed performance as the prying Miss Ruddock.

A Lady of Letters

Taut monologue reveals cultural truths both positive and negative

by Elizabeth Courtney

White-stockinged legs firmly planted in sensible English shoes, the brown pleats of her skirt as stiff as her notions about the lives she spies on through her window blinds, the so-familiar cardigan buttoned tight to her throat—as the lights came on, Miss Ruddock drew us into the web of her projections without missing a beat. Debbie Toole gave a remarkably focussed, understated performance of Alan Bennett's *A Lady of Letters* in which her character's obliviousness to the fact that it is herself she is revealing and not the characters she is assassinating caused eruptions of laughter from the opening moments.

The economically constructed set in the corner of the Vesuvius studio worked perfectly to create the claustrophobic small apartment from which Miss Ruddock's poisoned pen reaches out to touch a world from which she is so alienated. Debbie Toole's self effacement, the maliciously tinged self-righteousness of an intimately quiet voice created a character almost embarrassingly real in spite of the fact that the writing is so faithful to a Yorkshire dialect that I could also hear its cadences as a kind of parallel voice.

The scene shifts, black to lights, work like pauses in a piece of music. The surprise finale moves the action into a

different key. The colours are brighter, the laughter louder and the reflections which follow say as much about the blindness of our cultural institutions as the sadness of individuals and everything about the possibility for hope in the midst of punishment. The monologue only lasts forty-five minutes—someone in the audience immediately called for an encore! The provision of tea and coffee and the opportunity to talk with director, actor and other audience members was especially welcome.

Extended once already into this week, *A Lady of Letters* will play for two more nights only next week on February 11th and 12th. See calendar.

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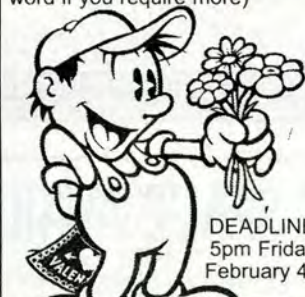
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Wrestling: performance art with a strange twist

by Peggy Abrahams

During the intermission at the ECCW wrestling show last Thursday at Fulford Hall, I commented that while it may not be opera, it is entertaining. If you think about it though, there are at least five ways in which professional wrestling is like opera:

1. Both are melodramas including the classic elements of comedy and tragedy as well as good and evil.

2. Both wrestlers and opera singers raise their voices and cry out with passion (or fury).

3. Both wrestlers and opera singers wear elaborate costumes.

4. Both are excuses for a night on the town.

5. Both require you to buy a ticket to get in.

Granted, there are ways in which they differ, as well, but I won't go into those except to say that wrestling is totally unrehearsed. You never know what is going to unfold, to the extent that you may be in danger of being hit by a flying chair as the wrestlers jump out of the ring and begin brawling in the middle of the audience.

Ferocious audience members booed Count Monsterod vonHugenstein in the opening match, and cheered the victor, Chance Beckett. In other matches, the favourite, Torch, burned Disco Fury. Tony Kozina played the Black Dragon

and the Juggernaut sank El Grande Fuego. The referee was also dragged into the fight, where he was ceremoniously pummeled. The finale was the Extreme Rules Rumble, featuring all wrestlers fighting with an assortment of weapons contributed by the audience, including everything from a pink brassiere to a hammer.

More than 100 tickets were sold, according to Bulldog Bob Brown Jr., the announcer and one of the organizers, and a wrestler himself. Brown said this was a low turnout for Salt Spring. He said he hopes they'll be back later this year.

I encourage Salt Springers to see the show when they do, and support this troupe. They perform 150 shows each year, traveling to remote towns all over B.C. providing a unique entertainment for more isolated communities. Who cares about Aida when you've got wrestling right here on Salt Spring.



The Black Dragon in all his glory.

Peggy Abrahams photo

Mass exodus marks fresh start for GICAC

by Judy Moscovitz

After months of acrimonious meetings and divisiveness between its Salt Spring and Outer Island members, it now looks as if the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) has found a way out of its problems, at least for the short term.

In faxes sent by Keith Holmes and Laurie Neish to members of the Concerned Members of the GICAC, the two directors announced their intention to tender their resignations by January 29, 2000. It is expected that the resignations will be accepted at a meeting to be held at Salt Spring's Mahon Hall on Sunday, February 20, at 2 p.m.

At the same meeting, a 7-member interim board will be elected to tie up loose ends, strike a nominating committee for a permanent board of directors, and hold an annual general meeting at the

earliest possible date, preferably by late March or early April.

Still to be resolved is the issue of whether or not to break GICAC into two entities, one for Salt Spring, the other for the Outer Islands. Saturna and Mayne have indicated their desire to remain a part of the original Council, as have half the Council's members from Galiano. The other islands have not yet made their feelings known. Should division prevail, instead of unity, the thorny issue of disbursement of GICAC's considerable assets will remain.

For now, however, members seem relieved at the turn of events. Twelve new committees have been formed and, says GICAC's April Curtis, "There's a positive feeling afoot. We've got lots of ideas about possible future projects, and we're energized at the possibilities."

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Pancakes and posies for gloomy February

by Wendi Gilson

Despite February's reputation for gloom and the reality of it being a hungry time for people living in rural sustenance cultures it can also be seen as a time of renewal as the first stirrings of growing life appear. Already the days are getting a little longer and the candles and lamps need not be used so much. Everything outside is dripping wet—being washed clean.

On February 2, the feast of St. Bridgid was celebrated in older times by the blessing of the household candles and wishes for help with the work to be done in the coming year. Many old celebrations were held around the time we call Valentine's Day. Posies of early spring flowers remain the most enduring declaration of love and hope.

Because water is a familiar symbol at this time of year, well-dressing was another important household ritual during the month of February. Women would gather together and adorn the wells with boughs and wreaths of newly budding branches. They would give thanks and ask blessing.

Fancy pancakes are a February recipe made by combining whatever ingredients are left in the cupboard after the winter supply of flour has been used up, but before any new green shoots

have appeared on the land.

The Christian custom of Lent starts off with a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday before the forty days of very simple food.

During this time I like to keep an extra bag of cat food and another of oats on hand. Cat food is immensely popular with all the animals from chickens to raccoons. The deer appreciate the extra hay and salt in the horse pasture. A friend of ours used to place chicken bones along the outer edges of her place. The coyotes stayed away from the hen house when they knew they could expect leftovers and scraps on a fairly regular basis.

Because of my animal-feeding habits, I was pleased when another friend told me about a Buddhist celebration to honour the animals. To me it made perfect sense. After all, there are all these animals around and they all have to be fed. Why not have a party?

The main event, besides the logging protests, on Salt Spring this month is the seed exchange on February 12 at Mahon Hall. It reminds us that we can reclaim the power we have lost. It's a good place to get seeds, too.

Tip: Keep an eye out for nettles; eat them. Force buds to bloom by bringing prunings into the warmth of the house.

At last...a word on roses



Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

I can't believe I haven't done an article on roses yet. Shame on me! There are so many of you gardeners out there who just love those darn things. I even have several myself stuffed in between the palm collection. I'm sure I planted them there just to keep my wife happy. She is a lot more in love with roses than I am. Besides, she told me if I plant any more bananas or palms there would be trouble. I suspect she's just kidding though. Anyhow, getting back to this long overdue rose write-up that I'm sure some of you have been waiting for...

As some of you already know, there are so many different varieties to choose from, and we lucky gardeners living in lotus land are able to plant rose bushes even in our winter months. Hybrid Teas produce their quite fragrant flowers on long stems. Floribundas have clusters of blooms, usually in abundance. Grandifloras also produce nice large flowers on large plants, and climbers have very long canes that like to grow on a trellis or wall. There are more types as well, but these ones seem to be quite popular around our Island.

After you've picked out your favourite rose bush, choosing the right planting site is important. Roses prefer full sun and good rich, well-draining topsoil. Roses also appreciate summer irrigation through the dry months. Throw a little bone meal in the hole before you stick your rose in the garden; they seem to like that. Also regular fertilizing with a specific rose food will give you a healthier plant. Once I start to see new growth take place on my roses, that's when I start to apply the fertilizer, and all my fertilizing is finished around early to mid-September for my rose bushes. Also proper pruning will add to the longevity and health of your plant.

If you are very

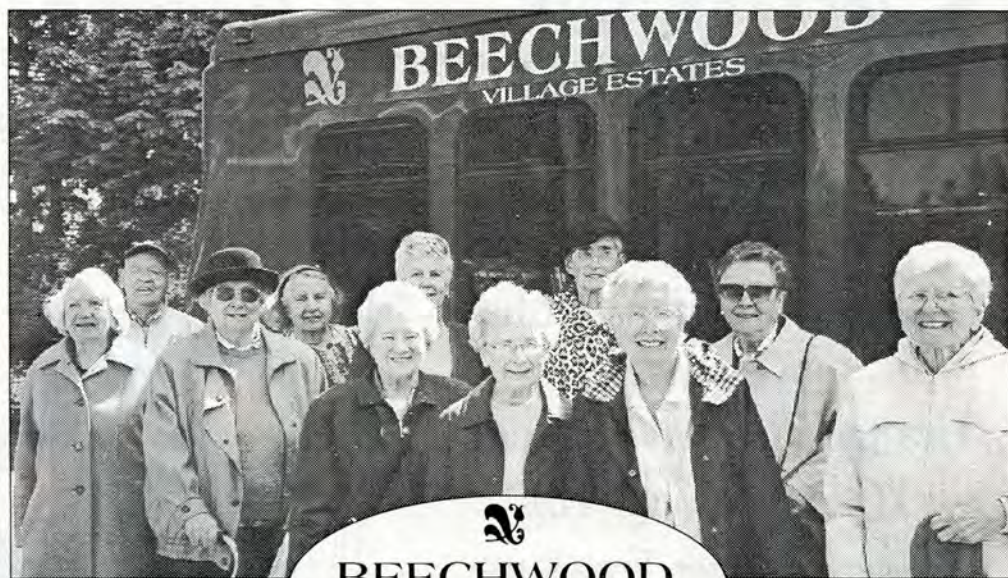
much into roses then it really pays to invest in a good book on how to grow them. Roses in our climate can sometimes be prone to mildew, rust and black spot. Generally, for all three diseases, the best thing to do is pick up all the dead leaves and other rubbish from the previous season. This is easiest right after you have pruned your rose bush. Then before new growth takes place, spray plants and soil in the dormant season with oil or lime sulfur. This should destroy all those disease organisms that would otherwise live over the winter months.

Aphids in our climate can sometimes be pests, but planting garlic cloves around your bushes usually deters these little critters. Also a spray of Trounce should take care of them. Don't forget about the deer: they like roses as much as you do. I mix one egg to a litre of water, and spray all foliage. This method works quite well. If not, put up a tall fence around your prized plant. Have fun!



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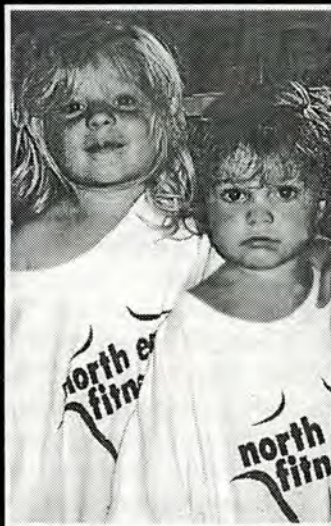


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Sludge of 2000 still feeds a crowd



Let's eat ...

with Linda Koroscil

There was a book written in 1942 called *How to keep Alive*. It was all about how Americans could eat well even though money was scarce and food was rationed. The resourceful author was M. F. K. Fisher. She came up with something called "Sludge." A mixture of ground meat, vegetables and grain.

"The first thing you do, if you have absolutely no money, is to borrow some," she wrote. "Fifty cents will be enough and should last you from three days to a week, depending on how luxurious are your tastes. Buy 15¢ worth of ground beef from a reputable butcher. Buy only 10¢ worth of ground whole grain cereal. Almost any large grocery carries it

in bulk. It is brownish in colour, coarsely mealy in texture, and has a pleasant smell of nuts and starch. Spend the rest of your money on vegetables. Get a bunch of carrots, two onions, some celery and a small head of cabbage. Grind all the vegetables into the pot. Break up the meat into the pot and cover the thing with what seems too much water."

From there I assume you cook this stuff for a couple of hours and let it cool. She says the most delicious way to eat it is to take slices of the solidified mass and fry them like scrapple. Whatever that is, sounds appetizing! Here's a recipe given to me by my sister—I could call it Sludge but I won't. It's called spicy macaroni and cheese and it sure beats boiled meat and grain!

Spicy Macaroni and Cheese

Cook 4 C. macaroni. Meanwhile, saute in 4 tbsp. butter 2 large garlic cloves minced, 1.5 C. diced onion, 1 tsp. chili pepper flakes, 1 tsp. coriander, 1.5 tsp. cumin. Add 4 tbsp. flour, cook three minutes then add 4 C. milk. Simmer. Add 1 can (796 ml) tomatoes, drained. Season with Salt and fresh pepper. Drain macaroni, stir in tomato mixture. Add 1.5 C. Monterey Jack cheese and 1.5 C. aged cheddar. Use two large buttered pans, sprinkle on top of macaroni 1.5 C. Parmesan and 1.5 C. bread crumbs. Bake at 375 for 20 minutes. Feeds a crowd.

Peanut Butter Vegetable Soup

Salt Spring Sizzles ... with Gail Prior

This creamy soup is a sure-fire way to get finicky kids (and adults!) to eat their vegetables.

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| 3 stalks celery, sliced | 1/2 C. peanut butter |
| 1 large onion, chopped | 2 medium carrots, chopped |
| 2 tbsp. butter | 3 cloves garlic, minced |
| 1 medium potato, diced | 3 C. water |
| 4 tsp. instant vegetable granules | 1 medium zucchini, sliced |
| 1 - 16 oz. can tomatoes, cut up | 1/2 tsp. pepper |
| | 2 tbsp. fresh parsley |

In a large saucepan cook celery, carrots, onion and garlic in hot butter, covered, about 5 mins. or until onion is tender. Stir in water, potato, zucchini, vegie granules and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat. Cover and sim-

mer for 10 minutes. Stir in undrained tomatoes and parsley. In a small bowl, gradually stir about 1 cup broth into peanut butter until smooth. Return mixture to saucepan. Cook and stir until heated through. Four servings.



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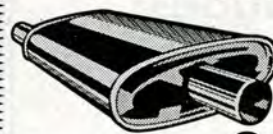
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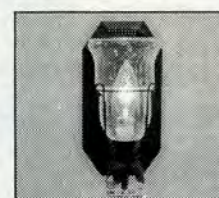
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Athlete of the Week



Kirby Garside

Kirby is 10 years old and attends grade 5 at Fernwood Elementary School. Kirby is a member of the U12 Silver "Salt Spring Islanders" soccer team.

Friendships and teamwork are Kirby's favorite part of sport. He spends most of his spare time playing basketball. Kirby is also learning to play the trumpet and is eager to join a jazz band.

The most important aspect of sport, says Kirby, is to play fair and have fun.

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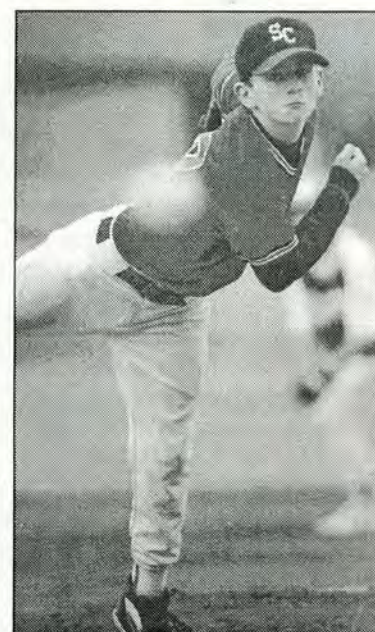
Just after the middle of the last century a young fire-balling left hander named Sandy Koufax joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. After the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles the prodigiously talented, but erratic young hurler matured into one of baseball's greatest pitchers.

This spring, local thirteen-year-old Gord Akerman will pitch in Washington State's Sandy Koufax League as a member of Dream Team 2000.

The Dream Team is an all-star team composed of seven players from last year's Canadian representatives at the Little League World Series, Gordon Head, and five additional top tournament players. Gord's father, Pat Akerman, has been named to the coaching staff.

In addition to Koufax league play, the Dream Team will play in tournaments in Oliver, B.C.; Seattle, Washington; Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and Baseball's shrine-city, Cooperstown, New York.

In order to fund the team's travel plans individuals and businesses are invited to help sponsor them. Any help will be acknowledged on their Proud Sponsors web page (currently under construction) and in their team programmes. Sponsors are invited to make cheques payable to Dream Team and mail to 4402 Torrington Road, Victoria, BC V8N 4N9 or contact Gene Suess, Fund Raising Coordinator, at (250) 744-0227, or email: genes@uniserve.com for pick-up and information. Failing that, call Gord Akerman at 653-4352.



Gord Akerman

Gordon Lee Photography

Season start-up for Track and Field Club

Although there is still frost on your windshield in the morning, and we are all busy with soccer and basketball, it is indeed time to prepare for the 2000 season of the Salt Spring Track and Field Club. The club operates from mid-March to July, and offers coaching for all levels of junior competition.

The club was founded by Richard Bennett, and continues today under the leadership of Jim Proctor, with assistant coaches and supporters Lynn Thompson, Brenda Akerman and Cathy Cronin. They offer the athletes their own expertise as well as facil-

itating the skills of excellent coaches from other clubs on Vancouver Island.

Practices run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. All members must join the B. C. Track and Field Association to be eligible to compete in meets, and a membership fee payable to the club helps purchase badly needed equipment and new team singlets so we can represent Salt Spring in style!

Track and field is a demanding sport, but belonging to and competing with a team makes it a wonderful experience. Athletes meet other competitors at meets, and become

true friends by the end of the season. All of the meets are off-island, so transportation is an issue, and parents are also expected to help officiate. It's a family venture, to be sure, but incredibly worthwhile.

A re-organization meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3 at 7 p.m. at the Middle School. Use the entrance by the gym, and turn right immediately inside the door. All of last year's members and any budding track and field stars are encouraged to attend! (Children must be born after January 1, 1991 to be eligible for competition this year.)

Baseball/softball board support needed

Salt Spring Minor Baseball and the Girls Softball Association are in need of volunteers to fill executive positions for the upcoming season.

A meeting is being held **Thursday, February 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the Sea Breeze Inn Conference Room** during which a president and vice president will be selected.

Outgoing President Darin Craig and Vice President Simon Henson, who each stepped in to fill a similar

vacuum two years ago, have resigned to concentrate on coaching their girls softball team.

As Secretary Dorothy Kyle pointed out in her letter to the editor (*the Barnacle*, January 25), the situation is urgent. Last year 164 kids played minor baseball on the Island, from the smallest tots swatting at a ball on a tee, to the Babe Ruth boys team and the Bantam Girls team.

Clearly the continuation of this programme is of some considerable importance to Island youth and by extension to the community itself. The need for significant interest to be shown at this meeting is vital—the ball season approaches and there is work to be done.

Registration is slated to begin in early March and the diamonds fill the second week of April.

Kick-around on Wednesday

Soccer players, or those looking for a good fresh air workout, are invited to come out to Portlock Park Wednesdays at 2 p.m. for a kick-around. Play begins February

2 and men and women of all ages and abilities are welcome to play. For more information, call Peter Bagi (537-1264), Sue King (537-8989) or Rainer Funk (537-2292).

Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

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4 St. Louis	409	20
5 Philadelphia...	390	23
6 Montreal.....	385	21
7 Atlanta	384	25
8 Dallas	371	20
9 Phoenix.....	367	18

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10 Pittsburgh.....	359	28
11 Boston	352	31
12 Buffalo	347	17
13 San Jose	345	12
14 Toronto	341	16
15 Anaheim	336	20
16 Islanders	336	20
17 Washington....	332	19

GOLF COURSE POOL Next meeting: Fri., Feb. 4, 5:00 p.m. sharp.

	Total Points	This Week
1 Edmonton.....	444	31
2 Ice Dogs.....	425	31
3 Marx Bro #1..	424	21
4 Ane-jo.....	424	18
5 Toronto.....	415	23
6 Greenwoods..	410	25
7 Rangers	405	29
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FINER, DILYS Olwen passed away peacefully on January 25, 2000 with her family gathered around her. Born January 15, 1923 in Coalhurst, Alberta, she moved to Salt Spring Island from Calgary in 1972 with her husband Richard, and two of her sons Peter and John. Dilys was predeceased by her husband Richard in 1973, and husband Peter MacMillan in 1985. She will be remembered lovingly by her family. Her brother, Dan Williams of Ponoka, Alberta. Glynis Finer and Russell Hardy, their children Evan, Rhian and Rhys. Bryn Finer and Jane Stafford, their children Eben, Hugh and Daniel. Peter Finer and Trene Kaye, their children Max and Awstin. John and Tracy Finer, their children Matthew and Kerry, all of Salt Spring Island. A memorial service will be held at All Saints-By the Sea on Wednesday, February 2, at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Kidney Foundation, or Lady Minto Hospital would be greatly appreciated. 0500

FOWLER, (PEGGS) Margaret Wyld (nee Edden) passed away peacefully January 29, 2000 at Lady Minto Hospital. Born in Cambridge England May 8, 1916. Predeceased by her husband Leslie in 1991. Survived by her daughter Jennifer Quick (Ralph) of SSI, sons Graham of Montreal & Tony (Terry Anderson) of Russell, Ont. Also survived by 4 grandchildren Laura, Kevin, Nathan & Leigh-Anne & sister-in-law Betty Fowler of Delta B.C. No service by request. Memorial Tea will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation would be greatly appreciated. The family wishes to thank Drs. Jim Buchan & Paula Ryan, and most especially all of the acute care staff at the Lady Minto Hospital for the wonderful care and compassion shown to us all. 0500

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ATTENTION: SLOWPITCH meeting February 7th at 6:30 pm, Harbour House Lounge. Very important all team reps and anyone else interested.

SSI ROD & Gun Club Annual General Meeting. Wednesday, February 9th, 8 p.m., 221 Long Harbour Road. Please attend - all welcome. 0600

TANGO WORKSHOPS: teacher, Liliana Kleiner. Friday, February 18 at Lion's Hall. Beginners 6:30-9:00 \$25.00; Dance 9-12 \$5.00. Saturday February 19 - 3 sessions: at Cat's Pajamas 10-12; 12:30-2:30; 3-5. Saturday sessions \$20.00 each. Preregister, phone Margie Korrisson at 537-2707. 0500

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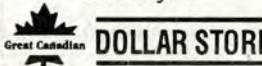
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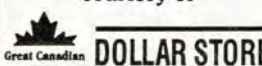
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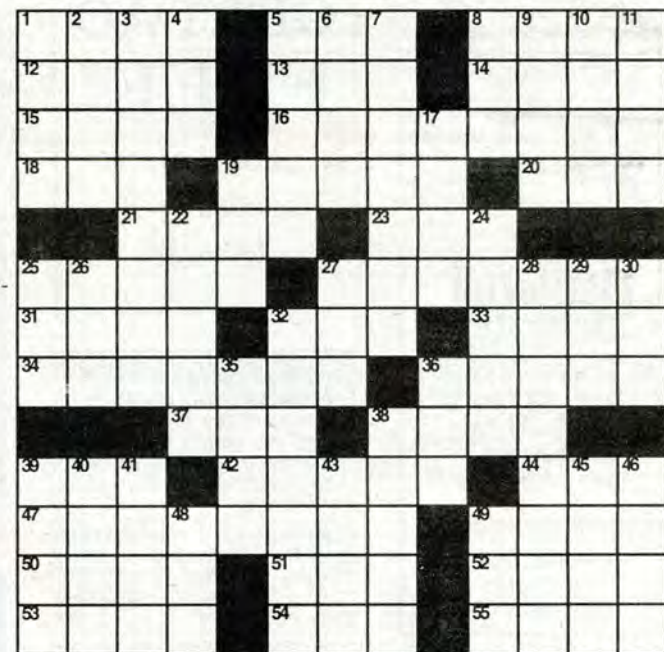
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- 5 Sixties hallucinogen, for short
- 8 Melville character
- 12 Old world buffalo
- 13 Military mailbox, for short
- 14 A group of girls
- 15 Surprise
- 16 Town in Manitoba or novelist Atwood
- 18 Pin
- 19 Watercraft
- 20 Before, poetic
- 21 Montreal Canadiens, for short
- 23 Dynamite
- 25 Ontario lake or politician MacPhail
- 27 An accepted truth
- 31 Wild ox
- 32 Recompense
- 33 Roman cloak
- 34 Craftsman
- 36 Fables author
- 37 Flightless bird
- 38 If not
- 39 In the past
- 42 Intoxicate, in a way
- 44 Checkers piece
- 47 Hero, e.g.
- 49 Identical
- 50 Tiny amount
- 51 Compass point, abbr.
- 52 Common cookie
- 53 Sloth
- 54 Conger
- 55 Manitoba lake, or cartoonist Johnston

DOWN

- 1 Lock part
- 2 Gambler's concern
- 3 Deep fried snack
- 4 Saskatchewan lake or singer



- Arden
- 5 Tibetan priest
- 6 Mule team
- 7 Alberta town, or feminist poet Livesay
- 8 Fabric of goat and camel hair
- 9 Not there
- 10 Assert
- 11 Bit sequence
- 17 Eugene, for short
- 19 Mobile radios, abbr.
- 22 Eagle's nest, e.g.
- 24 Pack sacks
- 25 Turkish title
- 26 Needlefish
- 27 Make leather
- 28 Alberta town or activist

- Brown
- 29 Sense of self
- 30 Chart
- 32 BC mountain or poet Johnson
- 35 Smallest merganser
- 36 Brewery product
- 38 Ontario town, or Olympian Catherwood
- 39 Stet
- 40 Jail
- 41 Upon
- 43 Teenager's curse?
- 45 Prayer ender
- 46 A kind of sign
- 48 Pat
- 49 Sun God

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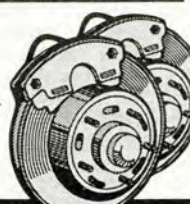
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Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

Don't let an argument with an acquaintance spoil your good mood this week, Libra. He or she is trying to get you upset. Don't let that happen. Just try to ignore this person. A loved one asks you for advice about a personal matter. Be honest.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

Try to be more attentive to a loved one this week, Scorpio. He or she is going through a difficult time and needs someone to talk to. Be there for him or her. Your efforts will be appreciated. A business acquaintance wants to get to know you better. Don't get involved with this person, because he or she has an ulterior motive.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

You get blamed for a problem at work. Instead of getting upset and going on the defensive, just help to rectify the situation. The higher-ups know the truth and won't reprimand you for something that you didn't do. A close friend reveals his or her true feelings for you. Let this person know how you really feel, too.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

You have a lot to do this week, Capricorn. So, try not to let others distract you. Stay focused, and work diligently. That's the only way to get things done. Don't worry — you'll have plenty of time to relax and enjoy yourself this weekend. Cancer plays a key role on Wednesday.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't bite off more than you can chew early in the week. You already have several things that you need to get done. Don't take on more responsibility. A loved one needs your help with a family matter this weekend. Do what you can for him or her.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Go after what you want this week, Pisces. If you don't, you'll never get it, because no one is going to give it to you. Don't be nervous; you deserve this. A good friend turns to you for help. Be there for him or her. Leo plays an important role.

Aries - March 21/April 20

Don't get caught up in the moment when reminiscing with an acquaintance. He or she is trying to distract you from something important. Pay attention to what's going on. That special someone asks for your advice. Be honest with him or her — even if what you have to say won't be appreciated. Gemini plays a key role.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Try to keep your temper under control when having a discussion with a close friend. He or she isn't ready to hear your opinion. Therefore, don't give it. Speaking your mind only will cause friction between the two of you. A loved one offers you some romantic advice. Take it.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

Take your time when it comes to finishing an important project this week. A lot of people are counting on you to do this right. So, don't rush through it, and be sure to check your work. Your diligence will be rewarded. A close friend takes you out late in the week. Enjoy yourself!

Cancer - June 22/July 22

You're in for a big change this week, Cancer. Don't be nervous; this is something that you've been wanting to happen. Share your excitement with those closest to you. An acquaintance asks to speak with you. Say yes, because he or she really needs someone to talk with. Sagittarius plays an important role on Thursday.

Leo - July 23/August 23

When it comes to your career, don't be afraid to ask the higher-ups for something that you really need. Just stay calm, and present your case logically. If you can do this, they're sure to be on your side. You meet someone interesting late in the week. Get to know him or her better, because this could be the one.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

Don't worry about a loved one who gets into trouble early in the week, Virgo. This person needs to handle the situation on his or her own. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify your relationship. Before saying yes, think about what you really want. This may not be it.



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the Harbour Authority's mandate. "Our goal here is to increase the use and economic viability of that Coast Guard Dock," he said. "It's also part of our commitment to improve island facilities - in this particular case, the new float goes hand in hand with the fire wall safety improvements made there last year."

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Shipyards in Delta. The Harbour Authority would like to see the remaining work and installation spread out to included as many contractors as possible.

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Business offers energy alternatives

by Rob McMahon

While fears that the world would explode on the eve of Y2K proved groundless, they did prompt people to re-evaluate the availability of many basic amenities previously taken for granted. In particular, our reliance on a constant power supply was something many became more aware of. The result is that some people have begun thinking differently about how they power their homes and businesses.

Now, as of November 23, Islanders can consult a locally-owned business should they wish to explore alternatives to traditional grid-based power supplies. Energy Options offers free consultation, and systems based on the use of solar, wind, and hydro generators for houses or boats.

The business is run by long-time Islander Bob Cecill in partnership with Ronan White, who for six years operated an alternative energy business on Lasqueti Island—completely dependant on alternative energy sources. Everything at Energy Options—from the overhead lights to the computers (but not the heating system)—runs on alternative energy.

The use of alternative energy in some form has been around for hundreds of years—Dutch windmills are an example of pre-twentieth century wind power. Closer to home, alternative energy powers a washroom complex on the Malahat and in California fields of spinning propellers use desert winds to generate electricity. For more than 20 years, researchers have been developing systems that gather energy from the sun, wind

and water, convert it to electrical energy that is then funneled into a battery (direct current), to be run through an inverter that switches the electricity into a usable (alternating current) form. Once the energy has been converted to alternating current, it can be used to power the whole house excepting heating, cooking, and hot water, says White. In the past two years, the popularity of alternative energy systems has increased substantially, White said, while advances in technology have provided much more cost effective and higher quality components, making it a much more viable option for electrical supply.

While solar paneling is possibly

wind, one of a variety of wind generators, (which collect 12 volts of direct current power) can be hooked up to one's house or boat.

White and Cecill list a number of advantages alternative power has over more conventional power. They do admit though that installation carries a high cost, but the long term benefits are both monetary and environmental. The technology used to gather energy from natural sources is clean, in that it doesn't pollute the environment, though it does implement the use of batteries which will last up to 10 years in a well-designed and maintained system, says White. Solar panels, which are mounted in strategic places to harvest the sun's energy, will last indefinitely—they currently come with 25-year warranties. And, generators will put out a continuous supply of energy for an indefinite amount of time—no more monthly hydro bills, points out Cecill.

As well as alternative energy generators, Energy Options sells a number of energy-related consumer products. A wide range of batteries are available, including rechargeable battery chargers, some of which run from solar power. Solar motion sensor lights, electric fences, radios and flashlights are also available. The store also features solar powered toy kits, with which children can build their own solar-powered windmills, cars, and airplanes.

Energy Options can be reached at 537-8371, and is located at the Ganges Village Market mall.

The use of alternative energy ... has been around for hundreds of years

the most well-known source of alternative energy, it is not a viable year-round option for our climate. Cloudy skies and rains from October to March mean solar panels must be supplemented with an additional power source to work throughout the year. A small hydro generator, hooked up to a backyard creek, is a constant source of energy. Even with a small flow of water through the generator's turbines, the battery will always charge, regardless of changes in weather. To gather energy from

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DOCTOR DROUGHT

Island newcomers have difficulty finding a GP

by Peggy Abrahams

When retired teacher Toby Fouks moved to Salt Spring last August from the Toronto area, she assumed she'd find a new doctor without any problem.

"I was living in Oakville and I had a wonderful family physician there. The only way I imagined I'd find a doctor and dentist here was by asking people for names. I began by asking people I knew on the island for names, and then I began calling doctors."

Fouks said she made several calls and was told that no one was taking new patients. She said that every time someone referred her to a doctor, she tried again.

"With one doctor, I was put on a waiting list. I'm number 16. I've called back twice since and I'm still number 16. Then, on one call I was given the names of two doctors who are taking new patients. I'd been calling since I came here and it was the first time I'd heard this."

Then, Fouks had a medical problem and needed to have some prescriptions filled. She said she decided to go to Vancouver Island to see a doctor. She was referred to a Victoria doctor, but it turned out this doctor was not taking new patients either.

First she went to a hospital in Sydney, and then because she lives in the North end of Salt Spring, she went to Duncan to look for a doctor, as this would be more convenient by ferry from Vesuvius. Fouks later learned from Marlie Kelsey, Salt Spring Welcome Wagon representative, that Dr. McNie was taking patients. She is now seeing Dr. McNie.

"It's so hard when you're new somewhere," Fouks said. "I might hire a plumber by looking in the yellow pages, but not a doctor."

Karen Davies, administrator at Lady Minto Hospital, said this is not a new situation for Salt Spring, and that the community's medical needs are being met.

"We currently have 10 doctors on staff and three have open practices. We're relatively well off—10 doctors for a population of about 10,000—compared to some other more isolated areas. One doctor is always on call for emergencies so new people without a doctor can always see someone at the hospital," said Davies.

Even so, Salt Spring's ratio of one doctor per thousand residents falls short of the provincial average. According to Jeff Gaulin of the Ministry of Health, the ratio for British Columbia is 533 residents per doctor.

"There are 7,500 doctors in the province, and given our population of four million, that's an excellent ratio. But what we've got is an uneven distribution of physicians. It's not so much a shortage of doctors, but where they're located. Most are in urban areas," explained Gaulin.

In November, Lady Minto Hospital addressed concerns about the perceived shortage of doctors taking new patients. Davies sent a memo to all 10 family doctors, listing the names of the three practitioners who were still accepting new patients. Since then, when new patients have called any of the doctors with closed practices, they have been referred to Doctors Myers, McNie and Buchan, to help short circuit a frustrating wild goose chase.

But streamlining the referral process has not entirely solved the problem of providing a choice of health care providers for local residents. Scott McNie, who has had a family practice in Salt Spring for three years, suggested that in general, doctors practicing in a rural community may not want a full-time practice.

"It's a problem. There are plenty of doctors in Salt Spring, theoretically, to look after the population, so there isn't any need for doctors population-wise. It's a lifestyle thing. Many come here looking for a certain lifestyle. Anybody who wants to make a lot of money generally will practice in the city. Most people who come here don't want to work as much," said McNie.

Furthermore, some female residents would prefer to consult a female physician and none of the four local female family practitioners is accepting new patients.

McNie, who said he may soon sell his Salt Spring family practice to a female doctor, has been trying to sell the practice since last May or June. According to Davies, in the past when local doctors wished to leave the Island and sell their practice there were usually letters of intention on file from two or three potential buyers waiting in the wings. "It's harder now for a doctor to sell his practice," she said.

The apparent shortage of doctors on Salt Spring is just part of a much larger scale problem, according to Davies.

"It's not a local issue, it's a generic problem. There seems to be a shortage of medical personnel...nurses, lab technicians and doctors. The average age of registered nurses in the province is 48. It's scary. Vancouver and Victoria are all having the same problems. It's cyclical. For a while there was a glut, so a wave of medical personnel went south. Now there is heavy recruitment province-wide," said Davies.

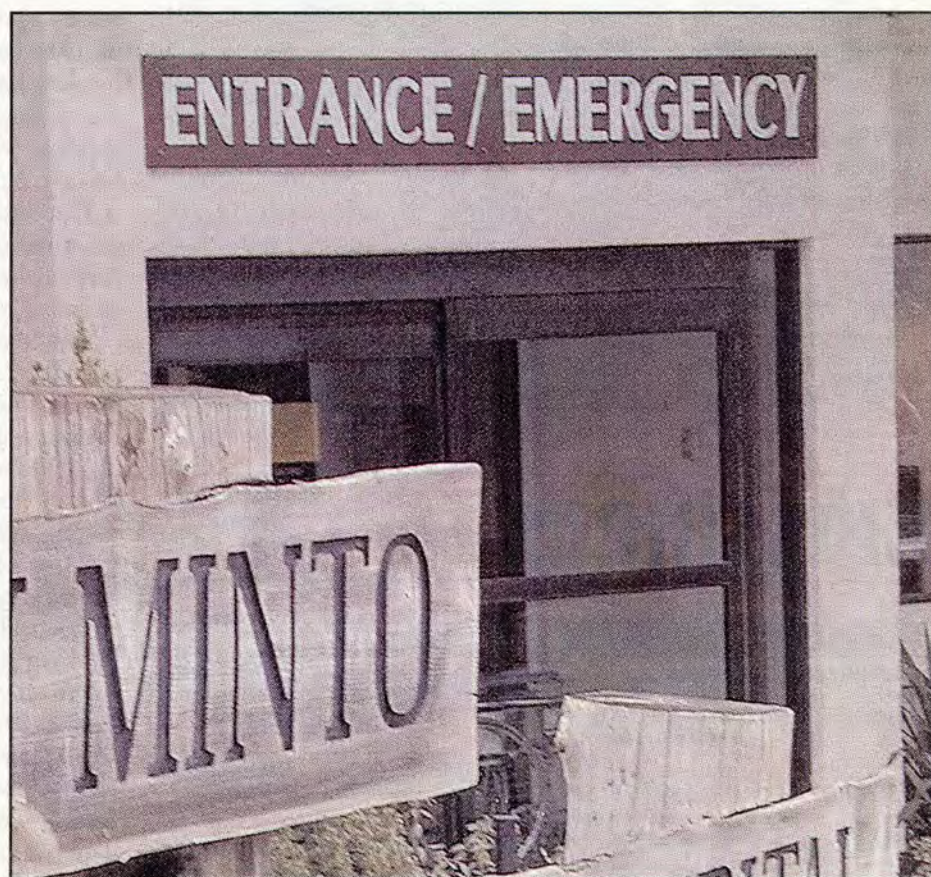
According to Gaulin, the province has developed an elaborate programme to recruit and retain doctors in rural areas. He said communities can apply to the province detailing their needs, and doctors send in applications. The province tries to match the needs of the community with the doctor's strengths. Doctors are offered incentives such as fee premiums, travel assis-

tance and other perks to go to more remote locales. Gaulin acknowledged these programmes may be more applicable to remote Northern areas than to an area like Salt Spring.

Still, newcomers to Salt Spring may not have their first choice of doctor. Davies commented, "I guess folks wanted to get in to see Dr. X or Dr. Y, and Dr. X or Dr. Y were not available, so there was a perception of a shortage. But I don't think there would be anyone on Salt Spring who couldn't get into a practice."

But according to Fouks, she wanted a doctor referred by a trusted source, not just randomly chosen from a list. The hospitals have lists of doctors who are taking new patients. "Again, you're sort of guessing," she commented.

"In the hospital they told me in a community like this it's expected that if someone has a medical problem, whoever is on call will see them. Some people don't have their own doctor here. I'm a full-time resident. I deserve to have my own doctor."



Jeff Outerbridge photo

A female physician may buy Scott McNie's practice.

Scott McNie, who has had a family medical practice on Salt Spring for three years, may soon be selling his practice to a female physician from Britain who most recently practiced on Galiano Island. McNie said he should know in the next four to six weeks if the sale will go through.

"It's pending this doctor's getting her license and visa," McNie explained. He declined to disclose the name of the doctor or other details at this point.

In addition to his family practice, McNie practices anesthetics and obstetrics. He said he has decided to leave because his practice here is limited. "There is not enough to do here from the point of view of anesthetics and obstetrics," he said.

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