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Rate of cut decried

by Peggy Abrahams

Local forestry experts say they are not anti-logging, but opposed to the rate and scale of logging Texada is engaged in. Forestry consultant Jean Brouard, said, "Our beef with them is that they are not at all interested in sustainable forestry and we as a community are. Essentially they should not be

logging at the rate they're logging now," he said.

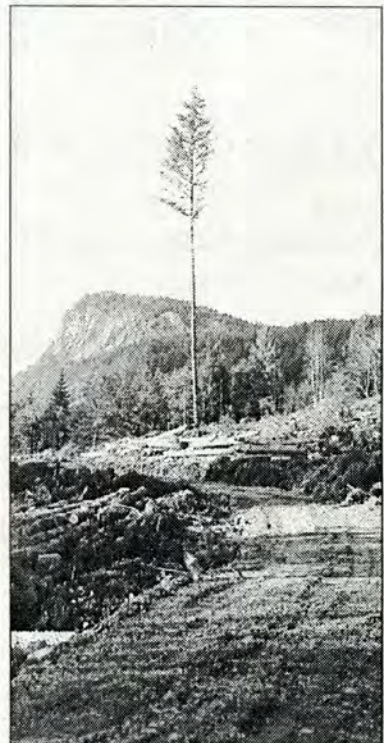
Texada is logging their land at 15 to 20 times the sustainable rate, according to local forestry consultant Sally John, who has been monitoring the operation since it began in November. "I estimate their rate of cut to be at least twice the rate of re-growth on an island-wide basis," she said.

John pointed out that the Islands Trust policy statement 4.2.2 reads, "It is the position of the Trust Council that: on each island in the Trust area, the rate of forest harvesting should not exceed the rate of re-growth."

John asked Macdonald, "You single-handedly are harvesting more than the reate of re-growth on this island...how do you feel about that?"

Macdonald replied, said John, "I feel pretty good about that, actually...and then he laughed."

In an interview with *the Barnacle*, Macdonald said the provincial policy for harvesting timber at a sustainable rate is one or two per cent per year on Crown Land. "Private land is different. There is no economical way on private land to take out two per cent per year. You can't operate forestry on that basis," he said.



A lone tree stands on the Lees Hill cut.

Tamar Griggs photo



Tom Pickett photo

A pall of smoke hovers over the Fulford Valley. Texada, burning logging slash, was ordered to douse the fires Friday. At mid-day February 11 (shown here), smoke was still streaming into the sky and at night a red glow was seen from Lees Hill..

Fulford Valley smoked out

by Peggy Abrahams

Smoke filled the Fulford Valley last week when Texada Land Corporation burned slash, raising health concerns among residents. After the Waste Management Department (WMD) of the Ministry of Environment ordered Texada to douse the fires Friday, residents reported that smoke continued to fill the valley throughout the night and the glow of fires was seen after dark.

"I came down Lees Hill sometime Friday afternoon and I saw two fires. Smoke was still in the air all night long. My son had serious breathing prob-

lems," said valley resident Gunther Sandl.

Bernie McKay of the WMD said no permit was required under the circumstances. "I think there is some code regarding slash burning on Crown Land, not private land," he said.

However, McKay explained there is a WMD regulation regarding smoke control which does apply. "It requires there be good venting and the venting was not adequate."

Rob Macdonald, Texada principal commented, "I guess there was a low wind and sort of inversion layer the other day and the smoke bothered some people."

McKay said he informed complainants who called, that Salt Spring would need a bylaw to regulate such fires. "Under the current legislation, they'll be allowed to resume burning as long as the venting improves."

Texada's local operations manager Brent Kapler said, "We plan on burning again. That's a very isolated area where we're going to be burning for a couple of weeks."

Sandl remarked that there are a lot of people in the Valley with breathing problems. "The fact they set fire to brush and stumps at this time was just a ruthless act of inconsideration," he said.

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Clearcut practices, not logging, were the focus of Wednesday's Texada Lands protest and blockade.

The truck stops here

A Dorman logging truck bound for the Burgoyne Bay log dump was stopped in its tracks on Jones Road Thursday, February 10 when, at about 10 a.m., 50 protestors stood in its path. Sally Sunshine and Jonathan LeDrew chained themselves to the truck and for five hours endured cold, damp and discomfort in protest of clearcut logging.

"If we can't stop this here on Salt Spring Island then we can't stop this madness anywhere," said LeDrew from a cramped position beneath the truck where his arms, encased in heavy pipe, were shackled to the undercarriage.

What at one point looked like it might lead to violence and arrest quickly settled into some-

thing more like a small street party. CBC radio and CHEK TV crews mingled with those dancing, chanting and smoking marijuana while police patrolled the area on foot. Dorman employees and Texada Land Corporation representatives pointed cameras at protestors who pointed cameras back. Cell phones flipped frequently as lawyers were consulted. The threat to use a blow torch to disengage Sunshine and LeDrew was quickly dropped when protestors informed Dorman's employee the result could be an assault charge.

After a few hours of impasse, Sunshine called for a chant and then asked to speak with the loggers present. She explained the



protest was not against logging nor was the intent to stop their livelihood. The issue, she said, was clearcut logging and its effect on Salt Spring's environment. The protest then broke up.

Trial date set for clearcut protestor

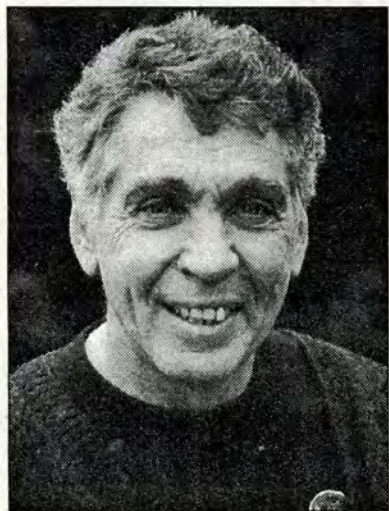
by Peggy Abrahams

David Shebib pleaded not guilty to the charge of willful damage at a hearing last Tuesday following his arrest at a January 5 rally where he disconnected the brakes on a logging truck contracted by Texada Land Corporation. A trial date was set for May 9.

Shebib recounted there were 75 people in the road blocking the truck the day of his arrest. "They were also breaking the law. The blockade was a very peaceful occasion. Everyone was there. And I made the decision to stop the truck."

Constable Jamie Tretiak, who was at the rally, said the police made the decision to arrest Shebib collectively. "The decision was not made by one officer."

No other protestors were arrested at the January blockade, nor were protestors arrested at last Wednesday's demonstration when Jonathan LeDrew and Sally Sunshine



David Shebib.

chained themselves to a logging truck. According to Tretiak, arrests in situations involving civil disobedience are made at the discretion of the police, but the police do not decide if charges will be laid.

"Crown Counsel decides if charges will be laid. It's not up to the police whether charges are approved. We provide information and make recom-

mendations but do not have the authority to decide if charges are going to be laid." She added, "It looks like the protesting will continue. We've already let the logging truck company know if they want to stop the protesting they should get a civil injunction."

Shebib said he acted because Texada's logging operation greatly exceeds the sustainable forestry rate. He said he believed there was no need for his arrest.

"Someone comes and has taken off 10 per cent of the Island and tells us, 'We own it. We're entitled to do what we want with it.' I believe what I did was right. Even if people describe me as a lose cannon, I shot in the right direction," he said.

At his hearing he told Judge Higginbottom, "I have no problem under the law. As a concerned honest citizen, I have to enter into civil disobedience to bring to light the destruction that is going on."

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To log or not to log... that's not the question



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

Last week a group of 50 Islanders blocked the passage of a logging truck. Two chained themselves to the beast while 48 others stood their ground on the road holding signs with messages like, "Love a long-term logger, Sustainability pays." During the five-hour standoff Sally Sunshine (and others) made the point of stating that the protest was not in opposition to logging per se, but to protest clear-cut logging. It's a message that's been repeatedly stated at every rally and protest event.

But, a lot of people appear determined to ignore that message. A lot of people seem hell bent on ignoring the real issue and instead are putting their efforts into polarizing the situation in a way that's not intended by those protesting. Sad to say, the majority of those supporting Texada in this manner are the ones who I think should be shouting against them the loudest—loggers. If I were a logger who wanted to see my livelihood continue I'd be in the front lines at the protests. Why? Because the forestry practices put to use by Texada are contributing to the elimination of that livelihood.

I wonder if any of the loggers who've jumped on the Texada bandwagon in support of their logging practices have really stopped to think about the implications of what those guys are doing here. We're not talking about an area tucked away in the interior, far from human habitation and development. We're not talking about an area surrounded by vast tracts of untouched land. This is not happening somewhere where we can fool ourselves into thinking the supply of timber is endless. Nor is it occurring where conditions for regeneration are optimum.

Last week the Historical Society hosted a panel discussion with a group of old-time loggers. Regaling the audience of 75 with stories of by-gone days, the loggers carefully avoided any questions related to logging taking place on the Island today. They told stories of log dumps that

ringed the Island, smoke from slash fires blanketing Salt Spring from one end to the other, jobs in abundance.

Well, what about those jobs. How many local loggers have been hired by the Texada gang? Half a dozen? Twelve? Whatever the number, the money isn't flowing freely into the coffers of many locals. Off-Island crews are the order of the day. Imported labour. This isn't a boom time for anyone who makes their home on Salt Spring Island. And it isn't going to develop into a boom time, either. The quick buck is what Texada is after. They don't give a damn about the local economy or local jobs—logging or otherwise—any more, than they appear to give a damn about the unique environment here.

At the current rate of cut the jobs will run out in short order and Macdonald and gang will move on to ravish tracts of land elsewhere. What then? The trees will be gone and whether or not loggers support Texada's actions today they won't be employed to log locally then.

Local forester Sally John has been monitoring the Texada logging carefully. According to her, Texada is logging their 10 per cent of the Island at 15 to 20 times the sustainable rate. She estimates their rate of Island-wide cut to be at least twice the rate of re-growth.

Macdonald and gang appear to be thumbing their noses at Islands Trust policies on cut rate. And yes, we do have a policy statement on this issue. It reads: "It is the position of the Trust Council that on each island in the Trust area the rate of forest harvest should not exceed the rate of re-growth." Could it be that such a policy was designed to help protect a life style historically followed in the area?

When quoted the policy and asked to respond, Macdonald essentially scoffed at the Trust's position. It's not in his best interests to adhere. It doesn't work well for him. It wouldn't be financially feasible...for him.

Think about. Who are you going to back?



Youth crime clarification

Thank you for your February 8 report on the Youth Crime Prevention Project. In order to avoid possible misinterpretation, I would like to clarify my remarks concerning the Community Justice (Diversion) Program. This volunteer-run program gives offenders an opportunity to provide restitution to victims or the community for crimes committed. The Community Justice program may encourage victims and witnesses to report crimes to police and identify offenders in the hope that this type of intervention will deter the offender from committing further crimes, without giving him or her a criminal record. Referral to this program is, however, at the discretion of the RCMP. Referral is usually limited to those without previous convictions and those whose offences are less serious in nature.

RICHARD KERR

Wake-up Parents!

It takes energy to check up on your daughters and sons, know their friends, their whereabouts, check out the parties, the sleepovers, the maturity and responsibility of other parents. It takes energy to say No and to be strong, when other parents have said OK. It takes skill and strength to make the right decision, to stick to your guns, to pull the kids out of an unsafe situation. But that's our job: to protect our children from unnecessary harm, until they fly the coop. To educate, to love unconditionally, to teach them discipline, to give them earned freedom, to guide their emo-

tional and intellectual development, to teach them how to read people and make the right choices.

In our society alcohol and drugs are false rites of initiation for children, and unfortunately the blind trust parents have in their teens may not be enough to get them through. Teenagers need Adventure, Affection and Social Fun, but without direction or dialogue the wheel spins and someone always gets hurt.

There is too much lazy, naive parenting on this Island. I applaud those parents who are conscious and concerned.

MONA FERTIG

Chewing on the truth

Mr. John Bennett wrote a letter that appeared in the *Barnacle* of February 6th expressing his deep concern that people stick to the TRUTH concerning the Texada Land Development.

With the revelations reported by your paper, I suspect Mr. Bennett will have enough TRUTH to chew on for a good while. Kudos to the *Barnacle* for your report and excellent editorial. You are the Miami Herald of the Gulf Islands!

LARRY SHETZER

Supernatural B.C.

Clearcutting is fine for annual crops like corn and wheat. Do we not harvest these fields, plant new seeds in the Spring, then harvest again in the Fall?

To talk of harvesting a forest is a completely misleading concept. The soil, the air, the water cannot heal

themselves in a year; it takes 60 to 80 years for most trees to reach maturity. And where have all the plants and animals gone in the meantime? They can hardly check into the nearest hotel while they wait for a home again...a home that can never be the same with monoculture woodlots.

We Grannies have a song about this kind of operation (the tune is "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," in itself a sad joke):

Why are they growing those match sticks?

Thought we were gonna have trees.

Clear-cutting looks like a moon-scape -

That's supernatural B.C.

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Lashing out

So, I went for a walk today with a friend and her eight-year-old daughter to witness the clearcuts at the holly farm on Fulford Ganges road. On our way past the eight new-born lambs and the fourteen ewes that have for a long time called this land home, a woman rushed up behind us and snarled, "They are cutting it all down: you're wasting your f---ing time!" She then stood by the fence and literally twitched with rage, occasionally glaring at me and my friends.

In my experience such an extreme degree of anger always comes from shame and defensiveness: clearly this woman feels futile in any attempt to preserve her quality of life on Salt Spring, and is lashing out.

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This frightens me a great deal. What ifs fill my mind: What if I had been alone? What if it had been dark out? What if she had had a few drinks before our encounter? What if she was a he who could easily outmuscle me?

Seems to me that a sense of perspective has been lost here, and I am worried about what will happen to our island. Lets be smart here folks: Texada Land Corp, and Rob MacDonald and Derek Trethewy, don't give a flying fig about Salt Spring, they are here for the money and will do whatever it takes to strip as much money out of this island as quickly as possible. And then they are outta here leaving us to repair the damage as best we can.

Those of us who are visibly protesting Texada's tactics are not against logging and the work of loggers (even ones who come from off Island and are taking income away from the island as quickly as the trees), we are against the systematic destruction of vital ecosystems. We are in favour of sustainable logging and encourage the growth of wise and sensitive ways of using the land non-destructively, for now and the future.

I would urge those of you who feel anger against the protestors to review what it is we are protesting: We want to keep this island the warm and richly alive community that we all value.

Let's not let a couple of money grabbing destruction freaks from the big city destroy all that is precious about our community and cre-

ate among us an unhealthy polarization: I think we are all stronger and smarter than that. Let's join together to turn away the real enemy here. And you know what: I am not wasting my time, I'm fighting for my life and the lives of every living being with whom I share this planet.

SANDRA PATRICIA
HUNTER

Our Apologies

Residents of Jones Road were concerned Wednesday when the logging truck stopped by protestors blocked access to the road. Our intent was to stop the logging truck. We didn't intend to create any inconvenience residents. The driver compounded the problem by stopping his truck at least two feet from the right hand side of the solid road bed. His claim that we jumped from the bushes (all 50 of us) is hardly supported by the vegetation at the end of Jones Road. He also gave at least three long warning blasts with his air horn, as he rolled toward us.

While apologies are in order, and were made at the time, as offers of rides etc. were made, at the time, there is a much broader issue.

The issue, I believe, is "Private Land Use," and the current laws governing the use of that land. While Mr. Kapler is a signatory on a two page spread in the *Driftwood* stating Texada's plans and principles, he was apparently unaware of

the visibility of Texada's Mount Tuam cut block from the Fulford Ferry, as of Wednesday.

People seem to think that the people blockading the logging truck were against logging. That isn't the case at all. The people who stopped that truck are against rampant destruction of the environment, namely "clearcut logging."

For every retired logger who advocates the viability of clearcutting, you might find one who has reverence for the land, a wise old timer who advocates selective logging, stewardship and sustainability.

Mr. Kapler, you signed on to a document that promised to "Undertake our work in such a manner that we not only respect environmental values, but we use them to enhance the value of our lands." Your Code of Principles

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Speak Out!

Write to us. Tell us what's on your mind—dreams, peeves and all. But remember, keep it short—200 words or less—and get your letter to us by 5 p.m. Thursday for publication in the upcoming issue. We reserve the right to edit for brevity, clarity and legal considerations.



A journal as literary as the Barnacle is bound to appear in the most unusual places. Take Sacramento, CA. population: 400,000.

TIDE TABLES

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FR	2200	1.3
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promised "low impact harvesting methods."

The Islands Trust has in the past given all sorts of people grief, wielding power over land owners, and the decision-making process for their land. Perhaps Texada Land Corporation is just too big for them to bother with.

In the meantime, there are a lot of people giving hundreds of hours of their time to stop something very detrimental to this Island, their home.

Texada Land Corporation representative, Mr. Kapler, stated at the blockade that over 1000 acres is tied up in the completed Burgoyne parcels. At the current rate of harvest (2 hectares/day) the remaining acreage will be decimated in about three years; less time actually if you consider the watershed and those profitless patches of Garry Oak, etc.

Mr. Kapler, you "may" have "current law" on your side at the moment, but if you are going to sign onto a Corporate Code of Principles, you might stop managing for a bit, and have a look at what Mr. Macdonald has done on Mount Tuam. It isn't low impact, by any stretch. Your harvest rate is about 20 times the sustainable rate, and it all seems counter to the community's long term interests, i.e. tourism, affordable clean drinking water, etc., etc., etc.

ROD MCGUCKIN

A clarification of use of donations

Thank you to all who attended the Spirituality, Ethics and Art (SEA) event with Robert Bateman on Friday, February 4th. Thank you for your donations at the door which covered expenses and honorariums. Our outreach committee, in consultation with Robert Bateman, decided that donations above expenses would go to the United Church Healing Fund which "supports initiatives in aboriginal communities designed to address the legacy of Indian Residential Schools" (quoted from United Church national office).

A portion of the donations will cover initial costs of a First Nations cultural event including a community meal, which will occur in our church meadow on Saturday, June 10th.

It was an honour to host Robert Bateman's slide presentation, talk, and question and answer period. After refreshments we enjoyed an intimate discussion between Robert and a smaller group of community members. It was an unexpected honour to experience Randy "Nachap" Chipps' invocation prayer and blessing of Robert Bateman in his Nuu Chah Nulth language, so well described by Elizabeth Courtney in her February 8th article in *the Barnacle*, and by Ron Hawkins and Forence Cook Reid in the February 9th edition of *the Driftwood*. I hope, along with Elizabeth, that this event and others

like it will "mark a new stage in Island consciousness about our relationship to the environment we live in and the peoples who have preceded us in our love of it."

REV. ROHANA LAING

Compelled to respond

Paul Beckman asked the heterosexual community on Salt Spring to speak up (*the Barnacle*, February 8) and so I am compelled, against my better judgement, to respond to this request.

Let me be clear and to the point—you are not, by any stretch of the imagination, the voice of "purity" for the heterosexual community on Salt Spring. You speak only for yourself and you speak in the destructive rhetoric of homophobia. You may fool yourself but you are not fooling any of us. It is you who has fallen asleep at the wheel, and missed the last several decades of advancements in human rights and human ethics.

KAREN CLARK

Supports freedom

Regarding Palu's airheaded defensive diatribe against something called a "homosexual community," I am forced to reconsider my earlier statement that yoga is necessarily a powerfully transforming life path.

Beckman, it seems, has misunderstood his yoga lessons or teachers and developed a brand-new asana (perhaps a perverted type of HALASANA) that enables him to

place his head firmly up his own fundament, effectively sealing his eyes and ears from any opinion dissenting from his fatuous views.

As for myself, I'll say that my three living children, two ex-wives and female partners, past and future (I hope) would be surprised to hear that I was a member of any esoteric community at all, let alone gay, unless it were one that supports all non-injurious freedoms for and between informed and consenting adults.

Enuff already, Rainbo-man

ROBB DAY

Mind over matter

Just a short note to say Hats Off to Angelica Haven for last week's (Feb. 1st) contribution to the Letters section of your paper.

She isn't in the telephone directory, but whoever she is, my wife and I couldn't agree more, with her simple "Tell it as it was meant to be" letter.

It seems to me that it's only our supposedly intelligent human race and desperate dogs, that can't seem to notice the physical difference between the sexes, which brings to mind a quote I like, "If it's not mind over matter, there is something the matter with the mind!"

ROLF LEBEN

Unconditional love

To Paul Beckman, I find it very interesting that you choose to launder your emotional turmoil publicly. You seem to want recognition for your pain. What is it that motivates you in this manner. Fear? Or just a need for validation. Whatever the case is, it's quite remarkable that you choose our community to target. I would like to add constructive insight to your challenges as far as you accepting and loving yourself. You could be blessing our community as we have given you a cause and an opportunity. By participating in your therapy we have given you an outlet to project blocked emotions, therefore helping you clear old patterns to move forward on your path. Good for us, thank you Paul Beckman, for giving us all the attention and focus (as negative energy can be transformed into positive for the greater cause). Unconditional Love!

CAROL GARDNER

P.S. It is also interesting that you have chosen to include "Rainbow" within your name, as it is the recognized international symbol for gays and lesbians.

Blessed be, may the light surface from within you soon.

To the point

Mr. Paul Beckman, So you like to hear the heterosexual community speak up, would you? Well, speaking as one member of this community: Shut up, you bigoted little twit!

ALLAN L. CRANE

Debilitating dependency

Arthur, you complain about a shortage of medical personnel and their services and say the Health Care System is a joke. You are right. (Wit and Whimsy, the

Barnacle, February 1)

You say "we wuz robbed." You are so right!

To me, the problem is not the scarcity of services or the cost. The problem is that many people are hooked into a system that makes them totally dependent on it and causes these people to lose their own independence. They are being robbed of their ability to learn, understand and be free to heal their own problems. Such dependency is debilitating, especially when on a system—this Health Care System—that does not really heal or cure competently enough to keep us healthy.

In China doctors only get paid when patients are healthy. This could happen in Canada too.

There is a fear of so many health problems in our culture and it is being constantly promoted. Fear of diseases like cancer, Alzheimers, killer flu, AIDS, hepatitis C, depression, etc. are hanging over our cultured society like a gloomy cloud of impending doom. A great creative energy source, eh? Who needs it!

The doctors and nurses do little or nothing to clear it and actually promote it.

Natural methods, i.e., herbs, fresh air, sunshine, good food, exercise, work better to stay healthy. They have already proven these methods heal most problems of health. Skip the doctors and nurses, etc.

Take your life back from these liars! And Live!

Stinging nettle and alfalfa dried leaves and pau d'arco bark tea (bark at health food store) chases the viruses/flu.

MARGARET

MCLAUGHLIN

Salt Spring resident, vegetarian, health nut (no drugs for years)

Tribute to ferry workers

Considering the constant attacks against ferry workers by the *Times Colonist* and *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, the total lack of support for its employees by BCFC, the constantly decreasing real wages of the employees and steadily worsening working conditions, it is a tribute to the spirit of the employees that the ships are still running despite the worst damage management and government have been able to inflict. There is no other public transportation service that requires such a high degree of training yet pays wages below the industry average. A deckhand must meet international and national standards not only for such routine duties as steering the ship but also for emergencies such as shipboard firefighting, which can be more difficult and dangerous than a house fire, marine rescues, ships in distress, man (person) overboard, car firefighting, first aid, dangerous cargo handling, etc.

The catering attendants and cleaners are not there to "flip burgers and slop the hogs" as some ill-informed people would have you believe. If that were true there would be nothing but vending machines aboard ship. They are there to take care of you in an emergency as required by

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COMMENTARY

Vacuum of leadership

Gosh, I have been so immersed in dreamscaping lately, I come out and suddenly I am reading Shelagh Plunkett's inspiring piece in the Barnacle last week and I am re-awakened to the so-called "reality." From what she wrote I can only say, reality bites! Ouch! You are hurting me... and not in a good way. Sounds like Texada may as well be Exxon.

And I hardly come out of cyberspace long enough these days but to watch our system of local government devolving into the anarchic leadership by the masses, with people having to make up for the political shortfalls of the elected officials their local "other" newspaper chose to spoon-feed them. Well it seems that we can resign ourselves to yet another three more years of wishy-washy leadership from our three B&B political representatives.

I was amazed at election time when so few people came out to the all-candidates meetings and barely a handful to the Islands Trust's Land-Use Bylaw sessions (until peoples' B&B's were threatened) but it became clear to me then that Booth & Byron & Borrowman had played their politics well as Salt Springers "drifted" into yet another media-manipulated election.zzz.calm

So now, yet again, we are disappointed to find that a developer has chosen to buy sensitive, natural resources and then hold the community at ransom in lieu of logging it to death, and yet again we see the same old, same old cries for leadership in a vacuum brought on by apathy at election time. We do it to ourselves really, through those we elect, and it seems so tragic that people would rather cast a vote for mediocrity and then spend their valuable time doing exactly the job they elected their representatives to do in the first place!

It is highly inefficient and disorganized to simply vote for figure heads of local government and then have to spend your own time enlightening them on the issues

and what they should do to solve them. The idea is that we all have our interests and we dream a better world by specializing in our life's loves, not dabbling in issues we only have a peripheral interest in. If politics is your game, then get into it and show some leadership! (Where are you, Dietrich, when we need you? Thanks for the \$100,000 for ArtSpring and supporting the Mill Farm and no parkland sales. You're an Ace!)

This Texada issue seems almost a no-brainer (not a qualified opinion mind you), but the community has resoundingly voiced their opposition, so let the Islands Trust do their job and rezone the land. What about exchanging a few densities, maybe suggest that they build a few homes instead, or a small village. Clear-cutting is a dead issue on Salt Spring. Not gonna happen without a fight. Even if the Trust were to just place a moratorium on Texada's operations until the ethical practices of these financial moguls are clarified we'd at least have some breathing space to access their somewhat disingenuous claims. If ever we needed a B&B or even a B it is now!

I think if the firm of Borrowman, Booth and Byron really did work together as the public was so easily mollified into believing, (if you get my "drift"), then we might avoid another government study that would suggest bigger local government is the answer. Better representation is the answer, less bureaucracy and simple, computerized, public opinion, Internet barometers installed in all government offices. But this leadership en masse we see is hardly a substitute for a few good, qualified people who care, listen and are not afraid to act on our behalf. Next time we should take care and elect them!

Peace.

PAUL MARCANO

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marine law. They assist in firefighting and marine rescue. They provide crowd control, comfort, information and first aid. They must have nationally recognized certificates to hold their jobs.

The engine room staff is rarely seen and even more rarely thought of yet they are basic to the survival of the ship. In any emergency they must remain at their stations below decks until the last extremity to provide power for emergency equipment and propulsion for the ship. They have the least chance for survival in a dire emergency yet they return to their stations day after day.

The officers are highly trained and competent. They could get jobs anywhere in the world at higher wages yet they choose to be here. Why? Partly because they have found crews who believe in their ships and will do their best for their ships, their shipmates and the passengers despite constant harassment from misinformed media, ill informed public, uncaring management and ungovernable government. All for below standard wages.

K. BUTLER
Deckhand BCFC

Stupidity, callousness and incompetence: BC Ferries has done it again

The following is a relatively minor incident, but it so clearly demonstrates yet again some major problems in the operation of the ferry fleet.

On February 12, 2000, I arrived at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal by bus for the 12:50 p.m. direct ferry to Long Harbour. I walked into the foot passenger departure lounge at end of a long stream of fellow pedestrians. The lines leading to the two ticket takers stretched back to the door. I waited patiently as the lines moved forward and as the woman just ahead of me approached the booth, an announcement was made that no more Gulf Island tickets would be sold. "One more!" I shouted, but to no avail: the woman in the booth called to see if she could sell one more ticket, but was told no.

After a few rather unfortunate words had left my mouth, I ordered my throughfare ticket to Fulford. I arrived at Swartz Bay just in time to hear an announcement that the Bowen Queen would be delayed because all of the terminal's berths

were occupied and the Queen would have to wait until the Queen of Saanich — from which I had just disembarked — departed for Vancouver and left berth 1 vacant. This despite the fact the Queen of Cumberland and the Tachek were both empty and were occupying berths 4 and 5, waiting for their 3:15 p.m. departures — 20 minutes after the Bowen Queen was scheduled to depart. The Queen of Saanich finally left at about 3:10, some ten minutes late... after having let a few latecomers board.

My anger is directed first at the ticket takers in Tsawwassen who didn't think far enough ahead to let those of us who were Long Harbour-bound know to come to the front of the lines so we could make the ferry.

More disturbing, however, is the callousness of the owner of the voice at the other end of the ticket taker's phone — the one who would not take one more passenger. Who is she and why does she have so little compassion?

Most disturbing of all is the incompetence of those who create schedules that do not make sense. Is there a reason that they cannot better coordinate the ferry schedules with the bus schedules? In this instance, Long Harbour passengers have the

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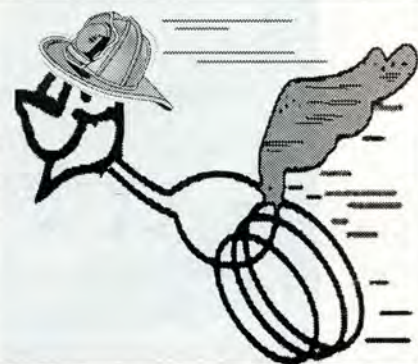
The premises currently occupied by The Tangled Web, Unit #3, Jessie Toynbee Building, will become vacant on February 29, 2000.

The Landlord (Mouat's Trading Co.) is prepared to enter into a five-year lease, with renewal option, for the subject space.

The premises is well maintained and shares the complex with five first-rate businesses. There is a large parking lot associated with the building/premises. Other features of the premises include:

- skylights
- large front and side windows
- large roof overhang and covered walkway
- approximately 1,000 sq.ft.

Please contact: Kevin Bell
Mouat's Trading Co.
537-5593



We'd like to say thanks...

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Good news flash

The angel with a beard

I was driving to the ferry from a long day at work in Victoria, tired and thinking about getting home, when my car suddenly and slowly lost power, close to Sidney.

It was pouring rain, dark and all I had was \$5 in my pocket. I left my car by the side of the highway and started walking—my thumb out—toward the ferry terminal. Cars sped by, big trucks sped by, more cars. I tried flagging a few down, waving my arms in the dark but they kept speeding past.

With only 20 minutes to get to the ferry, shouting into the wind that I needed some help, soaked

and exhausted, I arrived at a set of lights determined that if I had to I'd fling myself onto the first car stopped and beg for a lift to the boat.

I approached the lights, when I saw the face of Gord who asked, "Hey do you need a ride?" So, with a ride from Gord Murphy and Colleen Skeltcher, I learned that some angels have beards.

Of course, they were Salt Spring people who picked me up and saved the day. Thank you, Gord and Colleen and to all the people of Salt Spring who still help each other out.

DIANE BIALECKI

Texada tenants fear no security

by Peggy Abrahams

Tenants of Texada Property Management, a division of Texada Land Corporation, have said they aren't happy with a new lease and rental agreement presented to them by the owners last month. The tenants, calling themselves the Burgoyne Bay Residents Association, said they do not wish to sign the lease.

A spokesperson for the tenants,

who wished to remain unidentified, said, "On November 25 at a Town Hall, Texada's local operations manager Brent Kapler offered a one-year lease and rent freeze. What they've offered us so far gives us no security."

According to the spokesperson, the new offer consists of three pages of new clauses and regulations. The spokesperson said that

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SAFE EXIT—Salt Spring Island Foundation Chair Bob Rush and Trustee Tom Toynbee presented a \$1,500 cheque to Ken Garner, G.I. School District maintenance manager and transportation supervisor, to pay for two new emergency roof escape hatches. School bus drivers Kathleen Mouat and Peter Price are shown testing out the new "lids." Rush said "If a bus falls over on its side, the kids aren't tall enough to reach the tops of the windows and the back door may be jammed. Erling Jorgensen started the push to get hatches installed in the buses. A photo in the Barnacle gave us the idea, and now we hope someone else will help." Five more hatches are still needed so that each bus in the fleet is equipped.

Peggy Abrahams photo

GEORGIA STRAIT CROSSING PROJECT

USING NATURAL GAS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY

Did you know?

The 500 kV system – the largest cable system bringing electricity to Vancouver Island – delivers about 1300 megawatts of electricity using six submarine cables, each about six inches in diameter and approximately 500 metres apart.

In comparison, only one 16-inch diameter natural gas pipeline is required to transport an equivalent amount of energy.

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.

Demand for electricity on Vancouver Island is increasing. At the same time, two of the three cable transmission systems – which collectively deliver about 80% of electricity to the Island – are becoming increasingly unreliable. Faced with this situation, BC Hydro began planning for an additional supply of electricity for Vancouver Island.

Use of natural gas to generate electricity on Vancouver Island appears to be the best solution for ensuring continued low-cost, reliable electricity service to Island customers. Factors supporting this conclusion include:

- the economic, environmental and social advantages of siting new electricity generating facilities close to where the electricity will be used
- the lack of suitable sites on Vancouver Island for development of new hydroelectric generating facilities
- the upgrading and replacement of the aging submarine cable systems and associated terminal equipment would be more costly than building a new natural gas pipeline
- a favourable outlook for both the supply and price of natural gas
- reduced Island dependence on the mainland for electricity
- diversification of Vancouver Island's and the province's energy supply

Environmental impacts are associated with all electricity generation and transmission options. For example, hydro-electric generation affects fish habitat and water flows.

The use of natural gas – a fossil fuel – impacts air quality. Even an alternative energy such as wind power requires large amounts of cleared land.

Natural Gas

A natural gas pipeline is an economical way to bring fuel to Vancouver Island for on-island electricity generation. It also has the advantage of enhancing the Island's existing natural gas system and allowing for low-cost incremental expansion of supply. Using new technology at the generating facilities such as combined cycle gas turbines, the energy use can be maximized and emissions reduced. At the same time, BC Hydro is developing and implementing a greenhouse gas management plan.

Alternative Energies

BC Hydro is committed to meet up to 10 per cent of its electricity demand growth through new 'green' energy options. However, while some of these options, such as small hydro and woodwaste projects, are close to achieving cost competitiveness, they are not able to supply sufficient quantities of electricity to address the more immediate energy requirements of Vancouver Island and the rest of B.C.

Power Smart

Future energy requirement forecasts take into account the cumulative and future reductions in the demand for electricity attributable to BC Hydro's Power Smart programs. BC Hydro will continue to encourage energy efficiency by supporting energy-efficient standards and regulations and by providing energy management services.





Peter Clarke photo

WATCH THESE SPARKS FLY—Not all that far from a glint in a parent's eye, Tilly Morgan and fellow SPARKS are already preparing to set the world on fire with all the giving-and-sharing spirit burning within them. As the youngest embers of the Salt Spring Girl Guide programme, they take on an impressive load of responsibilities and community service, not the least of which is their ambitious campaign to supply each and every Meals on Wheels diner with his or her very own SPARKS Valentine.

Island Speak



Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

"Why did you move to Salt Spring?" I've been asked that question often since moving here. Islanders usually ask the question to satisfy themselves that you deserve to be here. Answers that show an understanding of and compassion toward both the surroundings and the lifestyles that make up Salt Spring allow the gate of acceptance to open. If I had said that I had moved here to open a McDonalds I'm sure my list of new friends would be shorter than the lifespan of an engine on the Skeena Queen.

Friends who still live in The City ask the question for a different reason. Some cannot fathom why a person would leave the city "and everything it has to offer." They have an uncomprehending expression when you try to explain the reasons a place like this pulls at you. So I usually end up saying, "to open a McDonalds," and they nod their heads in understanding.

For 25 years I was immersed in the high-speed buzz of a big city: living and working frantically. Most people in that situation don't even notice that the only time they slow down is when they're asleep. The sensory assaults are so constant and pronounced that there is no time for contemplation.

Is that why I moved to Salt Spring? I don't know. Some things are darned difficult to put into words. To say it was the beauty, the environment, even the people, is too simple an explanation. But one factor that drew me to this place is related to what I call Island Speak. It's the simple clear words that come

(often unexpectedly) from islanders, which separate them from city folks.

Three years ago—before moving to Salt Spring—I was visiting for a weekend. I wandered around Fulford, chatting to anybody and everybody. Among all the good stuff in The Blackbird (now Jambalaya) I found a thingamajig. It was a wrought-iron pin about five feet tall with a cone-shaped piece of glass in the top. I figured it was a candle-holder of some sort but Gerry told me it was a rain gauge. She said, "Just stick it in the ground somewhere. As it collects the rain you can read the markings on the glass." At this point, a salesperson in the city would have said something to convince me to buy it. Like, "They're the in thing right now." Or, "They make a great gift." But this is Salt Spring. Gerry said, "They rust beautifully."

A few days later I stopped in at David Harris's place to get some honey. As we stood in front of the antique cream-stand that now displays his products, he filled me in on Salt Spring history. He pointed out who settled where in the Burgoyne Valley and explained who begat whom. I'm a lover of old cars and trucks, so as he spoke I couldn't help but notice a few fine examples in his yard. When the opportunity arose, I mentioned that he appeared to have quite a few old Buicks and I asked if he was interested in selling one. He looked at me as if he were measuring whether I could possibly understand. Then, as he shook his head, he asked, "Why would you ever want to sell a Buick?"

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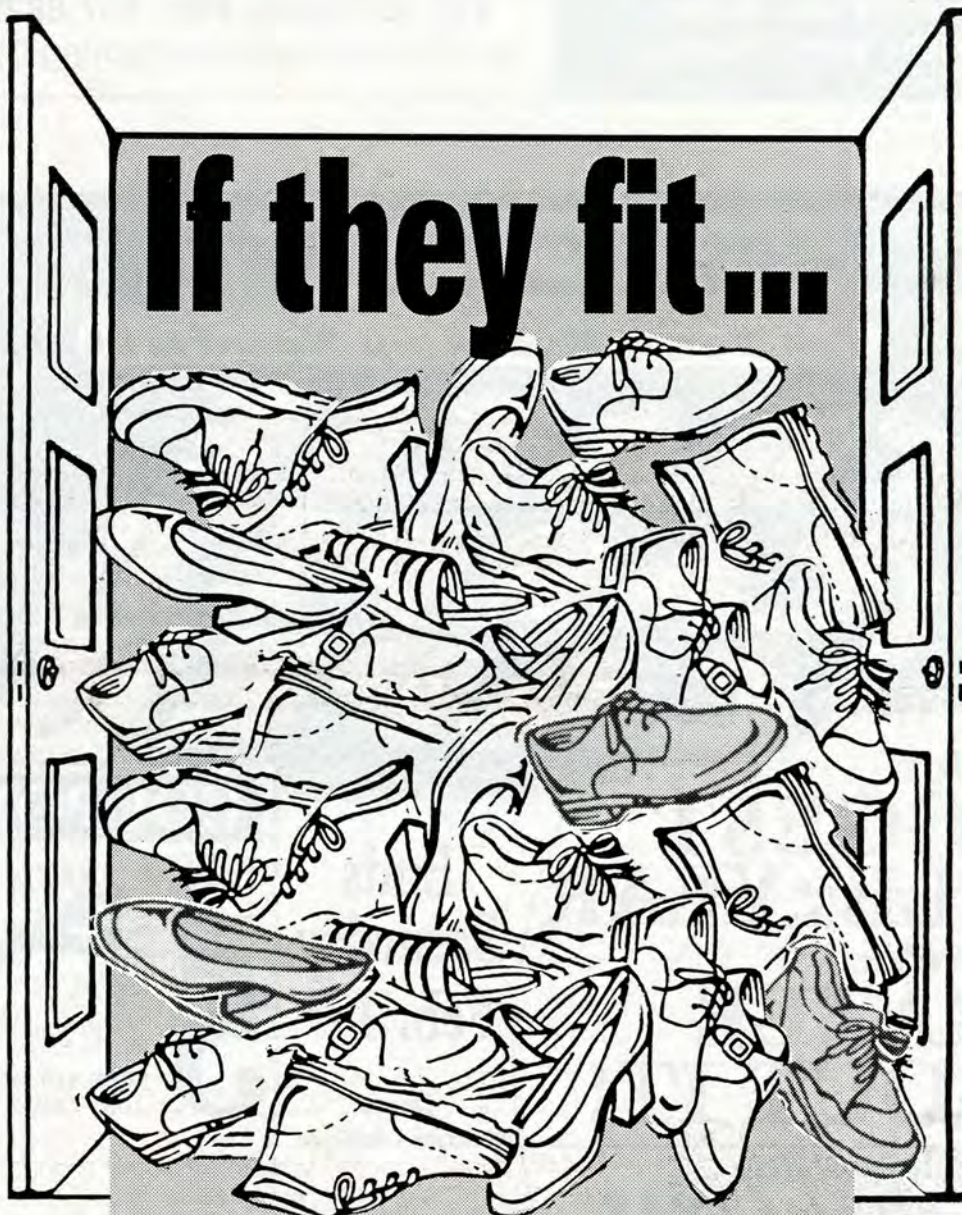
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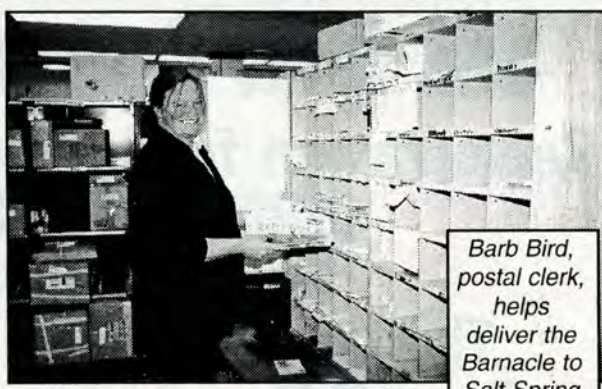
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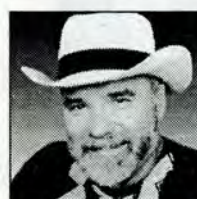
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Wit & Whimsy ...

with Arthur Black

Of course television is more interesting than people! Otherwise we'd have people standing in the corners of our living rooms.

-Anon.

I remember exactly when I realized what a powerful narcotic TV is. I was visiting the home of a new friend for the first time. She came from a large family—seven or eight—and they were all home that evening, physically anyway.

They were in the living room gathered around the TV like Cro-magnons around a campfire. My friend said something like "Mom, Dad, everybody—I'd like you to meet..." and she introduced me, explaining where we'd met and so on.

I was all set to say "Pleased to meetcha"—except it wasn't necessary. My presence hadn't even registered. The mother's eyes ran over me distractedly for a millisecond before relocking on the TV screen; I think the father said "Shhhh!" Nobody else even looked up.

That was many years ago, when TV was still relatively new and clumsy. I think it's even more powerful now—powerful enough that sometimes it's hard to know what's real and what is not. In Japan, for instance, there is a very popular TV show that makes Jerry Springer look like an episode of Teletubbies.

It's called "Ai suru futari, Wakeru futari" ("Couples in love; couples breaking up").

The contestants (?) are actually married couples who find themselves on the verge of divorce. They agree to come on the show and discuss their marital troubles in intimate detail with a panel of experts (and, incidentally, several million Japanese viewers). The couple and the panel duke it out. If they decide the problems are insoluble and the marriage is doomed, the parties sign a divorce agreement, right there, on prime time. And, of course, before the final commercial break.

Why would anyone humiliate themselves like that? Hey, you don't have to go to Osaka to find examples of TV calling the shots. Last year, John Keating, a plumber in Los Angeles, responded to a call to fix a bathroom sink at a home in Beverly Hills. At the door, Keating was greeted by a woman wearing a leopard-

print negligee.

John Keating is a professional. Eyes on his steel-toed boots, he asked to be directed to the problem sink. While working on the sink, Keating could not help but overhear the grunts and groans of a man and a woman who were...not playing scrabble. He returned to his task. Next thing he knew, a naked man came streaking into the bathroom, with his clothes under his arm. The woman's husband had just come home, explained the streaker. Would John Keating please, please, please tell the cuckold that he (the naked man) was in fact the plumber's helper?

All this time the naked man is scrambling into his clothes and the husband is scrabbling at the bathroom door. The husband breaks down the door. The Don Juan is by now on all fours, inspecting the sink's U-joint and fervently imploring John Keating, plumber, to go along with the ruse that he was just a plumber's assistant.

Then the phony assistant snaps. He springs to his feet and tells the husband he loves the woman. The husband howls for vengeance and plumber John Keating wonders what he did to deserve all this.

And at that point, a TV producer jumps out of a bathroom closet and yells "Cut!"

That's right—it was all a sham. A Candid Camera style put-on designed to show "humourously" the trials and tribulations of a plumber's life.

Except John Keating isn't laughing. He tells the TV people they are idiots and they are lucky that he didn't wrap a Number Nine Pipe Wrench around somebody's head. The TV people, realizing that they are suddenly in deep doo-doo, offer to deep-six the TV segment and destroy the videotape. John Keating, sensing sweet revenge, says "Nah...I'll see you in court."

Which is where it stands now. Keating is suing the TV company for "emotional distress...fear, shame, chagrin, sleeplessness, powerlessness, frustration and discomfort."

I hope he wins. I hope he soaks them big time. They deserve it.

Besides, even if the TV producers lose millions, they can always turn it into a Movie of The Week.

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An alien with a special talent

by Elizabeth Courtney

The Folk Club's season finale (excepting the fundraising Gumboot Gala, still to come in March) certainly met the rigorously high standards set by the preceding three concerts. Jam-packed half an hour before opening means plenty of time to succumb to the disastrously delicious confections to be had from the kitchen. Billed as a real "sparkler" by Valdy, Colleen Eccleston from Victoria via Newfoundland is the epitome of traditional Celtic energy with a mesmerisingly clear voice. Her own material is both lyrical and soulful, but she comes across as equal to Leonard Cohen in her *Invitation to the Dance* as well as being able to pull off a Stan Rogers song with a voice big enough for his considerable shadow. A well-chosen appetizer for the feast that followed. On stage, Oscar Lopez cuts a figure sculpted from fire and ice. The razor sharp planes of his face, the precision of each tiny hair—whether eyebrow, moustache or close-cropped head—the mathematical angles of his legs—all expressive of his music as it poured in breathtaking currents from his nylon-stringed guitar. Dwarfed, but not crushed by his architectural walls of sound, like a small boat awed by ice fields as it descends to the water's edge, I was opened up by his sheer



The passionate Oscar Lopez.

authority and effortless virtuosity. He himself speaks of being driven by passion, but it is more the contained suffering than the casual romantic meaning of passion that comes to mind. This is passion writ large, forged from a Chilean soul and married to the whole tradition of writing for the guitar, whether in complex rhythms, unbelievably fast harmonic melodies, consciousness-altering repetitions in the manner of Philip Glass or beautifully realized endings whose post-coital fadings made me wish that as an audience we would adopt the Japanese habit of letting the music hover in our bodies before leaping to the applause. Brent Gubbels on electric bass was superb, as was acoustic guitarist

Manuel (didn't catch his last name) whose sweeter tone I would have appreciated hearing in its own right. If there was one complaint in this riveting performance, it would be that Lopez eclipsed his sidemen in a manner more customary in big concert halls than intimate venues where the musical conversations between performers (as with Washington, Scarlett and Whitely a few months back) becomes an integral part of the pleasure. No doubt about it though, the Immigration Department's description of this "alien with a special talent" is a monumental understatement of this Chilean-Canadian fusion of Latin bravura and Northern reflection. Fire and ice indeed.

Upcoming

Two rivers converge in gospel sound

Although they come from widely divergent backgrounds, Marcus Mosely and Peter Dent draw from a reservoir of common African-American spiritual melodies learned in their youth. For Mosely, the songs come from the core of his racial and cultural heritage—cotton country West Texas with a Pentecostal holiness tradition. His introduction to gospel was through his mother and other family members. Head north to southern Ontario and encounter mainstream United Church to find the roots of Dent's gospel music background. His sources were vocal arrangements sung in church, around scout campfires, and in public and high school choirs.

In 1997 these two streams of talent were brought together by Dean Powers, owner of Gospel Events, a Vancouver-based organization dedicated to promoting performances of gospel music. Mosely and Dent collaborated first on a fundrais-

ing concern for Vancouver's Christ Church Cathedral.

Marcus Mosely has had a successful career as an actor and singer, appearing in *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *The Black & Gold Review*, and the Livent Production of *Showboat*. Peter Dent is a choral conductor and composer as well as a jazz pianist. They often combine their talents, appearing in clubs and lounges performing entirely secular music. They are most at home, however, performing gospel material, albeit with strong influences of jazz and musical theatre in their unique fresh treatments of traditional gospel fare.

Dent and Mosely released *Two Rivers, One Source*, their first cd in March, 1999. The material is predominantly traditional, done in a fresh way with a couple of original tunes thrown in.

Marcus Mosely and Peter Dent will appear at All Saints By-the-Sea February 19. Local musician Alan Moberg will host their show and open for them.

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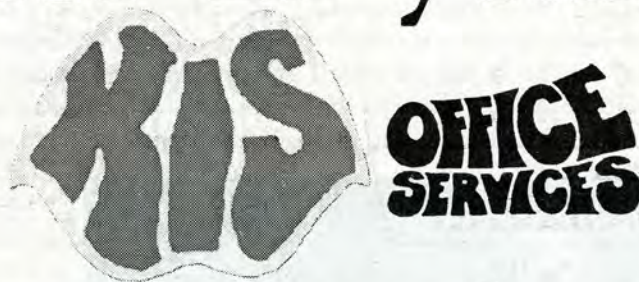
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A plethora of poets

by Elizabeth Courtney

Diving deep and surfacing. That's as good a description as any of the poetic impulse. One of the most ancient and unifying characteristics of humanity, the marriage of spontaneously arising images to heartbeat and breath, probably to describe a recent hunt or the deeds of an ancestor, is more central to culture than almost any other activity. At first accompanied by a drum (beat) or flute (breath), it would later become impossible to imagine the community's bard without his lute. Today, the popular song and accompanying video most closely resemble the ancient song and dance which reminds the people who they are and what they most value.

With the exception of a very few (Leonard Cohen and Joni Mitchell come to mind), music has come to take precedence over lyric and the poets are left with the task of restoring the power of words to their sacred function of healing the rifts between worlds (as when an animal is slain, a warrior dies or a marriage takes place—nothing new about the preoccupation with sex and death here). So it was with delight that I noticed four or five poetry events on the Community Calendar and decided to check them out to see how words were faring in this challenging era of the trivialized and deceitful word. The first event involving open-mike poetry at Central Hall was cancelled because of the snow, but may be re-scheduled. The second was a reading by Evelyn Lau and Bill Gaston. Bill Gaston is not a poet but read a short story, the charm of which lay in such arresting images as "her mouth shaped like a complaint." Lau, the youngest winner of the Governor General's award, acknowledged that she, "was not terribly good at introducing herself or her poems—a fear perhaps of being overly disclosing!" What followed was a veritable torrent of images, dreams, colours and insights, the book snapping briskly shut at the close of each poem so that only the fractured remains had any chance of settling. "An isolation room," "thoughts darken like charcoal"—the interior spaces of suicide and jealousy, "his pity looked to you like love." Her images piled up like butterflies, their flight arrested by her unwillingness to give them space to breathe.

Frustrated that my net had caught so little of what I recognised as beautifully crafted words, I spoke to Lau afterwards. She admitted that her fear of seeming pre-

"Thoughts darken like charcoal"

tentious caused her to override plenty of advice on making her presentation more accessible—the rather grim setting, rows of straight-backed chairs for the audience, and a stark little table with jug of water suggesting a prison cell, not helping. In total contrast, Ahava and Mahaka Shira sit in comfortable armchairs in the beautiful lounge at Salt Spring Centre in front of an audience that could choose between cushions and chairs. She reminds me of an illustrated princess in a

child's book of fairy tales. Her images lack the precise brilliance of Lau's and the willingness to stare down the dark. Instead, she relies on words like pain and rage as she creates a misty veil of dream associations, drawing on a blend of new-age psycholo-

gy and mythology to accomplish the healing she is in search of. What she lacks in precision, however, she makes up for in the charm of her presence. Tenderly and sensitively supported by Mahaka's guitar, she demonstrates an ability to dramatize her words in movement—gifts that will stand her in good stead as her own work matures or if she decides to perform the work of other poets.

The following night Cherie Geauvreau brought friends Jenny Rensby and Oscar Riley to the Lions Hall as musical support for an evening of her new poetry. In spite of their relaxed and pleasing performances, Geauvreau's acute nervousness was almost her undoing. It is one of the charms of Salt Spring that the audience remained utterly sympathetic, even calling out words of encouragement, so by the second half, she was able to launch into her major new work, a long poem entitled *A Moon Whale Suite* with passionate conviction. As interested in the sound and play of words as their meaning, the poem was difficult to follow, yet carried an intimation of significance akin to listening to prayers in a foreign language. Again, I conclude that the absence of a common source of imagery makes it imperative that the performance of poetry employ techniques that allow the images to land. Poet/performers Robert Bly and David Whyte use repetition to great effect in their public performances. In fact, restoring the orality of poetry is a marvellous editing tool as redundant words or vague images quickly reveal themselves.

Which brings me to a poetry workshop to be given by another Governor General's award-winning poet, Don McKay, on Saturday, March 4. This promises to be a real workout for poets. It combines composing, editing, workshoping and publishing as well as the discussion of poetry as a practice and its relationship to the environment in which we find ourselves. For more information call Ron Hawkins at 537-5052. Meanwhile, let's celebrate the return of poetry to the public domain and congratulate all those who are both willing to share it and support it.



Cherie Geauvreau (above right) was backed by Jennifer Rensby and Oscar Riley (not shown) during a reading that utilized both the sound and play of words and that of musical accompaniment. Ahava Shiva (right) looked like a princess in a fairy tale during her poetry reading at the Salt Spring Centre.





**Fundraiser,
February 26**

SIMS parents perform

Music is alive and thriving on Salt Spring Island. More than one third of the children attending SIMS are involved with the band programme. Bandmaster Bruce Creswick can take credit for inspiring so much enthusiasm among his students. Not only does he introduce them to the joys of making music as a group, he entertains them as well. Never a day goes by that he doesn't have a story to tickle their funny bones or some corny musical joke for them to groan at. Band is so much fun; they laugh hard together and play hard together. And play well together! The SIMS band has received many accolades over the past few years, most recently receiving a rating of excellent at a competition in Comox in November.

The next few months will be a busy and exciting time for the SIMS band. The 28-member Jazz Band will be performing for the B.C. School Trustees Association dance at the Harbour House Hotel on February 25. Then it's on to the Vancouver Island Jazz Festival in Parksville on March 15, and the West Coast Jazz Festival at Malaspina College in Nanaimo in mid-April. On

See SIMS p27



Salt Spring's own Anastacia Wilde.

Anastacia's Back

Local performer to launch compositions

After four years of composing and practicing, Anastacia Wilde is ready to debut her original piano music in concert at the United Church on Saturday, February 19th. The 37-year-old musician, composer, writer and singer recently resigned from her profession of carpenter to focus wholly on her artistic career and this debut is one brick in the foundation of her new career as a professional artist.

Wilde is a gifted, self-taught musician with more than 20 years experience as a guitarist and singer/songwriter. Her agility on the guitar transfers easily to the piano where her dexterity is evident in the tireless, mischievous melodies which back up a strong bass line throughout her compositions.

Arriving on Salt Spring more than four years ago, Wilde found inspiration in the rural environment of this Island and began to fulfill a long cherished dream. She purchased a piano, plunked

it down before a huge window facing the ocean and started teaching herself to play by ear. With no technical training, Wilde manages to draw in her listeners with a tender passion and a knack for musical storytelling.

A 1997 review (*the Driftwood*) describes Wilde's music as redefining the boundaries of accepted musical standards. "Wilde has a distinctive style and a flair for performance. Her original pieces defy classification within traditional genres, although they reflect a wide variety of musical interest and experience. She is a flamboyant character with a quick wit, an infectious smile and an interesting flair for composition."

Wilde's music takes you to places known and unknown, pulsating with past sorrows, present challenges and future hopes. "My job as a composer and performer is to suspend time long enough to give people a glimpse of what they are

capable of," Wilde said. "Playing the piano is like flowing water. There is the main river which is the central theme or thread, and there are the rivulets and cascades, waterfalls and whirlpools where everything gets churned up and exposed and then finds its way back to the steady flow."

Over the years, Wilde has performed at a variety of venues and festivals on Salt Spring, including her own concert in the summer of 1997, the ArtSpring Opening, the Treehouse Cafe, the Sally Sunshine Benefit, Women's Day Celebration and Everlasting Summer.

Wilde will be accompanied by her partner, vocalist and drummer Nina Holldorf, with whom she is starting a musical duo after years of solo performance. The concert takes place on Saturday, February 19th, at the United Church at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 (or donation) at the door and Salt Spring Hours are 100% accepted.

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FEBRUARY 15-27

Desert Island Choices

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



This week's castaway is **Maureen Garbarino**. She has been living on Salt Spring for the last three and a half years, having spent most of her working life as a college writing instructor. Although she continues to write, her main passion these days is investigating and enjoying the creative process through the act of painting.

The Book: "I would take The Complete Works of Chaucer in the original middle English. I love to hear him read out loud, and it would satisfy my need for both poetry and story. My soul is really at home in the middle ages, and besides, there is so much more to Chaucer than just The Canterbury Tales."

The Disc: "I have an old and well loved record of Ali Akbar Khan playing ragas that I've had since the sixties. As music it has always struck me as more essential than exotic and having loved it this long, I'm sure it will be good for another twenty years or so!"

Visitor: "I'd like it to be someone very wise and a good teacher from whom I could continue to learn. I think Krishnamurti, not because I have studied his writings, but because I would like to learn from him in person."

Community

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15

- ★ **A Vision for Canada**
David Orchard. Harbour House Hotel. 7-10pm
- 📖 **Storytime with Jean Voaden**
M H Memorial Library. 10-10:30am
- 📷 **Joe Benge**
Photographs. Sweet Arts Café to Feb 28
- Maureen Garbarino**
Images of Tuscany. Paintings. Luigi's Pizza to Feb 28
- Margaret Threlfall**
Watercolours. Bristol HairCutter to Feb. 28
- 🎵 **The Gryphen Trio**
Annalee Patipatanakoon, Jamie Parker & Roman Borys. ArtSpring. 8pm
- 🍲 **Soup's On**
Free soup and sandwich. All Saints. 11:30-1pm
- 👨 **Dr. William Nielson, Urologist**
SSI Prostate Cancer Support Group. Lions Hall. 2-4pm
- 👶 **Kindergym** Parc Portable. 9-10:30am
- 🏋 **Flexible Strength** All Saints. 9-10am
- 🏃 **Boot Camp** All Saints. 5-6pm
- 🏐 **Volleyball**
(co-ed) Fulford & GISS Gym. 7:30-9:30pm
- ❄ **Snow falling on Cedars** 6:45
- 🎭 **The Talented Mr. Ripley** 9:15

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16

- 🎵 **Free the Voice—Touch the Soul**
Singing workshops with June Bender. 121 Howard Rd. 7-8:30pm.
- 🧘 **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am
Info: 537-1657
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- 👯 **Living language**
Sacred Dance class. Beaver Point Hall. 2pm
- 👤 **Wellness Programme**
Meds & Nutrition for Arthritis. SSSeniors' Services Soc. 2pm
- 👯 **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am.
- Soccer**
Co-ed. Drop-in. Portlock. 2pm
- Circuit Challenge**
Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm

Tom Hooper

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Legend

- ★ Special Event
- 👶 Children
- 🎭 Performing Arts
- 🎵 Music
- 💃 Dance
- 🖼 Gallery
- 🧘 Interfaith
- 👤 Meetings & Lectures
- 🏥 Health
- 🏋 Sports and fitness
- 🎬 Cinema / TV
- 📺 Review in this issue

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 21

- 🎵 **Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- 🧘 **Kabir Helminski**
Study Group. Contemplative Centre. 10am. Info: 537-1657
- 👶 **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
- 👶 **Girl, Interrupted**
7:30pm

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22

- 📖 **Storytime with Jean Voaden**
Library. 10am
- 📖 **Toy Library**
Beaver Point hall. 9-10am
- 🍲 **Soup's On.**
Free soup and sandwich. 11:30-1pm
- 👨 **Island Farmers Institute**
AGM. Farmers' Institute Bldg. 7:30pm
- 👶 **Kindergym**
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23

- 🎵 **Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- 🧘 **Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 7:30am
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Community Wisdom**
Gathering Planning
Volunteers for May 26-28 welcome. United Church. 4-5:30pm
- 👶 **SSI Garden Club**
Meaden Hall. 7pm
- 👯 **Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am.
- Soccer**
Co-ed Drop-in. Portlock. 2pm
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- Storytime** West of the Moon 10am
- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Tango practice/lessons**
104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm.
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Men's Breakfast**
Meal & discussion. United Church. 8-10am
- Community Meditation**
Phillips Family. United Church.
10:30am-12:30pm
- New Millennium Series**
Is Jesus Still Relevant? United Church
downstairs. 6-8pm
- Christianity in Crisis: Treasures Worth Reclaiming.** Rev. Rohana Laing. United Church upstairs. 6:30-8:30pm
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- Bingo**
Meaden Hall. 7pm. Early Bird 6:30pm.
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 9-10am
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS. 8-10pm

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18

- Land Conservancy Benefit Concert**
ArtSpring. 8pm
- Open Stage**
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe.
Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- The Blues Weekend**
Three Chord Sloth & Gary
Preston. Fulford Inn. 9pm
- Tango workshops & Dance** Lions Hall.
6:30-9pm & 9-12pm
- Wisdom Circle**
Ideas & Concerns. United Church. 7:30-9:30pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints. 5-6pm
- Rollerblading to Music**
Fulford Hall. 7:30-10pm
- Girl, Interrupted** 6:45pm
- Snow Falling on Cedars**
9:15pm

Seedy Saturday

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Anastacia's Back**
Full Moon Piano Concert.
United Church. 8pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Mosely, Dent and Moburg**
Jazz & Gospel. All Saints'. 8pm
- The Blues Weekend**
Three Chord Sloth & Gary
Preston. Fulford Inn. 9pm
- Tango workshops**
Cat's Pajamas Studio, 104
Langs Rd. 10-12pm. 12:30-2:30pm. 3-5pm.
- SSI Rod & Gun Club Annual Game Dinner**
221 Long Harbour Rd. 7pm
- Living Language School Gateway Ceremony**
Light Centre. 9am-3:30pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Girl, Interrupted** 6:45pm
- Snow Falling on Cedars**
9:15pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20

- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4-7pm
- Pat Coleman Trio**
Dinner Jazz
Moby's Pub. 7pm
- GLOSSI**
SS Seniors' Centre. 2pm
- Islands Farmers Institute AGM**
Farmers Institute Building. 8pm
- Badminton Club**
GISS gym. 8-10pm
- Snow Falling on Cedars**
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- Sing Along Group**
Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Tango practice/lessons**
104 Lang Rd. 7:30-9:30pm.
- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Christian Zhikr**
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- Community Meditation**
United church upstairs. 11:30am-12:30pm
- Christianity in Crisis: Science & Religion**
Prof. John Mills. United Church. 6:30-8:30pm
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- MS Society** Seniors' Building. 7pm
- Fly tying**
Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 9-10am.
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

Anastacia Back

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25

- The Odd Couple**
Comedy. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Open Stage**
Every Friday. Rose's Cafe.
Fulford Harbour. 7pm
- Alex Cuba Band**
Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Playback Theatre**
United Church. 7pm
- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints. 5-6pm

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- The Odd Couple**
Comedy. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Alex Cuba Band**
Moby's Pub. 9pm
- SPCA AGM**
Lion's Club Hall. 2pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am

Buck

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

- The Odd Couple**
Comedy. ArtSpring. 2pm
- Brian (Buck) McDonald & Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Kelby McNayr Trio**
Dinner Jazz
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- Badminton Club**
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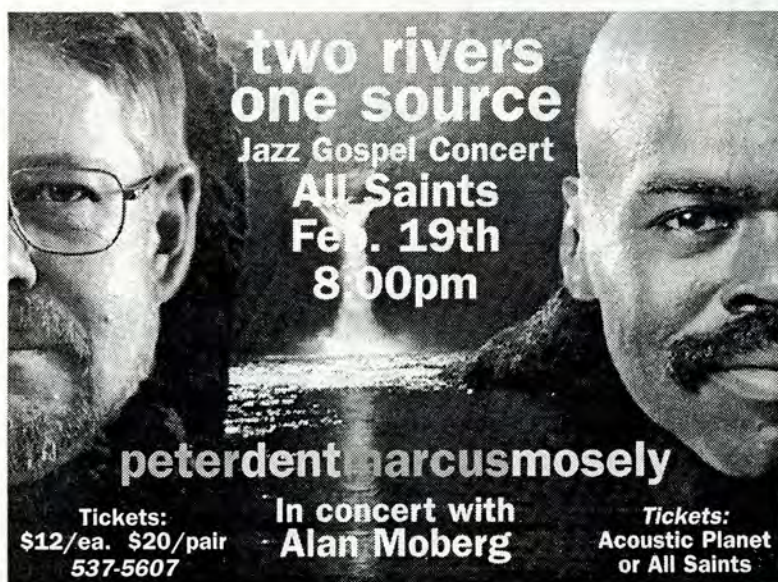
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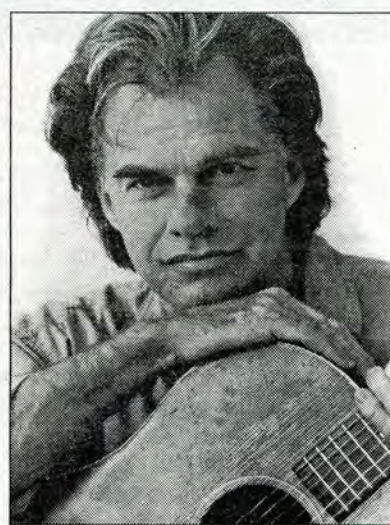
Henderson, singer, guitarist, producer and songwriter, is best known for his work with Chilliwack. He played a major role in the band's success, which spanned a run of 12

albums including many hits. More recently Henderson has put his talents toward record production which in 1982 garnered him a Juno Award as "Producer of the Year." He's produced recordings for The Nylons, John Baldry, Junior Gone Wild, Toronto, The Irish Rovers, Valdy and The West End Girls, among others.

Island music icon Valdy will also perform for the benefit. What can be said that hasn't already been printed? Touring since 1971, Valdy said he did his 10,000th show sometime in 1996. The folk star has 14 recordings and two Juno Awards to his name as well as nominations for eight more Junos.

Remember the *Grapes of Wrath*, a Kelowna band formed in 1978 that rose to platinum record and chart topping status? Well, bassist Tom Hooper was one of the founding members. He weathered the ups and downs of the band, came out the other end a mature performer and has recently reconnected with the original members to resurrect the band between solo shows.

Soft spoken Alan Moberg recently released *Northern Love*, his 10th album. This songwriter, singer and guitarist has 30 years of musical experience through which he's "shared his creative gratitude for a Western Canadian lifestyle." Moberg is about as Island as they come—born in Pender Harbour



Bill Henderson

and raised as a fisherman—and his music shows a great love for this corner of the globe.

Adding some musical spice to the mix, folk/jazz singer, songwriter and performer Susan Cogan completes the evening's line-up. Cogan's performances have been described as "seductively captivating," "graciously sensual" and "electrifying." Like the others on stage Friday night, Cogan has a musical history with long roots including eight recordings and star status in Israel.

A great blend—solid folk with tones of R&B, country, jazz and classic rock—which should make for a wonderful evening for a good cause. Great music to listen to while feeling good about it—what more could you ask for?



Susan Cogan

Tonight at ArtSpring

Slide show to enhance trio's performance

Tickets for the Gryphon Trio, performing tonight at ArtSpring, have been going fast ever since the concert was announced—not surprising considering the promise these three talented performers bring.

The Gryphon Trio was formed in

1993. Violinist Anna Lee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys and pianist Jamie Parker named their group for the mythical half lion, half eagle reputedly the guardian of treasures, and a symbol of the connection between psychic energy and cosmic force. The Gryphon Trio is described as embodying that spirit in their musical interpretations of the classics and in their performance of new compositions. Their concerts typically include familiar music presented in a lively, audience-friendly way.

The group has toured extensively in Canada and the United States, and has also performed in Belgium, France, Poland, Germany and Australia. In addition to chamber music concerts, the trio gives frequent master classes, radio and television performances and school presentations. In 1996, Analekta Records released the Trio's recording of Haydn Piano Trios that has



Courtesy photo

received unanimous audience and critical acclaim and a Juno Award nomination. In the fall of 1998 Analekta released Gryphon's second commercial release with works by Mendelssohn and Dvorak.

Mixing audio and visual performance, the Gryphon Trio also explores the artistic possibility of collaborations involving lighting design, visual art and dance. For tonight's show, a video technician traveling with the trio will fill the stage with projected images designed to enhance the music.

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Lemons in your own back yard



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

Is growing citrus north of California's citrus belt possible? I believe it is, providing the right species of citrus are selected for a colder winter climate.

There are many different species of citrus, and the real cold hardy ones are usually found in southern specialty mail order nurseries. *Poncirus trifoliata* is probably one of the hardiest citrus species, enduring temps below 0°F. These plants are often used for grafting stock to increase the hardiness of other varieties. These are very thorny, deciduous plants that produce small fruit. The small amount of juice from these fruits can be used as a lemony seasoning. Citrange is also supposed to be quite cold-tolerant, surviving temps down to near 0°F. This one is a cross between poncirus and sweet oranges. Mandarin size fruits have a very acid pulp like a grapefruit. Mature trees when fully winter dormant endure severe frost, and cold. Citranges have been grown for a number of years outside the citrus belt, as yard trees or potted specimens. Most of these cold-hardy species of citrus are native to colder and higher elevations of China.

Perhaps the most cold-hardy mandarin orange is Changsha

which has endured winter deep freezes to near 0°F or [-18c]. These plants can reach 10 feet tall.

A couple of weeks ago a curious gardener asked me if I thought it was possible to grow kumquats in our climate. Of course, my response to that question is that anything is possible if you're willing to experiment a little. Coconut palms will not normally grow in the state of California, but some experimental plantings have been tried in a few private gardens. Generally Kumquats are very cold-tolerant plants, and should withstand temperatures down below 20°F with little foliage damage. Even though the small fruit is fairly cold-sensitive, Kumquat trees can be grown in much colder areas than other citrus species. Some Kumquat hybrids can tolerate extreme cold temps, and should have a good chance in some local Salt Spring gardens. In the worst winters some protection may be added to help your tree in a prolonged cold snap.

The first Kumquats were introduced into the U.S.A. back in the mid-1800's, and are thought to have originated in China.

The name comes from the Chinese word chin kan, meaning golden orange. Thomasville cit-

rangequats are a kumquat cit-range hybrid. When fully mature the fruits are quite sweet when eaten fresh. These citrus trees are rated to 0°F, and mature trees have tolerated temps as low as -5°F. These are just a few of the many very cold-tolerant citrus.

There are many more interesting varieties to be found. Some evidence has shown that placing your citrus tree near the north side of your house, thus receiving less sun and warmth in early spring and fall, will keep it longer and deeper in dormancy. Such trees are less likely to be in active growth should a sudden early spring or fall frost occur.

In our area, which I class as a cooler summer region, planting citrus near a south wall under an overhang enhances your ability to grow and ripen fruit in the temperate growing zone. Citrus should be planted in the spring or summer months. They like summer irrigation, good-draining soil. A winter ground mulch is also beneficial, but keep it away from the trunk. For good growth results add some organic rich soil at planting time.

Have fun, do a little research on cold hardy citrus and see what you come up with. You'll be surprised what you find. There is a citrus grower in Sydney on Vancouver Island, who has several varieties outdoors all year long.



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Uncle Ben's convicted rice



Let's eat ...

with Linda Koroscil

I've always said Uncle Ben's isn't real rice. In fact I think it should be called Uncle Ben's Convicted Rice, never mind the conversion bit. It's pretty much in the same category as that minute stuff. What is that anyway, minute rice? It bears absolutely no resemblance to the real thing and it tastes even worse. Kind of like cotton swabs.

Listen, if you're going to put something in your mouth, make it worthwhile, like risotto. I ate this when I was in Italy; it was pure heaven. There are lots of ways to prepare it, and lots of varieties of rice to use. I'll just give you a few to simplify the whole risotto business, so here they are: arborio, baldo and carnaroli. These have very special cooking qualities—what you want is a beautiful silky consistency for risotto and what creates this is the starch. One to dissolve, producing the creamy texture, and one to absorb the liquid as the grains cook. And only short-grain rice will do. Risotto is always stirred in an open pot while small quantities of liquid are added. There are no set rules. Some people pre-

fer a drier risotto; some prefer a creamier risotto, in which case more liquid can be added. White wine mixed with chicken stock is marvelous, and whenever a recipe calls for herbs, just double it; that's what I do. Who can taste an eighth of a teaspoon of anything?

Thrifty's has an Italian theme on right now. Along with the Italian opera heard in the air, as I dreamed of Italy in the cheese section, I purchased some parmigiano-reggiano and some fresh spinach and some extra virgin olive oil and made a very tasty salad. So here goes with the risotto—try it tonight and I guarantee you'll get raves! Do a spinach salad with it. And have a nice bottle of vino.

Risotto with Spinach and Gorgonzola

The cheese is meant to melt appetizingly on the risotto before it is stirred in briefly at the end. This risotto should be fairly liquid before the cheese is added so that it can simmer for a bit while the cheese is melting.

- 14 oz. spinach
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/3 C. finely chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 C. arborio, baldo or carnaroli rice
- 4-1/2 C. hot chicken stock
- 1/4 C. freshly grated parmigiano-reggiano
- 7 oz. gorgonzola
- salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Blanch spinach, drain and refresh under cold water. Drain and squeeze out water, chop. Heat oil and sweat onion and garlic until onion is translucent. Add rice and saute, stirring until translucent. Stir in spinach and saute; don't brown. Pour in stock gradually and simmer the risotto for 15-20 minutes, stirring constantly. Add 1/2 C. white wine for creamier consistency. Remove from heat: stir in parmigiano cheese; add salt and pepper. Slice the gorgonzola and arrange on top; cover and allow cheese to melt. Remove lid and stir in the melted cheese. Serve at once.

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Spaghetti Squash Italiano

Salt Spring Sizzles ... with Gail Prior



Spaghetti Squash is like a bundle of spaghetti contained in a yellow football.

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| 2 small spaghetti squash (1-1/2 pounds each) | 1 C. mozzarella cheese, cut in cubes |
| 3 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped | 4 green onions, sliced |
| 1/2 C. chopped walnuts, toasted | 1/4 C. fresh basil or parsley |
| 1 tbsp. olive oil | 2 cloves garlic, minced |
| 2 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese | |

Halve squash lengthwise and remove the seeds. Prick skin all over. Place halves, cut side down, in a 3-quart rectangular baking dish. Cover and bake in a 350 F oven for 60-70 mins. or until tender. Using a fork, separate the squash pulp into strands, leaving strands in shell. Sprinkle one-fourth of the mozzarella cheese in each shell; toss lightly. Press mixture up the sides of the shell.

Meanwhile, in a bowl combine tomatoes, green onions, nuts, basil or parsley, oil and garlic. Spoon one-fourth of the tomato mixture into each shell. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Return to baking dish. Return to oven and bake, uncovered, about 20 minutes or until filling is heated through. 4 servings.

NOTE: Save time by cooking the squash in your microwave oven. Prick whole squash with a sharp knife. Place squash in a microwave-safe baking dish. Micro-cook, uncovered on high for 15-20 mins. or until tender. Let stand 5 minutes. Halve squash lengthwise and remove seeds.

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A weed worth keeping



Magic in herbs ... with Barbara Rikwerda

Yarrow (*Achilles millefolium*) is also known as milfoil. The achilles comes from an old legend which tells us that during the Trojan war in 1200 B.C., Achilles stopped the bleeding of his fellow soldiers' wounds by applying yarrow leaves. It was called the "herba militaris," the military herb.

It grows almost everywhere, in all soil conditions and in almost every country. The ancients believed that each leaf offered a thousand subdivisions, and therefore equal to a thousand uses, thus the synonym, millefolium. This is the doctrine of signature of the yarrow plant that our earliest ancestors read.

In astrology it is under the influence of Venus.

It is sad to see how we are pushing ourselves away from Nature's wisdom. This column has been a very difficult one to put together. There is so much interesting information available on this "weed" that it would be easier to write a book on it.

Let's briefly dip into my reason for making that remark.

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The whole plant is used, but

for a face wash a tea is made from the roots usually. It's for acne, blackheads, pimples and blemishes. Ladies can use a tea made from the flowers (leaves are O.K.) for nausea when pregnant, womb trouble, to relieve birth tension, heavy menstrual bleeding, menstrual cramps, sore breasts and it's good for gall bladder, enteritis, stomach cramps, external wounds and burns, indigestion, insomnia, arthritis, used to expel gas from stomach, for suppressed urine, bladder disorders, measles, toothache, earache, loss of appetite, anti catarrhal that helps body remove excess buildups in sinus area, etc., speeds healing, liver disease, hepatitis, aids digestion by tranquilizing, stimulates flow of bile, coughing, helps pancreas which secretes the hormone, insulin, thus good for diabetes, diarrhea (even in mild doses used for infants' diarrhea), piles, purifies blood, when fasting will keep PH right, Bright's disease, smallpox and chicken pox, ulcers, colds, blood and cardiac ailments, nervous and neurotic disorders, increases perspiration to eliminate toxins, equalizes circulation, lowers blood pressure, stops bleeding, hemorrhage, for fever, improves blood clotting, a diuretic and for inflammation. It has even recently been discovered to have an anti-cancer agent. Interesting, isn't it.

Let's leave this as is, and have some fun.

If you haven't found that right person yet just carry some of the

plant, and it'll bring love and also attract friends. It'll especially draw attention to those you most want to see.

Try making a love charm by sewing an ounce of yarrow into a little square of flannel and place it under your pillow:

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Soccer Kicks ...

with Alan Webb

Salt Spring
Russlers 2

Prospect Lake 3

Saturday afternoon's tussle between Salt Spring's Russlers and visiting Prospect Lake was full of the kind of coltish enthusiasm that one would expect from a boy's U-15 game.

Both sides were in a tearing hurry to advance the ball forward, often without any particular design. The early going, therefore, passed with an abundance of hopeful long balls being swept up by untroubled defenders. Most notable among the defenders in this regard was Greyston Stefancsik of the Russlers who had a hand in stifling nearly everything Prospect attempted.

Eventually Chris Gottas escaped down the left wing, outpaced a defender and poked the ball through the goalkeeper's legs for 1-0 Salt Spring lead.

Seconds later Gottas leapt on an uncertain clearance and set up Mark Brown for a two goal lead.

Exploiting the left side was clearly a good thing and Gottas was quick to try his luck again. A bold run down the left ended with his shot driven into the side-netting but his industry deserved better.

Prospect Lake turned the tables in the second half.

Salt Spring keeper Devin Milner did well to fist a rising shot over the bar early, then watched helplessly as a Prospect punt bounded through the Russler defense on to the foot of a charging striker. He made no mistake and it was 2-1.

A well-taken penalty evened the score and Prospect grabbed a winner with five minutes to go from a scramble.

Jordan Morrison cleared a possible fourth goal off the line and Milner's acrobatics also prevented the visitors from getting some insurance but the Russler's eleven men simply did not have the legs in the end to snatch an equalizer.

Salt Spring Old Boys

Cautiously victorious

Salt Spring Old Boys 4
Vic West 2

One should always be wary of New Democratic cabinet ministers and shorthanded soccer teams; to do otherwise can make you look ridiculous.

I don't know how many Old Boys have been sucked in by the former, certainly one that I know of, but the local Over 30's team made all the right noises about not being fooled by the latter.

Vic West arrived with nine men Sunday and Salt Spring know from experience how galvanizing playing shorthanded can be. Poach an early goal and defend in numbers and you may escape with ninety minutes of memories to share with your teammates again and again and again, every time a cold beer is in reach.

Lose to nine men and you'll wake up screaming well into your sixties.

The Old Boys tried to be

patient. They worked hard at winning the ball, they tried not to force passes too much, they maintained control and waited for an opening.

And then Vic West scored on their only shot of the first half.

This lent a certain urgency to the Red's play.

Before long Dion Hackett scored from a penalty and a glorious Phil Ritsen pass split the defence for Hackett's second.

Hackett popped a third goal early in the second half and John Foley stretched Salt Spring's lead to 4-1 shortly after.

With the result beyond doubt the Old Boys gave the visitors a couple of players, including scoring star Hackett, to play out the clock. Vic West managed a second shot, and a second goal, just before the final whistle.

The Old Boys played as well as they had to in the end, and Vic West played very well indeed.

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Slashers outstrip Cordova Bay, fast pace puts them into finals

Salt Spring Slashers 3
Cordova Bay 0

Salt Spring's U-19 Girls team, the Slashers, advanced to the Lower Island Finals of the B.C. Cup competition with an impressive 3-0 victory over Cordova Bay Sunday at Portlock Park.

Cordova Bay came out firing on all cylinders, swarming into attack and pressing the home side into their own penalty area. Salt Spring managed some pointed counterattacks, but in the main they were forced to sit back and absorb the visitor's pressure.

The lion's share of the credit for the Slasher's survival goes to Jessica Coulter and Jenny Kerr, the twin centrebacks. Coulter was first into every challenge forcing her mark to be not only creative but courageous too.

Jenny Kerr was simply the best player on the pitch.

Not an imposing physical presence, her ability to read an attack, anticipate a pass and cut it out is exceptional. Having won the ball she also showed the skill

to go forward.

A quarter of an hour of frenetic soccer had passed when Launi Legg let fly from 30 yards (would someone kindly tell her to shoot more often?). The goalkeeper couldn't handle it and the ball squirted out to Kyla Dares who sent the Slashers up by one.

The pace didn't let up in the second half. The Slashers had long since wrested the dominance from Cordova Bay's play which left an exuberant end-to-end sawoff.

But soccer is a game often decided by a subtle intelligence and Launi Legg supplied that vision.

Much of Cordova Bay's offence was midfield-driven with the result that the play in the middle was especially congested. Legg had her hands full with her opposite centre midfielder Tanis Luney, but she settled the ball

and sent a perfectly weighted feed down the right wing for Stephanie Collette. Collette's cross created havoc in the visitor's goalmouth and once again Kyla Dares emerged opportunistically to score.

Minutes later a Legg shot from twenty yards was deflected by Dares forcing a fine reaction save by the Cordova 'keeper.

Dares wasn't finished, however. She completed her hat trick by jumping on a defender error and sliding it home to send the Slashers on to the finals next week in Victoria.



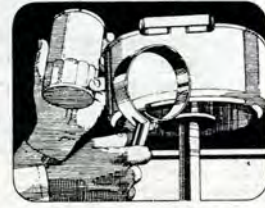
Slasher's Launi Legg shadows Cordova Bay's Tanis Luney in girls U-19 soccer action at Portlock Park. Legg was prominent in Salt Spring's 3-0 victory.

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Athlete of the Week


Doug Pearson

Doug is 40-something and plays soccer for the Salt Spring Geezers Over 40's team.

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Doug also enjoys playing darts and misplacing his soccer uniform.

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105 • OBITUARIES

Lassie Dodds



Miss Dora "Lassie" Jenny Leacroft Dodds passed away peacefully February 9, 2000 at Lady Minto Hospital with family at her side.

Lassie was born September 26, 1913 on SSI and spent all of her 86 years on this Island she loved so much.

She worked at Lady Minto Hospital for 34 years and after retirement volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store.

She was an avid hiker and a founding member of the SSI Hiking Club.

Lassie's deep love of animals, nature and her fellow man reflected in her Christian life.

Lassie was predeceased by her brothers, Bill & Alec. She will be missed dearly and lovingly remembered by her brother Bob (Dorothy) of SSI, her many nieces & nephews, extended family and friends.

A very special thanks to Dr. Woodley, home support and the great hospital staff for their exceptional care and support.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

A church service will be held at All Saints by the Sea at 1:00pm, Sat., Feb. 19. (Private family graveside service will be held at a later date.) Tea will follow the service at Meaden Hall. Everyone welcome.

105 • OBITUARIES

Jan Harm Harkema

... passed away February 12, 2000 at his Fernwood Farm home surrounded by his family and special friend Irene.

Born May 19, 1924 in the Netherlands, he earned a Bachelor of Agriculture Degree, and immigrated to Canada in 1950.

In 1959 Jan, his wife Louise and their children moved to Salt Spring Island and raised dairy cattle and sheep.

Predeceased by his wife Louise in 1990. Survived by his son Derek Harkema (Kate), children Sara, and Sasha. Mary Hughes, children Noah, and Darcy. Andrea Bavis, children Chris (Nicki), Nathan, Jonathan. Ellen Hazenboom (Hans), children Petra (Mark), Melissa, Jocelyn, Jared, Julian. Harold Harkema (Sandy), children Jacquie, Valerie, Jessica, Adriane, Hayley. Louise Harkema (Jim), children Elisha, Jocelyn. Jan Mark Harkema (Dawn), children Jan James, Aleah, Joshua. Great grandchildren Lauren Mollin, and Owen Bavis. Sister-in-law Aafia Harkema. He will also be missed by his loyal dog PIP.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to either the Bessie Dane Foundation or Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

Jan's family would like to invite his friends to join us in a celebration of his life Saturday, February 19, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at his home at 174 Fernwood Road. Casual dress.

120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Jan Harkema would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Karen Schlanka and staff, the Bessie Dane Foundation and Hospice, staff of Lady Minto Hospital, and the CRD Home Care Nurses for the loving care given to Jan Harkema.

140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY BULLETIN Board now at the Barnacle - display your notices and posters for upcoming events on our giant bulletin board. Drop-off during office hours or use our mail slot. 0700

PRE-NATAL YOGA is back. Thursdays, 5 pm Room 202, Lancer Building. For more information call Natalie, 537-9353. 0700

THE SPCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26th, at 2:00 pm at the Lion's Hart Bradley Hall at 103 Drake Road. Members and those who would like to join are encouraged to attend. Any member entitled to vote may nominate any other member for election by depositing with the Chair of the Nominating Committee, not less than 7 days before the meeting, such other member's written consent to stand for election. Nominations should be mailed to Salt Spring SPCA, Attention Robert Brodgesell, Box 522, Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island, BC. V8K 2W2.

T.O.P.S. (TAKE off pounds sensibly) now has 3 spaces available. If you are interested call Pat at 537-2358. 0700

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 Lion's Hall 10-12; 12:30-2:30; 3-5. Saturday sessions \$20.00 each. Preregister, phone Margie Korrison at 537-2707. 0700

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TOWN HALL Meeting at GISS Thursday March 2, 7 pm. Texada Land Developments information and community comments. Let's have a good turnout. 0700

MIDDLE SCHOOL parents meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday) February 16th, 7 pm, school library. See newsletter for more info. 0700

HOUSE AFIRE Concert with Rhiannon & Jami Sieber, Julie Wolf and Michaelle Goerlitz. Thursday, March 9th - 7:30 pm, ArtSpring. Tickets available at Acoustic Planet and ArtSpring, \$15.00, or \$10.00 under/unemployed. Celebration of International Women's Day. A benefit for SWOVA. 1000

140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

ART SHOW. Celebrating Women in 2000. March 4th - 11th. Opening event. March 5th 4 - 7 p.m. at ArtSpring. Free admission. Sponsored by S.W.O.V.A. 0800

Benefit Concert

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140 • UPCOMING EVENTS

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110 • IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING memory of our dear friend Irene Palmer. She was a kind and gentle lady and we still miss her. February 18, 1999. 0700

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Funeral Director

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120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

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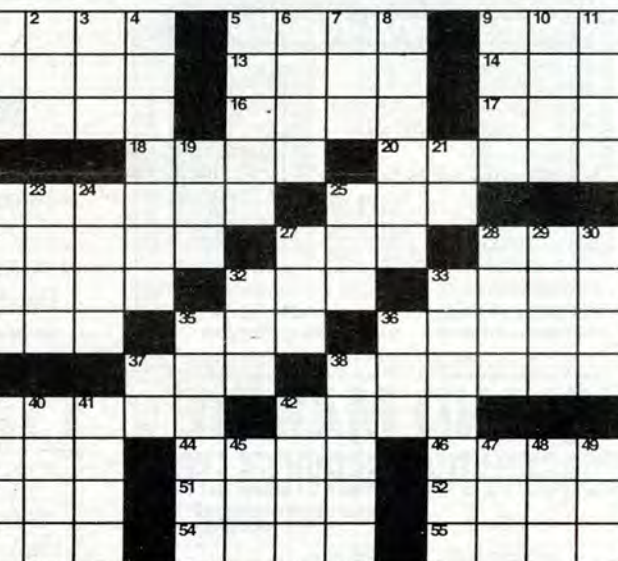
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- 1 More than the rest
- 5 Muslim leader
- 9 Medicine
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- 27 Stand for office
- 28 Cow sound
- 31 Blueprint
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- 33 Portend
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- 35 With, in Waldkirchen
- 36 Lukewarm
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- 39 John David, and Fredrik

- 42 Observed
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- 23 Ailments
- 24 Strip
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- 28 A way to run
- 29 Norse god
- 30 Marries
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- 33 W.A.C., and Bill
- 35 Threaten
- 36 Dead heat
- 37 and behold
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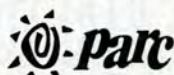
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Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation (PARC) has part-time and full-time positions available from May-August 2000.

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Resumes and copies of current awards to: PARC, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1K3. Fax: (250) 537-4456. Deadline: Feb. 29, 2000.



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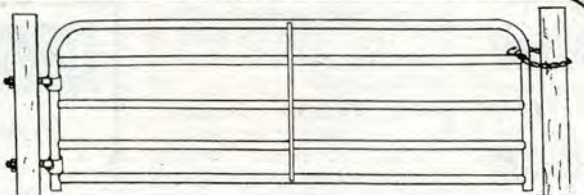
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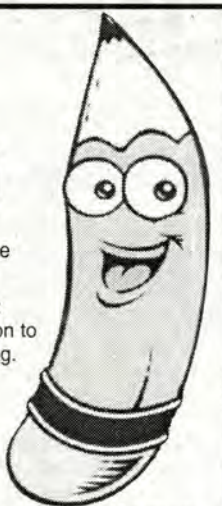
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Tip of the Week: The next week or so will prove to be very eventful for us all. In addition to Valentine's Day, planetary movements will ignite some significant shifts. Six planetary bodies will enter new signs in the Tropical Zodiac (based on seasons more than constellations) between February 11th and 19th. These include Mars, Jupiter, Venus, the Sun and asteroid goddesses Vest and Pallas. Pioneering Mars will lead the parade as it enters its own sign Aries, symbolic of new beginnings, on the 11th. Not one to miss out on a good thing, Jupiter will enter crafty and resourceful Taurus on Valentine's Day. Sociable and sexy Venus chimes in on the 17th when she enters friendly and humanitarian Aquarius, the sign associated with # 17 in the Tarot! Committed and dutiful Vest will enter organized and committed Capricorn on the 18th. The 19th will wrap things up with great applause. On the 19th, the warm hearted and passionate Sun will enter compassionate and imaginative Pisces and the Moon waxes to Full in the first degree of Virgo. On this same day, Pallas as defender of justice and culture, re-enters empathetic Cancer moving retrograde from Leo to re-evaluate, internalize and re-integrate the importance of honoring ones own individual needs as well as those of others. Behold, the Metal Dragon wastes no time in engraving its signature into the New Millennium. Roll with the rhythm of this high tide, for it will wait for no one!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The time to initiate new projects and adventures is upon you. Since you are still establishing new foundations in certain areas of your life, be sure to be patient with yourself, yet sure with follow through. An objective evaluation of which friendships support and which detract from your destiny continues as an important theme. Act on your right to take some time out, go to the mountain top and see the bigger picture.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) The process of making key contacts and approaching authority figures for favors and guidance continues. Consider that while you have many special gifts to share, they are even more beautiful when aligned with a cause larger than your self. A courageous exploration of hidden aspects of your character which are, at worst, comparative and envious, is key to

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Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

With each day you are letting go of old security values and beliefs and as you do you are awakened to previously hidden aspects of your self and life in general. It takes awareness and faith to go through this process with grace. Make efforts to avoid leaning on linear logic; there are many ways to get from point A to point B. Life is cyclic like the seasons and like autumn and winter times of release have their place. Push for reform within as well as without.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Rich and deep realizations are a call to access hidden talents. To do so you may have to release hopes and wishes that did not come to fruition in the past. We sometimes have to accept that some of our dreams are in fact fantasies. Be present with vision for the future lest you slip into "woulda' coulda' shoulda' land". Charge into the future by embracing this day. There are so many new things to learn. Activate logic, imagination and intuition simultaneously.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) Finding the balance between the changing relationship we have with our self and with other significant partners in our life is tricky and is a central focus for you now. You are eager to release wispy ideals and to experiment with new prospects and perspectives. You do desire to work with others, yet feel impatient in as much as they are not willing to try new things. Plan to negotiate a new deal and allow dialogue to dissolve assumptions.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) The urge to awaken to the difference between realistic dreams and unrealistic fantasies is bringing changes into your life style. To this end you are full swing into a journey to re-discover what truly holds value for you as an individual. Sharing rich, life changing and poetic ideas with others is a part of the process. Engage by releasing prior attachments. Accept change as a part of the game and keep step with the pace of your maturing process.

Libra (Sep 24 - Oct 21) Raising the quality of your love above the personal and the mundane and into the transpersonal and miraculous dramatically describes a part of your current challenge. To this end you are called to expand habitual beliefs to include modes of perception you never even considered. This creative process is a key part of your maturity and not

simply an annoying problem. Prepare to negotiate a win / win deal; this does not equate to compromise.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) You have been getting a wake-up call for at least a year now. Have you heeded its messages? Many new opportunities for growth are coming your way. A part of your job is to let go of the idea that you are just a number. You truly are unique and your contribution is important. Consider that immaturity hides behind excuses and complaints of inability while maturity reflects the humility and commitment of a beginner eager to succeed.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Your mind continues to race into the future at an alarming pace. You are eager to commit to a path with heart, yet you may feel confused as to exactly what that is for you. It is likely that no one other than you can answer that question. In certain respects you may want to re-establish the way it was. That may not be such a bad idea and the inevitable changes that are beyond rewind and erase can simply be seen as new aspects of something that still works!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Who ever thought that a person born under the sign of conservatism would turn out to be such a rebel? Your ability to imagine new possibilities is growing and as it does it is knocking into, and ideally through, limiting beliefs. Prepare to do some early Spring cleaning and renovation. That this manifests as 'disturbances' close to home may be a part of the process. Issues between you and others may have more to do with conventional thinking than personalities.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You are rapidly awakening to a whole new mode of expression and will feel determined to explore more possibilities starting this week. Remember not to waste energy concerning yourself with what others are doing or not. Focus more on manifesting your own ideals. Many blessings are headed your way now even though some of them may not appear to be so good at first. Face any fears that arise and claim your prize(s).

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A magical, dreamy and somewhat introspective wave is washing up many new insights onto your shores. Ideally these stirrings and awakenings are leaving you in anticipation for more of the same. The opposite may be true if you are resistant and in denial. You have so many talents to synthesize that you stand to create new things and ideas of brilliance and beauty. Honor your unique approach and allow your imagination to soar.

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five of 14 new clauses are objectionable and, in particular, two ask the tenants to sign away existing rights under the Residential Tenancy Act.

The first of these clauses states, "In the event of a sale of the premises to an arm's length purchaser, the Landlord shall have the right to terminate the lease on two (2) months notice to you." The clause goes on to say that if Texada terminates the lease before the end of February, 2001 tenants will be entitled to a 50 per cent rent rebate on rent paid during the term of the lease.

A copy of the new lease offer obtained by the Barnacle clearly reads, "Texada Land corporation, as

the new owner of the property, has agreed to convert your tenancy to a one (1) year lease" which makes it a fixed term agreement. The Residential Tenancy Act stipulates that fixed term agreements (leases) can only be broken under very specific circumstances. The sale of a property is not sufficient in itself to allow a landlord to break a lease.

The tenants' spokesperson commented, "This agreement doesn't give us anymore security than a month-to-month lease. What we want is a fixed term agreement. We're really disappointed that they're treating us with such disrespect."

Jerry Bordian of Texada Property Management Corporation explained

that there are many different properties involved and some of these could be sold. He pointed out that if any tenanted parcels are sold, the new owners could ask the tenants to vacate.

"If there is any transference of titles we could not require that the buyer takes on existing tenancies, but we want the tenants to be compensated. I want to be fair to these people. What we've tried to do is be flexible about our leases."

Another of the clauses states, "You will not do anything during the tenancy which may cause the annoyance of, or nuisance to, the Landlord or the occupiers of neighboring premises, or any contractors, agents, employees or invitees authorized by the Landlord to be on or in the vicinity of the premises."

The spokesperson said that this clause could potentially infringe on the tenants' freedom of speech.

Bordian said they try to give the tenants notice when maintenance people or other contractors will be on the property. "They come on the land per se, but tenants are not renting the land per se, they're renting the home. We try not to interfere with peoples' lives," he said.

Furthermore, the spokesperson pointed out that the logging operation in the Burgoyne Bay has affected the tenants' daily lives. Tenants say they are concerned that logging trucks on the one-lane road are a safety risk to children walking to catch the school bus. They also say they have been bothered by the noise of logs being dumped in the bay, and the falling of trees.

"Since they started logging in November, the quality of everyone's lives has gone down considerably. Logging is going on in our backyards basically. The houses by the water are especially affected because they shake from the logs falling. We hear the noise of the chainsaws in the morning. It was very stressful. When the acts of the landlord cause a

lower quality of life, they are legally required to compensate the tenants," said the spokesperson.

According to the spokesperson, Texada has arranged to compensate some of the tenants most affected by the logging. The spokesperson added that for some, compensation will end April 1, but it was not clear how long the logging operation would continue to affect the quality of their lives. "The acute stage of the logging may be over, but there are other things that affect us besides trees falling. There's the noise, traffic in the Bay and the logging trucks in the road."

The new lease agreement is supposed to commence March 1.

Bordian said when Texada acquired the property, they could have asked for existing tenants to vacate. "We didn't want to displace the tenants. We accepted the tenancies. At the time, they had month-to-month agreements and we tried to replace the month-to-month agreements with a lease. What we tried to do is be flexible about our leases. We can't make everybody happy. We'd like to," he said.

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Stupidity *cont'd. from p7*

option of arriving at the Tsawwassen terminal 13 minutes early or an hour and 13 minutes early. I obviously chose the wrong option.

And on the Swartz Bay end, why could the Cumberland or the Tacheek not have pulled out of the berth to allow the Bowen Queen to come in? Had the Queen left on time, the other ferry could have pulled back in and still have had plenty of time to load and depart on time.

It's important to remember that these problems are not the fault of the corporation: the corporation is just a convenient legal fiction. It's people that are making these decisions. It's the corporation's managers and staff that are displaying the stupidity, callousness and incompetence that continues to make Islanders' travels so unpleasant.

CAMERON SMITH

SIMS *cont'd. from p13*

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For Mee-Nan, September, 1984 to January, 2000.

I was there when you were born. You were so small and cuddly with your tiny paws and soft fur. Within weeks you were bouncing around the room with velvet brown eyes flashing and ears swinging. The house became a mess, as jumping and chewing on everything in sight became your passion. When you had matured a little, we played together, went walking, enjoyed car rides and took little trips. Even the Empress Hotel recognized a royal "Lion Dog" and as we paraded through the lobby, the smiles from the tea drinkers were for you.

Whenever I had a tough day, you were waiting for me with your tail wagging. I could always count on you to be there for me. You never had a bad day. You

never asked for anything more than to have me pat your head and stroke your furry body.

When you got older, you moved around more slowly, your hearing diminished and sleep came for many more hours. "Walkies" were no longer fun. Then, one day, old age finally took its toll and you couldn't stand on those wobbly legs anymore. I knelt and was stroking you gently, all the while trying to bargain with the Higher Power for more time—my faithful companion.

Your failing eyes looked up at me. They told me you were old and tired and that after all these years of not asking for anything, you had to ask me for one favour. I picked you up and with tears in my eyes, we took our last car ride together—to the vet.

I stayed with you and when

the injection was finished, the peace on your face could not be denied. And now, there is only one best place to bury you. This spot will allow you to come to me over the dim, grim frontiers of death. I can call you to my side again down the well-remembered path. Though I may call other living dogs to heel, they shall not growl at you or resent your coming, for you belong here. People may scoff at me, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by your footfall, who hear no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog. I will smile at them, for I shall know something that is hidden from them and which is well worth the knowing. The best place to bury a good dog is in your heart.

Thank you for taking care of me. I was blessed.

Christianity in Crisis: Ways it can survive

United Church Upper Hall
Feb 17th - March 30th,
Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Bridging the division between the secular and the "progressive" Christian community is the goal of a series of talks offered by the United Church in the spirit of education and dialogue. Topics will cover new understandings of Christian healings, mysticism and spiritual practices, social justice and political action, the influence of science, and a challenge to distorted interpretations of Jesus' death (*Jesus' Death: Atonement or What?* by Canadian theologian and United Church minister, Rev. Dr. Paul Newman, March 30).

Each talk will begin with

dessert and will include discussions facilitated by sincere and competent (both in education and experience) leaders. All talks will take place in the United Church, upper hall (111

Hereford Avenue), Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Adult participation costs \$5 per session (\$30 for the series) or, for couples, \$8 (\$48 for the series) and includes dessert.

Feb. 17 *Treasures Worth Reclaiming*, Rev. Rohana Laing

Feb. 24 *Science and Religion, Conflict or Resolution?*

John Mills Prof. Emeritus

Mar. 2 *A Sufi Christianity: Reclaiming the Mystical Heart of Christ*, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault

Mar. 9 *Christianity and Healing*, Rita Thomas & Jack Clements

Mar. 16 *God's Politics*, Rev. Bob Wild

Mar. 23 *Vedanta and Christian Mysticism: Seeking God and Seeking Self*, Sam & Elvira Graci

Mar. 30 *Jesus' Death: Atonement or What?*,
Rev. Dr. Paul Newman

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Saltspring Island Middle School requires a temporary
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for fifteen (15) hours per week, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. per instructional day.

Qualifications:

- Teacher Assistant Certificate
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 - ADHD
 - Pervasive Developmental Disorder

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Please apply in writing to:

Mr. Rod Scotvold, Secretary-Treasurer
112 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2K3

Closing date: 4:00 pm, Monday, February 21, 2000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS

SOUTH ISLAND DISTRICT

HIRED EQUIPMENT

The Ministry of Transportation & Highways in the South Island District is compiling its Hired Equipment List. We advise all persons or companies wishing to have their rentable equipment such as trucks, backhoes, loaders, excavators, graders, rollers, scrapers or tractors listed to pick up registration forms at the District Office, 103-4475 Viewmont Avenue, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8.

Owners of equipment registered in the fiscal year (April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000) should receive a letter in the mail, showing equipment previously listed.

Deadline for registration is March 15, 2000. The new Hired Equipment list will be generated immediately after April 1, 2000.

Please include your firm's Workers' Compensation Board registration number, copy of vehicle registration and/or leases to purchase agreement or bill of sale for each piece of new equipment. Straight lease or straight rental agreements are not eligible.

Full details of equipment, including model and serial numbers are required. For trucks, front tire sizes, axle spacing, box dimensions without sideboards, a current certificate of weight and a Weigh Scales slip are required.

For other equipment types, the horsepower ratings, attachments and capacities, bucket sizes, digging/reach etc. are required for registration.

Further information may be obtained from the District Office or by phoning the Hired Equipment Clerk at (250) 952-4515.

John Bodnarchuk
District Highways Manager



Dated at Victoria, B.C.
this 4th day of February, 2000

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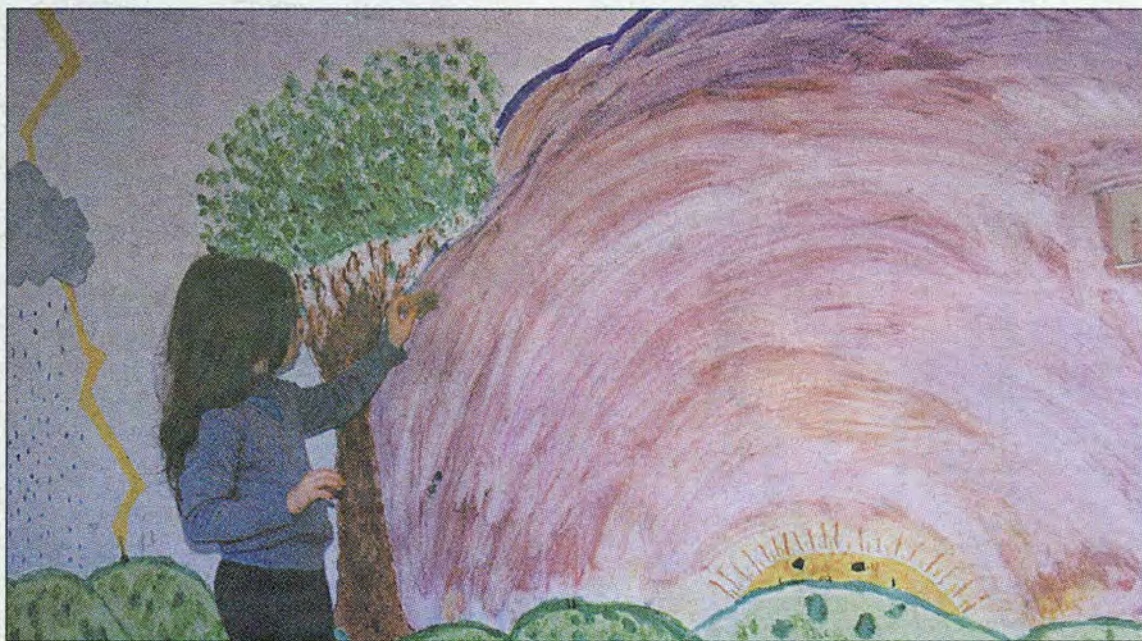
Tango for February's love



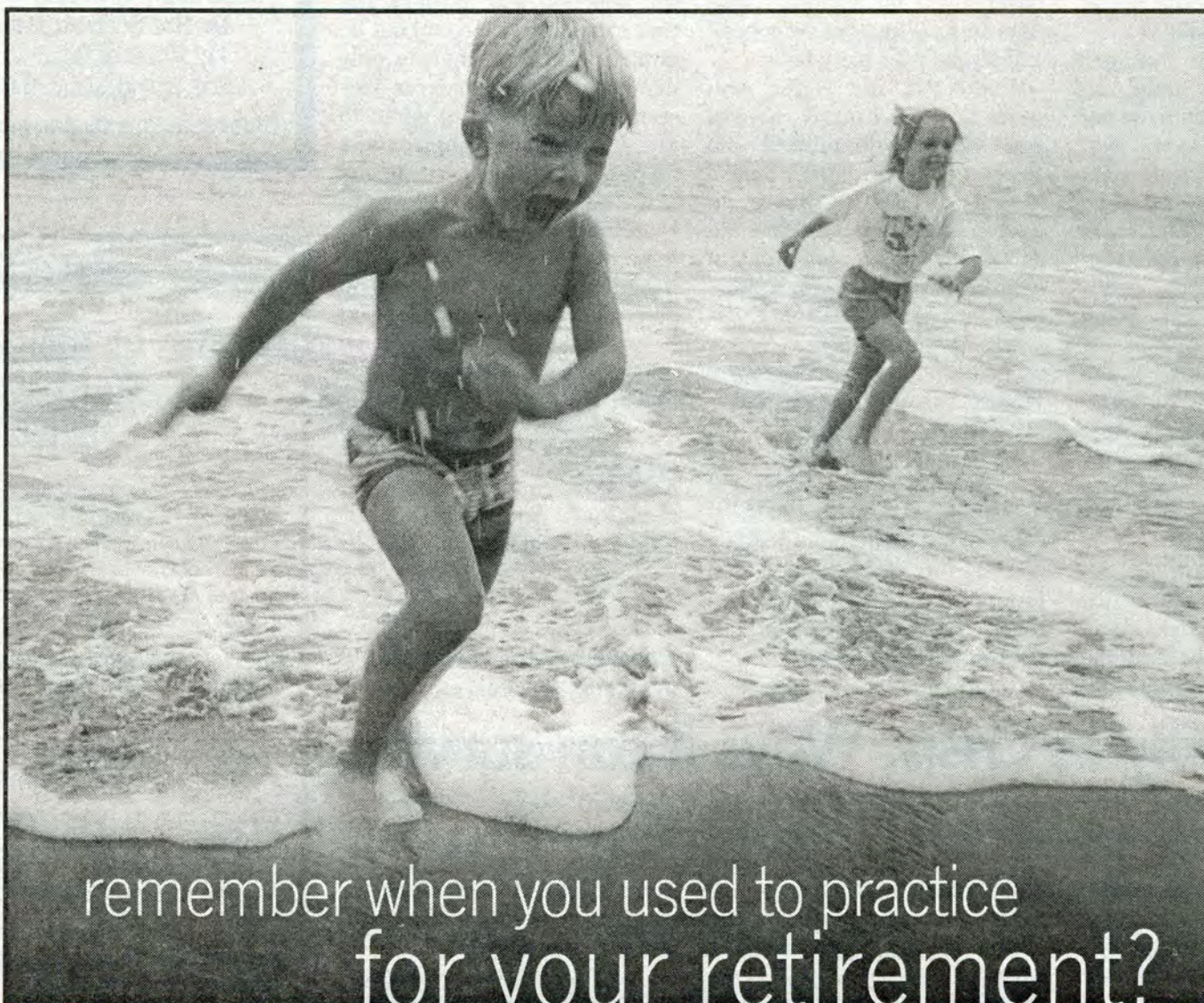
February is the month of love and what better way to celebrate than with the dance of passion—the Argentinean tango. Galiano resident and tango teacher, Liliana Kleiner is returning to the Island to offer a series of workshops February 18 and 19 for all those with passion on their minds.

"When it comes to tango, all you need is passion, love and a good pair of shoes," said Kleiner, adding that dancing the tango reveals much about your partner. "I think about tango as the reality of love, not as an ideal or romantic projection. If we think about truth to be what works—then two people dancing tango know when it works and when it doesn't. Tango 'works' when each individual takes responsibility for themselves, their own techniques, and both dancers are truly present and connected with each other on a heart level. It won't work when a dancer blames the other for losing their balance or taking a 'wrong step.'"

Kliener's series includes: a Beginners' class, February 18, 6:30 to 9 p.m. (\$25) followed by a milonga or dance party from 9 p.m. to mid-night (\$5); Workshop for Follows (woman's role) with emphasis on dance technique and embellishments, February 19, 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Workshop for Leads (men's role) with emphasis on improving technique, steps and musicality, February 19, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Workshop for Follows and Leads with emphasis on technique, paradas and milinettas, February 19, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday sessions are \$20 each or all three for \$55. All events take place at the Lion's Hall. No partner is required. To pre-register, phone Margie Korrison, 537-2707.



EXPLOSIVE EXPLORATION—Phoenix School students paint one of their classrooms in an "exploration" of murals. Shown here, Morgan Luna-Rose (age 6) helps put the finishing touches on a brilliant explosion of colour. Phoenix's goal is to strengthen ties between the community and its children and relies heavily on parental involvement and community support. This public elementary school is always in need of community volunteers to share their passions, expertise or interests with small groups of mixed-age students for weekly, or one-time only, informal explorations. Previous explorations have included: book binding, sports, cooking, fort building, global communications and rock climbing. To contribute to this community school call Rineke at 537-1156.



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