



# Ferry cancelled for refuelling exercise

A cancelled Sunday morning sailing could save the B.C. Ferry Corporation tens of thousands of dollars in fuel costs each year.

And the corporation will test its potential new refuelling procedure this Sunday, cancelling the round-trip sailing that leaves Swartz Bay at 8:15 a.m. and Fulford Harbour at 9 a.m.

B.C. Ferries engineering supervisor Wayne Ralph told the Driftwood the Skeena Queen is normally refuelled in Fulford Harbour.

However, it costs more to fuel-up on Salt Spring because the cor-

poration must absorb barging and delivery costs in addition to fuel expenses.

And according to Ralph, those costs are expected to jump substantially — up to several cents a litre — in the near future.

The Skeena Queen uses approximately 50,000 litres of fuel per week, so even a jump of two cents a litre amounts to an additional cost of \$1,000 a week or \$52,000 a year.

"That's money that doesn't have to come out of a toll booth," Ralph said.

The refuelling exercise this

Sunday will indicate to the corporation whether or not the concept is valid, given scheduling constraints.

If the refuelling exercise is successful and stakeholders support it, the corporation may consider cancelling the early Sunday sailing on a permanent basis, Ralph said.

The corporation cancelled the same Sunday morning sailing on January 24 to undertake a refuelling exercise.

However, the fuel supplier which met the crew at Swartz Bay did not bring the correct hoses

and the exercise had to be cancelled.

Regular ferry service will resume this Sunday with the round-trip sailing that leaves Swartz Bay at 10 a.m. and Fulford Harbour at 11:05 a.m.

The corporation has chosen to cancel this sailing due, it says, to low Sunday morning usage.

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## ROBBERY: Compared to Reid Road incident

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men were arrested without incident at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Joseph Jacques Berialt, 34, and Christopher Leggo, 31, are facing charges of break and enter with intent to commit an indictable offence, robbery with a weapon, possession of marijuana, unlawful confinement and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public.

Darbyshire said the men are next-door neighbours in Metchosin. Berialt was out on parole at the time the offence occurred. They were remanded in Duncan provincial court Saturday and set to appear in Victoria provincial court on Monday.

Darbyshire said all of the stolen property was found in the suspects' vehicle after local police executed a search warrant on Saturday.

In addition to finding the half-kilogram of marijuana, the police also discovered 60 grams of hash

and 60 grams of cocaine in the car. Police noted the victim suffered minor injuries in the incident. However, Salt Spring Victims Services was called in to assist the victim's elderly neighbours who were extremely traumatized by the situation.

"Most people would be upset," Darbyshire said, "especially when they don't know the facts."

And it is those facts that Darbyshire wants islanders to have straight.

There are obvious similarities between the Friday night incident and a December 23 offence where three men broke into a Reid Road home and terrorized a man and woman before stealing marijuana from a grow operation.

But islanders should take some comfort in some of those similarities.

Police believe both situations were entirely drug-related. And in both incidents, suspects were

apprehended as they disembarked from ferries at Crofton.

Two of the three men charged in the Reid Road situation have been in custody since that time. All three are scheduled to appear at a preliminary hearing in Victoria next week.

The Reid Road incident differed from the most recent situation, Darbyshire said, because an innocent victim was harmed in a sexual assault. It is also believed that the three men entered the house by impersonating police officers — something that did not occur in the Friday night robbery.

And while there is "always the possibility that an innocent person could get harmed," Darbyshire said, islanders need to be aware that the victims of drug-related crimes are not usually "innocent."

"I'm going to be more aggressive in telling the public who is dealing drugs," he said. "People have to know the truth."

## BIRTHDAYS: Coincidence in triple

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But here's where the drinking fountain comes in.

The next year — February 8, 1992 at 2:35 p.m. — Pearson gave birth to her son Keegan.

Three teachers, three babies, one birthdate, one classroom . . . and one water fountain.

Both Walls and Pearson had the same due date — their babies were expected on January 25. But Pearson says she used to joke — apparently between sips of water — that her baby would be born February 8. Some joke.

Staker's baby was due later in February, but along rolled the magical date, and out popped Ivy.

Aside from looking curiously at the water fountain, the women wondered if the coincidence had anything to do with "raging Grade 6 hormones."

More important, others might think, is how do these women feel about 40 weeks prior to February? Say early May.

"Frisky," admits Walls, although the other two decline comment.

All three children now attend Salt Spring Elementary School — Keegan started Grade 1 in September.

While Pearson and Staker still work at the school, Walls apparently felt safer moving to a new job at the Driftwood.

But the water fountain remains, surely a draw to any teachers hoping for a February baby.

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**Washout**  
 Marco Vanwermeskerken surveys Stewart Road where high rainfall washed away earth under the pavement, prompting Highways to divert traffic and post road closure signs. Stewart Road was just one of many island roadways sustaining damage in last week's rainfall.

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## Thefts 'hurt' theatre community

Poster thieves in Ganges are distressing a Salt Spring arts promoter.  
 Jeanne Pascale, who runs Pascale Productions and is producing Saturday night's Song of the Isles, says a number of posters in the downtown core were ripped off last Thursday night, after they had been put up by volunteers in the pouring rain.

"I was devastated when I had to tell the cast and crew," she said Friday.  
 Pascale said she had a similar experience when she mounted A Casting Call last summer, which makes her wonder if someone is trying to bother her personally.  
 "If somebody has a problem with me, bring it to me," she said, adding that creating a publicity

hurdle for a show by removing posters just ends up hurting the performers and crew.  
 "It hurts the entire theatrical community," she said.  
 Pascale has reported the matter to local police, who have apparently passed it on to the citizens' patrol.  
 She said other security measures were being considered.

### CRIME OF THE WEEK

A guest house on Salt Spring sustained about \$3,700 in damages when it was struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run incident.  
 Salt Spring RCMP and Crime Stoppers hope the public can help solve the crime which occurred sometime between December 31 and January 3.  
 The vehicle struck the guest house of a property located in the 200 block of Dogwood Lane, causing a wall to cave in.  
 Evidence was left at the scene, allowing police to develop a suspect vehicle.  
 Police believe the culprit vehicle is a 1984-1986 red Jeep Cherokee. The vehicle's left tail light sustained damage in the incident, along with minor damage to the right tail light.  
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 Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire, who has been lobbying for the return of traffic court to Ganges, says local police are happy with the situation.  
 Darbyshire noted that collision statistics have increased on Salt Spring in the past year.  
 And perhaps in anticipation of easier court accessibility, island police set up radar and the radar board on Rainbow Road and near Fernwood Elementary School last week, issuing warnings to speeders.

### RCMP REPORT

Darbyshire is reminding drivers that the Rainbow Road school zone extends from the Lower Ganges Road intersection almost the entire way to Atkins Road. Here the speed limit is 30 kilometres per hour.  
 In other police news:  
 • Mixmasters in Ganges was the latest target of theft. Thieves broke into the store sometime Sunday night, walking off with numerous cartons of cigarettes.  
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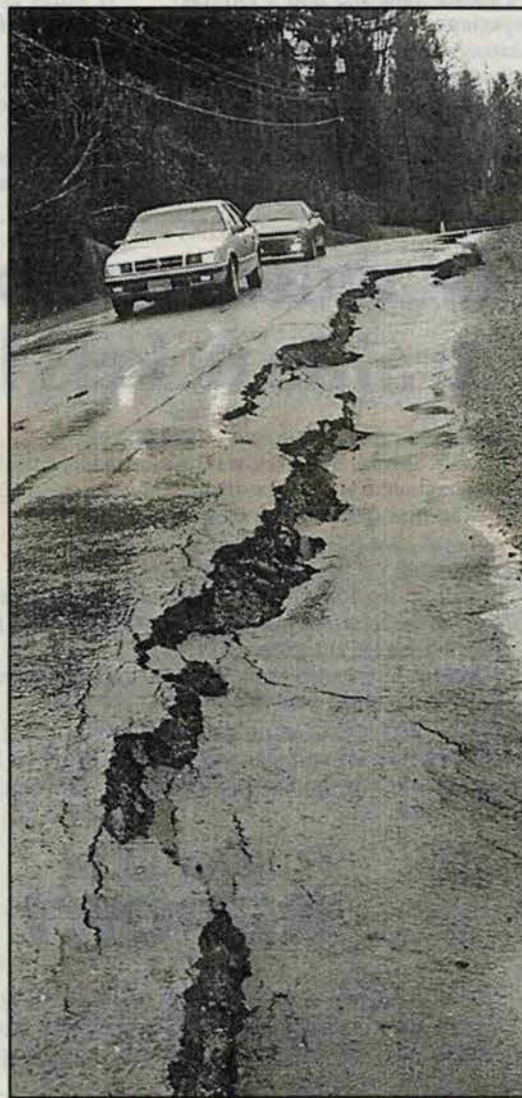
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Road crews, the curious and those who just had to get somewhere Friday had a wet awakening to the power of water as roadways and culverts gave way under a two-day deluge. Clockwise from top left, Josh Cheney observes a washout on Charlesworth and Mt. Baker roads; Pete McKenzie, left, Brian Cunningham and Ross Walker work to contain a river running across Fulford-Ganges Road; erosion on North Beach Road; a mud slide on North End Road across from St. Mary Lake; and John Ellacott, unable to drive his garbage truck any further on Mt. Baker Road.

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# RAIN STORM: Floods, slides, devastated roads

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"I'm just sick about it," Orsi said, as she attempted to salvage the photographs.

The couple estimates about \$1,000 in damages to appliances and other items — all of which were uninsured.

Similar stories poured in from all over the island.

Shepherd Hills Road resident Tina Mulder called the Driftwood Friday to report massive flooding in the fields beneath her house.

"It's doubled in size since I got up this morning," she said. "I could sell (the house) as lakefront property."

Mulder said she had seen the fields flood before, "but never like this."

The downpour of rain Thursday night and Friday followed a healthy dousing of snow in the higher Shepherd Hills area, she added.

"We had five inches of snow yesterday — we built a snowman."

Most major problems revolved around roads that suffered washouts because culverts couldn't handle the volume of runoff.

Friday afternoon JJM Maintenance foreman John Charlton was seen on Lower Ganges Road, directly above Sharp Road, using a shovel in an attempt to clear the overflowing culvert, one of dozens of flash spots.

Charlton expected to find a blockage, but found none. It just wasn't built to handle this amount of water, he said.

"It's the most water I've ever seen," he added, indicating the flow likely amounted to even more than the snow meltdown and flooding experienced here the first few days of January 1997.

JJM's superintendent John Weighill reported two spots of particular concern.

Stewart Road, just north of Saltair Road, lost one entire lane and will require extensive repair.

"When you have this much water pressure it turns the ground to liquid and it flows through the point of least resistance," Weighill explained. "That's why the old log punchings that support the culverts washed away."

Mount Baker Road was also under siege as part of Charlesworth Road slid down from the ridge above.

JJM crews will have to build a block wall on Mount Baker Road in an effort to secure the slope leading up to Charlesworth.

It's a relatively simple procedure, Weighill explained, although it might not be completed for about two weeks.

"The big problem is culverts can't take this water volume. But it remains the homeowners' responsibility to keep the culverts clear," he said.

Schools got off relatively lightly, according to school district maintenance supervisor Dave Henshall. Salt Spring Elementary experienced some minor flooding in its basement, as did the middle school.

But it was the district's maintenance building on Rainbow Road that got the worst soaking.

"The catchments on all sides flooded, and we had four inches of water over the floor," Henshall said. "We had to open the back door to help get rid of it."

By Tuesday, as JJM crews were finishing off minor road repairs, heavy winds knocked out power to most of Salt Spring for a minimum of 30 minutes.

Gusts reported at up to 140 kph knocked out transformers throughout the island and wreaked havoc

with ferry sailings.

Power outages delayed several sailings at Fulford Harbour and the Howe Sound Queen remained docked at Crofton Harbour until the wind subsided.

As the Driftwood went to press, Beddis, Cusheon Lake and Stewart roads were all blocked with downed trees.

"Some of them are tangled up with hydro lines, and the hydro crews have their own problems to take care of," said Weighill. "It's a real mess out there."

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## Stewart Road closed for 3 days

Stewart Road will be closed for three days next week as road crews repair a washout just north of Saltair Road.

A 15-metre section will be closed from 7 a.m. Tuesday to 4:30 p.m. Thursday to refit culverts that were washed away last week.

## Rainfall record set

January was a wet month, in case there was any doubt.

"We have a record," said Salt Spring weather observer Robert Aston on Monday. "It's one we don't want."

Aston said total precipitation in January was 304.3 mm (11.98 inches), beating his previous record of 286.3 mm (11.27 inches), set in 1992.

However, heavy rains which fell late last week weren't enough to break the 24-hour rainfall record of 96.8 mm (3.81 inches), set January 17-18, 1986.

Aston recorded a 24-hour total on Thursday and Friday of 79 mm (3.11 inches).

Lowest temperature of the month was -2.5 C (27.5 F) and the highest 11.22 C (52.2 F), while there were only four nights with temperatures below freezing.



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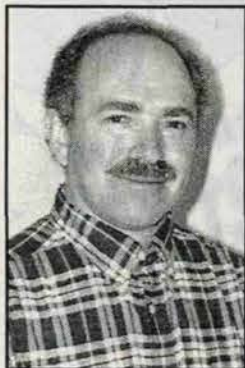
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# Some sacrifices needed to improve ferry efficiency

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

The trouble with any plan to cut ferry system costs and boost efficiency is that everyone else is expected to make sacrifices.

The current B.C. Ferries scenario to revamp service in the southern Gulf Islands — reviewed as Option 3 at two public meetings on Salt Spring last week — is a perfect example.

B.C. Ferries expects route users to accept inconveniences to make the system run better. And it expects the ferry workers union to accept widespread cuts to employee hours and benefits.

The public expects corporate executives to solve internal inefficiencies before asking users to foot the bill. And it wants the union to trim its own fat.

The union is fed up with a bloated company administration it feels is holding workers to ransom. It won't blast the public directly, especially with a deadly public relations climate swirling around its current job action, but it is more than willing to allow fare increases rather than downsizing.

The problem is, no one is willing to cut their own demands.

"This (Option 3) process is at a very important stage. These are (operational) changes that must happen if there are to be any improvements at all to the system," warned Salt Spring ferries advisory committee member

Neville Atkinson.

The public meetings held January 26 in Fulford and Wednesday in Ganges provided feedback on Option 3's basic goals to increase sailings to and from Long Harbour and make better use of the fleet's vessels.

But they also revealed how delicate the current route framework is and how any change will almost certainly create discomfort.

"You've outlined a mandate for (the routes) to be more cost-effective, and we're providing the best plan possible under certain restraints," said Ross Harris, marine superintendent of inter-island services (south), after presenting Option 3's nuts and bolts at Fulford Community Hall. "Of course there will need to be some refinements."

The original proposal called for a complete redeployment of all ships and increased peak-and-shoulder season use of Route 9 (Long Harbour to Tsawwassen).

But even before being implemented, the plan strained under the weight of user complaints; one glitch and the dominoes started falling.

For example, Bowen Island users are not willing to give up the Queen of Capilano, which was to be moved to the Fulford-Swartz Bay run, which means the Queen of Cumberland on that route cannot be moved to Route 9.

"It's scary how fragile this whole system is, especially when

Option 3's newest schedule for Salt Spring routes:

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**Tsawwassen - Long Harbour**

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**Fulford Harbour - Swartz Bay**

(Queen of Cumberland)

schedule unchanged

**Vesuvius - Crofton**

(Howe Sound Queen)

schedule unchanged

you realize that there are no boats in reserve," said Drew Thorburn, chairman of Salt Spring's advisory committee. "But our stakeholders wanted to get the traffic out of Fulford and this plan is providing an alternative of double the runs out of Long Harbour with much less (transit) time."

The plan has been tweaked during the past week to include structural realities that could negate some of the corporation's original cost-cutting ideas.

Most public reaction welcomed a change that would improve service without increasing costs — even if the plan did not end up saving money.

According to corporation figures,

takes to be an engineer," he said.

"Our demands pale when compared to the incompetence of the administration. The fast-cat problems are only the tip of the iceberg."

With both sides back at the bargaining table under new mediator Brian Foley, there is hope some common ground vital to solving the corporation's bleeding bottom line might be found.

"If they get their concession demands off the table I think we could see a resolution within a couple of days," Michael said from Vancouver Monday.

But without it, the conflict could last a very long time, and Option 3 could end up being just another battleground.

## Union suffering Ferries incompetence

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

At constant odds with the B.C. Ferry Corporation, the public and even his own members, Ken Michael has little time for restraint.

Which is why the president of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union spares few words when describing his union's negotiating position or how he sees ferry corporation executives trying to bamboozle the public.

"The plan is so flawed it's sickening," Michael said of the corporation's Option 3 package for southern Gulf Islands routes during a telephone interview. "The figures they are throwing around are bullshit. It's just another case of them trying to slide whatever they can past whoever they are talking to."

B.C. Ferries executives have proposed that changes to regional routes will result in about \$2 million in operational savings each year, after an initial \$1 million in refitting — plus transitional costs.

Michael explained that union bean-counters have come up with an entirely different set of figures for the plan that centres around revamping Long Harbour's terminal.

Their bottom line indicates that capital costs plus capacity cuts outlined in Option 3 could create a \$7-million loss rather than the forecasted gain.

"We've shown them those figures and (marine superintendent Ross) Harris' answer is that it will end up under someone else's budget," Michael says. "But it won't. It will end up costing everyone else a whole load of money just

like the (fast ferry) thing will."

Michael is concerned about Option 3 because he has his union in the middle of protracted and acrimonious contract negotiations with the corporation.

The issue is job security for almost half the union's 4,000 employees and the workers' position weakens as their employer falls further and further into debt.

"You know how this thing works. When the (fast ferry overruns) started, they tried to get the public to pay for it (with price increases). But that didn't work. Now they'll try to make the union pay for it," Michael said. "That's why we can't give in to the concessions they're asking for."

The president explained that B.C. Ferries is demanding total job flexibility from the union, which means keeping non-permanent workers on full-time hours but casual status or demanding the ability to switch from a five-day to a seven-day week, "without rhyme or reason."

"They're asking us to get rid of 30-plus years of negotiated settlements," he said. "They are asking us to bear the brunt of their mismanagement."

The rhetoric is familiar and Michael admits the union's position has little public support, especially when published salaries for the most menial ferry jobs start at more than \$17 an hour.

"Our public image has never been good. But that's mainly because people don't understand what we do. The job title doesn't describe the safety training each employee must have or what it

Option 3 will provide a \$2-million savings in annual operational costs, although it can be implemented no earlier than July 1 because of \$1.8-million in capital improvements needed at Long Harbour.

The savings were forecast to come from increasing capacity with rejigged schedules, by slicing labour costs through home-porting the vessels throughout the islands and eliminating restaurant service on Route 9.

The proposal would also eliminate the throughfare, which allows travel to and from the mainland via Swartz Bay for the same price as the direct route, although the corporation may introduce discounted fares for some routes in the off-season.

But for full implementation, the region would need another medium-sized vessel. Therefore the process remains fluid.

"If there are problems with this model, you have to listen to why it's a bad model," said Glen Brown, vice-president of inter-island services, at the Ganges meeting. "Then if you can show savings, you can start looking at getting new vessels."

B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union president Ken Michael calls the corporation's figures ludicrous, claiming suggested changes will

end up producing a \$7-million loss.

He also feels Option 3 will create significant hardship for union members who may be forced to relocate when home ports are shifted.

"That may be a fact of life, but we have no plans to lay off any permanent workers on Salt Spring," Harris said. "It is possible employees will have their number of hours affected."

It was a message the union did not want to hear. Union member Guy Rowell, who also sits on Salt Spring's advisory committee, felt that proposed changes were totally unsuitable for Gulf Islands needs.

"The problem is that (B.C. Ferries) allowed Long Harbour to degrade over 10 years to where no one wants to use it," he said at the Fulford meeting. "Vehicle capacity and passenger accommodations are not suitable for current needs. It just doesn't make sense at this time."

There was some public agreement at the meetings for keeping the status quo. But with Option 3 far from finalized, opinions could change at any time.

The trouble with any plan to improve service is that everyone has to make sacrifices. But until everyone is willing to accept that responsibility, nothing is likely to change.

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# School candidates outline platforms at meeting

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

The hardy probably got what they were looking for at last Thursday's school board by-election all-candidates meeting.

While the weather couldn't have been much worse in terms of discouraging attendance, those who did come would have left with a fairly good sense of how the five candidates might approach the job of Salt Spring trustee.

Candidates Ken Lee, Peter Wigen, John Davies, Garth Hendren and David Eyles had five minutes to say their piece.

For Ken Lee, achieving fiscal stability in the district is his priority. "There is still a structural (financial) problem and it needs to be resolved," he said.

Pointing out that the Gulf Islands has the lowest class sizes in B.C., Lee thought an increase in one student per class, achieved through attrition and negotiation without teacher layoffs would be a solution to the chronic funding shortfalls.

Peter Wigen, who majors in political science at UVIC and attended Fulford Elementary School, said he would bring a student's perspective to the board and

outlined some things he felt important in schools, such as a sense of pride and respect amongst students, bringing community members into schools, and drug prevention and young Crime Stoppers programs for the high school.

**What 'forward-thinking issue' would each candidate address if elected to the board?**

John Davies, who chairs the middle school parents group, stressed the need to protect education services and to advocate for public education at the provincial and federal levels. He spoke against further cuts to schools, whether in special education, custodial funds or cutting teachers part way through the year as almost happened at Fernwood Elementary School this year. He said that while involved in the budget crisis last fall he was shocked to learn how many services the district had already lost to cuts over the years.

Garth Hendren described specific ideas he felt the board could look at. Those included finding other sources of revenue, such as charging corporations money to have their name or materials in schools, streamlining the administration of special education services and establishing a review board to deal with teachers who have severe problems. He also suggested parents advisory councils could be given more authority and responsibility.

David Eyles said the district had gone through enough change in recent years and needed stability more than anything. He felt his 10 years of experience as a trustee could help as the board worked with partner groups to improve morale, deal with the fiscal situation for the short and long term and get beyond the problems to focus on the education of students.

Audience members volleyed a range of questions to candidates.

Tony Hume, who chairs the high school parents advisory council, asked what "forward-thinking issue" each candidate would address if elected to the board.

Wigen responded that hiring a superintendent who is in touch with the schools and their needs

rather than stuck fighting budget problems should be a priority.

Davies said fixing the district's long-term fiscal problem was crucial.

"Just because we made a bargain that involved selling assets . . . the problem is still there."

For Eyles, getting to "ground zero" by implementing the deal made with the education ministry in December should be the first course of action.

Making the most of the capital assets sale needed to balance the board's budget by June 2001 should be worked on, said Lee.

Hendren said his "fantasy would be to fill the libraries in every school." The district has good buildings, he added, but not the materials their teachers and students need.

Touching on the controversial, current trustee Judith Boel asked candidates if they supported the Surrey school board's decision to

spend \$500,000 on litigation to keep books portraying same-sex heads of families out of classrooms.

Eyles said he wasn't ready to say if Surrey was right or wrong, but that the role of the trustee was to represent the values of the community.

As someone who used to select materials for Alberta schools, Hendren said the situation should be handled long before it gets to the board level.

Davies said schools shouldn't be used for any group's agenda and that he would not waste money on that kind of thing.

Wigen said he would consult with parents and principals and that it shouldn't get to the point of litigation.

For those who want to vote but don't know who to vote for, talking to candidates before election day Saturday might help finalize the decision.

## School vote set for this Saturday

Voting for the Salt Spring school board trustee position takes place Saturday at three island locations.

They are Fulford Community Hall, Salt Spring Elementary School and Central Hall. Poll hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For people who will not be on Salt Spring or are unable to vote on Saturday, an advance poll will be set up for the same hours today (Wednesday) at the school board office on the corner of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads.

## New minister promises fare freeze

Ferry users have been promised a 12-month freeze on ticket prices, according to an interview Gordon Wilson gave to a Vancouver newspaper Sunday.

Wilson was made responsible for the Crown corporation last week, taking over from Dan Miller, and is trying to stabilize the company's public reputation during contract negotiations with its

union. The report also claimed that the price freeze was one of Wilson's conditions for accepting the job.

But the situation is not yet official, says corporation spokesman Eric Kristianson.

"Clearly it is something the minister is considering but we haven't been told about it on an official level," he said.

While the freeze is welcome to concerned Gulf Island users, local advisory committee members feel residents should not get too used to the idea.

"Fare increases are a fact of life," said member Neville Atkinson at last week's public ferry meetings on Salt Spring. "As long as they are introduced properly, they are something we have to accept."

## Fully-booked ArtSpring gets its permit

ArtSpring received its final occupancy permit last week and then opened its doors to an overflowing list of pre-booked events.

Robert Weeden, arts centre society board president, says every weekend from the opening concert on February 6 to the beginning of September is booked.

Seven events alone are set to run

this month in the theatre, along with the Diana Dean Brush With Romance exhibition in the gallery from February 7 to 14.

Art classes for children begin at the building next week.

Executive director Jane Forner said people are inquiring about events running the gamut from conferences and meetings to wed-

ding receptions and films, plus outdoor activities for summer months.

Volunteers are now being trained for positions such as front of house, box office attendants and office assistants.

The Island Arts Centre Society annual general meeting is on February 18.

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Notice is hereby given that at the Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday, February 23rd, 1999 two trustees are to be elected to serve for a term of three years and one to serve for a term of 2 years. Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the Ganges Firehall, 105 Lower Ganges Rd., at or before 5:00pm Tuesday the 9th day of February 1999.

**NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR**

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 19 years of age or older and a ratepayer of the District, or spouse of, in good standing.

**NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE GANGES FIREHALL**

**Ben Martens, Chairman**

## Ferries plan is one worth trying

B.C. Ferries' new service plan for the Gulf Islands has been years in the making. It is the culmination of countless hours of deadly meetings in which proposals ranged from silly to sublime. But it's a plan worth trying.

There are serious questions about the potential for saving money. For example, the ferry corporation and the ferry workers' union are \$9 million apart on their respective profit-and-loss forecasts. Time will tell how the costs pan out, but the route structure and vessel deployment plan appears to make a lot of sense.

The biggest gain could well be for Salt Spring, which will see as many as four sailings daily to Tsawwassen and back, out of Long Harbour. And not all those sailings will be at dreadfully inconvenient times. Not only that, fewer stops en route will mean shorter sailing times between the island and the Mainland.

A B.C. Ferries survey found that 26 per cent of travellers from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay were going to the Gulf Islands, and the majority of those were going to Salt Spring. If the Long Harbour schedule has some convenience built in there is no reason why many, if not most of those people will use that ferry instead.

The B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union is understandably unhappy with the new service proposal. Home-porting vessels in the islands, rather than Swartz Bay, will require relocation by many of its members. In the long run, a more efficient service — and one that loses rather less money on its operations — will be a leaner service, running ships when they're most needed. That means even more pain to come for unionized workers. But at least they're not mining coal for a living.

The worrisome thing about all this is the time it took to get here. The B.C. Ferry Corporation has for too long been operating routes with too many inefficiencies. A more efficient corporation would long ago have identified problem areas and corrected them.

Whether our transportation planners — those islanders and the B.C. Ferries personnel who sit on the ferries advisory committee — are making the necessary corrections remains to be seen. But we should give them a chance to find out.

The option they've chosen is the best we've seen.

## A new minister

When it comes to running a government, Glen Clark may have proved himself incapable of many things. But he knows a coup when he pulls one.

Clark's pride was obvious last week when he announced that Gordon Wilson had been lured into his cabinet. The leader of the Progressive Democratic Alliance, a party that had few prospects, is a welcome and refreshing addition to the government side of the Legislature, and Clark knows it.

Wilson's past is somewhat tarnished by his falling out with the Liberal party but he exhibits a sincerity that sets him apart from most politicians.

For islanders, he makes a good choice for minister responsible for ferries. He represents a riding dependent on ferry service and has spoken sensibly on ferry issues in the past. With ferries and aboriginal matters on his plate, Wilson has a tough job ahead.

We suspect he's up to it.

## A despicable crime

In some cultures, the elders of society are revered. They've come far on life's journey and one assumes they've picked up a thing or two on the way.

But in our own culture seniors enjoy only a certain level of respect, not reverence. And the level would appear to be dropping.

There are few crimes more heinous, more despicable, than that new favourite among common thieves, the home invasion. Elderly citizens are being terrorized — particularly on the Lower Mainland — by lowlife thugs who have identified easy pickings from easy victims.

Note, however, that we point to their prevalence on the Mainland. As yet, the Gulf Islands have not been touched by this vile phenomenon. Two incidents on Salt Spring, one late last year and the second just this past week, have been characterized by some as home invasions. In both cases, homes were invaded, residents were terrorized. But in neither were senior citizens involved.

Both were drug-related and drug-related crime is not new in the islands. But home invasions continue to be a foreign invention. We hope they stay that way.



Horses view photographer at Atkins Road farm

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Diary of an islander who did not escape south this winter

By ALICE RICHARDS

It's Saturday and I linger in bed as I have every dark and gloomy morning for, it seems, the past three months. I just can't seem to find the energy to face another sopping wet day.

The everyday chores that must be done seem 10 times harder in this weather: going to the chicken coop to release the hens who have no interest in going outside in the rain anyway (I won't even begin to describe what it looks like in the coop); let the dog out into her pen so she can slink into the doghouse to get out of the stormy weather. It's a bleak outlook.

This morning, though, the sun shines through the mix of grey and white cloud cover — oh, joy! What a sight. Just as the weatherman promised, the temperature has dropped and the sky has cleared, however briefly. I decide I had better hurry out to enjoy this glorious weather for it might not last the morning.

The chickens are frantic to be released. I feel so sorry for them that I open the gate and let them out into the big wide world to enjoy this morning.

The dog races around like a puppy, demanding that I play catch with her. We're all silly with the sunshine on our faces!

I venture into the garden with my gumboots on. They are required footwear especially when walking on what is, in the summer, a beautiful expanse of plush lawn.

Now it looks like a piece of the submerged Fraser Valley farmlands and I slop my way through it to investigate the sanctuary where I love to spend my idle time.

This year I haven't been near it in months. Now, for the first time, I see the plants which in most years I would enjoy and appreciate throughout the winter months. There's the blooming winter heathers, the brightest plants in my garden this time of year. Their lilac and white flowers highlight the fringes of the raised flower beds accenting the trimmed and divided perennials that have begun to swell in anticipation of their revival.



VIEW POINT

Silver dusty miller and lamb's ears foliage, variegated ivy and sleeping yellow loosestrife are beautifully striking against the almost black soil.

There is the holly tree still boasting its beautiful red berries and despite a recent pruning the hawthorn still has some berries the birds haven't managed to find yet.

But better than that, much better than that, I see some signs of spring! There's lots of new plant growth — the honeysuckle and the hydrangea, the early roses and the ornamental plum are all sporting new leaf growth.

But in the raised beds and borders where the spring bulbs are planted is where I find my biggest treat. Against the shelter of large boulders and pieces of driftwood, here I find buttercup yellow crocuses! And under the heavy canopy of the cedar trees are sweet clusters of deep blue violas. What could be more beautiful right at this moment!

In the vegetable garden, this summer's garlic is showing vigorous growth, their shoots almost as high as the dozens of daffodils and narcissus that circle the garden. The rhubarb is bursting through the ground, its bright pink bulbs almost glowing against the barren soil. But as I walk, lost in thoughts of tending the beds,

maybe doing some weeding, I notice the sky darkening. A chill comes over me and the damp once again seeps into my bones. Before I can do anything foolish, disturbing the natural progress of rejuvenation, I remind myself that it's only the end of January. My thoughts turn to the rocking chair beside the fireplace where my unfinished Wally Lamb novel waits.

Feeling much better for my joyful walk in the garden I realize that, happily, I'm not quite ready to emerge from my hibernation just yet either. Nature is kind that way.

*The writer doesn't usually flee south during a west coast winter; but this year she might have considered it, if she had known how wet it was going to be.*

**But better than that, much better than that, I see some signs of spring!**

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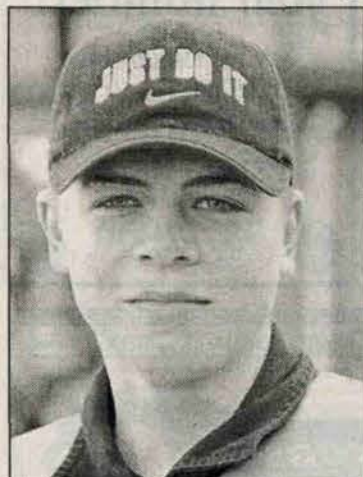
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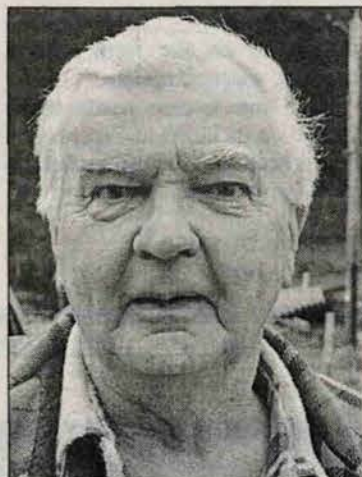
# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: Are you concerned about future ferry service on Salt Spring?**



**Brandon Turner**

*Yes. We need more ferry runs and the price is too high.*



**Gordon Cudmore**

*No, because people won't stand for any reduction in ferry service.*



**Nairn Howe**

*I'm concerned about all the government cutbacks and where we're headed for in the next millennium.*



**John Herbert**

*Yes. I don't want my access cut off.*



**Mary Supina**

*Changing any schedules on the ferries which we have all adapted to can cause hardship and inconvenience in the future.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Wonderful

Kudos to TSUNAMI, Julie Vik, Moritz Behm, Kayla Schmah, Emily Hickford, Arla Hillis and Caitlin Brownrigg for a marvellous evening of musical entertainment at the Lions Hall on January 23.

I found it very refreshing to be able to listen to live music in the evening without being surrounded by drunk people. Also, I agree heartily with the concept of "beginners" and "veterans" sharing the same stage.

I do have one small quibble — the "beginners" set was too short by half. The girls were game and they had the talent to back it up. Sadly, their set seemed to last just long enough for them to work through their nervousness.

That quibble aside, this music lover had a wonderful evening. My thanks to all involved.

**D. KMIECIK,**  
Head Street

### Best proposals

We attended the information meeting on B.C. Ferries at the Fulford Hall on January 26 and found it very informative and well presented. There were some good constructive comments from the

floor as well.

What was most evident to anyone who has been following this long saga is the tremendous amount of time and effort put in — on a voluntary basis — by members of the "consultative committee," in what must have been a thoroughly frustrating experience from time to time. However, they persisted; and with increasing cooperation from the ferry corporation have come up with a set of proposals that have to be the best we've seen for a long time. It is so easy to find fault, but so difficult to come up with workable proposals to satisfy such diverse interests as those involved here.

Our admiration goes out to them, together with a hearty vote of thanks.

**HAROLD and GLADYS PAGE,**  
Fulford Harbour

### Epidemic

There is an epidemic on Salt Spring which you probably haven't heard of, but it's endangering the lives of you and your children and sucking up your tax dollars: road sign vandalism.

Past weekends have seen over 20 signs downed or stolen and, although the vandalism has slowed

down, it's still a serious problem.

Your average sign can cost anywhere between \$130 to \$300 dollars to replace, so when you do the math, taking out a sign isn't cheap. And when you think about the risk motorists are put in when signs such as stop signs or yield signs are knocked down, vandalizing a sign turns what started out to be a fun prank into a dangerous and expensive hazard.

This is a request from two kids who have experienced first-hand the serious consequences of getting caught for taking a downed sign, so please end this destructive behaviour and, if you have a sign at home, return it to the highways yard up at Central.

### NAMES WITHHELD

*Editor's note: The writers have shared their view as part of the new community diversion program.*

### Right left

The saying "you can't keep a good man down" certainly applies to Gordon Wilson.

The leader of the PDA buried under the Liberals and the NDP emerges as the potential leader of none other than the NDP.

Many were thinking, "who could lame-duck Glen Clark hand the

baton to?" and lo and behold Gordon Wilson crosses the floor of the legislature to finally display his leadership skills as aboriginal affairs minister and minister responsible for B. C. Ferries.

While the Liberal party shifts right, so does the NDP shift to the middle. Finally a centrist voice in B.C. Look for the left wing of NDP to shift to the Green Party.

As a past candidate for the PDA party, I strongly endorse Gordon's move and look forward to sensible solutions to both ministries. I will be contacting Gordon with regards to B.C. Ferries management style inherited from the Royal Navy. This has been an embarrassment to not only the ones who come under the Royal commanders but the commanders themselves.

The climate which results from this management style has produced the mess we are in with regards to labour relations. It is also sad to see the whipped spirit of those who are on the front line. They are the ones who meet the public head on.

Yes, Gordon, you have inherited the Royal Navy which desperately needs to resemble a co-operative, successful company and the emphasis will be in decommissioning the navy by suggesting to those

in charge that it is over. It has not worked, so let the changes begin.

With regards to the aboriginal portfolio, I know Gordon's position to close down the Department of Indian Affairs gives a bold direction for clearing the deck.

It is unfortunate that the aboriginal people were not offered a place in the growth and development of this great nation. Rather, in harnessing these people into reserves under Indian Affairs, setting them out there like social lepers has created a climate once again that needs change.

Treaties that do not address the mistakes of the past cannot penetrate the heart of the aboriginals. These treaties are really only a bridge that allows these people to cross over to their rightful place in the mainstream.

Finally, I will suggest to Gordon to ignore the right, and the left will place him in no-man's land because it is these two poles that create the centre.

**GARY LUNDY,**  
Upper Ganges Road

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## Seedy Saturday offers seeds for the future

It's time to get your seeds out again! Salt Spring's third annual Seedy Saturday will be held at Mahon Hall on February 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seedy Saturdays are popping up all over Canada. They've become known as exciting and fun-filled harbingers of spring. Gardeners get together to swap seeds, remember past gardens and plan future ones.

And, as in the garden, unexpected seeds find fertile ground.

But underneath the element of joy found at community seed swaps, there are serious, even revolutionary undertones.

In the past few years, there have been unprecedented changes in the world of seeds.

Corporate mergers have accelerated at such a pace that there are now only a few big players. Patented seeds have become common in catalogues.

Millions of acres of farmland are being planted with bioengineered seeds.



### IN DEPTH

And we now have Terminator seeds that make it impossible to save seed even if one wished to.

The long and the short of it is that certain transnational corporations are intent on gaining total control of the world's food supply.

As things now stand they are not far from doing so.

Farmers are being taken to court for saving seed. Plants that have always belonged to everyone are now "owned" by corporations.

Governments are everywhere abdicating responsibility for farm workers' rights, environmental protection and nutritious food.

The simple, savable seeds that are part of 10,000 years of agri-

cultural tradition are threatened with extinction.

There is everything right with these seeds and they are all we need to grow healthy food.

These are the seeds you will find at Seedy Saturday. If we don't continue to use these seeds we will lose them forever.

There is a very big glitch coming up that even more heavily underlines the importance of community seed banks as articulated by Seedy Saturdays.

Much of our society is still little concerned about Y2K, also known as the Millennium Bug.

Yet it is becoming apparent that the potential for disruption of life as we know it is staggering.

According to a current business magazine, the U.S. has already earmarked \$655 billion to fix the mess.

But time is running out. And other countries cannot draw on such gargantuan resources.

There is a very real possibility

that Salt Spring Island could be cut off.

By this time next year Salt Spring might have to survive for a while with only its own resources.

### Could we do it?

There are many areas to cover but, in terms of food, this farmer says yes, definitely, with the kinds of seed you'll find at Seedy Saturday.

But it's high time we started talking about it as a community. (I personally believe that Salt Spring should be moving in the direction of self-reliance whether or not computers crash).

Seedy Saturday promises to be an opportunity for such conversation as well as a place to get those seeds for your best garden yet.

So, bring seeds to swap if you have them or even just seedy thoughts. And expect to enjoy a seedy fine day.

**DAN JASON,**  
Salt Spring Island

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Did you see something you liked or disliked in this week's paper? Write your comments below and send them to us by mail at The Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, or by fax to 250-537-2613. Please include your name and phone number.

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# Wilson defection increases mistrust

VICTORIA — Gordon Wilson has just given public cynicism about and mistrust of politicians its biggest boost in years.

Ever since he lost the leadership of the Liberal Party over his love affair with his now wife Judy Tyabji and with it his chance to be the next premier of British Columbia, Wilson slowly and steadily built a reputation as a man of principle.

**CAPITAL COMMENT**  
**HUBERT BEYER**



The party he formed after his ouster as Liberal leader — the Progressive Democratic Alliance — had become a genuine alternative to both the NDP, which appears to be bereft of ideas as well as ideals, and the Liberals, regarded with great suspicion by many voters.

The quiet admiration of Wilson was not yet reflected in the polls, but that meant very little. Consider his meteoric overnight rise in 1991 from obscure, unpaid leader of the Liberal Party, with no seats in the legislature, to leader of the official opposition.

Wilson's defection from the PDA, the party he created, leaves in its wake a lot of disappointed, hurt and angry people who believed that this guy was different.

They had supported the party with their hearts, if not yet with their pocketbooks and votes. They had run in the last election as candidates, believing they stood for something other than the tired, old, political left-versus-right conflagration.

And then, out of the blue, he abandoned his supporters. Adding insult to injury, he publicly invited them to come over to the NDP with them.

Why did he do it? Three reasons: Money, status and the remote chance of still becoming premier.

As a cabinet minister, Wilson will earn about \$35,000 a year more than he did as an MLA, leading a one-member party without official standing in the legislature. And the recognition that comes with being a cabinet minister is already evidenced in the newspaper headlines, so vital to ambitious politicians.

But most important, it is the possibility that the NDP will dump Glen Clark and go looking for a new leader to improve its image with the voters before the next election that prompted Wilson to abandon his principles and sign on with the NDP. In that regard, he should fit right in.

The NDP is obviously in big trouble and has to find a way to improve its one-digit public support.

In such circumstances, it is quite common for parties to pressure the leader to step down. That's what happened to Mike Harcourt.

The strategy proved successful. Clark was able to sell the NDP to voters as a new and improved party, albeit with a few fibs of a balanced budget thrown in. And if it worked once, maybe it'll work again.

If and when the time comes for the NDP to exert pressure on Clark to step down "for the good of the party," Wilson will be in a good position to offer himself as the new saviour.

And don't think that Wilson won't be a force to be reckoned with if he should become the master of his new political home.

Wilson is one of the brightest people in the legislature. He can quickly identify a problem and offer a solution.

What's more, he's articulate and able to explain the whole thing to the public much more convincingly than anyone else on the NDP benches.

Wilson is also far closer to the centre of the political spectrum than the NDP which, of course, hopes that his joining their ranks will give the government that new, close-to-the-centre, pro-business kind of look.

Time will tell whether the gamble pays off. I suspect it'll take more than a new cabinet member for the NDP to regain its fortunes. It will also be very difficult to sell the party's left wing on the new look.

And it won't be easy for Wilson, if possible at all, to shed his new-gained reputation as a crass opportunist who will forsake anyone and anything to achieve his political goals.

I am not impressed.

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# More letters

## Victimized

I am very saddened and disappointed so far by the workings of our justice system.

We often see local authorities grind their own axes rather than seek truth and justice.

Victims are further victimized by local authorities and national interest groups.

People such as Justice Minister Anne McLellan, though working hard, have a terrible backlog of tough issues to tackle and wholesale reforms of laws and systems that are needed.

I haven't taken up causes nor do I have related experiences, but Robert Latimer's actions from start to finish touch me strongly.

I feel he acted out of love and a fine sense of responsibility. He alone lived this with his daughter.

He did not abandon her to her plight, nor did he abandon her to the state (a relatively cowardly route and a fate worse than death).

Instead, he did what he did and took his chances with Canadian justice.

I am not proud of our system or the results so far.

I suggest that after chewing on him for years, a token sentence, to

be served on the farm with a bracelet, was appropriate.

Each man's case needs to be judged on its individual merits and on his heart, not on someone else's need for an example to be set.

**TED BALDWINSON,**  
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### What progress?

Twenty-three years ago my wife Doris and I moved to Salt Spring with our son Chad.

We enrolled him in soccer, which he still plays. Most weekends you will find myself and or family on or around a soccer pitch, ball field, hockey arena or gymnasium. We have grown to recognize and appreciate team sports as a much-needed life skill for our kids.

The reason Chad joined soccer first was because Portlock had a soccer pitch. It still has and all of us pay taxes to have this facility.

It is almost property tax time again and for the last 15 years I have wanted to question why our sport facilities are not keeping up with population and tax increases. More people and higher land values increases flow of revenue into Parks, Arts and Recreation coffers.

When we moved here there was a Little League ball park on school property built mostly by volunteers; this is now almost useless and at best dangerous for kids to play on.

There never was a major or Babe Ruth diamond here although a temporary (maximum three years) field was built under much protest about seven years ago. Actually, this temporary facility is situated where original land donors wanted the ice arena to be located. There is a batting cage on site built with the help of volunteers.

There was a softball diamond on leased land at Fulford built mostly by volunteers and, in large part, also maintained by ball players. A sub-standard field backing the main one has been built.

Thanks to the new secondary school, two soccer pitches were added, which, due to their high cost of maintenance, can be closed to community games. As we know, school budgets don't need costs that fall under the Parks and Rec title.

There is no ice arena or curling rink on Salt Spring, nor is there an adequate swimming facility.

There is only a small uncovered pool which Parks and Rec took over under protest.

This pool and the tennis bubble pay their own way through membership, rentals and, again, lots of volunteer hours.

I don't deny those people who walk for their recreation and I believe parks and green space are needed but I know these needs are covered on Salt spring.

With all these facilities lacking, where have all my and your Parks and Rec dollars gone? I realize a percentage of funds have to go toward administration but in my 23 years, what progress?

Yes, there still is that one soccer pitch at Portlock but there may be a "closed" sign on it. Come on Parks

## More letters

and Rec, spend some of our tax dollars on these facilities before all of our "younger generation" ends up hanging out in the Ganges park. Show us that Parks and Recreation isn't just an administrative body.

Twenty-three years is a long time to pay taxes with no growth for our types of recreation needs.

**BRIAN LITTLE,**  
Salt Spring

### Contain fish

The B.C. Liberal Party, which is quick to call for a referendum on the Nisga'a deal, would have British Columbia end a three-year moratorium on fish farming without consulting those most affected by removal of the ban on net-cage expansion, if Liberal fisheries critic John van Dongen had his way.

The international fish farm lobby has succeeded in persuading the opposition Liberals to call for an end to the NDP moratorium.

This is in keeping with other Liberal calls for environmental rollback and deregulation at a time when B.C. First Nations are on the brink of receiving a fair share of their once-abundant wild fisheries.

Removal of the moratorium would not only be a prejudicial infringement of aboriginal rights and title but would sign the death warrant on the fate of wild salmon, and aboriginal, commercial and sport fisheries, and public access to many pristine coastal waterways.

Already Canadians have had to reach into our National Emergency Fund to compensate New Brunswick fish farmers for a farm-bred epidemic (infectious salmon anemia) that has exceeded \$25 million in losses.

And now B.C. may be witnessing the catastrophic vanguard of a serious invasion with the first evidence of Atlantic spawning in the Pacific Ocean in a Vancouver Island river system.

May Glen Clark demonstrate the wisdom of Solomon to contain these Houdini-escaping net-cage salmon rife with disease, parasites and antibiotics. Upholding the moratorium will safeguard the wild face of British Columbia until the industry finally adopts a safe "closed containment technology."

**HOWARD BREEN,**  
Georgia Strait Alliance

### Caution

As we head toward finer weather, perhaps it is time to remind everyone who enjoys refreshments outdoors to be careful about the way we dispose of our garbage.

Some picnic areas supply containers but a great many of our water accesses are a "pack in, pack out" situation.

In particular, the plastic packaging around any kind of six-pack, when left discarded, constitutes a significant threat to birds.

Anyone who has seen the display at Wickininnish exhibiting a gull with plastic around its neck has been saddened to see the effect of strangulation and death by starvation. Even aluminum can pop-up rings can be a hazard to curious birds.

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**ELIZABETH KIRK,**  
Beddis Beach

### Elegance

In your January 22 issue, in the caption under a photograph of dancers at our annual Robert Burns night, it states "Fulford Hall thunders with the foot-stomping fun of Scottish dancing."

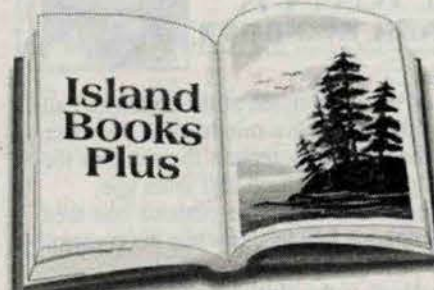
Fun it certainly is, but the dancers wear soft leather slippers with paper-thin soles and spend many hours of practice to ensure that their steps are almost soundless.

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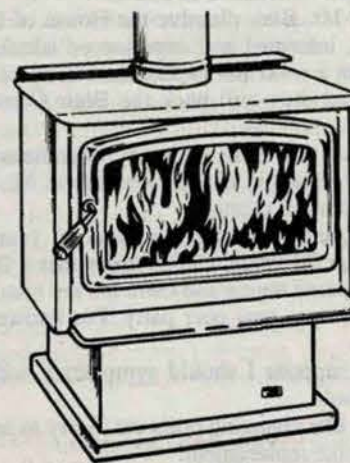
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## British jumping ahead on Lords issue

So the sun don't shine all the time? And it snows now and again! And there's a lot of rain. And wind.

It's good to be back in spite of all those vagaries of the weather. And it's only part of the pleasure that the wolds and the dales of Yorkshire are also windy and rainy and snowy and a little forbidding on a frosty night.

There's more to that similarity than the mere weather. There they are in Britain, still concerned over the quality of education and

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the high cost of government and the frustrations of the courts and all those irritants that bother British Columbian minds. And the more things change in one setting, the more they remain the same in the other. Which is almost what Alphonse Karr said 150 years ago.

Despite this similarity of simple thinking there remains one area in which the British mind is jumping a few fences while his contemporary in this land is sleeping.

A constant irritant to one segment of the British political mind for many years has been the House of Lords. To many the existence of a branch of government, unelected, often ineffectual, enjoying the life of Riley in the most celebrated private political club in the world, the House of Lords, is insupportable in logic. To many politicians there is something alien to modern times in a segment of the administration assuming authority without the consent of the community which it shall govern.

Others have expressed their disaffection towards the Lords on the grounds that the Upper Chamber represents, largely, the landed gentry rather than the British people.

The dispute is recognizable to Canadians: our Senate was fashioned from the same cloth and there are many in this land who revolt at the idea of unelected government of any kind.

There are, of course, those who object to the Lords on the grounds that they represent a privilege that should, quite logically, have been terminated years ago.

Support for the House of Lords lies in the respect engendered by a system of government established to meet the needs of a land nearly a millennium ago and a system that has held sway for almost 1,000 years.

There are spokesmen for the present system, finding in it a steady influence on the elected representatives of the people:

Government by the House of Commons under the watchful eye of the House of Lords saw the rise of the British Empire and the steady move towards the government of the people by the people.

The Lords have been, to the people of Britain, a far greater part of the government history than could be attributed to the Canadian Senate. But the parallel remains.

When the present Labour government was seeking election, the reform of the House of Lords was one of the election promises.

The cynic might well, and probably quite rightly, maintain that the present, popular drive towards reform gained its impetus from a failure of the Lords to support the Commons, but the future of the august Upper Chamber was already a poor life insurance risk.

Possibly the most interesting aspect of the government strategy will be the manner of replacing the House of Lords and that of filling X-number of padded seats with X-number of padded sitters. Will the new House be labelled the Senate, as has been debated? Will its members be privileged and named or elected?

And, above all, how will Mr. Blair dissolve the House of Lords, with its backlog of earnest, informed and experienced administrators, and immediately select a wise and experienced body of newcomers with a guarantee that they will back the Blair Commons come what might?

And we must bear in mind that there are many Canadians who, rightly or wrongly, hold the Senate in the same odium as Mr. Blair sees the Lords. Is this the pattern of change?

I should add that, after living in Britain for some 30 years and writing in Canada for another 50 years, I have never met a British peer. The peers are a few hundred strong and there are not enough to go round if they are to head up a new peer party. I've known, and enjoyed, a few Knights.

Thus, as a commoner, I suppose I should sympathize with the move to kill the House of Lords.

I have no preference. It is like changing one's car. Sorry to see the old buggy go, but let's enjoy the replacement!

### The wisdom of the age

I was looking up a quotation the other day when I sought and found Alphonse Karr. More than a century ago he wrote: "If we are to abolish the death penalty, I should like to see the first step taken by our friends, the murderers."

## Ultrasound equipment on island

There will be more space on ferries leaving Fulford Harbour and Vesuvius now that diagnostic ultrasound equipment is in operation at Lady Minto Hospital.

An estimated 25 people per week used to travel to Vancouver Island facilities for diagnostic ultrasound services, which can now be handled on Salt Spring.

It's great news for islanders and local health practitioners.

Hospital spokeswoman Diana Hayes said the equipment arrived about two weeks ago, and radiologist Dr. Donald Shea has already had his first clients. Bookings are currently being taken for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Urgent and emergency services will also be provided whenever possible.

Last fall the hospital foundation put the piece of equipment on its fundraising drive wish list. Hayes said an extremely generous family donation made the purchase possible much sooner than anticipated.

Ultrasound is currently used to monitor fetal development; help assess diseases of the abdomen, pelvis and prostate, and breast masses; and disorders of the thyroid gland.

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## Marine campsites still in Ruckle plans

B.C. Parks may have backed off from its plans to develop Bear Point for camping kayakers in Ruckle Park, but it can't see the park never having a marine-access tent site.

Dave Chater, district manager of Parks' south Vancouver Island region, said Friday that B.C. Parks staff still feel the proposed site "has value for that kind of use," but acknowledges the community's wish for a proper assessment of the area.

Several groups and individuals reacted against campground and parking lot changes — which did not include public consultation — currently being made to Ruckle Park.

Their main concern was a new 10-site camping area proposed for Bear Point without a full assess-

ment of the project's environmental impact.

B.C. Parks has decided to assess the entire southern Gulf Islands, including Ruckle Park, for marine camping.

"It's really in the heart of the system and it has such a large shoreline," explained Chater.

Demand for marine-access campsites is tremendous, he said, and some places, such as Portland Island, are probably overused already.

Chater also noted that B.C. Parks had received "a fair bit of support" for the Bear Point project.

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## Y2K — imperative to get this thing looked at now

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It is the same tone a doctor uses to explain that the spot on your lungs might need a closer look.

It is intentionally comforting, but with an unmistakable imperative to get this thing looked at — now!

If you've heard of the Y2K Bug, you are part, like the rest of us, of a cyber generation that has transferred virtually all of its technological

responsibility to machines.

And now all the world's experts are telling us the decision is about to come back and bite us in very sensitive places.

The Bug is basically a computer glitch caused by the machine's inability to read the year 2000 correctly — its final two digits could be mistaken for the year 1900.

The result is almost surely to be faulty commands which cause everything from an error in communication to a complete shutdown of the machine.

The major problem is that no one knows just

what is going to happen. If you think about it — no expert anywhere is willing to predict anything with 100 per cent accuracy — that is the really scary part.

It is a matter that requires due diligence.

To better help our readers understand what problems they may face as the digits change at midnight on December 31 this year, the Driftwood starts an ongoing look at the Y2K Bug scenario.

In this paper we provide an overview: what the problems are and what questions they raise.

## A Titanic type disaster waiting to happen

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

It isn't difficult to make people sit up and pay attention to the Y2K Bug.

There are enough statistics and scenarios and expert opinions to scare the pants off any rational person.

On the potential for crisis in the financial industry, the Sunday Times writes that no one can tell "whether it will be a 100 per cent failure or a meltdown, but it's going to be ugly."

On the failure of the United States electrical grid, the Senate Subcommittee on Y2K Information and Technology says: "There is no question that the grid will be severely disrupted. There is no current method of forecasting when it can be resumed, or even if it can be."

And there is always the question: "Does anyone really understand what the problem is?"

B.C. Hydro claims all its systems will be compliant (able to handle the date change without disruption) by May of this year, yet this web-site claim doesn't take into account the company's computer interconnections with systems in the Third World that will almost certainly be non-compliant.

It is naive to believe that any major computer system exists in any state except near-total interdependence with every other system.

To illustrate: Because nuclear reactors take six months to cool down, the Swedish government says it will shut down all its plants in late June rather than risk electronic contamination.

The Y2K Bug is not a mathematical eventuality, like an earthquake or a meteor strike. Computer-dialogue failure is guaranteed to some degree, and the results could be catastrophic.

But nor is it a Hollywood disaster movie, where success is measured in gasps-per-minute.

The problem should be a serious concern for residents of the Gulf Islands, not because South Korea's

nuclear-power industry is non-compliant but because, as a community, the region must accept the responsibility of being prepared for disruption of its systems and services.

"This is not only a technological problem but also a psychological one. The profound fact is that most people believe everyone else will take care of it. But with a government that can't even admit its own lack of preparedness, that everyone else is us," says Daryl Verville, director of the Living Arts Foundation in Slocan.

The non-profit foundation is the umbrella organization for dissemination of Y2K Bug information in the Kootenays, the area which many feel is the best prepared in Canada.

In fact, psychological responses are already happening.

Some goods, such as generators, have become scarce on retail shelves.

(Verville says the military has been buying up generators for possible emergency relief.)

Verville was on Salt Spring last week to visit relatives but also to talk about the island's readiness, or lack of it.

He realized the latter when he was besieged with requests for a Y2K Bug "information map" he was using to describe the enormity of the problem to a friend in a coffee shop.

(He left his remaining supply of maps on consignment at Island Books Plus.)

He likes to use a Titanic analogy, about a disaster waiting to happen because of technology's (and corporations') size and arrogance.

But, he admits, sensationalizing the matter tends to turn people off.

"For me it is an ethical question about what information to disseminate and how to disseminate it," he says. "The problem may be worldwide, but the solutions are localized, and people need to be involved."

Verville will return to Salt Spring in the next few weeks to give a talk about forming prepared-

ness alliances and to show a University of Purdue video on alternatives.

The problem doesn't just lie with computers. There are billions of embedded chips, tiny, hands-off microprocessors that run everything from digital watches to satellite linkups.

Many believe in the "weak-link" theory that says one crash, no matter how small, will have a ripple effect throughout the electronic world.

But mostly the Y2K debate is about degrees, the results falling somewhere between inconvenience and meltdown.

We may be able to see the start of problems as early as April 1, when the Canadian government fiscal year switches from 1998/99 to 1999/00, or July 1, when the New York Stock Exchange also switches over.

Despite its size and its moat, Salt Spring is linked to the electronic world as intimately as any city.

While its rural environment and community orientation give it a natural physical advantage, the same traits have allowed people to more or less ignore the matter in the belief they can handle whatever problem crops up.

It won't work that way if the electrical grid goes off-line for up to three months (the maximum limit being forecast by experts) and every single part of daily life — with the exception of wood stoves — goes with it in the midst of winter.

B.C. Hydro says it takes six times as much energy to restart a system that has shut down than to maintain an operational one.

It is easy to imagine some with a three-month supply of food, water and heat. But it is also easy to imagine the majority without.

We've set up incredible mechanisms to ensure this type of doom-and-gloom information but none to guarantee a supply of insulin or other medical necessities when transportation and communication links are unusable.

"If everyone isn't prepared, then

no one is prepared," says Verville. "I feel the haves in our society have a moral and ethical responsibility to get involved."

His comment highlights an interesting aspect of the Y2K Bug affair.

There is a growing feeling that this event is a prime opportunity for communities to find a common focus, similar to what happened during last winter's ice storm in Ontario and Quebec.

"It is a great chance to establish sovereignty over basic life support," says Verville. "I don't mean giving things up but rather realizing what we are dependent on and truly need in our lives."

Unlike natural disasters, this event will have lots of lead time. Reclaiming misguided lives is a pleasant spiritual concept.

But for those who reject dogma for more corporeal thoughts, consider the federal Emergency Measures Act, which allows government authorities to expropriate just about anything they think they need, including food, water and fuel.

It might be wise to be as self-sufficient as possible. And that takes organization.

If the Y2K Bug fizzles through New Year's morning without much effect, then all the preparation and hoarding might seem a bit over-reactive.

But it will also have been an investment that never loses its principal.

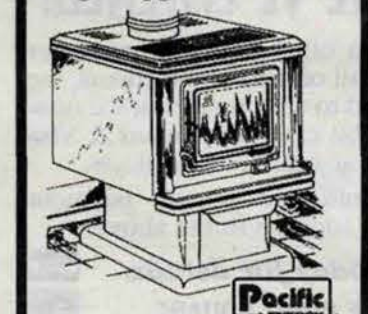
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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	Jonovision	Simpsons	Broadcast One		Rd Again	Country	22 Mins	Comics	DaVinci Inquest		The National		News	Movie	
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Dharma &	2 Guys...	Drew C.	Line?	20/20 Wednesday		News	:35 News	
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	English	Japanese	Developing Stories	Gardens	Spirits	Studio BC		The View From Here		Black Man's Houses		Inform		
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman		News	News	News	Love. C.	Hollyw'dS.	Power Play		Tom Clancy's Netforce				News	:40 Club 54	
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show		News	Canada	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	The Nanny	Maggie	Stargate: S-G1		Total Recall 2070		News	News Spt	
9	9	KCTS	Kratt's C.	Wishbone	Arthur	Business	News	Bill Nye	TrueColor	Elizabeth Taylor		I'll Make Me a World				KeepApp	Wrid News	
11	27	KIRO	Inside Ed.	Hard Copy	KIRO News		News	News	E.T.	Real TV	The Nanny	Maggie		60 Minutes II		Chicago Hope	News	
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Fr.Prince	Home I.	The Nanny	Seinfeld	Touched By An Angel		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: DSN		First Wave		Cheers	MASH	
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell		The Young & Restless	News		E.T.	Simpsons	Beverly Hills 90210		Party of Five		Chicago Hope		SportPage	News	
14	7	VTV	Hockey Vancouver vs Montreal NHL					Frasier	Friends	Love Boat: Next Wave		Drew C.	Line?	Law & Order		News	Ooh La La	
15	21	TSN	Hockey	Cheerlead.	Figure Skating Pro Skating Championships			Off Record	Gallagher	Sportsdesk		WCW Nitro				Sportsdesk		
16	5	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show		KING News		News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	Dateline NBC	Exiled: A Law & Order Movie			Chris Noth.	News	:35 Tonight	
20	23	KSTW	CADream	Saved Bell	Home I.	The Nanny	Home I.	MASH	Frasier	Seinfeld	Seven Days	Star Trek: Voyager		MASH	Cheers	Frasier	NwsRadio	
21		YTV	Poke'Mon	Animan.	Rugrats	Pinky	Addams	Brats Neb.	Reboot	S. Raiders	Beasties	Gsebmps	Addams	BreakHigh	Student	Odyssey	Ocean Girl	Af. Dark
23	10	SRC	Virginie	Cas. 24	C. Charette direct		Radio		Téléjournal/Point	Ce soir	Sports	Vues d'ici		:05 Off Air				
30		TNN	The Waltons		Life and Times of..		Prime Time Country		Crook and Chase		Dallas		The Dukes of Hazzard	Prime Time Country		Crook and Chase		
31	20	A&E	Law & Order		Biography		American Justice		Inspector Morse		Law & Order		Biography	American Justice		Inspector Morse		
33		SHOW	Forever Knight		Counterstrike		Matrix		Travels With My Aunt	Louis Gosset Jr..		:20 Camille 2000 (1969)			Daniele Gaubert.		Movie	
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Beverly Hills 90210	Party of Five		Reports	Mad You	:05 Star Trek: DSN		
38	16	TLC	48 Hours		Extreme Machines		Pearl Harbor, D-Day		Strange Science		Extreme Machines	Pearl Harbor, D-Day		Strange Science		48 Hours		
39		DISC	@discovery.ca		Profiles of Nature		Wings		Space Trek		@discovery.ca		Profiles of Nature		Wings		Space Trek	
43		HIST	Advent.	Yesterday	Ecce Homo		The Lost Command	(1966) Anthony Quinn.		Hist Bites		Hist Bites		The Lost Command	(1966) Anthony Quinn.		Hist Bites	
44		LIFE	Tourist	Gr'nthmb	Outback	J. Hanna	M. Stewart	Foodess.	Burt Wolf	Dinner?	Outback	Homes	M. Stewart	Trendspot.	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?	
51		NET	Hockey Vancouver vs Montreal NHL					S.Central	Hockey Vancouver vs Montreal NHL			S.Central	S.Central	Last Word		FOX News		

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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	Jonovision	Simpsons	Broadcast One		Life & Times of..		Genie Awards				The National		News	Movie	
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News		News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Vengeance Unlimited		Tom Clancy's Netforce (cont'd from Feb 1st)				News	:35 News	
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	Destinos	Destinos	Studio BC	Gardener	Trstg Brs	Bible Bill Aberhart		Snow Sense		Inform		Westland	Money	
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman		News	News	News	Love. C.	Hollyw'dS.	The Fifties		Turks		E.R.		News	:40 Club 54	
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show		News	Canada	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Tom Clancy's Netforce (cont'd from Feb 1st)				E.R.		News	News Spt	
9	9	KCTS	Kratt's C.	Wishbone	Arthur	Business	News	Bill Nye	V Dibley	Legendary Lighthouse		Mystery! Heat		Ruth Rendell		KeepApp	Wrid News	
11	27	KIRO	Inside Ed.	Hard Copy	KIRO News		News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Diagnosis Murder		Turks		48 Hours		News	
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Fr.Prince	Home I.	The Nanny	Seinfeld	Touched By An Angel		Hercules: Legendary		Xena: Princess		Seinfeld	Mad You	Cheers	MASH	
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell		The Young & Restless	News		E.T.	Simpsons	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Frasier	Traders		SportPage	News	
14	7	VTV	News		Hockey New York vs Vancouver NHL				Friends	Farmer's Daughter		Born Yesterday (1993) Melanie Griffith.				News	Dream S.	
15	21	TSN	Hockey	Bowling	Don Carter Classic PBA	STIHL	STIHL Timber		Gallagher	Sportsdesk		Motoring	Snow Trax	NHLPA	Muscle	Sportsdesk		
16	5	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show		KING News		News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Veronica	E.R.		News	
20	23	KSTW	CADream	Saved Bell	Home I.	The Nanny	Home I.	MASH	Frasier	Seinfeld	Roswell: The Aliens Attack			Steve Flynn.	MASH	Cheers	Frasier	NwsRadio
21		YTV	Poke'Mon	Animan.	Rugrats	Pinky	Addams	Stickin' A	System C.	3 Friends	A20	Gsebmps	Addams	BreakHigh	Student	Warp	Ocean Girl	Af. Dark
23	10	SRC	Virginie	Gars, fille	La part des anges		L'Ecuyer		Téléjournal/Point	Ce soir	Sports	:15 Radio Days (1987)		Mia Farrow.		:20 Off Air		
30		TNN	The Waltons		Life and Times of..		Prime Time Country		BullRiding 2nd Thunder		Dallas		The Dukes of Hazzard	Prime Time Country		Pro Bull Riding		
31	20	A&E	Law & Order		Biography		The Unexplained		Sherlock Holmes Myst		Law & Order		Biography	The Unexplained		Sherlock Holmes Myst		
33		SHOW	Forever Knight		Destiny Ridge		Lonesome Dove		Betrayed				:40 L'Enfer (1994) Francois Cluzet.				:45 L'Enfer	
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Building to Building		Shocking Moments	Reports	Mad You	:05 Stargate: S-G1		
38	16	TLC	48 Hours		Med. Det	Warning	What Happened?		Strange Science		Med. Det	Warning	What Happened?	Strange Science		48 Hours		
39		DISC	@discovery.ca		Wld Discvr	Wld Discvr	Cosmic	LifeSpace	Disc. Great Puzzles		@discovery.ca	Wld Discvr	Wld Discvr	Cosmic	LifeSpace	Disc. Great Puzzles		
43		HIST	Advent.	Yesterday	Ancient Civilizations		The Five Pennies (1959) Danny Kaye.		Yesterday		Yesterday	The Five Pennies (1959) Danny Kaye.				Yesterday		
44		LIFE	Cott. Life	Homes	Nat. Geo.	Inferno	M. Stewart	Family	Lighten Up	Dinner?	Walk On the Wild Side		Martha Stewart Living	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?		
51		NET	NBA Act		Hockey Vancouver vs New York NHL				S.Central	Golf AT&T Pebble Beach PGA				S.Central	S.Central			

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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	Jonovision	Simpsons	Broadcast One	Mr. Bean	Pit Pony	Air Farce	R. Green	Black Harbour	The National	News	:55 Tracey			
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	2 of a Kind	Boy World	Sabrina	Brother's	20/20 Friday	News	:35 News		
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	Destinations	Heartbeat	Herbs	How Cook	Classic Theatre			V Dibley	Night Sw.	The Independent Eye			
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman	News	News	News	Love. C.	Hollyw'dS.	Providence		Felicity	The Pretender	News	:40 Club 54			
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	Canada	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Kids Say	Candid C.	Dragonheart (1996)	Dennis Quaid.	News	News Spt			
9	9	KCTS	Kratt's C.	Wishbone	Arthur	Business	News	Bill Nye	Wall Street	Serious \$\$	Wash. Wk	Antiques Roadshow	Truly Madly Deeply	:45 News			
11	27	KIRO	Inside Ed.	Hard Copy	KIRO News	News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Kids Say	Candid C.	48th Annual Miss USA Pageant	News	Letterman			
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Fr.Prince	Home I.	The Nanny	Seinfeld	Touched By An Angel	The Big Easy (1987)	Ned Beatty.	Seinfeld	Mad You	Cheers	MASH			
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell	The Young & Restless	News	E.T.	Simpsons	Dawson's Creek	Millennium	20/20 Friday	SportPage	News					
14	7	VTV	Ellen	Friends	News	D. Carey	News	Frasier	Friends	Earth: Final Conflict	Dateline NBC	Cold Squad	News	J. Byrnes			
15	21	TSN	Hockey	Gallagher	Basketball Toronto vs Boston	NBA	Basketball	Houston vs L.A. NBA	Golf R.Caribbean SPGA	Motocross '98 Valvoline	Sportsdesk						
16	5	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	Providence	Dateline NBC	Homicide: Life on St	News	:35 Tonight				
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23	10	SRC	Rebecca Pt. 4 de 4	La fureur	Zone libre	Téléjournal/Point	Ce soir	Sports	Les drakkars (1963)	Richard Widmark.	:35 Off Air						
30		TNN	The Waltons	WSL Rollerjam	Motor Monster Jam	Dallas	Pro Bull Riding	Mesquite Rodeo	Motor Monster Jam								
31	20	A&E	Law & Order	Biography	L.A. Detectives	American Justice	Law & Order	Biography	L.A. Detectives	American Justice							
33		SHOW	Forever Knight	Friday 13th: Series	Welcome to Paradox	Oz	:10 1-900 (1995) Ariane Schluter.	:50 Oz	1-900 Ariane Schluter.								
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Brimstone	Millennium	Reports	Mad You	:05 The Outer Limits		
38	15	TLC	48 Hours	Paramedics	Lindberg Kidnapping	Strange Science	Paramedics	Lindberg Kidnapping	Strange Science	48 Hours							
39		DISC	@discovery.ca	Animal Planet	M. Magic	Invention	Discovery's Canada	@discovery.ca	Animal Planet	M. Magic	Invention	Discovery's Canada					
43		HIST	Advent.	Yesterday	500 Nations	The Spy Who Came in From the Cold	Richard Burton.	Yesterday	The Spy Who Came in From the Cold	Richard Burton.	Yesterday						
44		LIFE	Trendspot.	Family	Walk On the Wild Side	M. Stewart	Grnthmb	Urban P	Dinner?	Eros	M. Stewart	Foodess.	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?		
51		NET	3:30 Golf AT&T Pebble Beach SR.	PGA	S.Central	Snowbrd World ISF	Golf AT&T Pebble Beach PGA	S.Central	S.Central	Last Word	FOX News						

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2	2	CBC	6:30 Playgrd	Spill Milk	CoolShot	St. Cent	Gardener	Cottage	Urban P	Moving On	Skiing World Cup Freestyle	Snowboarding World Cup	Report	Hockey				
4	4	KOMO	7:30 One Sat. Morning	How That	Nick News	101 Dalm	Win Pooh	Squigglev.	Basketball Regional Coverage NCAA	FigSkate European	Soccer USA/Germany							
5	11	KNOW	Magic Bs	Kratt's C.	ArtAttack	:35 Tubbies	Sewing	Quilting	Kundalini Yoga	G. Travels	Gardens	Fish	:35 Router	OpnDoors	Dotto's	Gardener	Ent.Asia	
7	6	CHEK	RRSP	Get Up	House	House	Punjabi Profile	TBA	Golf AT&T Pebble Beach PGA	Travel	Road							
8	8	BCTV	7:00 BCTV Saturday Morning News	Investors on Line	Road	House	News	Movie S.	Housesmrt	Brdertown	Movie S.	WWF Shotgun						
9	9	KCTS	C. Couch	T-Tubbies	Arthur	Barney	T. House	Handyma'	Sew Quilts	Sewing	JoyPaint	TrueColor	Outdoors	Perform White House	Cooking	Cucina A.	Cooking	
11	27	KIRO	7:00 KIRO News	Old House	Auto Racing Daytona 500 Qualifying	NASCAR	Golf AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am	PGA	Orlimar	Paid Prog.								
12	24	KVOS	Life Louie	Bill Nye	W. Melon	Oggie	Spc Goofs	Mad Jack	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Great Bank Robbery	Zero Mostel.		
13	13	CKVU	Godzilla	Eerie	Knights	Student	Ready Not	Hang Time	One World	Malibu	Mechanic	Addams	Real Kids	Eerie	Adventures of Sinbad	Hercules: Legendary		
14	7	VTV	7:30 One Sat. Morning	Master C	Win Pooh	Rhino J.H.	Nature Nut	M Warriors	Pacific	Children	Fisherman	Media TV	Fashion	Music	Movie TV	Electric C.		
15	21	TSN	Fishing	ArmWrest	Wrestling '98 Sumo	Bowling Don Carter Classic	PBA	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Figure Skating Pro Championships	Sprtsdsk	
16	5	KING	KING Weekend Morning News	Ins.Stuff	Saved Bell	Hang Time	FigSkate Equal Challenge Champs	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	Skiing World Alpine Championships	One World
20	23	KSTW	Viper	Wild Things	Meatballs III (1987)	Sally Kellerman.	The Goonies (1985)	Sean Astin.	Who Framed Roger Rabbit?	Bob Hoskins.								
21		YTV	Umptee	W. Melon	Flintstones	Jetsons	Monsters	Arnold	Beavers	Rocko's	Top 10	Uh Oh!	YTV's Hit List	Anatole	Charlie B.	Dexter Lab	Spiderman	
23	10	SRC	..Croisé	Cin destn	L'ombre d'Emma (1988)	Line Kruse.	Parents...	Accent	Franc jeu	Hockey Buffalo vs Montréal	LNH							
30		TNN	Sosin's J.	Bill Dance	Fishing	Bass..	Outdoor	Trucks!	D. Waltrip's Racers	Racing Prev.NASCAR	Inside Nascar	WSL Rollerjam						
31	20	A&E	Biography Internat.	Investigative Reports	The New Explorers	Investigative Reports	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	City Confidential								
33		SHOW	7:Marvelous Land of Oz	HardyB.	N.Drew	Good Guys, Bad..	Hamlet (1990)	Mel Gibson.	Pie in the Sky	Friday 13th: Series								
34	25	KCPQ	Godzilla	P Rangers	Knights	Oggy	Mad Jack	Spy Dogs	Click	Peer P.	Soapdish (1991)	Sally Field.	Baywatch	Mortal Kombat				
38	16	TLC	Hometime	Hometime	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Men Tool	Men Tool	Home S.	Home S.	Hometime	Hometime	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Human Combustion	Body Styles		
39		DISC	Behavin' Animals	Kid@disc.	Wld Discvr	Snake Stories	HMS Brilliant	Discover Magazine	Space Trek	Storm Warning	Space Trek							
43		HIST	7:00 History Presents	Cold War	500 Nations	The Horse Soldiers (1959)	John Wayne.	Rat Patrol	Secrets of WWII	Turning Points								
44		LIFE	Pet Proj.	Doctor	Pet Friend	Life Pet	Workshop	Workshop	Inferno	Tourist	Walk On the Wild Side	Cott. Life	Inferno	J. Hanna	Nat. Geo.	Pet Proj.	Tourist	
51		NET	7:Soccer Tms TBA EPL	Soccer Teams TBA EPL	W. Union	Adventure	Powerboat	GameNat.	Rinkside	CoolShot	Game On	Survival	Bobsleigh World Cup					

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2	2	CBC	Hockey Toronto vs New Jersey	NHL	Hockey Ottawa vs Calgary	NHL	Hockeytk	Comics	Booked.	R. Hood							
4	4	KOMO	3:Soccer USA/Germany	KOMO News	News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Happy Gilmore (1996)	Adam Sandler.	Best Commercials	News	:35 Polterg.				
5	11	KNOW	Pick Day	Baker's	Herbs	How Cook	T-Tubbies	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	Wishbone	Heartbeat	Ruth Rendell	Hiroshima, Mon Amour	Emmanuelle Riva.			
7	6	CHEK	Fish Can.	Biker TV	Nanaimo..	Wknd Ed.	News	FigSkate Bank of Montreal Canadian Exhibition	The Pretender	Profiler	News	Night Man					
8	8	BCTV	Biker TV	House	Travel	Golf World	News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	M. Island	Life Dog	FigSkate Bank of Montreal Canadian Exhibition	News	News Spt			
9	9	KCTS	Cooking	Best Kerr	Food	Kitchen	Lawrence Welk Show	Nature	Natural World	National Geographic	Monty Python	The Short List					
11	27	KIRO	Bill Nye	Animal	KIRO News	News	News	Entertain. Week	Early Edition	Martial Law	Walker, Texas Ranger	News	:35 NYPD				
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Viper	Roseanne	Home I.	Touched By An Angel	Countdown (1968)	James Caan.	Taxi	Paid Prog.	Cheers	MASH				
13	13	CKVU	Xena: Princess	Sliders	News	Invasions	Addams	Disolation Bound	PSI Factor Chronicle	The Outer Limits	Red Green	Red Green					
14	7	VTV	3:30 Electric Circus	Siskel &..	Ent.Now	News	First Story	Seventh Heaven	Happy Gilmore (1996)	Adam Sandler.	FX: The Series	Forever Knight					
15	21	TSN	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strg Man	TBA	Sportsdesk	No Limits	Ski Lift	Boxing	Sportsdesk						
16	5	KING	J. Hanna	Criminal	KING News	News	News	Wings of Gold	The Pretender	The Pretender	Profiler	News	AlmstLive				
20	23	KSTW	Return to Mayberry (1986)	Andy Griffith.	Extra Weekend	Home I.	Seinfeld	Lethal Weapon 2 (1989)	Mel Gibson.	Cheers	Star Trek: Voyager						
21		YTV	Felix Cat	System C.	RadioAct.	WrstWitch	Fr. Stories	Addams	Buffy Vampire Slayer	Gsebmps	Gsebmps	Af. Dark	Deepwater	BreakHigh	Flipper	Ocean Girl	
23	10	SRC	Journal	Sports	La rage au coeur (1994)	Clémentine Célerié.	La belle anglaise	...des apparences	Off Air								
30		TNN	Wk in Country Music	Opry Bck.	Grnd Opry	Statler Brothers Shw	Gaither Gospel Hour	Opry Bck.	Grnd Opry	Statler Brothers Shw	Gaither Gospel Hour	Wk in Country Music					
31	20	A&E	Mysteries of the Bible	Biography: This Week	American Justice	Law & Order	City Confidential	Biography: This Week	American Justice	Law & Order							
33		SHOW	Beautiful Dreamers (1990)	Rip Torn.	Once a Thief	Prime Suspect	:05 Dead Man (1995)	Johnny Depp.	:45 Prime Suspect	Movie							
34	25	KCPQ	Stargate: S-G1	E.R.	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Star Trek: DSN	Cops	Cops	Am. Most Wanted	Reports	Friends	Mad TV					
38	16	TLC	Extremely Weird	Dangerous Rescues	Ordinary-Extra..	A Hole in the Head	Dangerous Rescues	Ordinary-Extra..	A Hole in the Head	Extreme Machines							
39		DISC	Kid@disc.	Illusions	Animal of the Week	Snake Stories	Discovery's People	Connect.	EXN TV	Animal of the Week	Snake Stories	Discovery's People					
43		HIST	Spice..Life	The Untouchables	Hist Bites	Glory (1989)	Denzel Washington.	Glory (1989)	Denzel Washington.								
44		LIFE	Inferno	Outdoors	Cott. Life	Pet Friend	Walk On the Wild Side	Outback	Inferno	Eros	Outback	J. Hanna	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Pet Proj.	Doctor		
51		NET	Snowboarding World Championships FIS	Skiing	S.Central	Ice Time	Skiing	Skiing World Alpine	FigSkate Bank of Montreal Canadian	S.Central	S.Central						



# WHAT'S ON

## Music

- Music and Munch at All Saints By-the-Sea — Alison Vardy on the Celtic and Paraguayan harp (free concert), followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers for \$4.75. Wednesday, February 3, 12:10 p.m.
- Paula Kiffner and Chris Kodaly in concert, with special guest Deb Toole. Music by Bach, Brahms, Mozart, Ives and more. Salt Spring Baptist Church, Lower Ganges Road, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.
- Myriad performs Song of the Isles at ArtSpring theatre, Saturday, 8 p.m. Music, poetry, folklore, dancing.
- Harbour House Hotel — Grapes of Wrath, with special guest Suzanne Little, in the newly-renovated Wheelhouse Room, Saturday night.
- Fulford Inn — Reid Collins on the piano, Thursdays & Sundays.
- Rose's Cafe By-the-Sea — Friday Night Live! — an open stage.
- Dares to be Different — Lisa Maxx and friends, Saturdays starting at 6 p.m.
- Alfresco Restaurant — Barrington Perry plays piano every Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Harbour House Bistro — Murray Anderson on the piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.
- Moby's — Sunday Dinner Jazz — Refrayne Quintet, from Ottawa, starting at 7 p.m.

## Family

- Family Country Dance at Fulford Elementary School. Circles, square and more, with caller Doug Patterson, Calvin Cairns on the fiddle and other island musicians. Chili, hot dogs, bagels and salmon, plus dessert available. Doors open at 5:30; music begins at 6:30. A silent auction is also part of the evening which is sponsored by the school's parents group.
- West of the Moon — Storytime every Tuesday morning; 9:30 a.m. 2-3 year olds, 10:00 a.m. 4-5 year olds. Come and join us!

## Galleries

- Brush With Romance — a solo exhibition and sale of drawings, paintings, pastels and prints by Diana Dean. At the gallery in ArtSpring. February 7 to 14. Opening is 2-5 p.m. on Sunday with daily hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- A "sitting figures" series of works by Ian Thomas is currently on display at Salt Spring Roasting Company in Ganges.

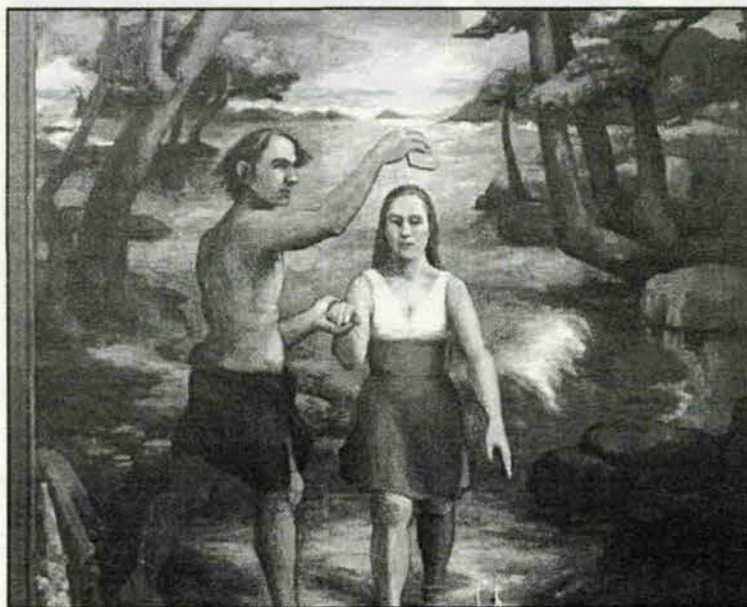
## Cinema

- A Civil Action — One of the most compelling legal thrillers of the decade. John Travolta stars as a self-interested personal injury lawyer who finds himself and loses his fortune when he launches a class-action suit against two corporate giants which have contaminated a town's drinking water with carcinogenic chemicals. Also stars a scene-stealing Robert Duval as an eccentric and seemingly harmless but Machiavellian old defence attorney.
- Playing By Heart — This film takes aim and hits the bull's-eye. Sean Connery and Gena Rowlands are a pure joy to behold. This hilarious romantic comedy, filled with surprising twists, is quite an accomplishment for writer/director Willard Carroll. Several stories of love and heart-break percolate through this carefully constructed series of vignettes. An all-star cast.

## Community TV

- Wednesday, February 3, 6 p.m. B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27
- Sunday, February 7, 7 p.m., B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27; 9:30, Satsang with Gangaji
- Tuesday, February 9, 8 p.m., Earth Changes with Chester Ludlow
- Wednesday, February 10, 6 p.m., B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27; 9:30, Satsang with Gangaji

# Artwork brushes romance at show



Diana Dean's "The Hermit"

With Salt Spring's love of arts combined with the huge achievement of ArtSpring, it's only appropriate that Diana Dean's Brush With Romance show be the first in the arts centre's gallery.

Dean's work is filled with passion and larger-than-life images.

Once you've seen one of her mythic, colour and light-infused acrylic paintings you will never forget her artwork.

Brush With Romance runs at the ArtSpring gallery February 7 to 14.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except the opening, which is from 2 to 5; and the finale on St. Valentine's Day — 11 to 3.

The majority of work is a selection of pieces created since Dean moved to Salt Spring in 1983.

That is when her "romance" with the island began.

The collection includes various drawings, paintings, pastels and prints.

Some of Dean's works contain recognizable island faces, including those in her new portrait series.

Larger works will be hung on foyer and lobby area walls.

Dean has exhibited in about 30 shows, from Newfoundland through Ontario and B.C., as well as London, England.

Her work is found in diverse corporate and public collections.

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**MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS:** Intergenerational conflict is one of the themes explored in *If We Are Women*, which opens February 11 at ArtSpring. The Salt Spring Community Theatre production stars, from left, Jane Phillips, Lottie Fast, Ann Cullingham and Maureen O'Brien.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## 'Gripping' new play deals with human rather than gender issues

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Jessica's husband has died, and it's time to go through his belongings.

Her mother Ruth and mother-in-law Rachel have come to help — but someone is missing.

Polly, Jessica's daughter, has not come home from the prom that night.

It's the opening scene in *If We are Women*, the gripping, complex play being presented at ArtSpring by Salt Spring Community Theatre February 11-14.

Written by Saskatchewan playwright Joanna McClelland Glass, the play reveals intergenerational misunderstanding, the nature of regret and lost opportunities, and hope for the next generation.

As the show's director Fred Howell explains, all parents and grandparents want to ensure their offspring don't make the same mistakes they did, but it really can't be done. In this play, Jessica, Ruth and Rachel all have their own ideas about what 18-year-old Polly should do with her life.

Howell quotes Polly as she prepares to face the older women's wrath: "I guess I better go and face the music. The trouble is, it's their music and I have to make my own."

Polly's role is played by Lottie Fast. Ann Cullingham is the girl's mother Jessica; Maureen O'Brien plays her mother Ruth, who hated her destiny as a Saskatchewan farm girl; and Jane Phillips is Jessica, the well-educated, Jewish mother-in-law from New York.

Jean Howell, who has both taught and been involved in theatre for years and years — like husband Fred — is the show's producer.

Despite the title, the Howells stress *If We Are Women* is not a feminist women's play. The issues and problems dealt with are human ones, not specific to either gender.

The title comes from a Virginia Woolf quote: "We think back through our mothers, if we are women." Glass was greatly influenced by Woolf's writing.

The Howells saw the play in 1994 at the Vancouver Playhouse.

"One Saturday afternoon we saw

it and it hit both of us — this is really powerful!" says Fred.

The community theatre version runs at 8 p.m. next Thursday through Saturday, with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Unlike many Salt Spring theatre productions in the past, *If We Are Women* will not run for two weekends — this is expected to be the case for most ArtSpring shows.

As the Howells note, this requires a drastic change of mindset for island drama buffs. They can no longer wait for the second week or a reminder from a Driftwood review because there won't be a second week!

The Sunday matinee is also a change from the island norm. It gives people who don't like to drive at night, especially in the winter, a chance to catch the first-ever play at ArtSpring.

*If We are Women* kicks off a month of drama at ArtSpring, with three other productions scheduled.

Tickets are \$12 at Island Books Plus, Patterson's or the door. A discount price of \$10 each is available for groups of 10 tickets sold.

## ArtSpring is venue for kids art

Salt Spring art teacher Simon Henson hopes a series of classes starting next week will be the "beginning of a journey" for children's art at ArtSpring.

Henson's Arts and Crafts from Around the World begins next Thursday and runs for six weeks. Cost is \$55 and, although the course is pegged at seven- to 12-year-olds, Henson says that may be altered depending on interest.

"After teaching art for 35 years," he says, "I'm at the stage of life as an artist that I want to share things that give young people something to take into the future."

And he hopes that the new arts centre can be a catalyst for launching youngsters into the world of art.

The mixed media classes will "draw in from the wonderful, magical art of other cultures," Henson

says.

Art class participants will look at Japanese, African, Latin American, Inuit, Indian and Celtic myths and legends through a story and then "create their own artwork from that experience."

"The course itself should be fun and creative," he says. "And it will foster an awareness of the world around us through the arts."

But to Henson the classes represent even more as he seeks to establish children's artwork in the arts centre.

He envisions children creating art in an environment where they are surrounded by artists of various types practising and creating their crafts.

Finally, Henson says, art classes can be held "under the heading of 'arts' instead of 'community hall' or 'school district'."

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2	2	CBC	Cottage Gardener	Coronation Street				Hockey Vancouver vs New York NHL				Riverdale		Man Alive	FoodShw			
4	4	KOMO	Ed Hume	Garden	KOMO News Sunday Morning		This Week	Battle of Gridiron		Basketball Regional Coverage NCAA		Football Pro Bowl NFL						
5	11	KNOW	Magic Bs	Kratt's C.	ArtAttack	:35 Tubbies	Business Router	Dotto on Data		Troubleshooter 2		Hi-Tech C.	Eyewitn'ss	Classic Theatre				
7	6	CHEK	Ernest Angley	Key David	T. Winter	Sanja Punjab		Is Written	Van Impe	Golf AT&T Pebble Beach PGA		Makin' 8		Movie				
8	8	BCTV	BCTV Sunday Morning News			Basketball Teams TBA NBA			News	T. Winter	Pet Guys	The Car Guys	Travel Magazine					
9	9	KCTS	Kidsongs	Arthur	Arthur	Zobmafoo	Kratt's C.	Newton's	Firing Line	M. Group	Brown	News	News	News	News	News	News	
11	27	KIRO	7:30 Sunday Morning	Racing Bud Shoot-out		Basketball Minnesota vs Michigan NCAA		Golf AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am PGA		M Warriors								
12	24	KVOS	Discovery	Ministry	Robert Schuller	Paid Programming		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	All the Right Moves (1983) Tom Cruise.		Montreal	G.Cooper			
13	13	CKVU	Pinky	Men Black	Eerie	Student	Ready Not	Mechanics	Addams	Addams	Sabrina	Clueless	A Night at the Festival	Greenline	Matchmk'r	Fish Show	Dinner?	
14	7	VTV	Worldvision	Music	Fashion	Media TV	Movie TV	Pacific	Macl. TV	Sunday Edition	MasonLee	First Story	Perceptions	The Golden Egg				
15	21	TSN	Racing 500 Qualifying	Racing 99 NASCAR		Bowling Columbia 300 Open PBA		Figure Skating Pro Championships		Strg Man	NHLPA	NFL Count	Football Pro Bowl NFL					
16	5	KING	7:00 Weekend Morning News	NBA Show		Basketball Regional Coverage NBA		Basketball Utah vs Los Angeles NBA		Track Chase Millrose								
20	23	KSTW	Beetleborg	Hulk	X-Men	Spiderman	Honey, I Shrank Kids	Party of Five		Small Sacrifices (1989) Farah Fawcett. Pt. 1 of 2 (cont'd Feb 14th)								
21		YTV	Fuzzpaws	Poke'Mon	Flintstones	Jetsons	Tiny Toon	Oggy	Dexter Lab	Garfield	Chipmunks	Jep!	Wheel..	Boy World	Wishbone	Wt Mess	Reboot	Stickin' Ard
23	10	SRC	Scully	Médias	Le Midi	La semaine verte	..regard	De bouche à oreille	Horizons		Branché	Course destination	Ce soir	Découvert				
30		TNN	Raceday	Nascar G	Trucks!	Car Driver	Class. Car	Horsepowr	Mechanic	Motor Monster Jam	Nascar G	Trucks!	Mechanic	Big Bass	Legends	One Cast		
31	20	A&E	Biography: This Week	Mysteries of the Bible		Night Moves (1975) Gene Hackman.		Bullitt (1968) Steve McQueen.		Justice		The Unexplained						
33		SHOW	7:00 BoyFromAndromeda	Fly By Night		Sweating Bullets		Carry on Cabby (1963) Sidney James.		HalePace	Lightning..	Pie in the Sky		Friday 13th: Series				
34	25	KCPQ	FOX News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Funny About Love (1990) Gene Wilder.		Hockey Colorado vs Dallas NHL		Skiing Sprint,B.&Jumps								
38	16	TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Home S.	Home S.	Strange Science	Strange Science	Strange Science	Strange Science	Strange Science	Strange Science	Strange Science	Volcano				
39		DISC	The Science of Sex	Connect.	Wld Discvr	The Professionals		LifeSpace	Cosmic	Exhibit A	Illusions	Discovery's Showcase	Discovery's Showcase	Planes	Planes			
43		HIST	History of Warfare	The Great War		Stalin		The Lighthorsemen (1987) Jon Blake.		Spice..Life	Turning Points	Yesterday		Hist Bites				
44		LIFE	Lighten Up	Health	Design	Family	Living	Images	Crafts	Crafts	Design	Renovator	M. Stewart	Gr'nthmb	Extra	Family	Homes	
51		NET	S.Central	S.Central	Triathlon 98 ITU World	Rugby Ireland vs France		Rugby Scotland vs Wales		Survival	Skiing	Rinkside	S.Central					

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2	2	CBC	Alive!	Health Sh.	Man of the House (1997) Jonathan Taylor.		Wind at My Back		Good for Cowboy (P)		Good for a Cowboy		CBC News	Undercur	CBC News	Snowbrd	
4	4	KOMO	3:00 Football Pro Bowl NFL	News		Children of the Bride		Rue McClanahan.		20/20 Sunday		The Practice		News	Siskel &..		
5	11	KNOW	3:00 Classic Theatre	Heartbeat: Series	ArtAttack	Kratt's C.	Eyewitn'ss	Creatures	Leaving Home	Kavanagh Q.C.		Pacific		Studio BC			
7	6	CHEK	3:30 Mr. Moto Danger Isl.	Nanaimo..	Wknd Ed.	News	Emily of New Moon	2 of a Kind	2 of a Kind	Night Ride Home Rebecca DeMornay.		News	Hollywd B.				
8	8	BCTV	Gremlins 2: The New	Batch Phoebe Gates.		News	Felicity	Touched By An Angel		Night Ride Home Rebecca DeMornay.		News	News Spt				
9	9	KCTS	Woodshop	House	Old House	Hometime	All Creatures G&S	Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Crown and Country	Red Green	Faith			
11	27	KIRO	D Bunnies	Rhino J.H.	News	Eve. News	News	60 Minutes	Touched By An Angel		Night Ride Home Rebecca DeMornay.		News	:35 Walker			
12	24	KVOS	Ski&Board	Computer	Star Trek	Star Trek: Next Gen.		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	To Serve and Protect		A Gathering of Old Men Louis Gossette.		Cheers	Paid Prog.		
13	13	CKVU	Game On	Computer	Entertain. Tonight	News		60 Minutes	Simpsons		70's Show	X-Files	The Practice	SportPage	Country		
14	7	VTV	3:00 The Golden Egg	Moesha	News	Basketball Vancouver vs Sacramento NBA		Drew		The 60's 1/2 (cont'd Feb 14th)		Forever Knight					
15	21	TSN	3:00 Football Pro Bowl NFL	Boxing		Sportsdesk		Last Call...		Bowling 5 Pin	NFL Films	Sportsdesk					
16	5	KING	Bob Vila	M. Stewart	KING News	News	Backroads	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls		The 60s Jerry O'Connell. 1/2 (cont'd Feb 8th)		News	SportMach				
20	23	KSTW	Deceived (1991) Goldie Hawn.	Dances With Wolves (1990) Kevin Costner. Pt. 2 of 2 (cont'd from Jan 31st)		MASH		Cheers		Viper							
21		YTV	Animan.	Oggy	DgHeaven	B.Potter	Charlie B.	Lassie	Hometown	S. Holmes	System C.	Flipper	W. Melon	Jake and the Kid	Deepwater	F. Gordon	
23	10	SRC	3:30 Découv.	Vie artiste	Les Beaux Dimanches		Pacifiq.	Journal	Sports	Si loin, si proche (1993) Peter Falk.		:40 Off Air					
30		TNN	Outdoor	Bass..	Fishing	Bill Dance	Bull Riding Worcester	Fishing	Fishing	Class. Car	Nascar G	Darrell Waltrip's Racers		Car Driver	Horsepowr		
31	20	A&E	Ancient Mysteries	Biography		The Greatest Builders of Egypt		America's Castles		Biography		The Greatest Builders of Egypt					
33		SHOW	The Blood of Others 1/3 (cont'd Feb 14th)	Due South		Cracker		Lost in America (1985) Albert Brooks.		:10 Cracker	:10 Lost in America						
34	25	KCPQ	A Little Princess (1995) Liesel Matthews.	E.R.		World's Funniest		Simpsons		70's Show	X-Files	Reports/25 Q It Up	X-Files				
38	16	TLC	How'd They Do That?	Speed! Crash!		Super Racers		Speed! Crash!		Super Racers		Trauma - Life&Death					
39		DISC	Sunday@discovery.ca	Discovery's Showcase		Discovery's Showcase		Storm Warning		Sunday@discovery.ca		Discovery's Showcase		Discovery's Showcase		Storm Warning	
43		HIST	The Canadians	History Presents		Bride of War Pt. 1 of 2 (cont'd Feb 8th)		History Presents		Bride of War		History Presents					
44		LIFE	Trendspot.	Foodess.	Family	Homes	Life Special Presents	Trendspot.	Homes	Gr'nthmb	Foodess.	Life Special Presents	Lifestyles Rich Fam	M. Stewart	Family		
51		NET	Hockey Plymouth vs Sarina CHL	Sports Central		Goin' Deep		Skiing World Alpine		S.Central	S.Central	FOX News					

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WHAT'S ON TV MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, FEB 3

6:00 PM
(43) ★★ The Lost Command (1966,War) A peasant grows to lead a group of French paratroopers out of Vietnam. Anthony Quinn, Michele Morgan
7:00 PM
(33) ★★ Travels With My Aunt (1972,Comedy) An eccentric woman claims to be a mans aunt and takes him on a tour of Europe. Louis Gosset Jr., Alec McCowen
9:00 PM
(7) (6) ★★ Tom Clancy's Netforce (1998,Suspense) Follows an FBI unit thrown into chaos while charged with protecting Internet. Scott Bakula, Joanna Going
16) (5) Exiled: A Law & Order Movie (1998,Crime Story) A detective tries to return to an old precinct with a murder case. Chris Noth, Jerry Orbach
43) ★★ The Lost Command (1966,War) Anthony Quinn, Michele Morgan
9:20 PM
(33) Camille 2000 (1969,Drama) Marguerite, a beautiful call girl falls for Armand, an upper class young man. Daniele Gaubert, Nino Castlino
11:50 PM
(33) Camille 2000 (1969,Drama) Daniele Gaubert, Nino Castlino
11:55 PM
(2) (2) ★★ Tremors (1990,Thriller) Giant wormlike predators attack a desert valley town through the sand. Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward

THURSDAY, FEB 4

6:00 PM
(43) ★★ The Five Pennies (1959,Musical) Following his dream, Loring "Red" Nichols forms the Dixieland jazz band. Danny Kaye, Barbara Bel Geddes
7:00 PM
(33) Betrayed
8:00 PM
(8) (8) ★★ Tom Clancy's Netforce (1998,Suspense) Follows an FBI unit thrown into chaos while charged with protecting Internet. Scott Bakula, Joanna Going
20) (23) Roswell: The Aliens Attack (1999,Sci-Fi) Steve Flynn, Kate

Greenhouse

9:00 PM
(4) (4) ★★ Tom Clancy's Netforce (1998,Suspense) Follows an FBI unit thrown into chaos while charged with protecting Internet. Scott Bakula, Joanna Going
14) (7) ★★ Born Yesterday (1993,Comedy) Junk-dealer hires someone to teach girlfriend couth. Melanie Griffith, John Goodman
43) ★★ The Five Pennies (1959,Musical) Danny Kaye, Barbara Bel Geddes
9:15 PM
(23) (10) ★★ Radio Days (1987,Comédie dramatique) L'influence des émissions radio-phoniques des années 40. Mia Farrow, Woody Allen
9:40 PM
(33) ★★ L'Enfer (1994,Drama) A man is in the middle of a nervous breakdown, despite having bought a hotel Francois Cluzet, Emanuelle Beart
11:45 PM
(33) ★★ L'Enfer (1994,Drama) Francois Cluzet, Emanuelle Beart
11:55 PM
(2) (2) April One (1994,True) The High Commission is under siege by a man dressed as a priest. Janet Sears, Stephen Shellen
FRIDAY, FEB 5
6:00 PM
(43) ★★ The Spy Who Came In From the Cold (1965,Suspense) An aging British spy is sent to East Germany supposedly to defect. Richard Burton, Oskar Werner
8:00 PM
(12) (24) ★★ The Big Easy (1987,Thriller) A homicide detective and an assistant D.A. investigate a murder. Ned Beatty, Denis Quaid
8:10 PM
(33) 1-900 (1995,Drama) Two people meet on a 1-900 sex line and agree not to reveal identities or meet. Ariane Schluter, Ad Van Kempen
9:00 PM
(8) (8) ★★ Dragonheart (1996,Fantasy) A noble dragon slaying knight meets the last dragon forging an alliance. Dennis Quaid, Sean Connery
23) (10) Les drakkars

(1963,Aventure) Un comte et un prince partent à la recherche d'une légendaire cloche d'or. 2000 ans de cinéma. Richard Widmark, Sidney Poitier

(43) ★★ The Spy Who Came In From the Cold (1965,Suspense) Richard Burton, Oskar Werner
10:00 PM
(9) (9) Truly Madly Deeply (1991,Romance) A woman, unable to get over death of lover, is shocked to see him as a ghost. Juliet Stevenson, Alan Rickman
11:00 PM
(33) 1-900 (1995,Drama) Ariane Schluter, Ad Van Kempen
SATURDAY, FEB 6
6:00 PM
(43) ★★ Glory (1989,War) The story of America's first unit of black soldiers during Civil War. Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman
8:00 PM
(4) (4) (14) (7) ★★ Happy Gilmore (1996,Comedy) A hockey player brings his slapshot and unsportman-like attitude to golf. Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald
(12) (24) ★★ Countdown (1968,Drama) Astronauts prepare for a mission to the Moon and take every precaution. James Caan, Joanna Moore
20) (23) ★★ Lethal Weapon 2 (1989,Action) Detectives must protect a C.P.A. who is the only witness to money laundering. Mel Gibson, Danny Glover
8:05 PM
(33) Dead Man (1995,Drama) Tale of how a gentle accountant became one of the most feared gunfighters. Johnny Depp, Lance Henriksen
9:00 PM
(43) ★★ Glory (1989,War) Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman
10:00 PM
(5) (11) ★★ Hiroshima, Mon Amour (1959,War) The love affair between an actress and an architect is haunted by memories. Emmanuelle Béart, Eiji Okada
11:45 PM
(33) Dead Man (1995,Drama) Johnny Depp, Lance Henriksen

SUNDAY, FEB 7

6:30 PM
(20) (23) ★★ Dances With Wolves (1990,Epic) A Civil War hero heads west to the frontier and befriends a tribe of Indians. Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell
7:00 PM
(4) (4) ★★ Children of the Bride (1990,Comedy/Drama) Woman copes with grown children when she tries to marry her younger fiance. Rue McClanahan, Patrick Duffy
16) (5) ★★ Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995,Comedy) Adventures of a pet detective who must hunt down a sacred white bat in Africa. Jim Carrey, Ian McNeice
8:00 PM
(33) ★★ Lost in America (1985,Comedy) A successful yuppie drop out of the rat race after being disheartened. Albert Brooks, Julie Hagerty
8:30 PM
(23) (10) Si loin, si proche (1993,Comédie) Ange fait l'apprentissage de la condition humaine afin de sauver une vie. Peter Falk, Otto Sander
9:00 PM
(7) (6) (8) (11) (27) Night Ride Home (Drama) Family shattered by death of child journey to find and heal each other again. Rebecca DeMornay, Keith Carradine
(12) (24) ★★ A Gathering of Old Men (1987,Crime Story) A group of black men take responsibility of the murder of a racist farmer. Louis Gosset, Richard Widmark
14) (7) The 60's (1999,Drama) Two American families, who are torn apart by the very real forces. Bill Smitrovich, Julia Stiles
16) (5) The 60s (1998,Drama) The story of a family torn apart by the controversial issues of the 1960s. Jerry O'Connell, Josh Hamilton
11:10 PM
(33) ★★ Lost in America (1985,Comedy) Albert Brooks, Julie Hagerty
MONDAY, FEB 8
7:00 PM
(33) Pleasure (1994,Crime Story) A

30ish plastic duck vendor moonlighting as a masked bandit places heart ad. Adrian Dunbar, Jennifer Ehle
8:00 PM
(12) (24) ★★ Cobra (1986,Action) A police officer is assigned to track down and capture a serial killer after a model. Sylvester Stallone, Brigitte Nielsen
9:00 PM
(4) (4) ★★ Courage Under Fire (1996,Drama) An officer investigates a female officer's worthiness for medal. Denzel Washington, Meg Ryan
16) (5) The 60s (1998,Drama) The story of a family torn apart by the controversial issues of the 1960s. Jerry O'Connell, Josh Hamilton
9:05 PM
(33) Good and Bad at Games (1983) The cruel humiliation of one boy lays the seeds of a subsequent violent revenge.
10:55 PM
(33) Good and Bad at Games (1983)
TUESDAY, FEB 9
7:00 PM
(33) ★★ Blame It on Rio (1984,Comedy) Man on vacation can't resist other executive's daughter. Michael Caine, Joseph Bologna
9:00 PM
(7) (6) ★★ Mrs. Winterbourne (1996,Comedy) A pregnant woman boards the wrong train in NYC and is mistakenly identified. Shirley MacLaine, Ricki Lake
(11) (27) Murder at 75 Birch Street (1998,Suspense) A woman realizes that her brother-in-law may have murdered his wife. Melissa Gilbert, Gregory Harrison
23) (10) ★★ L'amour avec des gants (1991,Comédie) Un bruiteur de dessins animés tombe amoureux d'une travailleuse sociale. Angela Finocchiano, Patrizio Roversi
9:10 PM
(33) The Story of Fausta (1988,Drama) An eccentric cleaning lady meets a widower and realizes there is more to life. Betty Faria, Daniel Filho
11:10 PM
(33) The Story of Fausta (1988,Drama) Betty Faria, Daniel Filho

# Myriad rehearsal reveals musical diversity

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

It's Sunday afternoon in the ArtSpring theatre.

If you walked in mid-way through a Myriad Song of the Isles rehearsal, you would have done a double-take. Laying flat on their backs playing violin, bodhran, banjo, mandolin and bass in unison were six of Myriad's band members.

The horizontal mini-set isn't part of the Song of the Isles show at ArtSpring this Saturday night — it's an attempt to get an eye-catching photo for the Driftwood — but it hints at what kind of people we are dealing with: they can and will play any time, anywhere, under any circumstances. Their music expresses itself in every breath.

At other points in the rehearsal, six of the seven band members are on their feet, moving, smiling, singing, joking as they play a deep trunk full of instruments between them.

The show's producer, Jeanne Pascale, stresses the musicians' versatility.

All are multi-instrumentalists and composers. And, as member Jaime Rokeby-Thomas points out, they all play the bodhran.

With them at rehearsal are Rhona Lettau-Dwyer and Brenda Simms, two step dancers who are giving the stage a healthy sense of its rhythmic purpose.

Ken Hall, who is also Myriad's musical director, is missing today.

(This spawns a characteristic joke. They thought about bringing a cardboard cut-out of him to rehearsal but they couldn't find a tall enough piece to work with.)

Most band members are from Victoria, except Salt Spring's Derek Duffy.

They are literally the best Celtic musicians in the area — Duffy thinks they're the best he's played with on the B.C. coast — and they found each other as a result.

Song of the Isles tells the story of the Canadian Celtic immigrant in music, poetry, dance and narratives intoned by the band's Fae Wiedenhoft.

Myriad was blown away by audience response to their first musical revue Song for Ireland, which stormed the coast last summer.

Emotional responses were "huge," they say: tears, great



**CAN'T STOP PLAYING:** Six of Myriad's band members keep the music going even while they "rest" for a photo during a rehearsal at ArtSpring Sunday. Their Celtic musical revue

called Song of the Isles, which runs Saturday night, is the first theatre show in the new arts centre.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

excitement, boisterous demands for "more."

Celtic music moves people at a deep, primal level, says band member Gareth Hurwood. He has often played for individuals who have never listened to this kind of music, but whose ancestry is Irish or Scottish. "Nine times out of 10 they find something they respond to," he says.

Song of the Isles includes broader musical sources — Ireland, Scotland, Wales and even Quebec; plus some original Myriad pieces

written in a traditional style.

Rokeby-Thomas says each person's experience of their shows is extremely personal. The 300-year-old poetry, too, is touching.

"Everything is so 'in the heart,'" she says.

Song of the Isles is very audience interactive, says Duffy. "We try to create an atmosphere of a living room, instead of 'us on a stage'."

The dancers will add an invaluable element to the show. Lettau-Dwyer also lives on Salt Spring,

having moved here recently from Toronto. (She will soon be offering Ceilidh dancing classes.)

Victoria's Simms is a Highland dance teacher and has worked with Myriad in the past.

Tickets for Song of the Isles are \$20 and for sale at Acoustic Planet and Patterson's Store. Saturday's show begins at 8 p.m. and is the theatre's first official act.

A CD of the same name, released on Salt Spring in December, is selling fast and will be available at the show.

## 'Iconoclast' Bourne here

Bill Bourne has been described as a "national treasure, an iconoclast and a master folk musician."

Certainly, anyone who loves roots or blues music and out-of-this world guitar playing will have been captivated by Bourne's work over the years.

"He's known as a great songwriter and wonderful, playful live performer," says Adrian du Plessis, events coordinator for TSUNAMI which is sponsoring the concert in a unique setting.

Bourne will perform next

Wednesday night at Spring Thicket Farm, 106 Samuel Crescent, at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30.)

As part of the Bourne & MacLeod duo, Bourne won a Juno for his album Dance and Celebrate and has been nominated in other categories.

The seating for the February 10 evening couldn't be more limited, so call du Plessis at 537-1286 for tickets, which cost \$15. Included is a complimentary bottle of fine red or white wine made right on the farm.

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# SPORTS AND RECREATION

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## Junior boys smash Duncan and push record to 5-0

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

A strong first quarter was all the GISS junior boys basketball Scorpions could manage in their fifth league game of the season.

But it was all the squad really needed as they ran up a 21-3 lead and coasted to a 67-20 decision over Duncan Christian January 26 at GISS.

The victory pushed the locals' record to 5-0 in league play.

Relying on the height of their forward line to cut off any offensive threat, the Scorpions held their opponents' scorers in check for all but a brief flurry in the second quarter.

"We took the press off after the first quarter to focus on other aspects of the game," said coach Tony Mason.

Duncan Christian took advantage of the change to score the first seven points of the second quarter and cut the margin to 11, but could get no closer.

The Scorpions' huge first-period advantage brought with it a mental letdown that nearly closed out their scoring threat.

During the second quarter, GISS forwards missed 16 of 21 shots, most from less than five feet.

It wasn't until late in the half that GISS was able to bring their heads back into the game and run up a 33-12 lead at the break.

"It is tough for them to stay focussed when they have the opportunity to score whenever they want," said Mason. "But they have to learn that it can be very costly against a better team."

Alex Vine again stepped out at the offensive end to compensate for the absence of high-scoring Brian Crowe.

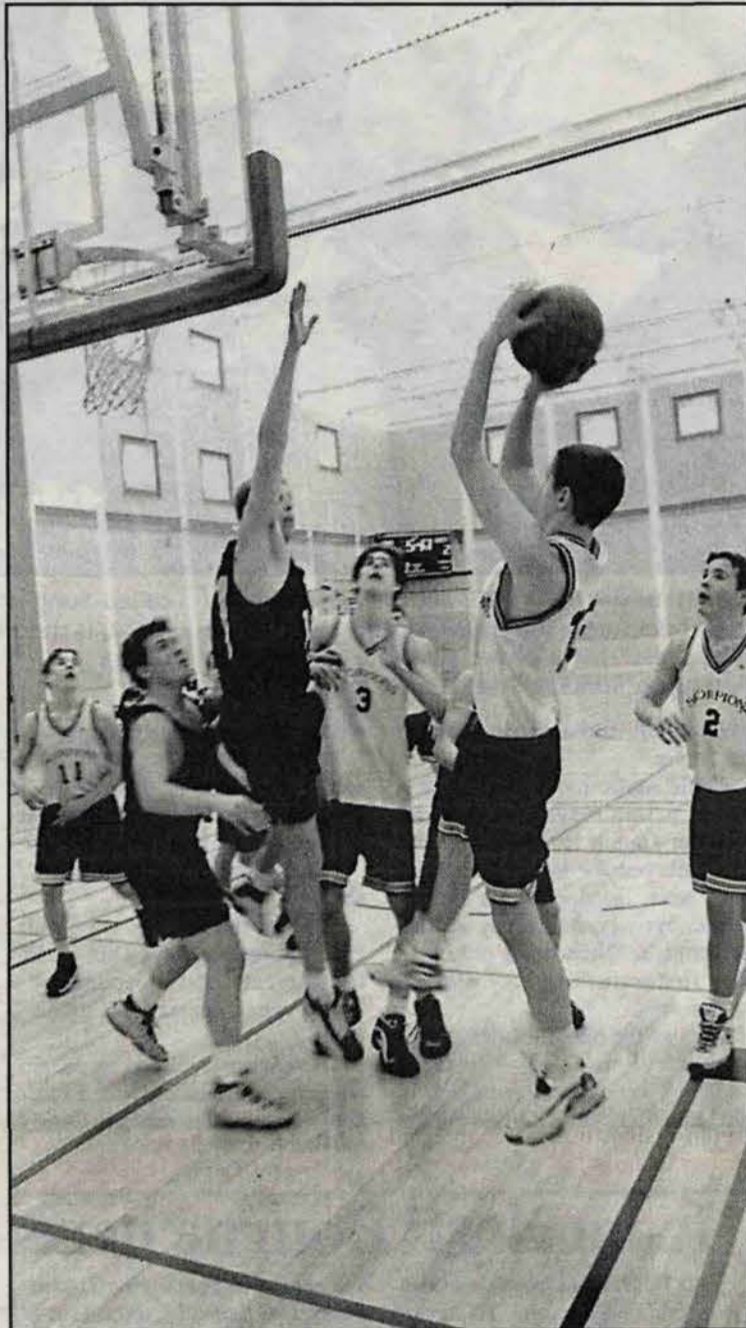
Crowe's wrist injury kept him on the sidelines for a second straight game, and Vine potted 21 points while contributing 18 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Rhys Beasley chipped in 11 and Brandon Wilson added nine.

As the Scorpions head into a heavy week of competition, Mason is concerned about his team's ballhandling.

"We're really working on trying to get our guards to start the fast break," he said.

The team travelled to Maxwell Cameron today before returning to the Rainbow Road gymnasium Thursday to meet Brentwood.



**DOUBLE PUMP:**  
Scorpions forward Sam Hannah launches a shot against Duncan Christian defenders during the teams' junior basketball league matchup January 26 at GISS. The hosts took an easy 67-20 victory, paced by the scoring, rebounding and shot-blocking of Alex Vine (at centre, number three).

Photo by Mike Levin

## Junior girls down team and remain undefeated


GISS junior girls basketball Scorpions are showing no sign of letting up in their rampage through league opponents following a 59-9 decision over Queen Margaret's January 25 at GISS.

The victory leaves Dan Lawless' squad undefeated so far this year.

Last week's lopsided decision was keyed by Cynthia Cameron's 20 points and Mikaela Heydemann's all-round effort.

But it was a swarming defence that allowed the locals to jump out to a 12-2 lead after the first quarter and 34-6 at the half.

The junior girls played Monday at home against Duncan Christian and will try to make up a cancelled game with Lake Cowichan later in the week.



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## Boys hope to stay unbeaten in Frances Kelsey match

Following a week away from competition, Myles Wilson was looking to keep his senior boys basketball Scorpions unbeaten in league play Tuesday.

GISS hosted Frances Kelsey at the Scorpions Nest and hoped to push their record to 5-0 in mid-island play.

Then they will begin preparing for regional playoffs February 12.



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**TRIPLE TEAM:** Katharina Blanke (left), Erin Hawkins (centre) and Christy Robley converge on a loose ball in the defensive end during their senior girls first-place encounter with Brentwood Thursday at GISS. The Scorpions exploded out of the gate and then beat fatigue to secure a 79-73 victory and a perfect 7-0 league record.

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# Powerhouse girls hold on for victory

By MIKE LEVIN  
 Driftwood Staff

In their first league test of the season, GISS Scorpions proved they are the power player in mid-island senior girls basketball.

Thursday at GISS the 6-0 Scorpions hosted their league rivals Brentwood, also at 6-0. A near-perfect first quarter was all the locals really needed as they ran up a 17-point lead and held on for a 79-73 victory.

Earlier in the week, GISS stretched its record to six-straight with a 58-30 decision over Chemainus January 25 at Chemainus and flitted through an 82-38 exhibition thumping of Duncan Christian the next day at the Rainbow Road gymnasium.

"That's how we can play when we want to," said coach Kellie Booth of Thursday's opening 10 minutes which saw the Scorpions explode to a 30-13 lead. "I must admit I was a little surprised that they didn't have more depth, considering their record."

As usual it was a full-court press that anchored the winner's dominance.

With Scorpions guards Sarah Cameron and Claire Rustad pinching to perfection at half court, the Brentwood ballhandlers never got the chance to use their height advantage.

But the turning point came early with GISS converting virtually all of its steals into points.

Sheila Stacey was the main go-to player. The veteran forward was on fire, connecting on five straight hoops as the Scorpions hit 14 of 18 shots during the opening period.

"I've never seen them anticipate passes so well," said Booth. "It helped that they were hitting almost every shot they put up, but our focus was really there today."

Through the rest of the half, both teams settled into a rhythm that produced some excellent offensive plays but kept the scoreboard margin steady.

GISS held a 48-30 advantage at the break, with Katharina Blanke finally finding her shooting touch and contributing 16 first-half points.

With Booth using the whole depth of her bench, Brentwood started to press its height advantage.

The visitors finally found some room inside to pop uncontested hoops and cut the score to 64-50 before heading into the final quarter.

The final 10 minutes took its toll on the Scorpions. The frenetic early pace left the locals tired and Brentwood took advantage.

Twice they cut the margin to 12, as GISS took off its press, and were almost scoring at will by the final buzzer.

"We hadn't worked much this past week and it showed toward the end. I think some of the injuries we've had also need a little more time to heal fully," said Booth.

Blanke finished with 29 points to lead all scorers. Stacey finished with 16 and Cameron contributed 14. Blanke was relieved at the final whistle.

"Even though we were up all those points, we knew they had the ability to score. They are a very tough team because they never give up," she said.

In the Chemainus game the Scorpions were again paced by Blanke's game-high total of 16.

She was well supported by Annette Wright's even dozen as well as the centre's solid performance on the boards.

Stacey chipped in 11 for the Scorpions as they held a 31-11 lead at the half.

Cameron sat out the contest with a wrist injury and a short bench forced Booth to bring up juniors Cynthia Cameron and Jenn Keating, both of whom had played with their junior squad earlier in the day.

The exhibition victory over Duncan Christian was more a practice than contest.

The Scorpions again had a hot shooting hand, hitting 15 of 22 in the first quarter. Blanke finished with 22 points, Sarah Cameron had 20 and Wright potted 19.

GISS now rounds out its season Thursday with a final matchup at Brentwood. A win or a loss by less than six points will secure the league title and a high seeding in regional playoffs.

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# Panthers lose heart-breaker then rebound to 6-3 victory

Fuller Lake Panthers split their final two games of the regular season over the weekend in North Cowichan Minor Hockey League action.

The bantams surrendered a painful shorthanded goal to decide a 3-2 loss to Duncan White Friday in Duncan.

They rebounded Sunday for a decisive 6-3 victory over Parksville at Fuller Lake Arena.

The Panthers battled back from a two-goal deficit against Duncan and looked to have a good chance at the victory when the hosts took a penalty late in the final period.

But some defensive lapses allowed the White team to score shorthanded and ice the win.

Casey Steel and Stuart Sinclair assisted on the first Fuller Lake goal and Ethan Becklake and Owen Beasley set up the second.

On Sunday the Panthers took a two-goal margin with Adam Davies tallying one of the markers.

When Parksville rallied to tie the game, Sinclair and Becklake each scored to put the game out of reach.

Sinclair and Beasley each added two assists with a solo coming from Jim Goldie.

Playoff matchups have yet to be scheduled.

# Two weeks of high bowling scores released by Kings Lane Recreation

Following are high scores in bowling league play for the past two weeks.

Tuesday Morning Seniors: Bev Brown, 202, 246; Gordon Parsons, 206,

227; Rita Brown, 221; Cliff Jory, 207; Isabelle Richardson, 202; Goodie, 272; Edie Gear, 223, 210/606.

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors: Reg Winstone, 203.

Golf Business Ladies: Audrey Denton, 204, 213; Alice Richards, 208; Ruth Hume, 229.

Special Olympics: Mahjor Bains, 227, 151, 202; Gloria Dale,

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206, 151, 151; Jim Beck, 170, 207; Sharon Way, 174, 161; David McEachern, 141; Jessie Maron, 141; Stuart Elliot, 161; JoAnne Saunders, 143.

Golf Ladies: Lorraine Toller, 220, 213/620; June Webb, 221, 200; Mary Campbell, 237, 213, 200; Becky Armstrong, 201, 215; Mary Kirkpatrick, 201.

Loonie Tunes: John Nilssen, 217, 220, 209; John Sutherland,

254, 213, 238; Brent Schwagly, 209; Rene Sutherland, 236, 209; Ruth Hume, 221; Ron Cunningham, 203; Lance Leask, 209, 253; Jerry Latvala, 221; Jamie Sayer, 222, 213; Connie Hardy, 219; Lydia Buitenwerf, 226; Henry Schwagly, 240; Ben Cooper, 219.

Circus League: Bob Rush, 218; Ron Cunningham, 214; Amin Athanasious, 214, 221; Brian Radford, 205; Ben Cooper, 228.

Friday Morning Seniors: Gordon Parsons, 206; Sherry Mehnert, 221, 200; Margaret Baker, 214, 229/629; Jerry Latvala, 207.

# Organizers eye school field conditions as baseball season registration date set

Salt Spring's youth baseball and softball teams will be watching Salt Spring Elementary School anxiously to see if the school's field will be available for use this season.

"I don't think they are necessarily lost and we're hoping they will be ready by the time the league starts," says PARC administrator Tony Hume.

"There is also the chance that Fernwood's field could be used."

The league will hold its annual planning meeting February 15 at the Sea Breeze Motel's conference room starting at 7 p.m..

High on the agenda will be a contingency plan should last year's fields not be available.

The extent of the problem will be determined by how many players register.

As usual league officials will be pumping for volunteers to act as coaches, umpires and fundraisers, plus a host of other chores that make the sport possible.

Player registration is scheduled for March 1 to 17 through PARC, while the season is set for April 12 to June 19.

Any players with unreturned uniforms should give Linda Lee a call at 537-4668.

## BRIDGE TRICKS

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners January 25 were Pat Warman

and Jim Burford.

Conhor Vane-Hunt and Ian Thomas finished second. They also placed second the previous week when Joan Conlan and Blanche Poborsa came in first place.

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## Bennett health conference looks at the gut of detoxification medicine theories

By **SUSAN LUNDY**  
Driftwood Staff

Alternative medicine is diving into the mainstream and Salt Spring naturopathic physician Dr. Peter Bennett is on the edge, leaping with it.

The island resident, who recently moved his Helios Clinic to Saanichton, has published a book and is now organizing a conference on detoxification and anti-aging concepts.

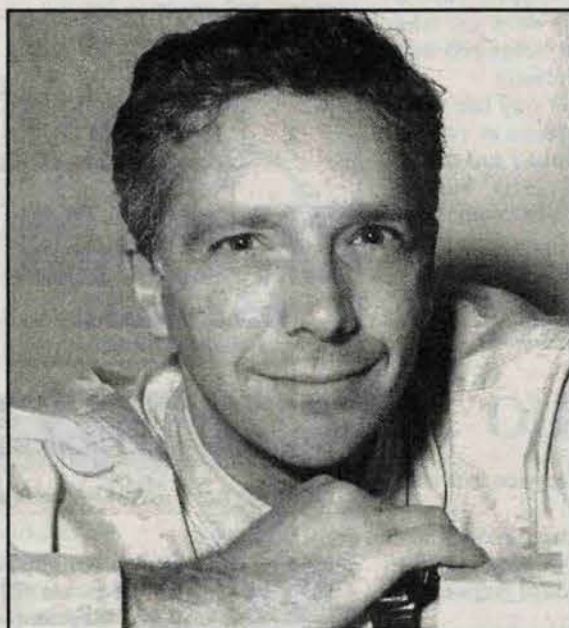
Detoxification, which revitalizes the digestive tract and boosts the immune system, is the way of the future in medicine, says Bennett.

And his Radiance Health Symposium, set for February 13 at the Royal Theatre in Victoria, will gather international experts to discuss the leap that will springboard detox theories into mainstream medicine.

The conference was prompted by Bennett's perception that health care is changing rapidly. He wants people "to hear it from those who are making the changes."

These include conference speakers:

- Jeffrey Bland (PhD), a biochemist, researcher, author and head of Healthcomm Inc., who will discuss "biological aging and detoxification;"
- Joe Pizzorno (ND), the president and founder of the Bastyr



**Dr. Peter Bennett**

University in Seattle — the best known institution for alternative medicine in the world, says Bennett — who will give an overview of "toxin elimination therapies;"

- Chiropractor, educator and wellness consultant Brad Rachman, who will discuss personal health assessments through new tests that look at health "biomarkers;" and
- Bennett, whose topic "detoxification at home" will bring together

all the information and describe the steps for self-healing included in his new book called The 7 day Detox Miracle (Prima, 1999).

Bennett believes concepts around detoxification will form the crux of new strategies adopted by mainstream medicine in the future.

"The years of vague attributions to alternative medicines are coming to an end," he says. "Consumers are pushing" for integration of alternative and traditional medicine, and "physicians are embracing it."

The February conference is just the first of several symposiums Bennett plans to stage in Victoria. A September conference will likely focus on connections between nutrition, learning disorders and behavioural problems and he is also gearing up for a conference on breast cancer next year.

Bennett's aim in staging the conferences is to choose a relevant topic and then provide coherent presentations and access to experts.

Bennett spoke on detoxification therapy at the Victoria Health Show held January 22-24. The event was useful, he says, but booth-oriented health shows only present "pieces of the puzzle."

"What I want to do is help the average consumer see how the pieces fit together in the puzzle."

### Radiance Health Symposium

**When:** February 13  
**Where:** Royal Theatre in Victoria  
**Cost:** \$25

The conference will benefit both the healthy and the unwell, he says.

While many of Bennett's patients are those who have been given "little hope" diagnoses, he also works with clients who are not sick, but want to enjoy "optimum health."

"I want people to take better care of themselves, not wait until they have broken down their health and are experiencing symptoms and disease," Bennett says.

The conference, which runs from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. and includes two breaks, costs \$25.

## New book offers 7-day do-it-yourself detox

The gut is the centre of Dr. Peter Bennett's universe.

It is the digestive tract, he says, where many environmental toxins get absorbed into the bloodstream.

It's also where stress, antibiotics, food allergies and other irritants such as excess alcohol, lack of fibre or too much sugar can limit the intestine's ability to function and lead to chronic disease.

Because the gut is the centre of the immune system, the Salt Spring naturopath says, resting and healing it "stimulates the body's own repair mechanism."

Detoxification medicine — the subject of Bennett's upcoming

conference as well as his book The 7 day Detox Miracle — builds on the connection between individuals' health and the environment, noting that outside forces can influence internal health.

Says Bennett: "Disturbed cellular function — which is the basis of disease, poor health and lowered physical and mental performance — is caused by environmental and lifestyle habits that poison the blood.

"The blood should carry only nutrients and oxygen, not pollutants and toxins."

Bennett's detoxification program — offered at his Helios Clinic in

Saanichton and presented in a do-it-yourself format in his book — cleans the blood through a special diet, nutritional supplements and circulation therapies.

Detoxification medicine, like homeopathic medicine, looks at the individual as a whole, rather than a series of separate organs.

"Mainstream medicine focuses on 'ologies' rather than the entire organism and its interdependent relationships," Bennett points out.

For healthy people detoxification can prevent illness and for those with chronic disease it can lead to healing.

Bennett describes the theory as

"simple yet complex."

"It's like talking about the ecosystem: there's a number of interdependent concepts that all fit together."

Detoxification is not a new concept, Bennett says.

"In Europe it is recognized as an accepted way to cure health problems, reduce stress, look and feel younger."

Bennett will be signing copies of his new book at Islands Plus bookstore this Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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# Clayton: 'sensitive to community needs'

Salt Spring lost a vibrant and creative soul when longtime island resident Olive Clayton died January 20.

Olive was one of the first people Ray and Virginia Newman met when they moved to the island in 1970 and joined a play reading group.

In addition to directing plays, she became a fixture in the Newmans' Scrooge musical as the Charity Woman.

"We will always hear her beautifully modulated voice asking the old miser for a Christmas donation to charity: 'At this festive season, Mr. Scrooge, we try to make some

provision for the poor and destitute. Many are in want of the common necessities...'" said Virginia Newman.

Ruth Stanton, Olive's longtime friend, remembers her going out to bush camps with husband Gerry in 1938 when he was a mining engineer in Yellowknife, soon after they were married.

They kept the same sense of adventure through their lives, which included extensive travelling.

The Newmans also noted that Olive was extremely well-read, loved wild birds, "was knowledgeable and appreciative of art from

other people, other places, other times" and "sensitive to the needs of the island community."

Driftwood columnist Alex Mitchell lived next door to Olive in Brinkworthy for the past eight years.

He wrote: "She was gracious, sensitive and generously shared her many friends with us. She made us feel we belonged and enriched our lives greatly."


"She arranged for (my late wife) Avril to play the piano at various functions, introduced me to the thespian life in Readers' Theatre and gave me my finest compliment ever.

'Alex,' she said. 'I am glad you're not a redneck'.

"She was my best friend and I will miss her deeply."

"I loved Olive and will cherish her memory always."

While Olive did not want a funeral service, close friends and relatives will celebrate her life on March 6, her birthdate.



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# Ferry proposal is an 'adequate' 'no frills' solution for Galiano

Proposals for possible ferry schedules to and from Galiano were outlined at a meeting held here last Saturday.

Ross Harris, marine superintendent for Inter-Island Services, gave a visual presentation for the large audience.

It outlined in detail the ships available and their suitability for each of the routes.

The means by which schedules can be modified for peak summer seasons, shoulder seasons and during the quieter winter months were also detailed.

Richard Dalon, co-chair of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee, suggested the proposed schedules might be the best which could be expected at this time with the vessels currently available to do the job.

Traffic volume must be considered when assigning vessels to serve the various islands, the audience was told.

The best ship for the job may not be the ideal choice as far as island travellers are concerned.

The suggestion that the Skeena Queen may service Route 6 (to and from Galiano to Swartz Bay, with stops at Mayne and Pender) was not popular with many Galianoites.

This relatively new vessel, whose carrying capacity is 135 vehicles, lacks comfortable accommodation according to several speakers.

The size and shape of its lounge areas, along with their stuffiness and engine noise was criticized along with the vessel's "outside" sanitary facilities.

The speakers maintained the vessel was designed for quick passage routes and that its use as proposed would have it serving on

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WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



one of the longest routes — an hour and a half or more for Galiano travellers.

Not good for tourism, and certainly not good for family travel.

For reasons of safety, home-porting a vessel at Galiano's Sturdies Bay is not under consideration, said Harris.

However, as it would be more convenient to do so for scheduling (and in crew time), Montague Harbour is under consideration.

Several islanders pointed out that the present Montague wharf has been condemned and that parking space in that area is minimal.

In explanation, the meeting was told the wharf would need to be upgraded, at a cost of about \$140,000.

Additional parking would not be required since the ferry would not call there during the day to drop off or pick up passengers — it would only leave from there in the early morning to return there on its last trip from Swartz Bay in the evening.

Ferry workers union official Peter Flavelle stated his workers were very concerned about their jobs and homes if a ferry is home-ported on Galiano.

The government now concedes our ferries to be part of the province's highway system and, as such, must be able to serve the public with good and frequent service.

The proposed schedule seemed

to offer adequate service, but with no "frills."

Perhaps, as someone later suggested, those who choose to live on an island should expect no more than that.

### Garden club

The Galiano Garden Club's first meeting of 1999 will be held in North Galiano Hall on Wednesday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

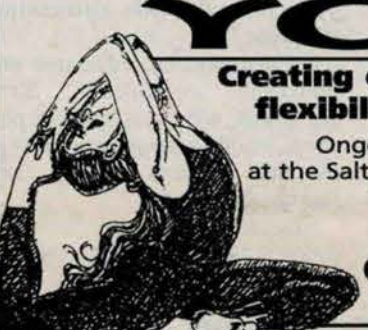
Show bench entries should be in place by 1:45. Those attending are asked to use last year's catalogue as a guide for entry classes.

Speaker for the day will be Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds.

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# Ferry proposals please Saturna with better service

A full house at the Community Hall greeted Ross Harris at a meeting to discuss ferry service on Sunday despite simultaneous scheduling of the Superbowl.

Harris, a marine superintendent of the southern Gulf Islands and his team brought a professional presentation to the community which included computer-generated slides depicting proposed ferry routes.

The audience was pleased with the proposal which in many ways promises better service than is now available. They applauded the possibility of twice daily sailings between the island and Tsawwassen.

Concerns were raised that service to Swartz Bay be maintained, however, most speakers understood the reasoning behind the changes to that route and considered it workable.

The Tsawwassen route is primarily used by non-resident property owners and tourists but the service between Saturna and Swartz Bay is the link most islanders use for medical, business and shopping purposes.

The proposal presented by the team and sanctioned by the southern Gulf Islands advisory committee would have a ferry based on Saturna in order to improve service while saving money. This was well received at the meeting.

At least one participant considered this meeting one of the most agreeable meetings on the island in recent times. Our local ferries committee members have worked hard to see that Saturna's needs are represented when ferry service is being planned and they deserve our thanks.

**SATURNA NOTES**  
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### House moving

Heavy rains brought down the house, literally, when a small cabin on the David Elford property slipped off its foundations this weekend.

A small mudslide moved the building several feet downhill. The cabin is used as sleeping quarters for guests and it was unoccupied at the time. Options for moving the building back onto its foundations or salvaging the materials are being investigated.

### Middleditch birth

Susanne and Ian Middleditch and their older children Stuart and Miranda welcomed a new baby girl into the family January 25. Weighing in at a healthy eight lbs and 5 oz, she was born at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital.

We expect the baby will be a featured guest at future school board meetings.

### Coming events

The Canadian Guitar Trio will perform at the Community Hall, Saturday, February 13, starting at 8 p.m.

This is the second show of the Saturna Arts and Concerts Society annual concerts series. Tickets are \$15 at the door and children are free.

These performances feature first-class musicians who might otherwise never venture into smaller communities. The society raises money by ticket sales, an annual talent night and a yearly wine and cheese party featuring a visual arts show.

Season's tickets are sold in the fall or single performance tickets may be purchased at the door. Community support for these concerts is essential to have them continue. Please plan to attend.

• Saturday is the Lions Club Timmy's Telethon Crib Night. This is a fun night of cards for the whole family.

Cash prizes are awarded to the winners and refreshments are available for a nominal fee. Everyone is welcome.

# New session of Rainbows starts for kids suffering loss of parent

Transitions and trauma are difficult for everyone, but children often miss out on opportunities to effectively grieve and heal.

The next Rainbows program begins on Salt Spring February 16 and new families are welcome to look into it.

The loss of a parent through divorce or separation, death of a close family member or moving to a new community are the usual situations which Rainbows facilitators see.

"Kids often put their feelings on hold until they feel safe," says facilitator Nancy Wigen, "but this is misleading."

Parents may believe their child is coping well with the loss of a

parent, for example, because he or she is not exhibiting major signs of distress.

"But," she adds, "if you wait until they're in crisis it's a lot harder to deal with."

Rainbows runs for 12 Tuesdays after school at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Children have a snack, play, and then the Rainbows books are used for about 45 minutes. Participants can continue playing until 4:45.

The program applies to five different age levels.

"I've been really impressed with how well it works for children," says Wigen.

Maryanne Benwood-Jarman is

the second facilitator.

A support group for parents could run at the same time if desired.

"Even though it seems like 'one more thing' to take on, this is something that is really going to support families and give them a boost..." says Wigen.

Back-up facilitators are also needed by the program. Screening and training is provided and people do not have to be counsellors.

"What you really need is to care about kids and to be a supportive and compassionate listener," says Wigen.

To register or for more information, call Benwood-Jarman at 537-4115, or Wigen at 537-1041.

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**To have your no charge event listed here free, just drop it off to the Driftwood office by noon Friday!**

<p><b>FEB. 9:</b> SSI Historical Society, Mr. Ray Hill *Petroglyphs, Central Hall, 2pm. New members welcome - tea.</p> <p><b>FEB. 9:</b> Hearing and enjoying bird songs, SS Conservancy, John Neville, Lions Hall, 7-9pm.</p> <p><b>FEB. 9:</b> Special meeting Board of Directors, Central hall, 7pm.</p> <p><b>FEB. 10:</b> Bill Bourne, live concert, Spring Thicket Farm 537-1286, 8pm.</p> <p><b>FEB. 11:</b> Book sale for adults, SS Elementary, 3-5:30pm.</p> <p><b>FEB. 11:</b> Visually impaired CNIB meeting, SS Seniors, 1:45pm.</p> <p><b>FEB. 13:</b> 4th Annual Seedy Saturday, Mahon Hall, 10-2pm.</p> <p><b>FEB. 17:</b> Garden Club, Anglican Church Hall, 1pm parlour show, 1:45pm meeting &amp; speaker, Therese D'Monte, "New Beginnings."</p> <p><b>FEB. 20:</b> Sweetheart garage sale, Phoenix School, Drake Rd.</p> <p><b>MAR. 9:</b> Accepting Responsibility as a Community, SS Conservancy, Ken Millard of Galiano Conservancy, &amp; AGM, Lions Hall, 7-9pm.</p> <p><b>MAR. 26:</b> Pot luck dinner, SS Potters Guild, 6:30pm, call 536-9872 for info.</p> <p><b>MAR. 27 &amp; 28:</b> SS Potters Guild workshop, New Centre for the Arts, 10am - 4pm.</p> <p><b>JUNE 5:</b> 20th Anniversary Greenwood.</p> <p><b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seniors &amp; Alzheimer's support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am.</li> <li>- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod &amp; Gun Club, 7pm.</li> <li>- Stamp Collectors all ages, SS Seniors, 10am.</li> <li>- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am - 12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)</li> <li>- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.</li> <li>- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.</li> <li>- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea &amp; video, Lower Centre Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)</li> <li>- Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)</li> <li>- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.</li> <li>- SSI Painters' Guild meeting, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon.</li> <li>- Salt Spring Health Assoc., Lady Minto meeting rm. 4pm-5:30pm, (4th Wed. of every month)</li> <li>- Core Inn cafe, 134 McPhillips Ave., 4:30-7:30pm, everyone welcome</li> <li>- Music &amp; Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm (1st Wed. each mo.)</li> </ul> <p><b>EVERY THURSDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm, (second Thurs. of the mo.)</li> <li>- Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.</li> <li>- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.</li> <li>- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00pm.</li> </ul> <p><b>EVERY FRIDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fullford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm</li> <li>- Games afternoon, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg, 12:30pm.</li> <li>- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.</li> <li>- Smiles Cafe, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)</li> </ul> <p><b>EVERY SATURDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Book Sale, downstairs at the library, 10am-12:30pm.</li> <li>- Ultimate Frisbee, Portlock Park, 2pm, free, everyone welcome.</li> </ul> <p><b>EVERY MONDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free blood pressure clinic, SS Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)</li> <li>- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod &amp; Gun Club, 7-9pm.</li> <li>- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.</li> <li>- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.</li> <li>- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am.</li> <li>- Spanish conversation group, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)</li> <li>- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.</li> <li>- Bandemonium, GISS music room, 7-9pm.</li> <li>- Hand gun, SSI Rod &amp; Gun Club, 7pm.</li> <li>- Carpet bowling, OAP Fullford Hall, 2pm.</li> <li>- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.</li> <li>- Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.</li> <li>- Health &amp; nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12noon (3rd Mo. ea. mo.)</li> <li>- Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.</li> <li>- Duplicate Bridge, lower hall Baptists Church, 7pm.</li> <li>- Life Drawing, 1-3pm, upstairs United Church.</li> <li>- Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30-m9pm at SS Seniors.</li> </ul> <p><b>EVERY TUESDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.</li> <li>- Adult small bore, SSI Rod &amp; Gun Club, 7-9pm.</li> <li>- Planned Parenthood Clinic, Core Inn, 4-6pm.</li> <li>- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.</li> </ul>
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## Announcements

### 6 DEATHS

**FOLSTAD, MARGARETH,** Irene. Marg was born November 18, 1916 at Bagley Sask. Predeceased by husband Ralph. Leaves to mourn her passing, son Dennis, grandson Ryan & granddaughter Jana. Sisters Myrt, Ivy & Hazel. Forever loved by friend & spouse Jack Stibbards & family. Marg in her happy & smiling way was a wonderful mother to us all. What with lefsa, sour dough pancakes, ice box cookies, she was a hit with all; she is so much missed. God love her. Thanks so very much, all you angels of mercy, for your loving care, and Beate Denz for your touch of beauty. Service to be held around Easter.

**DODS, Kenneth Walter** passed away peacefully on January 30, 1999 at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island at the age of 75 years. His wife Rita and daughters Lorraine and Loretta were at his side. Born in Victoria and raised in Sooke, BC, the profession of logging brought him and his new family to Salt Spring in 1955. Throughout his life he maintained a keen interest in sport of all kinds. In Victoria, he played basketball and was on the winning BC Senior "C" championship team. During the '50s and '60s on Salt Spring he was an active member of the community, being part of the team that created the grounds and clubhouse for the Rod and Gun Club. Also during this time he played with the "Salties" ball team and contributed to the development of boxing, lacrosse and softball. Grampa will be greatly missed by his granddaughter Anna Marie Rithaler, his wife Rita and daughters Lorraine Moth (Les) and Loretta Rithaler (Mark). Funeral service will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church on Drake Rd. on Thursday, February 4, 1999 at 11 am. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Foundation.

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## Notices

### 20 COMING EVENTS

**IN CONCERT** Paula Kiffner, Chris Kodaly with Debbi Toole. Saturday, February 6 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. At the Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Rd. Tickets: \$12 - adults; \$6 - children. Available from Sharon's Country Home; Love my Kitchen.  
**BUDDHIST MEDITATION**, new class. The Spirit of Awakening, said to be the greatest inspiration for the Dalai Lama. 6 Tuesdays, February 16. \$58. Information, Matthew Coleman 537-2378.  
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**Salt Spring Historical Society**  
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**Wind struck**

School maintenance workers Bud Kerr, left, and Graham Tweddle survey damage incurred by a tree falling on the science wing of Gulf Islands Secondary School. High winds Tuesday brought the tree tumbling down. Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Fulford resident was amazed by January blooming flowers

*Thirty-five years ago*

• Mrs. R. Gibson was left to scratch her head at the calendar. Still only January, the Fulford resident reported that her yard was full of purple and white crocuses, and that her pussy willows had been out for two weeks.

• The local library closed for one week to finish off final renovations and to prepare for the facility's move to McPhillips Avenue.

*Thirty years ago*

• All small commercial vehicles lost their car-priced fares on island ferries. This included pick-up trucks and small vans. The reason for the change was cited as abuse by off-island commercial firms.

• After 62 years of running W.M. Mouat's in Ganges, the family decided to sell the business. The deal was concluded with R.M. Toynbee, with the handover to occur in the summer.

*Twenty-five years ago*

• Salt Spring's continuing education courses offered one selection called Breakfast At The Beach. For \$4.50, families were offered a one-day course on how to cook anything that could be found in the ocean within reach of the beach.

*Twenty years ago*

• Al Anderson discovered some interesting reading when he went

## DOWN THE YEARS

through his mother's sewing chest, which had come into the family when his mom had remarried. The lid of the chest was lined with an 1834 New York newspaper.

• After rescuing a deer buck trapped on the ice on St. Mary Lake, RCMP Constable Glenn Hanna was thanked by the creature with a set of horns to the stomach. The deer then blocked traffic for half an hour as it stood in the middle of the road.

*Fifteen years ago*

• Local folk singer Valdy's endless charity continued when he staged a fundraising concert for a field trip for the elementary school's Grade 7 class. The event raised \$850.

• Amateur ornithologists on Salt Spring came up with 16 new species of birds during their annual bird count, including yellow-billed loons, osprey and snow geese.

*Ten years ago*

• Local islands trustees decided to create a committee to study changes to the Gulf Islands ferry system. These changes included closing Long Harbour, building a new terminal on Isabella Point and building a bridge between Saturna and Mayne islands.

• Local school officials were

faced with how to raise the \$135,000 needed to fix the playing fields at two local schools. The revenue had to be raised locally and not through the provincial government.

*Five years ago*

• Salt Spring cable was to begin its broadcasting life with two hours of programming weekly. The amount seemed small, but not when compared to the eight hours broadcast by Rogers on Vancouver island.

• More than 460 islanders approached Island Savings Credit Union, asking the bank to set up special stewardship accounts. The deposits would be used to help finance projects that would maintain sustainable development on the island.

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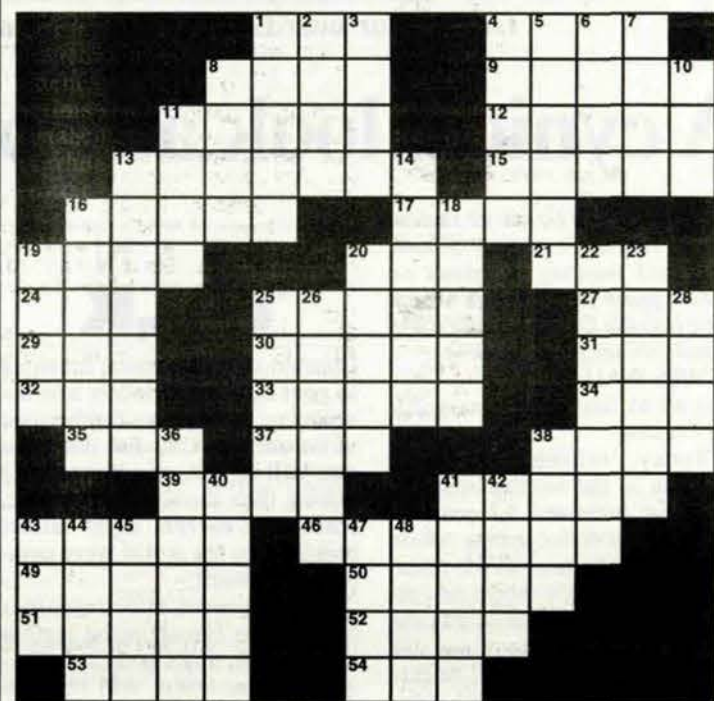
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Answers on pg 11

# Driftwood Crossword



**ACROSS**

1. Political Action Committee: abbr.
4. Word to end a prayer
8. Supernatural force
9. Impersonated a sheep
11. Port city in S. Korea
12. Crime involving fire
13. Can't move
15. Italian city
16. S. China seaport
17. Scores off of the serve
19. Peer
20. \_\_\_ mode, with ice cream
21. American Institute of Technology: abbr.
24. Leaf or strip from a leaf of the talipot palm used in India for writing paper
25. Absorption unit
27. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
29. Have already done
30. A citizen of Oman
31. Upper body appendage
32. "\_\_\_ no evil, hear no evil..."
33. Italian princes
34. Cheat (slang)

**DOWN**

1. Leisurely stroll
2. Type tenus of the Anatidae
3. Walking stick
4. Lower in esteem; humiliate
5. \_\_\_ Tomei, actress
6. Simplicity
7. Type of lights seen in Las Vegas
8. Harelike rodent of the pampas of Argentina
10. Genetic component
11. Medieval spiked club
13. Street processions with floats and candy
14. Solution used to clean contact lenses
16. Environment; surroundings
18. Type genus of the Canidae
19. Where peas live
20. With "taken," means dumbfounded or startled
22. Insects in their adult stages
23. Opposition party to the Whigs
25. Colas
26. Makes one laugh; entertains
28. Current units
36. Stadiums
38. Type genus of the Gliridae
40. Strangely
41. \_\_\_ wrap, clear packaging film
42. Research labs
43. Swiss river
44. An Asian river between China and Russia
45. In stories, for example, one who saves the day
47. S. American armadillo with three bands of bony plates
48. Mammal genus

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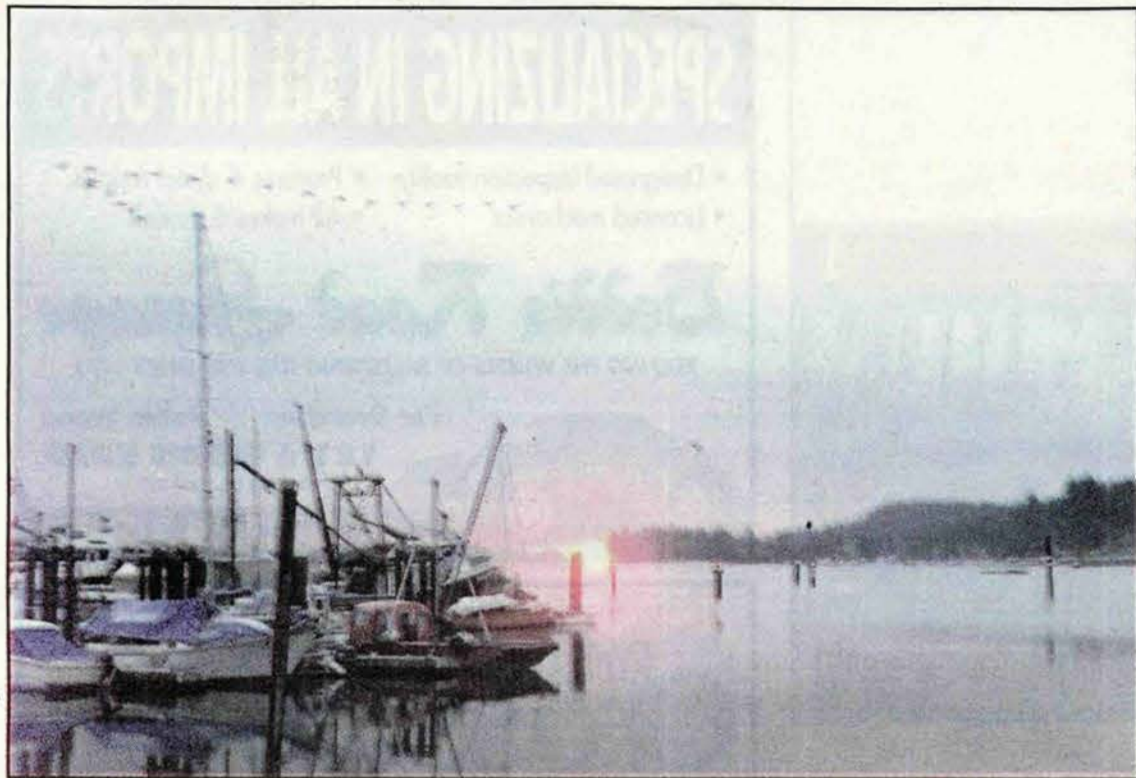
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Geese soar over Ganges Harbour at daybreak

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## A cynical look at world news

The writer is a Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Any youth wanting to submit an opinion piece for Teen Talk should bring it to the Driftwood office and include his/her phone number.

By WES WALLS

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"Today, tuition fees were unfrozen as the worthlessness of our dollar increased 8.7 cents on the American dollar, upping tuition 16 per cent. Premier Clark maintains an apparently moderate outlook and promised that within the month the province should see a 27 per cent increase in jobs, despite the fact that eight pulp and paper mills have ceased operations throughout the province in the past two weeks. He says that this will lead to a massive gain on the American dollar, possibly even surpassing it.

"On a lighter note, two teenage girls were beaten to death in a Vancouver alleyway last night. Fourteen suspects, all teenage girls themselves, are all in custody. The parents of the victims say that they will drop all charges and forgive whoever did it, instead laying the blame on El Niño.

"In world news, the cities of America ringed with victory as they watched through live broadcasting four massive nuclear bombs falling on Iraq and the private residence of Saddam Hussein. Millions of innocent people were vapourized and even more were affected by the growth of an extra appendage. The White House denies this, claiming they only hit select targets. However, it seems that, at least for now, the threat of war from the Middle East has been neutralized.

"That is all for tonight. Any suicides that occur because of this broadcast will not be our responsibility. Good night."

• April 3, 1999

"This morning, the dollar plunged even farther down to 4.2 cents on the American dollar from 6.3 last night. Prime Minister Jean

### TEEN TALK

Chretien says he expects investors to pour billions of dollars into the economy, but it seems that because of the unstable Canadian dollar, no one will invest, and instead are putting their money in Singapore, where the current eight tallest buildings in the world were completed last week.

"In other news, Mary Julianik is leaving our broadcasting station today... oh, that's great. I mean... I didn't know that. Will I be getting a raise?"

"Ahem, anyway, Saddam Hussein's body was discovered by UN soldiers today. The soldiers were immediately killed by an anti-tank mine left over from World War II and possibly unearthed by the nuclear explosion. However, the remainder of Hussein's remains were stolen and terrorist activity is suspected. Joseph Marnelli reports.

Bzzzzcrackcracklebzzzz.  
"Okay, Joseph Marnelli doesn't report... okay, well. Um... in related news, investigators are launching an, um, investigation. Who wrote these notes anyway? Jeez. First a pay cut, now this. How am I supposed to do my job? Ah, an investigation on the nuclear bomb that supposedly hit the residence of Saddam Hussein last February.

The fact that the palace was not vapourized and that there is a large crater in the ground 10 kilometres east of it has caused some suspicion.

"The British Columbia Department of Fisheries says it is encouraged by the latest increase in salmon stocks and has dropped all limits on catches. Fishermen all over the province are somewhat over-enthusiastic. Today alone there were 17 boat collisions in crowded harbours, leaving 12 vessels sunk and eight people dead.

Fisheries is not responding to our calls.

"And that's all for tonight."

• July 28, 1999

"A shocking report today. American spies spotted Saddam Hussein alive. It is suspected that he was cloned from his remains, so the number of clones created is unknown.

"Oh, we just received a current report of that situation... an army of Saddam Husseins, numbering some 500,000, is marching into Jerusalem fully armed. Close to 50 aircraft were launched to intercept the Husseinian Army from reaching Jerusalem. More on that later as it breaks.

"Well, today it seems that Prime Minister Jean Chretien's claim several months ago that our weak dollar would climb out of its hole came true this morning. The dollar soared up from just .017¢ to \$2.39 on the American dollar. Construction of skyscrapers began all over the country, including Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Tuktoyuktuk.

"As well, due to the drastic increase in factories in the past several months after the Fascist party won the election, the unemployment rate in B.C. plunged to zero per cent, causing tuition fees to drop as well.

"Meanwhile, in the U.S., store owners near the Canadian border are preparing for the flood of cross-border shoppers taking advantage of the now inferior American dollar.

"And we just received another report on the Husseinian Army marching into Jerusalem. They have been eliminated. Ten clones were captured for testing.

"In other news, two massive meteors, one the size of Prince Edward Island and the other the size of the Pacific Ocean, are hurtling towards Earth. We are all expected to be dead before tomorrow's 6 o'clock news.

"Goodnight. Oh, and now would be a good time to commit suicide."

## Millennium bash proposed

Discussions are under way on Salt Spring to begin planning a local millennium celebration.

Chamber of Commerce directors decided at their January meeting to investigate sponsoring an event in Ganges on December 31.

Director Derwin Rokeby-Thomas expressed interest on Friday in hearing from islanders who might like to get involved in such an event.

He said the evening could begin

with special events in local restaurants and pubs, activities at ArtSpring and other public facilities and involvement by the churches. Those events would lead up to a fireworks display on the harbour at midnight.

Islanders or organizations interested in helping organize such a celebration should contact Rokeby-Thomas at 537-4145 or fellow director Tony Richards at 537-5248.

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