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Affordable Island housing studied

Community Services receives grant to find ways of offering more rental units

by Peggy Abrahams

The Salt Spring Community Services Society has received \$18,238 through the provincial Community Solutions programme to find ways to offer more affordable rental housing on the Island. Community Solutions is a programme of the Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers (CDCV).

In announcing the funding, CDCV minister Jenny Kwan said: "Salt Spring Island, like any other healthy community, is home to people with a range of household incomes. Families of all income levels need good quality and reasonably priced rental accommodation that is available year-round."

"Salt Spring is unique in that, on average, people who own homes pay less each month than renters," said

Community Services project co-ordinator Ellen Garvie. "As the population grows, the supply of affordable rental housing becomes even tighter. We will take a close look at what is needed, what's happening elsewhere, and what is possible here so we can build a detailed plan for the future."

Garvie said there will be two public meetings to invite input from the community. The first meeting will take place as soon as late February or early March. "We really want to get started on it," she said.

Out of the first meeting, an advisory committee will be formed to support the project. Garvie said the committee is to be a representative cross-section of low-income residents who have had trouble finding accommodation, from people living alone to people with families.

"I would hope the composition of the committee would represent the kinds of people living on the island... From my perspective, we'll do a better job the broader the range of people."

Garvie described this process as the first stage of developing an affordable housing project. "It's a large scale project just to get the planning stage done," she said.

The next step would be to seek funding to implement the plan, she explained. "It's really working with people to come up with a plan, to come up with some kind of proposal to BC Housing for funding for affordable housing."

She added that the planning phase should be completed in four or five months.

Texada cutting old buffer trees

by Peggy Abrahams

Texada has hired an off-island contractor to cut down some old buffers, abandoning a clause in its code of principles, according to Ian DeLisle, forest practices officer for the Land Reserve Commission (LRC).

In its code of principles, dated December 15, 1999, Texada stated, "Riparian and site-specific sensitive areas will be protected with a 20 metre setback... Within the 20 metre protective setback, there will be no significant ground disturbance."

DeLisle said, "The code of principles is an internal document. My understanding is they are no longer adhering to their code. They've hired Mike Pierce, an off-Island contractor, to cut down buffers."

According to Brent Kapler, Texada's local operations manager, Pierce was not hired specifically to cut down buffers, but to do a second path to remove some more merchantable timber. "Mike is doing that, by the way, in a very selective way. We are taking wood out of the buffers that's within our legal right to do so," Kapler said.

DeLisle explained, "In non-fish-bearing creeks, their code of principles is a higher standard than the regulations, but in fish bearing creeks their code is the same as the regulations... Most of the creeks in Salt Spring are non-fish-bearing... They're within their legal rights to do that."

Kapler said the LRC had a look at

Texada's logging within that area. "Those buffers far exceed anything in the Forest Land Act. So we're just going about our business, which is harvesting timber," he said.

Regardless of the legality, Kapler acknowledged that Texada was cutting the buffers in contravention of their code. "There were costs to be recouped due to protests which cost us money, and the one way to recoup those costs is to remove more timber."

Kapler said this meant putting the code aside. "To recoup our costs, absolutely, but not absolutely if you were to look at the Fulford Harbour area of our harvesting. We've left numerous visual buffers [that do adhere to the code]."



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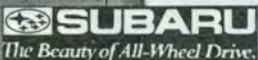
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Alan takes scooter on that final ride

by Kelly Waters

Alan Fairlie, the *Barnacle's* "Seniors Scene" columnist, passed away last Monday, February 5 at the age of 72. He died of a heart attack in his Pioneer Village home. Joan Devoe, Alan's next door neighbour, was worried when his curtains had remained closed late in the day. After not getting a response by phone, Joan eventually found him and called the ambulance, but it was too late. The news has come as a shock to everyone who knew him.

Alan, a popular Islander, was probably best known for riding around Salt Spring on his bright red scooter. He enjoyed taking photographs—something he wrote about in a column several weeks ago—and had a lot of fun participating in various activities with Seniors for Seniors. Alan's regular column in the *Barnacle* was a recollection of times gone by as well as an informative look at current events important to the retired community on Salt Spring.

As a younger man, Alan Fairlie was quite an adventurer. He climbed the



Alan Fairlie passed away last Monday.

Matterhorn, worked the railroads, was a crew member on a ship that sailed Lake Ontario, trekked through Nepal and South America, and was a member of the first team to journey into Panama (he had the second visa issued from that country). He even made it to Fairlie Castle in Ayrshire, Scotland. As he indicated in "Seniors Scene," Alan's camera went wherever he went.

Alan had lived on Salt Spring Island for almost three years and loved living

in what he called "an Island paradise." He enjoyed exploring different territories on his scooter. After hearing of Alan's pledge that he would retire in a place with palm trees, close friends John and Carolina Griffiths planted a palm in his front yard.

Family was very important to Alan, and he had almost daily phone contact with his two children. Recently, Alan was thrilled to know he was soon going to be a first-time grandfather. His daughter's baby was due on February 1, but by the 4th, Alan was still sitting by the phone, waiting to get word that the baby had been born. He had planned to visit Ontario this coming April to meet the little one.

Alan Frazer Fairlie is survived by his former wife, Susanne, his son, Peter (who lives in Toronto), his daughter, Lou Anne, and his newly born grandchild (who both live in Niagara-on-the-Lake). Their loss will be felt by the many, many friends Alan had made here on Salt Spring Island.

By request, no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to charity.

School district receives grant

The Gulf Islands school district has received \$50,000 in Community Enterprise funding to study the best way to create a community environmental centre on the Islands.

"Funding will be used to build partnerships, complete market research and prepare a business opportunity study that examines potential models for the community environmental centre and identifies the most promising one," said Jenny Kwan, Minister of Community Development, Co-op-

eratives and Volunteers.

The market research and business plan will then be used to develop a program model and determine how best to set up such a centre—from staff professional development to transportation planning. In addition to programs for school children, the school district hopes to offer summer programs for families or international students and environmental awareness retreats.

"Few areas have the ecological diversity offered on the Gulf Islands," said

Duane Sutherland, superintendent of the school district. "We have the potential to introduce school children to our marine, forest, freshwater and agricultural wealth, as well as to the skills and talents of our community members."

"A community environmental centre will make it easier to preserve these assets by helping create greater awareness of the wonderful natural assets of the Gulf Islands," said Ian Waddell, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks.

PARC to continue funding

by Peggy Abrahams

The Parks Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) has agreed in principle to continue a monthly grant of \$1,500 to ArtSpring, according to an announcement at the recent PARC monthly meeting. The funds are designated for operating expenses, according to ArtSpring president Victoria Olchowecki, who said the agreement was not yet finalized. "I'm waiting to see something on paper. Officially I haven't heard," she said.

Olchowecki explained that PARC gave ArtSpring an 18-month grant for operational costs just before the arts centre opened. After the \$1,500 monthly grant ended last June, ArtSpring requested a continuation of the funding.

In order for the request to be considered, PARC re-

quired that three conditions be met. ArtSpring was required to have its building appraised for insurance purposes; to change to the fund accounting system, which clearly lists where all money is spent from each source; and to develop a business plan. "These are all reasonable requests," said Olchowecki.

In the course of its recent budget revisions, PARC approved the ArtSpring grant request. PARC Commissioner Wayne Fraser said, "It's our effort to meet what we believe is part of our commitment to the arts community."

He said the details of the agreement are being worked out. "The terms under which any money can be forwarded to ArtSpring are being deliberated by the new [PARC] public relations committee and we will be working with ArtSpring to help them define those terms."

Olchowecki said the original grant was for operating expenses and the continuation of the grant would be used for operations as well, including such costs as hydro, cleaning, and utilities. "We hope the grant will continue," she said.

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Passengers travelling between the Outer Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island should plan to sail via the Gulf Island-Swartz Bay and Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour routes. The regular Inter-Island fare will cover both trips.

Long Harbour is expected to reopen March 16, 2001, in time for the Spring Break holiday.

Note that service between Tsawwassen, Galiano Island, Saturna Island, Mayne Island and the Pender Islands will continue on the regular winter schedule during the Long Harbour closure period.

Also note that, for the duration of the project, the 6:20 a.m. sailing from Fulford Harbour will leave at 5:50 a.m. to accommodate passengers who intend to connect with the 7:00 a.m. vessel from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen.

BC Ferries appreciates your patience while this mandatory dock reconstruction project is under way.



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CSS employees opt for new RRSP

by Peggy Abrahams

Community Services Society (CSS) employees will now have a new RRSP provider as part of their contract, which originally specified Manulife as the default provider, said Lynne Brown, CSS executive director.

Management implemented the change in response to a request by staff members. Some CSS employees had signed a petition asking for an RRSP provider other than Manulife because of that company's role in financing Texada's Salt Spring logging operation.

Browne explained that CSS does not have a position regarding Texada, but

was able to make the change to accommodate the employees' request for practical reasons. She said CSS identified a new RRSP provider that offered the advantage of local service by an on-Island representative, and the change also supported local business.

"We never had a contract with Manulife. They were a default provider. Staff made a request and we researched it.... The decision management made was to move to an RRSP provider closer to home. From our perspective, it was a provider who could offer more on-Island service," Brown said

The RRSP provision came about as result of the recent unionization of CSS, which came into effect in October, 2000. CSS employees are now members of the Health Employees Union (HEU).

According to Annika Norget-Lund, chair of the HEU local, about 35 CSS staff members qualified for the RRSP. Norget-Lund said, "Some of the staff felt strongly with the logging on the Island, they did not want Manulife to be the carrier on the RRSP, so the petition was sent around. Because management was hoping to get a carrier closer to home, our two agendas collided and we were happy to make the change."

New co-op gets seed money

Yet another co-op is starting up on Salt Spring. The Islands Seed Cooperative has been given \$11,670 in start-up funds from the provincial government's Co-op Advantage program. Once established, the co-op will provide local, organically grown seed for vegetables and herbs.

Jenny Kwan, Minister of Community Development, Co-operatives and Volunteers, said that the co-op will use the funding to incorporate, train members and produce a business plan.

"This proposal has strong community support, including that of the largest organic seed supplier on the

Island, who says that the demand for local seed has been growing steadily and that new seed companies can help meet demand," Kwan said. "Small producers and family farms also welcome the co-op, which will help them expand their market and supplement their income."

The seed will be grown organically and pollinated naturally by bees so buyers can be confident that the resulting plants will be pure and will thrive locally. The seed will be sold by mail order and at the Seedy Saturdays.

"The co-op will produce seed and seedlings from native plants or intro-

duced species that thrive on the West Coast," said Lokesh Green, co-op director. "It will also help others grow plants using natural, organic methods and sell equipment so more gardeners can take care of their own food needs."

"Seed is a perfect product for a co-operative," said Ed Conroy, minister of agriculture, food and fisheries. "Growers can raise different species according to their expertise, interests and location. Consumers benefit because they will be able to buy a wide range of local seed and be assured it will thrive in this region."

Texada protests:

Pre-trial rally planned

by Annica Burnaby

The courageous men and women who defied the clearcutting on our Island by Texada Land Corporation will be going to trial on Monday, February 19 for contempt of court. They will face the possibility of imprisonment and financial penalties and need the community's support at this crucial time. To show the court and the politicians how important these environmental issues are, everyone is invited to join us in filling the courtroom and join the rally planned for outside the courthouse, downtown Victoria, 850 Burdette St. (corner of Burdette and Blanchard). The rally will be at 9 a.m., the trial begins at 10 a.m.

In addition, the "arrestees" will need financial support; donations can be made either through Island Savings "Salt Spring Star" account or if you wish a receipt for a tax deduction, through the Green Conscience Fund. Cheques for the latter should be made out to "Green Party—Green Conscience Fund", and mailed to P.O. Box 353, Ganges PO, V8K 2W1. A tax deductible receipt will be mailed to you. Any size donation will be greatly appreciated!

Harvesting investigated

by Peggy Abrahams

The South Islands Forest District of the Ministry of Forests is currently investigating a suspected contravention of the Forest Practices Code on Salt Spring, according to Greg Bach, operations manager responsible for enforcement.

An investigator was sent out to see if there had been a contravention on September 12. Bach would not indicate the location of the suspected unauthorized harvesting while the investigation is in progress, but he did say it was likely on a Crown land right of way.

"Our investigating officer was looking into suspected unauthorized harvesting on Salt Spring—a suspected contravention. It's in the hands of the investigating officer and until he files his report, we cannot make any comment or name any parties," Bach said.

The report should be completed in a few weeks, he said. "I'm hoping we'll have it concluded soon. We like to have our investigations concluded in six to eight months."

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The postcards, sold in packs of five for \$7, show images from two 100-acre parcels in the Burgoyne Bay area, owned by Texada, that Raginsky is trying to save from logging. As of last Saturday, \$27,000 had been raised. "We have to have \$200,000 by April to covenant the trees," Raginsky said.

Human speaks

Nico Human of the Agriculture Awareness Programme of B.C. will be the guest speaker at the Farmers Institute annual general

meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m., held at the Institute building on Rainbow Road (home of the Fall Fair).

Human is an entertaining and informative speaker. He strongly believes that as the awareness level of the population increases, so will the benefits to agriculture. Living in a rural community keeps one closer to agriculture but a greater number of British Columbia residents live in urban areas. He travels the province delivering his message to schools, clubs and community gatherings. The importance of supporting agriculture and B.C. grown products is presented in an innovative manner.

The meeting is open to the interested public.

Any questions can be answered by Marguerite Lee 537-5302.

PAC focuses on teens

The next high school Par-

ents Advisory Council (PAC) meeting, slated for Wednesday, February 14, will feature a workshop on parenting teens. Krista Camfell, a teacher at the middle school, will speak on this topic and incorporate an interactive component into the meeting. Parents will be able to participate by offering suggestions and examples. The second half of this workshop, on communicating with teens, will run during the PAC meeting on Wednesday, March 14.

The chair of the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) PAC, Wendy Wallace, asked Camfell to lead this workshop after hearing about her success with a similar presentation to the middle school's PAC. Those parents were very impressed, said Therin Gower, a member of the GISS group.

Gower indicated that the GISS PAC has started inviting guest speakers to the meetings this year. "This is the direction we're going to go," she said.

The Parents Advisory Committee meets in the library at GISS at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of

every month.

Call for midwives

The College of Midwives of B.C. is seeking qualified applicants for registration to practice midwifery in British Columbia. The College regulates midwifery practice to ensure public safety. Anyone who wishes to practice midwifery in B.C. must be assessed by and registered with the College.

Becoming registered as a midwife involves a portfolio review, as well as passing written and clinical exams, and an in-depth orientation to practice in B.C. An applicant handbook, detailing eligibility requirements and the 2001 assessment process, is now available from the College of Midwives of B.C. An information session will be held on February 27 at 7 p.m. in room D308, at the Women's Health Centre, at Heather and 29th in Vancouver.

There are currently less than 70 registered midwives in B.C., says College registrar, Jane Kilthei, a number that is not able to fulfill the



HEAVE HO—Ron Stepaniuk and Ryan Willington are in the trenches digging while backhoe operator Josh Byron looks on. The crew was out at the corner of Lower Ganges and Crofton Roads, installing a new fire hydrant.

demand for midwifery services in the province. Midwives offer care to pregnant women and their newborn babies from early pregnancy, through labour and birth, and up to six weeks postpartum. All midwives

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Editorial

Fleeting and fierce it colours our world

While we generally frown upon manufactured greeting card holidays, we thought we might use the occasion of St. Valentine's day, which has become a celebration of romantic love, to remark on the role of love in our world.

Romantic love. That heady rush that fills the veins with fire, inspires poets, and makes daydreamers of the most staid. It is at once the most delicious and the most agonizing of experiences. Faces flushed and loins engorged, we gaze upon the object of our affection with longing; we trade caresses, talk of deep philosophies and foolishness, ignoring the world around as it and time pass us by.

But we fear the intensity; we will ourselves to be consumed by the moment, but shun the consequences. Short-lived, romantic love turns our lives upside down and leads us to follow unknown and hitherto unthinkable paths. It wreaks havoc with carefully laid plans; it can create a family, it can ruin countries.

Like a loose cannon, its results are unpredictable and often unfortunate. But the euphoric sweetness of being held in its thrall is undeniable—we crave it, we fear it, we crave it... we fear it.

We need it. We need it to keep our arteries clear as beating heart, labouring lungs, and coursing blood flush our systems. We need it for its very uncertainties and unforeseen consequences, for it thwarts those who would plan and control our lives and communities to the point of stagnation.

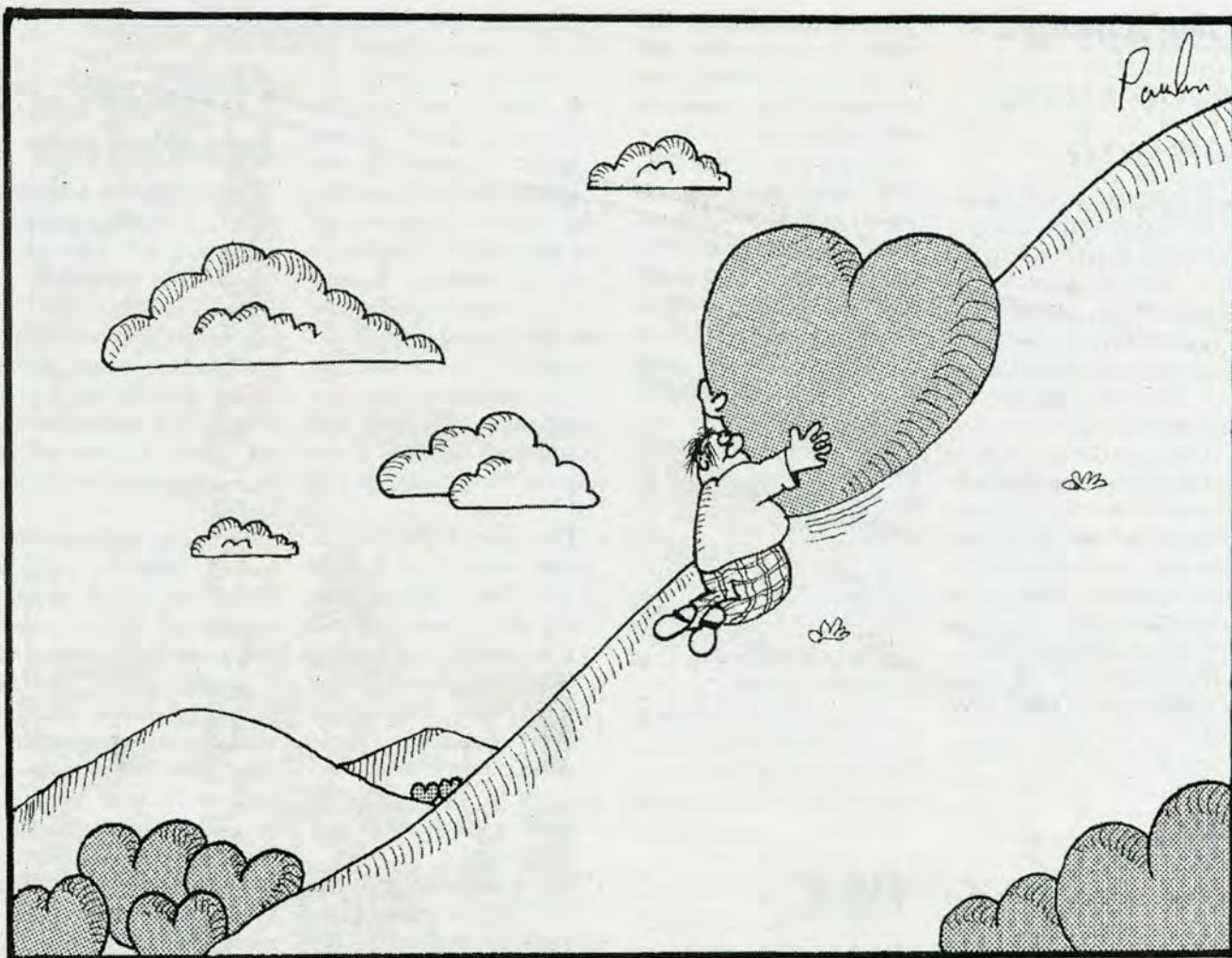
For those who have never felt it, or who resist it, we offer our pity. And also our thanks, for you are our even keel, the deep, even rhythms of our society.

For those who revel in it and seek it over and over again as one love fades and the next must be found, we offer again our pity. And also our envy, for while your lives are regularly torn apart and pieced back together, you provide much of our melody and colour, and your intensity and unpredictability gives interest to all of us.

The social pendulum swings from one extreme to the other, from the outrageous romanticism of Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries to the extremes of monogamy that are espoused today. We eschew extremes and prefer moderation in all things.

In the spirit of St. Valentine's Day, we say seize the moment, allow your blood to grow hot, and wallow in the pleasures of your love. Let the music of the unknown results of impulsive love ring loud. Be wary of the consequences, but allow the spirit of adventure temper your wariness.

On encountering someone in the throes of love, you may shake your head sadly at the poor fool, seeing clearly, as you do, the rocky road ahead, but never try to dissuade the lover, for at the quickly reached end of that road, sanity will return, mistakes will be righted, and all will, again, be right with the world.



Let the results be on their heads

The members of Island Residents Opposed to Cellphone Antenna (IROCA) would like to thank the people of this Island who have supported our cause for the last several months, and whose petition signatures and written input has served to alter, to a degree, the course of this Island's future.

IROCA was formed last summer to protest the erection of cellphone antennae on Salt Spring. The group received an overwhelming response from the local residents and also a great deal of sympathetic agreement from the visiting public. In view of the studies which show that the electromagnetic emissions from these cellphone antennae can cause human health problems and environmental problems, we felt it was up to someone to bring this issue out into the light and do something about the proliferation of electromagnetic radiation on this Island before it was too late.

Our local government, the Islands Trust, has adopted a set of ground rules which they would like industry and government to abide by in regard to the siting of cell-

phone antennae on this small piece of real estate. The recommendations that the ACP have drawn up to be used as guidelines in future applications for siting antennae are better than anything Industry Canada has offered us so far. The committee advocates a distance of 500 metres between cellphone antennae and any facility where there is continuous human activity and a power density of below two microwatts per square centimetres at any facility concerned with continuous human activity.

Given a choice, many of us would like to see an antennae-free community, but we're told this is unrealistic, and we have to put up with a degree of EMR in order that emergency and internet services can be maintained. We agree that there are mitigating circumstances, but, in our estimation, a still lower level than the one requested by the APC should be recommended. However, their agenda was to accommodate the cellphone companies as well as us, so we're having to go with recommendations that still could prove inimical to public health.

The main flaw here is that these recommendations are only suggestions—appeals to the "better nature" of industry and government in their dealing with the public. It remains to be seen whether or not we can change corporate and government values merely by recommending humanitarian measures. In view of the fact that corporate power has such a tenacious financial stranglehold on the government, we have learned not to expect too much in the way of fairness and justice in regard to the public weal... it seems that the only way in which we can attract any attention and get any concessions at all is by the constant lobbying and intervention of citizen groups.

In regard to the APC's recommendations, IROCA feels we may have won a skirmish but not, by any means, a battle. As we've said before, maybe ten or twenty years down the road the repercussions of this technology will be felt with the manifestation of adverse health effects, and if nothing courageous is done by local governments across Canada and around the world now, then be it on their heads!

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Enter school board

Open letter to Gulf Islands School Board:

Surely it's time to bring community education/life-long learning back under your umbrella. For some 40 years young adults, seniors, and children have benefited from the enriching experiences of these classes.

One of the strongest arguments for taking back these classes (since Parks and Recreation plans to discontinue them) is the self-evident fact that the public would seldom need to pay rent when using school facilities. These buildings have already been funded by the taxpayers; more community use of them seems both logical and fair.

A programme co-ordinator could perhaps be transferred from the PARC staff who already has experience in setting up and overseeing such programmes.

Perhaps our board could contact the Honourable Cathy MacGregor, Minister of Advanced Education, for help in bringing back our community classes.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN

PARC unpopular

Well, isn't that just ducky....

I and dozens of other people attended the PARC public meeting to purportedly discuss the PARC's decision to terminate the Community Extension Programme. Well-reasoned arguments were presented to the Commission in an apparently vain attempt to have it change its collective mind. Facts came out in the meeting that PARC had ordered a cost analysis of the programme, which it refuses to divulge to the public. PARC's contention that it costs over \$100,000 is highly doubtful—yet they offer no evidence that their figures have any financial merit.

Then Wayne Fraser, the PARC chairman, had the gall to say, after stating at the meeting that the Commission will consider the comments made by the delegates, "When I said their comments would be considered, I meant that all the input we get from the public will help us in the future.... Peoples' comments may help us implement these changes so it will be more gentle." The Commission didn't want to hear evidence that their decision-making process was flawed—they wanted us to waste our time to help them implement a public relations campaign! Volunteers or not, this Commission has the mindset of ingrained, highly-politicized bureaucrats who wish to spend money on public relation efforts instead of spending money on making good programmes work even better.

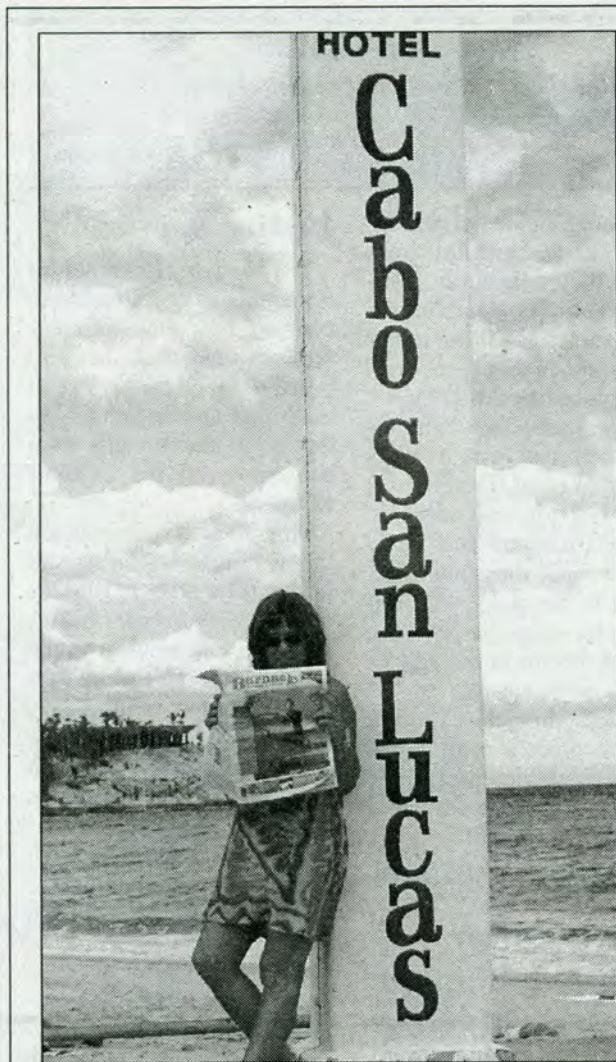
Apparently, the CRAP moniker for a Commission that thinks backwards is completely appropriate.

RICHARD KRIEGER

The facts of St. Mary Lake

Following Dwight Jones commentary in *the Barnacle*, February 6, 2001, it is important to present some facts on water supply and demand at St. Mary Lake.

Lake levels and precipitation have been monitored for many years by the North Salt Spring Waterworks in co-operation with the Ministry of Environment and the Atmospheric Environment Service. In a moderate year, such as 2000, the lake fluctuates about two thirds of a metre. In a very dry year, such as 1987, it fluctuates almost one metre. The withdrawals from the lake, by North Salt Spring Waterworks District and others, amount to about eight inches during the spring, summer and fall periods.



A journal as literary as the Barnacle can be found in the most unusual places. Take, for example, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, formerly a popular hideout for pirates.

od. The rest of the loss is evaporation from the lake's surface. Channel Ridge, when it is fully developed, will use the equivalent of about four inches from the lake in one year.

The hydrology of St. Mary Lake has been studied extensively by a professional hydrologist. Even with a further withdrawal license being granted to the District, lake level fluctuations should remain within the one metre range, with the exception of an extremely dry year.

Mr. Jones incorrectly quotes the Westland
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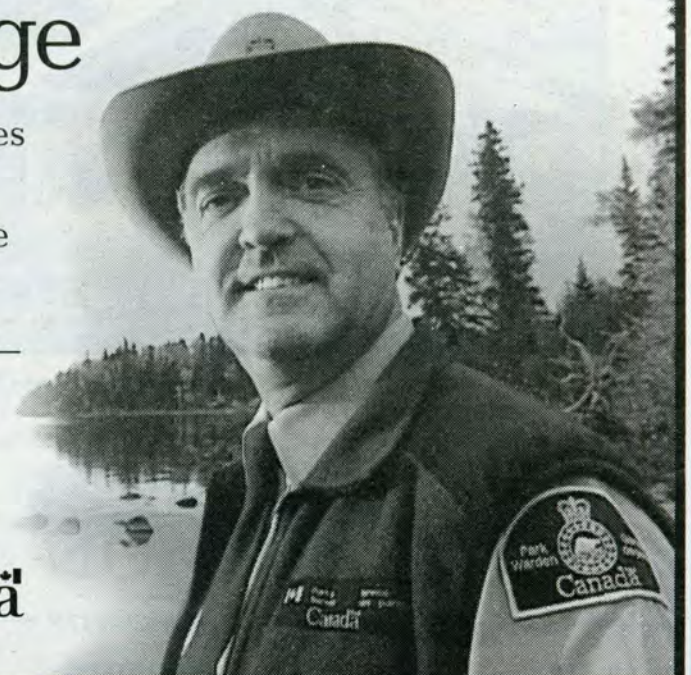
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Resource Fisheries Study. This study was commissioned by the District to see if there would be an environmental impact of a dam spillway at 40.5 metres Geodetic. Based on this study, the District has chosen a spillway elevation eight inches higher, which will result in lake levels not exceeding historic lake levels and which will not impact on fisheries values.

MIKE LARMOUR

One solution

In connection with Mike Lamour's comments in the article on excess phosphates in our drinking water, a.k.a. St. Mary lake for most of us north of Ganges ("Lobbying for grey water control," *the Barnacle*, January 23), one possible solution might be to have all the septic tanks of properties bordering the lake pumped out, pronto, and to set up inspections, and pump-out schedules, according to the volume of effluent; every two to four years, probably.

In conjunction with this programme, there must be no use of chemical fertilizers or toxic pesticides and weed-killers on the land or garden, and no use of toxic household cleaners or bleach.

There are alternatives, and we must start using them if we do not already. Our drinking water must be kept as

pure as is possible. An all-purpose household cleaner, dish liquid, vegetable-washing liquid, also good for laundry, can be purchased locally (Nature Clean brand, for example, is available on-Island).

For those of us to whom convenience is of less importance than cost, a very cheap and effective homemade all-purpose cleaner can be made by mixing: 2 Tbsp. vinegar, 1 tsp. Borax, 1/2 cup dish soap (vegetable-based), a squirt of Real Lemon.

Mix, and dissolve in 2 cups of hot water. Shake well before use.

For additional information, contact the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/recycle, for their Toxic Smart programme, which includes advice on safe alternatives to poisonous pesticides.

ISABEL &
CONHOR HUNT

Drive slower and save wildlife

We are having an unseasonably warm winter this year and even though the forecasts still call for some snow, the birds think it is spring. They have started nesting.

The birds see our vehicles as threatening monsters no matter how responsibly we behave on the road. Since the hedges in which their

Dénouement
On the road to a solution there are always potholes of despair.
—Richard Cruickshanks

nests are built are so close to the roadways in most areas here, they constantly dive-bomb vehicles, doing miraculous things like flying under them and in between tires, trying to protect their eggs.

Often, our winged friends lose their joust with our cars and trucks and then there is the telltale bundle of crushed feathers and blood on the road, sometimes flattened to the point where it has to be scraped away. This, in turn, results in the eggs or young perishing.

Please slow down when driving. A few seconds could save a small, defenseless life and contribute to a richer environment for all

MARILYN MARSHALL

Drive slower and save humans

A recent arrival from Vancouver, I was looking forward, among other things, to getting away from the goofy driving habits one encounters in the city, particularly red-light running (as none exist here). I find, however, that Salt Spring Island has its own version of this dangerous maneuver—pulling out of driveways and side roads into oncoming traffic. I have had to break urgently so many times now because of this (and, no, I wasn't speeding) that I feel I must comment on it.

Is there something about this place that warps people's sense of space and time, making them unable to judge when it is safe to go and when it isn't?

ELAINE KOZAK

Justice served?

There are times when some judicial decisions are so contrary to a sense of common decency that they engender nothing but disrespect and disdain for the law. Such has certainly been the case with the Latimer sentence.

This sentence deprives a family of a loving father and husband for at least 10 years and possibly longer. It is a sentence that sends a ripple of punishment throughout society, and it is ultimately society who will have to bear the costs (perhaps as much as \$600,000). All this for an act that the majority of Canadians regard as both courageous and merciful.

Only a couple of weeks ago we heard of a six-year sentence being meted out to a person with a lengthy criminal record for killing a bystander while driving drunk in a stolen car. He was heard to mutter on leaving the court that he would be out on parole in 18 months!

If you feel that Mr. Latimer has been treated with gross injustice, please write to your M.P. and to any or all of the cabinet ministers, requesting clemency. The cabinet have the power to grant it. Hopefully we can convince them that justice and mercy are principles that most Canadians support.

BRIAN I. FINNEMORE

Lighten up

As a former Salt Spring resident lured away by the bright lights of Victoria, I feel I have some right to respond to Jack Hallam's letter in the January 30 edition of the *Barnacle*. Mr. Hallam is very obviously upset that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has responded as it did on the controversial matter of same-sex "marriage." He calls the bishops "not-so-holy, nor Christian." He uses the word

"effrontery" to describe their actions.

Yet Mr. Hallam himself admits that the subject is controversial. If this is so, why are the Catholic bishops, like any other Canadian citizens, not allowed to take part in this controversy? Are they to be debarred from holding and expressing an opinion because they are bishops? Are controversies to be limited to those who hold the same opinions—in which case they would cease to be controversies? May only those holding "Canadian" values take part? What are "Canadian" values? During the war Salt Spring residents of Japanese descent were deprived of their land and interned. Was this a "Canadian" value? Mr. Hallam wishes the bishops to "lighten up." I wish the same to Mr. Hallam.

Last time I checked, Canada was still a free country and we still had free speech and the right to hold unpopular opinions. Although I am inclined to think that in the matter of same-sex "marriage," the opinion that a marriage is a union between one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others is a lot more popular, even on Salt Spring. Mr. Hallam's desire to silence those with whom he disagrees, and exclude them from the debate may yet become a "Canadian" value, but at present a better name for it is bigotry.

ANN RICHARDS
Victoria

A bright idea

Have other people noticed that although the high school itself is so well illuminated at night that it may be visible from a spaceship orbiting Mars, the Rainbow Road entrance is sunk in darkness, betraying its presence by neither light nor reflector?

Considering that it is one of the most-used entrances on the Island, would this not be false economy? I'd hate to think that it's just these old eyes that makes me miss it half the time. I would even donate a bulb.

ANDREW GIBSON

Watch your garbage, moron

To the moron in the early-80s red Dodge pick up truck who was hauling a load of garbage along Long Harbour Road at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, February 9.

Perhaps if you had bothered to use your rearview mirror, you might have noticed the trash trail you created the entire length of Long Harbour Road.

Seeing as you didn't, might I suggest that you either install a tailgate on your vehicle, or at least secure your load properly next time. It's idiots like you who are making parts of this Island an eyesore. Next time, pay attention.

ALAN LAYARD

Concertina, come home

To all dear people—you are amazing how you reach out to us with thought, word, and deed. It helps so much to have the feeling of sharing our grief. We are truly grateful.

It is with saddest hearts we let go of the need to search for our beloved instrument and we now cry out to you to help return it to its rightful owner. Michaela still owes money for it, which adds to our sorrow.

It is Michaela's destiny to bring joy to souls. She recently said, as she started a fitness job, "Mom my real work is soul-work with my concertina." We beg of you to please help this concertina to come home. It is a living sage, older than anyone alive—and it must be played by Michaela.

We ask that if you know anything about Michaela's concertina you will anonymously drop a note into one of the boxes we will have in the bathroom at Barb's Buns and it will be passed on to us anonymously. So we stop looking for it on our doorstep.

I must add that our hearts go out to people who have lost children. God/Goddess bless us all and you dear ones who will help us so we will have a great celebration!

AUDREY DEIRDRE
CUNNINGHAM

An apology for Laurie

Three weeks ago, we printed a letter which contained several inaccuracies regarding Laurie Hedger's garbage collection and transfer business.

We apologize to Laurie and to our readers for printing the letter.

In the next few weeks, we will be running an investigative report on garbage on Salt Spring Island, giving our readers all the facts about the current handling of garbage and the coming CRD regulations.

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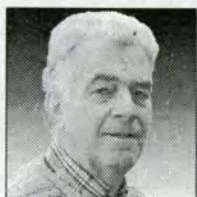
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Island retailers suffer from six-month malaise



Business Briefs ...
with Barry Winsor

You had better make it from April to September—six months—or, as one ex-retailer said: "Learn to enjoy peanut butter and jam sandwiches." The majority of Island retailers suffer from the "six month malaise," which is a common and unavoidable condition in most tourist-influenced destinations that are dependent on good weather. With a population a little over 10,000 reduced to an estimated 7,500 from January through March (those lucky sun worshippers and fair weather owners from other parts not being with us), most local retailers are lucky to cover costs, let alone make a profit.

When the Island's population swells up to 30,000 to 35,000 people in the summer (fortunately not all in the same week), our infrastructure is stretched to its limits. Parking downtown is a 15-minute search for a spot, and on Saturdays it's a hopeless cause and a long walk. That's when most Islanders say they stay at home unless visitors are being shown the sights.

A lot of retailers have bought themselves a low paying, long-hours job with the rainbow pot being in the future when, hopefully, they sell their business. Most would enjoy life more, earn more, and have less responsibility working for someone else, but then they wouldn't be living in paradise, doing their own thing.

Retail is a tough business even with a 12-month consistent volume, but a six-month window is a back-breaker. It helps if you're a staple products business—grocery, pharmacy, clothing, and so on—but even these businesses drop volume in the off-season. You can tell this from the part-time staff (estimated 150 to 200 people) employed by Island businesses in the good months.

When the sun shines and the weather's hot and your store is packed with customers, you don't think about the peanut butter and jam sandwiches, still months away.

Helset Design—A Calgarian oil field draftsman moved to Salt Spring to fulfill a dream of being an artisan and living the good life. That was Jim's dream when he moved to Salt Spring 10 years ago from Calgary. But while being a budding sculptor was great, it didn't put the bread one needs on the table. A call from his

former employer to help with their overflow work brought Jim back to the computer and drafting again. A few builders and home owners on the Island heard of Jim's talent and over the last few years his business has

grown to producing plans and making drawings for a large clientele.

If you haven't seen computer drafting, you would find it fascinating to observe; the tough part of this business is knowing and researching all the building codes and regulations imposed by governments.

Jim is a past-president of the Rotary Club and active in a number of ways in Island affairs.

Helset Design specializes in taking your home ideas and developing them into working drawings ready for building.



Jim Helset of Helset Design.

Jill Louise Campbell Gallery moves into a sister store in downtown Victoria, giving this gifted Island artist even more exposure for her colourful paintings.

New Shine at wearEverywhere: this McPhillips Avenue clothing store recently installed shiny new wood floors and changed the store interior as Heather and Linda prepare for another busy season ahead.

Newman's Great Outdoors recently moved to Gasline Alley's second-largest premises.

Calvin's Bistro (formerly Ingles) opens to Islanders soon with new owners (look for further info in a future column).

Stone Walrus has closed temporarily in preparation for the move to their new premises next to the Tides Inn in early April.

Vicki Johnson, the friendly **CIBC Bank** manager, recently won a two-week trip to Hawaii from her employer for outstanding achievements in her branch. Congratulations, Vicki!

Success comes from good judgement, good judgement from experience, experience comes from bad judgement.

A little like a dog chasing its own tail?

It's a team effort!

Gillian has been a member of the Barnacle's production team for the past nine months. Arriving on Salt Spring two years ago, she has over 23 years experience in the industry. This includes employment with weekly newspapers, ownership of a graphic arts, screen printing company and advertising agency, and work with an international company while living in England.



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Denman Island-Hornby Island (return)	\$4.50	\$10.25
Campbell River-Quadra Island (return)	\$4.50	\$10.50
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Port McNeill-Alert Bay-Sointula (return)	\$5.50	\$12.75

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Funding sought for watershed purchase

by Peggy Abrahams

North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) entered a new phase in its efforts to raise funds to purchase land in the secondary watershed of Lake Maxwell, after a new agreement was reached with Texada last week.

Texada has verbally agreed to sell the land after logging it, for a price of \$615,500, or \$22.79 per acre, said Mike Larmour, NSSWD manager. The value was reached through negotiations between appraisers for both parties. "We feel pretty happy at that one, since it started at \$30 an acre originally," said Larmour.

"The two appraisers went back and forth for awhile and got down fairly close to each other and couldn't agree. Rob Macdonald suggested we split the difference. I checked around with the trustees and everybody said that this was as good as we were going to get," Larmour said.

He added that NSSWD expects to receive written confirmation of the terms from Texada shortly. Under the terms of the original agreement, NSSWD has until May 1 to decide if it

wishes to purchase all or some of the 270 acres in the secondary watershed.

Larmour has long maintained that ideally, NSSWD should purchase the land with the trees intact, to prevent erosion and nutrient loading into the lake. Texada has asked for an additional \$1,250,000 to cover the value of the timber on the catchment area. The steep price makes this scenario elusive.

Even so, Larmour has maintained that the purchase of the land in the secondary watershed, even after it is logged, is in the community's best interest and most economical strategy. "In the long run, it's the best thing to do by far, and if we don't, somewhere along the line, we'll have to pay a lot more in increased treatment costs... We've seen what's happened to the other watersheds on the island," he said.

Larmour explained that when NSSWD arranged to buy lot 9, in the primary watershed, the agreement included covenants on the rest of the watershed to protect it in the future, after Texada logged and subsequently

sold the land. Texada has agreed that if NSSWD now decides to buy land in the secondary watershed, the covenants would not be necessary.

A letter from Texada earlier this month confirms that if NSSWD notifies Texada by May 1 that it intends to buy the catchment area, the closing date on lot 9 will be extended until August 16. The letter said, "If on May 1, 2001 Waterworks advises Texada that it is not purchasing the catchment area then the closing date of block 9 shall be June 1, 2001."

While Larmour acknowledged this would give NSSWD a little more time, he said fundraising is proceeding slowly. "It's a long way to go... It's a bit of a worry for me that we're going to get enough money to buy the watershed. I've approached the provincial government for money and we're working on some other projects."

Larmour added that some local residents have donated \$1,000 each towards the purchase. "Several local people have been extremely generous, and that's heartening. But we need several big donations."

It's payback time



Isle Sam!
with John Pottinger

We were celebrating the end of a term at the air traffic control school. A few weeks earlier I'd been the subject of a practical joke.

One of my classmates (Glen) had done the old "put a bucket full of cold water on top of the door to my room" trick. I was your typical young single guy in those days—I had one set of clothes to my name and I was wearing all of my wardrobe when those gallons of cold water splashed over me. My plans for a quick turnaround before heading out to "look for chicks" were delayed by an hour or so while I sat in front of the dryer waiting for my clothes.

It's a few months later and we're in the bar having a good time. The bar on this campus was very nice—more like a lounge—with comfortable chairs and couches on the lower level and a loft above with some pool tables and a shuffleboard.

I was playing pool with a couple of friends when one of them motioned me over to the edge of the loft and pointed down. There, sitting on a

couch directly below, was Glen. Exactly the chance I'd been waiting for! I zipped

over to the bar and asked the bartender for a pitcher of water, zipped back to the rail and looked down at poor, dry, unsuspecting Glen. With a simple twist of my wrist I finally paid him back. Like a slow-motion scene from a movie, I watched the ice-cold water cascade onto his head and down over his shoulders.

He sprang from the couch, stood absolutely still for a couple of seconds, then turned and looked up at me. It wasn't Glen. I had no idea who this guy was, but he was very wet, very big, and very angry. Millions of years of survival instincts kicked in and I did the only reasonable thing I could do in such a situation.

Two minutes later I was back in my room, gasping for breath; I'd just run a world record time for 1,000 metres. I lay on my bed, hoping I'd wake up any second from this nasty nightmare. Within a few minutes I could hear the distinctive sound of a group of idiots laughing. My former friends knocked on my door and pleaded with me to

open it. "Don't worry, it's safe. He doesn't know who you are or where your room is. Yet."

I let them all in and quickly closed the door. "Ha, ha, ha. That was a great set-up, guys. Now what are you going to do to fix it so I don't die before the night's out?"

"Hey, no worries. He was just some obnoxious loudmouth drunken visiting dignitary. Some of the guys are still back there trying to calm him down. We figure if we offer him enough free food and booze, and pay to have his suit cleaned, we'll have him calmed down in no time."

I had to admit, they'd done the old bait and switch trick really well, hustling Glen off the couch and offering this guy a seat in the few seconds I was off getting the pitcher. Luckily the big mean wet guy was drunk enough when the water hit him that he really didn't get a good look at me but I kept a low profile for the next few days, until he finally left the school. I ran into him again years later, and he stared at me for a long while. Luckily for me, time—and Scotch whiskey—fades even our worst memories.

My friends said that one day I'd look back and see this as a very funny story. I'm getting there.

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What say we give Liz a break?



*Second Thoughts ...
with Alan Webb*

This week I intend to address the single most contentious of all local issues: Elizabeth Nickson.

First of all, I should point out that I don't know the woman, I only met her once and didn't learn 'til afterwards who she was. For what it's worth, she seemed pleasant enough.

Furthermore, I have not read the infamous Harper's article nor do I intend to and I have only read one of her columns in the National Post, a newspaper I detest apart from Mordecai Richler's contributions. The one column I did chance to read concerned the Fall Fair and I found it neither terribly amusing nor interesting. But not altogether inaccurate.

However, it was only one column and certainly not enough to judge whether or not her writing or sense of humour appealed to my taste. I don't linger over everyone of Mr. Richler's columns either. But the fact the two share the same page, even in a paper I wouldn't buy for fire starter, suggests to me that someone finds some merit in her work. It also suggests to me she is a writer who deserves rather more respect than she has been shown around these parts lately.

Satirizing rural communi-

ties and their eccentric citizens is an old and common practice. Likely some ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics have been found which poke fun at quirky ox cart drivers for the amusement of Alexandrian bureaucrats. This is the province of humour, to exaggerate one group's absurdities for the enjoyment of another. We are all absurd in the eyes of someone and city life has been strip-mined for humour since humans began to dwell in clumps.

So whattya say we all leave off the woman, eh? Give her a break. Let her earn her loonies with the means at her disposal. Salt Spring's reputation is firmly established by now anyway and I fail to see how someone in Toronto or New York reading caricatures of Islanders can be of any personal concern to the subjects themselves.

Besides, as one local developer told me last week in regards to the Lady Godiva ride: "It's good for business. Americans (and by inference we can read also urban Canadians) eat this stuff up."

So good for business, in fact, that soon Ms. Nickson will have to leave Salt Spring and find a truly rural community to satirize.

Of course, 'til then, we're providing her with plenty of new material.

Greenwoods to buy new tub

Greenwoods Intermediate Care Facility recently reported that their fundraising campaign, launched in October 2000, has been a success. With two recent substantial donations, including a \$2,000 cheque from the Salt Spring Foundation, the facility will now be able to purchase the Century Tub Bathing System, which was the goal of the campaign.

This tub, Greenwoods' second, is needed to keep up with the bathing needs of residents, as well as the community bathing program. It will cost \$23,498 to purchase.

The campaign continues to raise funds for the Therapeutic Gardens Project, which is part of Greenwoods' horticulture therapy programme. This programme offers activities that can stretch residents' mental, physical, emotional, and social capacities to their fullest. For this project, safe and wheelchair-accessible walkways and gardens suitable for all residents will be constructed.

The present gardens will be renovated to create shaded rest areas and raised garden beds to encourage resident participation. A year-round greenhouse will be included in the



Bob Rush, board Chairman of the Salt Spring Foundation (right), passes a cheque to Ellen Karpinski, Greenwoods board member and Chairperson of the Special Projects/Publicity and Fundraising Committee as Debbie Cairns, Greenwoods staff member, looks on. The photo was taken in Greenwoods' current tub room.

horticulture activity programme.

Those interested in helping Greenwoods reach their fundraising goal should call Penny Polden, Chief Executive Officer, at 537-5561. Further in-

formation and appointments to see the garden plans prepared by LeFrank Landscape Architecture, Ltd. can also be obtained by calling Penny Polden.

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CRD CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Notice of Counter Petition Opportunity - Bylaw No. 2834

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Capital Regional District (CRD) intends to adopt Bylaw No. 2834, *Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2001*.

Source control is a pollution prevention strategy that is aimed at reducing the amounts of chemical contaminants that industries, commercial businesses, institutions and households discharge to sanitary sewers. The CRD Regional Source Control program focuses on point-of-discharge reductions of contaminants in order to protect the receiving environment, public health, collection and treatment systems and sewage sludge (or biosolids) quality.

The *Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw*, adopted in 1996 as Bylaw 2402, established a local service for the control of direct or indirect discharge of contaminants into facilities connected to sewage facilities operated by the CRD. This bylaw provides the CRD with the authority to recover the cost of the Regional Source Control program through requisition to municipalities, electoral areas and other participants and by the imposition of fees on businesses and institutions within the local service.

The purpose of this bylaw amendment is to increase the maximum amount of requisition to provide for enhancement of the Regional Source Control program over the next four years. If adopted, the amendment would increase the maximum requisition amount from the current \$600,000 to \$1,100,000. The boundaries of the proposed local service area will remain the boundaries of the CRD and cost apportionment for participating municipalities, electoral areas and other participants is based on annual sewage flows into CRD sewage facilities, as under the previous bylaw.

Proposed enhancements of the program include acceleration of the development and implementation of industry-specific codes of practice, an increased level of industrial/commercial site inspection, acceleration of residential education and increased program promotion. The benefits of enhancing the program region-wide include earlier application of regulatory controls to key contaminant-producing sectors, earlier reductions in contaminant levels in biosolids and the receiving environment, earlier improved protection of municipal sewage infrastructure and earlier improved protection of the health and safety of sewer workers.

COUNTER PETITION

The Board of the Capital Regional District may proceed with adoption of Bylaw No. 2834 **unless at least 5% of the electors in the Capital Regional District petition against the bylaw by signing counter petition forms and submitting them to the Capital Regional District, at the offices listed below, by the established deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2001.**

The only persons entitled to sign the counter petition forms are electors within the local service area, comprised of all municipalities and electoral areas of the Capital Regional District. Counter petition forms must be in the form established by the Capital Regional District and are available on request by

contacting one of the following CRD office locations, Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays:

- Corporate Secretary, Capital Regional District (CRD), 524 Yates Street, P. O. Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6; (Telephone 360-3128 or toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3128); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Sooke Building Inspection, 2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC V0S 1N0; (Telephone 642-1616); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area Building Inspection, Gateway Village, #210-771 Vernon Ave., Victoria, BC V8X 5A7; (Telephone 475-1581); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2S4; (Telephone 537-2711); 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- CRD Pender Island Building Inspection, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC V0N 2M0 (Telephone 629-3424); 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.

Bylaw No. 2834 may be inspected at the above noted CRD office locations from February 7th, 2001 until March 19th, 2001 inclusive, during the days and office hours as listed above. The bylaw may also be viewed on the CRD website: <http://crdinfo.crd.bc.ca/> (select the CRD Bylaws tab and then Select Bylaw No. 2834 in the drop down list).

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

It is estimated that the numbers of electors within the local service area, calculated as required under Section 172.4(3) of the *Local Government Act*, are as follows:

MUNICIPALITIES AND ELECTORAL AREAS	ESTIMATED ELECTORS
District of Central Saanich	11,000
City of Colwood	8,047
Township of Esquimalt	10,400
District of Highlands	1,152
District of Langford	10,550
District of Metchosin	2,846
District of North Saanich	7,400
District of Oak Bay	12,285
District of Saanich	63,243
Town of Sidney	7,364
District of Sooke	6,298
City of Victoria	48,000
Town of View Royal	4,225
Electoral Area "F" Salt Spring Island	7,004
Electoral Area "G" Outer Gulf Islands	4,033
Electoral Area "H" Juan de Fuca	4,235
TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN LOCAL SERVICE AREA	208,082
5% COUNTER PETITION	10,404

The CRD estimates that the number of electors who must petition against Bylaw No. 2834 in order to prevent the CRD Board from proceeding without the assent of the electors is 10,404.

TAXATION IMPACT

The estimated annual cost to a property owner having an assessed value on land and improvement of \$100,000 is projected to be approximately \$3.40 per year.

Only those municipalities, electoral area sewer local service areas and other participants contributing sewage flows into sewage facilities owned or operated by the CRD will be requisitioned (invoiced) under this bylaw. Those municipalities which are not serviced by CRD sewage facilities, including the Districts of Sooke, Metchosin and the Highlands, will not be requisitioned (invoiced).

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors are as set out below:

Resident Elector: You are entitled to submit a counter petition as a **Resident Elector** if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in a municipality or electoral area of the Capital Regional District for 30 days;

Non-Resident Property Elector: If you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property in a municipality or electoral area of the Capital Regional District for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may submit a counter petition as a **Non-Resident Property Elector**. **Note:** Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may submit a counter petition per property, regardless of how many owners there may be.

TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES

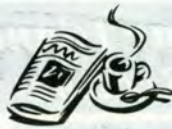
Please address any **technical enquiries** to the CRD Hotline @ 360-3030 (toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3030) and advise that your enquiry is about Bylaw No. 2834 - an amendment to the Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw, and provide your residential location.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2001.

Carmen I. Thiel,
Corporate Secretary

This notice is being published in this newspaper as a convenience only and not in accordance with the requirements pursuant to the *Local Government Act*.





Finger that out!



*Wit & Whimsy ...
with Arthur Black*

If you ever happen to meet a gentleman by the name of Shridhar Chillal, don't even think about shaking hands with him. You can't. Not with his left hand, anyway—because even when Mister Chillal holds his left arm out at shoulder height, the tips of his fingernails brush the ground. The nails on the fingers of Chillal's left hand are, to put it mildly, grotesque and freakish. They writhe and coil off his hand like copulating snakes. Mister Chillal hasn't cut those nails in 20 years. The shortest nail on his hand would, if stretched out straight, be nearly six feet long.

Needless to say, Chillal is not a speedy typist or a card shark. You can't grow nails like that without giving up a significant amount of manual dexterity.

Chillal's fingernails have made him a fixture in the Guinness Book of World Records for years as the man with the world's longest nails. But they have also caused his left hand to wither, given him almost constant pain in his left wrist, elbow and shoulder and made him go partially deaf.

Any time in the past 20 years Chillal could have ended his suffering with five snips of the nail clippers, but he didn't.

Why?

For the same reason high-born Chinese women used to cripple their feet in binding, Ubangis distended their necks with brass rings, and modern-day granolaheads stick bars and rings of metal in their ears, nostrils, tongues and I don't wanna-knowaboutits.

It's fashion—which is a fancy word for showing off.

And a set of outlandish fingernails does tell you something about the bearer. It tells you that the person is so well-off, he or she

can cruise through life with one hand figuratively tied behind his or her back. These fingers toil not, neither do they spin. Washer-

women can't afford to have long nails. Neither can labourers, soldiers or anybody engaged in a trade. Therefore long, debilitating fingernails are a perverse badge of success—or so goes the thinking in parts of China and India, even to this day.

Not in North America, thankfully. In these parts, cultural statements and digital displays like that of Shridhar Chillal (who hails from Bombay) are unheard of, and aside from the pinky fingers of the odd hairdresser and the fingertips of a few Carmen Miranda wannabes caught in a 1940s time tunnel, even moderately long nails are a rarity.

As a matter of fact, we tend to the other extreme. Extremely short nails are more common on this side of the water—and not just among students sweating it out through exams. In the latest U.S. Presidential campaign (is it over yet?) the news came out that Al Gore is a dedicated nail-biter, often chewing his nails right down to the quick.

But considering he lost the only job he ever wanted to a stumble-tongued frat boy from Texas, I'm surprised Gore doesn't have a manicure like Venus de Milo.

Considering that they're fundamentally useless, fingernails are pretty interesting, overall. Did you know that there's a standard scientific unit called the nail-second? That's the average length a human fingernail grows in one second. If you want to haul out a yardstick and measure it off, one nail-second equals .0000039ths of an inch.

That's the most amazing thing about your fingernails—they never quit.

The rest of your body eventually stops growing, but not your fingernails. They're growing all the time, summer and winter, day and night. Why, they even keep growing after you croak.

Mind you, the phone calls taper off.



IT'S LAMBING TIME—This ewe and her baby were spotted at a Fulford farm last week.

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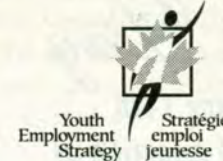
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FEBRUARY 13 - 25

Desert Island Choices

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



This week's castaway is **Daemon Baker**, a Blues aficionado. He plays both guitar and bass for the Burgoyne Bay Blues Band, who are performing at the Fulford Inn this Saturday night.

Daemon has been playing in bands for over a decade, working the Victoria club scene. Local music fans might remember him from Juke Joint, Long Distance Call, or The Tail Draggers.

Daemon and his family have been living on Salt Spring for four years. When not playing the Blues, Daemon works as a carpenter on a team that builds custom homes.

The Book: "I recently read a book on spiritual well-being called *The Only Dance There Is* by Richard Alpert. I'd take it along with me."

The Disc: "I have such an extensive Blues collection that it would be impossible to choose just one CD. So I'd take something completely different: *Electric Ladyland* by Jimi Hendrix. It's a great historical album."

Fellow castaway: "I'd take my terrific wife, Joy. We've been married for 10 years and there's no one I'd rather be with."

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

- Storytime for 3-5s**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Allegria Flute Duo** All Saints'. 7pm
- Mowbray and Wall** Talons. 7pm
- Jill Louise Campbell**
Open Hearts, Together Forever. 11am-4pm
- Dana Pennington** At SS Roasting Co.
- Stephanie Denz** At Island Savings
- Victoria Leslie** At Bodyworks Collective
- Maureen Garbarino** At Luigi's Pizzeria
- Deborah Gainer** At Moby's Pub
- June Boe** At Salt Spring Books
- Karen Reiss** At Island Savings
- The Decagogue (10 Commandments)**
Video series. United Church lower hall. 3-5pm
- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm
- History of Maracaibo**
SS Historical Soc. Central Hall. 2pm
- SSI Prostate Cancer Support Club**
Guest: Dr. Myers. Lions. 1-3pm
- Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
Call 537-2358 for private location. 7pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Cast Away Cinema** Central. 6:30 & 9:00 pm
- Going Solo: Single Parenting in Our Time**
Kim Hunter. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

- Valentine's Fitness Club**
Fundraiser for Heart & St. Foundation. SS Elementary. 10:15-11:15am
- Storytime**
Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- Afternoon Crafts**
Ages 6+. Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Kindergym** 0-4yrs. Comm. Chapel. 9-11am
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Spell of the Sensuous**
Book study. United Church. 10-11:30am
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Caregivers Support Group**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- RRSPs & RRIFs**
BMO Nesbitt Burns. 12-1pm
- SS Hours Potluck Meet**
Family Place, Ganges Hill. 12-1pm
- GISS PAC meeting**
Workshop on parenting to GISS library. 7pm
- Surfing for Seniors**
Corinternet Café. 1-8pm



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**MONDAY
 FEBRUARY 19**

- Pre-school Card & Board Games** Ages 3-5. Fables C.. 1-2pm
- Classic Games** Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm.
- Caught in the Middle**
Parent/children support group. Family Place. 6:30-8pm
- Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class** Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk**
191 Lakefair Dr. 1:30-3:30pm
- SSI Health Committee**
Lady Minto meeting room. 9-10:30am
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Life Model Drawing**
United Church. 1-3pm
- Psychic Development group**
Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm
- Fun Darts** Legion. 6:30pm
- Finding Forrester** 7pm

**TUESDAY
 FEBRUARY 20**

- Storytime for 3-5s**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Toy Library** Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- The Decagogue (10 Commandments)**
Video series. United Church lower hall. 3-5pm
- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm
- Farmers Institute AGM**
Nico Human speaks. Exhibition Hall. 7:30pm
- Flexible Strength**
All Saints'. 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Dance**
At All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
Call 537-2358 for private location. 7pm
- The Pleasures of Being Single** "Love Thyself: The Pleasures of Ourselves" with Tanya Lester. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm
- Miss Congeniality** 7pm
- Finding Forrester** 9:15pm

**WEDNESDAY
 FEBRUARY 21**

- Storytime**
Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Afternoon Crafts** Ages 6+. Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Kindergym**
Children 0-4. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage hosted by Vaughn Fulford. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Spell of the Sensuous**
Book study. United Church lower hall. 10-11:30am
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Family Walk Mouat Park. 10am Storytime Fables Cottage. 10:30am Sign Language 3yrs-teen. Fables Cottage. 1-2pm For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again ArtSpring. 8pm Sing Along Group Seniors' Bldg. 2pm Salty Wheels Square Dance Central Hall. 7-9pm Men's Breakfast United Church. 8-9:30am. Community Meditation United Church. 11:15am-12:30pm Soup's On Free soup and sandwich. All Saints'. 11:30am-1pm Community Gathering Light meal, discussion, activities. United Church. 5:30-7pm SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild ArtSpring. 10:30-noon Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm Flexible Strength All Saints'. 9-10am Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm Nia Fitness Dance All Saints'. 5:15pm Survivor: Down Under Giant screen tv at Talons. 8pm Bingo Meaden Hall. 6:30pm	Myths & Fairytales for 7-10's Library. 3-4pm Rugbagger's: Potluck & Support Family Place. 11:30-1pm Salt & Puppet Theatre Ages 6-12. 9am-noon. Call 653-9253 Music and Me Family Place. 9:30-11am. Reg.: 537-4416 For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again ArtSpring. 8pm Open Stage Rose's Cafe. Fulford Harbour. 7pm Praise and Worship Concert Music from local churches. Comm. Gospel Church. 7-9pm SS Potters Guild 175 North View Place. 8:30am Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm Rollerblading to Music Fulford Hall. 7:30pm Black light bowling King's Lane. 9pm-midnight Miss Congeniality 7pm Finding Forrester 9:15pm	Calligraphy Series Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 12-1pm For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again ArtSpring. 8pm Sue Newman & Ramesh Meyers Harbour House Lounge. 9-midnight Barrington Perry Soft Jazz. Alfresco. 6pm Jack & Lefty Trio 106 Samuel Cres. 8pm Tammy Fassaert All Saints'. 8pm. Burgoyne Bay Blues Band Fulford Inn. 9pm Library Book Sale Library. 10am-1pm Sheepbreeders meeting Talk on lambing. 10am. Nia Fitness Dance All Saints'. 9:30am Innovative Book Structures Bookbind'g workshop. PARC portable. 9:30am-3:30pm Miss Congeniality 7pm Finding Forrester 9:15pm	For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again ArtSpring. 2pm Choral Evensong for pre Lent All Saints'. 4pm The Other Brothers Fulford Inn. 6-9pm Velvet—Voices of Salt Spring Talons. 7pm Heartfelt Expressions Bodyworks Collective. 11-4pm Open Climbing The Wall. 6:30-9:30pm Badminton Club GISS gym. 8-10pm Actor's Bootcamp Core Inn. 10am-5pm. 537-9187 to register. Newcomers Sunday Walk Meet at buoy in Cent. Park. 11am Miss Congeniality 7pm

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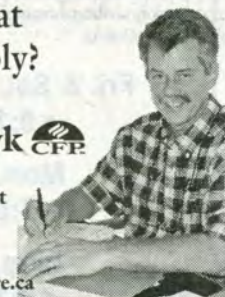
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FEBRUARY 13 - 25

Desert Island Choices

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



This week's castaway is **Daemon Baker**, a Blues aficionado. He plays both guitar and bass for the Burgoyne Bay Blues Band, who are performing at the Fulford Inn this Saturday night.

Daemon has been playing in bands for over a decade, working the Victoria club scene. Local music fans might remember him from Juke Joint, Long Distance Call, or The Tail Draggers.

Daemon and his family have been living on Salt Spring for four years. When not playing the Blues, Daemon works as a carpenter on a team that builds custom homes.

The Book: "I recently read a book on spiritual well-being called *The Only Dance There Is* by Richard Alpert. I'd take it along with me."

The Disc: "I have such an extensive Blues collection that it would be impossible to choose just one CD. So I'd take something completely different: *Electric Ladyland* by Jimi Hendrix. It's a great historical album."

Fellow castaway: "I'd take my terrific wife, Joy. We've been married for 10 years and there's no one I'd rather be with."

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

- Storytime for 3-5s**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Allegria Flute Duo** All Saints'. 7pm
- Mowbray and Wall** Talons. 7pm
- Jill Louise Campbell**
Open Hearts, Together Forever. 11am-4pm
- Dana Pennington** At SS Roasting Co.
- Stephanie Denz** At Island Savings
- Victoria Leslie** At Bodyworks Collective
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- June Boe** At Salt Spring Books
- Karen Reiss** At Island Savings
- The Decagogue (10 Commandments)**
Video series. United Church lower hall. 3-5pm
- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm
- History of Maracaibo**
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- SSI Prostate Cancer Support Club**
Guest: Dr. Myers. Lions. 1-3pm
- Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group**
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- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Dance** All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Cast Away** Cinema Central. 6:30 & 9:00 pm
- Going Solo: Single Parenting in Our Time**
Kim Hunter. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

- Valentine's Fitness Cla**
Fundraiser for Heart & St Foundation. SS Elementary 10:15-11:15am
- Storytime**
Fables Cottage. 10:30am
- Afternoon Crafts**
Ages 6+. Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Kindergym** 0-4yrs. Comm Chapel. 9-11am
- Argentinian Tango prac**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Spell of the Sensuous**
Book study. United Church 10-11:30am
- Centering Prayer**
Contemplative Centre. 8am
- S. End Centering Prayer**
St. Mary's Fulford. 11am
- Caregivers Support Gr**
Seniors' Centre. 11am
- RRSPs & RRIFs**
BMO Nesbitt Burns. 12-1pm
RSVP: 537-1654
- SS Hours Potluck Meet**
Family Place, Ganges Hill. 6pm
- GISS PAC meeting**
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- Surfing for Seniors**
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- Pre-school Card & Board Games** Ages 3-5. Fables C.. 1-2pm
- Classic Games**
Ages 8+. Fables Cottage. 3-4pm.
- Caught in the Middle**
Parent/children support group. Family Place. 6:30-8pm
- Midnight Café**
Acoustic Jam. Rose's Cafe. 7pm
- Cats Pajamas Dance Class** Lang Road Studio. 7:30pm
- Argentinian Tango practice**
Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Vipassana Meditation**
The Barn. 7:30pm
- How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk**
191 Lakefair Dr. 1:30-3:30pm
- SSI Health Committee**
Lady Minto meeting room. 9-10:30am
- Cats Pajamas Feldenkrais Class**
Lang Rd. Studio. 6pm
- Life Model Drawing**
United Church. 1-3pm
- Psychic Development group**
Bodyworks Collective. 3:30-5pm
- Fun Darts** Legion. 6:30pm
- Finding Forrester** 7pm

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

- Storytime for 3-5s**
Public Library. 10-10:30am
- Toy Library** Portlock Park & Beaver Pt. Hall. 9:30-10:30am
- The Decagogue (10 Commandments)**
Video series. United Church lower hall. 3-5pm
- The Heart Sutra**
North-end meditation. 7:30-8:30pm
- Farmers Institute AGM**
Nico Human speaks. Exhibition Hall. 7:30pm
- Flexible Strength** All Saints'. 9-10am
- Nia Fitness Dance**
At All Saints'. 5:15pm
- Drop In Floor Hockey**
Fulford Hall 6:30-8:30pm
- T.O.P.S. weight loss group** Call 537-2358 for private location. 7pm
- The Pleasures of Being Single** "Love Thyself: The Pleasures of Ourselves" with Tanya Lester. Bodyworks Collective. 7-9pm
- Miss Congeniality** 7pm
- Finding Forrester** 9:15pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21

- Storytime**
Fables Cottage. Wed-Fri. 10:30am
- Afternoon Crafts** Ages 6+. Fables Cottage. 3:30-4:30pm
- Kindergym**
Children 0-4. Comm. Gospel Chapel. 9-11am
- Wednesday Night Live**
Open Stage hosted by Vaughn Fulford. Moby's Pub. 9pm
- Argentinian Tango practice** Lions Hall. 7:30-9:30pm
- Spell of the Sensuous**
Book study. United Church lower hall. 10-11:30am
- S. End Centering Prayer**
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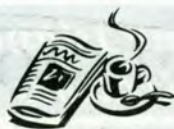
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*Wit & Whimsy ...
with Arthur Black*

If you ever happen to meet a gentleman by the name of Shridhar Chillal, don't even think about shaking hands with him. You can't. Not with his left hand, anyway—because even when Mister Chillal holds his left arm out at shoulder height, the tips of his fingernails brush the ground. The nails on the fingers of Chillal's left hand are, to put it mildly, grotesque and freakish. They writhe and coil off his hand like copulating snakes. Mister Chillal hasn't cut those nails in 20 years. The shortest nail on his hand would, if stretched out straight, be nearly six feet long.

Needless to say, Chillal is not a speedy typist or a card shark. You can't grow nails like that without giving up a significant amount of manual dexterity.

Chillal's fingernails have made him a fixture in the Guinness Book of World Records for years as the man with the world's longest nails. But they have also caused his left hand to wither, given him almost constant pain in his left wrist, elbow and shoulder and made him go partially deaf.

Any time in the past 20 years Chillal could have ended his suffering with five snips of the nail clippers, but he didn't.

Why?

For the same reason high-born Chinese women used to cripple their feet in binding, Ubangis distended their necks with brass rings, and modern-day granolaheads stick bars and rings of metal in their ears, nostrils, tongues and I don't wanna-knowaboutits.

It's fashion—which is a fancy word for showing off.

And a set of outlandish fingernails does tell you something about the bearer. It tells you that the person is so well-off, he or she

can cruise through life with one hand figuratively tied behind his or her back. These fingers toil not, neither do they spin. Washer-

women can't afford to have long nails. Neither can labourers, soldiers or anybody engaged in a trade. Therefore long, debilitating fingernails are a perverse badge of success—or so goes the thinking in parts of China and India, even to this day.

Not in North America, thankfully. In these parts, cultural statements and digital displays like that of Shridhar Chillal (who hails from Bombay) are unheard of, and aside from the pinky fingers of the odd hairdresser and the fingertips of a few Carmen Miranda wannabes caught in a 1940s time tunnel, even moderately long nails are a rarity.

As a matter of fact, we tend to the other extreme. Extremely short nails are more common on this side of the water—and not just among students sweating it out through exams. In the latest U.S. Presidential campaign (is it over yet?) the news came out that Al Gore is a dedicated nail-biter, often chewing his nails right down to the quick.

But considering he lost the only job he ever wanted to a stumble-tongued frat boy from Texas, I'm surprised Gore doesn't have a manicure like Venus de Milo.

Considering that they're fundamentally useless, fingernails are pretty interesting, overall. Did you know that there's a standard scientific unit called the nail-second? That's the average length a human fingernail grows in one second. If you want to haul out a yardstick and measure it off, one nail-second equals .0000039ths of an inch.

That's the most amazing thing about your fingernails—they never quit.

The rest of your body eventually stops growing, but not your fingernails. They're growing all the time, summer and winter, day and night. Why, they even keep growing after you croak.

Mind you, the phone calls taper off.



IT'S LAMMING TIME—This ewe and her baby were spotted at a Fulford farm last week.

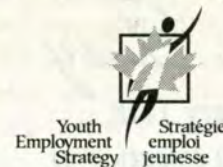
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Groove on at a rave



Flick Pick ...
with Jason Tudor

When ever a subculture goes mainstream somebody makes a film about it. This film serves as an instruction manual, telling mainstream audiences what to wear, how to dance, what music to listen to, and so on. Disco had *Saturday Night Fever*, hip hop had *Beat Street*, and grunge had *Reality Bites*. Once rave culture exploded across North America, it was inevitable that a plethora of films would follow. The best of these is *Groove*.

For those who don't know, a rave is an all-night dance party that takes place in an illegal location—an abandoned warehouse is ideal. Ravers, dressed in fantastic colours, dance energetically to DJ music that spans infinite variations: trance, techno, industrial, tribal, jungle, hip hop, whatever. Ecstasy, or "e," is the drug of choice, stimulating friendly emotions and enhancing touch.

I'm not an expert on raves, but from what I can tell *Groove* is a fairly good, albeit lightweight, representation. It follows a typical night at a rave, using the standard youth-movie themes of angst, love, regret, and the future. These stories, while basic, are well tied in with the rave philosophy of love, peace, fun, and optimism.

The real star, however, is the film's energy. While not flashy in terms of direction, *Groove* has some powerful moments. My favourite occurs when a fledgling DJ gets his second chance to be a star. The music hangs, pulsing, vibrating, waiting for him to match it up just right, then slams into a fantastic raging beat that whips the dancers into a frenzy of joy.

Those of you who see today's youth as disenfranchised and depressed, take note. *Groove* shows us a different world.

Rating: 14a

Running Time: 1 hr, 26 min



Scott Owens (left) and Pierce Visser, of the Vancouver Theatre Sports troop, gave a performance and workshop to middle and high school students last week.

Improv teaches co-operation

by Michelle Mech

Students at Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) and Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) learned a little about improvisation theatre last Tuesday when three members of the Vancouver Theatre Sports troop came to Salt Spring. They held an entertaining performance for Middle School students, and then a number of workshops at both schools. The actors describe improv theatre as "a literary device, using environment, character, plot, free association, and lateral thinking." They use theatre "games" that show how improv works and teach skills that form the underlying support that needs to be in place to make a story work.

At SIMS, the three actors demonstrated to the students the practice of taking randomly chosen keyword ideas and creating a story in a variety of ways. In one case, they asked the students to choose a number of coun-

tries. Then, using a simple theme, the actors incorporated the various cultures for a variety of resulting scenes. They showed how a good method of rehearsal is to evolve a story by having each actor supply one word, on a rotating basis. Another is to have one person supply the dialogue, while another provides hand movements that appropriately represent the words. The actors involved teachers and students in creating some of the stories and many of the scenes evoked abundant laughter from the audience.

Vancouver Improv Theatre has 20 members and, on a rotational basis, eight members of the troop perform evenings on Granville Island, while many of the others visit up to 150 schools in the province. Through this type of acting, students are helped to develop greater thinking skills, how to accept ideas from other people, trust, and co-operate.

Tribute to Garry oak plays on CBC

A few Islanders made the trek to Vancouver's Chan Centre for the Arts last month to hear the Vancouver Symphony perform the world premiere of local composer Mark Hand's *Quercus*, a piece inspired by the beauty of the west coast and, in particular, the Garry oak.

Speaking to the audience before the performance, the composer said, "If listening to this piece puts you in mind of a quiet moment of connection you have had with nature, then you and I will be on the same wave-

length." Writing in *The Globe and Mail*, reviewer Elissa Poole noted: "That art and nature are ephemeral is one way of reading Hand's gentle timbres, pulse and shifting harmonies (a sound world not so far from Satie's *Gymnopédies*)."

Quercus will be aired on CBC Radio's stereo network on February 28 after the 1:00 p.m. news on the concert segment of the programme *Take Five*. Radio Two broadcasts on 105.7 from Vancouver and 92.1 from Victoria.

Popular flute duo returns for show

When the Allegria Flute Duo played in the Music and Munch programme last July, the chemistry between audience and players invited love at first listening. For this reason, the Anglican parish is sponsoring a full-length concert to win Islanders' hearts tonight (February 13), the eve of St. Valentine's Day.

Jennifer Cluff, principal flutist of the Vancouver Island Symphony and Jennifer Moss, second flutist and piccoloist, have developed a repertoire that appeals to a wide audience and have won a devoted following of music lovers. Their repertoire includes not only standard classics

for the flute, but also interesting and diverse works from all over the world.

Their accompanist, Stephen Shields, is the pianist in residence at Shawnigan Lake School and has a well-earned reputation for being one of the finest pianists on Vancouver Island.

This evening's concert will include music by Bach, Debussy and Albinoni. If the fabulous reviews the duo has already received for this programme are right, the audience is in for a superb evening.

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Tammy Fassaert gives concert

Tammy Fassaert, a familiar face to Islanders, will be performing this Saturday, February 17, at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints' by-the-Sea. Fassaert combines contemporary and traditional folk, country, and bluegrass music to make her own sound. She plays both interpretations of classics—by such artists as Clive Gregson and T-Bone Burnett—and originals with warmth and humour, demonstrating her grasp of human nature.

Fassaert is best known for her clear singing voice. The North Thompson Times described it as "flexible as a cat," and said: "Fassaert's voice can deepen to rich velvet or rise to traditional twang, and sometimes it has the clear and innocent ring of a child's."

Fassaert usually plays acoustic guitar and bass. This Saturday, though, she will hand over the stand-up bass to Paul Bergman. Popular mandolinist John Reischman will fill out the trio. The band will play tunes from both Fassaert's latest CD, *Corner of my Eye* (produced by Reischman), and her 1996 release, *Just Passin' Through* (which features Bergman).

Since the late 1980s, Fassaert has worked with some of the finest musicians in the acoustic music scene. She toured North America with Bluegrass star Laurie Lewis, playing bass and singing harmony, and fronted various bands with guitarist Scott Nygaard, dobroist Sally van Meter, banjo player Tony Furtado, and John Reischman.



Tammy Fassaert's band plays at All Saints' by-the-Sea this Saturday.

The release of *Just Passin' Through* marked the beginning of Fassaert's solo career. Its title track claimed instant notoriety as a girls-on-the-road song. *Corner of my Eye*, released last July, is being distributed internationally. Fassaert is currently touring North America with the new CD. The All Saints' gig will be an excellent chance for Islanders to hear what *Bluegrass Canada* magazine called "a major talent."

Alongside her performing career, Fassaert has developed an excellent

reputation as a music instructor. She has taught singing, bass, and guitar at numerous workshops around North America, including the California Coast Music Camp, the Puget Sound Guitar Workshop, The Georgia Strait Guitar Workshop, and the Island Mountain Arts' "Roots and Strings." The B.C. Bluegrass Workshop called Fassaert "...our favourite teacher."

Tickets to Saturday's show are available at Acoustic Planet and Patterson Market for \$12.

Call for photos

Nature photographers throughout British Columbia are invited to participate in an exhibition and sale of photography during the 11th Annual Brant Wildlife Festival, which will be held at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre from April 6 to 8. Photographers are encouraged to submit framed prints with the theme of B.C. wildlife or wild places. The photographs may be offered for sale throughout the exhibition; a portion of the sale price will be retained by the Brant Wildlife Festival to be used to fund future events and wildlife enhancement projects through the Mid Island Wildlife Watch Society.

Photographers are asked to register their intention to submit work by February 28, 2001. Entry forms may be obtained from the Brant Wildlife Festival office by calling (250) 752-9171, emailing brant@nisa.net, or writing to 174 Railway

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The Brant Wildlife Festival is a celebration of the Brant sea goose's return to the mid-Vancouver Island region on its northward migration. This year's festival will feature a world-class carving competition, nature walks and talks, the Wildlife Art Exhibition and Sale, guest speakers, a book launch for *The Birds of B.C.*, Brant viewing areas, and plenty of family fun. The Brant Wildlife Festival takes place in the Parksville-Qualicum Beach oceanside area. For more information, visit www.island.net/~bfest/.

Survive your TV fix at Talons

For the next several Thursday evenings, Talons Restaurant will transform into a giant living room as fans of the TV show *Survivor: Down Under* gather to cheer, jeer, and sneer at the castaways. Island Star Video will send over their big screen TV, partly because the owners of the store are fans themselves: "I am so hooked," said John Dolman.

He pointed out that many people watch *Survivor* and don't admit to it. At Talons, people can get their fix and then don't have to come up

with a lie about what they did that evening. They'll be part of their own tribe.

The events are fun: people laugh, shout at the screen, cheer for the tribe of their choice, and root for the underdog. Island Star gives out two prizes each time. Draws are made of the people who correctly guess the tribe to win immunity and the person voted off the island. At the end of the series a big party will be thrown when fans can come dressed as a survivor. *Survivor: Down Under* starts at 8 p.m. every Thursday.

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CAN THAT GIRL PLAY—Auntie Kate played at Harbour House's lounge last Saturday night to a packed house. The audience had a good time, some getting down and dancing to the bluesy music. Kate was in great spirits, as usual, and hammed it up for the crowd.

Blues band plays in Fulford

The Burgoyne Bay Blues Band will play the Fulford Inn this Saturday, February 17 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The band, which has been around for about a year (longer than about 64 per cent of all marriages!), has played at numerous Salt Spring Island venues and events. They were at Woodstop, the Stump Stomp, Fulford Day, the Everlasting Summer Garden Party and Music Festival (in 2000), and have played in the Tree-House Café's summer music series.

The five members of the band have all been blues fans and players for a number of years. The guitarists, Daemon Baker and Jesse Fisher, have been playing blues guitar together for over 10 years in the Victoria club scene. They were members of bands called Juke Joint, Long Distance Call, and The Tail Draggers. Both are dedicated blues musicians who have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the form, going back to its origins in the 1920s and 30s. Baker and Fisher each have their own unique style, and trade off playing guitar and bass on material ranging from old country blues to modern rock blues spin-offs (such as Chuck Berry's Mabeline).

Larry "Dr. Download" Shetzer, the pianist, got hooked on the blues as a teenager in the 1970s when he heard blues legends play in the local clubs of his hometown, Montreal. He studied boogie-woogie masters such as Mead Lux Lewis and Pete Johnson, and



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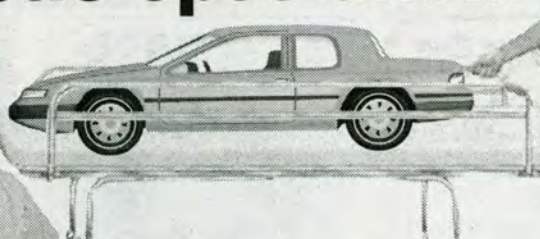
modern piano greats, like Otis Spann, Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis, to help him develop his chops. Mark Nordine, percussionist, grew up on Salt Spring in a highly musical family. He is a relative newcomer to the stage and is excited about the experience he is gaining in the Burgoyne Bay Blues Band.

Lisa Maxx, well known on Salt Spring as a singer/songwriter, is the newest member of the band. She has been performing on Salt Spring Island for close to two decades and is excited

to be working with a band again. Maxx also welcomes the opportunity to gain a deeper feel for the blues.

The Burgoyne Bay Blues Band recently played to an absolutely full and enthusiastic house at the Vesuvius Inn. After playing at the Fulford Inn this weekend, the band is scheduled to play their first off-Island engagement: the Victoria Rhythm and Blues Festival, which takes place on Saturday, February 24 at the Ingraham Inn. The Burgoyne Bay Blues Band will take the stage at 5 p.m. at the all-day event.

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THE WINNERS—The Community Centre team won their match at Kings Lane Recreation on Saturday afternoon. The group was participating in the Bowl-a-thon to raise funds for Nichola Howard to use for medical expenses. By the end of the two-day event, approximately \$900 had been raised. From left, John Martin-McNab, David McEachern, Norma Thompson, Heather Martin-McNab, Joan Villadsen, Katrina Villadsen.

Scott house restoration points way for Mahon Hall committee



*Shades of Our Past...
with Anne Humphries*

I have a new love interest. On Saturday I had tea with David Sorenson in the bay window of the old Scott home (circa 1912). The Scott family was instrumental in the acquisition of land for and the building of Mahon Memorial Hall—four acres of a precious farmland parcel which stretched from the present Mahon Hall site to Atkins Road were measured out in footsteps. The farming community raised money, built the hall and when young Mahon drowned in Long Harbour the family assumed the mortgage in memory of their magnificent young man. But I digress!

On Saturday I was graciously ushered into the Edwardian era—beautiful dark floors (washed, not sanded), generous, original windows, a veranda, fireplace tiles with hand-glazed and fired edges, original wall-papers carefully exposed, an intriguing and inviting staircase. It was a dream come true. We grieved

and home were carved and battered; old heritage homes and buildings are razed to the ground for fire drill; farm buildings are dismantled and pillaged for old timber and tools; Hereford Avenue crumbles and decays; and, to add insult to injury, a “heritage house” from an unknown location is moved and raised above ground to displace a green and verdant space.

The Scott homestead must have been difficult to work—high on a rocky ledge, sloping on either side. Now, mossy banks have been left undisturbed, old lilacs and bulbs promise spring, and in place of paving—soft gravel. The old windmill will remain, as will the young Douglas firs and arbutus.

I congratulate and celebrate with the community that facilitated this wonderful restoration. I congratulate the dedicated committee that restored St. Mark's Church, and I revere any private owner who

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treasures our heritage spaces—gardens, buildings, and wild spaces. They are a part of all of us and we wish them to remain.

I will invite David and Shelagh Weatherell to have tea with David Sorenson. David (Weatherell) is the last of the Scotts—his childhood played out all through his family's Fruitvale farm and orchards.

David addressed our Mahon Hall heritage event in the last millennium. As we now approach 100 years of Mahon Hall (1901 to 2001), we have little to celebrate—50 years of abuse and neglect: a grassy area where our community mingled, a hall that held fairs, dances, badminton games, theatre, and club meetings as pictured in the 1908 photograph in our library, all compromised, unattended, and now literally rotting because no decisions have been made. There are more than decaying roofing and floor boards in this issue—the process is severely flawed.

To the committee that is supposed to be determining the future of Mahon Hall: Get on with it! Please, dear Islands Trust, form a heritage action committee before it is too late.

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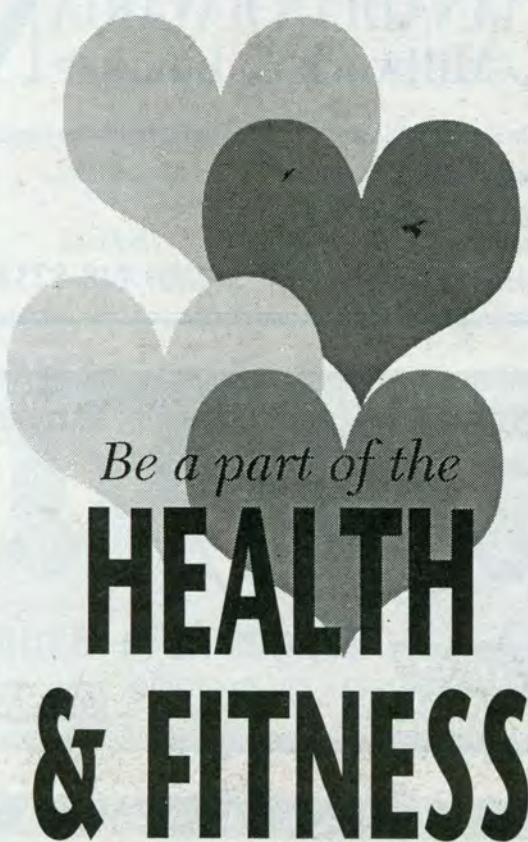
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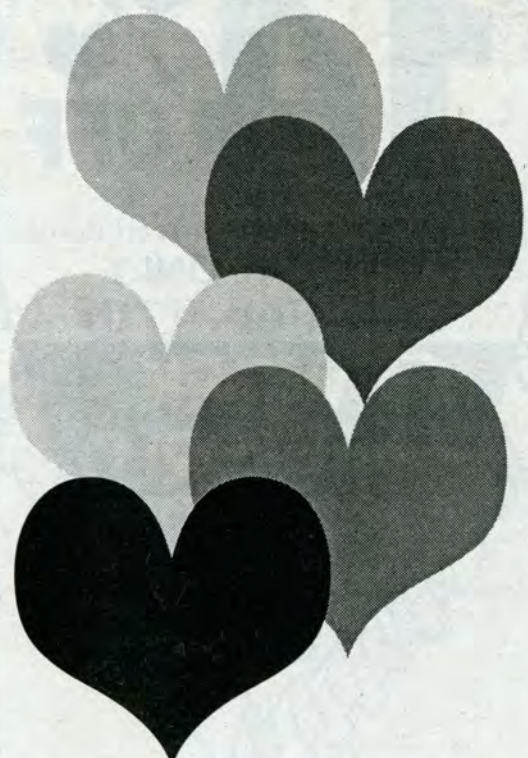
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Valentine Jubilee a success

by Trudy Sloan

The Order of the Eastern Star of British Columbia has adopted fighting cancer as its main charity for fundraisers. Thousands of dollars are raised each year by over 70 chapters. The Salt Spring Island chapter was inspired by the "Daring to Believe" campaign. On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 93 members, we would like to publicly thank all the people who supported our Valentine Jubilee dinner and dance at Meaden Hall last Saturday, February 10, which raised approximately \$5,000.

Those of you who weren't fortunate enough to get a ticket to this event missed the best party Salt Spring has had for a long while. Good food, good music, and a "Lover's Auction" made for a great time.

Sixteen baskets of goodies were auctioned off to raise money to buy equipment for the new Cancer Treatment Research Centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their donations to our baskets: et cetera, Anne's Oceanfront Hideaway B&B, The Great Canadian Dollar Store, Reynolds Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning, Kings Lane Recreation, Harlan's Chocolates and



This smiling couple enjoyed dancing at the Valentine Jubilee at Meaden Hall.

Candy Corner, Ken Tara Excavating, Michael Hunsberger (bird house craftsman), Jack Clements (stained glass craftsman), Shelley Maltby (tole painter), Calvin's Restaurant, Island Magic Touch, Salt Spring Linen and

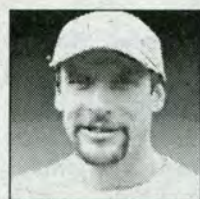
Drycleaners, Don Irwin Collision, and Nichola Howard (quilter).

To our corporate citizens for their generosity through donations and discounts that help make our fund raising efforts look even better, we wish to extend special thanks: Ganges Village Market (for always being there with a true community spirit), Thrifty Foods (for the flowers), Embe Bakery (for the cakes), the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 (for their full support and generous donation), South Salt Spring Women's Institute (for their untiring work in the kitchen), Island Star Video (for ticket sales), the Barnacle, Gulf Islands Driftwood, and cash donations from the Fire Fighters Association, and Hayward's Funeral Service.

To the members of the I.O.D.E., the Legion, the Lions, Shrine Club, Admiral Lodge, Cancer Support Group, Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, the Order of the Eastern Star, and to the individual helpers who gave of their time, we give a big Valentine's hug for your support.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our chef, Steve Lynch, who created the wonderful meal and donated his valuable time and effort to help make this event a success.

Mystery of last frost solved



Life in the garden ...

with Joe Clemente

Over the last month I've had a few gardeners ask me if I know the date of our last frost. Well, that is a difficult question to answer, because due to our Island's topography, frost-free periods can be very different throughout Salt Spring's gardens.

First of all, a first or last frost is recorded when the air temperature drops to 0° Celsius or lower. The term "hard freeze" applies when the air temperatures dip down to -3.5° C or lower for at least four consecutive hours. At

these low temperatures it usually means the end of most annual vegetation.

So now that we've got that clear, how about the frost-free growing season of Salt Spring? Well, if you live in a valley where cold air spills from the hillsides and settles in your garden, you will probably experience later spring frosts and earlier fall frosts. If your garden is near the ocean's edge, like in Vesuvius, then it is quite a bit different again. There is no doubt that the frost-free growing days are much longer in Vesuvius than the Fulford Valley. You don't

have to be a rocket scientist to figure it out.

On clear, cool mornings on my drive into work I can see where those cooler, frostier areas are located. A very good example was one morning when my low temperature was 3° C and heavy dew was on my lawn and car. I arrived at work to find frost and ice on the bird-baths! It just goes to show you that temperatures vary quite a bit within the short distance of 10 kilometres.

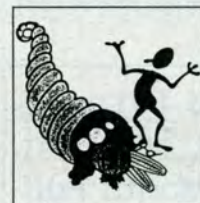
If you are heavily into gardening, then I encourage you to invest in a minimum/maximum thermometer and place it in your garden. Also be observant of

your frost dates. The coolest temperatures are generally recorded early in the morning. Most gardeners who have lived here for any length of time are well aware of their own region's climate and play things safe. All tender annuals are planted in the second week of May.

However, there are still some of those impatient gardeners who love to stuff in their annuals at a much earlier date. Most of the time they would have been far better off to wait just a little longer, and sometimes a hard lesson is learned when the garden is zapped with a late spring frost.

Get to know your garden's microclimates, and use them to your advantage. Every garden has them, and by placing some of your favourites in the warm areas you can achieve a longer growing season out of some of those more frost-tender species. I've been in many gardens where certain annuals have made it through more than one winter, just because of their location.

Be observant, and compare notes from year to year. Who knows, your garden may also be in one of those longer frost-free growing areas! I hope this answers your question.



Salt Spring Sizzles...

with Gail Prior

Tired of cold cereal or oatmeal for breakfast? Consider couscous instead.

Couscous is a granular form of durum wheat. Traditionally a staple in North

African cuisine and served as a main course, it can also become a high-energy hot cereal habit of the morning. For starters, let's try a single serving.

Morning Couscous

1/4 cup uncooked couscous
1 Tb. honey

1/2 cup hot soy beverage
1/4 cup raisins

Mix couscous and soy together. Cover and let stand 5 mins. Stir in honey and raisins. Eat and enjoy! Simple, eh? Note: Recipe can be doubled.

Anger hurts no longer

Workshop teaches skills to deal with men's controlling behaviours

When Anger Hurts is a new men's group for transforming controlling behaviours. Led by Alan Caplan and Sharon Bronstein, the group will discuss some of the more effective approaches in dealing with conflict, anger, and healthy relationships.

"Many men have not learned to recognize and express what they fear, long for, or wish to avoid," said Caplan and Bronstein in a press release. "Conflict and frustration may trigger a sense of powerlessness which erupts into uncontrolled reactions." They believe it is possible, however, to move from self-hating responses and blame towards responsible choices. People can move from defensiveness to more open communication. As they put it, "from a closed fist to an open hand."

Caplan and Bronstein are not new to workshop facilitation or therapy. For example, they recently led a seminar



Alan Caplan and Sharon Bronstein.

called *Love Is Heaven, Love Is Hell*, which they have offered a number of times in the past.

Both Caplan and Bronstein have been working as counsellors for a number of years (Caplan for 14, Bronstein for 20). In his private practice, Caplan focuses on, among other things, anger issues and family conflict. He has also worked as a facilitator for Nanaimo's Nonviolence Society both in the community and in the prison. Bronstein's extensive background in expressive arts therapy will be beneficial to this group.

The sessions for *When Anger Hurts* will be experimental as well as educational. Each man will have the opportunity to explore his own beliefs, history, and current situation. As a group, the participants will define emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. They will take inventory of their own controlling behav-

iours to understand their purposes. The group will then learn to recognize and direct anger; distinguish self-defeating from positive responses to conflict; and examine cycles of violence and ways to break them. Men will then learn to experience new ways of relaxing, creating safety, and taking time-outs and will examine their beliefs about anger and the impact on their lives.

To participate in this 5-week programme, or the one following, phone 537-9773. The course costs \$150.

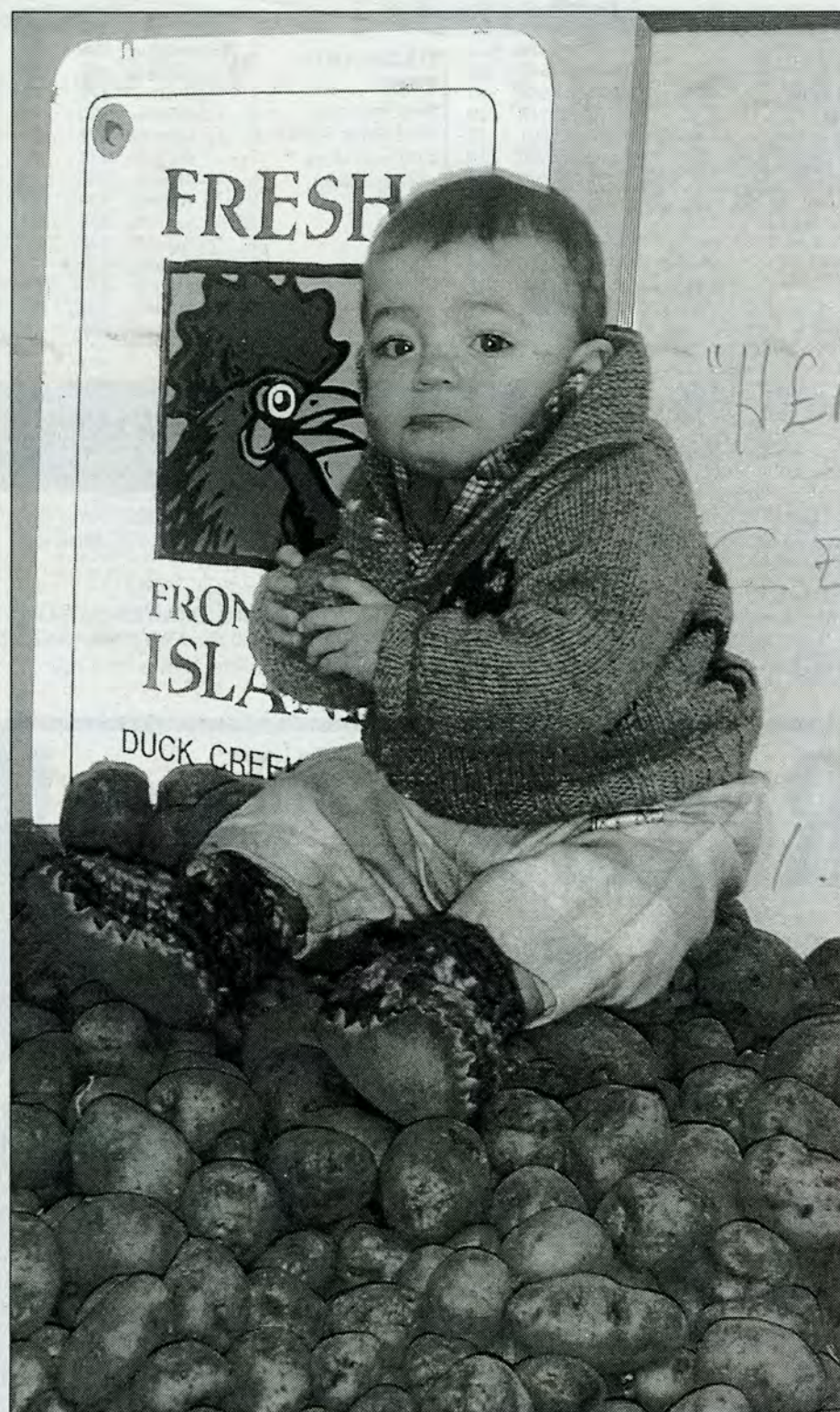
Interfaith concert this Friday

This Friday evening, five community churches will deliver a special concert. Dubbed the *Praise and Worship Concert*, the evening promises to inspire one and all.

The concert will provide opportunities for the audience to participate as well as times to silently appreciate the sounds of the choirs. The public will hear a sample of the style of music from each participating church. The Anglican and United church choirs will perform hymns from their repertoire while the Baptist, Pentecostal, and Community Gospel churches will con-

tribute selections for the public to sing. (The Roman Catholic church is unable to participate.) Special music is planned to fill out the spaces between each set. Six selections will be performed by members of the different congregations; some pieces are original works.

The *Praise and Worship Concert* gives church members a chance to gather and worship in one body of Christ. It is being held at the Community Gospel Church on Vesuvius Bay Road from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. this Friday, February 16.



Edwina Bodan photo

CAN'T WAIT—Oak Seabrook, seven months old, only has six teeth but didn't want to wait for more to arrive before chomping on some of his favourite spuds from Duck Creek Farm. He found this mountain of Cariboo potatoes—a heritage variety grown by John Wilcox—at last weekend's Seedy Saturday, held at the Farmers Institute.

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Down the Alley...
with Chip Chipman



CIRCUS LEAGUE: Brian Radford 209, Lance Leask 353, 258, 309 (920), Ron Cunningham 246.

FRIDAY A.M. (Feb. 9): Sherry Mehnert 261, Marg Baker 218, 229, 217 (664), Mary Campbell 206, Ken Robinson 233, Bob Campbell 204.

TUES. A.M. SENIORS: Ken Robinson 201, John Richardson 200/254, Jim Glenn 211, Helmut Losch 202.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 50+: Vanda Winstone 227, Clara Hicks 203.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (Feb. 5): Gloria Dale 151, Stuart Elliott 187, Sharon Way 191.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (Feb. 7): Gloria Dale 183, Sharon Way 152, Terry Swing 151, Jessie Maron 149.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS—the U-14 Girls Bronze soccer team, seen here with coaches Emily Bond and Naomi Tweddle, have won the Lower Vancouver Island finals in the B.C. Cup. In March, the team will play an Upper Vancouver Island team. If they win this match, they will advance to the provincial finals.

A second successful Sunday of soccer



Sidelines...

with Alan Webb

With the absence of keeper Jonathan McDonald, FC were forced to deputize mid-fielder

Calkin Brousseau. Brousseau did very well to push a labelled shot over the bar, and later was helpless to stop an unmarked header from a corner kick which tied the score.

At the other end, Jason just failed to convert a Fisher corner while a Mark Nordine corner was hit over the bar by an unlucky Pat Hayes.

Finally, with three minutes to play, yet another corner—this time from Fisher—came out to Hackett at the top of the box. His drive took a touch on the way through a forest of legs and found the back of the net for a deserved win.

Depending on Sunday's other results, if they follow past form, FC's win should leapfrog them from fourth to a tie for second place in the crowded upper reaches of the Third Division.

Next week, the team is away to Lakehill while the Old Boys start the Tony Grover Cup competition Sunday at 10 a.m. at GISS.

Slackers 3, Lakehill 0

Salt Spring's Under-18 girls squad had little trouble advancing to the third round of their Gold level District cup Sunday at

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Soccer *cont'd from p22*

Portlock Park.

Thea Woods scored all three goals for Salt Spring, her speed and courage constantly confounding Lakehill's defense. It's safe to say that had it not been for Lakehill's superb centre-back Lindsay Gandy, Woods and her fellow front-runners Helen Smith and Amy Little may have filled the net.

Lakehill never looked like scoring on Sunday; they didn't manage a shot until 17 minutes were gone in the second half.

Most of the credit for this falls to the Slackers' defenders Kelly Kerr, Jordon Davignon, and Catherine Halliwell. All three were first into every tackle, never allowing Lakehill any time on the ball or space to operate in.

Halliwell was especially good. When she did find herself under pressure she maintained her cool, resisted the temptation to take the long-ball-clearance route out of trouble. Instead, she calmly wrong-footed tacklers with her skill and used the time and space gained to choose an intelligent way forward. Hard to beat that kind of poise.

Consequently, keeper Diana Anglos had very little to do but patrol her area, scooping up the occasional loose ball and send the Slackers downfield again. The one shot she was forced to deal with she handled more than capably.

Next week the Slackers travel for their third round match in what should be a long cup run.

U-18s 2, Gordon Head 2

Salt Spring's Under-18 boys passed through the first round of the Gold level District Cup in convincing fashion Sunday, downing visiting Gordon Head 2-0 at GISS.

The first half was scoreless with much of the action centered in mid-field. Here, Salt Spring worked hard to establish their dominance and did so decisively due in large part to Rhys Beasley. Beasley seemed to be everywhere. Stuck into every tackle, challenging in the air, making good, strong runs forward, and setting down some intelligent passes.

Dominic Martin, Jeremy Morrison, and Tyee Cook helped to establish the locals' superior work rate, too, in league with Tyler

Laitinen who had a strong first half and a superb second.

Beasley, Martin, Morrison, and Laitinen all had good chances to nose Salt Spring into the lead in the first 45 minutes, but would have to settle for the satisfaction of winning a wide territorial advantage.

Morrison and Laitinen wasted no time re-emphasizing Salt Spring's superiority in the second half. The two split four good chances inside of eight minutes, both showing too much quickness and anticipation for Gordon Head.

A subsequent chance for Cook from a Laitinen corner was followed by a Tyler Crocker shot cleared desperately off the line, convincing signals that Salt Spring were bound to score eventually.

Seconds later, the visitor's panic threshold was demonstratively crossed when a defender headed a throw-in directly into his own goalmouth. Laitinen's shot was blocked, but the clearance off the line struck the charging Beasley and sent the homeside ahead on 21 minutes.

As Beasley dominated the first half, Laitinen dictated the second. Tireless, purposeful running off the ball left him constantly available. Once found, he had the good sense to hold the ball up, control the flow, and allow himself to pick out his support or take on a defender himself.

Cook linked up with him brilliantly for a clear chance which Laitinen forced the keeper to tip skillfully over the bar. The latter then took a clutch of Gordon head players on a long solo run from mid-field, weaving in and out of tackles, keeping them off balance with his changes of pace.

It was fitting that he should be the man to ice the game with a second goal. His free-kick from 25 yards ticked off the wall and bobbled through keeper Warren Bowden's grasp with six minutes to play.

Salt Spring's dominance was such that Gordon Head's most dangerous player, Martin Chimac, a very talented striker, produced his only shot at goal in the second half with but one minute to play. And this from wide out on the touchline, 35 yards from goal.



The girls of the Salt Spring Island Gymnastics Association display their recently-won trophy.

Gymnasts win trophy at meet

by Gail Trafford

The Salt Spring Island Gymnastics Association competed in the Comox Chimo Gymnastics Invitational last weekend and came home with the

only trophy of the tournament, the Team Spirit Award. The seven girls who competed were each decorated with numerous ribbons and medals for their accomplishments.

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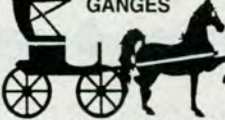
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110 • DEATHS

FAIRLIE, ALAN FRAZER Formerly of Toronto, Ontario passed away suddenly on February 5, 2001 on salt Spring Island, B.C. in his 73rd year. he is survived by his former wife Susanne and one son and daughter in Toronto. No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice. 0701

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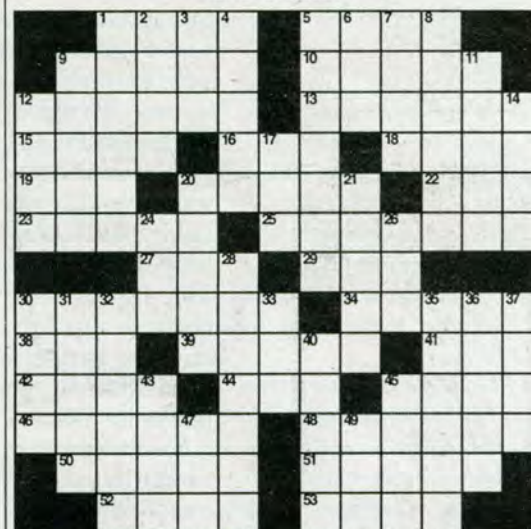
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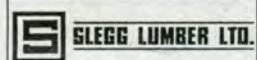
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An important person asks to talk with you early in the week, Aries. Don't beat around the bush when having your conversation. Be frank with him or her; it's the only way to get your point across. Your honesty will be appreciated. A close friend wants to take you out late in the week. Say yes, because it's sure to be a good time.

Taurus - April 20/May 20

Don't let a minor obstacle stop you from going after what you want this week, Taurus. You can overcome this problem easily. If you just stay focused, you're sure to attain your goal. That special someone reveals a secret to you. Keep this to yourself. Cancer plays a key role on Friday.

Gemini - May 21/June 20

You have an easy week ahead of you, Gemini. There isn't much to do, and no one is asking you for anything. So, enjoy yourself, and take the time to relax. You deserve it. A close friend offers you some romantic advice. Listen to him or her; this is sure to make a difference in your love life.

Cancer - June 21/July 22

You become the center of attention when people honor you for something that you don't do. Don't take credit for someone else's work. Explain the situation, and shine the spotlight on the proper person. Your honesty won't go unnoticed. Scorpio plays an important role.

Leo - July 23/August 22

Don't hold a grudge against a loved one who makes an honest mis-

take this week, Leo. This person doesn't mean to cause you any harm. So, try to help him or her rectify the situation. Your efforts will be appreciated. You meet an interesting person on Tuesday. Get to know him or her better, because this could be the one.

Virgo - Aug 23/Sept 22

You are full of energy this week, Virgo. Don't let it go to waste. Get involved in a family project. Your efforts will make a world of difference to your loved ones. That special someone has a surprise for you at the end of the week. Enjoy!

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 22

While you don't like to be rude, it's the only way that you're going to get rid of an annoying acquaintance on Monday, Libra. Being polite only will egg this person on. Then, he or she will never leave you alone. Don't feel guilty about this. A close friend turns to you for advice about a personal problem. Be honest with him or her.

Scorpio - Oct 23/Nov 21

A close friend with whom you haven't spoken in a while asks a favor of you, Scorpio. While you're leery about helping, do what you can for this person. He or she really needs your assistance. Your efforts will be appreciated. A loved one sets you up on a blind date. Give it a chance; it really could work out.

Sagittarius - Nov 22/Dec 21

Don't get discouraged when a financial opportunity falls through early in the week. Things don't always work out the way that you hope they will. It was worth making the effort. The person whom you've been seeing wants to take the next step. Think about what

you really want before saying yes. Gemini plays a key role.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 19

While you want to take advantage of an opportunity to get ahead at work this week, don't do it at the expense of others. That only will make the higher-ups think less of you. What should be a big step forward will end up being a giant leap backward. Work diligently, and you'll be recognized.

Aquarius - Jan 20/Feb 18

Don't be hasty when it comes to a financial decision this week, Aquarius. Look at all of the pros and cons, and figure out your goals before making your choice. Turn to a loved one for advice if you need it. He or she won't steer you in the wrong direction.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Go after what you want early in the week, Pisces, and don't let anyone tell you that you can't have it. If you work diligently and stay focused, you can attain any goal. Don't forget that! A close friend asks for your advice. Be honest.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 18
John Travolta, Actor
FEBRUARY 19
Prince Andrew, Duke of York
FEBRUARY 20
Robert Altman, Film Director
FEBRUARY 21
Hubert de Givenchy, Fashion Designer
FEBRUARY 22
Michael Chang, Tennis Player
FEBRUARY 23
Patricia Richardson, Actress
FEBRUARY 24
Paula Zahn, TV Host



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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS SOUTH ISLAND DISTRICT OFFICE HIRED EQUIPMENT

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

Equipment registered in the current Fiscal Year (April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001) will automatically be re-registered. Registration of new or modified equipment must be submitted to the South Island District Office.

Deadline for registration is March 15, 2001. The new Hired Equipment list will be generated immediately after April 1, 2001.

All equipment owners must be registered with Worker's Compensation Board and carry Commercial (Comprehensive) General Liability and Equipment Insurance.

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

John Bodnarchuk
District Highways Manager

Dated at Victoria, BC
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