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Islanders rally against FTAA

by Judy Harper

Salt Springers protesting last weekend's FTAA summit meetings turned out at Centennial Park on Saturday in a show of solidarity and support for their friends and neighbours protesting in Quebec City. The rally-goers gathered at the bandshell for some political satire a la Arvid Chalmers as Luke Skywalker and Dan Kahn as Darth Trader, with musical accompaniment by Phil Vernon. Then, carrying banners with captions reading, "Peoples Rights NOT Corporate Rights," and "The Only Thing Worth Globalizing is Dissent," everyone headed out for a walk about Ganges, and back to the park for the Speakers Corner.

Jill Harris, of the Penelakut tribe at Crofton, and a "First Nations outraged granny" began the Speakers Corner with a blessing, and thanked everyone for being there and having the courage to have their voices heard.

Briony Penn relayed messages from Melanie Furman and Jonathan Le Drew in Quebec, asking for the prayers of Salt Springers and assuring everyone they are okay, though Furman wrote she has, "been gassed lots of times" and Le Drew is, "protecting her with his camera by recording the truth."

Patrick Brown, writer for the *Islands Tides* newspaper of Pender Island told Islanders, "On our Islands there are no chain link fences or riot squads, only people who are worried about their neighbours outside of the fence at the 'third battle of the Plains of Abraham. Inside that fence," he said, "is a process of conquest and coercion. Discussing democracy as a qualification for belonging to the FTAA is an insult to the intelligence of the eight hundred million people whose lives it will affect." Patrick gave the FTAA a 50/50 chance of being adopted, but reminded listeners, "Global issues do not go away. The proponents of the FTAA submit that resistance is futile; globalization inevitable."

New Democratic representative Paul Sam reminded listeners of the impotence prescribed by free trade on environmental agreements such as the Kyoto Protocol which, he says "has no teeth. Our health and educational systems, our cultural heritage, our environment, are all seen as ripe for takeover by transnational corporate investors...to be purchased at a profit. Our cultural norms will become MacDonald's and Calvin Klein."

Green Party Candidate Andrew Lewis said, "The government's mandate should be to re-negotiate NAFTA to

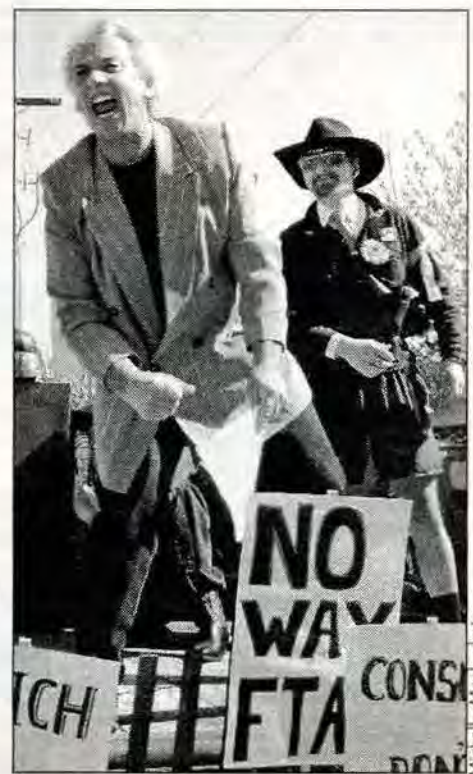
include safeguarding of environmental imperatives. The provincial government (Liberal and NDP) should be challenged; they can no longer hide behind the 'national issue' excuse." He stated the Green Party's intention to "dismantle the World Trade Organization and establish a 'World Sustainability Organization'."

The Raging Grannies, with corporate CEO big bellies and ties sang,

"Third world rip-offs are what Free Trade brings/ Cops in Quebec how their pepper spray stings/ These are among my least favourite things."

Jane Squier read the People's Summit Manifesto for Fair Trade which will be sent to Pierre Pettigrew and all party leaders from the people of Salt Spring Island, along with a petition which was passed around following the reading.

Salt Springer Mallory Pred, who attended the Peace Arch rally on Saturday, said the feeling at that gathering was hopeful. "I was so delighted to see everyone who was gathered there in a spirit of good will...it was not a destructive feeling. The police presence was huge but not intrusive, and it was very moving when all of the 9,000 people who had assembled rose and walked across the bridge, over the U.S. border, then back again."



Arvid Chalmers, backed by James Falcon, performs in Centennial Park at the FTAA protest rally on Saturday.

Lady Minto cancels surgeries due to nurses' job action

by Michelle Grant

It's no longer business as usual at Lady Minto Hospital. As of last week, general surgeries and endoscopies performed every Wednesday and Thursday had to be cancelled, according to administrator Karen Davies. The appointments will not be rescheduled while the nurses' job action continues. In a typical week, the hospital handles between three and four surgeries and five to six endoscopies. Emergency surgery will continue to be provided.

The pressure on management is growing as the nurses' 24-hour job action moves into its third week. Nurses continue to refuse to handle non-nursing duties such as filling physicians' orders, a job that has fallen smack on the shoulders

of Davies, as the only non-contract person qualified to handle the job, along with scheduling of staff, handing out meal trays, answering the phone, collecting and admitting patients, completing charts, and clerical work. "We're coping," said Davies, "but we've had to put our own work on hold. I try to scan my email but that's all." In an effort not to spread themselves too thin, the three management staff are now working shifts along with getting some night time relief from the Capital Health Region to ensure one non-contract person is in the building at all times.

Greenwoods Administrator Penny Polden said she is also feeling the strain of being on call 24 hours a day. "It's difficult but we're managing," she said. Her

cell phone has become an umbilical cord that keeps her tied to the intermediate facility. Nurses there no longer check voice mail, answer phones or handle scheduling. While nothing dramatic happened over the Easter weekend, it still was necessary for Polden to come in several times for one reason or another.

While nurses are answering the phone at the nursing stations during the day, physicians have been advised if they get a call from a nurse after business hours to just come down to the facility.

The nurses' ban on overtime on Easter weekend was back in effect as of 7 a.m. last Thursday. Fortunately for Islanders, overtime has never been much of an issue for either of our health care facilities. It is,

however, an issue in the larger centres, according to Nurses Shop Stewart Sharon Armstrong. "Overtime is not a good way to provide quality nursing care; nurses get tired. I'm not saying they make mistakes but... it's more likely to happen then. It's also not a good use of dollars."

One bright light on the horizon, according to the administrators and Stewart, is the government appointment of Industrial Inquiry Commissioner Vince Ready, whose mandate is to intervene and mediate bargaining between the Health Employers Association of B.C. and the Nurses' Bargaining Association. This week, Ready will meet with both sides to discuss outstanding contract issues and to formulate a process for further negotiation.



Biodiversity package stumbles

by Judy Harper

Land value negotiations between Texada Land Corporation (Texada) and The Land Conservancy of B.C. (TLC) came to an impasse last Wednesday afternoon, the appointed end of the 16-day extension of the logging moratorium. On Thursday, TLC Executive Director Bill Turner announced that the appraisal process is completed—without an agreement reached. "This situation is certainly causing some concern. The price is higher than we expected—we're not sure how we can deal with that." He also stated his intention to turn negotiations over to the provincial government, but to, "remain committed to this project and to the protection of these lands. TLC will continue to raise funds so that if an agreement can be reached, we will have the funds available to complete the purchase," Turner said.

Based on the final appraisal value for the 1,400 acres at Burgoyne Bay, The Land Conservancy cannot recommend to its board that it remove the financing conditions to the present offer; the price is not affordable or attractive to funding partners. Though the current offer has lapsed, the Province will proceed with negotiations with Texada in the near future to decide the fate of the Burgoyne Bay and former Weldwood properties. "Under our agreement with them, Texada Land

Corporation had agreed to cease logging on these properties while the independent appraisal process and fundraising was underway. Texada co-operated fully with the appraisal process. Now that our agreement has lapsed we hope that Texada will find it possible to work with the provincial government to reach a new agreement which will preserve this important area," said Turner. Texada principal Rob Macdonald stated Thursday afternoon that the provincial government had called his office to request a meeting. Macdonald indicated he is not optimistic about the outcome of the negotiations. "Once an election writ has been dropped, the

bureaucrats do not agree to begin any new initiatives pending formation of a new government," he said. As to the lapsed negotiations, he said, "The process was fair and equitable. My perception is that Bill went to the government to ask for funding, and that they were disinclined to fund the money he asked for." The Land Conservancy wrote a letter expressing its "appreciation for Texada Land Corporation's co-operation during the negotiations of this most recent offer and TLC looks forward to working with the Province in a collaborative arrangement to secure the protection of Texada Land Corporation's Salt Spring Island key land holdings."

Garvie presents economic profile

by Pat Burkette

Community development facilitator and career counsellor Ellen Garvie presented an "Economic Profile of Salt Spring Island-2000" at the Anglican Church last Tuesday. Garvie said she named her report, *A Window of Opportunity*, because, "ten years ago when I came here, you couldn't buy kids' socks. Now there's very little you can't buy here. I started to realize there is a real window of opportunity here for local business." She added, "Technological changes have enabled people to make a living here when they haven't been able to in the past."

Garvie said she had noticed that Salt Spring residents "always seemed to have three jobs rather than one." She received a \$32,000 grant from Human Resources Development Canada to take "a qualitative look at current strengths, challenges, and opportunities in the economy." Garvie worked with an advisory committee of community organizations and individuals, including the Community Services Society, Chamber of Commerce, Islands Trust, and Kellie Booth, CRD Director. She said there are,

"about 1,400 businesses in total on Salt Spring."

She interviewed approximately 200 businesses for the study.

Garvie provided a wealth of statistical information, mostly based on the 1996 census and compared Salt Spring and the CRD as a whole. Over the last 30 years, Salt Spring's population has doubled every 15 years. Yet the Island has "a visible lack of young people." Only 12 per cent of the Island's population is in the 20 to 34 age bracket. Salt Spring's median income is \$17,000, while the CRD's is \$23,000. Seventy-nine per cent of Islanders own homes. Yet, in a reversal of the CRD situation, monthly rents are more here than monthly mortgage payments. Garvie said, "The biggest difference between us and the CRD is found in self-employment figures." Thirty-four per cent of Salt Spring's labour force is self-employed compared to 14 per cent in the CRD as a whole.

Garvie also examined recent real estate sales data. The 1996 census figures are now fairly old, and real estate

sales help to portray economic changes. Seven years ago, there were 70 realtors on the island. Today there are 35. Last year, eight properties in the million dollar and above range sold here and some of those interviewed in the real estate sector called these purchasers "MINO" (money is no object) buyers. At the same time, Salt Spring's Food Bank serves 10 per cent of the population.

Garvie's report makes several recommendations which target supporting increased economic activity within three strong economic themes, homes and properties, made on Salt Spring, and tourism.

Responding to the recommendation that the Islands Trust move its Victoria-based operations to Salt Spring by 2003, CRD Director Kellie Booth said, "It makes sense to me." Booth said locating the Trust in Victoria is, "as if the provincial government were located in Calgary."

Garvie also noted, "if every family increased their local purchases by 5 per cent we'd see a huge difference in the health of our local economy."

A Window of Opportunity, with its extensive Salt Spring data, is available at the Mary Hawkins Library, the Chamber of Commerce, and at the CRD office.

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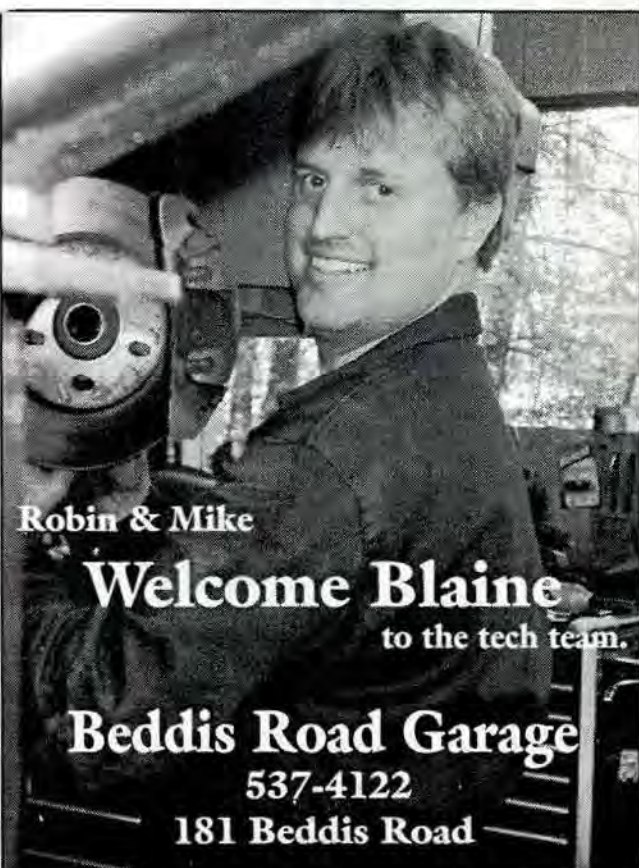
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Restoring Cusheon Lake

by Pat Burkette

The Bloomers, a group concerned about the restoration of Cusheon Lake, raised questions about the lake's health at a meeting last Tuesday at the Salt Spring Sailing Club. Approximately 40 people, including Cusheon Lake and Beddis Road area residents, citizens interested in water quality issues, and regular Cusheon Lake swimmers, gathered to hear informal presentations.

Organizer and Beddis Road resident Judith Bradley said, "The purpose of the meeting is to see who is doing what for the health of the lake." Bradley said that the B.C. Ministry of Lands, Environment and Parks was willing to do a phosphorus loading study of Cusheon Lake. High phosphate levels encourage algae growth, according to a Bloomers' information sheet. But the Ministry placed conditions on the study, asking that Capital Regional District (CRD), Capital Health Region (CHR) and Islands Trust support be obtained, and that four to five volunteers be found to take water samples.

Bradley asked everyone in the room to voice their concerns about the lake. Several people said that they drink the water from the lake, and are worried about its deteriorating quality. But Craig Chisholm, a resident of Sky Valley Road, whose domestic water supply comes from Cusheon Lake, said, "I don't drink the water," noting that it had too much chlorine.

Don Stevens, chairman of the Beddis Water District, said that recently, problems

have arisen because of a growing algae content and no efficient means of filtering. The Beddis Water District uses sand filters and chlorinates the water. Stevens said that filters costing about \$500,000 are needed, "to get the algae out." The cost is prohibitive for a district with a maximum of 140 customers, so trustees are looking at other means of obtaining water, such as drilling communal wells.

At their annual general meeting earlier in April, 40 Beddis Water District members voted in favour of asking the CRD to consider take over of the Water District, so that upgrading could be funded. Regarding concerns about over-chlorination, Stevens said that poor filtering "causes us to add a lot of chlorine." Excessive algae gets sucked into the pipes and filters and "gobbles chlorine."

Wayne Hewitt provided background on the Beddis and Cusheon Lake Area Residents Association, a stewardship group originally formed in 1995. The group's primary goal is to educate people about living in a watershed. Hewitt said, "Everybody has to remember, wherever they live on this Island, they live in a watershed." Hewitt discussed blue-green algae and accompanying toxins, nutrient (such as phosphates) buildup in the lake, and septic field leakage. He noted, "everyone living around the lake affects it," for example, by fertilizing flowers or clearing land. According to Hewitt, "one big tree can hold back 1,000 to

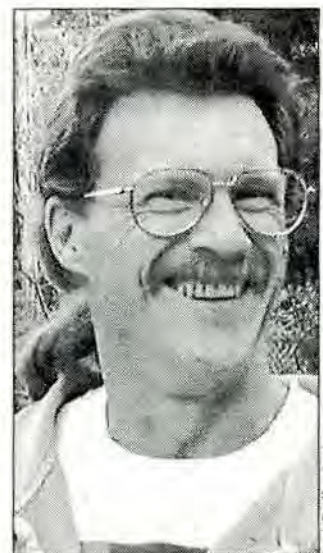
1,500 gallons of [run-off] water, "at the same time retaining soil and taking up nutrients which would otherwise end up in the lake. Hewitt said he was concerned about getting all the stakeholders on board regarding lake restoration, and finding ways to reach Islanders as a whole about phosphorus sources and ways of reducing them.

In an update later last week, Hewitt said he had learned from the Islands Trust that the Land Use By-law's proposed 60-metre septic field setback from lakes and creeks could not be enforced because it was not included in the Drinking Water Protection Act recently passed by the NDP government. The CHR will enforce the existing 30-metre setback.

Kathy Reimer, of the Salmon Enhancement Soci-

ety, said that she started working in the Cusheon Lake watershed in 1983. The Society built its hatchery that year and began keeping track of problems in the watershed. Reimer said, "salmon enhancement groups are typically involved in establishing a baseline study to make a watershed plan." She noted that local government must be involved in such a plan, and on Salt Spring, that's difficult because of the many governing bodies at the local level. She suggested that a Watershed Council be reinstated to form objectives for a watershed plan. Referring to comments about those who willfully damage watersheds without regard for the public good, Reimer noted, "If people know the health of the lake is at stake and arrive at a sensible plan, then people will cooperate."

New face at the Coreinternet Cafe



Brandt McKay, new volunteer co-ordinator for the Core Inn

ternet Cafe self-sustaining.

McKay hopes to expand the cafe menu to generate revenue and to offer more opportunities to local teens. Volunteer experience in the cafe can help teens begin to build a resume, and he hopes to offer short courses to give the teens the certification they need to find a job.

McKay invites short- or long-term adult volunteers to assist at the cafe. Someone could come once a week to make a pot of soup or a batch of cookies with a couple of teens. A carpenter-handyman is needed to do a few odd jobs. There are also opportunities for volunteers to create and run special projects. The Coreinternet Cafe especially needs five more people to take charge of the computers or Cafe on a regular schedule.

Although the Coreinternet Cafe is a community facility for all ages, its location in the youth centre guarantees that teens will always be part of the cafe. It is a community program with a youth focus, McKay says. "In order for kids to become well-adjusted adult members of the community they must be welcome in the community while they are young." He wants to make the Coreinternet Cafe a place where teens and adults can come together.

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by Gail Trafford

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The Coreinternet Cafe was given start-up funding through a Canada Access Grant but the grant did not include operating funds. One of the challenges McKay faces is to make the Corein-



Gearing up for the election

by Pat Burkette

Last week, Premier Ujjal Dosanjh announced that British Columbians will go to the polls to elect a new provincial government on May 16. Salt Spring Islanders vote in the Saanich North and the Islands riding, which is currently held by Liberal Murray Coell. The riding has a population of approximately 50,000, making it about the same size as Dosanjh's Vancouver Kensington riding.

Candidates announced so far for this riding are: incumbent Murray Coell of the BC Liberals, Paul Sam of the NDP, Andrew Lewis of the Green Party and Christina Racki of the Marijuana Party. But candidates have until 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 to declare. At that time, they must provide Elections BC with 25 signatures and a \$100 deposit in order to run for public office. The \$100 is refunded if a candidate receives 15 per cent of the vote.

The last provincial election was held in 1996. Voter turnout in Saanich North and the Islands was 77.89 per cent. Coell won 13,374 votes or 47.57 per cent of the vote. His closest competitor was Linda Laushway (NDP) with 10,546 votes or 37.51 per cent of the vote. Wally du Temple (Green Party) won 898 votes or 3.19 per cent of the vote.

To be eligible to vote, an individual must be a Canadian citizen 18 years of age or over on voting day and a resident of B.C. for at least six months prior to election day. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16.

For further information, contact Elections BC (800) 661-8683, or on the web at www.elections.bc.com. A comprehensive election information web site has also been set up at www.bcvotes2001.com.

Incoming water district head gets feet wet



Trevor Hutton, incoming manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District

Incoming manager of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District Trevor Hutton recently landed on Salt Spring. He will take over the job of retiring manager Mike Larmour, May 1, at the end of a one month transition phase.

A mechanical engineer

with extensive experience in the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment plants, in South Africa, Hutton explained that things are different here. "I want to learn how things are done here. But I'm hoping to bring my previous experience (to the job)."

He commented that the prospect of Salt Spring becoming a municipality in the future could determine how

NSSWD would be included with other improvement districts. "There's so much that's going to happen in the future. That's going to be interesting," he said.

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FTAA: We're being Bush-wacked



Second Thoughts ...
with Alan Webb

The most compelling arguments brandished by pro-FTAA commentators are the twin ideals of spreading democracy and eradicating war. Worthy goals, goals no one could possibly argue against, except possibly the inhabitants of the Pentagon, most of whom would find themselves out on the streets looking for real jobs if the spread of democracy should end all wars.

But still, in spite all of the sermons from the priestly pundits of the national media, some people still seem intent on being doubtful, or worse, publicly stating their opposition. How can this be? You can almost see the editorial writers at *The Globe and Mail* scratching their heads in disbelief.

Well, part of the problem, I suspect, stems from an age-old fact of consumerism: some people just don't trust the salesmen.

If one were to market democracy as just another commodity to be purchased, could two worse sales reps be found than Bush and Chretien? How well do these guys know their product anyway?

No matter what George Bush accomplishes as President, he will never be able to wash away the reek of suspicion that clings to him from his election victory. There will always be those who suspect his rise to the White House owed more to the machinations of a group of well-connected conspirators than to a legitimate count of all ballots. Crazy? Who knows anymore?

As for Jean Chretien, let's just say his behaviour as prime minister has hardly inspired confidence in his capacity to promote democracy. He wins elections, sure, but in between writs he treats the electorate and the institutions of parliament as inconvenient disruptions to his routine. If he were a car salesman, his first instinct might be to seize your throat, order the detailing guy to give you a good blast of pepper spray, give your trade-in to a crony, and then convince you that paying twice the sticker price is an act of patriotism. I mean, all kidding aside, if Canada were a truly healthy functioning democracy, Mr. Chretien would have had to tender his resignation months ago.

The models on which these trade pacts are said to be based are the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement. As selling points they leave much to be desired...unless you're an American industrialist. The dispute mechanisms are so clearly weighted in the U.S.'s favour that Canada finds itself having to cave in to outrageous American trade sanctions on everything from softwood lumber to PEI potatoes to pigs.

Soon the battle will switch to bulk water exports, hydro-electric exports, natural gas...the list is limited only to the number of commodities we export south of the border, it seems. And despite the assurances of our elected leaders and the powers that be in the national media, ordinary Canadians know a lemon when they see one. These deals have been a great boon for Americans, but we are powerless, utterly powerless, to act in our own sovereign interests.

Is it any wonder some people are sceptical? If we don't stand a chance against the Americans, how well will Paraguay fare? Or Bolivia?

If these trade deals were really about exporting democracy and peace, the only need for fences in Quebec City would be to keep the heads of the 34 nations from being suffocated by bouquets of flowers.

Instead what we will be left with (and is there any doubt that it is all a *fait accompli*?) is a pact which will turn all of the Americas into a giant discount supply store for cheap resources and cheaper labour. Corporate America can no doubt hardly contain themselves: two continents of bargain shopping, heaven on earth.

And what about democracy? Oh, democratically-elected governments will be alright, so long as they remember the customer is always right.



Wrong time for complacency

It is so easy to be complacent towards the protection of our drinking water. Such an attitude is common in our society. Good water in Canada has been abundant for so long it is hard for many of us to come to terms with water being in short supply or of poor quality. However, we need not travel very far away in the rest of the world to realize how blessed we are here on Salt Spring to have an adequate and inexpensive supply of such an essential ingredient for a healthy life.

Yet amidst all this abundance we can be so careless. For years the B.C. government has set forth a policy of multiple use (potable water along with recreation and development in the watersheds) for our lakes and streams. It was the old idea that technology will solve all our water quality problems. But as more and more development has occurred on the lakes and in the watersheds, the water quality has deteriorated so dramatically that three out of four of our potable water producing lakes are in serious states of eutrophication. One of them, Cusheon Lake, is in the most dire straits, crippled by the invasion of nutrients from development and ac-

tivities in its watershed.

Yet we still have Maxwell Lake. Still pristine, 70 acres of mountain fresh water nestled in a fully intact but small wooded watershed. The last one. Its location, its environment, its water quality is unique among all of the Gulf Islands. Do we as Island residents fully comprehend what we have in this resource, that 20 or 30 years from now, a protected Maxwell Lake may be the only major source of quality surface drinking water on our island?

In the past, the preservation of watersheds has been a low priority. There has always been lots of money for parks and recreation but virtually no government support and little public outcry for protecting watersheds. But things are changing. More and more people have lost confidence in their drinking water (surface and ground water) and are buying bottled water to drink, even here on Salt Spring. However awareness for the need to protect our water is growing and it appears that governments are listening. The B.C. Government has given first reading to a new law that provides some protection to our watersheds. In addition, a \$20 mil-

lion dollar grant for land acquisition for biodiversity in the Gulf Islands has just been announced. Does this biodiversity package include acquisition for watershed protection? It is not clear that it does at this time.

One thing IS clear. We need to recognize what we have in Maxwell Lake and continue to speak out for its protection and financially support the campaign to save the watershed if we can. The government believes it is very important that there is both strong public support and the sharing of costs between government and the community when land acquisition is considered.

A phone call or fax to the Ministry of Environment Deputy Minister Derek Thompson at 250-387-5429 or fax 387-6003 (or call toll free via BC ACCESS 1-800-663-7867) may be very helpful at this point. His address is P.O. Box 9339, Station Provincial Government, Victoria, BC, V8W 9M1.

These days, good water in a community just doesn't happen; it takes vision and the combined contributions and strategies from all sectors of society.

TOM GOSSET

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Urgent appeal for Maxwell watershed

The logging moratorium for the Maxwell Lake watershed expires on May 1. The NSSWD, The Water Preservation Society, and The Save Salt Spring Society have been lobbying hard to preserve this pristine source of drinking water but we still need your help. The federal and provincial governments' recent decision to donate \$20 million towards the purchase of 'priority' lands on three islands—Salt Spring, Galiano and Valdez—has now expanded to include more lands throughout the Southern Gulf Islands, this means that we need to intensify our lobbying efforts and continue to FUNDRAISE if we want save the Maxwell watershed, intact.

While the Province is seriously considering this purchase we have no guarantees that the deal will go through, so your support is vital now.

Please send your tax deductible donations to:

The Water Preservation Society, PO Box 555, Ganges Post Office Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W3.

Please contact the Deputy Minister of Environment, Derek Thompson, toll free at 1-800-663-7867; or phone, (250) 387-5429; or fax (250) 387-6003 and tell him that you would like to see the last pristine lake and source of potable drinking water on Salt Spring Island, purchased and protected, forever.

Thank you.

ANDREA COLLINS

Cat controversy

I am writing in regard to an article printed in the *Barnacle* on March 20, concerning a man who continues to trap his neighbours' cats, raccoons, etc., despite warnings.

Several months ago the *Driftwood* published a similar story concerning the same man and his homemade "iron maiden" trap. In the incident reported on March 20, the cat was injured; all the nailbeds of his front feet were fractured. I have spoken with the woman whose cat was trapped, and also to some of her neighbours. All are afraid of the cat trapper. Everyone that I spoke to is currently keeping their cats inside, and stray cats that neighbourhood people used to feed have disappeared.

People who have called the SPCA for updates have been told that no cat was injured and therefore, everything is under control (even though this is an illegal and inhumane trap).

I wrote a letter to the edi-

Dénouement
A woman's heart unlocks from the inside when it's safe to come out.
—Richard Cruickshanks

tor on April 3 requesting that the SPCA update the public on this incident and describe what action they are going to take. I still maintain that the SPCA should be held accountable for more than running a small cat shelter. By the way, the feeding, cleaning, taking care of litter boxes, socialization, and adoption centre staffing is all done by volunteers. What do the two paid employees do?

The president and ALL members of the SPCA Board of Directors have a responsibility to the animals and the people of this Island.

Let's hear from you.

LYN MACDONALD

We're sure Ray was watching

Sunday evening, April 15, was a thrill for everyone at Moby's Marine Pub. We sang, played, told stories, and cheered for each other and the memory of Ray Newman. His old baritone sax, the Red Baron, was a great horn in its day, and Sunday night it served well as a collection box for donations to the Ray Newman Fund.

Between the sax, the musicians, and Moby's gifts, the evening raised over \$700 for the Fund, which supports school music and band programmes.

Keep the music alive!

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The Phoenix Hobbit

Phoenix School presents the *Hobbit* at ArtSpring on April 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. The play is about a hobbit named Bilbo Baggins who goes on an adventure to find the gold that is being protected by a dragon. If you like adventures, come see this play. It is also full of fun and fantasy.

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Sincerely,

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Memories

I was cleaning out a drawer and discovered some notes I had made. This made me realize how old I really am. I

was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1916.

The era: Wall Street crash of 1929. The invasion of Poland in 1939 affected Canadian people more than any other decade. The depression remembered in Winnipeg as the Dirty Thirties.

Different time and place, actually three different depressions; one overlapped the other from 1929 to 1937, when the extreme drought hit Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta. The famous Palliser Triangle, Social Credit revolution, 1935. Wall Street Black Thursday, Election of Liberal Party, 1935. In Winnipeg not 1929, but 1914, the day World War I was ended. This ended the 30-year construction boom. The time the first ship passed through the Panama Canal, 1933 to 1936, Alberta drought, hail, wind, rust, dust, and grasshoppers wiped out the area. Winnipeg general strike, 1919. Inflow of investments was damaged. Panama Canal enabled Vancouver to take over markets that Winnipeg had supplied such as wholesale, mail order, etc. American chain stores delivered the final punch to wholesale market. Relief camp 1935.

Discovery of wet gas in Turner Valley 1924; a happy hunting ground for oil promoters. Winnipeg gold mine boom, 1934. Story of a scoundrel judge (but honest). Brokerage scandal; the government closed the Provincial Savings Bank. (\$275,000 was stolen).

You can probably fill in the blanks. We think we have problems today?

V. MAY HEATHCOTE

Cheers to volunteers

In an open letter to British Columbians we recognize the value and impact of volunteerism in BC.

April 22 to 28 is National Volunteer Week in Canada, and 2001 is the United Nations International Year of Volunteers. One of the ways we mark Volunteer Week is by recognizing and thanking the people who touch all our lives.

One third of British Columbians—over one million—give their time to organizations. Many more volunteer informally in their neighbourhoods. This means that on Salt Spring Island at least 3,300 are active in the community.

Volunteer BC is a provincial association committed to

building excellence in volunteerism in B.C. We at Volunteer BC want you to know that as a volunteer you do make a difference. From essential services in your community to global humanitarian efforts. Whether you drive, coach, visit, tutor, advocate for change, clean up the countryside, care for animals, sit on a committee or board, raise funds, you make all our lives richer.

Imagine our lives if we did not encourage and support volunteering. This is a time to celebrate the contribution of over a million British Columbians and promise to do what we can to help them help others effectively.

This year is International Year of Volunteers. This year is about the value of one and the power of many.

CAROL BIELY
PRESIDENT,
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Children in poverty

I would like to thank Andy Gibson for his excellent letter on the Guaranteed Annual Income in a recent edition of the *Barnacle*. He quite rightly emphasizes the relationship of poverty to the need for a guaranteed income. Poverty, and particularly child poverty, is the shame of this country—and it is growing year after year, despite a unanimous resolution by Parliament to eradicate it by the year 2000. But child poverty is not just a statistic. It's children—little kids—going to school hungry, poorly clothed, inadequately housed, day after day.

Mel Hurtig in his excellent, but heart-wrenching, book on poverty in Canada, *Pay the Rent or Feed the Kids*, mentions many incidents and I'll quote just two.

Teachers noticed a little girl sneaking out of class at lunch time in order to open the doors and bring in two of her younger siblings so that they could take part in the lunch program. But she wasn't ripping off the system indiscriminately—she only did it towards the end of the month when there was no more food or money in her home. And there was the little girl who received a new pair of shoes to replace the worn and ragged sneakers that she wore to school through snow and ten degrees below weather. She was so happy and so proud that she wouldn't take them off. Then her teachers noticed that she wouldn't take them off even at times when shoes would normally be removed. Under questioning she burst into tears and ad-



A journal as literary as the *Barnacle* can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Mt. Rainier, Washington, U.S.A., 14,400 ft. at the summit.

mitted the reason she didn't take off her shoes was because she didn't have any socks. Now that kid knew that socks should go with shoes, and that kid knew that she was poor and still we torture her with the stigma of poverty every day of her young life.

And the politicians pocket fat pay checks and fatter pensions without a thought for the kids who really suffer. But they go home to their ridings and promise tax cuts—tax cuts to those who have never known poverty and whose children, thank God, have never known hunger. If you think I am too hard on the politicians I will say I am sorry—sorry that I do not have sufficient command of the English language to express adequately my profound contempt and disgust for the people that will let these conditions persist, day after day, year after year in a country as rich as Canada.

I'm not naive enough to think that a Guaranteed Annual Income will solve all the ills of society but it would be a giant step forward in solving the crime of child poverty in this country. And the sooner the better.

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For the record...

•A photo in last week's *Barnacle* showed a Salt Spring Centre student being outfitted with a bicycle helmet. Wendy Webb of Island Pathways clarified some of the accompanying information. Helmets were made available for a nominal \$10 charge to children who needed them. The helmets were provided at cost by Fort Street Cycle. Island Pathways had obtained a grant which covered part of the cost.

•In our April 10 story on nurses, we said nurses were demanding a top wage rate of \$60 per hour. It is actually \$42 per hour.

•Writer Alan Webb, on seeing his story on the Sewer debates in print, asked how it was that a permit could be reworked, when it in fact had been revoked.

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Earth Day a sobering celebration

by Helani Davison

The conch sounded to announce the beginning of the 10th annual Inter-faith Earth Day celebration at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on Sunday. Brilliant banners with ancient religious symbols and water from the sacred well of the Natives of Salt Spring reflected the event's theme, Waters of Life.

A programme of readings, song, and dance started with the welcoming words of Judith Boel, "We all love the earth and feel that we are a part of it," she said, reminding us that our thoughts, words, and actions cause a ripple effect. In black tights and youthful form, 19 GISS students presented *Waterdance*, depicting the supple ebb and flow of water.

Guest speaker, geologist, and teacher, Tom Wright spoke with lyrical imagery, "If the sun is the beating heart of Gaia, water must surely be its life blood... without water we turn to dust."

Various religious groups gave performances and presentations. Four singers from the Salt Spring Yoga Centre sang about healing waters.

Ahava and Mahaka of the Jewish faith spoke on the water theme. "We can't drink logs and money," Mahaka said. "The waters are returning from the springs of salvation," Ahava sang in a Hebrew song.

In a guided visual meditation, Matthew Coleman, representing the Buddhist community, led the audience through a lush nature scene. Drinking from an imaginary waterfall, the audience was asked, "Where does the water become you?" The Christian message delivered by Reverend Rohana Laing and Maureen Wild stated the devastating consequences of our water problem. Saying, "To cleanse the waters is to wash the soul."

Following the Grannies scolding songs in their customary flower clustered hats, Aylwin Catchpole spoke for the Wiccan religion. Carol Evans and harpist Caroline McKay delivered a message on behalf of the Baha'i.

An emotional message of hope was delivered by Willo Stevenson. Then the audience formed a symbolic circle within a circle to participate in a dance of universal peace, like ripples on a pond.



Helani Davison photo

Earth Day, Heron—The Lewagila Dancers from Kingcome Inlet, B.C. performed traditional native dances using only drums and song at as part of a fundraising event for the Heronry at Art Spring on Sunday.

AAC recommends Trust withdraw LUB

by Michelle Grant

Fear continues to be the dominant factor in discussions between the agricultural community and the Islands Trust. "We want to ensure that farmers can carry on normal farming practices without fear of lawsuits. We don't want to get into trouble with fisheries or have to go to the Trust every time we want to plow a field, build a barn...", says Ken Byron.

Last Thursday evening's marathon meeting between the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC), the Trust, and special guests Roger Cheetham, Land Re-

serve Commission (LRC) Planning Officer, and Brent Warner, Ministry of Agriculture Provincial Specialist ended with AAC recommending that land use by-law 355 be withdrawn. According to committee member Tony Threlfall, the request was made in order to implement the substantial amendments needed.

What AAC would like to see changed:

- amending the definitions of farm products and farm operations to allow for the small scale sale of raw and processed timber, provided the logs are milled by a portable mini-mill of up

to and including 75 HP internal combustion engine.

- recognizing in some fashion in the bylaw, the move towards agri-tourism

- recognizing that farm-houses often have a secondary kitchen or may need a processing kitchen for their farm operation.

- amending the definition of Accessory Buildings and Structures to allow a shower if needed for farm workers.

- amending the sign regulations to include farm operations in the commercial zones area

Setbacks from water bodies was another big issue with members questioning why the Trust felt it was necessary to apply double the standard set by the Ministry of Agriculture. The reason given was that the Trust was following specific recommendations set by the Ministry of Environment for Salt Spring because of concerns over the

amount of nutrients in St. Mary Lake. Setbacks will be looked at in detail during next Thursday's meeting.

The Trust has issues of its own. Broadening the farm definition to allow the sale of raw and processed lumber affects the agriculture definition and agriculture is permitted in just about every zone on Salt Spring, including Maliview, according to Linda Adams, Regional Planning Coordinator. The term "agri-tourism" is something Trustee Bev Byron feels could be added once the Land Reserve Commission gets a better handle on it. "The bylaw is not finished. It could be amended once we know how the LRC wants to handle it," says Byron. Second kitchens are another big issue. "Obviously our concern is with illegal suites. We have to be careful what we allow," says Adams.

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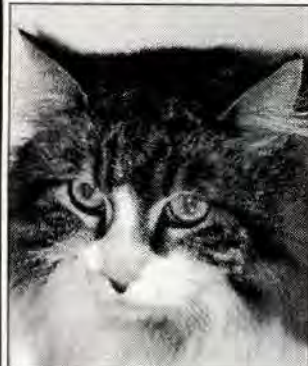
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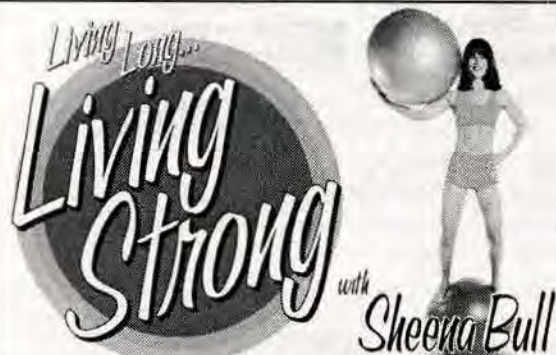
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The thing I remember most clearly is that for all the talk, I never saw anybody, aside from models, actually wearing The Sack. And that, as far as I can see, is the one abiding feature of High Fashion. Each spring in Paris and London and Rome, lizardy, androgynous gargoyles with names like Dior and Lacroix and Izima unleash bony, scowling models draped in the most unlikely of costumes. The models stomp and prance down runways looking like death camp Barbies suffering from PMS.

They flounce about crankily as the cameras flash and the fashion doyens scribble notes—and then you never see those outfits again. Well, who'd want to? Recently in London, designer Alexander McQueen sent a model out wearing what looked like my grandmother's dressing gown accentuated—I am not making this up—with a gold-painted skeleton of a dog around her neck. I'm sure we'll be seeing a lot of those at the governor-general's soirees.

I should add that the canine remains were only slightly more emaciated than the ghoulish wretch who was wearing them. That's the other thing about haute couture, of course. The models are virtually skeletons themselves. In the world of high fashion, no look is more highly prized than that of the angry, half-starved junkie waif. It's a look that may be on the way out. Seems as if some people in the fashion business are tired of riding on the backs of clothes horses who look like they should be sent to the knacker's yard, rather than down fashion house runways.

Last year, fashion magazines in Britain moved to adopt a code that would set a minimum size for models. They also put forward a motion to ban advertisements portraying unhealthy thin women. Not surprisingly, a lot of folks in the fashion biz aren't too crazy about these ideas. The British fashion mags, under pressure from modeling agencies, advertisers and the models themselves, kicked out the idea of changing the image of fashion models. I'm not surprised the fashion moguls are satisfied with the status quo—I'm just surprised there's any kind of public demand for it.

Who follows this stuff? And what do they get from it? High fashion. It's a cruel con job perpetrated on women in the name of beauty. Not that there's anything new in that. A very wise person once wrote: "Taught from infancy that beauty is a woman's sceptre, the mind shapes itself to the body, and roaming round its gilt cage, only seeks to adorn its prison." Mary Wollstonecraft wrote that, and she wrote it more than 200 years ago. To paraphrase the old ad: You haven't come a long way, baby.

by Gail Trafford

A banner will be flying over Ganges this week to mark Prevention of Violence against Women Week. Lynda Laushway of the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse: Community Development and Research Society (SWOVA) asks that the public take the opportunity to be aware of violence against women and children in our society, and on our Island.

SWOVA was formed nine years ago in response to a horrific crime against an Island woman and child that resulted in a conviction of attempted murder. Through education and research the society hopes to change attitudes and work within our community to eliminate violence and empower local girls and women.

Although Salt Spring may seem tranquil and idyllic, a large portion of police time is spent in dealing with family violence issues. The transition house for women and children on the Island, and the crisis line, have no shortage of clients.

According to a 1993 Statistics Canada survey, British Columbia has the highest rate of violence against women in Canada. Fifty-nine per cent of women in B.C. have experienced at least one physical or sexual assault since the age of 16, as compared with the national average of 51 per cent. The Ministry of Women's Equality figures show that our province spends \$385 million annually dealing with the results of crimes against women and children. On almost a weekly basis somewhere in B.C. a

horrible incident against women and children is reported.

SWOVA works within the school district with students in grades 7, 8, 9, and 11. Using education, skill building, and information to raise awareness, the Society hopes to address and ultimately prevent violence against women and girls and to foster healthy and respectful relationships.

The partnership between the school district and SWOVA is building a research base for gender-based violence prevention and healthy relationship programmes in Canada. A variety of educational materials have been created by SWOVA, including the

book, *Freedom from Fear: The How-To Guide On Violence Prevention Inspired by Teens for Teens*. The book is full of ideas for workshops on violence prevention and is a how-to manual for a group to plan an activity to stop violence. *My Activity Book for Staying Safe on My Island Home*, is geared to elementary school age children and their parents. It uses colouring book illustrations, a maze, and a safety mobile to introduce stay-safe principles to young children. The video, *Women and Violence: Education is Prevention* is an inspirational film about the project and why it worked. It features inter-

views with teens, teachers, project staff, and community members enthusiastically relating their experiences with the SWOVA project.

Laushway was delighted when SWOVA recently received an email from a woman in the Sudan who had just discovered the new website. She wanted more information about the project and how it might work in her community. It is exciting to see the project that started on Salt Spring reaching out to help someone at the other side of the planet.

For more information about SWOVA check out the website at www.salt-spring.com/swova.

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Skeena Queen update

The M. V. Skeena Queen will be out of service for engine repairs and is expected to return to service by the end of May.

The M. V. Bowen Queen will continue to be the replacement vessel; because it's a slightly smaller vessel than the M. V. Skeena Queen, some overloads and delays can be expected at peak sailing times.

Rotary Park sculpture to be installed

The bronze Salty Maid, created by Thomas McPhee, will

be unveiled at the Rotary Marine Park on Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. The Salty Maid, the handsome result of more than 1,000 volunteer hours over the past four years, will stand in the park over-looking

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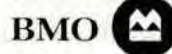
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Island Governance Part 4

Preserve & Protect: The Islands Trust

by Alan Webb

One of the enduring legacies of the Dave Barrett NDP administration of the early 70's is the Islands Trust. The establishment of the Trust was in response to burgeoning population growth in the coastal regions of B.C., population growth which by the mid-sixties had resulted in fully half of all British Columbians living in areas adjacent to what was to become the Trust Area.

The first move toward an Islands-based autonomous government came in 1969 when the Bennett Socreds imposed a temporary freeze on subdivision development until Island communities could adopt plans and regulations to manage growth.

This was followed in 1972 with an all-party special committee of the legislature which set about to investigate the unique problems facing the Trust Area. The committee found that pressures arising from the Area's proximity to major urban centres posed a threat to the very features which made the region unique.

Out of this process evolved The Islands Trust Act, which was enacted in 1974 with a mandate to "preserve and protect the Trust Area".

That area totals nearly 5,200 square kilometres and comprises all the land (except Indian Reserves) on all the islands, and the water between the islands in the Strait of Georgia, Howe Sound, and the southern Gulf Islands. In all, 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands.

Structure

The Islands Trust is made up of 16 distinct corporate entities: a Trust Council, 14 Local Trust Committees, and the Trust Fund Board. The daily business of the Trust is carried out by an additional body, the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Chairperson of the Islands Trust and three Vice-Chairpersons, all elected for three-year terms by the Council from amongst its members.

Trust Council

The Trust Council is a 26-member organization responsible for the financial management of the Trust, with the exception of the Trust Fund.

The Council is empowered to adopt and implement a Trust Policy Statement which applies to the whole Trust Area. The Policy Statement is the framework of general policies for the Trust Council to carry out the object of the Trust. This includes setting the parameters for land use planning undertaken by Local Trust Committees to ensure that local planning conforms to the overall mandate of the Trust. In essence, Local Trust Committees enjoy a measure of autonomy while the Trust Council maintains a loose hold of a restraining leash.

Local Committees

The 14 Local Trust Committees are each made up of three members: two locally elected trustees—in Salt Spring's case Bev Byron and David Borrowman—and an Executive Committee member who acts as Chairperson—David Essig in Salt Spring's case.

In addition to land use planning, the local committee is also responsible for regulation for the local area. This includes rural land use bylaws, zoning and subdivision bylaws, regulatory power over soil removal and deposit, and authorization permits under Part 26—Planning and Land Use Management—of the Local Government Act.

The committees most heady responsibility, of course, is the preparation and adoption of Official Community Plans. OCP's must in turn be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, while all local bylaws must be submitted to the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee refuses to approve a bylaw, the Local Committee may request that the bylaw be submitted to the Trust Council for approval.

Each of the Local Trust Committees may be aided by various groups of its own devising. Volunteers from the community make up Advisory Planning Commissions, Advisory Transportation Committees, and Advisory Design Panels. Boards of Variance may be established to decide minor appeals to specific bylaw regulations.

Trust Fund Board

The Trust Fund Board was established for the express purpose of acquiring and managing certain parcels of land in the Trust Area that are deemed significant. Three trustees elected by the Trust Council and up to three people appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs make up the Board. The Board accepts donations and acquires and manages land, partial interests in land, and the funds necessary to protect places of special beauty and natural value. Donations to the Trust Fund may be tax deductible.

Policy & Principles

Policy Statement

The Islands Trust Policy Statement was drafted to express the goals and policies of the Trust, as well as to reflect the values and concerns for the future of the Trust Area as expressed by residents. The Statement contains an outline of the roles and responsibilities of the various bodies within the Trust, defines the legislated object of the Trust, provides an interpretation of that object, and spells out the principles by which the Trust will be guided in pursuing its goals. The Statement also contains the Trust Council's "vision of the future" including the Council's goals and policies concerning ecosystem preservation, stewardship of resources, and sustainable communities.

The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organizations and the government of British Columbia.

ness to the need for sustainable use and stewardship by landowners.

The Policy Statement spells out the policies by which the

Trust Council seeks to achieve these goals, first stating that the "Trust Council holds that: proactive land use planning is essential for the protection of the Trust Area ecosystems"; and secondly that "protection

must be given to the Trust Areas natural processes, habitats and species, including those of the Area's old forests, Coastal Douglas-fir forests, Garry Oak/Arbutus forests, wetlands, open coastal grasslands, the vegetation of dry rocky areas, lakes streams, estuaries, tidal flats, salt water marshes, drift sectors, lagoons, and kelp and eel grass beds". Thirdly, "planning must account for the cumulative effects of existing and proposed development so as to avoid detrimental effects on watersheds, groundwater supplies and Trust Area species and habitats".

Principles

- The primary responsibility of the Islands Trust Council is to provide leadership for the preservation, protection and stewardship.

- When making decisions Council will place priority on preserving and protecting the integrity of the environment.

- Council will seek information from a broad range of sources in its decision-making processes.

- To achieve the Islands Trust object, the rate and scale of growth and development must be carefully managed and may require limitation.

- Trust Council believes that open, consultative public participation is vital.

- Trust Council will implement a plan for the advancement of the Policy Statement as part of its annual budget process.

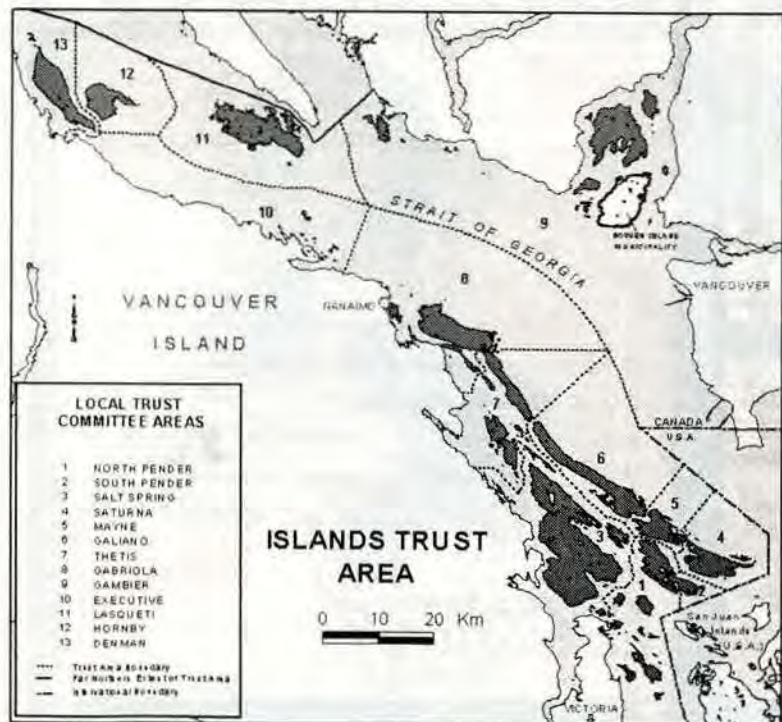
Eco-protection

One of the principle goals of the Islands Trust is to foster the preservation and protection of the Area's ecosystems. In this they have various means at their disposal including the creation of parks and ecological reserves, to seeking to raise public aware-

Stewardship

The Islands Trust is also busy in the area of stewardship of natural resources such as the promotion of sustainable farming, and logging. The Trust encourages local trust committees to promote sustainable farming in their official community plans, and when drafting and applying bylaws in the areas of land use, and when planning for such things as road construction.

In terms of forests the Trust is again in a position of having to appeal to co-operation. The Trust recognizes forestry as a traditional land use, but expresses its preference for sustainable forest practises. Further, the Trust Council states their position that "forest cover is a representative characteristic of the Trust islands, which should be maintained". The Trust Councils strongest position on the subject is to encourage the Provincial government "to adopt mechanisms that will ensure full and meaningful participation of communities in decisions concerning the use of forest land".



SPACE 4U2B



NATHAN STAM

Seriously into sports—rugby, baseball, running, and especially mountain biking, this GISS student assists in coaching the girl's volleyball team, and is a teacher's aide in the phys ed department. Nathan is also involved in the youth group activities at his church, and has been working part time for the past two years.

SPORTS

SIMS GRADE 8 GIRLS vs FIREFIGHTERS & RCMP BASKETBALL ACTION SATURDAY, APRIL 21st



The basketball game between the SIMS grade 8 girls and the Salt Spring Firefighters on Saturday night (in honour of Nichola Howard and her family) provided top-notch entertainment and edge-of-your-seat excitement throughout the game, especially in the last moments. Way too much fun to be a one time event...ENCORE, ENCORE!!



CARLOS MANZANO

His art is colourful, bold and lively. Creating pictures using paint, pastels or simply sketching is what Carlos loves to do. He also enjoys creating with wood, and is currently working on a model of Salt Spring (pictured, right) in his woodworking class at GISS. To

earn extra funds for his supplies, Carlos operates a kindling and lawn cutting business of his own on Saturna Island where he resides. His artwork is on display at Barb's Buns through the end of this week.



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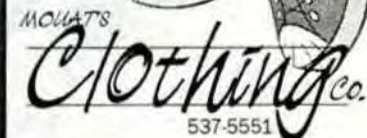
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Derek Duffy sings Irish lore

by Helani Davison

Derek Duffy got the attention of a full house at Talon's last Wednesday by opening his set with a song

in his Irish tenor voice without musical accompaniment. "The song, Sullivan's John, tells a story about a man who ran off with a

band of gypsies and returned years later with regrets." Explained singer-songwriter, Duffy, it is within Irish tradition to tell

one's story in song in the neighbourhood pubs. Visitors are still often expected to address everyone with an intimate account of their life in song form. The Irish language was not transcribed until 300 years ago, but was recorded in story, poems, and music. The stories vary from loves lost to loves gained. There are stories of going to sea, patriotic songs, and drinking songs.

The homey club atmosphere at Talon's provided a good venue for Duffy's ballads, which are a large part of Irish music. The music became livelier as the evening progressed. Playing guitar and harmonica, Duffy was backed by Terry Warbey doing some nimble mandolin playing and Bruce Mailley on conga drums. An old Irish jig, *King Of The Fairies*, picked up the energy of the performance. In the last set, Jaimie Rokebey-Thomas joined in with some fine fiddling. Duffy has written and recorded 17 songs to date and is releasing a CD this August.



Derek Duffy with his guitar, accompanied by Terry Warbey on mandolin, playing and singing in the Irish tradition at Talon's last Wednesday night.

Dance to percussion & brass ensemble at Beaver Hall

Island Rhythm, the 16-member percussion orchestra from Cortes Island, plays Friday, May 4 at Beaver Point Hall. The group brings a unique mix of traditional world beat and New Orleans party music. Led by master Gordy Ryan, Island Rhythm traces the roots of modern rhythm from Africa, across the Atlantic, to the Caribbean and New Orleans. Trumpet and Tuba round out the complex polyrhythms of the drums. They have played their energized and soulful music from the Gulf Islands to Oregon.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m.. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth, and children under 12 are free.

Local teen wins film award

James Sharp, a student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, won an Outstanding Achievement in DVF/MM Special Effects film-making with his film, *Head Smudge*, at the Eye-Lens Film and Video Festival on Galiano Island this April.

More than 140 videos were screened, all produced at the Gulf Islands Film and Television School, on Galiano Island. Many of these students who participated in the festival were first-time filmmakers. Founded in 1995, GIFTS is a rural film camp, which offers media intensive programmes for aspiring filmmakers, actors, and animators.

Crowe returns to Talon's



Allison Crowe

by Gail Trafford

Allison Crowe, a rising star on the Canadian music scene, will take to the stage at Talon's, on April 28, at 9 p.m., with special guest Camille Miller. Crowe, an exciting vocal artist and pianist will be accompanied by her trio, bass player David Baird and Kevin Clevette on drums.

Last fall Crowe opened at ArtSpring for Tara MacLean and then packed Talon's for her own concert. Because of Crowe's popularity at the last event, ticket sales will be carefully controlled to prevent overcrowding and to ensure seating for all.

Known for a wide range of songs, Crowe invigorates the ballad with an expressively lyric style in *Crayon and Ink*. She ranges from the melancholy in *On the Air* to social commentary in *Disease*.

Setting a course for success, Crowe will sail from Salt Spring to Her Royal Majesty's Records, the sound studios of rocker, Bif Naked. This opportunity to record a demo came after an appearance on VTV's Breakfast show where Peter Karroll, Bif's producer, spotted her. He will produce Crowe's recording.

Guest star, singer and songwriter Camille Miller, recently returned from a ten-month tour of the Middle East. She is preparing for the release next month of her second CD, *She Knows*. Vancouver's Doug Elliot of the pop/rock group The Odds produced and recorded the CD. Miller has shared the stage with Colin James, the Philosopher Kings, and many other prominent names in the music world.

Available at Acoustic Planet, et cetera, Music Emporium and Talon's tickets are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door. Guests with tickets who arrive early to eat will be able to keep their seats but starting about 8 p.m. concert guests will be seated on a first come first served basis.

Elementary school brings us Oliver Twist

If you love the theatre and are longing to experience a bit of ol' England, save yourself the airfare. It's all happening at Salt Spring Elementary's musical production of *Oliver Twist* on May 3 and 4.

Set in the darkened streets of London more than a century ago, crafty urchins, a few adult opportunists, and a wee trusting boy named Oliver will entertain you as they journey back to revisit this adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless classic. Eighty-four gifted and energetic young actors, singers, and dancers have been rehearsing for the past two months to bring this production to the stage. This event has been a co-operative school-wide and community effort to create a lively and unforgettable experience for theatre goers.

Response to the casting call was so enthusiastic that director Mike Krayenhoff and Choreographer Jill Smith made the decision to double-cast all principal roles.

Each cast will perform one matinee and evening performance so each night is guaranteed to be a little bit different.

Under the musical direction of teacher Linda Mills, *Oliver Twist* will feature the debut performances of several young soloists supported by Salt Spring Elementary's well-known and loved choir.

Tickets for *Oliver Twist* will be available in the office of Salt Spring Elementary during school hours beginning Thursday, April 26 or at the door. Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and a special family price of \$8. This hour-long musical production will begin at 12:30 p.m. for matinee performances and 7 p.m. for evening performances of both May 3 and 4. Although gruel is the order of the day, don't despair. Home baked goodies will be available. Come be charmed by the street urchins of Salt Spring Elementary, but watch your pockets!

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APRIL 24-MAY 6

CASTAWAY

What book, companion and other thing would you want with you if you were stranded on a desert island?



This week's castaway is **Pamela Adams**. Pam has lived on Salt Spring Island for about 12 years and is the author of two books: 'Blossom and Friends', the well-known children's book which evolved from stories Pam told her daughter, and 'Searching for the Silver Linings', an inspirational book. Pam also creates inspirational

cards with sayings that have come to her in the middle of the night.

The Book: An empty book that I could write in, so that I could record and pour out all my special thoughts of the totally unique experience this would be.

Fellow castaway: I would like to do this on my own because I feel in that way it I would get more out of the experience.

The Thing: Nothing, because, if I am there, I would like to experience the place totally and not bring along any hang-ups. I would manage with what I find on the island - sort of like coming into the world with nothing.



**TUESDAY
APRIL 24**

- Calligraphy Series**
Ages 8+, Fables Cottage. 3-4pm
- Mowbray and Wall**
Talons. 6:30pm
- Judy Harper. Rommy Verlaan**
Island Savings. Ongoing
- Amarah Gabriel Moby's Marine Pub** Ongoing
- The Photography Show** ArtSpring Ongoing
- Rachel Vadeboncoeur** Luigi's Pizzeria Ongoing
- Louise Goodman** SS Roasting Co Ongoing
- Rasha-Krishna Festival** Spiritual Retreat. SS Centre, April 21-26. 5am + 5pm daily
- The Heart Sutra** North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. Call 537-1497 for location.
- Seniors Services Society**
Annual General Meeting. Seniors' Ctr. 2pm
- SSI Paddler's Club** United Church Hall. 7:30pm
- Planned Parenthood clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm. 537-8786
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
Call 537-2358 for location. 7pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop-in Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- Dog Obedience**
Classes start. Reg: 537-9505
- Chocolat** Central. 7 & 9:15pm

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 25**

- Kindergym** 0-4 yrs. Comm.
- Gospel Chapel** 9-11am
- Drop-in for Parents and schoolers** Fulford Hall
- Storytime** Fables C. 10:30am Wednesdays
- Paper Marbling** Fables C.
- South End Toy Libr**
Beaver Pt Hall. Every thru June 20. 9:30-10:30am
- Argentinian Tango**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Rasha-Krishna Festi**
Spiritual Retreat. SS C. 21-26. 5am + 5pm daily
- Caregivers Support**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- Seniors Services S**
AGM & Election. 2pm
- SSI Garden Club M**
- Anger Management**
Women Support gro. Starks Rd studio. 1-3:30pm
- Spring Healing Bod**
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- Surfing for Seniors**
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**MONDAY
APRIL 30**

- 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
- Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- Blood Pressure Clinic**
Seniors' Bldg. 10am-12noon
- Revolutionary water**
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- Move Into Fitness**
Easy start. Meaden Hall. 9-10am
- Yoga class** SS Centre. 9-10:30am
- Drop-in Step/Stretch**
All Saints. M-W-F 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Classes**
All Saints. M&W 10:30am
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Fury for the Sound: The Women at Clayoquot** SS Cable 12. 7pm
- Tsurphu: Home of the Karmapas**
SS Cable 12. 8pm
- Life Model Drawing** United. 1-3pm
- Fun Darts** Legion. 6:30pm

**TUESDAY
MAY 1**

- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm. 537-1497 for location.
- Planned Parenthood clinic**
Core Inn. 4-6pm. 537-8786
- Prenatal Class**
CHR Health Unit. 7-9pm
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group** Call 537-2358 for location. 7pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Dance**
All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Nia Master Class**
The Barn. 10am-12noon
- Yoga class**
SS Centre. 6:30-8pm
- Drop-in Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 2**

- Kindergym** 0-4 yrs. Comm.
- Gospel Chapel** 9-11am
- Drop-in for Parents and Preschoolers**
Coffee, chat, supervised play. Fulford Hall. 10am-12pm
- Music and Munch** Music for passiontide. All Saints'. 12:10pm
- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage hosted by Vaughn Fulford. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- Caregivers Support Group**
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Family Walk Mouat Park. 10am Thursdays Storytime 10:30am. Bookbinding: 3:30 Fables Cottage. Sing Along Group Seniors' Bldg. 2pm. Thursdays Salty Wheels Square Dance Central Hall. 7-9pm. Rasha-Krishna Festival Spiritual Retreat. SS Ctr. April 21-26. Community Meditation United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm Community Gathering Light meal, discussion, activities. United Church. 5:30-7pm SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild ArtSpring. 10:30-noon Islands Trust meeting Lions Club. 1:15pm MS Support Group Seniors' Building. 7pm Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10 Psychic Development group Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm	Rughuggers Potluck & support. Family Place. 11:30-1 Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am Myths & Fairytales For 7-10's. Public Library. 3-4 Celtic Festival Beaver Point Hall. Apr. 27, 7-10p; Apr. 28, 10a-11p; Apr. 29, 10a-2p Open Stage Rose's Cafe. 7pm Island Pathways AGM & slide show. Lions. 7pm Crone cycle retreat 7-10pm. Regis. 537-0071. Rollerblading to Music Fulford Hall. 7:30pm Black light bowling Kings Lane Rec. Ctr. 9pm-midnight	Green Party Potluck Lions 6-9pm Thrifty Foods 24-hour relay Meaden Hall. 6pm Handmade Paper Fables Cottage. 1-2 Storytelling Elizabeth Buchanan. Fables Cottage. 2-2:30 Playback Theatre. United Church. 7pm Newman & Meyers Harbour House 9pm Celtic Festival Beaver Pt Hall. Apr. 27-29 Barrington Perry Jazz. Alfresco. 6-9:30 Archie Fisher ArtSpring 8pm Miller/Crowe Talons 9pm Live Music Harbour House Lounge. 7-10 SSTA Season Opener (Tennis) Portlock. 8:30am Seven Point Mind Training W/Lama Chhimi. Apr. 28, 29 Crone cycle retreat 10am-10pm. 537-0071. Library Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm	The Other Brothers Fulford Inn. 6-9pm Celtic Festival Beaver Point Hall. Apr. 27-29 Seven Point Mind Training With Lama Chhimi. Apr. 28, 29. 537-1497. Crone cycle retreat 10am-3pm. Regis. & location: 537-0071. Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm Telling Stories Workshop for adults. Fables Cottage. 10-4pm Newcomers Sunday Morning Walk Meet at buoy in Centennial Park 11am.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28th

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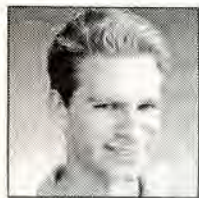
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Hamlet



Flick Pick ... with Jason Tudor

First off, I'm sure the question you're asking yourself is, "do we really need another version of *Hamlet*?" After all, just in the last decade we've had two (one with Mel Gibson, the other with Kenneth Branagh) and one would think the public would have the story down by now. This isn't true. Most people I talk to know some of the big quotes, but if you ask them what it's about they give you a blank stare and mention something about poisoned swords.

This new *Hamlet* attempts the same trick recently pulled by Baz Luhrmann's *Romeo & Juliet*: take a Shakespeare play and move it—"old style" dialogue intact—into the present time. Michael Almereyda's *Hamlet* takes place in New York, circa the year 2000, with Denmark not a state but a huge corporation. Claudius (Kyle MacLachlan) has killed the CEO and taken both his position and his wife, Gertrude (Diane Venora). When her son Hamlet (Ethan Hawke) arrives home from school, his father's ghost reveals the whole sinister plot and on we go.

Of course, you're still looking for an answer to your question of why. Well, because it's fun—fun to take modern actors like Bill Murray (who plays Polonius) and Steve Zahn (Rosencrantz) and move them out of their element, fun to have Hamlet deliberate, "to be or not to be," in a Blockbuster video store in the action shelves, fun to anticipate just how this version will achieve the play's notorious climactic casualty rate. There might be a serious reason for this film, perhaps indicated by use of video cameras as in instrument of memory, but after all is said and shown it can't overpower the notion that the film is somewhat of a gimmick. And that's okay. Sometimes deciphering five-century old dialogue should be entertaining.

Rating: 14a



Sophia Lynn, Kyla Dalton, Sophie Banks-Bywater, and Bailey Dalton as elves, and Thea Stone as a dwarf, in full costume for the Phoenix School's presentation of *The Hobbit*, scheduled for April 26 and 27 at ArtSpring.

Poet remembers Egypt

by Judy Harper

Fifteen years after spending the night alone in the King's chamber of the pyramid Menkaure, Penn Kemp recalls her Egyptian nights with a sense of wonder that even she, with her gift of language, finds hard to describe. "The blackness was so complete as to be tangible," she says, "and at the

same time, there was an astonishing quality of light, spaciousness, and weightlessness." She does express, clearly, that it was a pivotal experience in her life, one which appeared suddenly and unexpectedly, an almost casual response on her part to the question, "What are you doing for the next few days?" Her answer took her to Egypt, and the beginning of a personal odyssey. She has spent the intervening years searching for a way to convey the experience in language that others can understand.

Penn Kemp is a well known Canadian "sound poet," playwright, and performer who has published 20 books and produced four CDs, including Canada's first poetry CD-ROM of her performance pieces, entitled, *On Our Own Spoke*. She has had four plays produced from her writings, and has just learned that there will be a theatre production in Toronto based on her work *Suite Ancient Egypt*.

Born in southern Ontario, she now lives in

Toronto, a place she calls home but only touches down in between travels. Her interest in ancient mythologies has taken her on extensive journeys through North America, Europe, North Africa, Mexico, South America and India, often as writer-in-residence. Her interest in sound poetry evolved from a need to render language more expressive, and to honour the ancient oral tradition of storytelling.

She says that poetry is the only vehicle that can effectively convey her Egyptian experience in words, and with sound poetry she can induce a sense of timelessness by "consciously breaking up the straight arrow of the English language ... breaking poetry out of its ordinary order into sound which can express extraordinary emotion."

This process began years ago as Kemp watched her children expressing the tones and rhythms of words and phrases before they understood their meanings. She calls the ancient tradition of "song-lines" a "strike against our

visual culture—a more playful approach to storytelling."

Kemp was selected from a group of 15 meditation leaders to spend two nights between the paws of the Sphinx, with only a Sufi guard. Beneath the Egyptian night sky, listening to the sounds of jackals and dogs, they communicated only in words of praise to share their experience. On the third night the guard felt she was ready to spend the night in Menkaure alone, ready to be shown the experience of the pyramids. For many years after that night, the book, *Suite Ancient Egypt* percolated while Penn sifted through her feelings and responses, trying prose, and finally, writing poetry. She stopped briefly on Salt Spring to celebrate the launching of her book by (m)other Tongue Press. Sponsored by the Canada Council and the League of Poets, Kemp will perform on May 4 and 5 at an art show at the Victoria Art Council Gallery, then on May 8, she will do a reading at Volume 1 bookstore in Duncan.

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- 1) Men of Honor
- 2) Legend of Bagger Vance
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Young readers cast votes for Red Cedar Book Awards

by Michelle Grant

Salt Spring Elementary and Middle School librarian Carole Eyles held a wrap-up party in the SIMS library for students participating in this year's Red Cedar Book Awards, last Friday. To vote in the children's choice awards, students must have read at least five fiction or non-fiction books from a list of 25 to 30 carefully selected Canadian titles.

The Red Cedar Book awards were established in 1996 to promote quality Canadian children's literature while encouraging students to broaden their reading experiences. This year approximately 18,650 students in grades 4 to 7 from across B.C. participated. Each student cast a vote for their favorite book and the winning titles, one fiction and the other non-fiction, will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet to be held at Burnaby North Secondary School on May 12. The author of each book on the original selection list is invited to attend the banquet so writers and

readers have a chance to meet.

A highlight of the awards ceremony is the opportunity for young readers to introduce one of the authors. This year, SIMS students will introduce William Kaplan, author of *One More Border*, the true story of one family's courageous journey to freedom during the holocaust. Since there is only room for a limited number of students at the banquet, four names were drawn during Friday's party. Elizabeth Sharp and Laura Stewart will represent SIMS and Alexa Hardy and Ivy Staker from SS Elementary will also have the chance to attend.

Books that proved popular with local students included *Janey's Girl* by Gayle Friesen, described by grade six students Elizabeth Sharp, Clare Lannan and Erin Foster as, "very real even though it was fiction, cool and down to earth." Younger students preferred *Nose from Jupiter* by Richard Scrimger, the tale of a tiny alien called Norbet who lives inside Alan Din-



Red Cedar Readers, Grade 4 to 7 students of SS Elementary and SIMS, practice their Russian with visiting author Beryl Young and school librarian Carole Eyles.

wall's nose. Grade 4 student, Nicholas Ogilvie who read all 12 non-fiction books on the list, gave the nod to *Finding out about Whales* by Elin Kelsey, an opinion supported by budding marine biologist

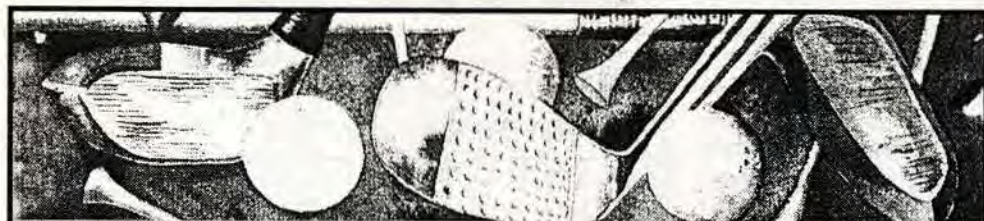
Kelsey Mech. Other popular non-fiction books of the children were *The Planets* by Cynthia Pratt, *Beavers and 52 Days by Camel*, *My Sahara Adventure*.

Eyles, the school librarian responsible for the program, credits volunteer Judi Francis at Mary Hawkins Library with helping to ensure there were additional copies of the books available through the public library.

Along with juice and

brownies, students at last week's party got a sneak preview of Vancouver writer Beryl Young's first book, *Wishing Star Summer*, to be released next month. Young described the transformations a story goes through from the idea stage until it arrives in bookstores. Then she told enough of her heartwarming tale of Jillian and Tanya, two 11-year-olds from different worlds, to leave the young readers

speculating about the ending. The students learned how to find the North Star (the best one to wish on if you want your wishes to come true, Young said), practiced some Russian (*druk* means friend and *Den razhdéniya Kanàda* means Canada's birthday) and gained some insight into the devastating effects Chernobyl unleashed on the children of Belarus, 15 years ago.



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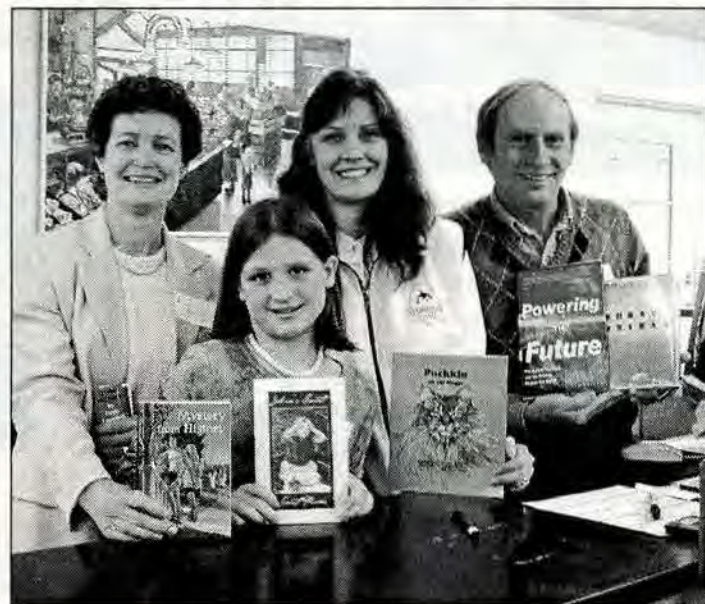
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Authors' open house huge success

by Michelle Grant

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Left to right, Dayle Gaetz, Jakua Jordan, Charlotte Sharratt and Tom Kappel.

and recorded by her mother, Hetty Clew's *The Only Teller*, *Readings in the Monologue Novel*, and *Grandfather Heron for a Friend* and Heather come back, two earlier books of Dayle Gaetz.

There was something for everyone, with books to satisfy the non-fiction junkie, the armchair adventurer, the poetry lover, the child, the romantic and even those seeking self improvement.

Inside the studio with Dave Davies

by Helani Davison

"The most exciting part of what I do is to take a concept, and follow it through to completion," says Dave Davies. He's a ten-year res-

hand computer for mailing lists, which in turn led to writing an inventory control program that sold well throughout the 1980's.

That operation grew

responsibilities kept him away from home even more than music and welding did. After 18 years, he sold the company in order to spend more time with his family. However, what he thought was retirement turned out to be a whole new career that combined his business experiences with his passion to create.

Dave wanted to work with highly talented, but unsigned, performers. He visited studios from Nashville to Edmonton before designing and building his own, then stocked it with the best recording equipment he could find.

On the business side, he created a record label called GSC Records Incorporated, then a publishing company, and finally, a video production company. After spending a couple of years learning his new equipment, he honed his skills by inviting various artists into the studio and recording one or two songs at no cost or obligation to them.

Since then, over 75 musicians have been through the studio. When Dave finds the ones with the right combination of talent, presence, vision, and work ethic, he makes them an offer.

None of these people pay for studio time, nor is there a limit on their time in the studio. "Watching the clock stifles the creation process far too much," Dave states. "Doing it this way leaves the artist free to just make it happen. To keep the quality as high as possible we've brought in session musicians from as far away as Ontario and Texas, and we get albums mastered in Nashville and New York, depending on the need."

"I see my job as helping the artists with the technical side of producing a saleable product and I make a point of not interfering with their vision. I try to contribute in areas where they prefer not to go, like computer work, pitching songs, marketing, and so on. If it goes beyond my skills, then I bring in more knowledgeable people."

"My daughters keep me inspired, and my wife keeps me stable," he grins. "They're involved with the business in different ways, but they're all busy, innovative artists in their own right."

Looking at problems with a critical eye is key to Dave's approach. "Most people have their own idea of how it should be done, but it seems that most musicians have CDs that are barely selling," he observes. "I may be wrong, but when everyone is doing it the same way, and so few people actually make it to the top, then maybe it's time to try a different plan?"

To that end, Dave markets his artist's products and songs in both conventional and non-conventional ways, trading on his experience selling software around the world. He's achieving successes like European distribution and national airplay, and is pitching and licensing songs to record labels, film producers, and performers outside Canada.

Right now, Dave is busy on CD projects with Kelly Burk and Little Marty, publishing songs with Chris Lenz, Denny James, and some off-island songwriters, as well as video projects with Valdy and several others. His studio is also creating a 3D animated commercial for an Ameri-

can firm, and publishing an exciting board game by the late Frank Coffey.

Dave describes his desire for new challenges and his passion to create: "I'm driven by a need to see how far I can take a project. I get a huge kick out of every job that's done well. What's more fun than that?"



Dave Davies at work. Nuts and internationally distributed software finally led Davies to his recording studio on Salt Spring.

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Dave's music career began in his mid-teens. Like many musicians, money was always scarce. For years he worked as a welder by day, and played rock and roll by night.

After marrying and starting a family, he wanted to quit working away from home so much. He and his wife started a mail-order food business called "Nuts To You!" This eventually led to purchasing a second-

faster than the mail-order business, expanding into Thailand, Australia, and the United States, with sales in South America, the Middle East, and South Africa. Products included software for the manufacturing, logging, and health care industries. To this day, more western Canadian hospitals are using his system than any other product. A sideline business created promotional and training videos for the users, which intrigued Dave even more than software design.

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People should never go into a building to save an animal. There have been cases where the pet had escaped, but the owner perished when they returned to the building to look for it. Leave it to the fire fighters, who are trained in proper rescue procedures for animals.

We recently mailed a sticker to all SPCA supporters. If you didn't get one, you can pick up one of a limited supply at the fire hall in Ganges, or at the Barnacle.



Oh, Deer!



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

Many of the gardeners who have visited our local garden centres on Salt Spring have inquired about deer-proof plants. I'm asked about this on a regular basis. Unfortunately, I don't believe such a plant exists. The minute you tell someone a plant is deer-proof, that's the specimen they will most likely nibble.

I've seen our Island deer sample, or eat, plant species that most folks would consider deer-proof. Hellebores, digitalis, and even rhubarb leaves; they've all been munched by our four-legged friends. These plants are supposed to be quite toxic but, obviously, some of the deer don't know any better.

Certain areas of Salt Spring seem to have deer with appetites for almost any plant. Channel Ridge, Scott Point, and Maracaibo are good examples. I wouldn't be surprised if the deer eat concrete lawn ornaments in those regions.

Don't be discouraged because it's not all doom and gloom. There are many species of plants I have not seen the deer eat—yet! I would like to name that group of plants, the more deer resistant species. Most of the herbs are safe. Rosemary, lavender, and thyme are not on their list of favourites. Many of the ornamental grasses seem to be fairly safe. Pines, spruce, cypress, monkey puzzle, and some eucalyptus species may also be good choices if you are over-run by deer. Artemesia, santolina, dusty miller, bay trees, berberis, hardy palms, and southern magnolia are all good plants to keep in mind if you are not willing to put up a high fence. Sometimes deer will also trash some shrubs and small trees with their antlers at a certain time of the year. I have seen some very hardy, somewhat deer resistant, plants completely destroyed by antler rubbing.

By all means none of the plants that I have mentioned are 100 per cent deer-proof, and young deer have been known to sample any plant. Most garden centres sell products that can be sprayed or dusted on the foliage to repel deer. Also, remember that just because a certain species of plant is loaded with thorns or spines doesn't mean it is deer-proof. Roses and pyracantha are among the deer's favourite food! There is also a list posted on our web site at www.gulfislands.com/foxglove.

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Bob Clark has been designing Japanese-style gardens in and around Victoria for over 30 years. He will be showing slides of Japanese gardens throughout the Pacific Northwest to illustrate the design elements needed in creating these beautiful gardens.

Bob is the instigator, and curator, of the Takata Japanese garden at the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific and spends two days a week volunteering for the ongoing project.

Garden gurus speak in Comox

The Comox Valley hosts a feast of flower fanciers, plants professionals, and gardening gurus May 5 and 6 at the annual Filberg Park Garden Show.

Green thumb novices and veterans can mix and mingle with specialists and experts on garden topics from bonsai to stone wall building. More than 50 exhibitors will present an array of annuals and perennials and specialty gardening wares. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from adult admission will go toward a Horticultural Bursary at Malaspina College.

GICAC supports Arts and Culture Week

As part of the province-wide Arts and Culture Week, April 23 to 29, the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (GICAC) is picking up the challenge to the community with a Mahon Hall Spruce-Up Day, Sunday, April 29, starting at 10 a.m.

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The B.C. Arts Council sponsors Arts and Culture Week to encourage creativity and innovation at home, at school, in the workplace, and in the community.

A ferry tale contest!



*Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger*

It's time to have some fun. I've received so much feedback from my recent columns about B.C. Ferries scheduling and throughfare problems that I've decided to run a contest. For the past three weeks it seems that every time I turn around somebody points at me and says, "Have I got a B.C. Ferries story to tell you!" So I realized there are hundreds of people out there who need a chance to vent, and we'd all get to enjoy some interesting stories. Recounting a traumatic occurrence is also therapeutic and would therefore reduce the chances of a sea rage incident.

So email, snail mail, fax, or drop off your favourite B.C. Ferries story to me, in care of the *Barnacle*, 324 Lower Ganges Road. The deadline for getting them in is Wednesday, May 9, 2001.

Yes, I do complain about some of the Ferry Corporation's weird policies and decisions, but I've also praised them (occasionally). Don't get me wrong, this contest is open to all types of B.C. Ferries stories—good or bad, funny or frustrating. Your story may contain compliments or complaints, but it must be an anecdote concerning B.C. Ferries. And we hope some of the stories will be funny.

We'll print a selection of the best stories here in the *Barnacle*, and I'll arrange for a nice prize for the winning entry. Please try to keep your story to 400 words or less. I'll reserve the right to edit for reasons of brevity, good taste, and libel.

Speaking of B.C. Ferries, here's something that drives me crazy—and I bet Ferry Corporation employees feel the same way I do. It seems that almost every time I'm

on the Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen run, I hear a version of the following announcement: "Would the driver of a blue BMW, licence number ABC 123, please return to the car deck. Your car alarm is going off."

Are there really so many urban yuppie goofballs out there who have become so paranoid that they arm their car alarms even on the darn ferry? Do they think that the street people who live in the dark hidden corners of the Superferry are going to smash and grab their Gucci luggage? Or do they just turn the alarm on out of habit—without thinking through the idea that the odds of someone stealing their car while they're on the ferry are about the same as the odds of the Skeena Queen being fixed?

I wish I were one of those magicians who can cause elephants, or even Boeing 747s, to disappear. What a great Candid Camera routine that would be! To see the looks on that oh-so-well-dressed couple's faces as they return to the car deck to find their pretentious sedan missing. "Scott, honey, where's the Beemer? Oh my God! It's gone! It was right here in the middle lane with 300 cars in front of it and 300 behind it!"

I'd love to play the part of the captain. "What's the problem here, folks?" Oh, that was your car, was it? Sorry about that. That darned electronic alarm was interfering with our navigation equipment so we had to throw your shiny little toy overboard. Feel free to go get it."

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Spiritual help for families facing death

By Gail Trafford

Denis Boyd, a well known counseling consultant and registered psychologist will be the guest of the Bessie Dane Foundation and the Alzheimer's Society for a seminar at the Upper Hall of All Saints' by the Sea Anglican Church, April 28. The seminar, The Spiritual Needs of Families Facing Death, will present approaches for handling grief issues and loss with an emphasis on spiritual needs.

This full day workshop is aimed at health care workers, including home support workers, staff from local health facilities, church volunteers, and friends and family of those facing grief. In fact, anyone in the community could benefit from the seminar. Part of the day's focus will be on helping Alzheimer's patients and their families cope with the loss caused by this disease.

The day will be divided into four parts, grief recovery review, soulful listening, family politics, and the spiritual needs of families facing death.

In 1975 Boyd was a co-founder of the first hospice in British Columbia. A regular television guest on Vancouver Breakfast, and a speaker at close to 55 workshops a year, Boyd still manages to maintain a full time counseling practice. He has held the position of Clinical Assistant Professor, at U.B.C.'s Faculty of Medicine, and Clinical Associate at S.F.U.'s Department of Psychology.

The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$12. Participants are asked to please bring a bag lunch.

New and noteworthy from the library



Biblio Files ...

with Joanne Elizabeth

Books:
"We take them for granted every day of our lives. We depend upon them, and our reliance is, by and large, justified." Adrian Johns in *The Nature of the Book*.

New / noteworthy

Charles Kahn, Pat Prowse, Wendy Shea, and Lyda Smith are new board members elected at the Annual General Meeting on March 28. They join Garth Hendron, John Myers, Bruce Mills and Joanne Elizabeth to make up the elected members of the Library board. Also sitting on the Board are Grace Byrne as past chair, and Helen Keys representing the CRD.

At the first meeting of the

new board on April 12, Judi Francis made a presentation regarding the work to date of the stalwart group planning the Library Web Site. After the initial planning and set-up stage is completed, the Library will need committed volunteers to serve as assistant Webmasters and Topic Managers.

The Library is planning a number of events to celebrate B. C. Book Week and Canada Book Day, which started off with the Meet Your Authors open house on April 22. Check the Library and newspaper for other happenings.

Book sales / Donations

The Library Book Sale is a weekly event (every Sat-

urday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) There are books for all ages and interests—at bargain prices. The collection of sale books consists of items culled from the lending collection and donations made by generous library supporters. New donations are always welcome. The proceeds from the book sales help the Library acquire more material for the lending collection.

Donated books are placed in the hands of a volunteer committee of three persons. Donated material may go into the permanent lending collection (either as books new to the Library or replacements for worn out copies) or into the sale collection.

Call for volunteers

The Library is conducting an inventory of the entire collection. Assistance would be greatly appreciated

for this short-term volunteer activity requiring just a few hours commitment. A volunteer bookkeeper is needed for regular data entry and production of monthly financial reports using the M.Y.O.B accounting system. Shelves are needed, particularly for the summer months. Shelving is a great introduction to volunteer work at the library.

Bookmarks

Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m. at the Library.

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SS Cable airs *Fury for the Sound: The Women at Clayoquot* at 7 p.m., and *Tsurphu: Home Of The Karmapas* at 8 p.m., two consecutive Mondays, April 30 and May 7. *Fury for the Sound: The Women at Clayoquot*, is an award-winning documentary on women, nature and political action by Shelly Wine. The film shows how a small group of activists came together to protest the clear-cutting of the local rainforest, and 15 years later found themselves in the midst of the largest civil disobedience action in Canadian history.

Tsurphu: Home Of The Karmapas is a film by Clemens Kuby about the Tsurphu Monastery in Tibet. When the Chinese in-

vaded Tibet in 1959, they destroyed many temples and statues of Tibetan Bhuddism, including the Tsurphu Monastery. Most of the monks and their masters fled to India and the west. In 1982, the Chinese government gave permission to rebuild temples and collect donations for the restoration project. The Tsurphu Foundation at Hawaii collects donations worldwide to assist in rebuilding the monastery and in the preservation of the cultural heritage of Tibet.

These programs have been donated to Salt Spring TV as a public service. Please refrain from copying them. For information on purchasing programs aired on Salt Spring TV please call, 537-1335.

Nia dance for health

by Helani Davison

Nia combines elements of dance, yoga and martial arts into a fun, energizing experience that benefits the body, mind and spirit. Done in bare feet, Nia is gentle on

the joints, yet provides a good cardiovascular workout, say certified Nia teachers, Laurie Blakely and Leslie DeAthe. They will give a free demonstration of Nia for health professionals on the Is-

land Thursday, April 26 at 5:15 p.m. at All Saints' by the Sea Anglican Church. The history and development of Nia will be explained followed by an interactive demonstration and discussion.

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Volunteer Salt Spring launches website

by Gail Trafford

This is the International Year of the Volunteer and April 22 to 28 is National Volunteer Week. In celebration, Volunteer Salt Spring has launched a website at www.volunteersaltspring.ca.

The Volunteer Salt Spring project started last summer with funds from the Involve B.C. initiative and during the past year it has sponsored training sessions for groups that rely on volunteers, including a course in volunteer management. The project also held a volunteer fair to help Islanders explore opportunities within the community.

Now a sustainable web site with a database of local volunteer opportunities and links to provincial and national opportunities has been launched. The web site is off to a good start and it is expected to grow, as more local groups become aware of it. The web site provides information and resources for groups that use volunteers. The volunteer opportunity data banks are quick and easy to download, and the service is provided free to local organizations.

Unlike volunteer bureaus of the past, Volunteer Salt Spring does not interview volunteers and send them to an appropriate position. Its aim is to empower groups to provide appropriate information to prospective volunteers and then to do their own planning, recruitment, screening, and training. The web site is a place to provide information so volunteers can find a place-

ment they feel is suitable. However, because of this system it is now impossible to track the number of volunteers it has placed since its conception.

Salt Spring is a very community-oriented place and Nancy Boyce, the project manager, believes that the Island has well above the national volunteer average of one third of the population. Many Island residents are talented, highly skilled and well-qualified. These people have community spirit and have tangible skills they would like to put to use. The database can help them find a niche in the Island community. Many of the inquiries about volunteering have come from residents who have lived on the island six to eighteen months.

Many communities mark volunteer week with a community luncheon and awards for volunteers. Salt Spring does not yet have an Island-wide celebration, although that may happen in future years. At this time local groups are encouraged to honour their own volunteers.

Boyce is supported at Volunteer Salt Spring by a steering committee made up of representatives from the Salt Spring Foundation, the library, Restorative Justice and Crime Prevention, Community Services, SPCA, and the community at large. Two of the members are retired volunteer centre co-ordinators. Carol Beily, one of the steering committee members is also the President of Volunteer B.C., the umbrella organization of the group. New members are welcome.

Shopping off-Island



Business Briefs ...
with Barry Winsor

One of the more contentious issues that's been bounced around for a number of years is the economic impact of shopping off-Island on our local economy. The rumour has it that BC Ferries employees, because of their free passes, shop mostly off-Island. In talking to a number of employees it would seem this is not so; most shop on-Island.

Recently I had to go off-Island. I chose the 9:50 a.m. departure which finally left at 10:35, having arrived 30 minutes late. Part of the delay in leaving was the effort the crew made to get everyone on, which they did. There were five trucks, and the balance was cars. Were all these people (estimated 90 cars) all going to shop off-Island?

Most people feel that they can save a lot of money by shopping off-Island, but can they? Companies reimburse employees between 25 to 40 cents per kilometre for using their own vehicles on business to cover wear and tear plus operational costs. So let's take 30 cents per kilometre and do a cost analysis, using a round trip from home to downtown Victoria, with several stops, totalling 140 kilometres. 30 cents x 140 = \$42, and with a vehicle and driver cost of \$16 (at the five-fare book price) the cost of the trip is approximately \$58.

To save this amount at 10 per cent would mean purchases of \$580; how many places might you shop where you would see these kinds of savings?

Between the ferries, our second largest employer, and the School District, our largest, we estimate a \$25 million yearly payroll for the Island, providing a take-home pay of \$15 million. That's \$1.25 million a month available to help support our local infrastructure and for the goods and services we need. Statistics tell us that the dollar circulates in a community three to five times, which means after rent or mortgage and other expenses are deducted there is about 20 per cent left for retail purchases (\$750,000 to \$1.25 million) in our community.

Take any portion of the

above out of the local economy and you can see the effect it could have. In talking recently to a realtor I was told that without the present businesses on Island and the taxes they pay, everyone's residence tax would go up close to ten per cent.

As I mentioned in a previous article, a lot of retailers take less profit, and absorb freight and other costs to be competitive so Islanders will shop on-Island. A further bonus to you is support service on-Island.

It goes without saying if we don't support our local economy whenever possible, we may not have these services available for us in future. At that point, the cost and inconvenience of shopping off-Island will truly be known to all of us.

Our Island's best-kept secret appears to be the local phone directory's white advertising pages of services available on-Island. I can't recall the many times I've heard people say they never thought of looking there.

We are fortunate enough to have a free local directory because the businesses that advertise in the directory pay for the costs. An added bonus, often overlooked, is that any additional revenue raised is put back into the community 100 per cent by the Lions Club of Salt Spring, which sponsors our local directory. This is money that stays on-Island instead of going into the coffers of a major corporation. So maybe we should think twice before spending our money off-Island.

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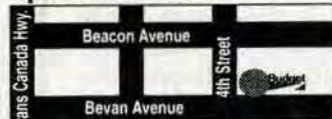
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Services
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600 Acreage/lots
620 Commercial
Properties
640 Houses for Sale
650 Real Estate Wanted

RENTALS 700-799

700 Apartments for Rent
710 Commercial Rentals
720 Holiday
Accommodation
730 Houses for Rent
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of coming events check out the
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at SaltSpringCalendar.com or
visit our website at
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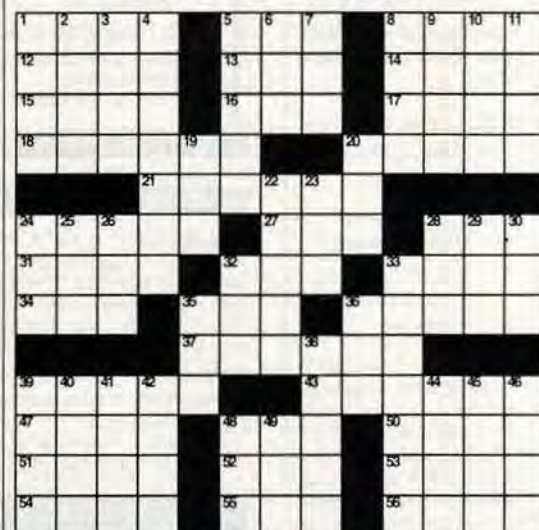
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5 Capita or annum preceder
8 Roughen and redder
12 Moises or Philipe
13 Film actress MacGraw
14 In one preceder, some-
times
15 Garlands
16 Gremlin
17 Asian country
18 Paul or Paul Junior
20 Harold ____, political
science writer
21 Orderly
24 Monique ____, politician
27 Kind
28 Unit of time, for short
31 Emerald Isle
32 Compass point, abbr.
33 Linoleum, for short
34 Large integer
35 Soul, in Saint Sauveur
des Monts.
36 Newfoundland lake
37 Actress Deanna
39 Ford product, once
43 Put in writing
47 French for 40 Down
48 Film rating
50 Silage container
51 Apply wax
52 Aristotle, for short
53 Jewish calendar month
54 Dancer Karen ____
55 Tin tin preceder
56 Coniferous trees

DOWN
1 Ointment
2 Flowering evergreens
3 Dormouse
4 Rubbish receptacle
5 Manitoba lake
6 Dutch ____ disease
7 Roue
8 Place in Alberta
9 Comet
10 Jai ____
11 Bies
19 Baker-Finch or Fleming
20 Sign, in a way
22 Jack ____, Canadian
conservationist
23 Brew
24 Wager
25 Before (poetic)
26 A kind of rummy
28 Evildoing
29 Finis
30 Lettuce
32 Aussie bird
33 Ted ____, Redwing
great
35 Hustle and bustle
36 Hurry
38 Wave or storm, preceder
39 Choose
40 English for 47 Across
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TIME: 1:15 p.m.

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) With Saturn in Gemini you will begin to perceive the world in new ways. How you think and express yourself will make noticeable shifts. At best you will become more aware of important details you once overlooked. At worst, you could become more pessimistic and petty. The deciding factor will be your attitude and that is up to you. Since it stands to change along with your perceptions, why not decide now to make gratitude the hub of your attitude and roll with the punches with humour.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20) With Saturn entering Gemini in your second house, which is ruled by Taurus, you are going to get a double effect. This means that your interest in money and investments and anything practical will be your main focus. This includes education and knowledge accumulation. We are in an information age and knowledge is more powerful

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Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

With Saturn in your sign you are at the beginning of a whole new cycle. You will serious, responsible and mature. New initiatives of all kinds are likely. With Jupiter leading the way in Gemini, this stands to be an exciting time with much promise in the air, if exasperating. The weight you gained with Jupiter in Gemini you stand to lose with Saturn. Your confidence in making important decisions may be low at first so plan to be patient. Saturn will make you strong!

Cancer (June 21 - Jul 21) With Saturn in your solar 12th house, a disintegration process of old perceptions and attitudes is likely. You may feel a little dreamy, reflective and poetic. Beauty will take on new meaning as well. Raw nature will begin to call you into the wilds where she will reveal some of her subtler secrets. This is a mystical time wherein you may feel that you have lost your passion and direction, with certain lifestyle approaches anyway. This is a chance to enjoy your flow more and work less.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22) Rewards for past efforts will bear fruit for you with Saturn in Gemini. Where you were indulgent and negligent negative returns are likely as well. In any case, you will also quickly realize what you no longer want to have or do. More freedom in relationships is a likely focus. This can simply imply less co-dependence. New advances in technology are likely to get you excited. Involvements with new clubs and groups will prove illuminating and uplifting.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 23) Saturn in Gemini in your solar chart is in the tenth house and Saturn rules the tenth house. So, like Taurus you will get a double effect of Saturn energy and like Gemini it will be a time of many new beginnings. Life changes, promotions, more responsibilities are all likely. You may move, start a new career or a new business. If you have yearned for more authority, decisiveness and power over your life, this is your chance. Make a realistic life plan you can believe in.

Libra (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Increased education and travel is the simple call for you with Saturn in Gemini. Facts and details will take on new importance. You are ready to see the details of the big picture. It will take focus and discipline. Relationship uncertainties may

prove distracting. This is a good time to choose with discretion because what you learn in the next couple of years or so will leave an extra powerful imprint on your mind. Aim for a flexible intelligence.

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Your search for security on soul levels is now underway. You are now entering a period of liberation. The price will be transformation. Where you do this consciously you could become a psychologist or an adept at Tantric sex. If you attempt to evade this process you will suffer. A proactive and intelligent approach to a deeper understanding of who you are more fully and what is blocking some of your potential is Saturn's task for you now.

Sagittarius (Nov 24 - Dec 23) With Saturn in Gemini occupying your solar seventh house, relationships are the big deal. This includes business as well as love and other commitments. Some call this a threshold struggle. New beginnings along with endings are the major theme. You will learn that the best relationships depend on the quality of friendship. New friendships and deepened existing ones will bring illumination and other gifts. Be open to teachers, coaches and guides.

Capricorn (Dec 24 - Jan 19) Health is the key word while Saturn progresses through Gemini. And the key word linked to health is mind. This is true especially for you regarding imagination and beliefs. Einstein said: "Imagination is greater than knowledge". This starts with positive mind, word and action. This implies a pro-active approach directed internally. Faith in the power of the mind is what will set your imagination free. Magic begins with thought and speech. Heal your whole mind and make it holy.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Creative tasks will command the bulk of your time and energy while Saturn is in Gemini. This is a foundation building time and not necessarily the most enjoyable part of the project. It can require the most effort and takes the longest. It depends on attitude. The job might seem big leaving you feeling weighted. Well, you might as well adjust to the requirements and settle in. Create a healthy routine that allows you to be productive and healthy.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) The urge to create both a more solid and flexible lifestyle will become important with Saturn in Gemini. This could include moving into an RV or some other form of moving home. You may want to be fully equipped with camping gear to feel free and secure. The focus may be on your body to become stronger and more agile. Clear the clutter, lighten the load and streamline to be nimble and quick.

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Donnelly takes April disc golf tournament series

SCORE	\$	PRIZE
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1. Eric Donnelly	(97)	\$22
Best local		
2. Dean Crouse	(99)	\$13
3. Mitchell Sherrin	(100)	\$5
4. Andrew Ross-Collins	(102)	
5. Aidon Morris	(104)	
6. Nic Fitter	(113)	
7. Chris Marshall	(114)	
8. Darren McQuitty	(111)	
Masters (5)		
1. Ted Hickford	(99)	\$15
2. Michael Lees	(106)	\$7
3. Derek Lundy	(107)	
4. Fritz Arnold	(112)	
5. Paul Linton	(118)	
Novice (6)		
1. Gary Railer	(115)	\$ 15
1st time in a tournament		
2. Emily Hickford	(121)	\$ 10
1st time in a tournament		
3. Harold Brochmann	(126)	\$5
1st time in a tournament		
4. Geoffroy Roop	(128)	
1st time in a tournament		
5. David Huntley	(?)	
6. Kristine Huntley	(?)	

Twenty golfers participated in the April Spring Series No. 6 Disc Golf Tournament on Sunday, playing 36 holes of disc golf on the suspended tonal pole course. This month Eric Donnelly won his first tournament with a score of 97. Most of the players donated their earnings to the SSIDGA for the maintenance and upkeep of the existing course and proposal to a new three-hole demo course at Peter Arnell Park.

More than 70 players are expected to attend next month's tournament, the third annual Hart Memorial Disc Gold Tournament, Saturday, May 12.

There was only one Aceptot winner this month. Mitchell Sherrin won the \$24 Aceptot on Hole 4.

For more information on tournaments and disc golf contact Dean @ 537- 1009 or discgolfdean@hotmail.com.



Last Saturday night the Grade 8 SIMS girls' basketball team showed up the fire-fighters and the RCMP in an exciting 57-56 game in honour of Nichola Howard, shown here with Janet Stepaniuk, readying the door prizes for the winners.

Anne Chisholm photo

Salt Spring Track and Field

The Salt Spring Track and Field Club held their second meet of the season in Port Alberni at Bob Daily Stadium. The weather was sunny, but windy on Saturday and it rained on Sunday. Of the Club's 29 registered athletes, 16 came to the meet. Those who participated were Mark Brown, Andrew McKeachie, Michelle Proctor, Sarah Proctor, Emily

Myers, Jennifer Akerman, Avery Brown, Gilbert Comeau, Emma Rimmer, Lowell Rockliffe

Liam Johnston, Issac Raddysh, Monique Comeau, Meredith Raddysh, Nico Reynolds, and Erica Rimmer, and they competed in 12 events.

The next meet will be in Sidney, May 5 and 6.

Sports Pool Includes games played Sat., Apr. 21, 2001

GOLF	Total Pts.	This Mo.
1 Greenwoods	56	10
2 Paint Plus	53	9
3 Ottawa	39	4
4 Rangers	37	8
5 Schure-Thing	36	10
6 Nads	36	10
7 Bandido	34	3
8 Dallas	30	8
9 Dough Boy	30	7
10 Toronto	27	9
11 Buffalo	23	9
12 Islanders	19	5

DAGWOOD'S POOL
Next meeting
Wed., Oct. 3rd,
2001
7:00 p.m. sharp
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	Total Pts.	Warm Bo.
1 Colorado	46	10
2 Vancouver	41	10
3 Philadelphia	39	10
4 St. Louis	39	6
5 Phoenix	35	10
6 Edmonton	34	4
7 Anaheim	33	10
8 Atlanta	31	5
9 San Jose	28	9
10 Ottawa	26	10
11 Islanders	26	9
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15 Boston	17	4
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GULF ISLANDS Shrine Club. Saturday May 5, 9-1 at the Masonic Hall, Lower Ganges Road. Yards of fabric for sale.

GARAGE SALE: Furniture, toys, linen, dishes, tools, loads of stuff, lots of freebies, cancelled if raining. Sat. & Sunday April 28, 29. 99 Garner Rd.

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GARAGE SALE Saturday 9-1. 108 Brinkworthy Rd.



TUES. AFTERNOON 50+: Rita Dodds 224, Mary Kirkpatrick 206, Reg Winstone 222.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (April 18): Jimmy Beck 177, Sharon Way 154, Glorai Dale 208, Mahjor Bains 184, Terry Swing 147, Mary Ann West 144.

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I remember a time last year when I was so upset over a paper that featured a tourist or visitor of the week. This all happened about the time we lost Max Abley, a fine and positive influence on us all. It only made me realize there are many kids like Max on Salt Spring and I truly thank your Anne for such a fine job of bringing this out.

Your Space 4U2B page is truly a thrill to see and can have nothing but a positive result on us all.

We are very blessed to have these incredible young people. To those who think otherwise I ask you to look at youth in other places like New York, Toronto, Vancouver, or even Victoria, then look at the Space 4U2B page of the *Barnacle* every week and you may also realize just how lucky we are to have such fine young people.

Be grateful for the positive and we can all help develop a great place for all our kids. Truly thanks.

CHIP CHIPMAN

Support for volunteers

The United Nations has designated 2001 as the Year of the Volunteer and, as we get ready to go to the polls to select our next government, we believe candidates should be reminded of the value that volunteers bring to the quality of all our lives here in B.C.

In the public school system, Parent Advisory Councils raise money for student activities, services, and supplies like additional computers. Service clubs, charities, and hospital auxiliaries raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for needed hospital equipment.

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Volunteer non-profit society boards run healthcare homes for seniors, shelters for women, and services for street kids. And community volunteers take training and are on call to provide emergency social services in case of a natural disaster like an earthquake.

And then there are volunteers who run all our kids sports teams, are out rain or shine as school crossing guards, work to protect our natural environment, and, in fact, run the democratic process through campaign work.

Virtually every candidate in the next election has done volunteer work and knows its value. So I ask you to remind the candidates that the voluntary sector adds irreplaceable value to taxpayer funded services. Ask them how they plan to support the activities of the voluntary sector in BC if they get elected and make sure they understand that their public services and our quality of life are enhanced by about 169 million volunteer hours of work every year.

Volunteer BC is sending each party leader a short questionnaire on issues important to volunteerism. For their replies, please check the Volunteer BC website at www.volunteer.bc.ca.

CAROL BIELY
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A worthwhile meeting

We would like to thank all those who participated or assisted in making the all-candidates meeting a success. The fine moderator, Peter Lake; the candidates Murray Coell, Andrew Lewis, Paul Sam and Christina Racki; Gulf Island Secondary School for the venue; the Islands Trust and Gary Lundy for the sound system; the Order of the Eastern Star for the refreshments; David Borrowman for the time clock; and last, but by no means least, all those who at-

tended. The 175 people who came to the remarkably orderly meeting had the opportunity to listen to the candidates' presentations and ask a wide range of questions. Those who attended should now have an improved understanding of the candidates and the issues. Please remember to vote on May 16 or at the advanced poll, which will be held May 9 through 12, from 12 to 9 p.m. at All Saints-by-the-Sea.

JUDY NORGET AND
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A vote for the NDP

During the '90s, the B.C. NDP government maintained health and education funding despite massive cuts in federal contributions and a loss of our Pacific market (normally 30 per cent of our exports). The down side of this was lack of money in other areas of provincial concern. It has also meant a virtual freeze on salaries of public employees of all kinds. When all direct taxes are considered, taxes in B.C. are the second lowest in the country after Alberta (for all but the wealthiest residents).

Access to affordable post-secondary education has been a priority in B.C. since 1992. Enrollment has increased by 10 per cent, and public spending has climbed by 24 per cent with 20,000 new student spaces. Fees have been frozen since 1996 with government spending for post-secondary now at \$1.65 billion (7 per cent of provincial expenditures). Services to people with disabilities were increased considerably during the last session of the Legislature. Primary classes now have a class size limit to provide attention when it counts most. B.C. will soon be the first North American jurisdiction to require labelling of genetically modified foods. Thanks to Steve Orcherton, doctors will now be

able to provide alternative medical treatments covered by the medical plan. Safe drinking water legislation was recently passed.

Some NDP policies now being implemented had their genesis with the Salt Spring Island NDP Club. One of these, originally prepared by Art Morton, was fulfilled this year: that the Bruntland Report (U.N.) standard of 12 per cent of land in each country representing a broad cross-section of natural biodiversity should be retained unexploited for all time. With the Great Bear Rainforest and the Southern Rockies areas as parkland, B.C. has now achieved 13 per cent. Another Salt Spring policy is to provide quality affordable early childhood education/daycare.

Can any government be said to work on everyone's behalf? Most people seem to see their best interests in one of two places, the right to acquire as many possessions or money as possible with minimum interference, or the right to live in a healthy and harmonious community that is respectful of the earth. Beliefs are founded in notions of interdependence and the interrelatedness of all aspects of life on earth.

IRENE WRIGHT

Remembering Lew

Very nice. Thank you, Helani.

Lew. I always thought "Lew" when I saw yuh. I am upset about yer riding off into yer sunset. As well, I wish that memorial event at Roasters had taken place a week later than it did. That way news of yer last ride would have been published and many more Roasters Koffee Kowpersons could have attended and contributed to the Poetics of Grief. Sorry I couldn't make it, Lew. Say Hi to Hank Williams for me.

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