

Last issue of Barnacle

This week we publish the final issue of the Barnacle Island Journal. The decision to discontinue publication was made after a careful analysis of the newspaper's financial performance since we purchased it four and a half months ago.

The results of that analysis convinced us of what we already suspected: the market isn't big enough to support two newspapers. It is, however, big enough to support one good newspaper.

With the closing of the Barnacle we feel as if we've come full circle — and then some. Once again, we can concentrate our energies on one newspaper. We can publish a larger product and give our readers a more inclusive package. Everything — from news to sports to our events calendar — will now appear in the Driftwood, which will return next week to its long-standing Wednesday publication day.

And while the Barnacle will cease to exist, many of its features will continue within the Driftwood.

For example, John Pottinger's sometimes controversial and always lively column will move to a regular position on the Driftwood editorial page. Among those also making the move will be Arthur Black's Wit and Whimsy, Joe Clemente's gardening column, Steve Coopman's observations on wine, Dennis Parker's cartoons (alternating with cartoonist James Watt's creations), as well as features such as the photograph-filled We Are Salt Spring.

Ultimately we believe that publishing one excellent newspaper is preferable to splitting our energies between two products that cost more to publish separately than they do combined.

At the Driftwood we have come full circle, yes. But with a difference. We have learned a thing or two. For one, we have discovered how much readers like to hear from different voices, and to this end we hope to open up more of the Driftwood to offerings from islanders.

For example, a new "where are they now?" feature is in the works, set to be launched in the next few weeks. It will call on submissions from residents who want to update fellow islanders on the activities of people who no longer live here.

And several other ideas are percolating.

The dissolution of the Barnacle is the final chapter in the story of a three-year newspaper war on Salt Spring.

When we reached an agreement with former Barnacle publisher Jeff Outerbridge to purchase his newspaper last fall, it marked an end to a long and divisive dispute. Three years earlier Outerbridge and former co-publisher Damaris Rumsby had left their employment at the Driftwood in a disagreement over remuneration. They launched the Barnacle and took the Driftwood to court.

Today the whole business is behind us, and it is probably fair to say we are all the wiser for it. It is time to look forward.

In one newspaper we shall endeavour to provide what two newspapers have done for three and a half years. We intend to do so with integrity, honesty and diligence as we strive to publish the best newspaper we can.

If we should fail in any way we expect to hear from you, our readers. Today there is only one community newspaper, but it is yours.

Tony Richards,
Publisher

Susan Lundy,
Managing Editor



GETTING A FREE RIDE: Young Jake Beauvais takes a ride through Centennial Park, happily saddled on "Alistair." The two were seen following a Palm Sunday parade by the members of All Saints Anglican Church.

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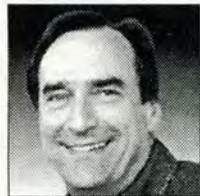
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Saying goodbye to an old friend



Isle Say! ...
with John Pottinger

The first issue of the Barnacle Island Journal appeared in mailboxes and coffee shops on Salt Spring on November 3, 1998. Three and a half years later you're reading the final issue.

Back then, Jeff Outerbridge and Damaris Rumsby had a vision for a new community newspaper. First they wanted to give Salt Springers a paper that was a reflection of themselves, so they cobbled together a crew of local folks to contribute regular items in areas of interest to islanders. From the beginning, Joe Clemente on gardening, Linda Korosil on cooking and Dennis Parker's cartoons drew the community into the paper.

The first issue had contributions from a whole lot of islanders covering a whole lot of subjects: Peter Clarke on nautical stuff, Charles Wilton on entertainment, Valdy with a "road report," and many more.

But there was something else Jeff and Damaris wanted their paper to be: They wanted it to be gutsy. So the first issue had Dr. Dobson on sex education and Dr. Laura on relationships. They got so many complaints that they dropped them both. Then they got more complaints for dropping them. It was a good lesson for the new paper: listen to the community but don't lose your focus.

Early in 1999 I contacted Chuck Hart, the editor, and told him I wanted to write a column for the paper. We talked about what the purpose and style of the column would be and I sent him a few samples. He liked what I wrote and the rest, as they say, is history.

I'd been writing the column for a few weeks before I first met Jeff. He wanted me to know that the column was mine to do with as I wished and that he wouldn't interfere with it. (Unless I wrote something libelous. We laughed at that idea; after all, Texada Land Corporation wasn't here yet.)

Jeff never did interfere with my column; no matter how strongly he may have disagreed with what I had to say. There was one particular occasion, early on, when something I wrote caused Jeff weeks of grief. Day after day people called him or stopped him in the street (even some of his closest friends) and said, "What the heck are you doing? That Pottinger doesn't know what he's talking about!" In each case, Jeff told them to take it up with me, or write a letter. His support in that instance set the standard for our relationship. Partly because we both knew he disagreed with me as strongly as some of his friends did.

The last three years had their ups and downs. Being sued (twice) by Rob Macdonald over the "Texada thing" was both a high point and a low point. It was a low point because of the cost. Small change for Robby Boy was a lot of money for Jeff and me (and others).

It was a high point because the lawsuits, and the publicity around them, helped bring attention to what was happening on Salt Spring.

Three years ago I couldn't have predicted some of the reactions to my writing. Early on I was surprised by which columns generated the strongest responses. I now know there are some subjects that, no matter how provocative or outrageous my viewpoint may be, I'll get little, if any, feedback. There are other subjects that will invariably spark fiery responses, regardless of what I have to say.

Writing about Americans, or U.S. foreign policy, always precipitates letters of outrage. The funny part is, whether I happen to be supporting or attacking the Americans is irrelevant. The strongest (even nastiest) letters and phone calls I've received were in response to two very different columns about the good old U.S.A. In one I praised America for something, in the other I criticized them. In one case readers fired their missiles at me for daring to support the U.S.; in the other I was blasted for attacking them.

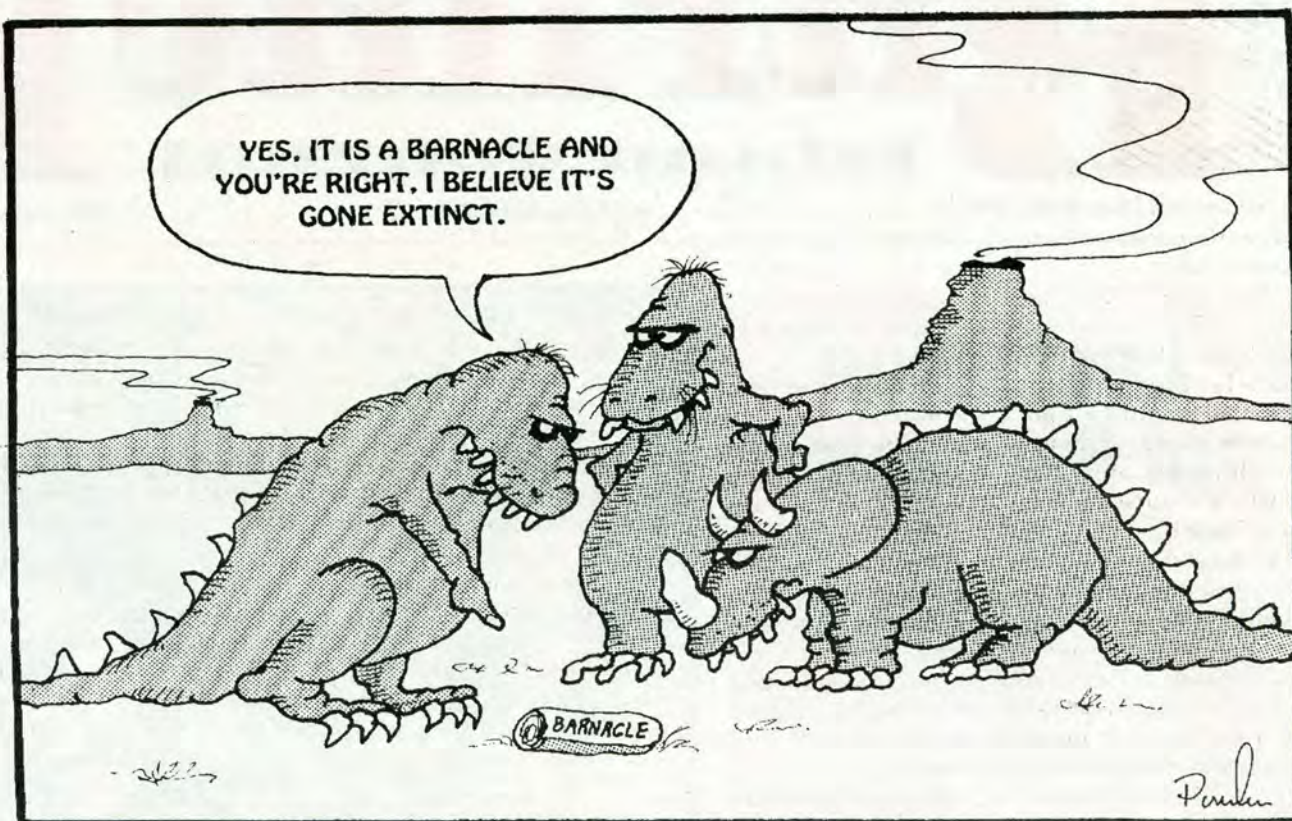
Yet if I write something negative about Canadian foreign policy — no matter how inflammatory my words are — I hear not a whimper. Go figure.

But my favourite subject is Salt Spring and Salt Springers. With the diversity of lifestyles and opinions we have on our island, how could it not be? And I wouldn't know this island — and so many of its characters — as well as I do, if it weren't for the Barnacle.

For three years the Barnacle was an integral part of our community and I was lucky to be a part of that. So thank-you Jeff and thank-you Barnacle.

For me it's goodbye to an old friend and hello to a new one as Isle Say! starts next Wednesday in the Driftwood.

I'm still on the same path, just riding a different bike.



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Let's leave it to the beaver



*Wit & Whimsy ...
with Arthur Black*

Just ran into a guy I know down at the coffee shop. He was handing out cigars.

"New baby?" I guessed cleverly. "Yup," said the guy. Eight-pound baby girl. We're calling her Charity."

Which would be fine, I guess — if the guy's last name didn't happen to be Case. Maybe the nurses will talk them out of it.

Mums and Dads — think long and hard before you saddle your newborns with monikers they have to carry for the rest of their lives. Keep it in mind that there are two Frank Zappa offspring who will, 'til they draw their last breath, answer to Moon Unit and Dweezil. Never forget that there's a university student in New York whose name is Rosetta Stone. And a chartered accountant in New Zealand named Genghis Cohen. And a Catholic Archbishop in Malta who answers to Cardinal Sin.

Names are like hand grenades. You never know when one is going to blow up in your face. Ask the folks at Beaver College down in

Pennsylvania. It was an innocent-enough name back in 1853, when the college was founded. And the institution came by the name honestly — the college was originally situated in Beaver County, Pa.

But the college has moved, and so have The Times. Tell someone you are going to Yale, Harvard, McGill or Simon Fraser and you get a little respect. Tell them you're studying at Beaver College and you get snickers, smirks and remarks like "You gotta be kiddin'!"

David Letterman has made fun of Beaver College on Late Night. Howard Stern has mocked it on his radio program. Freshman Aimee Drumheller says it's hard to live with. She says when friends erupted in laughter at the mention of her Alma Mater, "I'd just kind of blow it off. But when they hear the name, they always want me to get them a Beaver College T-shirt."

For the beaver, it's been a long, slow slide down the river bank. Back in the days before the big ships full of white strangers came, the beaver was plentiful — and a

kind of living food bank for the Indians. They knew the creatures were fat, nutritious and easy to catch. The white men didn't give a damn about the meat. They just wanted the hides so they could send them back to Europe to be turned into high fashion headgear for style-conscious fops. And they took the hides by the millions. The beaver population plummeted close to extinction.

Fortunately, European haute couture gave a flip of its frivolous head and poof! — beaver hats were suddenly out of fashion.

But fate wasn't finished with Castor Canadensis. The poor little guy, through no fault of his own, became an involuntary charter member of scatological slang.

Time was when our national emblem was just a shy and roly-poly rodent.

Nowadays, as U.S. linguist Reinhold Aman has noted, "When someone writes about beavers, one assumes this person is a zoologist, a Canadian, or works for a porn magazine."

Some critics say we never should have chosen a beaver for our national emblem, but let's face it — most of the blue chip beasts were spo-

ken for. Britain had the lion, Russia had the bear, India, the tiger. Our neighbours to the south had the magnificent bald eagle.

Magnificence, of course, is in the eye of the beholder. Listen to this description of the bald eagle: "He is a bird of bad moral character... like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy..."

I didn't say that. Benjamin Franklin did.

The late Robertson Davies opined that Canada should have chosen the Canadian lynx. "It is a daring, wily, beautiful animal, swift and potentially ferocious, tenacious in defense of what is its own and never caught asleep."

Bold attempt, Robertson — but try as I might, I can't picture Canada as daring, wily, ferocious or particularly swift.

And anyway, what exactly is wrong with celebrating an animal that is quiet, hard-working, doesn't try to kill and eat its neighbours, minds its own business and spends its working hours building homes and creating new fish habitat?

Sounds like a pretty decent neighbour to me. Say it loud and say it proud: We come from Beaver country.

Health, vitality subject of talk and film

A motivational boost and life-changing film are two events offered by Anthony Fulker on Salt Spring this week.

Dynamic Life and Health: an Holistic Approach is the name of a presentation Fulker will make at Salt Spring United Church from 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27.

A press release says the talk is intended to give people a fresh and unique perspective on how to support their body, mind and spirit in achieving and maintaining a higher level of health and vitality.

Natural and holistic nutrition, healing diets, mind and body state-management techniques and free tools for raising health combine for "a great refresher and motivational boost for those who have already undertaken a

more holistic approach to their health and lifestyle."

Then on Tuesday, April 2 at the United Church, Fulker will show the film called The Witness, which he says touched him deeply.

As Vegetarian Voice proclaimed last year: "Once in a while, something comes along that really changes our lives. It could be a single sentence uttered by a prolific speaker

deep within a lecture. It could be a book, such as Diet For A New America or Silent Spring. Or, it could be a film like The Witness, a documentary so poignant that being given the opportunity to watch it is almost like a gift."

"On the surface, The Witness is the story of one man's journey from an emotional void to a life spilling over with compassion. Go

down a few layers, though, and the film is a primer on animal rights. It's also about the ability to change one's life. And it demonstrates, quite beautifully, how one person really can make a difference."

The film event begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call Fulker at 537-0733.

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Alane Lalonde displays a colourful photographic selection of Mexico at Luigi's Pizzeria.

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"Music and Munch" has been used by the Anglican Parish as the title of its free concerts followed by a delicious lunch for \$4.75 since June 1996. These free concerts are produced monthly during the winter and weekly during the summer. They are very well attended and are regularly announced in your papers.

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Despite protests, petitions and letters to the contrary, our federal government continues to plunge ahead using Canadians' money to promote genetically engineered crops.

CBC news reported March 22 that research on GE wheat is being funded dollar for dollar by our government and Monsanto.

That's our money going to promote crops that many Canadians, farmers included, feel will have devastating effects on our conventional crop exports and our abilities to produce organic crops along with potentially detrimental effects on our health, especially for children already suffering from food allergies and depleted immune systems.

Federal Agriculture Minister Lyle Vanciel fails

to see any conflict of interest in his ministry being the vehicle for promoting GE crops and also the one responsible for ensuring the safety of these novel foods.

Monsanto, a multi-national giant which aims to control all aspects of food production for as global a market as possible — is not known for its benign or benevolent nature, despite its warm and fuzzy corporate slogan, "Monsanto — Hope and Health."

If Monsanto was as concerned about the world's health as it pretends to be, why among other environmental tragedies, would it have knowingly polluted a small American town's water supply with PCBs for 40 years?

Fortunately for all Canadians, Saskatchewan organic farmers are fighting back. They have launched a class action suit against Monsanto and Aventis seeking compensation for damage caused by GE canola. They are also seeking an injunction to prevent Monsanto from introducing GE wheat commercially. GE wheat is in its fifth year of field trials in Canada and is being grown in 56 secret locations across the prairies.

The Saskatchewan farmers deserve and need our support. Canadians' ability to control, produce and con-

sume healthy food is at risk. We have not much time left to turn things around.

This coming Saturday, March 30, SaltSpringers for Safe Food will be in the Saturday market selling hand-dyed, locally donated hard-boiled Easter eggs in an effort to raise funds to assist the Saskatchewan farmers in their fight for the right to practise organic farming. Your support, small or large will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, call Michelle Grant, 537-9634, or Joanne Montrichard, 537-4510. In the event of bad weather, look for us outside The Growing Circle.
MICHELLE GRANT,
Upper Ganges Road

Bigger picture

Although Derrick Lundy's picture is worth a thousand words (I am referring to a shot of myself and Nicola Whetton and some gorgeous paintings from the March 19 Barnacle), this picture left out a few interesting facts!

The most exciting for the high school students who produced the artwork is the full set of professional exhibition frames which were donated to the art program by the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

The thrilled smiles on the

students' faces upon seeing their work beautifully framed for the first time is another missing detail.

Unseen were the hours of effort spent by a parent with a vision who did all the footwork in obtaining this wonderful grant.

Also not seen were the hours of time generously donated by Nicola Whetton who arranged the booking and did the hanging of the student show in the ArtSpring lobby, through the Artists' Alliance (ASA).

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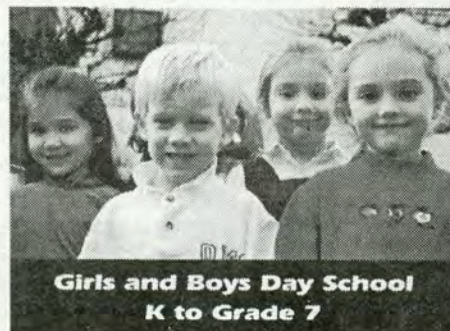
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We would like to give special thanks to the caring staff on duty at the ambulance service and at Lady Minto Hospital on Feb. 7, to the many friends who joined us in celebrating Steve's life on Feb. 23, and to those whose sails lifted our spirits on Feb. 24. While we may not have been able to thank each of you individually, we would like you to know how much we valued your compassion and support.

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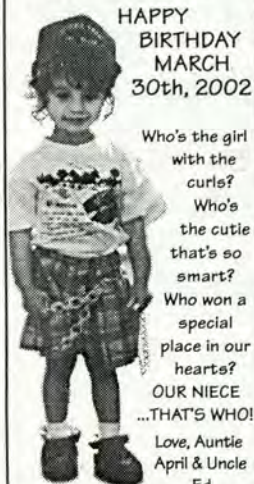
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True to spring's reputation for love and mating, Venus is fast approaching her lover, Mars. She in Aries and he in Taurus, each in the other's own sign! This is called "mutual reception" in Astrology. Aries makes Venus hot and excited while Taurus makes Mars ambitious. Unfortunately for fair Venus, Mars in Taurus is usually very ambitious for money. However, Venus's fire cannot be extinguished by this delay. In fact, it feeds her determination to be with her mate! Proud of his heroic determination she yearns to embrace him with her body, mind and soul. This is especially so since both the Sun and Mercury are also in Aries and coming up fast from behind. This cavalry of energy and fanfare is everything Venus could have hoped for. Now, she feels certain of victory whatever the challenge! Fortunately, Mars is rather slow but sure in Taurus. With Juno - the divine consort in Leo in powerful aspect to Pluto, the pace will certainly heat up this week. It will take Venus until May 10th before she finally catches up with her lover. Their happy union will depend largely on Mars' behavior during this time as well as his happy surprise to be embraced so fully. However, if the lovers prove fickle as they could well do then jealousies could be ignited and sparks would really begin to fly. Whatever happens, there will certainly be a lot to talk about when they re-unite in conjunction once again!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

With the new season upon us you are determined to entertain new ventures and other possibilities. Your ambitions remains high and you are suddenly more alert than you were even a week ago. Gaining new knowledge and entertaining new modes of perception are highlighted. The secret to having options is making use of them. Who you are is not fixed. This is a time of awakening and change. The days of the exalted lower mind or supremacy of mere intellect are numbered. Connect with the feelings welling from your soul.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 20)

You are learning that maintaining a fixed position is definitely the way of pain. The times are changing and anyone who adheres to the past too much is in trouble. As ever, the tendency is to run to familiar security when in the face of change. The effect is only temporary. Change is the law the only constant. Your willingness to access the individual you truly are beyond social advantage and gain is your key to happiness. Remember happy? Take some time out to re-evaluate what all your efforts are really worth.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

You have begun to explore new ways of being in relationship. Friendships are the central theme. When we learn that everyone in our life is our friend or not, including our spouse, parents, siblings and children, then we truly become an individual human being. How we express our friendship and how others express their friendship to us is key. Harmony from a win/win deal is the goal. There is no excuse for abuse whether or not we are the receiver or the giver! Every relationship is a different recipe yet with fundamental rules. Communicate for a mutual understanding of them.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 21)

Are you asking for everything that you want? You know what happens when you do. You receive! The key is to ask clearly and precisely. Our needs change and what you will ask for could be different than what you might have asked for not so long ago. Perhaps you need guidance as well as love and money and adventures and cool stuff too! Is your health up to par or do you need help with health and nutrition? The market is abundant with books the luxury of which is all too often taken for granted. Life loves you and is listening. Ask!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 22)

Cultural fantasies and adventure are dancing in your mind. As the chorus play in the background visions of pleasure and victory move you to the music. Ambitions for cultural exploration cost money. How to get what you want and be able to afford it in all respects, money, time, etcetera is the timeless challenge. As ever, what you need is new and better tools. These may be actual skills or perhaps marketing approaches. Opportunities in both business and pleasure are within reach once we clarify what we want get a notebook. Let vision guide.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

"You gotta get in to get out." Pink Floyd re-stated this timeless truth in a memorable way. This is a central part of the plan now. This could refer to your office, or studio or lab or it could mean into the club or the registration office or into gear or into your heart and soul or all of the above. However you need to get into your self and your life, in such a way that your focus includes others, just do it. After all, we are never truly alone, that is just a delusion of the mind. Unity is the ultimate truth. You know, 'the unified field'. Get into your life so you can get out there!

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Taking a new and more assertive role in your relationships is central now. You want your love to deepen. Whether it is another person, or your job, or a hobby you want to feel more excited and met too. It is time to take action. You are the verb in this equation! You must be moved by your intuition to take action. The connection and harmony you dream of is up to you to act upon. There is no need to rush into things too fast. Yet, this is the time to take the initiative. Once you do, you can slowly savour the process.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 22)

You are in the mood to explore and cultivate new health habits. The first step is motive and the second is attitude. Determine how much pain it is causing you to perpetuate your current condition. The more you know what

it is costing you the more likely you are to do something about it. Next, associate pleasure to the process of changing your style. This takes imagination, vision, love and courage. What an exciting description of an adventure! You and your life are worth much more than you may think. Go big!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Wow! Who is the new you making a debut? Whether it is your appearance, your attitude, your behavior or all of the above, something is being born. You do have say in the process. Point, aim and follow through cries the head archer. Do you know your desired outcome? What do you want to create and/or what impression do you want to make. First and last impressions are so important. This means focus! Let the drama 'out there' take care of itself while you work on your part for awhile. Remember that is all a play for glory's sake!

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

An awakening of sleeping passions has you all excited! You are a player and the game is on. You are in the mood to make some key investments. You want to swing deals that are fair for everyone and this includes you. The more you know what you want and your direction the easier will it be to create healthy boundaries. No is an acceptable word especially when you have your priorities straight. Be willing to learn now. It is time to improve and polish your style. The world is ripe with promise.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

You are actively searching for new modes of perception. Radical changes close to home are imminent and needed. This will become more apparent in late April. Still, it is time to pay attention to the details and to the new turns that you must now take. Faith in the process begins with centering in your heart. The way there is gratitude and by literally focusing on being centered in your heart your true intelligence center. Once centered there, project visions of your desired outcome from your heart into then through your mind's eye. The formula for true success!

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Assessing all that you are and have continues. This means skills, gifts and resources. Also, since you are born to co-create your life you at least know what your objective is to create. What you create is at least in part up to you. In part because while you are busily living your life, your life or your soul is busily living you and it has its own agenda. Finding out what that agenda is and aligning your co-creative and decision-making process to meet with it is the way of wisdom. Intend to be moved by your soul's agenda.

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Venter scheduled for Friday Art Talk

A well-known terra cotta sculptor, who creates life-sized sculptures without the use of armatures, will take the podium at a Friday "art talk."

Everyone is invited to the March 29 event to hear Kathy Venter, a Salt Spring artist who has exhibited in Canada and the U.S. and manages the Vortex Gallery along with her husband, painter Deon Venter.

It takes place at ArtSpring from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$3.

This is the third in the series of Friday

Art Talks sponsored by the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists, the painters' guild and the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

The first talk was led by Yvonne Owens from Victoria on contemporary art in Canada. Ron Smith led the second event, a history of erotic art, which coincided with an erotic art show in the ArtSpring Gallery.

In the next few months islanders will be able to hear and discuss the following topics at the talks: printmaking, juries —

demystifying the process, marketing art, approaching galleries, political art, and crafts as fine art.

The talk format is a 20 to 30-minute presentation followed by discussion and questions.

Coffee and tea are available and people are encouraged to bring a bag lunch if desired.

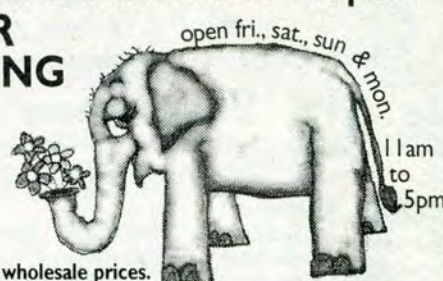
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Hand-painted map at town hall event

The Islands Trust Fund is unveiling a hand-painted map of areas protected in the Gulf Islands today (Tuesday) at the Trust Council town hall session on Salt Spring.

Members of the public are invited to attend the unveiling which happens at 1:30 p.m. at ArtSpring.

A full-colour map painted by Denman Island artist Peter Karsten, Protecting a Rare Island Paradise shows the nature reserves and conservation covenants created by the Islands Trust Fund in the Trust area.

In addition to showing protected areas, the map depicts 125 species of animals and plants that live on the Gulf Islands.

After its unveiling, the map will join the Salish Sea map exhibition as it travels the islands this summer.

"We are delighted to have a record of our conservation work in the Trust area," said Louise Bell, chair of the Islands Trust Fund.

"Part of our mandate is to preserve and protect the unique characteristics of the Gulf Islands. This map shows where we've done that."

Dance set to aid ill Roland brother

A benefit dance with a star-studded lineup will help generate financial support for Herk Roland, who is critically ill in Victoria General Hospital.

Born and raised on Salt Spring, Roland is suffering from complications following surgery a few months ago.

His brother Dave Roland is organizing the musical event, set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Moby's.

It will feature Valdy, Bill Henderson, Auntie Kate — who is also a Roland sibling — and the Barley Brothers. Admission is by donation.

A mechanic, Herk Roland has been in the marine repair and salvage business for a number of years.

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Marine festival on Gabriola

A Salt Spring entertainer will headline a family-based festival with a nautical theme set to run for three days next month on Gabriola Island.

The Fourth Annual Silva Bay Launch Festival takes place April 12-14 at the Silva Bay Resort and Marina. Gabriola can be accessed via a 20-minute ferry ride from downtown Nanaimo.

In addition to entertainment by Salt Spring's Valdy, the festival will feature wooden boat seminars, traditional European and First Nations wooden boat displays, dragon boats, rides and raffles.

Silva Bay Shipyard School is Canada's only full-time training facility for traditional wooden boat building and ship carpentry trades. The festival provides an opportunity for the school's graduates to launch newly constructed vessels on maiden voyages.

Organizers expect the fes-

tival will attract participation from Gulf Islands yachting communities.

Other festival features include knot tying, boating safety, marine habitat conservation, power squadron and coast guard demonstrations, and marine-based tourist operators and services.



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