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Isle Say! ...

with John Pottinger

BC Ferries' new motto: "We're not happy 'til you're not happy."

I haven't written a word about BC Ferries in five or six months. Maybe they miss the attention, because they're sure behaving as if they want somebody to write about them.

The reason for having a BC Ferry Corporation seems pretty simple to me: to provide a transportation service to the public. It obviously needs to be a safe service, but shouldn't it also be somewhat predictable? Of course it should, and that's what they really don't seem to understand. Or maybe they just don't give a rodent's butt about consistency.

I'm talking specifically about a situation that most Island Dwellers are all too familiar with: Through-

fares. Will I make the connection or won't I? The more often you travel on a through-fare ticket, the more you come to realize one of the abiding truths of BC Ferries: "Our policy is there is no policy." The Ferry Corporation has no concept of, nor any interest in, connecting services.

When travelling from Vancouver to Salt Spring—on foot or by vehicle—one never knows if one is going to make the connection or not. Sometimes the Skeena Queen doesn't wait at all—not one minute. Sometimes she waits 15 or 20 minutes, until all the vehicles have driven off the big ferry, careening around the Swartz Bay Terminal Indy Course, weaving and bouncing their way onto the Skeena Queen. But all too often, the worst scenario of all happens: some make it, some don't.

Whether you get home at 7:45 or 10:15 is simply a function of where your vehicle was parked on the big ferry (or how fast you can run, if you're a foot passenger).

To paraphrase W.S. Gilbert, "The arrival of a super-ferry at Swartz Bay, although recurring at regular and well-foreseen intervals, always seems to take the Ferry Corporation by surprise."

Last Friday evening is an example of what this lack of any policy leads to. The Skeena Queen waited for about 10 minutes while the super ferry docked. A group of four or five out-of-breath but thankful folks ran from the car-deck of the super ferry to the Skeena. Then the ramp went up and we sailed; watched from the dock by a growing group of others who didn't quite make it.

Here's why this is downright nasty on the part of BC Ferries: Those who don't make it are the people who are less able to run. Seniors, or moms with

small kids in tow, are the ones who stand and watch as the ramp lifts up and they've missed the Skeena by 20 miserable seconds. So they get to sit in the beautifully appointed Gulf Islands Terminal for approximately 2 hours and 23 minutes, while some fellow travelers, who happened to be able to run faster, are at home having dinner with their families.

BC Ferries also doesn't tell passengers on the big ferry that they can disembark directly from the car-deck, rather than wait with all the other passengers then run through the terminal and down the stairs, just in time to watch the Skeena leave (as we saw people do on Friday night). That's no way to run a business.

Just as they do with their vessels, the BC Ferries' Head Office (affectionately referred to by some Islanders as "The Queen of Fort Street") should be sent into drydock for a major tune-up

Ranson film plays to packed houses

by Helani Davison

Making a documentary is like riding a wild horse: you don't know where it's going.

So said director Mort Ransen during the question period following the premiere screening of his film *Ah...The Money, The Money, The Money; The Battle For Salt Spring* Sunday at ArtSpring.

Both screenings of the film played to packed audiences which included National Film Board producer Gillian Darling Kovanic and Michael Alder, the executive director of David Suzuki's national TV series, *The Nature of Things*. There was a standing ovation for protestor Rod McGuckin who made a surprise entrance. He was sentenced to a two-month jail term and is currently out on appeal thanks to the efforts of lawyer John Davies.

It was a treat to view such a well-crafted film, portraying the human side of the protest activities surrounding the industrial logging of our Island. The serene opening of the documentary with beautiful aerial views of the Island quickly progressed to the underlying conflict. Sensitive cameos of local people and fast-paced excerpts from blockade activities were contrasted by the opinions of developers Rob Macdonald and Derek Trethewey. This was all tied together by the low key narration of Ransen and the outstanding sound track created by Carlos Lopez. The film included footage shot by the CBC and locals Jonathon Ledrew, David Shebib, and Peter Prince.

For those unable to attend the ArtSpring screenings, a reminder that the film will be shown on Wednesday, March 28, 9 p.m. on CBC-TV's *The Nature of Things* with David Suzuki. The program repeats Sunday, April 1 at 4 p.m.

Announcement to all Gulf Islands' residents

Patrick Beattie and McCall's Funeral Home of Victoria, B.C. are pleased to announce that they have purchased Hayward's Funeral Services, Salt Spring Island.

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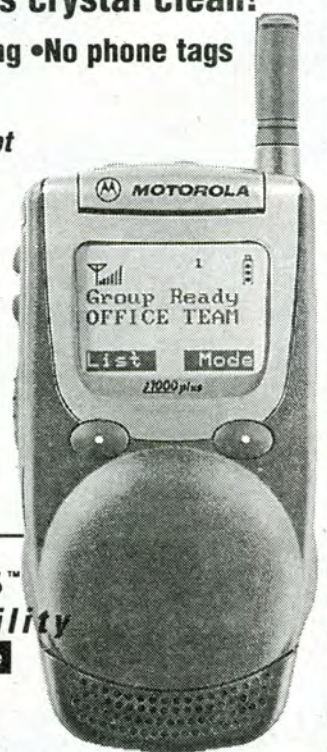
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The concertina is back!

by Dayle Gaetz

Disclosing a plot filled with twists, coincidences, and near misses worthy of a bestselling suspense novel, Michaela Cunningham is unable to hide the excitement in her voice while her wide grin beams over the telephone line from Victoria. Her words tumble over one another as she explains how her wayward concertina found its way home last Monday.

It was over the Christmas season that Michaela realized her rare and valuable "Anglo-system" concertina had disappeared. Assuming it had been taken from their Salt Spring home, Michaela reported it to the police. Then she and mother, Deirdra, began a frantic search of their own. There was the ghost of a chance that Deirdra had misplaced the concertina, disguised in its blue Thermos-brand, soft-sided cooler, while travelling between Vancouver and Salt Spring laden with Christmas parcels and assorted bags. But repeated calls to B.C. Transit's Lost and Found came up with nothing.

In the meantime, says Michaela, a police constable, rummaging through that same lost and found looking for something else, came across the innocent looking cooler. Upon discovering the concertina he handed it over to a transit worker, a man he knew to be a concertina player. This man eventually tracked down another musician, John Gothard, and phoned him to ask if he knew anything of the missing instrument. John didn't.

Back across the strait in Victoria, ten weeks had gone by and Michaela was losing hope. She missed playing her music, she missed the music, period. And so, with St. Patrick's Day fast approaching and a folk club in Vancouver hosting a traditional Irish music band, she debated whether to go. At the last minute, when a co-worker offered to take Michaela's shift, she and her mother set off for Vancouver.

Not enjoying the concert after all, Michaela wanted to leave early, and was only waiting for her mother when she happened to meet up with an old friend, John Gothard. A grin slowly spread over his face when she told him of her missing concertina, but faded when upon realizing he had failed to get the caller's name. He need not have worried. Help was on the way in the form of still another musician, one who knew the caller. The trail was getting hot.

It took two more days of phone calls and a second trip to



Michaela Cunningham with her concertina

Vancouver before Michaela and her concertina were reunited, and the smile has not left her face since.

All of this adds up to a perfect excuse for a party. The original fundraiser planned to help Michaela, whose concertina was not yet paid for, is being turned into a celebration. Michaela and Deirdra hope to see the many people who offered support, assistance and even their own concertinas, so they can thank them in person. But the party is open to anyone who enjoys good music and a happy ending.

Short agenda for March Trust meeting

by David Borrowman
Trustee

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) faced a short agenda and a small crowd at its public meeting on March 22 at the Lion's Hall.

The practice of opening each business meeting with a 45-minute town hall session was taken advantage of by the six people who attended to raise concerns about water quality in St. Mary Lake, and the parking of garbage trucks.

The most significant item on the business agenda was renewal of the Temporary Use Permit for Island Escapades Kayaking. The business is run by Jack Rosen and Candace Snow from a small building beside Ganges Creek. The renewal extends the permit originally granted two years ago, for a further two years.

Staff presented the trustees with procedures which they propose to use for cell phone antennae applications. The trustees had previously directed staff to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Planning Commission.

Applicants will be checked for conformity with local policy in three areas: EMR (electromagnetic radiation) density, aesthetics, and environmental effects. The LTC will then make recommendations to Industry Canada.

The procedure, developed by planner Mark Head, will get its first workout immediately, as Cantel AT&T are proposing a new antenna on Mount Tuam.

The major piece of business before the committee this spring, the new Land Use Bylaw 355, did not advance at the meeting. It was given first reading on February 22, and is now being reviewed by referral agencies. Senior planner Linda Adams reported that public meetings will be held before the Committee is asked if the bylaw is ready for public hearing.

Meanwhile, about 100 copies of the new bylaw have been picked up by residents, written submissions are coming in, and the trustees have scheduled two meetings with the Agricultural Advisory Committee to review the bylaw.

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Sealed tenders plainly marked "Tender for Addition to Pioneer Village" will be received at 1101-115 Fulford Ganges Road up until 12:00 noon April 20, 2001.

Tenders will be opened in public at 3:00 p.m. April 20, 2001 at the Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For information and/or inquiries on this project please contact Sandy Rankin at 537-8114.

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- Meadowbrook Progress & Plans
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GLSRA

Tom Toynbee to talk about the Ganges sewer debate

When Tom Toynbee makes his presentation on the Ganges sewer debate to the Salt Spring Historical Society in Central Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, many people may question whether enough time has elapsed since the thorny issue was settled with the first use of the sewer system in 1986 to avoid heated debate today.

In 1962, provincial health officers identified health problems associated with the sewage discharge from the schools, hospital, businesses, and homes in Ganges. Four years later, a referendum was held on incorporating Ganges so that the village would qualify for federal and provincial grants to pay for a sewer system. Almost immediately, Islanders lined up on each side of the issue: Was a sewer system needed to clean up the village or would it just lead to increased development on the Island? The referendum was defeated.

When Island-born Tom Toynbee returned to Salt Spring in 1971, his family had already purchased Mouat's Trading Co., and one of the first issues he had to face was the problem of how to get rid of the mounting volume of sewage that curtailed further development of Ganges. When the government refused to allow Mouat's to have its own sewage system,

Tom joined the quest for a village system, little knowing how volatile the issue would become.

The Ganges sewer debate was perhaps the most divisive event ever experienced on Salt Spring Island, and it is said that some opponents will not talk to each other to this day. Tom's presentation will include a summary of background details to the sewer controversy and the showing of Pipe Dreams, a 25-minute video made by the late Eric Malling for the CBC's *The Fifth Estate* in 1983. Tom has invited opponents of the Ganges sewer to attend the meeting and present their points of view.

Tom Toynbee was born and educated on Salt Spring. He moved to Vancouver to study at UBC in 1952. In 1958, he graduated from the UBC commerce program, got married, and moved to Calgary to take a position with the Cooper Widman lumber company. He returned to Vancouver in 1967 to become Cooper Widman's general manager. From 1971 until his retirement last year, Tom managed Mouat's Trading Company. Tom continues to be active in many aspects of island life.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Historical Society meeting. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

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Local RCMP were kept busy recently attending everything from false alarms to motor vehicle accidents.

Police responded to a 911 call by a local resident when he was advised of a vehicle on its roof over the bank at the top of Ganges Hill. On checking the vehicle, the man saw that the 19-year-old Salt Spring female driver was still in the vehicle with her arm pinned underneath.

At approximately midnight, the car apparently had been southbound on Fulford Ganges Road and, just south of Cranberry Road, seemed to lose power. The vehicle veered across the northbound lane and went into the ditch, down a 20-foot embankment and flipped onto its roof, trapping the driver inside, where she was unable to reach her cell phone.

When police arrived, the ambulance and fire department were at the scene and were able to remove the driver safely from the vehicle, where she had been trapped for approximately

eight hours.

The vehicle was towed from the scene and the driver was taken to hospital by ambulance, having sustained injuries to her shoulder.

Slow down in school zones

Regular patrols of the Blackburn Road School Zone are being made as a result of complaints received regarding speeding vehicles in the area. Drivers are reminded that the speed limits are posted in school zones and they must be observed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. This is a narrow, partially gravel road and care should be taken at all times when traveling on it.

Assault info required

Salt Spring RCMP attended a complaint of assault involving two male 17-year-old male Salt Spring youths in Ganges in front of Harlans' Candy Corner. If anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact the local Detachment at 537-5555.

Sign thefts

Complaints of missing driveway markers in the Don Ore Road area and a driveway sign missing from the Scott Point Drive area were received. If anyone has information regarding the missing items, please contact Salt Spring Detachment at 537-5555.

Other news

Police attended the scene of a single vehicle accident on Chu-An Drive Friday evening, to find a Ford Econoline Van straddling the ditch with its headlights still one and nobody in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the location.

A second motor vehicle accident was reported by a passerby on Blackburn Road on Friday evening where they saw a group of youths hit a tree. The 1989 Chev two-wheel-drive blue pickup truck was towed from the location, having suffered severe damage. Again, nobody was in the vehicle or at the scene.

Salt Spring RCMP attended a complaint of a noisy party at the Merchant Mews where the resident stated a group of youths appeared at the location uninvited. When asked to leave, the youths departed without incident.



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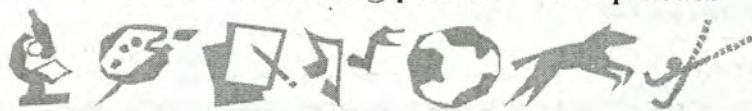
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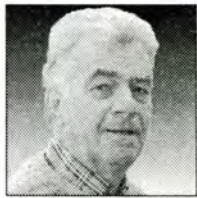
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Business Briefs ... with Barry Winsor

Our Business Bio feature this week is "OUR ISLAND"

Question: How does our Island look through a visitor's eyes? We go around town and become used to seeing things without really paying attention to detail. A visitor coming on-Island for the first time sees things differently: they see the litter along the sides of our roads, cans and cartons, plastic bags, empty cigarette packages and other litter. Downtown, they notice collections of garbage and other items that have accumulated around businesses over a period of time without being removed and the area cleaned up.

People have asked "Why are there not more refuse containers downtown to put litter in?" On asking, I was amazed and appalled with the answer: the facilities were there, but they had to be removed because of the abuse by some Islanders. When the on-Island dump was closed, garbage was being dumped next to the litter containers and some needed to be serviced twice a day as people piled 10

or 15
garbage
bags
around
them.

Merchants downtown had to lock or move their containers as people, at night under cover of darkness, were dropping off their garbage.

Even more appalling—and continuing today—are those Islanders who get rid of their garbage at new sub-division locales. I am told if you look over the banks along Stewart Road, your eyes will behold mini garbage dumps developing, obviously by a small minority who care nothing about our Island. Even BC Ferries is not immune to the garbage bandits as these people sneak their garbage onboard when no one is looking. I wonder: do they have so much garbage because they don't believe in recycling?

Our road maintenance contractor has funds for major clean-ups, which they do twice a year, using local youth groups and paying them for the work. But there are not the funds available to keep up with a population of 10,000 with its percentage of litterers. On Salt Spring Cable at the present time is a notice for PITCH IN and

CLEAN UP OUR LAND programme for May 7 through 13. We recommend you take a moment and look at it, or go to the website at www.pitch.ca.

Island News

MOUAT'S AWARD. Recently the Home Warehouse delivery drivers were asked to select the Best Of The Best stores they delivered to. Based on "helpfulness, friendliness, accessibility as well as safety," as the criteria, **Mouats** won the recognition of drivers and hence the Award.

Paint Plus reports a good movement of survival kits after our recent small(?) tremor.

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Harrowsmith magazine's April issue features a photo spread by Salt Spring resident **John Fulker** on a Victoria home renovation. John, an architectural photographer, is just another of the talented people residing on our Island.

Alora Griffin (formerly Griffin Design Services) is now licensed to practice architecture and can provide services for residential, commercial, and community buildings. Alora can be reached at 537-1616.

Patrick Beattie and McCall's Funeral Home of Victoria announce the purchase of Haywards Funeral services of Salt Spring Island.



Alora Griffin

Neil Morie, Architect announces the opening of his office at the **Fulford Marina**. A long

time Island resident, his thesis included a planning study and arts centre for Ganges. Part of his career was spent working for the well-known Arthur Erickson architectural firm. On his own, some of his work includes Wellington Garden Centre (Edmonton), Tomato Café (Vancouver), Lefty's (Parksville) and a prestigious water-front home presently being built on Salt Spring. Neil can be reached at 653-4812.

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From the Editor ...

Cameron Smith

Democracy is generally believed, in our society, to be a good thing. It is accepted as the best system of governance, one for which we are all willing to work. A successful democracy requires an educated populace—it needs those being governed to have knowledge of how they are governed and to have knowledge of the issues.

That knowledge, for the most part, comes from the mass media: newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and even the movies. These are our sources of information about what is happening in our community and what is happening in our government.

We rely on these sources to provide us with accurate, complete information. Without that, we cannot properly make the decisions we need to—whether that be as simple as deciding for whom to vote, or as complex as deciding whether or not to stand in front of a logging truck.

We are very proud of the freedom of the press. But we have to keep in mind that although North American media is subject to very little governmental pressure, it is extremely sensitive to economic pressure. Reporting the news is very expensive and any threat to the revenue stream can affect the depth, breadth and quality of the coverage.

And this hurts the community which needs deep, accurate, unbiased information so that it can make the best decisions about how it is being governed.

There are those, both in the community and outside, who feel threatened by a free, unfettered press. There are those who will bring economic pressure, through lawsuits or by threatening the advertising revenue of the press, to ensure that certain stories are not told or are told according to their own, narrow parameters.

Communities everywhere, and this community in particular, must be on guard against this sort of economic blackmail. It is vital to the continued existence of the community that the community press be allowed to tell all of the stories, good and bad. The community press must tell the good stories, but also be allowed to dig into the muck and bring to light the true workings of the community.

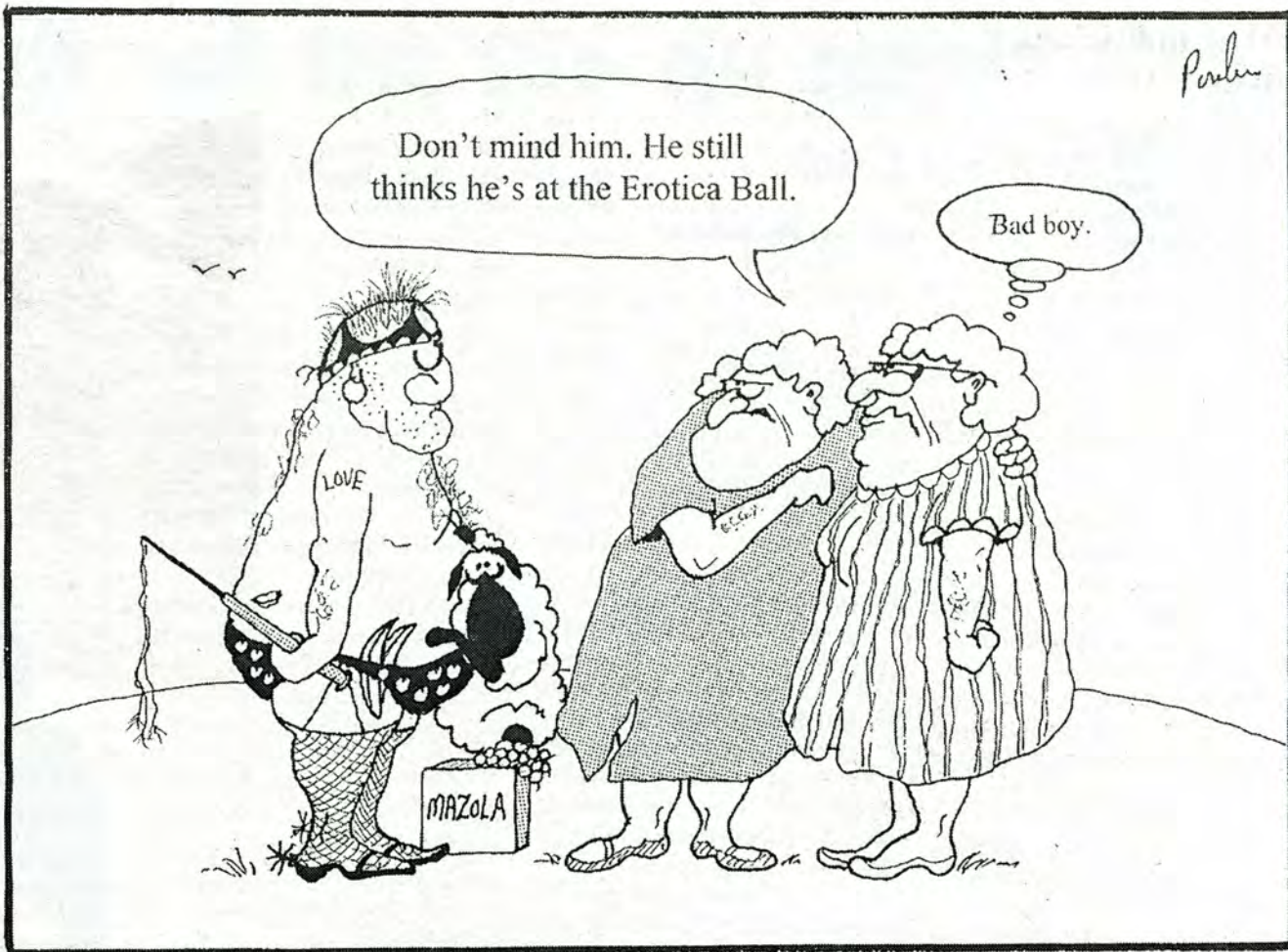
For it is only then that we can, as a community, decide if those workings are right or need to be changed.

...

This is my final column for the Barnacle. Five years ago, as reported in the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* at the time, I was convicted of having committed an indecent act; I was caught with my pants down in the wrong place at the wrong time. There were no children involved, there was no assault involved, there was no stalking involved. Four weeks ago, a photocopy of the *Driftwood* article was posted on one of the Island's public bulletin boards and the story has been spreading—much exaggerated—ever since. I am not, as has been insinuated by some of the storytellers, a pedophile.

Rather than see the newspaper economically hurt by this smear campaign, I have decided to leave. I thank those in the community who have supported me in my unfortunately abbreviated tenure as editor.

I hope that this community will continue to support and nurture the *Barnacle*, which is truly the voices (yes, plural) of the community.



Regarding Alan Webb's Second Thoughts

The horses are indeed in the starting gate. But I can't let you, Alan, get off too lightly with your comments under "The Ujjal defence: I'm not responsible." Why? Quite simply because what you have said is slanted, often untrue and definitely unfair. Perhaps you have spent too long reading the *Vancouver Sun*. Might I suggest a healthier diet such as Aristotle's *Nichomachean Ethics*?

Let me point out a little of what has been achieved in the past ten years—this despite the collapse of Pacific Rim markets and huge cutbacks of federal contributions to health, education and other aspects of shared funding. The NDP has a great record. (Please note that this list has come from outside agencies, not from the NDP.)

- #1 in parks and protected areas: 12.3% and growing. UNESCO world conference target of 12%, first jurisdiction in the world to meet the set goal.
- #1 in daycare: highest quality and availability among all provinces and territories in Canada
- #1 in cancer treatment: best record of treatment and highest survival rates in a cross-Canada comparison
- #1 for minimum wage: helping the working poor support themselves and their families
- #1 in post-secondary education, especially in area of affordability and accessibility: three new universities,

(Tech BC, UNBC, Royal Roads). McLeans ranking put UBC, UVIC, and SFU at the top. Best student financial assistance and lowest student debt load in Canada: six years of tuition freeze.

Furthermore, the BC NDP government:

- is the first jurisdiction in North America to wire every school to the information highway,
- has legislated against bulk water export, and fought against NAFTA, MAI and now GATS—putting the interests of citizens ahead of global corporate interest,
- has built social housing and remains the only province except Quebec to do so,
- has invested in schools by reducing class sizes in the early years, got rid of the thousands of portables and introduced a school meal program to feed hungry kids,
- is the first jurisdiction in the world to require tobacco companies to disclose all the ingredients and additives they put in cigarettes,
- has the strongest pollution regulations in Canada, with strict limits, huge improvements to air quality, waste treatment standards, tough Zero AOX rules for pulp mills, setting the lowest emission levels for new vehicles in North America,
- has cut small business taxes to the lowest in Canada.

Now I will address the specific points raised by you, Alan.

- While Mr. Campbell may himself be pro-choice, many of his colleagues are of the radical right and support a return to the repressive control of women (an other distinguishable groups).
- The Sky Train extension is expensive, but is part of a green initiative to reduce emissions caused by multitudes of commuters driving their own cars—it is not so expensive as future health care and other costs of environmental degradation resulting from continuing to place commuters ahead of the needs of the planet and people.
- While Clark did not assure adequate control of the fast ferry project, and Dosanjh is the first to agree, the concept of shipbuilding in B.C. as an alternative to purchasing or contracting from foreign companies is right rather than wrong.
- The court has determined that there was no Fudgit Budget in 1996, and Elizabeth Cull was completely exonerated.
- The Carrier Lumber mistake has been acknowledged and restitution made.
- The budget of March 2001 reflects values of community and working families rather than those of large corporations.

Which side are you on—community or me, myself and I?

IRENE WRIGHT

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Why politicians fear GAI

Hoorah for Art Morton's article about the Guaranteed Annual Income (G.A.I.):!

Many political parties and individuals have approved of the idea...many countries also. Ireland may be the first western nation to implement it. The concept of a G.A.I. is much like an allowance paid to one's children: because they are part of the family; so that they can learn early to manage money.

These same advantages would be only two reasons for providing every citizen a modest, basic income, often called a social wage. Many more benefits to a society would be:

- ending poverty,
- allowing people to refuse meaningless, even damaging jobs,
- enabling women, men, or youths to walk away from abusive homes,
- paying housewives/ house-husbands for their crucial work,
- allowing those who choose to live simply to enrich their own and their community's lives through unpaid activities.

People who want a higher income to acquire more stuff could still work as much as they like, paying a higher income tax, of course.

There! Those are all the advantages I can think of immediately for the social wage. OAP, pensions, unemployment insurance, etc. would be replaced by this basic income. People would have more time to get involved in politics, bringing back democracy locally, provincially, and federally.

That may be why some politicians fear the G.A.I., eh?

VIRGINIA NEWMAN

GAI is do-able

Thanks to the *Barnacle* for printing my piece on the Guaranteed Annual Income and thanks to your correspondents who supported the concept.

I like Maggie Schubart's idea of contacting the parliamentarians and look forward to hearing their response. As to her suggestion of having the \$30,000 Solution in the local library, I have already donated a copy to them.

As to Irene Wright's comments about Ireland's interest

in the concept, the conventional wisdom in Europe (where the interest is stronger and more widespread) is that one of the smaller countries of Europe will be the first to enact this policy—probably Ireland. For those interested, I have copies of the papers submitted to the Irish government.

In his letter, Andrew Lewis states that the G.A.I. will be an integral part of the Green Party platform. It will be interesting to see how substantial and definitive that policy turns out to be.

And he does raise a crucial point: "But where will the money come from..." The Schutz book—*The \$30,000 Solution*—gives a straightforward and practical solution, too detailed to go into here, but I suggest it is one of the alternatives that should be considered.

It does involve a major redistribution of the nation's wealth.

The papers presented to the Irish government have an interesting idea: they state that ideally the G.A.I. would be introduced in full, but it might be more realistic to introduce it in stages. They suggest that although everyone has a basic income tax exemption, thousands of people do not make enough money to be taxable, and they suggest for these people making the tax exemption refundable, thus placing money in the hands of those that need it most.

An idea well worth considering.

ART MORTON

Bad fire season coming

The BC Forest Service has advised us that the 2001 Forest Fire Season is shaping up to possibly be one of the worst on record.

The Salt Spring Fire Department is alerting landowners that there will definitely be no open burning allowed from July 1 to September 30 inclusive. Campfires and incinerators may also be canceled with very short notice.

We are asking all residents to have any open burning done as soon as possible. It has been very dry this winter and we have already had incidents attributed to people

not properly tending to their fires.

As well, we would ask that you pay heed to the B.C. Forest Service Forest Fire Hazard signs at the fire halls. These will have notices attached regarding all burning canceled.

Fire permits are required for the period April 15 to October 15 for all types of burning and can be obtained at the Ganges fire hall during standard business hours.

DAVE ENFIELD
Fire Chief

Iron Maiden not on Maliview

An article in the *Barnacle* last week may have given readers the impression the "Iron Maiden" traps are being used on Maliview. This is incorrect. In a separate trapping incident, a resident of the Maliview area used a legal trap to try to catch a male cat that had been spraying on his property. The odour of urine from a male cat that has not been neutered is very offensive.

A cat was caught and delivered to Animal Control Officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser. However, it was a much-loved, well cared for, neutered male that had been caught. It was very stressful for the cat and the owner who were soon reunited. Owners of another male cat in the area did the responsible thing and had their cat neutered last week. Hopefully this will reduce the annoyance to the neighbours.

The SPCA is asking, no we are pleading: please get your cats spayed or neutered now. Not only will it stop hundreds of unwanted kittens from being born this year, it will make you and your feline friend better neighbours. The SPCA has a spay/neuter assistance program for those on a limited income. Call 537-2123.

CATHIE NEWMAN
President, SPCA

Hello from jail

Hello Salt Spring.

Here I sit in jail, serving a 30-day sentence for criminal contempt of court for breaking a May 10 injunction prohibiting us from interfering with the logging operations of Texada Land Corporation.

I can hold my head up high



A journal as literary as the *Barnacle* can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Giant's Causeway on the north coast of Northern Ireland in county Antrim. Legend says the causeway was built by the Scottish giant Benandonner, then later destroyed by Finn McCoul, a giant from Ireland.

knowing that I follow great minds like Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and Betty Krawczyk in the tradition of civil disobedience. Henry David Thoreau said, "It is not only your right, but your duty, when you see a law that is unjust, to break that law and continue to break that law until it is changed!"

I would like to give thanks and praise to all earth defenders. Those who came before me, those who joined us in our cause, and those who are sure to follow. I would also like to thank all those who showed support by joining us in the court room. I have hugely appreciated all the cards and letters I've received from my fellow humans.

Hooray for the Riff Raff!
Love,

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Graduate from individualism

I wrote this comment in anticipation of the sad-to-say, predictable local response voiced regarding the recently launched "coming out of the closet" awakening to what, prophetically, in my mind, is the future reality and actuality

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To need love is to deny it. It makes you crazier than a fruitbat because until you give, you cannot get. To be so needy means you put the onus on something outside of yourself to be happy.

If you dream tonight of binoculars, it means someone has their eye on you. If it's fruit, it means a change of orientation. If it's wind, it means gas. Anytime you hear your own voice indicates you are not listening to yourself, but then no one listens to you either.

Behind every dark cloud is a silver lining. What you do not see the value of today will be invaluable fodder for you tomorrow. Change is the name of the game. Resist and you suffer. Suffer and you learn the price of not letting go. Smile when you're faking it. Smile while you're making it. Smile because sometimes, that's all we can do.

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MAILBOX cont'd from p7

Any, even mediocre, mind that has given any thought to our local environmental and social situation, will have inevitably realized that we here are about to be dramatically transformed by mostly our own Canadian cultural development. And as naively idealistic and optimistic as the average Canadian psyche is, we again, as global "flower children," tend to spout platitudes like: "All we need is Love" and "We are all one and cannot be divided" or other convenient phrases that say nothing about our true, deeper feelings and needs,

and what we, in a courageous and practical sense, are willing to do to, indeed, make our dreams come true.

This social mask of glib, complacent, Canadian charm has a dark underside of angst and cynicism that we need to address.

The time is now for not just individuals to be self-empowered and peacefully and creatively extending themselves, but to link this "joy of being single" to a loving commitment to group-empowerment, not politically or religiously or even spiritually, but socially and communally.

This is our graduation from adolescent, Western individ-

ualism to the maturity of democratic, community-oriented, social consciousness, which is not resignation to fatalistic servility.

Think and mediate on these words and consider their truth.

Many blessings.

RUDY SIEGERS

Hydro cheque for watershed

Since pillage for profit is perfectly legal on the Gulf Islands, and doing anything to impede it is a criminal offense, it seems that to protect our watersheds we must pay up, with or without help from

Dénouement
It is wiser to live than be wise.
—Richard Cruickshanks

any level of government. No doubt careful calculations have been made about how much it is worth to us.

Recently, most of the households have received a credit or a cheque from Hydro and/or ICBC. In many cases, these are necessary to defray increased costs, but in others they are welcome, but not essential.

I expect that many in the latter position have decided that these amounts can be best used for safeguarding our water. Following the money-mouth principle, my wife and I are glad to send our \$300 to the SSI Water Preservation Society, P.O. Box 555, Ganges, B.C., V8K 2W3.

ANDREW GIBSON

Number, please!

The new Charlie Pyott House in Victoria has received several guests from Salt Spring already and many enquiries from the other Gulf Islands. I would like to mention one important matter: when people are using the pager to contact the Human Exchange, they must leave a phone number, either numeric or on the voice message. Otherwise we cannot return the call.

Several seniors have paged to tell us their need of a stay at the Victoria House, but they forgot to leave the number. So would you please remind your readership of this necessity if they wish to receive a return call.

We are also grateful if paging is done after 7 p.m. (week-day evenings) or anytime over the weekend. At those times, we have free cell phone use.

PATRICIA FITZGERALD
Facilitator, VHES

Protestors need education

As I read all the letters and articles pertaining to logging on Salt Spring, I am moved to write a response. You can say this is coming from one of the silent majority who can no longer remain silent.

As a lifer on Salt Spring, I have seen a lot of logging on the Island. I can recall seeing, as a child, many bare patches on the valley side of Mt. Bruce, patches that ultimately regrew without benefit of tree planting. I would like to recommend to the people who are protesting that they educate themselves on the whole picture, not just on the small portion that they choose to see. (I would also like to know their definition of old growth trees!)

To those who want to save

the trees for their children's future I would like to say: "Have you ever tried to keep land clear of trees?" You would be surprised at how persistent a tree can be and how quickly they grow back.

To those who are concerned about the amount of development on the Island I would like to say, "Who do you think is the cause of it?" Sure, I'd like to see the Island stay the way it was when I came. But that would mean everyone who arrived after 1950 would have to leave. It would mean no dentists, chiropractors, or lawyers, fewer ferries per day, one bank, just to name a few.

Having concerns is one thing. Doing something constructive is another. It is not enough to protest without offering some solutions.

So, I say yes to saving the watershed areas, yes to saving endangered species, yes to protecting the environment. But telling people to stop making a living because you don't like what they seem to be doing just doesn't make sense.

MARILYNNE
CUNNINGHAM

Soup label thanks

A big thank you to Mr. Mil-ton and Mr. Roberts. Your help and information for retrieving Fernwood School's soup labels is greatly appreciated.

LIANNE
Fernwood PAC

Cell solution sought

We live in the Gulf Islands at a location with no land-line telephone service.

We have received unfair incoming long distance charges on our Telus cell phone bills. BC Cellular used to credit us; now, as Telus, they refuse. The CRTC does not regulate cell phone companies, so there is no consumer protection. Losing from \$5 to \$10 per month could be significant if multiplied by many cell phone customers.

Even though we are at home, anytime we answer our cell phone, we are subject to long distance charges, depending on which of their cell sites rings our phone. These incoming long distance rates are not subject to any competition.

Telus says we could change our phone number, but won't give any assurance that with continued use of our phone at home, we won't have as many or more calls with long distance charges.

If any of your readers has had this problem or could

give any helpful suggestions, please call (250) 888-1910.

NANCY & JERRY
SWARTZ

Films at the library

During February's Island Film Festival, many positive comments were made about the films shown. In response, we have been able to secure five of these, and have added a sixth.

The following have been placed in the Salt Spring Library, from which they can be borrowed: *Inuit Observations on Climate Change*; *Loyalties* (two women explore a common past); *Unwanted Soldiers* (Chinese Canadians in WW2); *Giant Sea Turtles* (filmed in Guyana); *This Is What Democracy Looks Like* (Battle of Seattle); *Breaking the Bank* (IMF, World Bank and Washington).

BOB WILD
for the Film Festival

Post-accident thanks

All in a days work they say. I can't believe how lucky we are to have such devoted workers and volunteers living on our Island.

Last Wednesday, our daughter rolled her car over an embankment, after her power brakes and steering failed. Barry (from Mouat's store) spotted the wheels of the car and had the smarts to go back and check things out. She had already been pinned under the car for six hours!

The dozen-plus firemen worked extremely fast and carefully to build a block wall on the opposite side of the car so that it could be hydraulically lifted off her shoulder and arm. While that was going on, one of the paramedics climbed in through the trunk of the overturned vehicle and spent the next hour and a half comforting our daughter. (We found out later that being slightly claustrophobic didn't get in her way of doing such a great job!)

The RCMP stayed with us parents while we watched this entire nightmare unfold. They, too, were very compassionate and helpful. After our daughter was airlifted to Victoria General, John and Rene met us there and stayed the whole day by our sides.

We would like to thank each and every one you for all your help that you have given us, although words just don't seem enough. Corry is recovering nicely although her arm and shoulder complications may keep her in hospital for a while yet.

Again we all say: Thank you very much!

HENRY, LINDA, AND
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A sunny day at Ruckle Farm



by Helani Davison

Sunday brought bright sunshine through a smattering of clouds to a pastoral scene on Ruckle Farm Day. Children and adults mingled with sheep, rabbits, dogs, and beautiful horses in green fields. B.C. Parks held the annual event at Ruckle Provincial Park to the delight of visitors.

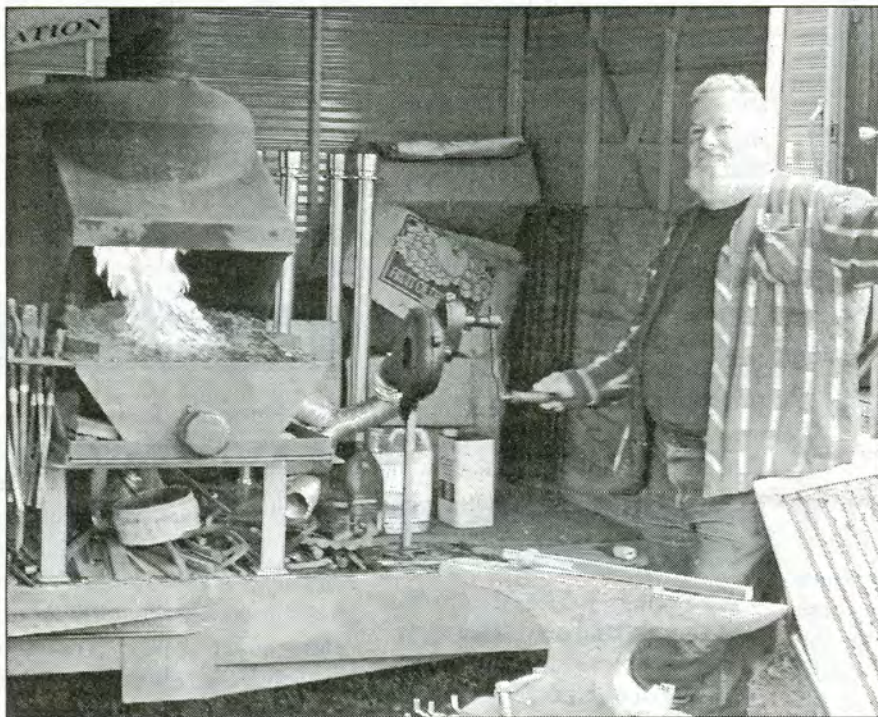
A ploughing demonstration, with two teams of Belgian horses from the Vancouver Island Draft Horse Club, was the high point of the day. The competition was judged on straightness, depth, and uniformity of ploughing.

Other displays depicted the early pioneer days on Salt Spring. Blacksmiths demonstrated how tools were made from iron and other metals. Metal tongs made from flat iron and hinges from horse shoes were seen. It was pointed out that most of the iron work on the Ruckle farm was probably handmade.

The spinning exhibit, with two demonstrators from the Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild, showed rovings dyed from natural garden products.

Some willing young people competed in the hand cross-cut saw competition, describing the experience as very hard work but good fun.

The admission was free, and tasty grilled lamb burgers were enjoyed by crowds as cheerful country music was played in the background.



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British Columbia is home to an unique form of local government: regional districts.

Created in 1965 by the Social Credit government of the day, regional districts were designed, in the main, to provide a general purpose local government for rural areas. Up to that time, issues such as land use planning and regulation, if they were issues at all, were handled by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Local services such as fire protection, water supply, and street lighting were provided by independently incorporated improvement districts or municipalities on behalf of the ministry.

Services to rural areas outside of municipalities could be inconsistent at best, inefficient where present, and often wholly politically unaccountable.

In addition, capital borrowing for needed infrastructure building could be problematic. Areas falling outside municipal boundaries were in a profoundly disadvantageous position while municipalities themselves, some with variable credit ratings, were obliged to borrow on their own behalf, suffering for their lack of governmental heft through higher interest rates and increased project costs.

Regional districts allowed, actually mandated, that all borrowing within a regional district must be done through that district, thus securing better credit ratings, lower costs, and improved services to fringe areas.

Island Governance Part 3

Closer to Home: Regional Districts

by Alan Webb

Regional Services

(supplied to the entire region):

- general government
- regional parks (Peter Arnell)
- regional planning
- water supply
- sewage treatment and disposal
- solid waste management
- emergency 911 system
- recreation

Local Services:

- building inspection
- nuisance regulation
- community parks (Portlock, Drummond)
- fire protection
- street lighting creation

The same inequities that existed in the areas of general services for smaller centres and rural B.C. were mirrored in the delivery and maintenance of health care and hospital services. In 1967 the Hospital Districts Act was passed which addressed all of the issues covered by the advent of regional districts and correlated to the same boundaries already established by existing municipal regional districts.

CRD Services

Anyone who remembers Salt

Spring as the rather somnolent fishing village and bucolic farming community it once was will be able to attest to the effectiveness of these two pieces of legislation. The amount and quality of services available on the Island today would astound a former patient of the original Lady Minto Hospital.

Likewise those Islanders who once chased sheep, deer, and horses off the Fulford Field before, or sometimes during, sporting events, cannot help but feel thankful for the buckets of money which went into Portlock Park.

One wonders if the man we have to thank for paving Sunset Drive (to keep the dust off his limousine), W.A.C. Bennett, did not in fact hit upon the idea of providing better services for rural areas while vacationing on Salt Spring.

A Federation

Salt Spring's relationship to the CRD is a federal one. That is, Islanders vote for a director and receive services directly from the regional district. The regional district is a federation of municipalities and rural areas, and our representative, Kellie Booth, occupies a position on the board of directors.

Regional district powers are consensual. They provide services their members agree they should provide, and do only what the general public and the board agree they should do. They are by design a body which is designed to act on behalf of the public, and not to act on the public. Their work is done by forming partnerships and reaching agreements. Consensus in fact. In contrast, a municipality enjoys a more direct form of power, one which is, in theory at least, less responsive to community input; more centralized in its power.

Fiscal Equivalence

The legislation for regional districts requires that residents pay for what they get. This means that the costs and benefits of each service must closely match and each service provided by the regional district have a formula governing cost recovery. Therefore, the legislation allows the power for districts to raise money through taxes, charges, and user fees. In addition, each service must be separately accounted for in the budget and books of the regional district.

Provincial Wrap-up

Government services on-Island

The title of Government Agent conjures up images of a John LeCarré character, or perhaps Graham Green's "Our Man in Havana."

Salt Spring's Government Agent, British Columbia's "Our Man in Ganges," is Byron Johnstone, who in actual fact works out of Duncan.

In his stead, for four days out of five each week, are Senior Customer Service Representatives Caroline Burch and Herbert Burnett.

The list of services and information available at the office is a long one, too long to list here, but among the myriad of information one can find here are answers to queries regarding: Consumer credit/debit Corporate registry Registration of births, deaths, marriages Employment Standards Land title transfers Medical Services Plan Provincial Emergency Program Senior Citizen Assistance Services for the disabled Subdivision plan maps Voter registration

If it is application forms you're after you'll find plenty including:

B.C. Medical Services Plan Birth, death and marriage certificates Canada Pension Change of name Child Tax Benefit Company registration Daycare subsidy Disability pension Income Assistance Old Age Security Ombudsman complaints Passports Residential tenancy disputes Social Insurance number Congratulatory messages for milestone events such as wedding anniversaries and significant birth days.

If you feel the need to shed some money, payments are accepted for: ambulance billings, BC Hydro, Medical Services Plan, Property Transfer Tax, Provincial Sales Tax, Rural Property Tax, and traffic fines.

Should you have some money left after paying your bills, you can purchase: commuter ferry tickets; marriage, hunting, or fishing licences; soil survey reports and maps; electrical, gas, and propane permits; and government publications.

In short, the Government Agent's office is the Islanders' conduit to provincial government services, a friendly local visage for the grey, forbidding edifice that is government.

Overview of our elected representatives

Federal:

Gary Lunn (Alliance)

<http://www.canadianalliance.ca/lunn/index.html>

(250) 656-2320; (613) 996-1119

Trade and commerce, unemployment insurance, public debt, the raising of money "by any mode or system of taxation," borrowing money, postal services, penitentiaries, defence, navigation and shipping, fisheries, marriage and divorce, currency, banks and banking, bills of exchange, promissory notes, copyrights, naturalization, and criminal law.

Provincial:

Murray Coell (Liberal)

<http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/mla/coell.htm>

(250) 656-0013

Provincial taxes; provincial prisons; hospitals; local licenses; provincial incorporation; solemnization of marriage; local works; property and civil rights; administration of justice in the province, including the constitution, maintenance, and organization of provincial courts; procedure in civil matters; and the imposition of punishments for breaking provincial laws.

Municipal — CRD:

Kellie Booth

<http://www.crd.bc.ca/>

653-4678

Regional parks (Peter Arnell), regional planning, water supply, sewerage treatment and disposal, solid waste management, emergency 911 system, recreation, building inspection, nuisance regulation, community parks (Portlock, Drummond), fire protection, street lighting creation.

Municipal — Islands Trust:

David Borrowman and Bev Byron

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/default.htm>

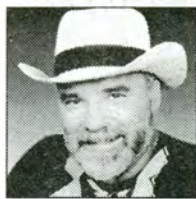
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Land use planning and regulation, preparation and adoption of Official Community Plans, rural land use bylaws, zoning and subdivision bylaws, regulation of soil removal and deposit, and authorization of permits under Part 26 of the Municipal Act.



When a brand name gets branded



*Wit & Whimsy ...
with Arthur Black*

MORE OF
THE FOL-
LOWING
REASONS:
(1) IT

A few years back, a graphic design student woke up with an idea for a brand logo. "Kind of a fat, floating, checkmark" she called it. She sketched it on a notepad and eventually sold it to a sports entrepreneur for 50 bucks.

It was the Nike 'swoosh' - possibly the most famous brand logo in Big Business. And Nike is nothing if not big - currently worth nearly \$5 billion U.S. So big that it can afford to pay ex-basketball star Michael Jordan \$20 million a year for endorsements.

Unfortunately, Nike largesse isn't a worldwide phenomenon. While Jordan hauls down 20 mil annually, the 25,000 Indonesian factory hands who put in 11-hour days assembling Nike shoes make \$2.23 U.S. each.

Per. Day.

Put at its crudest, Michael Jordan makes more in a year from Nike than 25,000 factory workers combined.

And the markup Nike hauls in on its product is of street drug proportions. Last year a kid in Chicago was murdered for the \$225 Nike Air Jordans he had on his feet.

When the shoes left Indonesia they were worth less than ten bucks. Not surprisingly, Nike has become a little "sensitive" about the company's image—which helps to explain the exchange of correspondence between Nike and one Jonah Peretti. Mister Peretti was trying to get in on a Nike promotion that lets customers choose a word or phrase which Nike then stitches on your shoes right under the trademark swoosh.

"All right," thought Mister Peretti. He sent in his order asking that the word "sweatshop" be stitched on his shoes. He got this reply:

YOUR NIKE iD ORDER WAS CANCELLED FOR ONE OR

CONTAINS ANOTHER PARTY'S TRADEMARK OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

(2) IT CONTAINS THE NAME OF AN ATHLETE OR TEAM WE DO NOT HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO USE.

(3) IT WAS LEFT BLANK.

(4) IT CONTAINS PROFANITY OR INAPPROPRIATE SLANG.

THANK YOU, NIKE iD

Mister Peretti wrote back pointing out that "sweatshop" was not another party's trademark, the name of an athlete, a blank or a profanity. "I chose this iD because I wanted to remember the toil and labour of the children who made my shoes. Could you please ship them to me immediately." Nike wrote back insisting that "sweatshop" was "inappropriate slang." Peretti responded that it was a legitimate word found in Webster's Dictionary since 1892.

"Your website advertises that Nike iD program is "about freedom to choose and freedom to express who you are... I hope you will value my freedom of expression and reconsider your decision to reject my order."

Nike once again turned him down, this time for unspecified reasons and added:

"IF YOU WISH TO REORDER YOUR NIKE iD PRODUCT WITH A NEW PERSONALIZATION PLEASE VISIT US AGAIN AT WWW.NIKE.COM".

And Jonah Peretti replied: "Thank you for the time and energy you have spent on my request. I have decided to order the shoes with a different iD, but I would like to make one small request.

"Could you send me a colour snapshot of the ten-year-old Vietnamese girl who made my shoes?"

No response from Nike, as we went to press.



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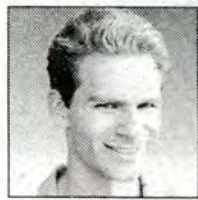
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Girlfight powerful



Flick Pick ...
with Jason Tudor

Simplicity is an underrated quality in today's films. Most are so laden with baggage that the story becomes of secondary importance. Artsy films hide their defects by sounding smart; using big words or camera tricks, they distract from the reality that the artist doesn't know what they want to say. Hollywood films might seem simple, but in reality are carefully crafted for widest commercial appeal. Sometimes, however, a small independent film emerges that is free from the evils of either influence.

Girlfight is one of these films. It introduces us to Diane Guzman (Michelle Rodriguez), who lives in the projects with her verbally-abusive father and introverted brother. Faced with the loss of her mother and a bleak future, Diane turns to boxing. It's hard work, but soon she is holding her own in sparring matches with boys. Diane's confidence grows with each blow, leading eventually to conflict with both her father and her newfound lover. Neither of them, it seems, can adapt to the contradictions of the situation.

What really drives *Girlfight* is Rodriguez's dynamic performance—Diane goes from fierce competitor to lovestruck child (and back) in seconds, perfectly reflecting the emotional confusion of early adulthood. In between rounds in the boxing ring, she looks at the camera with an uncannily focused stare, a vision of feminine power unseen on film since Sigourney Weaver in *Aliens*. It's a story that could be taken to Hollywood-level silliness (à la *Rocky*) but director Karyn Kusama keeps a tight lid on the sentimentality. None of the film's themes—gender, anger, abuse, and adolescence—are taken lightly, but at no point did I ever feel an issue was forced. *Girlfight* may be a simple little film, but what it lacks in style it makes up in power.

Rating: 14a Running Time: 1 hr 50 min



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Clockwise from top left: the mysterious topless woman, the belly dancer, M.C. Shilo Zylbergold, one of the many masks worn, and two well-dressed observers.

Erotic delights at ball

by Helani Davison

The crowds at Mahon Hall were jumping, grinding, jigging, and sashaying throughout the evening during the Erotic Costume Show and Ball. There was something to keep every gender and sexual taste titillated. Imaginative costumes including French bras and garter belts, black vinyl body suits, net stockings, and feather boas made eyeballs pop. There was even a mysterious topless lady in red velvet pants unabashedly showing her wares.

The first part of the evening featured performances introduced by funnyman M.C. Shilo Zylbergold. Erotic poetry readings were followed by sexy dance performances. Two belly dancers with swiveling hips and spangles flashing kept the crowds aroused.

A novel fire dance by Oria got an excited response from the crowds.

In the dim hall, hung with colorful drapery and adorned with phallic balloons, a stilt-walker meandered. A black light dancer gyrated to the rhythmic sounds of DJ Adams and Global Groove, featuring lots of pulsing Indian music.

Each of the four corners of the hall featured a different theme. The S&M corner had whips, chains, and handcuffs on display, while another corner displayed lots of lacy, frilly things. There was even a body painting contest. You could enjoy a sensuous massage or have a tarot reading. It was all there to keep the senses excited last Saturday night.

Proceeds from this event went to support the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists.



It could be Salt Spring:

Under Milk Wood a delight

by Sandi Johnson

Anticipate being delighted by this ribald, hilarious account of a spring day in a small Welsh coastal village. Directed by Scott Hylands, an excellent cast brings Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood* to life.

Deeply original, *Under Milk Wood*, a play for voices, was written as a radio play. First broadcast in 1954, the rich lyrical language brilliantly evokes the Welsh seaside village and crusty, unique islanders such as Organ Morgan, Lord Cut Glass, and Bessie Big-head. Although satirically depicted, Thomas graced these people by portraying them with love.

To begin at the beginning: the sparse effective set comprises a few risers with grasses and some flowers painted on them, a bell, ten wooden chairs, and a simple backdrop. The rising sun lights the backdrop, the day's shifting light is reflected there. As the play unfolds, the set, a pile of wooden boxes, is transformed into a pulsing, vital community.

A cast of ten—Marnee Beauvais,

Laurie Clarke, Susheela Dawne, Vaughn Fulford, Leah Hansel, Tonya Horoky, Scott Hylands, Peter "Rusty" Marshall, Jeff Pearson, and James Wilkinson—portray more than 80 naughty, colourful characters. The costumes are simple and tasteful, maroon and charcoal with a touch of green and purple here and there. They're individualistic enough to be interesting, sufficiently generic for the portrayal of many characters.

This focused, well-integrated cast shifts characters easily. The work flows as they ride the rhythms of the language and delight in the eccentric inhabitants of Milk Wood. With their voices they create soundscape: the wind, the sea, the animals calling. They magically make the animals—pigs, cows, roosters—come alive. Gristly, grunting, gobbling, mud-rolling pigs blink in the sun. Tonya Horoky brings to life a purring, lip-smacking, lolling cat.

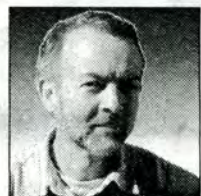
The town was mad and full of gossip. You'll remember James Wilkinson crying because he didn't have a

penny to kiss the girl, Rusty Marshall as Blind Captain Cat. Susheela Dawne's Polly Garter saying: "Nothing grows in our garden. Only washing." The tender sunset poem of Vaughn Fulford's Reverend Jenkins. Mr. Pugh receiving the book *Lives of the Great Poisoners* as an aid to poisoning Mrs. Pugh.

The Welsh fishing village could be Salt Spring. Thomas writes: "Come closer now." It's spring in the seaside village. "Come closer now," come out on a bible-black night. "Come closer now," and meet Captain Cat, Mr. Mog Edwards, Jack Black, Little Boy Waldo. "You alone can hear the invisible star fall."

Presented by Runaway Stage, *Under Milk Wood* continues at ArtSpring Thursday March 29 through Saturday March 31 at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Thursday, March 29 offers two-for-one prices, while the March 31, 2 p.m. matinee is pay-what-you-can. Regular ticket prices are \$12, \$10 students and seniors. Tickets at ArtSpring, 537-2102.

Study up on Spanish wines



Wine Files ...
with Steve Coopman

Spring is finally here, and that means the Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival will be soon. The 23rd annual festival takes place from April 2 to 8 with 151 wineries from 16 different countries participating. The focus this year is on the wines of Spain.

Although Spain has more area under grape cultivation than any country in the world, it is yet only the world's third most important wine producer. This is mostly the result of the extremely arid conditions throughout most of the country which keep grape yields very low. Nevertheless, there is

a lot of wine being made in Spain and much of it is great value.

For an everyday wine, try *Penascal Castilla Y Leon Red Table Wine*, 1998 (\$9.95). A very satisfying red with lots of ripe cherry/berry and earth on the nose, a pleasant mouth-feel still with good tannin and a nice, if somewhat short, finish. Excellent value for the price.

One of the great things about Spanish wine producers is that they tend not to release their wines too early. Pick up a bottle of *Torres, Don Miguel Torres Cabernet Sauvignon*, 1996 (\$17.95). This is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (85 per cent) and Tempranillo (15 per cent) grapes that spend almost three years aging in American and French oak barriques

before bottling. The Tempranillo grape is the most widely planted grape variety in Spain and is associated with quality wines; it lends an elegant, dry berry-sandalwood quality to the more robust Cabernet grape. This wine has a big nose of ripe berry, earth, wood, and herbs, with much vanilla from the oak aging. The taste is rich and mouth-filling with plenty of berry and vegetable, as well as wood, and still good tannic structure. It has a lovely, long finish. Drink it now or buy a few bottles and put some away for a few years. A wine to serve with steak or lamb, and to share with good friends.

These wines should prompt you to inquire about the Vancouver Festival next month, but if you need more inducement try a wine from the Rioja region (Tempranillo grapes) or pick up a good sherry. Maybe you'll be inspired to attend *The Very Noble Sherry* or *Rioja Revisited* seminars.

Before signing off, I must tell the Pinot Noir lovers out there about *Shingle Peak, Marlborough, Pinot Noir*, 1999 (\$19.95) from New Zealand. It's pretty tough to find a good Pinot for under \$20.00, and this one is certainly worth the price. A beautiful nose of cherry, cedar, vegetal, and spice, a mouth-watering taste (sweet and tart), and a finish that calls out for more. Good now, but will improve over the next couple of years.

Cheers!

Chigambas perform again

by Helani Davison

A Zimbabwean dance and musical performance will rhythmically pulse at Beaver Point Hall this Friday, March 30. Julia and Garadziva Chigamba, professional dancers and musicians from Zimbabwe, will perform traditional dance and music from the Shona culture. This beautiful and dynamic art form expresses the history, nature, and relationship between people, and honours life through an offering of prayer.

Introducing the performance will be a presentation by a collection of dance students from the high school, under the Chigambas' choreography and



Garadziva Chigamba

leadership. This will be followed by Choto, a four-member mbira ensemble that perform dance, song, and music inspired by Shona traditions with traditional Zimbabwean instruments. Later hours will bring on dancing to Marimba Muzuva from Victoria.

For \$10, you can broaden your dance styles by joining the Chigambas for a dance class at 6:30 p.m. at the hall prior to the evening show. The show itself starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10. Phone 653-2025 or 537-4481 for more information.

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MARCH 27 - APRIL 8
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 **Ann Stewart**, who stars in *Wit*, which opens at ArtSpring next Thursday. Ann, who has lived on Salt Spring for almost two years, hails from Saskatoon. She recently starred as the White Queen in *Alie Through the Looking Glass* and *Mrs. Clandon* in *Shaw's You Never Can Tell*.

Trained as a nurse and midwife, Ann has enjoyed acting since the late 1960s. Her own theatre company, *Plays for Living*, performed short works of social significance in gymnasiums, board rooms, and in corners of restaurants. These performances were followed with discussions, becoming teaching aids. Ann has also pursued her interest in social justice by sitting on various boards for group homes.

The Book: "I'd take the Bible because I've never read it and I'd have a lot of time to find out what it's all about. I'd also take books by James Herriot because I love his affection for humans, animals, and the natural world."

The Disc: "Camina Burana, by Carl Orff. It's medieval monks running wild—magnificent music."

Fellow castaway: "I would take Sir David Attenborough, who hosts a wonderful natural history programme on the BBC. I just love him."

Commun

TUESDAY MARCH 27

- Toy Library**
Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- ASA Spring/Flower hanging**
ArtSpring lobby
- Adrien Towne** Roasting Company, Ganges
- Christine Crombie** Moby's Marine Pub
- Jill Louise Campbell**
Mirror & Reflections of the west coast. 11am-4pm
- Judy Harper** Island Savings
- Romy Verlaan** Island Savings
- The Heart Sutra** North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. Call 537-1497 for location.
- Fall Fair Volunteers meeting**
Farmers Institute upstairs mtg room. 7:30pm
- SSI Paddler's Club**
United Church Hall. 7:30pm
- Planned Parenthood clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm
- Breaking Up is Hard To Do.**
Workshop. Reg: 537-0081. 7-10pm
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
Call 537-2358 for location. 7pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Ladies Golf & Spring Luncheon**
SSI Golf & Country Club. 10am. Tix at pro shop.
- Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop-in Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY MARCH 28

- Kindergym**
0-4 yrs. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers**
Coffee, chat, supervised play. Fulford Hall. 10am-12pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- KinderCraft**
Easy Weaving. 3-5yrs. Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Boondoggle**
Bracelet making. Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Spell of the Senuous** Book study. United Church lower hall. 10-11:30am
- Centering Prayer** Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Salt Spring Library AGM** United Church. 3pm
- SSI Garden Club**
"Sex in the Orchard". Meaden Hall. 7pm
- Anger Management for Women**
Support group. 380 Starks Rd studio. 1-3:30pm
- Simple home massage techniques**
Lecture by Melissa Darou. Seniors' bldg. 2pm
- Reflexology: Fancy Footwork**
With Anna McColm. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm
- Yoga class**
SS Centre. 10am-12pm
- Surfing for Seniors**
Corinternet Café. 1-8pm

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- 🎮 Recreation
- 📝 Review in this issue

MONDAY APRIL 2

- Crafts with Jessica**
Ages 6+, Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Caught in the Middle**
Parent/children support group. Family Place. 6:30-8pm
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class**
Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- Lady Minto Hosp. Aux. Soc.**
Annual General Meeting. Lions. 2pm
- Soccer Assn. Meeting**
GISS library. 7pm
- Yoga class**
SS Centre. 9-10:30am
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Climates of Change Congress**
SSTV Cable 12. 7pm
- Life Model Drawing**
United Church. 1-3pm
- Fun Darts**
Legion. 6:30pm

TUESDAY APRIL 3

- Toy Library**
Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- Calligraphy Series**
Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- The Photography Show**
ArtSpring
- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. Call 537-1497 for location.
- Community Kitchens luncheon**
Lunch and discussion. Meaden hall. 12-1:30pm
- ASA Summer Art Show planning meeting**
ArtSpring. 7pm
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All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 4

- Kindergym**
0-4 yrs. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers**
Coffee, chat, supervised play. Fulford Hall. 10am-12pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- KinderCraft**
Sawdust Sculptures. 3-5yrs. Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Music and Munch**
Music for passiontide. All Saints'. 12:10pm
- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage hosted by Vaughn Fulford. Moby's Marine Pub. 9pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Road Scholar**
Slide presentation & discussion. GISS. 7:30pm
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THURSDAY MARCH 29

- Family Walk Mouat Park. 10am
- Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- Under Milk Wood ArtSpring. 8pm.
- Sing Along Group Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Movements of Dance Class at The Barn. Reg: 653-9549. 10-11:15am
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Central Hall. 7-9pm.
- Community Meditation United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
- Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm
- Ten Days for Global Justice United Church. 5:30pm potluck, 7pm film, 7:30pm Jill Harris lecture
- SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- MS Support Group Seniors' Building. 7pm
- Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga class SS Centre. 4-5:30pm
- Nia Fitness Dance All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
- Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm
- Survivor: Down Under Giant screen tv at Talons. 8p
- Psychic Development group Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm

FRIDAY MARCH 30

- Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- More Music and Me Parents with children 2-4 yrs. Family Place. 9:30-11am. Reg: 537-4416
- Myths & Fairytales For 7-10's Public Library. 3-4pm
- Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- Under Milk Wood ArtSpring. 8pm.
- Open Stage Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Rhythms of Zimbabwe Concert and dance. Beaverpoint Hall. 8pm
- SS Potters Guild Meeting 720 Beddis Rd. 8:30am.
- Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
- Rollerblading to Music Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm
- Black light bowling Kings Lane Rec. 9pm-12am

SATURDAY MARCH 31

- Fabulous Flea Market Fundraiser for and at Fulford Hall. 11am-3pm
- SSI Rod & Gun Club Annual game dinner. Club house, Long Harbour Rd. 6pm
- Under Milk Wood ArtSpring. 2 & 8pm.
- Barrington Perry Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- Live Music Harbour House Lounge. 7-10pm
- John Reischman and the Jaybirds CD release/concert. All Saints'. 8pm
- Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers Harbour House Lounge. 9pm-12am
- The Photography Show Exhibition opening. ArtSpring. 3pm
- CFUW meeting Speaker on History of CNR. Lions. 10am
- Yoga class SS Centre. 9:30-11am. Free.
- Library Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm
- Salt Spring Wine Lovers Wine Tasting—champagne! Thunderbird Gallery. 7pm
- More Innovative Book Structures Bookbinding workshop. PARC portable. 9:30am-3:30pm

SUNDAY APRIL 1

- The Other Brothers Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Yoga, Energy work and Sound Workshop w/ Jyoti & Lalita. Bodyworks Collective. Reg: 538-1988
- Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
- Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm
- Newcomers Sunday Morning Walk Meet at buoy in Centennial Park 11am.

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THURSDAY APRIL 5

- Family Walk Mouat Park. 10am
- Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- Wit ArtSpring. 8pm
- Sing Along Group Seniors' Bldg. 2pm
- Movements of Dance class Mahon Hall. 10-11:15am
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Central Hall. 7-9pm
- Men's Breakfast Meal and discussion. United Church. 8-9:30am
- Community Meditation United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm
- Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm
- Community Gathering United Church. 5:30-7pm
- SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild ArtSpring. 10:30-noon
- Queen Margaret's School Informal info evening. ArtSpring. 5-7pm
- SSI Breastfeeding Support Group Family Place. 2pm
- Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-10am
- Yoga class SS Centre. 4-5:30pm
- Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
- Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm
- Survivor: Down Under Giant screen tv at Talons. 8pm
- Psychic Development group Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm
- Bingo Meaden Hall (Legion). 6:30pm

FRIDAY APRIL 6

- Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- More Music and Me Parents with children 2-4 yrs. Family Place. 9:30-11am. Reg: 537-4416
- Myths & Fairytales For 7-10's Public Library. 3-4pm
- Rugbugger's: Potluck & Support Family Place. 11:30-1pm
- Wit ArtSpring. 8pm
- Open Stage Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- SSI Sustainable Coalition Open forum on sovereignty. Lions Club. 7pm
- Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
- Rollerblading to Music Fulford Community Hall. 7:30pm
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- Black light bowling Kings Lane Rec. 9pm-midnight

SATURDAY APRIL 7

- Wit ArtSpring. 2 & 8pm
- Barrington Perry Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30pm
- Live Music Harbour House Lounge. 7-10pm
- Yoga class SS Centre. 9:30-11am. Free.
- Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm

SUNDAY APRIL 8

- Choral Evensong for Holy Week All Saints'. 4pm
- The Other Brothers Fulford Inn. 6-9pm
- Bicycle Bob Memorial Bike Ride Meet at Central, by the cinema, at noon
- Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm
- Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm
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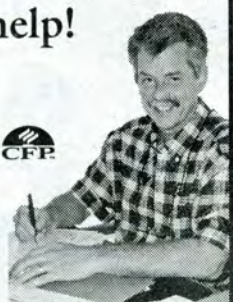
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Wit something to witness Artists' alliance plans for summer

by Peggy Abrahams

Salt Spring audiences will have an opportunity for theatrical enlightenment next month: the 1999 Pulitzer prize-winning play, *Wit*, is coming to ArtSpring, April 5, 6 and 7. The play has won critical acclaim throughout North America. It has been called "the finest play of its decade, and probably of its century." A *Vancouver Sun* review of last year's Vancouver Playhouse production of *Wit* called it "a masterful piece of theatre."

Written in 1991 by American Margaret Edson, *Wit* is the story of a woman's struggle with cancer. The writer knew of what she wrote: Edson worked at one time as a unit clerk in an oncology/AIDS in-patient depart-

ment of a research hospital in Washington.

Bringing the play to Salt Spring was a major coup for Hetty Clews, who directs and produces this version with her amateur company, Nameless Players. After Clews saw the play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival last year, she began trying to obtain the rights to perform the play on Salt Spring.

In order to obtain the rights for an amateur production, Clews said she had to promise that the play would only be performed locally and for a limited engagement. "This is the first and maybe only amateur performance of the play," she said. "We have the blessing of the playwright," she added.

Wit is a very moving and

funny play, Clews said. "The play is about the redemptive nature of love... but it's not sentimental."

An integral conflict exists in the play between people doing research about cancer, while the lead character is suffering from it. The main character is Vivian Bearing, a brilliant John Donne scholar and a loner, who learns a new set of values in *extremis*.

This production of *Wit* features Ann Stewart in the lead role of Vivian Bearing. Stewart, a newcomer to Salt Spring, has never performed locally. Clews recalled: "She and I go back. We were in theatre together in Saskatoon. My first play with Ann was in 1968. She has worked professionally and she knows her onions."

To do justice to the role, Stewart is making significant personal sacrifices.

"She has to cut her hair and do all sorts of drastic things to play the part," said Clews.

In spite of the serious subject matter, the play is witty, Clews asserted. She pointed out that the Salt Spring Hysterical Society has dealt with the same topic, in its play *Topic of Cancer*. *Wit* is humorous, but takes a different approach, she said. "It will interest those who are deeply thoughtful and fairly educated. It does the same things as the Hysterical Society, but in an intellectual way."

By this time year, Mike Nichols plans to have produced a film version starring Emma Thompson. You can see *Wit* right here on Salt Spring first. Due to anticipated demand, a matinee performance has been added on Saturday, April 7 for seniors, students, and off-Islanders. Admission for this

by Judy Harper

Summer's coming and the planning committee of the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists (ASA) has started working on the annual Summer Art Show. The show is open to all ASA members, and will run from July 27 through September 3 at ArtSpring. All artists wishing to participate in or contribute to the Summer Show are encouraged to attend a meeting in the Jankura Lounge at ArtSpring on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

The mandate of the ASA is to be inclusive, to encourage personal growth and excellence, and to promote exhibitions of members' works. Membership in the ASA is \$15.00 per year; forms are available at Salt Spring Books in the box above the

computer. The Alliance is a volunteer-run organization, and help is needed to organize this and other member events throughout the year. At last year's Summer Show, organized by Karen Reiss, volunteers contributed 340 work hours to keep the show open for 46 days.

Increasingly, Salt Spring Island is becoming known as an artists' community. The Alliance is looking for ways to raise the Island's profile internationally, and is seeking people with marketing savvy who can contribute in this capacity. There are several more plans on the drawing board, such as a possible Millennium Show in the fall, and all ideas are welcome.

The Alliance would like to remind all local artists that there are several permanent venues around Ganges that are available for the purpose of showing artwork. Moby's Marine Pub and Island Savings are also suitable for showing sculpture and larger works. All venues feature ongoing individual and group shows; some are suitable for smaller collections. To show at the credit union or Moby's Pub, call Rachel Vadeboncouer at 538-0141; at ArtSpring, call Sandra Harrison at 537-8774; at the Salt Spring Roasting Company, contact Bob Rogers at 653-0020; at Luigi's, call Dana Pennington at 653-9549.

For information about the meeting next Tuesday, contact Rachel at 538-0141 or Karen Reiss at 653-4741.

Photography show opens

by Judy Harper

The Photography Show opens at ArtSpring at 2 p.m. this Saturday, March 31. Sponsored by both the Community Arts Council and the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists and organized by photographer June Boe, it is the most ambitious show ever of its kind on Salt Spring. The 18 photographers will contribute 175 works, which will fill the gallery and lobby space at ArtSpring and cover a diverse range of topics. The works will include everything from classic approaches (June Boe's sepia prints and Joe Bengé's unfiltered,

painterly images) to the modern medium of the digital camera (Mike Gluss' images on watercolour paper).

Newcomers Linda Reynolds and Richard MacDonald will present coloured nature photos from their travels. Howard Fry is presenting part of his new series of portraits of local artisans at their work, as well as landscapes from the 1970s. Osman Phillips will show his 120 mm-format colour photographs of wood—dead trees contrasting with live ones—and his shots of eelgrass at Botanical Beach. Alane Lesk's contribution will be the doors

of San Miguel and Mexican nature themes printed on watercolour paper.

The theme is eclectic: each photographer will present images nearest and dearest to their heart, creating a sumptuous visual feast that will probably warrant more than one visit to the gallery.

Until April 7, both the lobby and gallery will be in use for the exhibit (the gallery will be open during daytime and theatre hours). After that, the photos will be shown in the lobby only. The show will continue until May 16. June Boe and the photographers hope this show will become an annual event.

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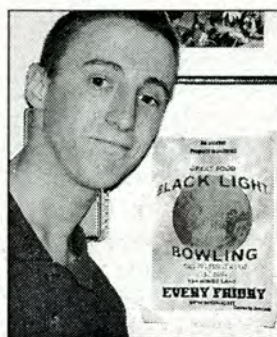


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When the late Max Abley approached Chip Chipman of Kings Lane Recreation about the idea, they both agreed it would be a positive addition to the youth scene on Salt Spring. "Everyone has a really great time," says Chipman, who has been enjoying the Friday night crowd for more than half a year. When your eyes have had enough darkness, there's always someone around to team up with and shoot some pool.



JOSH LESLIE

We met up with Josh at his part time job, where the poster he designed has been largely responsible for attracting crowds. He shares his technical knowledge, helping fellow students at Phoenix School, and will soon have an opportunity to develop new skills at a week long program at The Gulf Islands Film & Television School.

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Blue Orchard/Mason bees:

The bees' knees

by Chris Schmah

Gardening activities such as pruning, dormant spraying, and post-winter cleaning get us out into the garden, and observant gardeners will see the buds of fruit trees and fruit-bearing shrubs swelling up to almost bursting. By now, the first plums have likely opened, and they'll soon be followed by other fruits.

If we have expectations of a good fruit crop, all of these little blossoms are going to need to be well-pollinated. This job falls to bumble bees, mason bees, solitary bees, and until recently, honey bees (which were killed off by mites in the 1990s.)

The Blue Orchard Bee (also known as the Mason Bee) and other solitary bees do not hive up in social groups, but work in breeding pairs. They use nesting holes in close proximity to other pairs, thus lending the appearance of being a hive. The Mason bee is about .75 to 1 centimetre long with a metallic-blue body. The females are significantly larger than the males, both as cocoons and as adults. At first glance, the bee may be confused with a large stable fly. It is friendly enough, but not really interested in people.

The warm days of March, April, and May see the adult bees digging out of their mud chambers where they

spent the winter. Generally, females hatch out later than the males. Once paired off, the bees commence pollinating and breeding, then producing eggs. When blooms are open and available for an extended feeding season, the bees live longer and lay more eggs.

Suitable nest locations are



Female, left, and male Blue Orchard Bees, also known as *Osmia lignaria*.

sunny and warm but protected from wind and moisture. The optimal hole size is six inches deep, with a 3/16 of an inch diameter. Wood, plastic, or other materials are suitable, but the ability to clean the nest is a factor to consider. Over the pollinating season, the female fills the tunnels by creating a chamber for each egg, placing pollen and nectar in a clump with an egg laid on it, then walling it with mud. In about a month, the egg hatches and the larva feeds on the provisions placed in the chamber by the mother bee. By July, the larva spins itself into a cocoon and pupates for the winter until it is time to hatch out as an adult and start pollination and nesting.

During the summer, don't move or disturb the bees'

nest; the adults are fixed on a permanent location and the eggs are vulnerable to injury. Cocoons containing pupae are stable enough to be handled and cleaned.

If you have a lot of active tubes with mating pairs of bees, confusion about whose hole belongs to whom can occur. It is helpful if you paint a small ring around each hole in different colours (use non-toxic paints).

It takes 700-plus bees to effectively pollinate an acre of orchard. For home and garden use, a good calculation is two pairs of bees per tree. You can entice them in from the wild with nesting boxes, but if your pollination needs are urgent, you may have to purchase bees in late winter or spring. These busy bees will ensure a better crop on virtually all fruit-bearing plants in your garden.

Mason bees are vulnerable to a pollen mite, which eats the pollen-nectar food reserve intended for the larva's use, so cleaning the nest is advised. Instructions for cleaning are available wherever Mason bees and bee nesting trays are sold.

As a final note, remember bees are vulnerable to insecticides, which can accidentally be applied to their bodies, and can have a residual toxic effect. Ask for instructions if any doubts arise. Think first and "bee" happy.



Gail Trafford photo

ONE MORE SIGN OF SPRING—Ten-year-old Vanessa Wartnow brought her fiddle along on her visit from Abbotsford during the recent spring break. The young busker said she hoped to earn enough money to buy new strings for her violin.



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Antiques Roadshow 2001: Fundraiser entertaining

by Judy Harper

The Antiques Roadshow 2001 was deemed a success by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW). The organizers were able to contribute \$500 from the proceeds towards a scholarship for a graduating Gulf Islands Secondary School student, and the 120 ticket holders who went to watch and to have their treasures appraised had an entertaining and informative day.

Al Bowen (of Bowen and Associates Museum and Estate Appraisers in Coquitlam) is never at a loss for words when it comes to antiques and collectibles. Every piece tells a story, whether valuable or not. Everyone who brought a piece to be appraised had some family history to relate.

There were a few pleasant surprises: the Japanese carved ivory figurine which was once used for modest Japanese ladies to in-

diccate to a doctor where they were feeling discomfort carried an insurable price of \$1,200 to \$1,500; the tiny deck of hand-painted playing cards which, Bowen said, were probably produced before the four colour press became affordable for the average person; the Japanese eggshell porcelain set, bought at an auction for \$25, valued at \$450; the tiny sundial with a miniature working canon, circa 1800 to 1850.

Bowen's passion for and knowledge of the world of antiquities was contagious. Everyone left feeling that they had learned a thing or two, and a yen to hit the thrift stores and flea markets in search of unexpected treasure.

The Canadian Federation of University Women of Salt Spring, who sponsored this unique event, hopes it will continue as a yearly happening.

Fulford Hall needs funds

by Harry Burton

If you attend the flea market at Fulford Hall this Saturday, March 31, you'll also support the hall and local entrepreneurs. This Flea Market, which runs from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., is an example of the type of community efforts which make the Fulford Hall so successful. And indeed, the hall is looking very good these days. It is not fancy, but very functional.

Some interesting Fulford Hall facts:

- No one is paid wages to run the hall; it is run by a group of hard working, dedicated volunteers.

- The Hall is there for the community to use. It's FREE to over one-third of users, especially events related to children.

- This is the third Fulford Hall to sit on that site; the original was built about 1921.

- Drummond Park, also managed by the Fulford Hall, had a new sea wall installed last year to prevent further erosion of the bank. It looks great.

In June 1999, the Fulford Hall director decided to purchase a three-acre parcel ad-

joining the hall for \$127,000. Looking to the future, it was the correct decision.

Now the job of paying off the debt is underway. With lots of hard work, many events and many donors, the amount owing on the hall as of March 1, 2001 is now down to \$61,000.

You can help pay off the land debt by becoming a friend of Fulford Hall. We will invite everyone to the mortgage burning party. Donations, which are tax deductible, may be made to Fulford Hall - Land Acquisition and sent to:

Marie Teitge (Treasurer), 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1Z4. Marie may be reached at 653-4811, 653-2007, or teitge@saltspring.com. Both major food stores on the Island donate one per cent of gross sales to charities. To direct your contribution towards the Fulford Hall, simply tell your Thrifty Foods cashier to use #100 or drop your Ganges Village Market cash register tape in the Fulford Hall slot on your way out. Thank you from all the users of the Fulford Hall.

Fulford Days needs your help this year

The Fulford Day Society needs help. Society Director John Nicolson said the Society is looking for people to stand for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting, being held toward the end of May.

"We've always had a tremendous number of volunteers," he said, "but very few willing to be directors. We're looking for at least a couple of people this year."

"We're also looking for a president," he added, explaining that Frank Desipio, who has served as president for the past six years, has resigned the post.

Another loss to Fulford Day is Mona Warren's decision not to continue as the "pie lady," a post she has held for 12 years, since the first Fulford Day.

Nicolson also said the Society has recently finished dispersing the profits from last year's Fulford Day. A total of \$6,000 was handed out: \$1,000 to Beaver Point Hall, \$500 to the Little Red Schoolhouse, \$1,000 to Treefrog Daycare, and \$1,000 for the Fulford Elementary School's visiting artists

programme.

Work on the Stowell Lake float and sand for the beach will take \$1,500, \$500 will be used to rebuild the vandalized Drummond Park BBQ, and \$1,000 will be used to replace the booths used during Fulford Day itself.

Nicolson said the booths will be replaced by tents, which are lighter and easier to set up and tear down.

Following the May AGM, the Society will immediately start planning for this year's Fulford Day, set for August 11.



Clowning around at Fulford Days, 2000.

Fair kick off tonight

by Dayle Gaetz

Tonight, Tuesday, March 27 is the first meeting of Fall Fair co-ordinators, assistants, and volunteers, both new and old. The meeting is upstairs at the Farmers Institute at 7:30 p.m. Volunteer Liaison Co-ordinator Marguerite Lee encourages anyone interested in helping out with next September's Fall Fair to attend the meeting.

New this year is "a whole set of slides from all over," from small country fairs to big city exhibitions, according to Lee. She hopes that viewing these slides at the meet-

ing will stimulate new, exciting ideas as well as help volunteers learn what works and what does not work as the planning gets under way.

Lee said there are many volunteer roles to fill and she will be happy to assist people in matching their interests with jobs that need doing. Some jobs will be ongoing over the six months leading up to the Fair, while others will be limited to the actual days of the Fair itself.

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Violence prevention priority in schools

The School Board has held itself accountable for informing the public of School District 64's progress in instituting and incorporating violence prevention programmes. Students learn best in an atmosphere that is safe and encouraging. We hope that all students will learn peaceful ways to resolve conflicts, and to develop healthy relationships. School District 64 is proud of our contributions toward healthier and safer communities.

Fernwood Elementary School violence prevention initiatives are very pro-active, according to Principal Richard Bennett. Firebirds, student peer helpers, co-ordinate lunchtime activities. Students showing random acts of kindness are rewarded with certificates that bring the whole school together in appreciation of their good behaviour.

Every class has its own form of discussion circle, and with the general guidelines of "respect—yourself and others," very few incidents of violence have occurred. Five staff members attended a recent Restorative Justice/Restitution Workshop in Parksville.

At Fulford Elementary School, Principal Judy Raddysh reports that the school's positive atmosphere is enhanced by the policy of zero tolerance for violence and bullying. Staff and students send a clear message to those who might choose to bully: "That's not what we do at Fulford School."

The Fireflies leadership group is trained in positive, supportive peer skills and is involved in all aspects of school service. All students have a voice in how the school runs, with weekly class meetings and whole school meetings, where acts of kindness are celebrated. School rules adopted in September included: Be Kind and Caring.

Nancy McDonald, Principal of Gulf Islands Senior Secondary, reports that as part of the programme funded by a federal grant awarded to SVOVA in partnership with District 64, all grade nine and eleven students are participating in workshops on developing healthy relationships.

The school violence prevention policy states: "The school is to be seen as a society where the individual, both student and adult, can be free from incidents of a violent nature, threats, harassment, or intimidation. If the school is to foster a climate of co-operation and mutual benefit, allowing the individual the fullest possible opportunities, then it is also imperative that the school community be a physically and emotionally safe place."

A strong counselling staff, as well as well-trained peer counsellors, provides an atmosphere of respect and caring.

Rineke Jonker, Principal at both Phoenix High and Elementary Schools reports that there is a zero tolerance for violence policy at Phoenix

High. Students have daily meetings where they can bring up issues, including those about violence. The students and staff work together to solve any problems they may be having with each other. Teachers include violence prevention in their daily lesson planning and form discussion groups as the need arises.

At Phoenix Elementary, there is also a zero tolerance policy for violence. There are ongoing discussions at the classroom level and violence prevention is also part of the curriculum. The guiding principle is: We respect bodies, feelings, things, and our learning.

According to principal Bob Brownsword, Salt Spring Elementary School encourages Grade 4 and 5 students to take part in a leadership programme that trains them to help solve disputes.

Staff and parents are meeting with respect to Effective Behavioural Support (EBS). The youth and family counsellor has been working on bullying prevention with groups of students and individual classes. The staff is using the programme Easy Discipline, which allows for the identification of problem areas before they develop.

"At Salt Spring Elementary School, we respect the right of everyone to live and learn in a safe and secure environment," stated principal Brownsword.

see VIOLENCE p21

Manzanita:

Shrub on the mount



Life in the garden ...
with Joe Clemente

Over the past couple of years I've written many different articles on various plant species. Whether the plants are native or not, I believe all species have a right to grow here if our climate permits them to do so. There is one native species that has been on my mind for some time now, and just the other day a customer asked me about this species. I'm not quite sure if I've written about this particular plant before, but if I have this will refresh your memories.

I'm sure some of you have heard of our Island's own Hairy Manzanita or *Arctostaphylos columbiana*. This is a beautiful little evergreen shrub that sometimes can be found growing in groves. It is usually found growing on rocky slopes or dry sunny spots at higher elevations. There are many specimens to be seen while

hiking up Mt. Erskine or at the top of Mt. Maxwell.

It is quite a bushy plant, with reddish-brown bark that flakes and peels. The leaves aren't all that big, and they are a greyish-green colour. They are quite hairy on the undersides, as are the young twigs.

Manzanita also produces small, white to pinkish urn-shaped blooms that hang in clusters. The fruit is almost coffee-coloured, and is said to be edible. The berries are quite mealy, and were once eaten by some Native people. I don't recommend this, though. I've heard the flavour of these berries in nothing to write home about, and eating too many is probably not all that good for you.

Next time you're hiking up the side of one of our Island's higher elevations, see if you can spot one of these beautiful native shrubs!

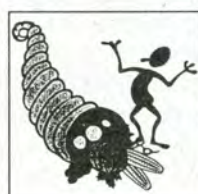
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1 cup chopped onion
2 tbsp. Curry powder
2 cups diced potatoes
salt, minced cilantro (optional)

Heat oil in a heavy-bottomed soup pot and sauté onion until soft. Add garlic and curry and cook for a minute or so, stirring constantly. Add stock, potatoes, and cauliflower. Cook until vegetables are tender. Puree soup in batches and return to pan. Salt to taste and re-heat. Serve garnished with cilantro.

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Community gathers weekly

by Helani Davison

The United Church holds a community gathering every Thursday evening for all ages and sectors of the community. At 5:30 p.m., an informal potluck is enjoyed by children and seniors alike. Afterwards there is a one-hour programme, which focuses on ethical and spiritual concerns.

Many of these sessions are based on the 52 virtues outlined in Linda Kavelin Popov's book *The Virtue Project*. The virtues are sometimes acted out in light-hearted or word association.

Interesting guests have attended the gathering. Allan Mobrae, for instance, brought a mixture of folk songs and led sing-alongs. At another session, members of the Jewish community shared a meal celebrating Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, and spoke of the meaning and traditions of that holiday. Another evening featured a demon-

stration and talk by members of a Tai Chi group. This week Jill Harris will give a lecture on Native issues and spirituality.

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Violence

cont'd from p20

At Salt Spring Island Middle School, principal Kevin Vine is pleased to report that the following activities are part of the school programs: training and implementation of the EBS system which includes focusing on positive behaviour; a modification of the Virtues Project called Bringing Out the Best in our Kids; and the SWOVA project which requires that all grade seven and eight students receive up to 12 hours of workshops on developing positive interpersonal relationships.

The staff confronts the bullying and violence issues head-on, and does what is necessary and appropriate to guarantee that unacceptable behaviour ceases. The SIMS school rule focuses on Respect: you, me, things, learning.

Kevin stated that "the whole school community universally understands these rules."

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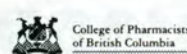
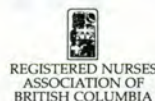
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Salt Spring FC 2, Cowichan 0



Sidelines...

with Alan Webb

Salt Spring FC is one win away from a trip to the Vancouver Island Challenge Cup Final after a 2-0 win Sunday against Cowichan at Portlock Park.

FC signalled early on that they were in form and ready to take advantage of the home pitch and a persistent destabilizing wind.

Jesse Fisher curled a warning shot just over the bar from a free-kick in the second minute. Moments later, a Fisher cross forced a superb defensive header from Cowichan's Chuck Seymour, only to have the clearance fall to FC's Pete Aust. Aust lifted a testing cross to the far post for Fisher who flicked on for Harrison Jason standing alone next to the left post.

Jason had enough time to say "thank you very much" before roofing the ball for a 1-0 FC lead.



Cowichan and Salt Spring in a tussle.

Cowichan was clearly reeling in the face of FC's relentless pressure. As the home-side confidently stroked the ball around the field opening up lanes for attack, the visitors retreated to absorb the pressure. The hedges on at the back of the tennis courts took quite a beating as Duncan neared some sort of record for conceding throw-ins.

And good strategy it was, too, since every ball hit out of the back between the touch-lines was won by FC and quickly turned to attack.

No one in away black seemed to want to challenge FC defenders Aust, Walde, Brousseau, and Wellington in the air, and passes played out of the back on the ground invariably found Hackett, Fisher, Byron, and Chris Jason in midfield.

Hackett nearly doubled the score from a

one-timer from a Fisher corner stemming from some suffocating FC pressure.

Cowichan's only positive run forward in the first half ended in a timely Aust clearance after some superb marking by the FC elder statesman on defense. The more so because the run of the play had deprived the FC backline of having to deal with any sort of attack up to that time.

FC ended the half with another near miss. Brousseau hit a ball out of the back, freeing Harrison Jason one-on-one. Jason tried to turn his defender for a shot himself but, failing that, crossed to Mark Nordine who nearly pulled the ball back into the net from a tight angle.

Being down by only one at the half was something of a reprieve for Cowichan, and this and having the wind at their backs for the second half provided some drama.

Suddenly FC keeper Jonathan McDonald, a spectator for 45 minutes, found himself the centre of much of the action. McDonald did very well to tip a looping ball over the net five minutes in.

But Cowichan keeper Scott Davison was called upon to perform the same task shortly afterward on a Zoltan Kodaly shot.

While McDonald controlled the FC side of the pitch Cowichan struggled to contain Harrison Jason up front.

As every Cowichan attack ended in the possession of McDonald, the FC keeper used his remarkable kicking ability to find Jason deep into the visitor's area. Even against the bracing wind McDonald was able to push Duncan deep into their box.

As a result the visitor's defence was constantly preoccupied by Jason when they would have been more useful pushing forward.

Jason was inches away from putting the game beyond reach on several occasions before his brother Chris accomplished the feat, deftly heading in a Brousseau freekick with twelve minutes to play.

The younger Jason headed against the post to end the game after a near miss by Jude Shugar. The final whistle signified a time of restrained celebration for the Windsor Plywood men, and sets up a final hurdle to their quest to repeat as Challenge Cup champions.

Next Sunday, 2:15 p.m. at Portlock Park, FC faces Port Alberni for a crucial semi-final match. The winner will play at Royal Athletic Park in Victoria on April 7.

FC, reigning champions and well-schooled in clutch matches, must surely hold the advantage. Especially if the already large contingent of FC supporters is bolstered by new recruits. History is for the making folks. Come out and support your team.



Salt Spring's FC beat Cowichan 2-0 on Sunday at Portlock Park.

Crouse takes lead back

Seventeen golfers participated in this month's Spring Series #5 Disc Golf Tournament, which was held on March 25. Thirty-six holes of disc golf were played on the suspended tonal pole course.

As these tournaments progress, the top local player changes each month. This time, Dean Crouse took back the lead with a score of 97. The absence of Seth Burton and many other contenders may have resulted in a weaker competition for him.

Thanks go to Tanya VanGinkel for donating her earnings (\$5) to the Salt Spring Is-

land Disc Golf Association (SSIDGA) once again. The money will go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the existing course. Thanks also go out to tournament director Dean Crouse.

Possible proposal(s) for new courses at Peter Arnell and Duck Creek parks are being worked on.

Next month, come and play in the Spring Series #6 Disc Golf Tournament on Sunday April 21. For more information on tournaments and disc golf contact, Dean Crouse at 537-1009 or discgolfdan@hotmail.com.

Advanced (8)

1. Dean Crouse (97) \$22—best local
2. Andrew McLean (99) \$13
3. Reynard Graham (100) \$5
4. Eric Donnelly (106)
5. Matthew (107)
6. Nic Futter (108)
7. Dennis Murray (110)
8. James Nicol (111)

Masters (5)

1. Paul Linton (100) \$15
2. Derek Lundy (108) \$7
3. Michael Lees (112) \$3
4. Fritz Arnold (112)
5. Mike Meyer (118)

Women (2)

1. Tanya VanGinkel (123) \$5
2. Brook (132)

1st time in a tournament

Novice (2)

1. Lucan (156)
2. Dylan (173)

1st time in a tournament

This time, there were 3 Acepot winners worth \$ 20: Nic Futter (Ace #7), Derek Lundy (Ace #11), and Dennis Murray (Ace #11); each player received \$6.

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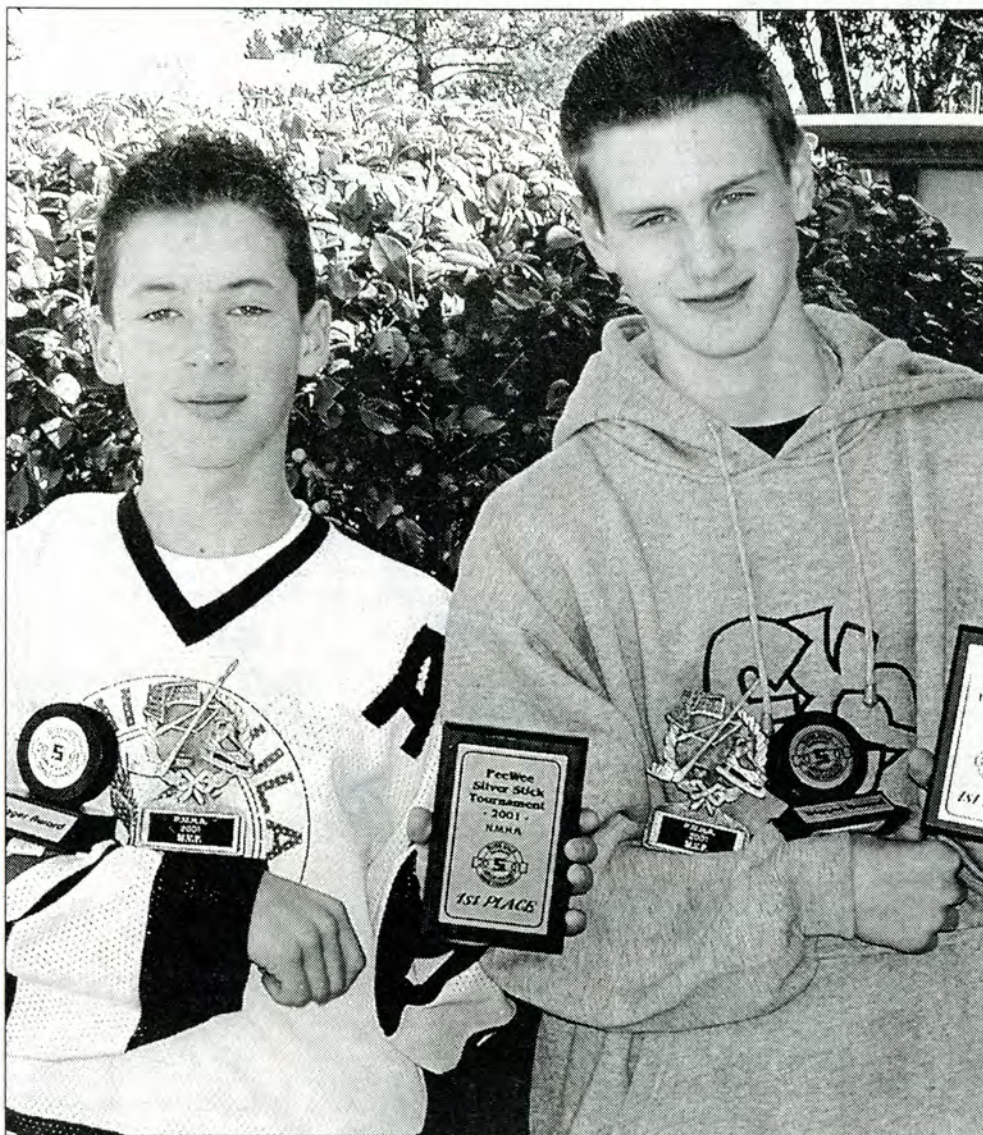
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David Pukhy, left, and Aaron Rainsford show off their awards.

Dynamic duo wins tournament

David Pukhy and Aaron Rainsford, both 13 years old, have just won the Pee Wee Silver Stick Tournament in Naniano with their team, the Peninsula Eagles. The Eagles have been undefeated all season, and won the tournament 11-3, making them the regional champions.

Both of these boys have also won Most Valuable Player awards this year. Pukhy leads the district with a 73 goals in 25 games record. Rainsford follows with a record of 28 goals in 25 games. He had his first

skating lesson in July, 2000 and has been recognized as the most-improved player this year.

Having played together on the number one line they have shared numerous assists with each other and their team-mates. Pukhy has also been playing with the Bantam team (14- to 16-year-olds), helping them win 5-0.

Both boys have been commuting off-Island two to three times a week to the Panorama Recreation Centre in Sidney, which is the home of their team.



From Down the Alley... with Chip Chipman

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Bowl-a-thon for Greenwoods:

Fundraiser a success

The third annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser for Greenwoods was held on Thursday, March 15 at Kings Lane Recreation centre. Four teams of five bowlers participated: the Super Seniors, skipped by Marg Baker; the Quirky Quilters, skipped by Gwyn Strike; the Greenwoods Geezers, skipped by Don Hartwig; and the Spitfires, skipped by Ben Cooper.

As usual, the fun started with Bowling Bingo which was won by the Spitfires. Everyone was a winner, though, because Ellen Karpinski (co-organiser of the event and chair of the Greenwoods Publicity and Fund Raising committee) had secured prizes for all participants through the generosity of the merchants and artists of Salt Spring. The winning team got to choose

their prizes first.

Ken Strike, who initiated the event, had hoped to raise \$2,000 from pledges given by sponsors. Averaged out, this meant \$100 per bowler or \$500 per team. Strike was delighted when pledges slightly exceeded that figure this year. When the last pledges are collected, the residents of Greenwoods will benefit from the \$2,067 that was raised.

Chip Chipman continued the generous practice of the recreation centre's previous owner by donating the use of the lanes for this event. This was truly a volunteer effort, made possible through the generosity of all the individuals who supported the bowlers with pledges.

For further information contact, Ken Strike at 537-4743 or strike@saltspring.com.

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2 Toronto.....	701	67
3 Rangers.....	687	87
4 Greenwoods.....	686	89
5 Paint Plus.....	683	83
6 Islanders.....	675	65
7 Schure-Thing.....	657	69
8 Hosers.....	633	82
9 Nads.....	620	48
10 Dallas.....	616	67
11 Sleepers.....	612	75
12 Buffalo.....	575	72
13 Edmonton.....	565	71

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4 Philadelphia.....	675	73
5 Edmonton.....	655	69
6 Ottawa.....	653	79
7 Toronto.....	634	69
8 Atlanta.....	620	86
9 Phoenix.....	614	81
10 Buffalo.....	603	47
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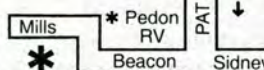
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR on line! For a complete calendar of coming events check out the Barnacle Community Calendar at SaltSpringCalendar.com or visit our website at DailyBarnacle.com. 1301

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'CLIMATE CHANGE' video (by expert) available Island Star - Sequel, now; library - next week. Complimentary. Please copy, distribute information. Sue 653-2072. 1301

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FABULOUS FLEAMARKET. Proceeds of table rental donated to Fulford Hall Land Acquisition Fund. 11 am - 3 pm. Saturday, March 31 at Fulford Hall. Food available. Table rental \$15 - prepaid only. Info 537-5482. 1301

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Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday
April 25, 2001
7:00 p.m.
- CLUBHOUSE -
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Debbie Cade,
Secretary to the Board
140.1301

If you have a nose for news, then see what's happening with legal, personal, and business notices, lost and found, cards of thanks, & community events in the Barnacle classifieds.

BARNACLE CLASSIFIEDS
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140 • COMING EVENTS

Buying Books

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145 • COMMUNITY SERVICES

DIAL-A-PRAYER - 537-4734. An interfaith recording by the United Church, 111 Hereford Ave., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T3. The pre-recorded message changes regularly. 1301

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICES MEETINGS

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From the Bahá'í Writings

The well-being of mankind, its peace and security are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established. So powerful is the light of unity, that it can illuminate the whole earth.

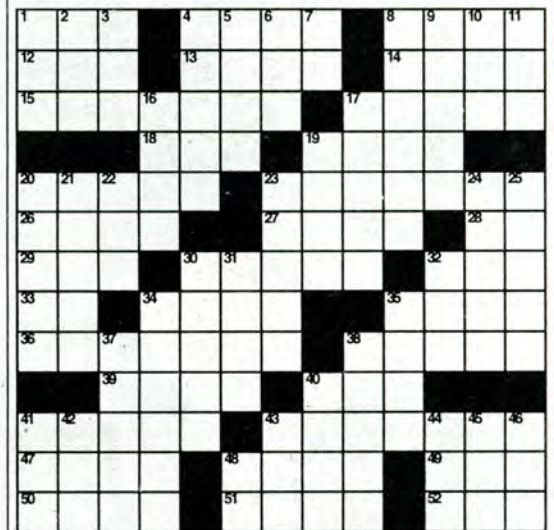
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Canadiana Crossword

Canadian Contrasts



ACROSS

- 1 Roman God
- 4 Low _____, Northwest Territories
- 8 Asian nation
- 12 Copy
- 13 Run amok
- 14 Flat fish
- 15 Contend
- 17 High _____, Manitoba
- 18 Affirmative
- 19 Platter
- 20 Lewis Carroll character
- 23 West _____, Nova Scotia
- 26 Cold _____, Alberta
- 27 Female deer
- 28 Rhenium symbol
- 29 Shoe size
- 30 East _____, Manitoba
- 32 Sheep sound
- 33 Tory party, for short
- 34 Belch
- 35 White _____, British Columbia
- 36 Banff Hot _____, Alberta
- 38 Sire
- 39 Black
- 40 Civic pol.
- 41 Prima donnas
- 43 Little _____, British Columbia
- 47 German river
- 48 Ireland
- 49 Play part
- 50 Conservative
- 51 North _____, Newfoundland
- 52 Hurry

DOWN

- 2 Military mailbox, for short
- 3 Radioactivity unit
- 4 Big _____, British Columbia
- 5 Small islands
- 6 "The Raven" author
- 7 And, in Abitibi
- 8 Black _____, Manitoba
- 9 City in Quebec
- 10 Lord Tennyson, to his pals
- 11 Napkin holder
- 16 Funeral pile
- 17 Small goose
- 19 Emaciated
- 20 Flat-handed blows
- 21 Civil rights org.
- 22 Alias
- 23 Poker player's requirement
- 24 Expunge
- 25 Slightest
- 30 Ruffians
- 31 Revelry
- 32 Sack
- 34 A kind of star system
- 35 Of the foot
- 37 South _____, Ontario
- 38 Tranquil
- 40 Song
- 41 Dorothy, for short
- 42 Artificial language
- 43 Cambrian or historic predecessor
- 44 Bravo!
- 45 Here, in Hauteville
- 46 Summer, in St. Agathe
- 48 What did you say?

1 Lake, in Laval

Answers on page 27

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150 • MEETINGS

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160 • MILESTONES

GUESS WHO'S

2 ?!?!
March 30, 2001



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Love from
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Anniversary**
April 2, 2001

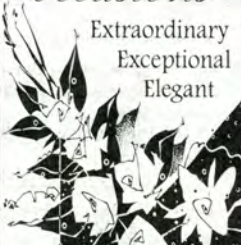
Longtime residents of Salt Spring, Mom & Dad focus on each other and a wide circle of friends. Have a wonderful day, and many more to come!

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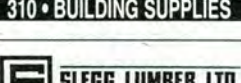
300 • ANTIQUES

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305 • APPLIANCES



310 • BUILDING SUPPLIES



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320 • COMPUTERS

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335 • FARM & GARDEN EQUIPMENT

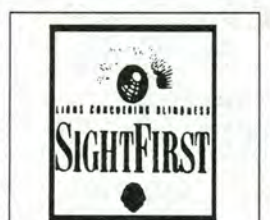
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CRAFTSMAN 5.5 HP mulching gas lawn mower with catcher, 1 year old. 4220. (new \$329). 1501

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Tip of the week:

There is a sassy saucy slither in the air. It must have something to do with the early spring sunshine treat. Mars in Sagittarius and Venus in Aries help! There is seasonal movement and action and also a lot of feeling things and one another and such, out. Inside, sweet dreams of friends and closeness everywhere vie with fears anchored in stale beliefs. The revolution of evolution is in full force. Like lightning bolts lighting up the night sky causing children to gasp and dogs to whimper and whine with everyone in awe of the power and beauty of nature, there is drama in the air. As Mahatma Ghandi once said, the true battle of the spiritual warrior is "always fought on the threshold of the heart". Whether we are conscious and flowing or unconscious or blocked, the current of cause and effect is carrying us all. Everything that is happening now is the effect of previous causes. The causes we set in motion now will have their effect. Will it be reaction or response? Both are a choice. Enjoy this stormy little reprieve while it lasts, the big show has yet to begin when Mercury enters Aries on April 6. That will get the rattle of the snake's tail going! Until the Sun officially enters Taurus on April 19th this year, be in gratitude always and "handle your karmas gracefully". The snake is unpredictable and will strike without notice. Otherwise, everything should go as smooth as the skin on a snake's belly. No fooling!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You're off on a hop this week. The waxing New Moon in Aries has put chillies in the sauce! Part of your focus is still sleeping in, however. It may take until early April before the hop become a smooth trot. You're ability to move forward and backward is ideal now so practice both. Some might call it a forked tongue, others fickle, you... call it caution. Since you are a time-less energetic being, what is the rush? Hop until you trot hot and get up again if you drop.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) The snake is said to be associated with Taurus combined with a secondary influence from the next Earth Sign, Virgo. This puts your sign in a special spot light this year. With Venus, your ruling planet now retrograde in Aries, the sign of Venus's fall, you are challenged to re-evaluate your priorities. Your love for all people, and there is a line-up, is strong. Clarify your dreams and goals and assert

your right to achieve them. Negotiate for a new deal.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) The closer one

looks the more the smooth surface reveals its scales. And there are so many of them all in different colors. With God in all the details, it can be so hard to decide. Besides, variety, you know, the spice, is a perennial favorite. Yet, there is reason to take things seriously. Hopefully, you are open to support and guidance because it is available. The universe is conscious and does listen; actively helping those who help themselves help others.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Attention, General on the premises! Looks kind of serious. Efforts need to be doubled is the murmuring rumor. Unforeseen circumstances are the cause for a change in plans. Plans change, it is to be expected. More inquiry, research and strategy are required. The restructuring process will take time. A think tank is being assembled. Whew! The General is smiling now. He knew that the more recent maneuvers wouldn't last. He's ordering a retreat to re-organize.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) The Lion is on the prowl. Yet, it is not so much prey that prompts his gait as it is the feeling that something big is about to happen. It can be felt in the blood and bones. Instincts seldom lie. There is reason to be light footed. It is all very exciting and perhaps scary. Some returns are certain along with a clearer awareness of what is destined to change. The real shift should occur in late April. It is time to move to higher ground.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) A passionate pulse is running through your veins. So many decisions to make and many options are available. The inner voice knows what is best but it is a challenge to listen and hear clearly. Beyond personal momentums, the choices of others are having major impacts. Blessings are in their wake yet may not be recognized until late May. Significant shifts will characterize the plot. The new orders will arrive in September. Meanwhile, dance and shake with the moving rhythms.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) The heat is on and it is not only coming off of others. Adventure and travel in mind and body is keeping you busy. From Olympus to earth where mere mortals roam, and everywhere in between, is there no end to your imagination? Wild is a mild term, electrifying is more like it. It is fun to be a fool in the Sun when everyone

else is in the mood to be a fool too. After all, isn't it the fool who is wise not to worry. Still, look before you leap off the edge, for now anyway.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) Along with your body, it is your mind that needs to be cleansed as well. The metal in the snake this year pertains to the mind. Limiting beliefs inherited from mother and kin need to be shed along with the old skin. It is up to you to follow through with the guidance and assistance of others. This is more an opportunity than a command. However, negligence and avoidance will prove costly. Isn't the cultivation of your passion worth every ounce of your investments?

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) Acting upon independent assertions has a ring that satisfies the senses. While part of you is playful and bold, another part is hesitant. This is definitely a damper on the fire's flames. There is plenty of hot air about to sustain the blaze. It must be something other than intelligence that is keeping the roar duller than it might otherwise be. The wood must still be a bit wet. Enjoy what heat there is for now. The fires will be burning brightly again soon.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Sergeant serious reporting to task force, sir! Incoming communications from hidden sources inform that cultural overload is blocking updated orders. An elite task force has been deployed to take out the guard so that all agents can safely carry out their missions. It has been decided that the fears that the guards are protecting must be overcome. Be ready on the alert as the fears flare up. Otherwise, be at ease.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) The information war is directing your sights to the future. Never before has there been this much opportunity to learn new things. You are in the mood to take the initiative. You are willing to go against the current of the status quo as necessary. Not everyone agrees with all of your methods, however. You may feel defensive and reactive yet you recognize that there is always another way. Assess your options before you commit.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) The foundation of your whole identity structure is undergoing an overhaul. You will be called to work from the base up. Prepare to leap overboard and dive into the depths of your creative reservoir. There amidst the sand, stars and fish you will find a treasure waiting to be claimed. Expect to face some fears sneaking up suddenly like an eel. Sea snakes can be lethal yet must be dealt with before you can claim your prize. We all believe... you can do it!

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- be 19 years of age or over;
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Apply to: Census Area Manager
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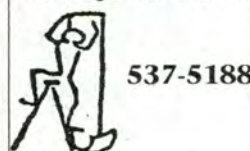
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