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photography



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Spark Kelsey West and
Pathfinder Sarah Weston
(not shown) lead off
Sunday's Hike for Hunger.
Close to 80 Sparks, Beavers,
Brownies, Cubs, Guides,
Scouts and Pathfinders took
part in the march from
Ganges Village Market to
All Saints by-the-Sea each
carrying something to help
restock the local food bank.
This was the fifth province-
wide march, part of
Guide/Scout Week.

Shelagh Plunkett photo

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Market rules up for debate

by Judy Moscovitz

Say the word "park," or "recreation" and happy images come to mind. Put those two words together, however, as in "Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission" and it's another kettle of fish. Malodorous fish, too, according to some vendors at the Saturday market.

A recent memo sent by market coordinators Jennifer Demery and Matthew Coleman to the Market Advisory Group (MAG) calling for changes to an attendance bylaw is getting some vendors up in arms. Contentious even when first passed in 1995, the stringent new recommendations would require local artisans/producers to be at their location 100 per cent of the time at least two Saturdays each month. On the remaining Saturdays, the venue could be staffed by an "alternate," defined exclusively as a live-in partner or direct family member, not simply any designate or an employee.

Claiming that this discriminates against the single person, and those whose families live out of town or who are otherwise incapable of staffing a booth all day, some vendors feel that they

are in danger of being squeezed out of the market. Said one, "Those coordinators have been there for one year. Some of us have been there for 25. They don't understand that these are deep-rooted issues involving families and businesses. You have to have a few rules, but how detailed do they have to be?"

Calling it "outrageous," "unfair" and "an intrusive restriction on our mobility," some vendors are wondering aloud at the reason for such micromanagement. Speculation ranged from pressure from local retailers who may be experiencing reduced sales in competition with the market to dark suspicions of a conflict of interest from one or more of the market administrators.

Many of those contacted said they were afraid to speak their minds and asked not to be quoted by name, noting that retribution could affect their livelihoods. Of those willing to be quoted, Wendy Beatty said, "Some of us cannot make a living on Salt Spring alone. We have to attend other shows or festivals, and can't be in two places at the same time. Why are they trying

to make it more difficult for people to be there? Who are the people soliciting them to implement this law?"

Calling it a hurtful prejudice against single people, artist Adrien Town asked why she can't hire someone who not only sells for her, but also learns from her. "All the great masters, such as Leonardo, had apprentices. Not every finger on the Sistine Chapel was painted by Michelangelo."

Ted Janzen of Aroma Crystal supports wholeheartedly the bylaw's intent, which is to provide the consumer with access to the people who create the product, but points out that the neighbour who helps a vendor prepare home-made jams, for example, would know far more about the product than the woman's husband, who qualifies to be there only because he shares her home.

Coordinators Demery and Coleman did not return our calls, but PARC commissioner Tony Hume advised that the proposed bylaw changes will be discussed at a MAG meeting at Portlock Park on February 29th at 7 p.m. The public, including concerned vendors, is invited to attend.



SOUTH END FIRE—A chimney fire in a Beaver Point heritage house broke out early Thursday morning leaving the building with no roof and with smoke and water damage throughout. Assistant Fire Chief Erling Jorgensen said five fire vehicles responded to the call but only two could make it up the steep drive to the building. Of particular concern, however, was the fact that the occupants first called 911 on their cell phone but were told they were calling out of their service area. They then phoned the local fire hall and, fortunately, Fire Chief Dave Enfield heard the call. "He was walking across the street and heard the phone ringing in the office. He debated going back and luckily decided to. If he'd been another 50 feet he wouldn't have and the whole house would have been lost," said Jorgensen. Sunday night, the occupants tried calling 911 on the same cell phone and were able to connect. Although the owners had no insurance, community spirit rose again and by press time the house had a new roof.

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At the border of Crown Land activists on one side, excavators on the other.

Confrontation on Crown Land

Texada tromps on parkland

by Peggy Abrahams
and Bart Terriel

Texada Land Corporation and Dorman Logging have been violating the Forestry Practices Code of B.C. by transporting machinery across Crown Land designated a park reserve. Activists set up camp blocking Dorman's access to the Crown Land Saturday, and early Monday a confrontation between loggers and protestors erupted.

Dan Powell, operations manager for the Ministry of Forests South Island Forest District, confirmed Monday that Texada does not have a permit to cross the land. "Texada Logging [the previous owners] did have a permit but it was not transferable when the land was sold," said Powell.

At issue is a stretch of path

leading through the park. On the Texada owned side a substantial road has been put in ending at the property border, directly in line with the Crown Land path. Over the past few weeks, Texada has been transporting heavy machinery, logging equipment and personnel across the corner of the Crown Land parcel.

"They obviously assumed they'd be putting their road right through the Crown Land park," said Leslie Wallace.

Wallace spoke from a blockade camp set up just inside the border of the Crown Land parcel. At approximately 8 a.m. Monday, a stand-off occurred which witnesses said included Dorman employees threatening protestors with violence. Heavy machinery took position on the border between Texada owned

land and the Crown Land, and Dorman employees began felling trees along the property line.

RCMP arrived at about 9 a.m. and expressed concern that the activists' blockade (logs dragged across the path leading through the parkland) posed a safety hazard should ambulance or fire vehicles require access to Texada's land. Activists pointed out that Dorman's excavators were blocking the road and would take more time to move than the camp would. A compromise was reached when activists agreed to make their camp more mobile by removing some of the larger logs being used as a barrier.

"Dorman implied they'd use their vehicles to clear us out of the way," said Heleni Davison from the blockade site. "They backed their trucks off, though, and we've let them walk through our camp with their chain saws."

Davison said trees were being felled within feet of the camped activists and that loggers were taunting the group camped.

"I was watching one man cutting a tree. He started to cut it then said, 'I'll let her suffer for awhile.' Then he said, 'Time to die b—,' before he cut it down," said Carloyn Bidgood.



Gasoline spilled in Sturdies Bay

At 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, a truck spilled approximately 5,400 litres of gasoline onto the deck of the MV Tachek and into the waters of Sturdies Bay. The spill occurred while the semi transporting dangerous goods was offloading the BC Ferries vessel.

Under the direction of federal and provincial environmental agencies, the Coast Guard and BC Ferries cleaned up the spill. Sturdies Bay terminal on Galiano Island was closed for more than three hours but reopened for traffic at noon.

An investigation has been

launched. Meanwhile, BC Ferries is working with the provincial Ministry of the Environment, Environment Canada and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to determine the impact of the gas spill on marine life and wildlife.

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I had a dream...



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

In my dream, I'm standing under the pear tree by the Coast Guard dock, looking out into the sparkling waters of Ganges Harbour. It's May of 2003 and the bright sun is warming the land as summer approaches. It's a beautiful early summer day, but the harbour lies almost deserted. A couple of decrepit old boats creak at their moorings as a raven lands in the tree above my head. I turn away from the water and look toward the shops and businesses of town. Two or three cars are scattered around the parking lot and a handful of people shuffle around town. They all look the same: dressed in dark clothes, they slump along like old widows.

I asked the raven what's happened.

He tells me that the problems began in 1999, but too many people hadn't noticed what was happening, and by the time they did, it was too late. He says there were two factors that contributed to Salt Spring's slide into depression.

The summer of 2000 had been a season of horrors for businesses and tourists alike. With the loss of the Skeena Queen, overloads on the Swartz Bay to Fulford run had become routine. As summer began, they occurred on almost every sailing, and at peak times there were 4- to 6-hour waits. As a result, more and more people abandoned plans to travel to Salt Spring. On top of that, budgetary restrictions at BC Ferries had forestalled promised improvements at Long Harbour, so commercial vehicles and busses still couldn't use that route. By the following summer, word had spread throughout the West about how difficult it was to get here, so the summer of 2001 was a complete disaster for local businesses. The next year, the Ferry Corporation announced that there was no longer a need to increase service, as traffic had decreased substantially.

But the raven told me the Ferry problems weren't the biggest reason for Salt Spring's sickness. "Not by an island mile," said the raven. The real reason was the Texada Land Corporation. They not only destroyed the island's

economy, they took a big chunk out of its soul.

Throughout 2000, and into 2001, Texada had stripped their land of trees as quickly and efficiently as they could. The rate at which trees fell exceeded what they had agreed to with the Islands Trust. Yet the Trust had been powerless to stop it. Texada said that the sale of logs was the only source of money they had to make their mortgage payments.

In September of 2001, as Texada was finishing up its logging operations, the mortgage holder announced they were foreclosing. It seems the company hadn't been keeping up with their mortgage payments. Calls to the company's offices went unanswered and the principals were nowhere to be found. An investigation was launched into the financial operations of the company, but it dragged on for several years without ever establishing where the money went. The value of the scarred land plummeted and the mortgage holders were unable to sell it. For a short while the island joke was: "Don't worry about the economy. Texada will buy the land back in fifty years." But the island seemed to lose its sense of humour soon after.

The raven said that the few tourists and prospective residents who persevered and managed to make it to Salt Spring—despite the lack of ferry service—soon changed their minds. Most didn't even get as far as the Fulford Hall before they stopped. They would gaze along the barren sides of the Burgoyne Valley and up to Mount Maxwell wondering what had happened to this so-called "special place" that had looked so inviting in the glossy brochures.

He said that a few people had tried very hard to do something about it, but there weren't enough of them. Too many others had taken their island for granted and hadn't joined in the battle. If only more of them had risen up and cried "We won't let you ruin our island!" the battle could have been won.

Then the raven said goodbye, and I watched as he flew off across the water. He disappeared sooner than I expected.



Inspiring lecture

We Salt Spring Islanders are so very fortunate to attract individuals with true healing abilities. I am thinking specifically of Anthony Fulker, who gave an extremely informative workshop on holistic healing. His lecture was inspiring and he answered every question from the audience regarding health and nutrition with expertise and caring. One hundred and fifty books were on display and we received a quick review of some of them. I feel I received a university education on nutrition in only one day. The best part of the day was an exciting buffet of vegetarian food prepared with love by the guests. I was pleased that Anthony was available for individual counselling and is planning more workshops on specific health issues. Thank you Anthony for reminding me that we all have the power to change, grow and heal.

HELANI DAVISON

What service?

I could not help but smile at Cameron Smith's letter re the insensitivity of the ferry service personnel. A short time ago my wife, a senior, had a medical appointment in Vancouver so we decided to catch the 7 a.m. from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen. Being aware of the connection problem with a vehicle we decided that to make sure my wife was able to keep her appointment she would walk on and I would take my chances driving on. You guessed it! I managed to drive on, the last vehicle, but could I find my wife on the ferry? No way. As

she was sure she had lots of time she decided not to walk on the lower deck but to go to the ticket booth to get a ticket, the right way! However, as was the case with Mr. Smith they would not give her a ticket. After some unpleasant words with the ticket seller and when pushed by other walk-ons he phoned through to see if these passengers could board the ferry. Again, as with Mr. Smith, they were given a resounding no, this despite the fact that the ferry did not actually leave for another 15 minutes. The attitude of the ticket seller gave the impression that he was actually enjoying the discomfort of the passengers and needless to say this was extremely upsetting to my wife.

Talk to any frequent, or for that matter, infrequent ferry traveller and all have horror stories to relate. Let's face it, the Ferry Corporation exists first for politicians to play with as they see fit, second for the benefit of the Union, third for management to pretend to manage, and last, for the paying public. Until someone or something comes along to reverse this order there will be no improvement in service.

CLIFF SANDWELL

Bravo Ferry workers

I would like to express my appreciation to the crew of the Bowen Queen for their careful and skillful loading of vehicles without which I and others would certainly have missed the ferry from Fulford Thursday, February 17 at 8 a.m.

Perhaps if the people who crew the vessels could run the BC Ferry Corp.

life would be easier for all of us.

NANCY WIGEN

Eagles will thank you

If you believe that clear-cutting the forests of Salt Spring threatens our Island life, please help.

Write the Islands Trust and ask them to uphold their mandate to preserve and protect.

JANET NEVILL

Keep it up!

Well done, Shelagh Plunkett for the insightful and pointed editorial February 15th! I applaud your writing. I am pleased that the Barnacle continues to improve. I know the reporters and staff are striving to produce an excellent community newspaper. I feel that you are representing the community well. Keep it up!

JOAN BUCHANAN

Why did YOU move to Salt Spring?

The time has come for me to also write a letter regarding Texada's intrusion of our island.

What upsets me most is the stark violence this company employs, against both the land and us as a community, not to make a living or create employment, but to satisfy the greed of a few.

By clearcutting, Texada is desecrating, mutilating and destroying the land and all the life forms it supports.

Texada is wronging us as a community and violating our most basic rights by putting our water supply at risk and defacing the beauty of 10% of the island we love and call our home.

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Salt Spring cont'd. from p4
The fact that profit is deemed more valuable than life threatens me as much as it is threatening the forest right now.

Don't kid yourself, this mindset endangers us all.

I want to live in peace with nature and all my fellow human beings.

I shall never give up on this dream.

Why did YOU move to Salt Spring?

Please take a stand.

Please help.

BIRGIL WOLF

Let them know

Congratulations to the intrepid band led by an overworked Sheila Harrington for getting the Fundraising and Information Centre to BUY BACK our homelands from the Texada Corporation up and running! Here is my personal plan. I am going to write to every single guest who has ever come to stay with me from wherever in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, enclose a copy of the four-page Information Sheet about

the environmental insult that is happening here (you can get copies from the Fundraising Centre upstairs from Barb's Buns), and ask my guests to think back on the pleasure and restorative boost they got from the beauty and living vitality of this green and growing island when they came here to "recreate"—and to please send a donation in keeping with the gift they received from the ever-generous land. You could do it too. And if you operate a B & B, just think how great a contribution you could make by taking a similar initiative.

JUDI STEVENSON

Don't remain silent

In regard to Shelagh Plunkett's editorial of February 8th (Shining a light into dark, dark corners), we want to be on record as totally supporting her viewpoints in regard to the recently disclosed background information on the new owners of the Texada lands, and we want to commend the Barnacle for supporting such journalistic integrity...very

refreshing indeed, and urgently needed at this particular time.

We hope everyone on Salt Spring reads and re-reads her last paragraph re: "community." The spokesmen for Texada have made the comment that only 2 per cent of the island is against their clearcutting! Not so! But before it's too late, the "silent majority" who want our island to retain its incredible beauty had better join the brave souls who are publicly putting themselves on the line for the rest of us. Please join them at the next Town Hall Meeting...it may be the most powerful contribution you can make to your community!

JOHN AND ROSEMARY
BAXTER

Money is the root...

Seeing as how money is the underlying issue with Texada's rush to cut (the need to service their debt) perhaps it is time for Salt Spring residents to play that game.

With the several thousand clear-

cut acres that will be in such plain view to residents and visitors, there can't be any doubt that all of Salt Spring is going to be a much less desirable place than it has been. It is stating the obvious that the lowered value of existing residential and business property is likely to be enormous, and not just to the properties that look out over the denuded land. Most all property on the island will be affected to some degree. Yet, we are expected to let it happen, and absorb the negative costs.

We can do all we want to try to alert, cajole, shame, and reason with government agencies and officials to help preserve large amounts of this land, but it really won't do much good. As long as the government doesn't feel any pain, or the threat of pain, they will pay us little attention, and will hide behind the fact that Texada is doing everything legally.

The only way for us to inflict the pain necessary to move the government to act in our behalf before it is too late is to threaten them with a

loss of revenue. Individually, and through the various protest groups, we must put the government on notice right now that residents here expect, and will fight for significantly lowered property assessments and taxes for the next several years to compensate for the loss of value of our property. It should be made clear that we will do everything we can—including extensive appeals and court action—to make sure that if Texada profits are going to be subsidized, a good part of it will be shared by Victoria.

A last thought. Maybe we've been too hard on the Ferry Corporation by complaining about the reduced service. It might be showing some uncharacteristic farsighted planning by cutting the service from Fulford to less than it was even ten years ago. Perhaps they anticipate much less traffic to and from Salt Spring once Texada is through with their landscaping project?

STAN DERELIAN

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AT FULFORD HARBOUR		
Pacific Standard Time. Measured in feet.		
Day	Time	Feet
22 FEB	0010	3.3
	0720	11.2
	1325	5.9
23 FEB	1850	9.2
	0050	4.3
	0745	10.8
24 FEB	1410	5.2
	2000	8.9
	0130	5.6
25 FEB	0815	10.8
	1500	4.9
	2125	8.5
26 FEB	0215	6.6
	0840	10.5
	1550	4.3
27 FEB	2300	8.5
	0310	7.5
	0905	10.2
28 FEB	1640	3.9
	0045	8.9
	0420	8.5
29 FEB	0930	9.8
	1730	3.9
	0210	9.5
28 FEB	0610	8.9
	1005	9.5
	1825	3.6
29 FEB	0305	9.8
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29 FEB	1915	3.3

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405	0900	0930-0945	Sat only	406	0930	1000-1015	Sat only
407	1640	1710-1725	Sun only	408	1710	1740-1755	Sun only

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803*	1215	1240	Mon-Fri	804*	1245	1315	Mon-Fri
805	1630	1655-1730	Daily	806	1700	1730-1800	Daily
8015	0900	0925-0955	Sat-Sun	8025	0930	1000-1030	Sat-Sun

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COMMENTARY

Stand together and cry "Stop!"

Look. I just want to be left alone to do what I want to do, or not do, as the case may be. I've served my time in civil and political movements. I've marched for the Equal Rights Amendment in the States, done my time for civil rights, stuffed envelopes for political candidates, knocked on doors all over bad neighbourhoods, and served myself up as dinner for Mayor Daley's Democrats in Chicago by attending a national convention as an elected protest delegate—and being seated.

We moved to Canada when it became obvious that no amount of political action was going to make that city, or that country, liveable—that once Reagan was elected and the shelters began to close, there was not a damned thing I could do about the dead and dying homeless I came across every morning on the way through the park to work; nothing I could do to help anyone improve enough about their lives that they would quit beating up on my kids, grabbing my handbag and stealing the radio out of my car.

Not much had changed. Is that what will happen here? When the *sturm und drang* has subsided, will we be looking at bare hills all the way to Fulford? How many wells will run dry? Haven't we grasped the depth and reach of the environmental losses we face? Even if those of us who simply value the landscape as it is are ignored, what about those who make their living from tourism? There isn't a restaurant or retail shop on the Island that doesn't depend for its survival on the influx of summer people. Who's going to visit a clear-cut?

Obviously, I understand the reluctance to join up and protest, and I certainly understand the reluctance to give over any control of our own land to government regulation. But the result of our collective resistance is going to be disaster. Salt Spring is not some goon-run big city. It's special here, full of special people. And we've all been asleep, haven't we. I'm new here, so I can't claim the land as mine no matter how I feel about it. But what kind of dream has everyone—this includes me—been living in that this logging wasn't seen coming? And now that it's here, in our laps, is everyone just going to tsk, tsk, and watch it happen because it's legal? This is the advance party of an army—liken them to ants, if you will, always on the march toward new hills and valleys to swarm and denude. They are as immune to the efforts of Islanders to reason with them as they are to the charms of the Island itself.

It used to be that the ugliness out in the larger world could reach us only slowly, if at all, by ferry. We

have been so fortunate to live here, isolated from the big business, consumer-driven traffic jam on the mainland that we neglected to notice it creeping across the water.

And now, if the law says that it's okay to invade this place and destroy it, then the law should be changed. When Texada Lands is finished with the south end, who will come in and finish up the rest of the Island, piece by piece—legally? We're being pinched and squeezed—legally—into a mould made by people from other places who neither share nor respect our values.

The danger we're in is from people who don't belong here—who have earned no place for themselves here, whose only reason for being here at all is to grab a profit and leave. If it takes restrictions on land belonging to Islanders in order to put an end to all clear-cut logging, that will only secure the Island's place among the few protected places in the world that haven't become national parks. Islanders will still be able to farm, raise livestock, log selectively, make cheese, weave, spin, and create their pottery, run their B&Bs, and there will still be tourists to stay in the B&Bs and shop at the market.

The Gulf Islands, under the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust, should be immune to the chaos and destruction so sadly endemic to other places surrounded by trees. You'd think, eh? But the creation of the Islands Trust left two vital aspects of land use in the hands of the provincial government: Forest Land Reserve (FLR) and Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands. That means that under the law, the Trust is powerless in this situation and the only way to stop clear-cut logging is to go directly to the Minister of Forests. However, that doesn't mean they are off the hook.

The Trust is made up of people I value as friends, and if the whole Island is logged, I will still value their friendship. But right now I want them to take a stand for, defend, and lend their authority to the voice of the community. And they should be supported by every restaurant, shop, and B&B owner on the Island, along with everyone else who sees a future here if we are allowed to manage the Island and its resources without this kind of violence. And violence is just what it is.

No one wants this clear-cut to continue. But for that to be understood in the wider world, we must all stand up together and cry, "Stop!"

SHARON PERRY

Letters cont'd. from p6

After the fact

As to the letters in the *Driftwood* and the *Barnacle* regarding the Texada Lands and its logging and proposed development—here again is a perfect example of how the Islands Trust and these whiners and criers are so after the fact it makes me sick. I guess Linda Adams (thousands-of-dollars-OCP) didn't quite plan on this property being sold and developed. I suppose they all thought the baron would give it to the Island out of the goodness of his heart. The proposed sale of this property had been known for quite some time. But here again, instead of heading off this

whole dilemma when a sale was pending and sitting down with the potential buyers to work out a deal that would benefit both the community and the buyers, the Islands Trust sat like an ostrich with its head in the sand thinking it would never happen.

The situation is very similar to how the Trust handled the Mac Blo deal. They went to the table not with the community in mind, but to stop everything and close their eyes and ears to any resolution that would benefit everyone. So, instead of being creative with those particular landowners, the Trust botched the whole deal. Mac Blo sold to the private sector, the community lost 3,200 acres of free park and got to look at the same acreage

totally clear-cut (thanks).

So now, after the fact again, and after someone has hung their ass in the sling for millions of dollars and taken the initiative to buy this property, the Trust and protesters come in the back door and try and stop it.

I don't know if the Trust and protesters are aware of how money works or if they're living in a fantasy. They may be successful in blocking the logging and development but they won't be able to halt the interest meter on \$20,000,000. In my eyes, they should be held responsible for the daily interest incurred by this debt. This might change their tune on how very

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expensive local government handles these matters. But now how do they intend to handle this matter? By digging into the taxpayer's pockets once again (which are pretty empty). I think a lot of Islanders including myself, are fed up with the way the Trust is performing.

If the Trust had done its job and worked with these buyers and offered some densities in lieu of logging etc. etc., we would have seen a pretty good deal for everyone and at no extra cost to the taxpayers. I think a good solution would be to eliminate the Trust and their skyrocketing budget, and have someone in power with common sense, and make the whiners and criers dig into their pockets and buy these properties. And stay out of the taxpayer's pockets.

COLIN BYRON

Time, not money

The principals of Texada Land Corporation have shown generosity by offering some of the tenants financial compensation for the disturbance caused by the logging operation and the uncertainty of their residential situation. What they don't seem to understand is that money does not give the tenants security.

When Brent Kapler offered a one year lease at a Townhall Meeting (November 25, 1999) most tenants, including myself, thought that we knew where our homes were going to be for the next year.

By including a clause that gives the landlord the right to evict the tenant in the event of the sale of the property the element of security is removed from the lease, and the offer of financial compensation does not remedy that.

We expect Texada Land Corporation to stand by Brent Kapler's words and give us a "real" year-long lease.

ALVARO SANCHEZ

He doth protest too much

I read Mr. Beckman's latest mis- sive to the Barnacle with interest. He seems to be under the misap- prehension that the other letter- writers he mentions were complain- ing about his yoga newsletter, when it seemed to me that they were crit- icizing his views on homosexuals and homosexuality, which is largely what his last two letters have been about.

I have nothing against heterosexuals, in fact some of my best friends are heterosexual, but I prefer to think of myself as a member of the "tolerant community," which is concerned with justice and equality for all.

As to my theoretical children, whether I would "want them to become gay" or not is likely a moot issue, but should they prove gay, I would want them to have certain "special" rights. The right, say, to walk down the street hand-in-hand with their beloved without the fear of being beaten to death.

Further, there are many "age-old traditions and ethical codes" which have, in this century, been happily ended. In North America we actual- ly gave the rights of full citizenship to special interest groups such as the Chinese, the American Blacks, and women. It is to be hoped that full equal rights for homosexual people will not be long in coming. It is also to be hoped that Mr.

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COMMENTARY

Spreading understanding

Ignorance and misunderstanding breed fear and hatred. Knowledge and understanding build friendship and communi- ty. To spread understanding, I am addressing Paul Beckman's discrimination policy in his yoga newsletter. The key term is dis- crimination. Had he merely stated his distaste for homosexual- ity, he would have been within his rights, provided of course that it was not in a hateful manner. For example, in the November 17 Driftwood, Hubert Beyer stated, "I dislike the modern inter- pretation of human relations, which equates homosexual rela- tionships with that of the age old and proven concept of man and woman...as dangerous to the future of our species." We homosexuals recognize that there is an ever-shrinking group that cling to such archaic convictions. There was no flurry of let- ters at that time, because there was no discrimination. Such statements merely expose the bigoted attitudes of the writer.

In a follow-up letter Mr. Beckman complains that "the gay community is...groping to put my newsletter down...based solely on...lack of a homosexual section." He missed the point completely. No one says he shouldn't publish a newsletter. In fact it is a noble undertaking. Nor do we insist that he include a homosexual section, or in any way "promote homosexuality." We only expect that he not discriminate by specifically EXCLUDING homosexuals.

That he felt the need to state this discriminatory policy indicates he has some pretty big personal hang-ups that he hasn't dealt with. Perhaps he will reach a point in his life where he can be more accepting and understanding. Perhaps his yoga pursuits will help him on that path. When people experience homophobia it is usually because they are not aware that they know any gay or lesbian people per- sonally. If they did, they might see through the myths that are often the basis of misunderstanding.

Mr. Beyer's fear that recognition of homosexual relationships is "dangerous to the future of our species" has no foundation in fact. The biggest danger facing our species is, in fact, the extremely successful propagation of the human race. With over six billion people, our dear earth is being hard pressed to sup- port us all. Mr. Beckman's fear that we might take over the world while the heterosexual community is "asleep at the wheel" is likewise unfounded. Homosexuality has been docu- mented throughout history around the world. There is no evi- dence that the per centage of homosexuals in society is any dif- ferent now than ever before. What we are seeing is more homosexuals embracing their orientation rather than trying to

repress or hide it.

Angelica Havens' sermon on nature and divine will paints a black and white picture of the world, when it is actually a kaleidoscope of diversity. Her statements are hugely gener- alized, and I would ask on what basis of knowledge or expe- rience she feels qualified to make them. What she misun- derstands is that most homosexuals are very comfortable with their gender and anatomy, and that of their partners.

Cross-dressers, trans-gendered, and people who may "mutilate their genitals," are a small fraction of the homo- sexual population. Because of their visibility, society wrongly assumes that they are representative of all homosexuals. Most heterosexuals would be hard pressed to pick the aver- age homosexual out of a crowd. That being said, we embrace the drag queens, the leather crowd, and those of other iden- tities as a part of our dynamic community. The international symbol of gays and lesbians is the rainbow. Its spectrum rep- resents our diversity, and that of the world we live in.

When Mr. Beckman asks, "Do you want your children to become gay?" Most would answer no. Who wants their child to face the intolerance and injustices that society would pres- ent them? The more important question is, "If your child were gay, would you want them to live a miserable lie by denying their sexuality, or support them to embrace what nature bestowed on them, and encourage them to live an honest and happy life?" If you truly loved your child the answer would be obvious. We have no desire to recruit people to become homosexuals if that is not who they are. We only want those who are homosexual to be able to live their lives without fear of physical, social, or psychological abuse in their families, work places, schools and neighbourhoods. Our society is becoming more enlightened and, by pulling together and fighting for our equal (not special) human rights, we are living productive lives, contributing socially, culturally, and econom- ically to our communities. The people who would push us back "into the closet" are getting fewer and fewer.

No, Mr. Beckman, we are not lost! And, most of the "people who aren't gay" that you have pleaded to come to your defense, recognize that beneath this homosexual "label" we are just people too, living our lives, as others do, working and playing, learning, pursuing our spiritual paths, and yes, seek- ing our "special soul mate!"

ANDREW CAMERON, PRESIDENT
GLOSSI Gays & Lesbians of Salt Spring Island Society

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The Local Court of Revision will hear only those appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its sitting.

A copy of the complete rolls will be available for inspection at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, British Columbia, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Ganges Building Inspection, Suite 206-118 Fulford/Ganges Road (above the Post Office), Ganges, British Columbia, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, commencing February 23, 2000.

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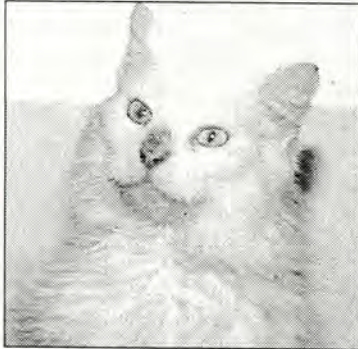
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A Northern Fur Seal pup brought to the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre on February 8, 2000.

Unusual seal pup at Wildlife Centre

A Northern Fur Seal has joined the menagerie being rehabilitated at the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre. The unique "patient"—the first of its kind to arrive at the Centre—was brought in February 8 after a woman observed it struggling in the waters of Kelsey Bay off Sayward Island. She'd been watching the female seal pup for three days before managing to catch it in a net.

A beautiful silvery grey, the pup—which belongs to the same family of "eared" seals as the Sea Lion—looks very different from the 42 Harbour Seals the Centre has rehabilitated this year. The Northern Fur Seal has very long black flippers which it uses much like arms and flexible rear flippers enabling it to "sit up," climb stairs and move around quicker and more deftly than a Harbour Seal.

Jeff Lederman, Director of the Wildlife Natural Care Centre, explained that Northern Fur Seals are rarely seen since they spend most of their time 200 miles off shore. After weaning, this pup should have spent the next 22 months of its life far out to sea and, at this time of year, would likely

have been engaged in part of its annual migration, traveling the waters between Japan and Southern California.

Instead, the six-month-old pup arrived on Salt Spring anemic, starved, full of parasites, struggling to breathe and weighing only 15 pounds (Northern Fur Seals should weigh about 30 pounds at weaning). Lederman said that after a few days of treatment the pup was x-rayed, showing what could be a bullet in its abdomen.

"The greatest cause of mortality among these seals is fishing entanglement," said Linda Wells, Wildlife Rehabilitator at the Centre. "They get caught in nets or shot." Wells said they knew of one fish farm (not on Salt Spring Island) where employees admitted to having shot 450 marine mammals in a single year.

Wells and Lederman are hopeful about the pup's chances of survival. They point out that had the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre not been operating, the Northern Fur Seal pup would have been left to eventually drown in Kelsey Bay.

"There is no other place in B.C. for marine mammal rehabilitation,"

said Lederman, explaining that although the Vancouver Aquarium takes in Harbour Seals they only do so during summer months.

But, Northern Fur Seals are not easy to rehabilitate. The Marine Mammal Centre in Southern California (the closest facility that treats Northern Fur Seals regularly) manages to save only 50 per cent of the seals brought to them. Lederman points out, however, that Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre has a higher than average success rate with its animals and already the pup, which had trouble breathing when it arrived, has clear lungs.

For now the feisty pup (it has given volunteers, Lederman and Wells a number of bites) is being kept indoors in the Intensive Care Ward of the Centre. It is being tube fed every four hours with a herring mash, given fluids orally and subcutaneously, and treated with herbs, homeopathic remedies and antibiotics. Lederman thinks it must have taken at least a month for the Northern Fur Seal pup to have deteriorated to its current condition and, if it continues to improve, estimates the pup will be at the Centre for the next three months.



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Recognizing women

Women's names are pouring into the SWOVA office by email, by phone, by snail mail and by fax. They are the names of women who others in the community feel "make our community strong" and have nominated in recognition of that.

"We're already received nominations for at least 50 women," said Lynda Laushway of SWOVA.

The 20 who receive the most nominations will be honoured during a gala celebration marking International Women's Day planned for March 9. But, all those nominated will be acknowledged and thanked for their contributions to the community.

Laushway said there has been an overwhelming response to the

nomination process, with many community members excited by the opportunity to point out deserving women who have made a difference. Women who have cared for elderly neighbours in times of need, who have worked countless volunteer hours at the hospital thrift store, dedicated themselves to protecting our environment or to the education of our children, are just some of the nominations that have been received.

The nomination process closes at the end of February so there is still time to name those who deserve recognition. Nominations can be mailed to SWOVA at 390 Upper Ganges Road, SSI, V8K 1R7; sent by fax or phone to 537-1336; or emailed to swova@saltspring.com.

Map project marks week

Island Pathways is marking Heritage Week in British Columbia by displaying their draft Salt Spring Island Heritage Map project. The display—photographs, maps and information on the Island's unique heritage—will be available for viewing at the Mary Hawkins Library, Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The goal of the project is to gather information on all aspects of the Island's heritage and then use some of the material for our map project,"

said Claire Heffernan, Island Pathways president. Local author Charles Kahn is providing information on aboriginal place names, early settlers, parks and heritage buildings. "We hope residents will drop by the library to provide more information or ideas that could be included on the map," said Heffernan.

Island Pathways raised more than \$8,000 for the project, which will be used to cover printing costs. A number of

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SAFE AND SOUND—Darby Margrethe McIntyre is off to a safe start with a brand new car seat presented to her and (from left) her mother Kim, and sisters Charlotte and Brenna by Dr. Holly Slakov on behalf of B.C. doctors. (Father Todd not shown.) Darby, born January 14, was the first to enter the new year at Lady Minto Hospital and, as such, one of many babies throughout B.C. to be given car seats. B.C. doctors fund the infant car seats in an effort to promote their use. Each year the first baby born in each B.C. hospital is given one of the seats.

Slide show and talk

Home building with a conscience

As many know, current North American building practices are often at odds with the environment and that is a concern of Robert Bolman. An activist and environmentally conscious builder from Eugene, Oregon, Bolman has traveled much of the West Coast of North America presenting Natural Building and Social Justice and receiving critical acclaim. This 80-minute talk and slide presentation provides a broad yet detailed overview of the more

radical approaches to environmentally innovative construction. As well, Bolman's presentation provides a critical analysis of mainstream North American construction and housing in the context of the inequitable distribution of the world's resources.

In the wake of new hazardous chemicals and components in today's homes, as well as the exploitation of limited natural resources, this presentation finds relevance to many pertinent issues in everyone's

backyard. Natural Building and Social Justice seeks to bring about a revival of traditional ways our ancestors built homes and lived, and encourage a new mode of thinking that is rich in mindfulness, social responsibility, creative happiness and appreciation of our relationship with nature.

Bolman will present Natural Building and Social Justice, Thursday, February 24, at 7 p.m., at the United Church (downstairs). Tickets by donation (\$5 suggested).

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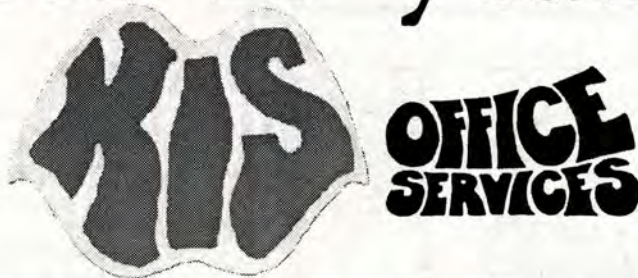
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FEBRUARY 22-MARCH 5

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 **June Bender**. June, a musician and music therapist, and her 12 year old daughter, Holly have lived on Salt Spring for two years. Outside of music (she has been working with a number of musicians recording some of her songs towards her first CD) she'll do anything to spend time with her daughter—clothes shopping has recently become important! She loves comedians and thoroughly

enjoyed her first opportunity to do a stand-up routine with Off Centre Stage which focused on her Mennonite ancestry.

The Book: "The Third Ear by Joachim-Ernst Berendt. I'm really concerned about the effect of noise pollution on consciousness. I suppose it wouldn't be a problem on a desert island, but Berendt has fascinating ideas on the world of sound which I would like to explore."

The Disc: "The Essential Nina Simone, Vol. 11—I've worn out my original cassette. I love the primitive, yet trained quality of her voice, its rawness and sophistication as well as the comfort and hope in her repertoire."

Fellow castaway: "My old teacher, best friend and lover, Bernie Martin. I met him in 70's Montreal—he was a clown, musician, theatre director, and the subject of a memorial CD by his friends called "A Certain Man" when he died five years ago. For wit, caring, spiritual and political inspiration I've not met anyone to touch him."

Community

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22

- Storytime with Jean Voaden** Library. 10am
- Toy Library** Beaver Point Hall. 9-10am
- Joe Benge** Photographs. Sweet Arts Café to March 8
- Maureen Garbarino** Images of Tuscany. Paintings. Luigi's Pizza to Feb 28
- Margaret Threlfall** Watercolours. Bristol Hair Cutter to Feb. 28
- Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. 11:30-1pm
- Island Farmers Institute AGM** Farmers' Institute Bldg. 7:30pm
- 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** 6:45pm
- Girl, Interrupted** 9:15pm

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
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 10am-12pm
- 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

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 28

- Storytime** West of the Moon. 10am
- Midnight Café Acoustic** Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Lady Minto H. Aux. Soc.** Lions' Hall. 2pm
- Kabir Helminski** Study Group. Contemplative Centre. 10am. Info: 537-1657
- Fly tying** Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9-10:30am
- Step in Shape** All Saints. 9-10am
- Ease into Fitness** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Circuit Challenge** Fulford Gym. 6:30-7:30pm
- Community Programming** SSTV Cable Ch. 12. 7pm
- Angela's Ashes** 7:30pm

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 29

- Storytime with Jean Voaden** M H Memorial Library. 10-10:30am
- Soup's On** Free soup and sandwich. All Saints. 11:30-1pm
- 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
- Stuart Little** 6:30pm
- Angela's Ashes** 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

- Music & Munch** All Saints'. 12:10pm-1pm
- 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
- Ease into Fitness** Mahon Hall. 9-10am
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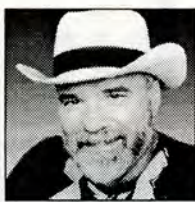
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Not only got off the plane, but called for a taxi, took the taxi from the airport to a nearby restaurant, ordered a meal to go, and then taxied back to his plane. His passengers were not amused, and neither were his superiors, who sacked him for "conduct unbecoming," etc.

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Now it must be said that next to Revenue Canada and lawyers, dissing airline food is the cheapest laugh you can get. Everybody has a one-liner about those unidentifiable globs of gorp and goo they serve on planes. Question: Why do they serve alcohol on airplanes? Answer: So you won't mind the meal. Arf, arf.

Well, as Sam Goldwyn said, include me out. I happen to—

are you sitting down—like airplane food.

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Number two: I eat the airplane meal out of respect for technology.

Are you kidding? I'm in a giant aluminum cigar tube, 36,000 feet in the air, going 400 miles an hour over the Rockies, the temperature outside is minus 40, I'm about to watch a movie AND I get a hot meal for free? Of course I take it...even if I can't tell what the main course is trying to be.

A hundred years ago the only way to get from Vancouver to Wyoming was on foot, swatting at black flies and gnawing on a chunk of frozen pemmican. I consider the preparation and presentation of a cooked meal, complete with coffee and dessert, five miles straight up over Red Deer, Alberta to be an act of pure, unadulterated magic.

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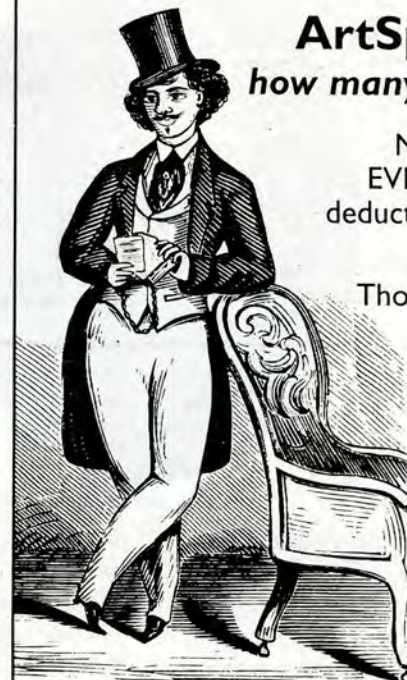
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Joseph Bengé, photographer

Quietly waiting for his next epiphany

He's looked at life from both sides now—and he certainly knows more than most about the workings of illusion. The best-paid part of his life was his years in an advertising agency, but as this mild mannered man revealed to Studs Terkel in the late sixties when he was interviewed for one of Terkel's early examinations of work in America, all he really got out of it was "a kind of persuasiveness and I'd like to put it to better use."

Discovering that use has been a life-long project; one that has never lent itself to planning, but has expressed itself in what Joe Bengé once described to Bill Richardson as a series of epiphanies, each one shoving him in a new direction just when he was looking particularly successful.

He could have been a professional musician. He was offered the possibility of studying with the principal percussionist and timpanist at the Chicago Symphony, and he did lead a Jazz Band on two European tours, but some inner prompting took him into a university education. Again, he found himself halted at the outset of a promising academic career. A Fulbright scholar with excellent prospects and a Ph.D thesis underway, he was suddenly horrified at the crushing prospect of a life spent in academia. His thesis title was suggestive, although that would take some time to manifest. It was "Animal Symbolism in German Literature."

Instead he joined an advertising agency, one of the principle pleasures of which was to find himself working in a Frank Lloyd Wright building. Gifted with words and images—he had, after all, been taking pictures since an uncle gave him his first camera at eight years old—this job promised all that a young man could want. Surrounded by equally creative people and paid more than most of them would ever have imagined possible, it was not long before he was the exemplar of the good life. A beautiful home, wife, two children and two cars—and his energies spent persuading American housewives that one identical product was superior to another.

As a boy he thought nothing of spending hours hidden under a sheet beside an icy lake to improve his chances of seeing some waterbird up really close. Now an uncontrollable restlessness was threatening to destroy his family life. He began to spend all his spare time photographing wildlife and to think about changing his life again. Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* made a big impression. He put together a portfolio and went to see the National Geographic. He remembers the look he got from one of the senior editors just as he was about to step out of the elevator when he suggested doing a piece on the extremely endangered ivory-billed woodpecker.

The National Geographic offered enough work for him to seriously propose leaving his job in spite of his wife's objections. He started up a free lance photography business, relying at first on many of his old clients. The new direction gathered momentum when a chance encounter with a Canadian in Bengé's favourite folk club led to an all night session with a man called Charlie Ericksen. Ericksen's dream was to introduce young city kids to the wilderness. Quetico (between Thunder Bay and Fort William) includes some of the most beautiful unspoilt river and lakes in North America and it was under serious threat from logging interests. The plan was to expose the young people to its beauty during 10-day canoe trips through the wilderness and then encourage them to write about their experiences in a letter-writing campaign. Bengé's mix of passion for birds and animals and his arsenal of persuasive skills made him the ideal partner and he joined forces with Ericksen in what was to become one of the most satisfying



Red Fox (above) and Mt Field, B.C. (right); two photographs by Joseph Bengé.

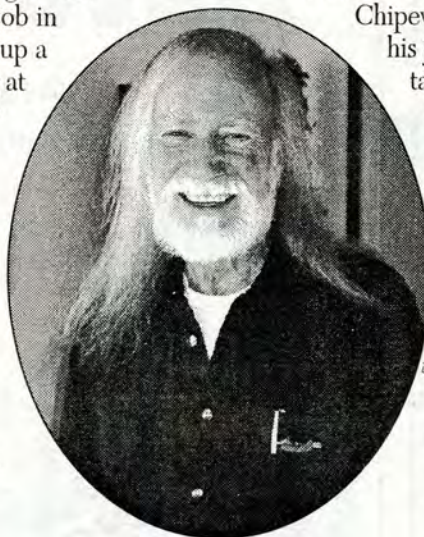
periods of his life. "If I ever find myself questioning the purpose of my life," he said, "I have only to think of the hundreds of boxes of letters that resulted in Quetico becoming a National Park."

Bengé had developed a riveting audio-visual technique for touring in the schools as part of the recruiting process (kids would skip all kinds of classes to sit in on his presentations). For the next 25 years he worked as a naturalist cum audio-visual programme designer at a number of Canadian National Parks as well as doing a couple of years working in Reserve schools in Northern Manitoba with

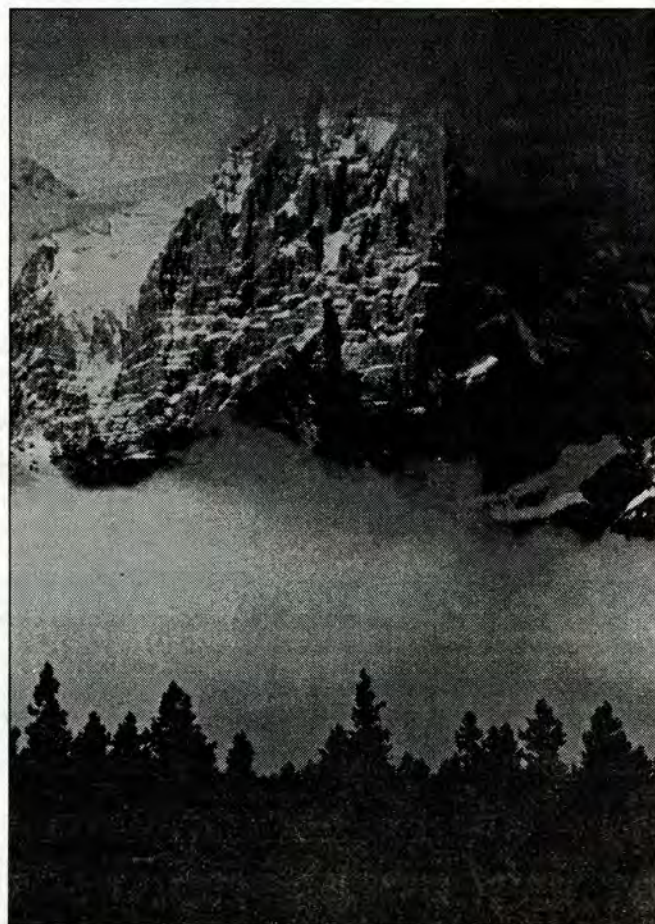
Chipewyan and Cree children. If it were part of his job to take photographs by day, he would take his own around dawn or after work, his trusty Leica never far from his side. His life has been saturated with both hardship and beauty and he has mountains of boxes of photographs and slides.

About six years ago he came to Salt Spring and joined the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists. His eyes have been giving him trouble, and he is soon to undergo corrective surgery, which will let him take up his camera again. His current show of photographs at Sweet Arts Café happened much as everything else in his life has happened—without premeditation. He agreed to an ASA request to show some of his work, and

has been delighted by the response he has received. The work is not about technique, it is about Bengé's eye. A Shasta daisy after the rain (no squirting of artificial drops onto the subject here) conveys the architectural serenity of the Lotus Temple in New Delhi, its golden centre dense



The Artist, Joseph Bengé.



with yearning. A mountain rises out of the clouds in Himalayan grandeur—but it is in Field, BC. Light pours through trees in an eternal promise. Coloured bottles in a window make music from the sun. Stop by and savour his journey while having a cup of coffee—or just go in to look at the work. The show continues at Sweet Arts Patisserie and Café until March 8. Meanwhile, Joe Bengé is quietly waiting for his next epiphany.

Woodstop:

It's what's happening baby!

by Susheela

By the time I got to Woodstock, we were half a million strong/ and everywhere there was song and celebration.

We may not get the half a million people that former Salt Spring resident Joni Mitchell mentions in the above quote, but we are expecting to pack Beaver Point Hall with wild (read untamed, free) celebrants this Saturday, February 26 for Woodstop. A non-stop parade of 25 bands, soloists, rockers, folkies, beat poets, jazzers, comedians, clowns and divas will testify through the unifying spirit of music and performance about their feelings on the Texada Land issue.

The Festival will start at 4 p.m. and continue till 1 a.m. with live music, dancing and anarchic comedy thrown in for good measure. And just when you think you can dance no more and are tempted to ease your bones back down the highway to bed, the fabulous all night DJ will begin.

So, if you missed the first Woodstock (and let's face it, some of

us did) here's your second chance to don your colours, dress like your favorite tree or endangered forest species, paint your face, and boogie till dawn. The hall is being lovingly prepared and decorated by artists and will include slides and video monitors with new footage of the clear-cut areas and the event is planned as a real Beaver Point Boogie complete with Pot Luck.

"I've found the perfect pieces to sing—*Take me to a Green Isle*. It's why I came here—the beauty and the water and the greenness. The peace I wanted, in a soul-like way. I'm very attached to greenness. The second song is *Ombra Mai Fu* by Handel, which translates to *Shade Like Unto Thine*. This song speaks to the beauty and the majesty and the longevity of trees. I think of the time spent under the shade of a tree and how the sight of a majestic tree moves my heart," said singer Deb Toole, who will be accompanied by pianist Paul Verville.

Audiences can expect the unexpected Saturday, with music jumping from

celtic to bluegrass to rock and roll. Plenty of original songs have been penned for the occasion and a recreation of the Islands Trust scene from *Paradise Lots* can be anticipated.

"It's not about protest, it's a celebration of the natural beauty of our Island and the amazing community of people who live here," said poet Nadine Shelley. Comedian Arvid Chalmers added, "I know that the forest will regenerate in 60 years, but for that next 60 years I'd rather watch the forest grow older with me."

Come at 4 p.m. and share dinner with the crowd. Come for the whole event, come for a bit, but come! Tickets are \$12 at Acoustic Planet and at the door. All proceeds go to the Texada Land Acquisition Fund. And by the way, that half a million that Joni Mitchell mentioned. That's our fundraising goal for May 1. The wonderful news is that we have passed the \$160,000 mark. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference. For more information on Woodstop call Susheela at 537-4240.

Thousands in unpaid sales taxes

Trincolmali Arts member puts caveat on local council's building

by Judy Moscovitz

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to a Gulf Island Community Arts Council meeting, fireworks exploded again.

Last Sunday, at a Requisition Meeting called by the GICAC's Concerned Members, two meetings were held, separated by a 10 minute break. The first meeting went smoothly enough, with several resolutions being passed unanimously by the large gathering. The results of the March 3 meeting, at which GICAC was broken up into two separate arts councils, were set aside, amendments to the

bylaws were rolled back and the resignations of the current Board of Directors was accepted.

An interim Board of Directors was elected by acclamation, consisting of April Curtis, Ken Mackenzie, Marlene Smith, April Steele and Illyd Perkins, all of Salt Spring, and Marlyn Turner and Heather Maxey from the Outer Islands. The chief tasks of this committee will be to call an AGM within the next couple of months, field a nominating committee to suggest names for a permanent Board of Directors, and gather information from the outgoing

board to effect a smooth transition.

The second, more contentious, meeting concerned the financial issues facing GICAC. The most serious problem is a caveat (similar to a lien) placed on GICAC's property at 155 McPhillips by a member of the newly formed Trincolmali Community Arts Council. This caveat prevents GICAC from selling the building or, more importantly, from using it as security in case there is a need to borrow money.

Which might well turn out to be the case, as several unpleasant discoveries have already been made

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The magical Full Moon Press

by Rob McMahon

Full Moon Press, a new arts and poetry magazine, is now available as both an outlet for Island artists' creativity and a source of visual and poetic imagery for readers. The magazine (now in its third issue) is printed and distributed on the day of the full moon every month, an important symbol and source of spiritual and creative energy for the magazine's publisher, Island artist Victoria Leslie.

"*Full Moon Press* will always have a spiritual, magical, intuitive foundation," said Leslie explaining the magazine as a "journey" or constantly shifting process of creative and intellectual evolution. Leslie gives contributors as much freedom of space as possible, and wants the publication to be a "platform for artist and writers to have fun."

"Visual imagery" and "lots of colour," feature prominently in the magazine. Past issues have included Island artists and writers Aria Squire, Catherine Lily-Hooper,



Diana Dean and Ahava Shira.

Leslie has always felt a connection with nature, and with the moon in particular. In her art, she has "always painted the moon, and full-moon...not always consciously." On the day of the full moon every month, she "channels a different painting," harnessing the creative energy emanating from the celestial body into her work, "not just the image, but the energy too." She believes it is

important to acknowledge the importance of the moon in modern life, a belief that extends as far back as human history but is often neglected in today's world. She also has a vested interest in the environment, and hopes, through her art and publishing, to raise consciousness of nature, and in the future use her financial resources in the interest of protecting the environment.

Other projects that Leslie and *Full Moon Press* are involved in include the *Spirit of the Isle* calendar, which features photographs of local nature imagery and Leslie's artwork.

Full Moon Press and the *Spirit of the Isle* calendar are available at five Island businesses so far, including the Old Salty and et cetera. Leslie may expand to distributors in Victoria and on other Gulf Islands in the New Year. The magazine currently costs \$3.75 an issue.

To view some of Victoria Leslie's artwork, visit her show hanging at ArtSpring, February 25, 26 and 27.

A gender bent Odd Couple

by Peggy Abrahams

Local audiences will be treated to a perennial comedy classic about friendship this Thursday through Sunday when the Salt Spring Community Theatre presents *The Odd Couple* at ArtSpring. This version is the story of two female friends, written by Neil Simon in the 1980s, about 20 years after he wrote the original version with characters Oscar and Felix.

According to director Geoffrey Davidson, the play's theme is timeless. "Some of the attitudes within it may seem dated, but the basis of *The Odd Couple* is about a friendship and how a friendship provides a rock to lean on throughout the adversities in our life."

According to Davidson, the orig-

inal female production starred Rita Moreno and Sally Struthers.

Why did Salt Spring Community Theatre produce the female version? "In Salt Spring theatre it's very hard to find male actors," said Davidson. "You call an audition and it's about ten women to one man."

The story of two characters, one the compulsive neatnik, the other a slob, provides a great premise for comedy. And, it's the kind of situation everyone can identify with. As Davidson said, "The appeal it generates for Salt Spring audiences is, we've all experienced roommates we didn't get along with, even if they're our best friends."

Female leads are Rosanne

Leonoff as Florence Unger (counterpart of Felix, the compulsive cleaner) and Leah Hansel as Olive Madison (the messy partner Oscar in the male version). Davidson acknowledges that this production has a number of seasoned professionals behind the wings. Stage manager Patsy Siemens, set designer Simon Henson, lighting designer Marv Coulthard, and Dave Kmiecik, one of the producers, who will also step into the role of Jesus. The play is co-produced by Lottie Fast.

This is the first full-length production directed by Davidson, but he has assisted in directing other local productions, including *A Tailored Affair*, and the first mime production on the island, as well as *Madwoman of Shallot* and *Lou Gehrig Did Not Die of Cancer*.

Davidson pointed out that this version was written in the '80s and the production is set in the '80s, which gives it a different dynamic from the original audiences may remember. However, according to Davidson, the play crosses generation lines and has broad appeal. "It's one of those pieces that has stood the test of time and proven to be popular every time it's staged."

The Odd Couple plays for four shows, Thursday, February 24 through Saturday, February 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 27 for a 2 p.m. matinee.

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Versatile, mellow cello

by Peggy Abrahams

An ArtSpring audience was treated to a tastefully rendered musical smorgasbord last Tuesday evening, beginning with an appetizer of German romanticism, followed by an entrée seasoned with native aboriginal themes and topped off with a Czech treat for dessert. *The Gryphon Trio* skillfully rendered both the classical compositions of Brahms and Dvorak as well as a work by contemporary Canadian composer, Chan Ka Nin.

The evening's selections were well-balanced as well as varied. Opening with the lovely Brahms Piano trio No. 3 in C minor, Op.101, the *Trio* sensitively interpreted the movements, first emotional, then lyrical, then softening almost to a lullaby and finally building momentum with the dramatic closing movement.

The piece, *and the masks evoke*, composed by Chan Ka Nin, was accompanied by a series of slides of masks by West Coast native artists symbolizing human spirituality. This backdrop of ceremonial masks curiously faded in and out as harmony melded into discordant tones. Instruments metamorphosed as the piano was manipulated like a stringed instrument, and the cello was played like an instrument of percussion, and then cajoled into

mimicking sounds reminiscent of an electronic synthesizer.

The final piece on the programme, the melodious *Dumky Trio*, by Dvorak, was seamlessly handled. According to the program, *Dumky* is plural for *Dumka*, a Slavic folk song. The piece is a series of movements without a connecting theme, but sharing a similarity of character and a loose structural unity.

Violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys and pianist Jamie Parker formed *The Gryphon Trio* in 1993, and the synergy of their sound is evidence of their individual skills as well as their time together. Most notable throughout the evening's performance were the honeyed tones of the cello.

This was the first reserved seating performance at ArtSpring, and although theoretically, all seats in a theatre of this size should be good, seat location does matter. As an experiment, my companion and I changed seats at intermission to get a different perspective. After starting off in a row halfway back on the right side, we moved to front row left. We agreed that it was far more pleasurable at our new front left location. From there, the quality of the sound was improved dramatically, and we enjoyed being able to see Parker's fingers on the keyboard.



Susan Cogan.

Smash benefit concert to save Texada lands

More than \$160,000 raised to date

by Peggy Abrahams

A Salt Spring audience spilled into the aisles at ArtSpring Friday night, for an almost full house benefit concert held to raise funds towards acquiring Texada lands. Bill Henderson, Valdy, Tom Hooper, Alan Moberg, Ramesh Meyers and Susan Cogan played a sampling of their repertoires with passion. Some of the performers showcased new songs specially written to capture their sentiments about preserving the local environment.

As a prelude, the evening opened with a somber reading of the words of a Native American chief who long ago honoured the environment and questioned the European concept of owning land. Among his words, "The earth does not belong to man. Man belongs to the earth."

Dressed in gumboots, Susan Cogan set the tone in the opening act. With her beautiful voice and sensitive guitar she explored many themes related to the human

struggle. She invited the audience to join in singing the first lines of the chorus of her last song, a work in progress, "Take this last stand for the forest, as for the last wilderness on earth."

Alan Moberg was joined by Ramesh Meyers, who together with melodious guitars, played a set of folk songs Islanders could identify with: Arbutus Tree, Straits of Georgia, Northern Love and a logger song.

Tom Hooper changed the mood with his more low-key, intensely introspective style. After the intermission, Elizabeth White, manager of the fundraising drive, announced that the May Day Campaign has so far raised more than \$160,000. She told the audience, "We've paid all our costs. All the money that comes in goes to land acquisition." Proceeds from the concert will be tallied in the next week or so.

Starting off the second half, Valdy grabbed the audience with his unex-

pected opening tune, *Teddy Bears' Picnic*. Laughter resounded when he sang the first lines, "If you go down in the woods today you're sure of a big surprise." He closed his set with Earth Rap, an environmental rap song that involved audience participation in rap sound effects. Valdy's upbeat style and humour contrasted with his comments about the situation on Salt Spring. Acknowledging the efforts in putting together the benefit concert, he said, "If a few people get together they can change the course of history."

The evening climaxed with Bill Henderson's passionate sound. As Henderson pointed out, the use of the Salt Spring Folk Club backdrop of a guitar melting into a winding road in the heart of a green valley was a good fit for the evening's theme. Both the audience and the performers together communicated one message: a powerful sense of community with an unrelenting commitment to a cause.

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Gala Variety Night is a family event

The SIMS Band parents are busy this week preparing for the Gala Variety Night fundraiser taking place at Mahon Hall, 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 26.

A wonderful evening of music, song, and dance performances as well as delicious desserts promise to make this an event not to be missed. Almost all the performers are parents or relatives of SIMS Band members. The a capella singing group *Cantus*, bluegrass duet *Lisa and Charlie Erck*, the Gumboot Dancers and singer Don Fisher are some of the

better known acts slated to perform. Ilyd Perkins, Mary Ann Banman, Peter Haase, and Jordie and Mary from Acoustic Planet will all be singing individually, and there will be poetry readings by Chris Smart and Mona Fertig. Several SIMS Band members will be performing with their parents, including Melissa Fisher with Margita Sandl and Simon Millard with mom Jennifer and Mitch Howard. Naim Howe will tell us a story and Deb Toole will keep the evening flowing smoothly as the Master of Ceremonies.

The six member SIMS Jazz Combo with Fries (the Fries being the two very big publicity shy horn players) will provide a sample of some the great talent that the SIMS band programme is recognized for. All proceeds from this event go directly to the SIMS Band programme, helping to purchase music, equipment and finance travel to music festivals. Tickets are selling quickly but are still available at SIMS office and Acoustic Planet Music—\$8 for adults and \$4 for students.

Slide presentation

Tour Monet's garden with Cyril Hume

Winter is the time gardeners like to dream. What better way than to take a trip with Cyril Hume, well-known Victoria garden designer and historian, to Monet's beautiful garden in Giverny, France.

Hume plans to show slides and talk about the famous garden in

the Seine Valley where Monet and his family settled in 1883. The garden is neither organized nor constrained in the style of many French gardens. Monet married flowers according to their colours and left them to grow freely. As an avid painter and gardener, it is

noted that he shaped his motif in nature before painting it, thus creating his work twice.

Come and enjoy the slide show and talk by Cyril Hume on Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m. at the Legion's Meaden Hall. Non-members \$5.



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Let's eat ...

with Linda Koroscil

I had to take piano lessons when I was six years old. My mother said, "One day you'll thank me!" Well, it continued on for eight years and I'm sure the scars are still there! I know this because whenever someone mentions the word "theory" my whole body turns cold and I break into a sweat.

My lessons were once a week. During my lunch hour I would trudge through the orchard to my teacher's house. It was Little Red Riding Hood all over again except I wasn't going to Grandma's house, I was going to see the big bad wolf. She had a lot of grey hair and great big eyes, and I was certain that her teeth dripped blood when she opened her mouth to chastise me, which happened all the time.

I was not what you would call a model student. I would climb the

steps to the back door and ring her doorbell. It was one of those old brass turny knobby ones and it would make a great clanking sound. It always seemed to be raining on piano lesson day—that in itself made the whole experience even more dreadful. Well, sometimes I would stand there for what seemed to be an eternity until she let me in. It probably gave her pleasure, leaving me there, shivering and quaking in my shoes. My footsteps always squeaked on the old linoleum on the kitchen floor as I made my way to the table to eat my lunch, all alone. She always disappeared behind the swinging brown kitchen door and then mysteriously reappeared when it was time. The room smelled like stove oil. There was never a sound. I would look out over the clamshell driveway and watch the raindrops roll down the window pane, wishing the hour would end.

Rice Torte
This cake is beautifully moist and is a Venetian version of an Italian rice cake.

For the rice pudding:

1 C. sugar	2 tbsp. butter
4-1/2 C. milk, pinch salt	5 egg yolks
1 strip lemon zest	scraped contents of
1 C. Arborio or Vialone Nano rice	1/2 vanilla bean

Bring milk to boil with salt and lemon. Stir in rice and several teaspoons sugar, simmer 40 min. stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, remove lemon, add butter and cool. Meanwhile prepare dough.

For the dough:

3/4 C. plus 2 tbsp. butter, softened	1/2 tsp. lemon zest
1-1/2 C. sugar	5 egg whites
2-1/2 C. flour	10" springform pan
1 tbsp. baking powder	icing sugar

Stir butter with 1/3 sugar until fluffy. Mix together baking powder and flour, stir into sugar mixture with lemon. Whip egg whites, slowly adding remaining sugar until peaks form. Fold into flour mixture. Finish rice pudding: stir in egg yolks, remaining sugar and vanilla until creamy. Grease and flour springform pan. Scrape dough into pan, coating bottom and sides. Pour rice pudding into centre, fold dough down from sides and onto the pudding. Bake at 300° for 60 or 70 min. Cool in pan, then remove sides. Dust with icing sugar.

I would follow her into the piano room—more brown, she even wore brown clothes. She sat beside me on the piano bench, cigarette quivering between her teeth, great volumes of smoke drifting around our heads, ashes floating up from the keys as I banged away in the A Minor scale. "Wrong! You're wrong!" she would scream. "You

haven't been practicing enough! I'm calling your mother about this." The metronome droned on and it was like time stood still. It was agonizing. Finally it would be over; I would gather up my music books and my lunch bag and retreat down the steps into the rain. Relief.

And more things to do with short-grain rice...

February: lots of activity beginning in the garden



Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

So far this winter has been just wonderful, at least in my eyes. The days are getting longer now and I almost have time to get a few things done in the garden after a day at work. I know, February still isn't over just yet, but I know many of us like to be optimistic and believe that it will stay as mild as it has been right through until spring.

Wouldn't that be perfect!

Many different types of annuals haven't even perished this winter because of our extreme mild temperatures. Geraniums, fushias and many other species are still going strong despite it being mid-February. It's still not too late to spray lime sulphur and dormant oil to rose or fruit trees, but this should be done before flower and leaf

buds start to open. It should also be done on a mild dry day. It's a good idea to prune or clean up any debris around the plants before spraying.

I know that a good time to prune roses is when the forsythias are in bloom—which will vary depending on the location of your garden. Usually seaside gardens are further ahead than inland areas.

In February I also cut back the foliage on my pampass grass and other ornamental grasses if they need it. If you have any overgrown perennials you can start dividing them the next time you're out and

about mucking around.

February is also a good time to get your compost piles actively working again by adding any freshly pulled green weeds or even fresh seaweed. It doesn't hurt to also add a little canola seed meal, which is rich in nitrogen. You should also take your spade or compost fork and fluff up the pile.

At this time of year it's always fun to flip through garden magazines or books to give yourself new ideas for spring—which will be here before you know it!

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- Sing Along Group** Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Tango practice/lessons**
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- Salty Wheels Square Dancing**
Central Hall. 7-9pm
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Literature & The Bible**
United Church upstairs. 11:30am-12:30pm
- Christianity in Crisis: Science & Religion**
Prof. John Mills. United Church. 6:30-8:30pm
- Natural Building of Social Justice**
Slide presentation with Robert Bolman. United
Church. 7pm
- Spinners and Weavers**
Guild room. ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- MS Society** Seniors' Building. 7pm
- S.S. Festival of the Arts AGM**
Core Inn. 7:30pm
- Fly tying** Newman's Great Outdoors. 5-9pm
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 4-5:30pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints. 9-10am.
- Volleyball** Fulford Gym. 7-9pm
- Badminton Club** GISS gym. 8-10pm

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
- Riding the Wave**
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- Playback
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- Ease into Fitness**
Mahon Hall. 9-10am
- Step into Shape**
All Saints. 9-10am
- Boot Camp**
All Saints. 5-6pm
- Stuart Little**
6:30pm
- Angela's Ashes**
8:30pm

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

- Wines of the Pacific Northwest**
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- Library Book Sale** Library. 10am-1pm
- Phoenix Elementary Fund
Raising Yard Sale**
163 Drake Rd. 10am
- The Odd Couple** Comedy. ArtSpring. 8pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Alex Cuba Band Moby's Pub.**
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- SPCA AGM** Lion's Club Hall. 2pm
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All Saints. 8:30-9:30am
- Yoga** Salt Spring Centre. 9:30-11am
- Stuart Little** 4:00, 6:30pm
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

- The Odd Couple** Comedy.
ArtSpring. 2pm
- Brian (Buck)
McDonald &
Dave Roland**
Fulford Inn. 4pm
- Kelby McNayr
Trio**
Dinner Jazz
Moby's Pub. 7pm
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- 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 MARCH 3

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Prayer**
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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

SATURDAY MARCH 4

- Library Book Sale**
Library. 10am-1pm
- Brent Streeper**
Harbour House Lounge. 8pm
- Int'l Women's Day Art
Show**
ArtSpring Gallery. 'til Mar. 11
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints. 8:30-9:30am

SUNDAY MARCH 5

- Brian (Buck)
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Dave Roland**
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- Dinner Jazz**
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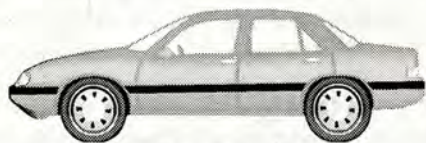
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Victors by sheer guts

Bays United 0

Salt Spring Slashers 1

The Slashers U-19 girls soccer team hadn't been scheduled to play this past weekend so a couple of girls had scheduled surgery to coincide with the break. Wisdom teeth were removed and a belly button pierced (which surely proves that this generation has taken navel-gazing to new heights) but lo and behold the Lower Island Final for the B.C. Cup was on again.

So the Slashers, shorthanded and playing away, gutted out a crucial 1-0 victory on the strength of an Amy Little first half goal.

Stephanie Collette started the play which led to the lone goal when her cross found Kyla Dares. Dares' shot was blocked by the goalkeeper but Amy Little was there to convert the rebound.

Oak Bay dominated possession in the second half but could not break down the Slasher defence.

Robin Morris, Stephanie Collette, Jessica Courtier, and Ruth Singbeil withstood the pressure well, allowing 'keeper Diane Anglos to see everything that got through them and tidily smothering any chances.

The midfield of Launi Legg, Joelle Morrison, Rachel Herman, Sheila Stacey and Alex Howard battled hard against an Oak Bay midfield which had the luxury of platooning fresh legs.

Salt Spring will represent the South Island against North Island champions Campbell River at Portlock Park March 5. Watch for the kick-off time in next week's Barnacle and plan to attend what should be a barn-burner.



Three recent graduates to yellow belt, Lara Coelho, Barushka Zizka, and Kate Parker, demonstrate their technique at a Pat Byron Karate Class. The three were among ten advancing from white to yellow belt.

Track & Field registration

The Salt Spring Island Track and Field Club is up and running and looking for participants for the 2000 season.

Participants must be at least nine years of age during the calendar year 2000. Registration fee for ages 9 to 15 years is \$65, and fees for older athletes are slightly higher. The price of the team sweater (\$15) is not included in the registration fee.

Registration forms are available at

the Parks and Recreation office at Portlock Park. Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. (537-4448).

Practice sessions are set for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00, beginning March 28 and ending June 15. In addition, the club will compete in six off-island track meets.

For more information call Jim Proctor at 537-0092 or reach him by email at proctor@salt-spring.com.

Don't Be Disappointed

Salt Spring Minor Baseball and Girl's softball registration are going on now. Forms are available at the Portlock Park office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The deadline for registration is March 10 and it is worth noting that no late registrations will be accepted. So don't be disappointed; register today.

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Old Boys still undefeated in 2000



Soccer Kicks ...

with Alan Webb

Old Boys 1
The Salt Spring Old Boys had to resort to pilfering the Geezers to field a team again in a critical match for second place.

Both Graham Tweedle and Damien Brazier turned in superb performances. Tweedle was first to the ball all day and his composure under pressure was an example to his, um, less experienced teammates.

Brazier was equally inspirational in midfield. The little Irishman put in an honest challenge to every head

ball, in a game which abounded in them, and quietly exhorted his mates to give a little more when asking for a little was asking quite a lot.

But it was Captain Cottrell who really led this team to victory in such Liverpoolian fashion.

Only minutes into the game a foul sent Cottrell to the sidelines with a broken arm.

The Old Boys played on gallantly with ten men but Cottrell inevitably returned.

Shortly after Cottrell took an elbow to the mouth, drawing a penalty kick, and Kerry Walker

calmly stroked it home for a 1-0 lead.

Cordova Bay attacked in numbers from then on. The Reds naturally withdrew to protect the lead leaving the Fighting Perch to push forward.

But Salt Spring strung eight players atop the penalty area and all of the homeside's possession could not break down the Old Boy defence.

Arnie Hengstler, Cal MacConnachie, Mark Haston, and Walker won every challenge in the air and any chances the Perch mustered were dealt with spectacularly by goalkeeper Chris Healey.

Next week the Old Boys, undefeated in 2000 and with a record of 11 wins, 1 draw, and three losses this season, are scheduled to play last place Sooke, 10 a.m. at the high school grounds.

Darts and pints for Salt Spring team

Kevan Andrews of the Salt Spring Legion wasn't going to play as much darts this year, but after winning the mid-Island zones competition in Ladysmith last week he may find himself playing a lot of darts in the near future.

Andrews became only the third local Legion representative to win through to the B.C. finals in singles competition, winning 18 of 20 games against Legion teams from Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Duncan, Cowichan, Chemainus, and Cobble Hill.

The 24-man field was split into two divisions with the top four in each side going to a playoff. Andrews won 11 of 12 to win his division, lost one game in the playoffs, and then won two straight to win the best of three final.

"I would have been happy just to win the group," Andrews said. "I wasn't expecting to do too well, but I had a good day."

After ten years of competitive darts, was a bit of a break needed in the form of playing only for fun in a weekly beer league?

"Yeah ... I didn't feel too much pressure or anything like that. I was just lucky I was able to hit doubles on the day."

Two years ago the Salt Spring Legion sent a doubles team and a four man team (in which Andrews was a member) to the B.C.'s. "We didn't do too well, through."

So how will Kevan Andrews prepare for the B.C. Finals March 24 and 25 in Langley?

"I'm going to start playing a lot more darts ... and get a few pints inside me."

Sports Pool...with Terry Stringer

DAGWOOD'S POOL Next meeting: Wed., Mar. 8, 7:00 p.m. sharp at DAGWOOD'S.

	Total Points	This Week		Total Points	This Week
1 Ottawa.....	493	19	10 Boston.....	437	25
2 Philadelphia	472	41	11 San Jose.....	425	21
3 Edmonton..	466	22	12 Pittsburgh.....	420	24
4 Vancouver...	463	21	13 Toronto.....	403	21
5 St. Louis.....	458	11	14 Islanders.....	401	20
6 Atlanta.....	456	27	15 Buffalo.....	396	25
7 Montreal.....	450	21	16 Washington....	393	17
8 Dallas.....	444	32	17 Anaheim.....	378	20

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2 Ice Dogs.....	514	31	10 Buffalo.....	461	27
3 Ane-jo.....	499	39	11 Ottawa.....	447	15
4 Marx Bro #1..	496	30	12 Bandido.....	443	17
5 Greenwoods..	491	18			
6 Toronto.....	487	24			
7 Rangers.....	474	25			
8 Dallas.....	472	17			

Bowling Banter ... with Ruth Hume

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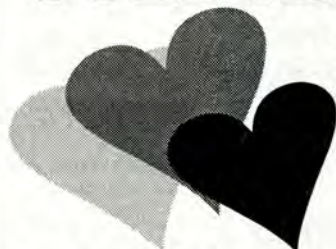
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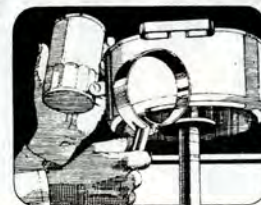
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Athlete of the Week



Launi Legg

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The Old Sailor Will Tell No More Tales



GUSTAV NITSCH

Born June 23, 1921, in Furth, Germany, died January 13, 2000 in Mazatlan, Mexico. Sadly missed by his son Fred Nitsch, of Brisbane, Australia, his daughter Lorelei Quiding, of Surrey, B.C., and his grandchildren Sabrina, Amanda, Chris, and Elise. Gus spent many years on Salt Spring, where he raised his family. To all his friends in Amateur Radio, Gus's key is now silent.

120 • MESSAGES OF THANKS

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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.

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.

ARTCAMP: LLOYD English and Patricia Brown, July 17-21 Age 5-8, July 24-28 Age 9-12, Fulford School. Call Patricia 653-9406.

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Rezoning Application-05-99

The Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2000, in Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a presentation from the Applicant regarding a proposal to downzone a property located south of Mount Bruce (donor property) and upzone a property at 350 Baker Road (receiving property). It would allow the receiving property to have an increased potential for subdivision from one to two lots while the donor property experiences a loss of subdivision potential by one lot. The proposal would effectively "transfer" development potential as outlined in the Official Community Plan.

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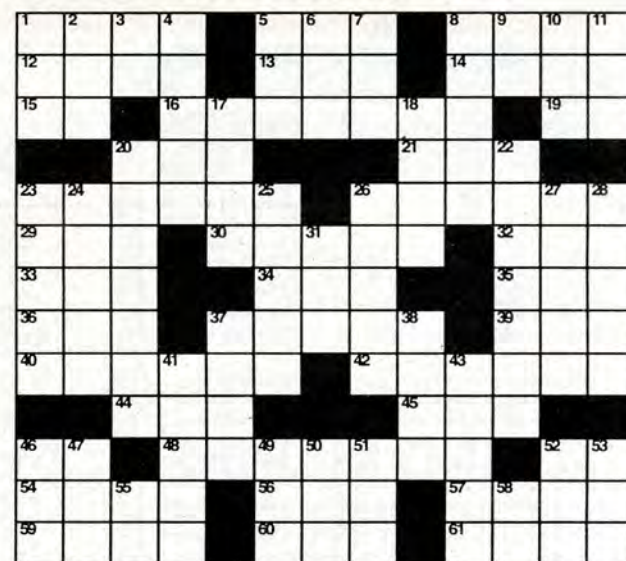
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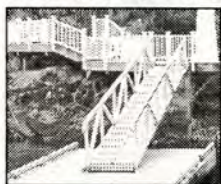
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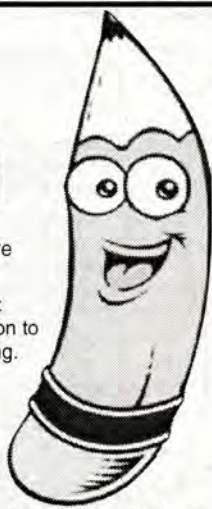
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HOROSCOPES

For the week,
by Michael O'Connor
e-mail: oconnorm@netidea.com



TIP OF THE WEEK

The question of "cusps" often arises for people born around the time when the Sun changes signs in the 'Tropical Zodiac' (Based on seasons more than constellations). Those persons born anywhere around the 20th day of the month are said to be born near the 'cusp' or dividing line between two signs. The cusp can be as early as the 18th in certain places for people born in January or February and as late as the 24th day of the month for persons born in August or September. This type of discrepancy is due in large part to two factors: Leap years and the elliptical orbit of the Earth around the Sun. The rhythm is somewhat irregular and the discrepancy can show up during any month. Astrologers do assign a mean average date when the Sun does change signs as is shown beside each sign below, yet the discrepancy may even show up in different Astrological text books. If you were born around the 20th day of the month suffice to say you were born on a cusp and it does have a certain meaning of itself with variations for the cusp of each month, i.e. a person born of the cusp in February will have a slightly different meaning than a person born around the 20th of July due to the signs involved. However, to know for sure what sign you are if born around the 20th, you will have to consult a professional Astrologer or an Astrology program or text with instructions. A person born at the first or last degree of a sign is said to have their Sun at 'critical' degree. PS Mercury goes retrograde on Monday!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) With Winter on it's last full wave, you may just want to ride it out smoothly. Yet, there is another side of you that is itchy and eager to makes things happen. You know you need to take a logical approach, yet you feel wild with imaginations. This is a very good time to plan thoroughly rather than act hastily. Be receptive to simply what works and detach from what doesn't, like a scientist. Logic and imagination, a winning team.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) The dazzle and the sparkle of the lights are awakening you to a clearer vision of your future. You are ready to play your hand and it would seem that lady luck is hovering around you! You know the saying, "can't win if you don't play". This is your cue. Confront the unwitting

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self that can slip into selfishness. What good would be your winnings if you could not share them fully with those you love? Priorities!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) Jupiter now joins Saturn in Taurus in your Solar 12th House. This is the House of Pisces, where everything is dissolved and undone in preparation for a whole new synthesis. Since Sun Sign Astrology is only one layer of your psyche, it is likely that this letting go is subtle. Still, it will go smoothly especially if you can work with it. This subtle shedding of old skin will last another 18 months. Trust in the inherent perfection!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) The difference between a 'glider' and a 'struggler' is that while the former responds to life the latter reacts. There are many examples of people who seem to glide through the troubles that others tend to get tangled in. Of course, there are many reasons to react, life can be hard and we need to exercise empathy to be truly balanced. Still, response is the high road that bypasses unnecessary annoyance and pain. Consult some maps and study your alternatives.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) Merging your heart and soul with others in brand new ways is all that you can do now. You might as well surrender to this one because it is bigger than you. Our spirit doesn't ask and neither do you feel in the mood to have to. Keep in mind that others have their rhythm too and do your best to follow your own without unwittingly attempting to control theirs. Together you will fly; stand divided and you won't take off at all.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) Awakened to a sweet dream of lovers who have transcended this mortal coil, you are on a quest for the embodiment of your ideal. Remember the mystic law; you are it and it is you; like attracts like. Begin by clarifying and defining your desires with utmost precision, then meditate, pray, chant the song of your soul's reflection. Remember, you will get a reflection. Intend to soar and meet with your beloved on Eagle's peak.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) You are growing and evolving quickly. The main culprit now is blame. To overcome it, one needs to recognize that we are responsible for all our experiences in life even though they are not our 'fault'. Also, one is in 'control' of what happens outside of oneself only in as much as we have self-control. Balanced self-control is the reflection of personal power. Yielding to the spirit

of life is the greatest strength. Life is an infinitely creative series of paradox!

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) As much as it takes creative genius to make things, it is also what it takes to get us out of certain things. We each carry around our own pack and some even live permanently in their own prison. Houdini and the likes have shown us that a person can get out of almost anything with creativity and determination. It was you who got yourself in so now show some real talent and get out and beyond so that you too may soar at eagle peak, the abode of your brethren.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Sagittarius is considered the psychedelic and mystical sign partially because in your Solar chart, Pisces is the sign that occupies the roots of your being. Pisces is the sign that symbolizes the dream before the manifestation, the astral realm, the dead yet unborn in form. Illusions, delusions, tricks and riddles of the mind are other traits of Pisces. Take an honest look to see that you are on the high side of these gifts and not the hind.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Fantasies of getting away from it all and dancing in your mind. You are due for a little boost. Just go for it and worry about the consequences later. Besides if you are in tune and clever, you will go and achieve at least as much as if you stayed. Get a jump on the Metal Dragon Spring find some adventurous and inspirational fun. Three weeks away while Mercury is retrograde, what a dream! If nothing else, allow a good novel to take you there.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) The heat has been turned up and you are beginning to really cook now! You feel ambitious and optimistic and are eager to explore. You are steadily integrating a whole new mode of perception of yourself and the world. You are not necessarily ready to sign on the dotted line though. There are a number of options that you are eager to investigate. Take your time, you have plenty of it to manifest your dreams.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) The Sun is now in your sign and it is your turn to take some new leaps into the mysterious unknown. Do it for truth, do it for love, just do it and don't ask why, don't even try. By the time you get the answer this moment may be gone, leaving you to cry, 'why oh why did I ask', sigh. But do look before you leap. There is no sense in going blind. See the big picture and make a plan. Just leave some slack for tricky Mercury, and go be the (wo)man!

Answers to this week's Crossword Puzzle

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Salt Spring elementary Grade 4 and 5 students with teacher Tom McKeachie get a chance to further their "Rivers of British Columbia" studies with the new buoy on the block, Delta Ten, a veteran of the Skeena River estuary marine marker fleet.

Congratulations, Salt Spring! It's a Buoy!

by Peter Clarke

His name is Delta Ten and he's a buoy—a red starboard-hand Light Buoy to be precise—and last October our Harbour Authority and the Centennial Wharf parking lot gave berth to—well actually, adopted—this whopping 6000 pound marine marker retired by the Coast Guard's Marine Navigation Services.

The next time you look up at that heavy-metal figure looming in welcome at the entrance to the harbour lot (we hope the only time you'll look up at a marine buoy) fuel up your imagination and take a run up the West Coast, across the deep, dark and dangerous sea to the Queen Charlotte Islands, Hecate Strait and neighboring Prince Rupert. And there, 420 nautical miles northwest of this parking lot, at the mouth of the Skeena River, you'll find the very spot—now buoyed by some young upstart—where our new friend spent the last years of his working life. Your position is 54 deg 05 mins North, 130 deg 15 mins West (see yourself on chart 3717) and your job is to keep mariners off the deadly Base Sands drying shoal. Your 120 foot chain leads to a cast iron anchor, designed and manufactured specifically to hold in the shifting sands and wicked conditions you've been dropped in.

And being a can buoy in these waters is no picnic. Imagine yourself hanging on for dear life to that anchor in 80 feet of churning water over the Base

Sands Shoal. You're at Delta Ten, a light buoy's hell, where some of the most wicked out-flow wind-over-tide seas in existence froth around you and slabs of jagged ice from the Skeena batter your sides and tear at your tether in an endless effort to rip you from the bottom. On top of this daily grind, pile the responsibility of keeping scores of fish boats lured by the salmon-rich Glory Hole off the killer shoal and guiding shipping in and out of the Skeena estuary and you get some idea of the pressure this fellow's been under for the last few years.

Okay, you can come back now.

Imagine now a cast of characters chipping in to create this unique Island landmark. Ride with the Twas as they return to Salt Spring with Delta Ten chained to their flatbed or hop in the cab with Bob Morrisette, the back of the pick-up full of the bits and pieces of the kit, the cage and a few gallons of bottom paint thrown in at the last minute. Chat up Dave Phillips as he gets ready to sandblast the buoy's weathered sides. And then spare a thought for David Moore and the green enamel and Carmanagh Lights for the solar-powered flasher and, of course, the Coast Guard folks and Ms. "Source" for thinking of us in the first place.

Just one caution. Remember when it's painted green to leave the buoy on your port side as you enter the lot and you won't come to any harm. Trust Delta Ten; he knows what he's doing.

Protest cont'd. from p7

Beckman will soon learn that in loudly and frequently proclaiming his own heterosexuality, some people are beginning to think he doth protest too much.

J. L. BRADFORD

No absolute laws

Firstly re "Laws of Nature" article by Angelica Havens—There are people in India and maybe elsewhere in the world, born with some male and some female organs. They are called hermaphrodites. They are considered sacred and special by the Hindus. I don't know more about them. But most laws in the worlds have long since been so transgressed that they are not absolute even on the physical plane.

MARGARET MCLAUGHLIN

Not at Lady Minto

Hospital food is terrible! So the refrain goes when you ask people. Now, granted, we all have developed our own tastes and have our likes and dislikes. I dislike milk and porridge at any time.

Eileen and I spent the first three years of our marriage in a camping trailer at U.B.C. It was so small only one could get up to dress at a

time. I was the first, and put on a pot of porridge on the gas burner. It was just ready for Eileen's breakfast when she was dressed and we sat around our folding table—Eileen enjoying her porridge and I a slice of bread with shaved chocolate on it. "Chocolate for breakfast?," you say. Yes, ask anyone brought up in the Netherlands. Eileen came from an Alberta farm background where breakfast was a substantial meal after several hours had already been spent doing chores.

Yes, I was made to eat porridge and drink lots of milk as a child born in the midst of the area where Gouda cheese was made each morning by the local farmers. Grandma enjoined my mother that her scrawny son needed at least five big glasses of milk a day and a soup plate full of porridge for breakfast. This pokey eater rolled each spoonful around his mouth having little appetite to swallow. The plate was barely half touched when it was time to go off to school. There at four in the afternoon the remainder of the plate was waiting for me—cold and lumpy. When we came to Canada in '38 my parents eased up, after leaving the many family and cultural pressures behind. I had three slices of bread with chocolate and

other Dutch "sprinkles" on my bread for breakfast—yes, and peanut butter and cheese.

So our likes and dislikes for foods develop through time from our experiences whether it is to our benefit or detriment.

I spent 10 days over the New Year in Lady Minto Hospital with pneumonia on top of other complications. Ten days of hospital food and every meal was delicious. I recall peeking under the covers on the plate wondering what goodies were under them, interestingly served up. Can't recall a repetition in a meal outside the most welcome pancakes we had twice. The food was always hot even though we were the last room on the line and if we were asleep and it cooled off, it would graciously be put in the microwave. I hate to enumerate all the variety: excellent fish, chicken, turkey, beef, pork, meat loaf, quiche, creamy mashed potatoes, vegetables done just right—not rubbery and soft.

A glass of milk appeared on my trays AND a bowl of porridge at breakfast. I tried it. I liked it. It was time to reevaluate my prejudices and hang-ups. Maybe my tastes had changed over the years.

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Big savings anniversary

What's new in business

Pacific Spirit Air is marking its 15th anniversary by offering Salt Spring Islanders some big savings on flights between Ganges and Vancouver's South Terminal.

"To celebrate our anniversary, we're offering special seat sale prices to the people who are most important to our business—the residents of the Gulf Islands. We are the Gulf Islands community airline. Therefore, when we have seats available on our flights, we have decided to make them available to Island residents at discount prices. This is our way of giving back to our community and saying thank you for choosing our airline," said Mark Sager, Pacific Spirit Air partner.

Seat Sale

During the rest of February, March, and April, Pacific Spirit Air is offering the following specials exclusively to Salt Spring Island residents on flights originating in Ganges, going to Vancouver Airport South Terminal, and flying back to Ganges:

- 10 per cent discount on return tickets reserved and paid at least seven days in advance of the travel date—that means you pay \$104.40 (plus taxes) instead of \$116 (plus taxes)
- "Companion" return ticket for \$69.60 (plus taxes) for one person traveling with you on the same flights. Both tickets must be reserved and paid at the same time; and one must be a full-fare or 7-day advance-purchase ticket

• "Island Escape," last-minute fares of \$69.60 (plus taxes) for tickets reserved and paid within five days of the travel date. This fare applies only when you leave on the last flight from Ganges in the evening and return on the first flight from Vancouver on the following morning

Special-fare seats are limited and certain restrictions and conditions apply. For details please contact Pacific Spirit Air at 1-800-665-2359.

Frequent Flyer Program

Pacific Spirit Air also offers a frequent flyer discount program for those who travel regularly on full-fare tickets between Ganges and Vancouver. On arrival at Vancouver Airport, Pacific Spirit Air offers these passengers a free taxi ride from the South Terminal to the Main Terminal. For frequent customers who keep a vehicle at the Vancouver Airport, Pacific Spirit Air will provide complimentary monthly parking at the

South Terminal. For details on these frequent flyer programs, call 1-800-665-2359.

Reorganized Routes

Pacific Spirit Air has reorganized its routes to cover the southern Gulf Islands, including Ganges, Port Washington on North Pender, Miners Bay on Mayne, and Lyall Harbour on Saturna; and the northern Gulf Islands, including Silva Bay on Gabriola and Telegraph Harbour on Thetis. "We've listened to our customers. They want minimum stops and a reliable schedule," said Bob Conconi, partner in Pacific Spirit Air. "By reorganizing our routes, we're able to offer our customers flights that are non-stop or at most, stop once between Ganges and Vancouver. We've also streamlined our reservation system—it's 100 percent electronic. This allows our customers to reserve and pay for your ticket with one phone call."

Map cont'd. from p9

maps will be delivered free to schools and community groups while some will be sold to raise funds for other Island Pathways projects.

"The map will not only allow residents and visitors to take a self-guided tour of the Island's unique history, it will also be a

record of what the Island looked like in the year 2000," said Heffernan. "We can't possibly cram all the information onto one map so any details not included on this map will be placed in the library archives for other groups and individuals to use."

Clowning: getting "in the nose"

How do clowns come into the new cosmic era? Very heart and soulfully. Or, at least that's how clown Yiana Belkalopoulos sees it.

"Clowns have always been sensitive new age types," she said. "Some of the basic clown rules are: take care of your friends, look people in the eye and get in touch with your inner feelings."

What could be better advice as we take our first baby steps into the new millennium?

"Clowns are very familiar with being reborn," said Belkalopoulos, a performer, teacher and choreographer for the *Sleeping Beauty Christmas Pantomime*. The traditional method to finding the clown has always meant digging deep into a pile of clay, the Earth especially, and wrenching out, sometimes painfully, the very guts of who you are.

Belkalopoulos says that when we know who we truly are in the moment and what we want, we're much more ready to go for it. And anyone who's ever been in a clown audience knows that clowns go all the way!

Belkalopoulos trained six clowns

last spring, two of whom became dwarves in the Christmas pantomime. She and the dwarves will be performing at Woodstop, February 26, (see related story, page 13). She will be offering a one-day introductory clown workshop Saturday March 4 at the Lions Club Hall. It's billed as a day to help people "free their sense of play, movement, voice and mystical connection."

"Clowns have the confidence to seize the moment and celebrate," said Belkalopoulos. "And if nothing else they know how to fall down gracefully."

They're heart and soul and that's what matters most of all."

Anyone wanting to "be in the



Performer, teacher and choreographer Yiana Belkalopoulos.

nose" might want to check out the workshop from 11 to 5 p.m. Call Belkalopoulos at 537-4088.

PACs, DPACs, BCCPACs

Parents as natural advocates

by Michelle Mech

You are your child's natural advocate. You can make a difference and be heard through PACs, DPACs and BCCPACs. This is the message spread by the "Advocacy Project" promoted by the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC). Local school district #64 is participating in the Advocacy Project and parents are urged to attend an upcoming workshop, March 2.

Like most school districts in B.C., Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) in the Gulf Islands have chosen to join to form a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), recognized by the school board as the "umbrella organization" of the PACs in the district. The DPAC representative from each school is responsible for representing the views of their PAC and acts as a liaison between their PAC and DPAC.

The purposes of DPACs reflect those of the PACs on a district level. They advise the school board on parental views about the school district's programmes and policies; communicate with parents about school district policies, programmes and activities; assist parents and PACs in accessing the system; and organize school district activities and events for parents. DPAC members are invited to attend school board meetings, have representation on various school board and ad-hoc committees, liaise with community organizations, schools and local partner

groups (normally the school board, the superintendent, administrators, teachers and support staff unions), provide input to budget decisions, and attend BCCPAC conferences and meetings.

BCCPAC is recognized by the B.C. Ministry of Education as the organization representing parents in the B.C. public school system. Many PACs and DPACs join BCCPAC to ensure parent's voices are heard at the provincial level. All PACs in the Gulf Island school district are currently registered as members and, as such, they receive BCCPAC literature and support, and have a right to vote in BCCPAC elections.

The Education Ministry consults BCCPAC about education programs, current issues and proposed changes. BCCPAC, in turn, communicates parents' views to the ministry and to leaders of the other provincial education partner groups. The B.C. organization also liaises with other provincial parent associations to exchange information and ideas and to be apprised of national education issues via the Canadian Home and School Federation (CHSF), the national organization that represents the provincial parent organizations.

BCCPAC carries on activities to promote and enhance meaningful parent participation in an advisory role at the school, school district, and provincial levels. A current example of a BCCPAC/DPAC initiative is the Advocacy Project of

which SD #64 is a member.

Advocacy is described as, "speaking up in support of yourself or others." Parents are their children's natural advocates and as such can ensure their children's rights, needs and opinions are respected and decisions affecting them are made fairly. To facilitate advocacy in our district, DPAC will be holding an Advocacy workshop on the afternoon on March 2.

The first session, *Introduction to the Advocacy Project*, will provide a history and overview of the project. It will explain the processes in place, what is required to access the system, how to communicate with partner groups, and what is the role of advocacy. The second session, *Parents as Natural Advocates* is geared to help people help themselves. "Sometimes parents don't know how or what they need to act as their own advocates. This workshop is about helping them find that information," states the literature outlining the workshop. DPAC's goal is to have at least three parents attend from each of the schools in the district, as well as many of the trustees.

The sessions will be followed by a potluck dinner so parents from various schools can get to know each other. A special water taxi run will take Outer Island parents home afterwards. For information, or if you are interested in attending, please contact your school's DPAC representative or call Mike Krayenhoff at 537-5159.

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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.

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

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Provincial heritage week

Historic Ruckle Farm a provincial treasure

by Jonathan Yardley

More than 100 years ago Salt Spring Island pioneers began to settle Salt Spring Island. Among the earliest settlers to arrive on Salt Spring shores was Henry Ruckle who, in 1872, settled at Beaver Point on the South End. He and others came to Salt Spring as pioneers because of the Island's closeness to Victoria, and its gentle terrain and climate.

Born in Ireland in 1835 of German parents, Henry Ruckle first emigrated to Ontario then sought his fortune in California before heading north to Salt Spring. In 1872 he preempted eight hectares (20 acres) but within five years (by 1877) had accumulated 136 hectares (340 acres) of South End farm land. In 1877 at the age of 42 Henry married Ella Anna Christiansen. They had four children: Alfred, Ella, Agnes and Daniel Henry. Henry Ruckle died in 1913 at which time he held 480 hectares (1,200 acres) of land.

The Ruckle farm was a big operation. When the farm was in full production, it had an orchard of more than 500 apple and pear trees, and the family raised hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens. The farm produced potatoes, wheat, oats, barley, root crops such as mongel wozzels, and hay. To house the animals and store produce the farm required a number of out buildings. Today 34 of those buildings and structures still stand, including five houses and two large barns. The original log cabin Henry built in 1872 when he arrived on Salt Spring no longer exists, but the Peavine cabin, built in 1883 does.

One hundred years after Ruckle settled his farm, the land was turned into a provincial park—The Ruckle Provincial Park—when it was sold to the province with the condition that all surviving children at the time would have life tenancy of the buildings and the designated farm area of the park. Today, 128 years after he arrived on Salt Spring Island, Henry Ruckles descendants still live on the farm. Daniel Henry's son, Henry, Gordon's wife Lotus and daughter Gwen today live in the house built by Alfred in 1905.

Some restoration was done to the exterior of the Henry Ruckle House in 1981, and 1988. However, no work was done to the interior and to this day the house still contains finishes and even some furniture used by the Ruckles up until 1978 when they moved to the Alfred Ruckle House.

The Ruckle Farm is an important heritage site for three reasons. First, it still operates as a farm by the same family since the land was preempted. Second, being on an island, much of the original equipment is still on the farm. And third, the setting is truly magnificent. The approach down the side slope into the valley, the glimpses of the Alfred Ruckle House and the eventual opening up of the valley with the buildings of the Henry Ruckle Farm at its far edge together with the Daniel Ruckle Farm beyond is a magnificent vista. It is the whole vision. Then, the individual parts come together to tell the story of the family's endeavours over a period of 130 years. This is heritage.



Top: The Henry Ruckle House. Below right: Alfred Ruckle House built in 1905 has had exterior renovation while the interior, including unique details like the bannister made of unpeeled log (below left), remains in original condition.

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by the Concerned Members. One is an outstanding bill for \$15,000 in unpaid sales taxes due from ArtCraft. Another is the possibility that the government may call for an audit of last year's raffle. Cash is also needed to get ArtCraft under way and to pay current bills. Demanding access to missing financial information from Past President Lawrie Neish, Illtyd Perkins said, "We cannot even establish if we have any money in the bank." He noted that a supplier had told him a check sent to cover fuel for Mahon Hall had bounced.

Neish replied that on January 31, he had turned over all paper and software records as far back as 1980, adding, "I wonder what you've been doing the past two weeks, personally." Responded Perkins angrily, "That place (the office) is a bloody mess. It is not true that the room and records are in order. You would not take my phone calls. All it takes is a phone call to tell us where they are. You have not made this easy. We expected more cooperation."

A member of the audience pointed out that since the present meeting was being held at Mahon Hall, Neish was now only 20 feet away from the office, and could point out the relevant documents on the spot. A five minute break was called to let that take place.

But that will account only for written records. Anything beyond that will take more cooperation than was evident at Sunday's meeting. As former Board member Keith Holmes told this reporter last month, "I hope they (the new Board) send someone who gets along well with Lawrie to make the transition, because he has far more details of the organization in his head than he's ever written down."