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Foot and Mouth Disease not expected here

By Alan Webb

It is sometimes difficult to reconcile the stark realities the outside world has to offer and the placid going-on-about-life we enjoy here in the Gulf Islands.

Visions of huge pyres of European livestock flash at us from our televisions whilst here, thousands of miles away—light years, we like to think—our own local fields are idyllic scenes of grunting pigs, burping sheep, and contentedly munching cows.

But given Salt Spring's reputation as an international tourism destination and what we have recently learned about the ease with which Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) spreads, could we be at risk of witnessing a similar mass slaughter of livestock here?

Salt Spring veterinarian Malcolm Bond is confident that the virus will not pay a visit to the Island. Though he cautions that FMD is an extremely contagious disease, he explained, "we probably won't see it in Canada because people are pretty careful now."

According to Bond, FMD is continually present in

most areas of the world. Only Japan and New Zealand have never reported an outbreak. Australia hasn't experienced one since 1872; the United States, 1929; and Mexico, 1954. Canada hasn't had an outbreak since 1952 and it was brought here, said Bond, by a German immigrant, a farm labourer, who carried with him an infected sausage that later found its way into pig swill.

That is in fact how an outbreak of FMD usually occurs, as it did this year in England. An infected scrap of meat in pig swill infects the pigs. "And pigs are [often] housed in barns with big exhaust fans, Bond explained, circling his arms above his head to indicate the size of the fans, and by inference, the amount of odour and airborne disease such fans would displace.

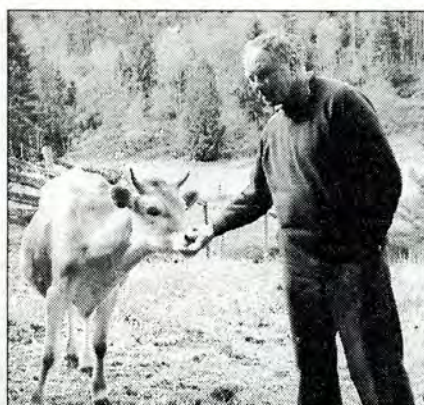
From there, the virus typically spreads by inhalation to cattle, and then herd to herd by wind. Wind-borne virus of sufficient strength to initiate infection may carry as far as 250 kilometres and it is believed the disease may leap across short distances of sea. One

outbreak in England is suspected to have been caused by wind-borne virus blowing across the English Channel.

FMD is rarely fatal except for very young or severely weakened animals, and has no effect on humans. However, humans do act as effective carriers of the disease. The virus has been found to be present in human nasal mucosa for up to 28 hours. Nose blowing does not eliminate the virus, nor do cotton face masks worn by workers on infected farms prevent its inhalation.

The disease is resistant to common disinfectants and the usual storage practices of the meat trade. In general, the virus is relatively susceptible to heat and insensitive to cold. FMD may persist for over a year in infected premises, 10-12 weeks on clothing and feed, and up to a month on hair.

But generally speaking, Bond believes strict regula-



Veterinarian Malcolm Bond with a healthy Salt Spring calf.

tions banning the carrying of meat and dairy products into the country and the disinfectant foot baths air travellers must currently pass through upon arrival is enough to stop the spread of FMD to Canada. As an extra precaution Bond suggests residents of rural areas returning from abroad remain in an urban area for 36 hours after returning to Canada. This he believes is sufficient caution to stop the spread of the virus to Canadian farms.

Bond thinks it far more likely Salt Spring could see an outbreak of Sore Mouth (contagious Ecthyma), a highly contagious and relatively common disease in sheep. "That, to me, would be the biggest concern. . . many farmers have seen Sore Mouth."

SS Elementary gets new look

By Joanne O'Connor

SS Elementary School is getting a face-lift. Recent visitors to the School may have noticed the appearance of a "Welcome" awning over the east entrance, and a black and white striped awning over the office window. These awnings are the first step in a new effort to brighten up the building.

The Parent's Advisory Council (PAC) is heading this rejuvenation project, which in the words of parent (and former student), Barb Woodley, "is only the beginning. . ."

Principal Bob Brownsword is also enthusiastic about the changes taking place. Eager to illustrate the imminent transformations, Brownsword gestured towards the pale brown walls and vacant courtyard. He painted a sweeping verbal picture of the new look; soft yellow walls, inviting benches and wrought iron flower boxes and trash receptacles.

The frayed blue awnings on the school's front will be replaced by black and white striped awnings. Already, flowers delight the senses along the base of the wall. The garden project, completed last year by students, succeeds in complimenting the bright childish figures that play on the walls above.

The PAC is focusing its efforts on the east wall to begin their project. As Barb Woodley explained, "The School is so lovely inside, the atmosphere is warm. We thought we'd try to make the outside just as inviting."

Black shutters with burgundy diamonds will flank the windows. Ken Marr of Windsor Plywood, also a former SSE student, has offered to donate the lumber. Artist David Halliwell will paint a new sign to grace the wall.

Keep watching SSE for other changes!



Principal Bob Brownsword

NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday the 24th day of April, 2001, at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

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Conservancy stresses lake preservation at AGM

By Joanne O'Connor

The Salt Spring Conservancy's AGM, held on April 10, highlighted many preservation success stories and outlined ambitious plans for future Conservancy endeavours. New board members Jean Gelwicks, Sam Lightman, Peter Lamb and Ruth Tarasoff, were elected by an overwhelming majority.

Treasurer Samantha Beare reported on the Conservancy's finances. Net donations totalled \$24,843, while donations "in kind" added up to \$20,700. The well-executed Stump Stomp raised a staggering \$23,350.

President of the Board, Maureen Bendick stated, "It's amazing to me how much dedication this Board has towards the Environment." She added that the Stump Stomp fundraiser reminded her of the Salt Spring of 35 years ago.

Bendick discussed land management plans, which provide an incentive to landowners to preserve and restore their land. Conservation covenants also help protect ecosystems by legally binding the landowner to an agreement with a particular land trust organization. As stated in Salt Spring Conservancy literature, "Normally, a

conservation covenant restricts uses, developments or practices which would damage the natural or cultural features of the land."

Through land management plans and conservation covenants, the Conservancy helped protect a 60 acre eco-forest and facilitate the restoration of a heritage farm. Reforestation plans and a Garry Oak restoration project have also been devised.

Bendick referenced the successful purchase of Lot 9 in the Maxwell Lake Watershed, calling it a "very critical purchase." The issue of watershed preservation threaded through the entire meeting. Bendick explained that the board had drawn up a two-year proposal on the protection of our drinking water supply. Environment Canada had agreed to fund the project, but only if matching funds were secured by the Conservancy.

Bendick regretfully informed her audience, "It didn't happen, which is very disappointing particularly with things so critical in the area of drinking water." The proposal may be scaled down and resubmitted.

"The things the Board has been involved in are not all headline grabbers," Bendick

said. She added that the process of education and conservation is often made up of several small persistent efforts. She closed with an expression of gratitude. "I thank you for coming, I thank you for caring."

Board member Gary Holman spoke about Texada Land Corporation. Using a colourful map, Holman outlined the areas owned by conservation organizations, and the land still at risk for development. Holman noted, "If we're going to protect those areas for the long run, we need conservation buyers."

Guest speaker and bee enthusiast, Rex Wellend, spoke about several commonly overlooked bee species. The audience responded with questions and expressed interest in building their own "bee houses".

Secretary Bob Weedon addressed the future of the SS Conservancy. "We are in the midst of what I think is Salt Spring's biggest transfer from private developmental land to public conservation land," Weedon stated.

A Scholarship Program is being instituted for deserving Grade 11 students demonstrating an interest in working in environmental-related fields. The Conser-

vancy is also looking to hire a part time employee to deal with some of the extra work.

A discussion ensued regarding the formation of a coalition between other groups on the Island. This coalition would unite efforts and help revise the Freshwater Lakes Stewardship Program proposal, hopefully thereby garnering the support of government funding.

Holman predicted, "If we're going to do anything effective, we must compromise. And it's not a compromise in the long run, since it's good for the whole."

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FTAA activists receive strong endorsement

By Michelle Grant

Quebec-bound protesters Melanie Furman and Jonathan Le Drew were given enthusiastic support at last Thursday's send-off potluck at Mahon Hall. Well wishers brought food, money, and good luck gifts for the activists. People's Summit organizer Bob Wild was clearly delighted with the number of people (75) who expressed concern over the FTAA talks by gathering in the historic hall to share a meal, make protest signs, and help complete planning for the rally next Saturday in Centennial Park.

Maggie Ziegler has been following the issue of globalization, free trade and NAFTA with great concern, as has John Wilcox, also known as Johnny Canuck, agrees. In 1988, he drove across Canada in a 1941 Chevy to raise national attention to the original free trade agreement. Today, he passes the torch to young people like Furman and Le Drew in the hope that they, along with the thousands of others descending on Quebec, can make a difference.

"I'm here because I want the world to be here for my grandchildren," says Judith Boel. "I just can't stand our federal government taking away the rights of people to protest peacefully, in order to protect their status with global corporations."

Activist Furman echoes similar sentiments around

privilege. "Living in North America, where it isn't illegal to protest, means I want to use that [right] in the best way that I can." Furman said she believes it's important to have as many people there as possible. She's looking forward to connecting with union people, a group she doesn't have much contact with on Salt Spring. "I think it will be really powerful to be with so many people that disagree with the FTAA." Furman admits to being scared but feels it will be a lot scarier if the FTAA goes through. "I don't plan to be in the front line or to go over the wall [the police have erected a three-metre security fence] but it's hard to say. I'm staying open, not going with many expectations." Although Furman is not planning to be arrested, she has taken the precaution of setting up a support system, just in case.

Videographer LeDrew made up his mind to go after hearing of Furman's plans at the Texada Town Hall meeting. He said he's deeply concerned about human rights issues and freedom of speech which he feels are threatened by agreements like the FTAA. "I'll be taking my camera, bearing witness. I want to show that Canadians are taking this seriously."

In preparation for the protest, Furman attended a weekend workshop at the James Bay Community centre, organized by author

and activist Starhawk. Furman will be reconnecting with some of the participants later this week in Quebec City.

Islanders wishing to participate in the People's Summit rally this Saturday are asked to gather at 11 a.m. at Centennial Park for a protest march. A People's Summit manifesto will be read and forwarded to the government following the rally. Patrick Brown of Islands Tides, and local NDP and Green Party candidates will be among those addressing the rally.

A petition will be available for signature along with handouts and there will opportunity for people to express their opinions regarding the FTAA in a Hyde Park-like Speakers' corner.



John Wilcox and Melanie Furman

Michelle Grant photo

Islanders plan Earth Day celebration

The first Earth Day, launched in the U.S.A. in 1970, heralded the birth of the environmental movement. International Earth Day was initially celebrated on April 22, 1990. Now, according to the Earth Day Canada website, (www.earthday.ca), "500 million people in over 164 countries stage events and projects to address environmental issues," and celebrations extend for an entire Earth Week.

Here on Salt Spring, Islanders can attend the Tenth Annual Interfaith Earth Day Celebration, scheduled at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, in the high school multi-purpose room. Organizer Matthew Coleman described the event as being, "planned by the community of faiths to celebrate the sacredness of the earth and a common commitment to its preservation with the theme, *The Water of Life*."

The interfaith event was started ten years ago under the auspices of then United Church minister Barry Cook. Buddhist, Wiccan, Jewish, Christian, and Baha'i faiths are included this year as well as Yogis and Sufis. Coleman said, "The earth is the common meeting ground for the different faiths."

The Interfaith Earth Day will focus on environmental issues of concern to Islanders. Last year's event focused on trees, and this year's event focuses on water. Tom Wright, with a background in geology and teaching, whom Coleman calls, "a true expert on water," will speak about the danger

of degradation and loss of the earth's water." Coleman plans to have on hand "water from the sacred well of the natives of Salt Spring." The well is located on private property and the owner wishes to remain anonymous. Its location, according to Coleman, is known to First Nations people all over Vancouver Island, who consider it sacred. Coleman provided a tantalizing clue regarding the well's location. Apparently, you can see three islands from the site.

Entertainment planned for the Earth Day celebration includes a harpist and songs and prayers contributed by the faith groups, Salt Spring's Women of Note choir, and a group of twenty dancers from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Referring to the recent destruction of ancient Buddhist statues by the government of Afghanistan, Coleman said, "So often people with different faiths end up destroying each others' sacred places and images and even killing one another. We feel that it is so very important to find a common ground to share so that we can come to realize that we are more alike than different."

This Earth Day celebration will look at worldwide themes and the important local environmental issue of water quality. He said that conch players will sound the opening of the event. To find the way, just listen for the conch shell.

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Salt Spring Island's best-kept secret

By Peggy Abrahams

Last week, the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) a cappella choir travelled to Vancouver to participate in the Sea to Sky Festival, where it received excellent marks and glowing commendation.

In addition to performing before an audience and adjudicators, participating choirs all have in-depth sessions with an expert adjudicator who evaluates all aspects of the singing. The nuances of technique, production, interpretation, and presentation are all examined in depth. As a chaperone for this school trip, I was lucky to spend time with 28 delightful high school kids, my son included, and see the performances of our choir as well as several others.

The choir performed three numbers recently added to its repertoire, *Prayer for the Children*, arranged by Norm Wallen, the traditional spiritual *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*, arranged by Peter Knight,

and the folksong, *Sing a Song of Sixpence*, rewritten by John Rutter. GISS music director Bruce Smith explained that he bases his choice of music first of all on what he likes. "I pick music I like and I think the kids would connect with, and if that works with the voices, it's a wonderful match."

It is clear, when watching and listening to the choir, that the students connect profoundly with the music. It's also obvious that they connect with Smith as well. Both *Prayer for the Children* and *Swing Low* are sad and complex pieces. The choir captured and emoted every nuance. The extraordinary voice of bass singer Aubrey Zacharias added a breathtaking solo to *Swing Low*. The playful *Sing a Song of Sixpence* is a multi-part arrangement sung in round, with tongue twisting quick paced lyrics. The choir sang it with finesse.

As each choir performed, their singing was recorded along with voice-over com-

mentary by one of the adjudicators. The tape will be played back at school later, as a learning tool. In addition, both adjudicators provided written comments, which in the case of our choir, seemed to focus on minor details. On the bus after the performance, grade 12 student Emily Hickford read the comments out loud. One adjudicator commented, "Vowels need to focus a little more. Tone is breathy because of somewhat shallow support. Focus the vowels and the tone will work even better. Excellent clarity and discipline... Just relax a little more. You sound great."

The other adjudicator wrote simply, "Some inconsistencies in steady tempo," and ended with the overall remark, "Wonderful choir. Salt Spring Island's best kept secret. Thanks for sharing with us."

As the choir students heard the remarks, they cheered. For them, the trip is a learning experience,

but it's also a fun excursion. "I think it was a success. Mr. Smith deserves a lot of credit. I think he did a wonderful job," Hickford said.

Jani Janzen added that what's most useful about participating in festivals is the opportunity to see the other choirs. "They're doing the same thing you are, but they may see it so differently."

Tangle Caron said that the festival experience is valuable because it's a chance to be in an environment outside school with all your friends. "Being involved in something like this where you're all working on a common goal and there's all this interesting energy."

Recently, Smith also has taken the GISS jazz choir, newly formed this year, and jazz bands to festivals.

Salt Spring audiences will have a chance to hear the choir, jazz choir, concert, and jazz bands at the GISS end-of-year concert for one night only, June 21, at ArtSpring.

Hospital workers reach tentative agreement

The Hospital Employees Union (HEU) reached a tentative agreement with management as of early last week, according to Lady Minto Hospital administrator Karen Davies. "Their executive has tentatively agreed, and now they have to go back to all their members for ratification. We'll hear in May," she said.

Meanwhile, the nurses are still carrying on their strike action, said Davies.



The circumstances surrounding this accident on Lower Ganges Road are under investigation. The collision occurred at approximately 11:21 a.m. on April 12. Aran Antonik, 18, the driver of the smaller car, was taken to hospital with extensive injuries. Johanna Murray, 39, in the other vehicle, was slightly injured.

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19	0255	10.2	23	0420	9.8
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Their best to us, at our worst

by Peggy Abrahams

This editorial is about vulnerability, vanity, and the kindness of two local ambulance attendants. On Sunday, I was talking on the telephone with Peggy Sidbeck, regarding production and layout for this issue of *the Barnacle*. I started to stand up from my seated position, and somehow wrenched my back. As the pain radiated, I tried to make my way to the kitchen counter for support. My 17-year-old son Shane ran into the kitchen in alarm. I must have blacked out for a few seconds, because I next became aware that his arm was around me, and he was on the phone with an ambulance dispatcher.

I thought, "surely this isn't necessary." I took the phone. But the dispatcher kindly promised, "We'll come quietly." He said they would not make a fuss and would just assess the situation and make sure I was all right.

I generally take my well-being for granted. It's shocking to confront how precarious it actually is. The simple act of navigating down the hall and getting into bed was a painful process. Then, suddenly, in spite of the pain, vanity kicked in. I realized that I was a mess. I was still in pajamas, and I'd been planning to wash my hair and take care of other grooming details. I said to Shane, "I'm embarrassed. I don't want the ambulance workers to see me like this." Shane's concern for me erupted into laughter. I started laughing too. Of course I was being ridiculous. Nevertheless, Shane indulged me, bringing me a few items to patch up my appearance.

Shortly after, I heard the ambulance pull into the driveway. Shane met the attendants at the door, and immediately, I felt relief. I could hear the conversation as Shane explained what had happened. The first thing the ambulance attendants did was to reassure him. Then they came to see me. They introduced themselves as Catherine and Therin. Catherine took my blood pressure. I don't remember ever having been treated more gently by a health care professional. At first, they wanted to transport me to the hospital for evaluation and treatment. They didn't rush me as I tried to decide whether to stay at home. After I demonstrated I was capable of standing up, I declined the trip to the hospital. The last thing Catherine said was, "We're not abandoning you. If you need us to come back later, just call."

Therin told me both she and Catherine had formerly worked in the Outer Islands, where they knew most of their patients, which perhaps explains their warm bedside manner. She also mentioned that the recent Hospital Employees Union action hadn't affected ambulance crews much because they provide essential services. It's reassuring to know such competent and caring people are always on call.

A day later, I'm able to sit, albeit in discomfort, at the computer and write this, so I'm recovering. And I'm grateful to Catherine and Therin for their kind attention to my son and me.



Cowboy up!

by Helani Davison

It took an outsider, a cowboy, to influence people on Salt Spring in a profound way. Lew Bryan, affectionately known as "cowboy Lew" came here to die. You see, he had cancer.

Leaving his state-side life in the fast lane as an accomplished mechanical engineer, rancher, and rodeo rider, Lew came to The Roasting Company a year and a half ago for coffee and conversation about everything, with everyone, every day. We all got to know him for his intelligence, charisma, and unique wit. In his signature cowboy hat, Lew had an unmistakable presence wherever he went. "He had a way of touching people's hearts without speaking a word," one of his coffee friends told me. In his remaining time, Lew found people to love who loved him and some young people to mentor who benefited from his kindness and wisdom.

Lew loved motorcycles too. His table of biker buddies was familiar to everyone. There he would sit, expounding on every aspect of biking. Some of his best times were with his friends working on their bikes. His entertaining stories and knowledge on any subject made Lew popular everywhere he went.

So they all came to RoCo last Sunday because, you see, Lew passed away at 52 on April 12 at Lady Minto Hospital with his mom, his sister, and his best girl at his side. And the Island shifted. We gathered together in the warmth of Lew's memory for coffee, conversation, and the best damned jamming you ever did hear. His favourite Stone Brothers played for him, Jack and Lefty, Annie, and more. Alan Moberg pulled it all together with his golden voice. It was a moving experience to see all those people basking in the spirit of Lew, while the country and western musicians churned out tunes about life on the range and romance, just the way Lew liked it. Yes, they all came; the music-makers, the intellectuals, the hippies, the bikers, and the horse-lovers to pay tribute to a man who touched them. His sister said it was the perfect send-off for the Island cowboy.

At the back of the café, an anonymous person had written these words on the notice board. "Death does not take the wise man by surprise. He is always prepared to leave." And so it was with Lew. He rarely talked about his illness or the pain he endured, focusing his attention on the people around him.

In a story he told me once about his

rodeo days, Lew described the critical moment when he would mount a wild bronco. As the gate man opened the gate, he would shout, "Cowboy up!" Meaning get ready for one hell of a ride. I asked him what his best ride was and what was his worst. "They were the same one." He told me. It was a metaphor for life, I thought.

When talk turned to the complexities of relationships, Lew had an explanation that suits me fine. "It all comes down to this." He said. "Does the little boy in me, get along with the little girl in you?"

If you think this commentary sounds biased, you are absolutely right. Because, you see, I was Lew's best girl. I'm proud to say that it was an honour to walk at Lew's side during his last year of life. It wasn't always easy. Sometimes, I told him, we are like two monoliths trying to waltz together. "The important thing is, do we want to keep on trying?" he would ask. The answer was always an unequivocal "yes."

Now, the crowds are gone, the music has stopped and I'm left alone, like others, thinking about tomorrow with an ache too deep to describe. It's time to "cowboy up!"

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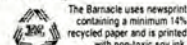
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Central Hall A.G.M.

The Save Central Hall Appeal of 1976 was to save the Hall from permanent closure. Today, the Appeal is to regain community involvement, to revitalize the membership. Participating in the Hall Society embodies the idea of community and participating can be a most fulfilling and rewarding experience. A number of vacancies will open on the board of directors of the Hall Society at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday April 21 at 2 p.m. Changes have been made to the constitution and bylaws in time for the A.G.M.

Remember the ruckus over the cinema seats, and the questionable procedure of the Society meetings, causing most of the board to resign? The present board members are replacements appointed by the resigning board of 1998. There have been two new appointments since then.

Returning to the new constitution, I would prefer to revise the original of 1976. The new one is open to abuse by pressure groups. An excerpt from the original reads, from part 2B: To provide a facility for the Old Age Pensioners Organization of Salt Spring Island. Remember, it was the O.A.P.O. funding that rebuilt the hall in 1976 as a seniors' centre.

May I suggest that members of the community attend the upcoming A.G.M. with a view to serving their Hall in an active way. Come out and support your Hall.

RON MILTON

Easter tea successful

A big thank you to all who came, bought, enjoyed, and donated to our Easter tea and bake sale on Saturday, April 7. Without your support we would not be able to continue our summer treat cheques to patients at Lady Minto's extended care unit and residents of Green-

woods, or to the food bank.

We also remember Central Hall, as we are very grateful to the executive members for allowing us the use of the lower hall for our activities.

The draw was won by Margaret Oldroyd.

ELVIE HISLOP

Thanks to Lynn at Thrifty's Foods

I suspect that I am not alone in occasionally adopting a smug pride when discussing with off-Islanders the character and attributes found upon the Gulf Islands. The temperature, climate, diverse scenery, exotic flora of course are standard fare; occasionally I'll read off a list of some of the famous or semi-famous alleged to live here.

Given that my own livelihood is enhanced by the personal wealth which finds attraction to the Islands, this description often takes an economic cast.

But this letter turns on an example of the real wealth in our community; the personal integrity of so many of those among us. Last Friday, while purchasing groceries through the express line at Thrifty's Foods, I paid with a debit card and requested \$20 cash as well. I signed the receipt for the cash and slipped the \$20 note into my left breast pocket—or so I thought. Later in the evening, when seeking to settle my tab at a local tavern I found myself short \$20. Had I spent it, lost it???

Saturday afternoon, once again at Thrifty's Foods, I casually asked the check-out person, Lynn, if an extra \$20 had turned up in the express till the night before. "No, but I found this on the floor—here it is!" and she pulled out the wayward bill with a note attached describing where it was found.

Now, in all honesty, is that not service?!?!? thank you, Lynn.

BRIAN HEYWARD

Listen up!

I thought the current NDP government supported the working people. After sitting in the gallery of the legislature on April 3, 2001, and listening as the NDP rejected the WCB bill that independent Rick Kasper put forth, I can see that the NDP does not support the little people any more.

I can now understand why the NDP does not support the people of Metchosin in their fight against rock quarries in residential areas. The NDP has shown that they have no interest in the working people any more. The NDP has not yet learned that if you abandon the working people you do so at your own peril. If the Premier and his colleagues would listen to the working people, the NDP would get more support.

ED COOPER

Nurse speaks out

As a registered nurse in B.C. since 1974, I have watched the present crisis develop over many years. It is time those in charge took responsibility for the bad decisions and lack of action that has led us to where we are today. Gary Moser and HEABC have consistently failed to act responsibly, ignoring nurses warnings over the past ten years; and are still in denial as to the seriousness of the nursing shortage. On behalf of HEABC, Moser continues to provoke confrontation and refuses to negotiate in good faith. As a result we are now into job action, leaving us to wonder what he and his staff are actually doing to justify their high salaries at taxpayers' expense. These bureaucrats should be accountable for their intransigence and provocative statements to the media. Gary Moser's confrontational approach has angered nurses to the point where there is no way we will back down. Arbitration will almost inevitably be required yet again, at great expense. The public de-

serves better and is entitled to know how much of our money this arrogant and ineffective bargaining team is paid for refusing to negotiate.

We can be legislated back to work, but government has no power to keep us in this province if we do not receive competitive wages. Many nurses will be deciding based on these negotiations whether to leave B.C. for Alberta, Ontario, or the U.S. Moser's and Ujjal Dosanjh's statements that the loss of nurses to other provinces and the U.S. is a myth, is simply untrue. The trickle is fast becoming a flow, and the effect on the system will be even worse than just losing nurses who leave. It will also include losing more nurses to stress, long term disabilities, and early retirement as working within the system becomes even more demanding.

I know personally what type of strain we are under. In the past few months it has become much worse, and is reaching the breaking point for many of us. No amount of patronizing rhetoric from HEABC nor the premier will change that. We nurses know the public is solidly behind us. Most British Columbians believe we are worth whatever we are paid. To attract and retain top quality nurses, who are in demand all over the world, we must be at or near the top in compensation. That is how free enterprise works, and we are no longer prepared to be taken for granted. A 95.5 per cent strike vote shows how serious we are. Obviously HEABC and government are not getting it. If they are to get the message, people need to let our Health Councils and politicians know how they feel. Perhaps then we can avert the disaster that is looming over the system! If quality health care matters to you, it is time to speak out.

COLLEEN MACKENZIE,

RN



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, the Monkey Temple in Kathmandu, Nepal, with a population of approximately one million.

Throughfare Roulette

Request to be put in an inside lane? Has Drew Thorburn actually tried that?!! As one of those moms who often travels with young children, I understand that there is NOTHING more important than making that Salt Spring connection, lest I face the task of entertaining my (normally cheerful and pleasant) children, tired from a long day travelling; bored, cold and cranky in the waning light of day.

So I tried it. I asked the nice lady at the ticket booth if she could help me get an inside lane because I was trying to make a connection to Salt Spring. She looked at me somewhat dubiously and suggested I speak to the boarding staff. It was my turn to be dubious, because I know that every time I board a ferry (friends who have travelled with me will attest to this phenomenon) I am always directed to an outside lane.

I know you don't believe me, but I've watched the behaviour of the boarding staff. Usually they will sport a slightly furrowed brow as

they consider which lane to put each vehicle, but when they see me, their brows clear, a flicker of relief crosses their face and they quickly and exuberantly point to the outside lane. Left side or right side depends solely on which one empties last.

Anyway, on this occasion, the boarding fellow saw me coming, pointed to the outside lane, and then turned his back and walked away from me. Knowing that it would be next to impossible to get to an inside lane once I had already parked in an outside lane, I boldly drove up the inside lane and figured I would reason with the ferry boarder when he turned around.

Ha! I was like a red flag to a bull! "What the f%\$# do you think you're doing," he shouted as he strode toward me at a menacing gait. (Remember I have my two boys, seven and three, with me in the front seat). "I'm trying to make the connection to Salt Spring," I started, adrenaline coursing through my bloodstream at an alarming rate. "It makes a difference of THREE HOURS if I don't make it!"

see MAILBOX p8

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MAILBOX cont'd from p7 But, no. He was mad and, worse, he had power. "You can't just park wherever the f%\$# you want..." and he raised his arm to point firm-

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ly toward the outside lane. At a loss for words, I could only wail, "But I have children..." He glared at me, his arm fixedly pointing at the outside lane. So I reversed, pulled my truck into the outside lane, and parked, taking slow deep breaths, trying to control my rage in front of my boys.

I gave up. A week later, after a long day driving around Vancouver, one of those days everything goes wrong, I arrived in plenty of time to get on the five o'clock ferry because it was extremely important to me to get home that evening. The ticket lady said, "You're over-height; you've got a fifty-fifty chance of making it." My heart sank, tears welled up in my eyes, and I said, "It's my son's seventh birthday today, so I'm pretty sure I won't make it..." and started to drive away. "Wait," she said, "why don't you just sneak into the end of lane 43. I think you'll make it..." And I bless her to this day.

John Pottinger's point is that there is no consistency. We can't even allow ourselves to hope for a connection, because there is nothing firm to cling to.

Having said that, I've been delighted with the recent efforts of the boarding staff on the Skeena Queen. Granted, it can seem arbitrary when they cut off the line of traffic, but at least they try. And when I've been the first

person stopped at the front of lane 32 (thankfully not with my boys) I could hear the boarding guy over on that transmitter thing talking to his colleague "We can take one more and it better be small..." The guy looked at the Ford 250 long-bed and then up at me with genuine sympathy. I had to smile.

JEAN ELWELL

Peace Arch demonstration

On Saturday April 21 there will be demonstrations against the Free Trade Area of the Americas all over Canada, including Salt Spring, Victoria, Vancouver, and at the Peace Arch Park on the Canadian-U.S. border where Americans and Canadians will come together to show their opposition to the FTAA agreement. Neither nationality needs to cross the border in order to attend. Political and Environmental Activists as well as Labor Union leaders will be speaking. A bus has been organized to bring demonstrators from Tsawwassen down to the border (and back to the ferry terminal that same evening). If you would like a seat on the bus please contact annica@saltspring.com or phone me at 653-0022.

ANNICA BURNABY

Near-catch ferries

BC Ferries runs a fine operation, which I am proud to

Dénouement
Love is what happens when one heart opens to another.

—Richard Cruickshanks

compare to any ferry service I use when I travel. Indeed, the strength of the operation is the ferry crews, who do a fine job of making things run smoothly. But I must agree fully with John Pottinger. Who is that sadist person that creates the Fulford ferry schedule? It has caused us to create a new word, NEAR-CATCH to describe the character-building situation where as you approach Swartz Bay on your ferry, you get to watch the ferry you are trying to catch depart moments before you arrive. The best proof of this is the scheduled 6:35 p.m. departure from Swartz Bay for Fulford. The ferry arriving from Tsawwassen is scheduled to arrive at 6:35 p.m. A perfectly co-ordinated, scheduled NEAR-CATCH.

When the Long Harbour Ferry was out of commission, there was an effort by BC Ferries to make throughfares at Swartz Bay happen. Thank you. But now with Long Harbour operational, things at Swartz Bay are back to normal. What are the Fulford Ferry users? CHOPPED LIVER?

Here is an example. Someone arriving at Tsawwassen at 3:05 p.m. for Salt Spring, will

catch the 5:00 p.m. for Swartz Bay, but will miss the connection to Fulford (described above), forcing them to catch the next ferry at 9:00 p.m., which arrives in Fulford at 9:35 p.m. From arriving in Tsawwassen, until arriving on Salt Spring, the elapsed time is 6 hours and 30 minutes. Wow. Kayak speed.

I would hope that in the future there would be an effort to co-ordinate all Swartz Bay ferry schedules to optimize throughfares. I am sure that the ferry crews could do a very good job of writing a workable schedule.

HARRY BURTON &
DEBBIE MCNAMARA

Thanks for support

A big thank you to all who came out to support the SSI nurses at our carwash last Saturday. It was great to see all the familiar faces and hear all the kind words. The generous donations, totaling \$600, will be given to the food bank.

Over 65 signatures were collected on the citizen's petition in support of dignity, respect, and fair pay for B.C.'s nurses. If anyone else would like to sign the petition, please go to Mrs. Clean Laundromat.

Special thanks to Georgia Arnott and Ann McKinnon for organizing the carwash, and a big thank you to all the nurses who worked so hard as well as retired head nurse Marg Pickard, Pharmacist Anna Oblati, Justine Watkins, and Owen Twaites.

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Confusion surrounds Central Hall

By Dayle Gaetz

Over recent months, questions have been raised concerning the volunteer board at Central Hall and recent changes made to the Constitution and By-laws. Ron Milton, Old Age Pensioners Organization (OAPO), Branch 32 Secretary-Treasurer, has questioned the board's authority to remove a clause in its constitution.

The controversy revolves around the provision of a facility for the OAPO as being an objective of Central Community Hall Society. Milton said he feels that due to the OAPO's long association with the hall, and because of funds collected under the OAPO name, the board is obligated to keep OAPO in the constitution in perpetuity. Milton said he is concerned that OAPO's continued use of the hall is threatened. He has also expressed worry over what he calls "the downfall of the Central Hall" and said he feels that "rentals are at their lowest ever."

Understanding the origins of this dispute requires a snapshot of the history of Central Hall itself. Although there remains some confusion as to exactly when the original building was completed as an Agricultural Hall, a plaque high above the door declares the year as 1896. A scrapbook in Milton's possession shows that over the years, donations were made for the hall's upkeep, notably by Henry Bullock who paid for an annex to the kitchen and the front porch of Central Hall back in 1921.

However, by 1968 the hall was in a bad state. Major renovations were necessary and Margaret Cunningham took up the cause, working diligently over the next 10 years to raise necessary funds. Newspaper clippings from the Gulf Islands Driftwood show that a Federal grant in 1977 allowed a crew to begin work late in the year by raising the building and replacing rotting timbers with a concrete foundation. The OAPO, who did not have a building to call home, also transferred \$5,000 into a building fund in 1977.

Other Federal grants arrived, applied for in the name of Senior Citizens Golden Age and Heritage Group, Golden Age Bowlers and Salt Spring Island Seniors. A 1978 clipping states that the hall "is expected to serve as a regular meeting place for old age pensioners and an entertainment program will be maintained". A new addition, according to the article, was a basement hall for Golden Age Bowlers.

As work progressed, a February 15, 1978 clipping states that while a "Giant Rummage Sale" had raised more than \$2,000, another \$10,000 would be needed to complete the renovations. The same article refers to the hall as being "Owned by the community and managed by a committee". By May 1, a kitchen, restroom and other facilities were available downstairs for "OAPO, Senior Citizens and Golden Age groups". It was expected that, "among other things, the hall will become a permanent headquarters for the Salt Spring Island Old Age Pensioners, Branch 32."

Although the original target date for completion was April 29, 1978, by July of

that year there was still much work to be done and fundraising efforts continued in the community. An opening celebration was held in September, but by the following February, Margaret Cunningham wrote that "there are still several things to be done to improve the hall." Nevertheless she thanked "all those who contributed so generously...to finance the additions and renovations to the hall." The Federal and Provincial grants had been put to good use and the "total building cost to date has been \$75,357.21."

Board President David Holt said he appreciates the significant contributions made by seniors, including the OAPO, and feels the restoration project was a community effort. At the time the Central Hall Constitution was written, the majority of board members were also OAPO members but that balance has changed over the years. In fact, OAPO, Branch 32 itself folded early in 1997. Then president, Elvie Hislop, said there were only two people willing to form an executive out of the 10 required. However, many of the long time OAPO members moved over to the newly formed Golden Hands seniors group of which Hislop is president today.

Both Hislop and Holt said they believe that any obligation to OAPO Branch 32 dissolved when the OAPO folded. OAPO was started up again more than two years later by Milton but membership remains small. Why did the board feel it necessary to change the constitution? Board member Tom Navratil said he feels that it was "unconstitutional" to have one group named above all others in the original constitution. Board members agreed last spring that the way it was written was unfair to other seniors.

In light of these concerns, the board made a decision to change the constitution and by-laws. Holt said that they, "changed the by-laws to give the same rights and privileges to all seniors groups." The changes were voted on at the November 21, 2000 general meeting. Holt explained that when the Board decided to delete the clause, it carefully followed all legal procedures and "did everything according to the by-laws".

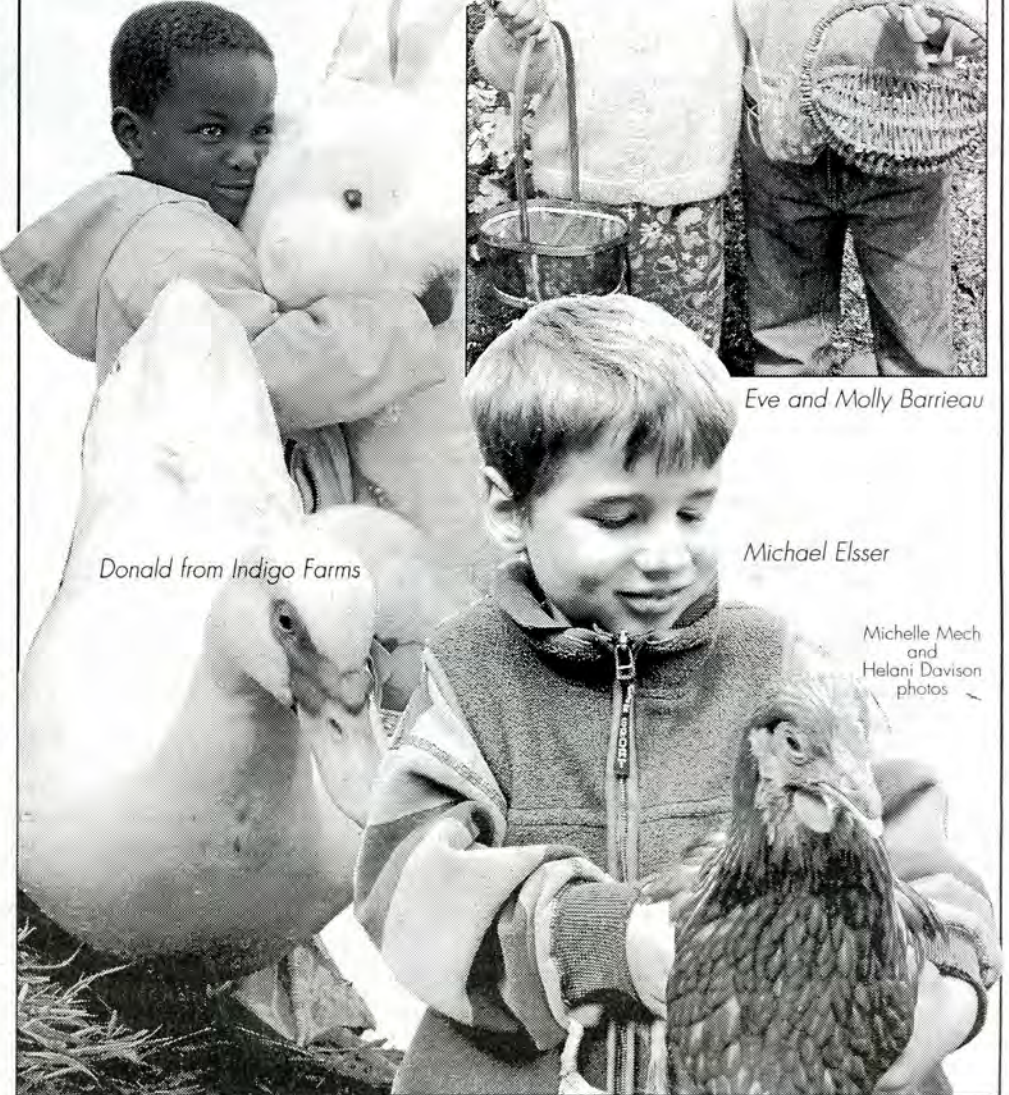
In spite of the change, none of the board members want to deny access to any seniors group. The downstairs area is available free of charge, any time, for a group of seniors, whether Golden Hands, OAPO, or any other. In fact, Hall Manager Judy Moscovitz said she would like to see seniors make more frequent use of the room. All they need to do is let her know when they would like it so there will be no conflicts.

As to the "downfall of the hall," Holt said that, with the cinema as a primary tenant, the hall has only one night a week when it is free, which makes Central one of the best used halls on the island. Although the Pentecostal Church moved out when its new building was completed, the hall recently acquired a new tenant.

The Central Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Hall. The public is welcome to come and observe.

Eggs, bunnies, ducks & chickens delight the children at Easter time on Salt Spring.

Nicholas Openshaw



Eve and Molly Barrieau

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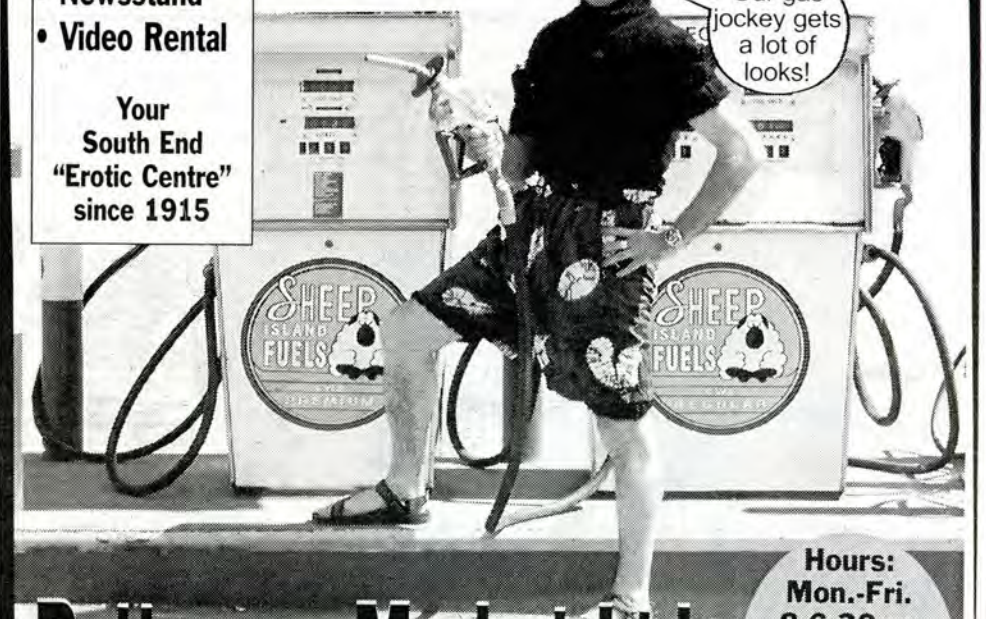
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Interdenominational Island Youth Ministries held a car wash at Ganges Village Market parking lot Saturday to raise money for their upcoming trip to Kamloops convention for youth on the May long weekend.

Michelle Meach photo

Sewer debate revisited

By Alan Webb

If one listens closely, the acrimony of the Great Ganges Sewer Debate can still be heard echoing in the wind over Salt Spring.

Last Tuesday, the Salt Spring Historical Society presented the chief protagonist for the pro sewer side, Tom Toynbee, to act as a guide for an informative and often funny journey back to a time when Salt Spring was unused to being the focus of national media attention.

Toynbee introduced his presentation as a means of answering the question he is most frequently asked about the sewer debate, "What was it all about anyway?"

After acknowledging a personal bias, he went on to sum up the dynamics of the long running fracas as a dispute over "pollution, unwanted growth, taxes, business competition and party politics."

The problems associated with Ganges sewage predate the eventual battle to solve them by decades. Toynbee recalled riding his bicycle as a child on warm days from the family home on Churchill Road into Ganges with his brothers Manson and Dick and having to hold their breath until they had passed the Harbour House Hotel.

Therefore, when on May 31, 1962 Municipal sewer tests were done on 29 buildings in Ganges it came as little surprise that all 29 failed. A vote to incorporate the village in the mid '60s to address the problem failed. By 1969, a sewage system estimate of \$331,000 was deemed as "unfeasible". As Toynbee added, "Remember that figure."

When Toynbee and his brothers purchased Mouat's Brothers, and filled in the inner harbour where Thrifty Foods and Mouat's Clothing now sit, the practice of ignoring raw sewage leaching into the sea became more problematic. A proposed sewer system for Mouat's alone was rejected by the government. The Health Officer's assessment of the situation was blunt: "This town needs a sewer system."

Three years later, a permit was granted for a system involving a harbour discharge. The permit was subsequently appealed and reworked a year later. Meanwhile the Pollution Control Board threatened legal action against everyone but the worst offenders, the hospital and the schools.

By 1977, the projected cost of a sewer system had risen to \$2.3 million and 68 per cent of affected residents had signed a petition in favour of proceeding. The CRD abandoned the petition in 1978, citing one forged signature and instances of people signing more than once. Toynbee himself admitted signing 11 times in the mistaken belief that he was entitled one signature for each parcel of land Mouat's Trading co owned in the village.

By 1979, costs had risen to \$2.45 million and the bitterness in the community on the rise as well. A permit was granted for a harbour outfall of 1.45 miles. The Pollution Control Board (PCB) met at Central Hall for a record five days, an ordeal Toynbee members as "frustrating" and the mood "hostile."

In 1980, the proposed outfall was doubled to three miles and a budget of \$4.017 million was approved. The Sewer Alternatives Committee wanted a land disposal system and undertook a court action against the PCB ruling. The or-



Ganges Harbour, c. 1970, from Charles Kahn's book Salt Spring, The Story of an Island.

Courtesy photo

der was overturned.

In response the Social Credit government of the day drafted Bill 31, a provincial order to proceed. On June 30 the NDP's Charles Barber and future leader Bob Skelly accused local MLA Hugh Curtis of backing the bill as a pay-off to Salt Spring friends.

In August, 1981 the controversy erupted when a barge in the harbour loaded with plastic pipe was torched. The RCMP, apparently acting on suspicious in the community, questioned Toynbee about the incident. Aghast, he asked if they thought he was responsible for the fire. The RCMP answered they, "thought it unlikely". Toynbee said he remembers this time as being "nerve-wracking" and "scary".

On August 26, a 700 strong protest rally was staged featuring broadcaster Laurier Lapierre as emcee, and Valdy singing "The Sewer Song." Then, Eric Malling and The Fifth Estate waded into the battle. In a screening of a segment entitled "Pipe Dreams," local CRD director Yvette Valcourt summed up Bill 31 as a "Fascist Bill". The room erupted in laughter when another former CRD Director, Dietrich Luth was interviewed. Luth, the security guard on the barge at the time, was asked how he felt about the protesters. He responded, "they need a bit of a bashing about the ears," and added, "three months in boot camp would straighten them out." Malling later admitted Toynbee didn't make a convincing enough villain.

In February 1985, the tide finally turned. The CRD voted to complete the sewer system at a cost of \$4.8 million. The plant started up in 1986.

At this point Toynbee produced a vial of treated effluent, which he explained contained less than one milligram of fecal coliform per litre, while 1,000 is allowed. Ganges Creek used to routinely measure between 1,000 to 5,000 milligrams of fecal matter per litre. By March 2, it contained nine.

Toynbee was asked what lessons he had learned from the ordeal in regards to a possible island municipality. "Don't run for mayor," he replied.

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A magical evening of theatre



Stagecoach Theatre School's bewitching cast in their year-end production of *The Selfish Magician*.

By Gail Trafford

A magical night of storybook fun awaited the crowd of youngsters who sat wide-eyed and silent through Stage Coach Theatre School's year-end production, *The Selfish Magician*. The curtains opened to a bright and lively village market with carts wryly similar to some of the production's local sponsors.

Young actors sang and danced their way through the show with obvious polish and plenty of natural charm.

Many of the cast magically transformed throughout the play to portray very different characters. The changes were so convincing and thorough, that without a programme it may have been impossible to track

their movements. The professional polish of all the participants was evident.

The scenes were, in a word, spectacular. The village could have been dropped in from the pages of a much loved, bright, and colourful fairy tale. The cheerful costumes, dances, and songs completed the picture of a happy hamlet.

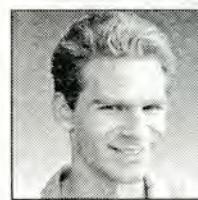
A greedy and grumpy

magician whose role was to serve the village, lost his power just as an invading army came into sight. This rocked the contentment of the villagers. The king and queen called the royal physicians to examine the magician and then sent him on a quest to regain his magical power and save the village.

A dark and spellbinding scene of the witches lair brought startled cries from at least one youngster and kept the rest of the audience on the edge of their seats. The transformation of the actors from villagers to witches was complete. Their dances, songs, and chants displayed their weird taunting and evil intentions.

The ending is reserved for those who follow the quest to see this production which continues at Art-Spring next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. And let me assure you that everyone will leave the theater with a smile.

Bounce: Remarkably good non-acting in predictable plot



Flick Pick ...
with Jason Tudor

I have to admit to not knowing too much about acting, and apparently I am not alone. Film reviewers often bandy

about phrases like "overacting," "dynamic," or "subtle" without giving any insight as to why, and they can never seem to agree on whether or not a particular actor can act. As a result I've developed a defense mechanism: as long as I don't detect any acting, it's a good performance.

In *Bounce*, Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow do a remarkable job of non-acting as a couple who meet and fall in love under the most unfortunate of circumstances. Affleck plays Buddy Amaral, an Armani-wearing ad executive who—hoping to stay at the airport hotel with a newfound woman friend—gives his ticket to L.A. to a stranger. When the airplane crashes, Buddy is consumed by guilt (especially when his agency helps smooth over the airline's image). He seeks out the ill-fate 1 stranger's widow, Abby Genello (Paltrow), to somehow make sure she is okay. Since the film is billed as a romance, you can guess the story from here: they meet and fall in love, but eventually the secret must come out.

Despite the tired idea, *Bounce* rises above mediocrity by giving us characters that are both realistic and likeable. Frat-boy Affleck and Brit-wannabe Paltrow have never been my favourite actors, but I think credit should also be given to writer-director Don Roos (*The Opposite of Sex*) for successfully molding their off-screen personas into viable on-screen people. We never take Buddy as a the typical arrogant suit, or Abby as the typical emotionally-damaged widow. Buddy is too vulnerable, Abby too fiesty. As a result we sympathize with them, laughing when they laugh, crying when they cry, and smiling that same little grin that comes with the discovery of a new love.

Rating: PG Running time: 1 hr 42 min

Celtic invasion set for April

By Gail Trafford

Celtic musicians from Vancouver Island and possibly the lower mainland will descend on the Beaver Point Hall for a music festival with a 20-year history the weekend of April 27-29. The annual festival rotates in a three-year cycle between Hornby Island, Gabriola Island, and Salt Spring Island.

Fifteen to 20 performers, some of the best in British Columbia, will spend the weekend at the hall doing what musicians love best, sharing their music. Friday evening from 5 to 11 p.m. the public is invited to join

the group in a song circle. The performers will gather in a circle and in turn start a song for the group to join into. This promises both fun and great music.

The public is welcome to drop in Saturday between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to enjoy the Celtic workshops and an open stage. Harry Warner, the event's Salt Spring organizer, says that many musicians got their start from attending one of these Celtic Festivals as an observer.

Saturday evening there will be a concert featuring the best off-Island performers. Because locals have many opportunities to per-

form on the Island, the stage will be saved that night for the guests. Admission to the concert is \$10. Any profits after expenses will be shared among the performers to help defer their costs. Tickets will be on sale at the hall from noon on Saturday.

The weekend will wrap up Sunday with a sing-along, workshops, and an open stage, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to drop in for all or part of the day.

Billets are still needed for about 20 performers. They come alone, as couples, or with their families. Warner

said he has heard many good reports from hosts who have welcomed the musicians in the past. "They have been delighted with the experience." The guests bring their own transportation so any part of the Island would be suitable for their lodging.

If you would like more information, Harry Warner can be reached at 653-4940 or by email at harryw@salt-

Topic of Cancer comes back

by Helani Davison

Salt Spring is most fortunate indeed, to have, *Topic of Cancer* (or *You Can Lick Your Prostate*) return to Artspring for the fifth time within eight months, this time with some new twists to thicken the plot. This delightful play is about two lovable old geezers, one of whom has prostate cancer.

Two strong comedactors, Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers, take on the chal-

lenge of playing three different characters each. Throughout this humorous story, Bert is visited by wonderful characters intending to cheer him up or offer pithy advice regarding his illness. Clever interactive dialogue is the root of this entertaining piece which is written, produced, and directed by Filkow and Chalmers.

The success of the *Topic Of Cancer* is affirmed by

numerous well-received performances in Victoria and throughout the Gulf Islands. The Salt Spring appearance follows live performances in Ontario. The play will be broadcast on TV and radio shows as well. "Cancer is a growth industry and we're on the cutting edge," states Chalmers. Mark May 4 and 5 on your calendar and get your tickets (\$14) early because previous shows sold out fast.

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- 1) Charlie's Angels
- 2) Almost Famous
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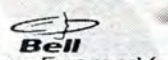
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Castaway

Tom Hanks has inspired us to give our former feature, Desert Island Choices, a facelift. Over coffee one morning, we realized that even if you carried along your favourite CD to a desert island, you were unlikely to have access to a CD player, let alone a generator to keep it running. Not only that, but Salt Spring is not a desert island. Our new weekly feature, Castaways, asks Islanders what favourite book, companion, and other important thing would they want to have with them if stranded on an island.



It inaugurate the new Castaways column, we have asked **Daisy Duck**, a resident of Indigo Farms, for her thoughts on being cast away on an island—any old island.

Favourite book: I would, of course, carry the classic, *Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert McCloskey. This book has been a favourite for many years, and the drawings were recognized for their excellence by the Caldicott award.

Companion: Naturally, I would never go anywhere without Donald, and that means that wherever I was cast away, he would be with me. Which is as it should be.

Other choice: As long as we are on an island, that is, surrounded by water, and as long as there are grasses and bugs to eat, we will be quite happy. Thank you for asking.



**TUESDAY
APRIL 17**

- Storytime for Little Ones** with Jean Voaden. Library. 10am
- Calligraphy Series** Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- Toy Library** Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- Adrien Towne** Roasting Company, Ganges
- Judy Harper** Island Savings
- Amarah Gabriel** Moby's Marine Pub
- Romy Verlaan** Island Savings
- The Photography Show** ArtSpring
- Rachel Vadeboncoeur** Luigi's Pizzeria
- The Heart Sutra** North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. Call 537-1497 for location.
- Hidden Secrets of Bhakti-Yoga** Spiritual event. 443 Upper Ganges Road. Apr. 13-14, 16-20. 5:30pm daily
- Planned Parenthood clinic** Core Inn. 4-6pm.
- Breaking Up is Hard To Do** Workshop. 7-10pm. 537-0081
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group** Call 537-2358 for location. 7pm
- Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop-in Floor Hockey** Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Chocolat** Cinema Central. 6:30 p.m.
- Say It Isn't So** Cinema Central. 9:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 18**

- Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers** Coffee, chat, supervised. Hall. 10am-12pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage
- KinderCraft** Cornhusk 5yrs. Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Kindergym** 0-4 yrs. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Wednesday Night Live** Open Stage hosted by Vau Fulford. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Argentine Tango with** Lions. Intermediate class. Practice: 8:30-10:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice** Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Centering Prayer** Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Hidden Secrets of Bhakti-Yoga** Spiritual event. 443 Upper Ganges Road. Apr. 13-14, 16-20. 5:30pm daily
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**MONDAY
APRIL 23**

- KinderCraft** Earthy Animals. 3-5yrs. Fables Cottage. 1-2pm
- Crafts with Jessica** Star Journals. Ages 6+. Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Parent Support Circle** For parents w/chil. 0-12 yrs. Call 653-4411 for location. 9:30-11am
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class** Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice** Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Rasha-Krishna Festival** Spiritual Retreat. SS Centre, April 21-26. 5am + 5pm daily
- Vipassana Meditation** The Barn. 7:30pm
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- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class** Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
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- Calligraphy Series** Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
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- Judy Harper** Island Savings
- Amarah Gabriel** Moby's Marine Pub
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- Seniors Services Society** Annual General Meeting. Seniors' Ctr. 2pm
- SSI Paddler's Club** United Church Hall. 7:30pm
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**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 25**

- Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers** Fulford Hall. 10am-12pm
- Storytime** Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- Paper Marbling** Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- Kindergym** 0-4 yrs. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Argentinian Tango practice** Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
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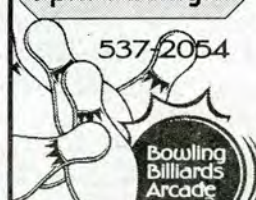
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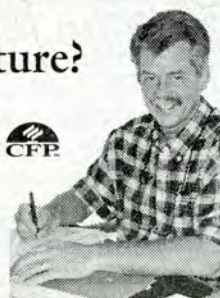
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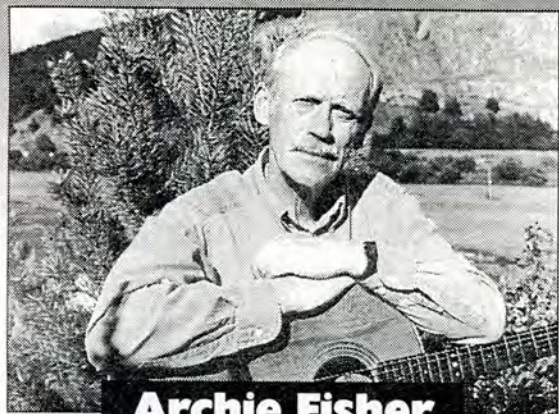
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Save the herons at All On An Earth Day

All on an Earth Day, is a special fundraiser to help save the Salt Spring herons, Sunday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at ArtSpring. Among featured performers are Vancouver Island's Nuu-Chah-Nulth First Nations dancers, Women of Note and other Salt Spring talent, including the Gulf Islands Secondary School dance team. Native crafts will be on sale. Tickets for All On An Earth Day are \$6 and \$9.

Ardea herodias is the largest of all North American herons, at one metre tall with a two metre wingspan. Often

seen standing on one leg, they have deep harsh voice with a prehistoric sound. They live in marshes, swamps, streams, shores, tidal flats, kelp beds, sometimes even in irrigation ditches. Eats frogs, fish, insects, crustaceans, salmon, mice, and use their bills to harpoon prey. Nests in trees, swamps, marshes and rocky islands. Usually silvery except during mating season. Solitary, except during mating. They lay their bluish green eggs in a large nest built of interwoven sticks. Baby herons hatch after 28 days, and mature to flight in 55 to 60 days.



Derrick Duffy

Derrick Duffy plays Talons

Derek Duffy is known in these environs as the charismatic singer, front man, and driving force behind the bands Kettle of Fish and Myriad, as well as for his solo work as a singer/songwriter. Recently returned from six

months overseas, Duffy has developed a lot of new material which he has already showcased on the British folk circuit.

He appears at Talons Wednesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. There will be no cover charge.

Karen Connolly, author-poet, to give reading

Karen Connolly, poet, journalist and human rights advocate, will give a reading on Saturday, April 21, upstairs at All Saints-by-the-Sea Anglican Church at 8 p.m.

Connolly is the author of the best selling journal about her stay in Thailand, *Touch The Dragon*, which won the Governors-General's Award, making her the youngest writer to ever win that award. Her

first book of poems, *The Small Words in My Body*, won the Pat Lowther Award for best book of poetry by a Canadian Woman in 1991.

The author of six books of poetry and non-fiction, Connolly is currently working on a novel about a Burmese political prisoner, as well as a collection of essays about Burma and the Thai-Burmese border.

Born in Calgary, in 1969,

Connolly divides her time between Canada, Greece, and Thailand. She has been a writer-in-residence at several universities and art centres in Canada, Europe, and Australia.

Connolly's local appearance is sponsored by Theatre Alive! Salt Spring Celebration of Canadian Writers & The Canada Council. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.



Author Karen Connolly

Harpist to give Salt Spring concert



Harpist Caroline Mackay

Harpist and folksinger Caroline Mackay will perform on Sunday, April 22, 7 p.m. at Mahon Hall. The concert was arranged by members of the local Baha'i community, who celebrate a 12-day festival at this time of the year.

MacKay's early arts training was in dance, poetry, woodwinds, and guitar. Upon discovering the Celtic Harp and her own roots, she made the transition to strings with a gut-strung Cartheny made by John Yule in Midlothian, Scotland. She has studied with Kim Robertson, Laurie Riley, and Kathryn Ely, and has had classical and jazz vocal training.

In addition to her original music, MacKay

selects some traditional pieces to interpret with her own arrangements. As well as folk tunes, she takes sacred writings and mystic poetry to set to the melodies of the harp.

An Okanagan resident, MacKay has performed her repertoire of largely original compositions across North America and Europe. She is currently producing her fifth recording.

MacKay's music has been distributed around the world. She has travelled extensively throughout Western Canada and has performed in England and Switzerland, where she was invited to write an anthem for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

(m)other Tongue Press debuts poetic work of art



Peter Haase and Mona Fertig stand behind their press, and the newly made book, *Suite Ancient Egypt*.

by Judy Harper

The Nile shimmers hot liquid/ across pure blanched light. Hold fast, young/ falcon's talon, hold to sun's disc

above rock/ faces where those myriad dead lie embalmed/ where no green breaks through bare ground/—against time's

lined intrusive other palm.

This is an excerpt from *Suite Ancient Egypt*, a poem by Penn Kemp, dedicated to the three sycamore goddesses; Noot, Isis, and Hathor.

(m)other Tongue Press has lovingly produced another limited edition. Titled *Suite Ancient Egypt* and written by well-known Canadian sound poet and playwright Penn Kemp, this finely wrought book is a poetic communion with the essence of ancient Egypt.

Penn writes of her transcendent experience during a night spent between the paws of the Sphinx, her soul's journey to rebirth and her experience of Egypt past and present. Poet Mona Fertig, of (m)other Tongue Press, and the author are old friends. Fertig describes Kemp's writings as, "an ex-

ercise of mastery. She answers the pull of the unknown fearlessly."

Fertig's husband, Peter Haase, explained that his fascination with Egyptian culture drew him to the idea of producing the book. The project quickly became a collaboration of trades, cultures, and philosophies. It's physical construction had to equal the beauty of the writings it contained.

The gold cover displays Haase's original linocuts of Isis, Hathor, Noot, and the Sphinx. There is a blind emboss on the inside cover of an open sarcophagus, also by Haase. The title and author were handset in Italian Old Style, cast by Jim Rimmer of Pie Tree Press. The inside text was designed on Quarkxpress and printed on a Xerox 5200.

Past meets present.

The hieroglyphic translation of the book's title and author's name were contributed by Egyptologist Daniel Kolos and designer Gavin Stairs.

The end papers are of Japanese machine made wood pulp with rayon fibre, in Kingin blue (kin means gold and gin means silver). A triangle of handmade Egyptian papyrus is glued to the inside of each cover.

Constructed by Fertig to open as a pyramid, only 90 copies of this elegant little book have been produced, each signed and numbered by the author. Kemp, who lives in Toronto, will be on Salt Spring on Tuesday, April 17, and available for interviews. If you are interested in either purchasing the book or talking to Penn about her experience in Egypt, call Fertig at 537-4155.

Phoenix School presents *The Hobbit*

Venture on a journey to recapture the gold with the tea-drinking, biscuit-loving Hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, and Gandalf the wizard, Thorin Oakenshield, and a team of elves. But be warned: Smaug, the evil dragon has guarded this treasure for generations and is not about to give it up.

The adventure is already under way at Phoenix Elementary School. Goblins and Gollum, elves and spiders, are starting to come out of the woodwork as Phoenix's annual theatre production gears up for this thespian tradition.

The event, which usually draws a full house at the box office, is a school-wide project, where teachers, parents, and people from the community come together to create two evenings of fantasy and fun.

Students get first-hand experience with directing, producing, costume-making, set design, and more! For over a month, they are incorporating many aspects of the play into their learning programme. They take weekly workshops on map-making, riddles, cooking goodies for the play, and making fimo figures. Students often hum the Hobbit songs they are learning in music. Fantasy writing, learning about sound in science, and art projects reflect all material in the book.

The Hobbit will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, at Art Spring. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call principal of Phoenix School and director, Rineke Jonker at 537-1156.

Clown celebration cheerful success

By Helani Davison

The Clown Caboodle Clowning Workshop last Saturday at Lion's Hall taught its students everything they wanted to know about clowning. Inhibitions fell away as the animated group of children, with a few parents, participated in their journey into clowndom in the morning class.

"Clowns don't use their minds," said Yianna Belkapoloulos, as she directed her class of wide-eyed children. "Clowning is a

transition from a caterpillar to a butterfly." Learning to let the clown take over and become a caricature of oneself is what this whimsical experience was all about. The magic began when the characteristic red nose was put in place. An important element of the students choosing their clown personality was choosing their hats. And there were many hats—big hats, tiny hats, and floppy, garish hats. Outrageous wigs were donned, with get-ups of polka dots and oversized trousers.

Strange objects were available to enhance the performances; toy telephones, whimsical jewelry, and peculiar purses. There were even imaginary noth-

ings to assist in the development of each student's character. Anything goes in clownland.

Yianna, experienced in theatre, clowning, and teaching for many years, kept the energy high and the smiles and chuckles coming with her spontaneous and imaginative antics.

Adults got their chance to clown around at the afternoon workshop. In comical attire doing a form of clowning called "wandering," spontaneous,

interactive vignettes unfolded. A clown party described as a celebration of clown creatures, characters and calamitous capers followed.

Chuckles the Clown would have been proud.



Five-year-old Willow MacDonald has turned a nose, a wig, and a feather duster into a miracle of merriment.

Helani Davison photo

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The movie night hosted by Nights Alive on April 6 was well-attended. Movie-goers enjoyed the free event with popcorn and drinks to go along with the two movies shown. We would like to thank John and Tim at Island Star Video for their generous donations of their projector and the use of their VCR. Another warm thank-you goes out to the Core Inn and especially Trish Noble.
We are enthusiastically looking forward to our next movie night which will be held on April 19th in the multi-purpose room at the GISS high school. Also, to kick off youth week, May 5th to 11th, we will be holding a three on three basketball tournament at the high school gym. Keep posted for times and sign up rules.
Feel free to call if you have any questions or suggestions about the Nights Alive project.
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Prime time for pruning



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

I'm often asked by local gardeners when and how to prune certain species of shrubs. It is important to prune correctly or you could jeopardize the blooms of some plants. Here is a bit of information that you may find helpful.

Abelias are a very common shrub in our landscapes that produce attractive flowers. Abelias should be pruned and trimmed into shape by thinning out of the older wood after flowering.

Artemesia of which there are many varieties, can either be severely or lightly pruned in late March or April.

Aucuba is a very nice broadleaf evergreen native to Japan, and if the deer don't prune it or ruin it before you get to it, it can either be pruned back hard or light to the shape you desire. This is best done in early spring. This shrub can also be pruned again in mid-summer by shortening the longer shoots to a leaf or bud.

Buddleia, or Butterfly

bush, is a fast-growing species with flowers similar to lilac. *Buddleia davidii* is one of the more common varieties. To prune, cut the preceding season's shoots back in February to within approximately 3-4 inches of the old wood.

Camellias don't usually require much pruning, but any weak or straggly shoots can be cut back to a leaf break after this plant has flowered.

Choisya ternata, or Mexican orange, can be pruned by cutting out old wood and enough clipping back to keep it to a size that best suits your garden. Pruning should be done after the plant has finished blooming.

Cotinus, or smoke bush, is very easy to prune, and all old or dead wood should be removed when the plant becomes overcrowded. This should be done before new growth starts in early spring.

The many varieties of heather are very popular species on Salt Spring. Remove the dead flowers, but leave at least one inch or so

of the blooming spike. Heathers can be pruned shortly after the bloom spikes have lost their colour.

Escollonia is a common landscape shrub in Ganges. This species can be clipped to a desired shape in either late February or March.

Syringa, or lilac, pruning should consist of cutting away any crowded or surplus shoots, and pruning out weak and old wood after the plant has finished flowering.

Lavender pruning is done by trimming off old flower stems after they have finished blooming. Any bushes growing too big for the location they are in may be cut back in April.

Eucalyptus trees can either be chopped back to a stump or heavily top pruned. This will encourage a much thicker specimen. Eucalyptus should never be pruned in the fall in our zone. Pruning should be done in the spring or early summer for best results.

Forsythia should be pruned right after flowering, so the summer season to produce fresh growth on which next year's blooms will be produced.

Pieris japonica usually requires very little pruning, but if a little trimming is necessary, it should be done after this species has finished blooming.

Spirea is best hard-pruned during the dormant period, January or February.

The rest is now up to you, all you have to do is reach for your pruners!

Community Kitchens kicks-off seniors lunches

By Joanne O'Connor

A tasty new seniors social event is set to be launched next Tuesday, April 24, at high noon. A complimentary lasagne lunch, served at Meaden Hall, will provide a chance for seniors to gather and learn about the Community Kitchens Project, as well as offer their own suggestions.

Project co-ordinator, Pat O'Neill, explained that the aim of Community Kitchens is to provide a social atmosphere for seniors who enjoy cooking.

At least twice each month, Community Kitchens members will gather ingredients and their favourite recipes, and congregate at Meaden Hall. In the space of one afternoon each person, or small group, will cook a different meal. O'Neill enthused, "It's a nice social occasion and you can take home three or four meals."

The Community Kitchens project is funded by a small Capitol Health Region grant, as well as a substantial start-up contribution from Salt Spring Community Services. Other groups have donated money for food and other supplies. The combined efforts of Sharon Glover, Seniors Commu-

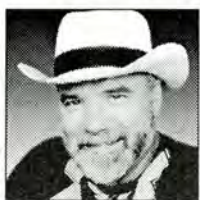
nity Centre Wellness Programs Co-ordinator; Dina Ridenour, Lady Minto Dietician; Pam McKenzie, Public Health Nurse; and Pat O'Neill have helped bring the Community Kitchens project into being.

A similar "cook-in" program for young parents, held at the Anglican Church and Fulford Hall, is co-ordinated by Jill Leblanc. The group has already gathered to cook a few times since January.

At the lasagne lunch, meal plans and ideas will be discussed within the group of interested seniors. O'Neill indicated that vegetarian, vegan, and meat diets will all likely be accommodated by the Community Kitchens program, depending on the preferences of the seniors. A box of basic ingredients will be provided, but participants will also shop for and bring the ingredients they will need to prepare their own dishes.

The inaugural lunch next Tuesday will feature both vegetarian and meat lasagne. Seniors interested in learning more about Community Kitchens are invited to this complimentary lunch. If you would like to attend, please call co-ordinator Pat O'Neill at 537-9884.

Caution! Tourists ahead!



*Wit & Whimsy ...
with Arthur Black*

So, did you go to Paris for your vacation?

I dunno. My wife bought the tickets.

Brace yourself, Canada. It is spring at long last; our splendid nation looks more beautiful and peaceful than ever, and the Canadian loonie is still worth just a hair more than a plugged nickel. Such a divine convergence of phenomena can signal but one thing:

The annual tidal run of tourists is just around the corner.

Don't get me wrong, I've got nothing against tourism. It's a decent enough way for a country to turn a buck—certainly better than clear-cutting a province, throwing up another box store megamall, or draining a Great Lake.

I like tourists. I really do. Their credit cards and wallets are welcome any time

at all. But do they have to be so dumb? Tourists, I mean. Do they put their brains in cold storage before they cross the border? Not all of them, of course. Some visitors are smarter than, say, Al Capone who, when asked if he smuggled booze from Canada, replied, "I don't even know what street Canada is on."

On the other hand, some tourists make old Scarface look like Bertrand Russell. A travel agent I know told me of a phone call he took last year. "I want to complain about Air Canada" the caller told him. Join the queue, the agent thought, but replied "What's the problem, madam?"

"Weight discrimination" she huffed. "I was flying from Toronto to California and the ticket agent put a tag on my luggage that says FAT. I know I'm a bit overweight, but I won't stand for that kind of

ridicule."

"Ah, where were you flying to in California, ma'am?" "Fresno" replied the caller. The travel agent put her on hold, laughed until he cried, composed himself, picked up the phone and said, "F.A.T. is the baggage code for Fresno, ma'am. I'm sure Air Canada meant nothing personal."

A tourist information office in Victoria, BC, recorded the following queries:

How much do your totem poles grow every year?

Are there any dogsled rental outlets in Victoria?

I'm calling about this Kill-A-Whale thing. What do you do with them after you've killed them?

(And, after being quoted a package tour price 'in Canadian funds')

How many U.S. dollars in a fund?

I'd like to get smug and sanctimonious about the intelligence differential between savvy Canadians and gormless Americans but there's a story in my family about an uncle (relax, Aunt Eunice, I won't name him) who went with a busload of tourists on a tour of Runnymede in England "And this," intoned the tour guide, "is the spot where the barons forced King John to sign the Magna Carta."

My uncle pipes up "When did that happen?"

"1215" answers the guide.

My uncle looks at his watch and says, "Damn! Missed it by half an hour!"

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Thrifty Foods presents fundraiser for Lion's 24-Hour Relay

By Dayle Gaetz

Coming up on Saturday, April 28, Thrifty Foods hosts a Dinner and Silent Auction at Meaden Hall.

The event is tied in with other fundraising efforts surrounding the Lion's Society 24 Hour Relay for the Kids, to be held in Victoria, June 23 and 24. All profits will be donated to Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island disabled children for stays at Camp Shawnigan this summer.

Co-ordinator for the gala evening, Carol Scott, says it is the Salt Spring store's top fundraising event of the year. Last year, Scott recalls, they had only two weeks to prepare for the silent auction tied in with their annual golf tournament. Nevertheless, they raised an impressive \$3,000. This year the target is \$15,000 to \$20,000. Organizing and preparing for such a large fundraiser is a lot of work and relies on a big commitment of volun-

teer time from many staff members.

Dinner will be cooked and served up, smorgasbord style, by Thrifty Foods volunteers. On the menu is baron of beef, chicken in rum sauce, stuffed potatoes, corn, honey-glazed carrots, coleslaw and Caesar salad. For those who have not already overindulged, there is a choice of desserts. However, apple crisp may seem a trifle tame when compared to a Mississippi dessert Scott says is otherwise known as "sex in a pan."

With all appetites well sated, auctioneer Mike Hayes will set to work in what promises to be a laughter-filled, if silent auction. Hayes is a former Salt Spring teacher and dynamic speaker whose son, Patrick, works at Thrifty Foods.

Items donated for auction form an impressive list that includes a lithograph print by Robert Bateman,

prints by Carol Evans and Jill-Louise Campbell, and one from Ducks Unlimited by a Victoria artist. Local artist Bev Lillyman has donated an original water-colour.

Also on the block will be a cement birdbath by the Carlsons, a starfish from Stone Fish Studio, and a mermaid doll by Thrifty Foods employee Lynn Culum.

Two trips are up for auction. Tin Horn Vineyards near Oliver donated a two-night visit and tour. Bonnie Campbell, wife of Alex Campbell Sr., who founded Thrifty Foods, arranged for a train ride to Jasper and two nights accommodation at Jasper Lodge.

Other items, too numerous to mention, will be ready for the bidding once that decadent dessert is downed. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., with auction to follow. The cost is \$35 per couple or \$25 for a single.

Organic wines a mix-up



Wine Files ...
with Steve Coopman

Wine is one of the most natural of beverages: you grow some grapes, you squeeze the juice out, you let it ferment, you bottle it. What could be easier? Ah, but our species comes up with better ways to treat and grow grapes so that pests don't damage the crop, we find better yeasts to aid fermentation and additives to help make the wine nice and clear. The questions arise: is this an "organic" wine?

We are more and more concerned about our health and what we put into our bodies and certainly here on Salt Spring, "organic" is a big item, so buying organic wine is becoming more and more important. But I am about to warn you with the age old adage, "buyer beware." A wine in an organic section at the liquor store means very little.

First, every country has its own regulations concerning what is regarded organic, and the British Columbia Liquor Board does not take any responsibility in designating wines as organic. That labelling comes from the vintner. A product

advisor at BCL advised me that there didn't seem to be any real guidelines in this area. In Canada, there are a number of regional associations that grant the designation of organic, but the guidelines for this label are still in a state of flux.

For example, in this province the Certified Organic Association of B.C. (COABC) has definite standards granting organic wine certification if both the grape-growing and the processing are organic, but you can also get wines that are made from certified organic grapes. You figure it out!

This week, I picked out two wines from Spain, both from Torres Vineyard. Both wines claimed, "This vineyard has not been treated with insecticides or weedkillers." One wine, the Atrium Merlot, 1999, was in the organic section; the other, Don Miguel Torres, 1996, was not. The moral of this story is trust not the organic designation; rather, use it as an indication and then find out as much as you can about that wine to see if it fits your definition of organic.

Wines in review

All are from the organic section at the BCL in Ganges. Try Torres Atrium Merlot, Spain, 1999, (\$15.95). Here's a beautiful, full-bodied, soft Merlot. On the nose there is black cherry, vegetal, and vanilla, the taste is of ripe cherry, toasty oak, vanilla, green pepper, pepper, and a touch of licorice, with good firm tannins and a nice long finish. Great value and a wine you can drink now or hold for a couple of years.

From Bonterra Vineyards, California, Cabernet Sauvignon, 1997, (\$24.95). On the nose, ripe cherry/black current, green pepper, and earth. The taste is full-bodied, with subtle fruit, earth and oak, firm tannins, and quite "hot." Not as well balanced as a wine at this price should be and not complex enough to make it worthwhile to put it away.

Try Bonterra (Fetzer) Vineyards, Chardonnay, 1999, (\$21.95). A wonderful wine. On the nose apple, tropical fruit, butter, and vanilla, the taste is full of tropical fruit, toasty oak, butter and vanilla with a touch of cloves. This is a lovely creamy wine, well balanced and with a good finish. Drink now or hold for two or three years.

Cheers!



Salt Spring Sizzles...

with Gail Prior

Smoked Salmon Quesadillas

1 - 4 oz. block package cream cheese
2 tsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp chopped dillweed
4-8-inch flour tortillas

4 oz. smoked salmon, sliced thin
1/4 cup diced green onions
2 tsp. vegetable oil
1/4 cup diced tomatoes

Combine cream cheese, lemon juice and dillweed. Spread over half of each tortilla. Place diced green onions and tomatoes on top. Add smoked salmon slices with shredded cheese over all. Fold tortillas in half.

Using a large skillet (cast iron is best) gently heat oil. Brown tortillas in oil, cut in wedges to serve. Serve with dollops of natural yogurt and fruit salsa. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

Roller blading to music winds down

Roller blading at the Fulford Hall ends this month. The last session will be Friday, April 27. But the season will end with something new... Participants are invited to bring their scooters for the remaining Friday nights in April. So come on out to the Fulford Hall on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 for children and \$4 for adults.

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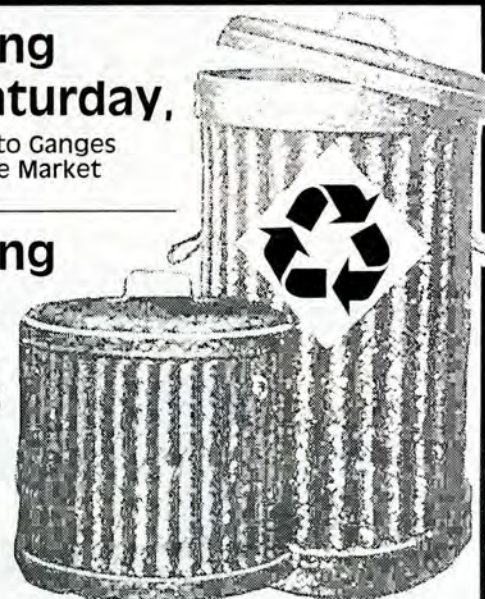
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Yes, pedalling, if you happen to have one of Bob Stuart's specially designed boats. Stuart has a long held

interest in human-powered vehicles, whether for land or water. Back in 1986 and '87 he developed a fully enclosed tricycle. His bright yellow machine resembles a miniature, three-wheeled car with a rudder rising jauntily at the back as though it has aspirations of becoming an airplane.

Stuart first built the tricycle simply "to take around the block" but has since put more than 1,500 kilometres on it. He designed it as a prototype, to test for optimum height and width. Stuart says the frame is an innovation in design. Made of fibreglass, it has a suspension roughly equal to that of a small car and is rigid where it needs to be but flexible where flexibility is required.

On a traditional bicycle, the rider can stand up to avoid painful bumps, but it's a different story on a recumbent machine where a good suspension system becomes important. While



Bob Stuart has moved from land to sea with the development of his pedal kayak.

two wheels at the front make braking safer, the downside is that avoiding pitfalls becomes almost impossible. With this suspension system, however, the tricycle can sail over speed bumps without slowing down.

Thanks to streamlining, Stuart's tricycle cruises along at 30 to 40 kilometres per hour, but he said there are racing models, with less wind resistance, that can go much faster. Stuart has raced his tricycle in Indianapolis, Oregon, and California. In fact, after teaming up with Gabriola Islander George Georgiev, the two managed to come away with one-quarter of the prizes at an international competition several years back.

The tricycle now sits unused beneath a tarp on Stuart's Walker Hook property. His focus has shifted to perfecting a drive unit for his fast pedal boats. The newest kayak, long and extremely narrow, is made from okume (a type of African mahogany). Not quite finished, it waits beneath another tarp on the back porch. Because his kayaks are so narrow and the kayaker uses a pedal instead of a paddle, stability becomes even more of a problem than in a traditional kayak.

Inside Stuart's workshop a solution leans against one wall, looking like an undersized wooden canoe, or the pontoon for a small seaplane. Stuart says he will be more comfortable using this outrigger than the smaller ones he fashioned for earlier versions of his pedal boat. Although they were ingenious, designed to swing out of the way when approaching a dock, Stuart didn't appreciate the ribbing he took from paddling

kayakers who called: "Look! He's got training wheels!" as he sped past them.

Stuart sometimes uses a paddle for stability, instead of the outriggers, and it doubles as a steering mechanism. The paddle fits into yokes on each gunwale, attached to steering lines. Swing your paddle and the rudder turns appropriately.

A drive unit sits comfortably in front of the kayaker, fitting through a slot in the hull, similar to the centreboard of a sailing dinghy. Looking a little like a small outboard engine, the unit lifts up and out of the water so the boat can be easily beached.

Pedals, just like a bicycle's, provide the motive power. Being in his kayak, he says, is "just like sitting in a lounge chair," and pedalling "is less effort than walking." The amazing part is that pedal kayaks can go 30 to 40 per cent faster than the paddling kind. This is because of a gear ratio of nine or even ten to one, and a propeller that carves a disk about one foot in diameter, which Stuart describes as equivalent to having a paddle blade the size of an old long play record.

Although Stuart can sell drive units faster than build them, he admits to being very slow. He is constantly perfecting the units and learning techniques that make the job easier. Many customers are other experimenters who want to take advantage of his innovations. As for Stuart himself, he said, that he "hates making anything anyone else makes."

Two of Stuart's kayaks are currently in Ganges Harbour, and may soon be available for rentals. More information can be found at his website at www.microship.com/bobstuart/



Jeff Outerbridge photos

The coming of Spring brought a group of volunteers to Nichola Howard's home to help her complete her garden. The garden project includes the construction of a large pond to be stocked with koi. Inset photo: Nichola Howard with her parents, Heather and Dennis, and friend Debbie Hollingsworth.

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MOTHER'S DAY weekend treat! Bruce Smith directs the Salt Spring Singers in "Spring Classics" at ArtSpring May 11/12/13. 1601

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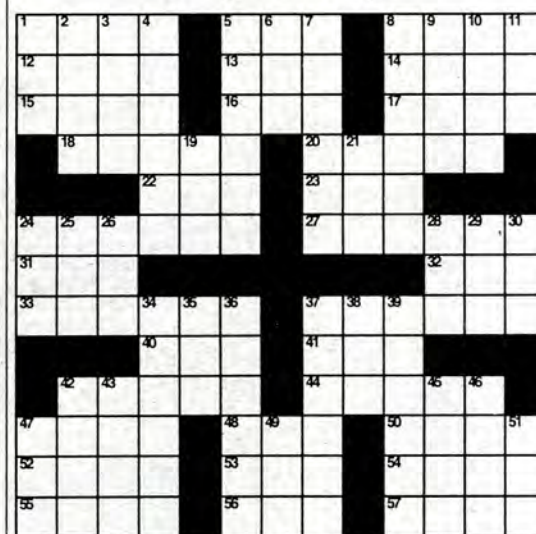
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- 1 Cook
- 5 Container
- 8 Painful sensation
- 12 Twenties art genre
- 13 Water, in Rouyn
- 14 Churn
- 15 Auricles
- 16 Cable sports net.
- 17 Microbe
- 18 _____ frutti
- 20 Alberta town or writer
- 22 Feed
- 23 Be unwell
- 24 Nova Scotia bay or boxer Chuvala
- 27 Required
- 31 Wonder
- 32 Bar or metric preceder
- 33 Hamlet in Saskatchewan or Liberal Regan
- 37 Ontario lake, or Newfoundland's Smallwood
- 40 Born of
- 41 Circle part
- 42 Noncombatant
- 44 Alberta town or singer Cockburn
- 47 Perforation
- 48 Bustle
- 50 Calorie wise
- 52 Jar
- 53 Telegraphic signal
- 54 Newfoundland island or politician Martin
- 55 Oleo
- 56 Printer's measure

DOWN

- 1 From B to F
- 2 Nuke?
- 3 Beige
- 4 Quebec town or hockey announcer Hewitt
- 5 Diminutive
- 6 Americas' org
- 7 British Columbia town or cartoonist MacPherson
- 8 Diamond pattern
- 9 Female student
- 10 Employ
- 11 Endangered shade tree
- 19 Ticket
- 21 Falsehood
- 24 Joke
- 25 Ms. Sheep
- 26 Over, condensed
- 28 Machinist's tool
- 29 Extrasensory perception, for short
- 30 Musical note
- 34 Alberta town or WW2 commander MacNaughton
- 35 Hawaiian garland
- 36 Decennium
- 37 Blouse ruffles
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- 39 Shape stone or clay
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Robert W. Carfra
Solicitor for the Plaintiff

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180 • NOTICES • LEGAL

NOTICE TO
DAVID MIDDLETON

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff, Stephen Maksimowich, is making a claim against you for damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on September 19, 1999 which occurred in the 2800 block of Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, pursuant to a Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim filed February 15, 2000, under Action No. 00/0747, in the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia and it has been ordered that you be substitutionally served by Advertisement in the Barnacle. Copies of the Court documents are available at the Courthouse, 850 Burdett Avenue, Victoria, B.C. AND TAKE NOTICE that you have 7 days in which to file an Appearance.

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190 • THANKS

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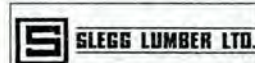
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) O.K. the time has come to get the hands really dirty. Yesterday is history and the world beckons now. Earth day is like a birthday for everyone. It is time to sow the seeds of some new perspectives and attitudes. This includes getting real with what you feel. Time and space to sample the splendid array of variety is the first order. Improved financial strategies are probably needed. Start by paying yourself first even if that means ten bucks a week.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) A journey into the heart of your mind is now underway. You are eager to explore who you really are. Exercise patience and compassion on this path. No matter what you find, give yourself the benefit of the doubt. The past can be painful. Fortunately it is the present. Yet the past will live as though it is the present until it is recognized. Just like Rumpelstiltskin, once you name the imp you win the game and can play freely once again.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20) A new wave of consciousness is washing over you. As though in a dream you are a participant, yet there is little you can do but flow with it. Flow, yes that does have a nice ring, doesn't it? No expectations that things will go according to how you think they should, no sweating the small stuff, just flow. Let the wave do its thing now. There will be plenty of opportunities to be serious, responsible and mature in the future. Flow into inspiration into flow....

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21) Tradition and belief sure can be tenacious. It is hard to change the programming that we received during our growing up years. It can take a lifetime or two. Fortunately, the masters of the universe who designed this reality knew this and built an evolutionary rhythm that works very much like the waxing and waning of the Moon. The waxing part can be tough especially to the sentimental ego and yet it is the very liberation we begin to crave again. Rejoice! old perspectives will begin waning rapidly now.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) The time has come to take that bull by both horns, partner. A bird in hand is better than two in the bush yet one in each hand is best. This is the hour of power. Say, I am Shazam! Sing, "We are the Champions". The time has come to show your Aces. Enough is enough! Let em read em and weep! Now get out there and show em your stuff kid. Just improvise and watch out for them damned cliches.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sep 23) Virgo is the sign of the initiate. Hopefully you are ready to be initiated. You will never be the same. More authority and the responsibilities that come with it are up for you now. The surface renovations are just about done though deeper one's will continue. Opportunities abound yet you are quite happy to follow the spirit where it leads. Like a fool on a mountain of treasure you are being tested to decipher your true heart's desire.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 21) The time has come to make some key investments. Education should be high on the list. Perhaps you simply want to learn about investing. Consider that every choice is an investment into the future. Energy spent usually implies energy gained. Smiles and laughter breed more smiles and laughter. The universe seems to operate much more economically than ethically. The latter is the domain of humans. Be happy, sign up and don't worry, no one is completely right any-

way.
Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 20) Something is shifting and shaking in the relationship department these days. It could be another rattling your rib cage or it could be one side of your brain rocking the other to new heights of bliss. Whatever the case, the union is designed to help you transcend some limitations. Unconditional love is waiting in the wings to replace the old conditional model. Celebrate, this one is long overdue and has finally arrived.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 20) The question of health is now on the overhead. This could imply your body, mind, soul, finances and lifestyle in general. The time has come to decipher what moving up in the world truly means. Health will be central in the answer. You are not alone in this regard and all you have to do is reach out and join in the activities. It all comes down to creating new associations of pleasure and pain in your lifestyle. See the big picture then tend to the details.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) What a pleasant surprise to discover that the changes that have been brewing are all oriented to you having more play time. Why else did we create all these convenient time saving devices? Since it usually more fun to play with others than alone, helping them out so that they are free and charged to engage makes sense. It's all a delicate balancing act. This is your cue. In any case, be ready to sing your own song and dance.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Despite all the talent to scout there is something slow and lazy sauntering through. Why chase when all we have to do sometimes is be open to receive? This is one of those times. Let go of all the crazy dreams and desires for now. Most of them will still be around later anyway. Many of the old approaches have proven to be ineffectual. Take some space and give room for the inspiration of new styles of approach to spring forth.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) The time has come to leap from the threshold into the unknown. Many opportunities are available now. Be confident and avoid going out of your way to please. Remain centered and open to the flow. Many new inspiring ideas and people are entering your world to help you to claim your power. Expect that you will encounter some fears and be prepared to meet them full on. Breathe with confidence that your success is written in the script.

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School District #64 (Gulf Islands)
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Kathy Kendall
Health Records/Admitting Manager

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Note: Only those applicants with the required qualifications will be considered and need apply.

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Please apply in writing to:
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Helmet Safety programme

Earlier this month, Island Pathways and Fort Street Cycle outfitted Salt Spring Centre school children with bicycle helmets as part of a helmet safety programme.

Fort Street Cycle provided the helmets at cost, and Island Pathways picked up the cost, so the helmets were free to each child who wished one.

G.I.S.S. Senior Girls 2, Nanaimo Senior Secondary 1

by Alan Webb

Emily Bond, proving again she has a nose for the goal, fired two second-half goals to lead Gulf Islands Secondary School past Nanaimo Thursday at the high school field.

Despite breaking her nose the weekend before in Metro League play in Victoria, Bond was instrumental in helping the local girls overturn a 1-0 halftime deficit. In addition to her two clinically finished goals, she had another shot carom of the top of the cross bar and lofted an excellent deep cross to Melanie Moore, who unluckily headed over the net.

Bond was only slightly less effective in the first half. She produced several dangerous runs down the right side and one of her corner kicks was narrowly headed over by Heidi Scott.

The hard-tackling Scott and Jordan Davignon are an

imposing presence in the centre of midfield. Both cover a lot of ground, getting forward into attack effectively but never slacking on their defensive responsibilities. Together with Cat Halliwell and Naomi Twedde at centre-back, they proved a solid defensive core.

The win capped a 2 and 0 week for G.I.S.S. as they beat Chemainus 3-1 on Tuesday. The girls net home game goes this afternoon, 3:15 at G.I.S.S. against Frances Kelsey.

Another win should put them well on the way to qualifying for the North

Island Championship to be held at G.I.S.S. on May 10 and 12.



TUES. AFTERNOON 50+:

Mary Kirkpatrick 207, Dan Davies 211, Clara Hicks 219, Ken Robinson 218.

TUES. A.M.: Cliff Jory 260, Jim Glenn 216.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (April 9): Gloria Dale 144, 165, Terry Swing 154, Sharon Way 148, Joanne Sandberg 147, Stuart Elliott 158, Mahjor Bains 209.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (April 11): Sharon Way 145, Mahjor Bains 154, Gloria Dale 170, Stuart Elliott 180, Dominic George 161, Maggie Reddy 195.

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	Total Pts.	This Mo.
GOLF		
1 Schure-Thing.....19	10	10
2 Nads.....19	10	10
3 Greenwoods.....18	10	10
4 Toronto.....16	10	10
5 Dallas.....15	10	10
6 Paints Plus.....14	10	10
7 Rangers.....11	10	10
8 Bandido.....11	10	10
9 Hosers.....10	10	10
10 Dough Boy.....10	10	10
11 Islanders.....5	10	10
12 Buffalo.....5	10	10

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	Total Pts.	Warm Bo.
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2 Phoenix.....17	9	
3 Edmonton.....14	10	
4 St. Louis.....14	10	
5 Colorado.....12	10	
6 Dallas.....11	10	
7 Islanders.....11	10	
8 Ottawa.....11	10	
9 Vancouver.....10	10	
10 Buffalo.....8	10	
11 Atlanta.....8	10	
12 Philadelphia.....8	10	
13 San Jose.....8	10	
14 Boston.....7	10	
15 Toronto.....6	10	
16 Pittsburgh.....4	10	

Grade 8 girls vs. the Fire Hall

Nichola Howard and the grade 8 girls' basketball team would like to invite you to an evening of fun this Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at the Middle School Gym. The grade 8s will be challenging the fire fighters and the community in the game of the season.

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THEA WOOD

When Thea joined track and field in grade 6, she enjoyed the individual aspect of the sport right from the beginning, but soon found that frequently finishing in last place was quite discouraging. In grade 9 she started taking herself seriously, and soon this extra effort would reflect in her results. A member of the Salt Spring Track & Field Club for the past six years, she has enjoyed participating in all events, but now competes exclusively in the 100 & 200 - metre run, long jump, 80m hurdles, and triple jump. Her favourite event is the 100m, and last year she placed third in the province. *Long may U run!*



ROB ELLIOTT

Described by a close friend as an "all around nice guy with a great smile," Rob's interests include history, music, weight training, and skateboarding. He has been involved in student council and leadership club at GISS. He works part time, and would like to continue his education studying history.

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RIKARDA BROBBEL

Returning to the Saturday market as a vendor for her second year, this industrious SIMS student spends the winter designing and creating a variety of tasteful small gift ideas. "Anything I can find, I buy it and make something - I just love to make stuff!" Rikarda makes a point of buying her materials locally, using the money she makes during the summer months at the market. Her inventory includes wooden storage boxes, pom-pom chickens, puppets, facecloth bunnies, bookmarks, bead bracelets, doll clothes, and even fresh home baked cookies. She points out that spending her Saturdays vending, rather than "sitting around watching t.v."



is very rewarding. Her ambitions for the coming year are already taking shape - she hopes to augment her sewing and woodworking skills.

TOP 10

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