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### Cookies, anyone?

Evelyn Edwards, left, and Allie Ingram sell their colourful and tasty wares outside of Patterson's Store. Several Fulford Elementary School classes decorated and then sold cook-

ies last week to raise money for Project Love — a program that collects funds to purchase school supplies for African children.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Auxiliaries say 'no thanks' to job and no guns

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

Former Salt Spring auxiliary police officer Mike Byrne won't go into the front lines of policing without a gun.

So he and fellow auxiliary constable Ian Lyon have resigned from their posts following an RCMP decision last Wednesday that will prohibit B.C.'s auxiliary constables from carrying firearms.

Auxiliary constable Chuck Hamilton has not made a decision regarding his future with the program.

Byrne, who spent 25 years as a regular RCMP officer, said, "I know of lots of (policing) situa-

tions where you might need a firearm."

He pointed to two recent home invasion-type robberies on Salt Spring that involved guns.

"How would we stop those people? If I was with a member, I'd become a liability. I'd have to sit in the car."

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire said he is disappointed about the decision "because we have lost two of our auxiliaries who have given a lot of their time to the community . . . I'm very sorry to lose them."

But, he added, "I have to work

AUXILIARIES 2

## Middle school class stranded by snowfall

When snow started to hide the cars outside their chalet on Mount Washington, Jocelyne Bourque and her Grade 7 middle school French Immersion students started to wonder.

When the power died and the roads closed, the wonder turned to worry.

Bourque, 25 students and six parents left Wednesday for a two-day ski trip to Vancouver Island's premier ski area.

They were supposed to return Friday afternoon. But a four-foot

snowfall during 36 hours closed the area off to the outside world.

The Salt Springers were unable to drive out and return home until Saturday evening.

"It started to snow when we were halfway up the mountain and we all thought that we would have great (skiing) conditions," said Bourque back on the island.

"It wasn't long before we realized that it wasn't going to stop."

The group hit the slopes

SNOWFALL 2

## Lack of volunteers threatens Sea Capers

Salt Spring is in danger of losing its traditional welcome-to-summer festival — Sea Capers — if no volunteers step forward to take it on.

A committee of about 10 people is needed to organize the two-day June event, says Gail Beattie, who has been involved, along with husband Pat Beattie, for the past few years.

A lack of volunteers has led to burnout for those who have been left with an unwieldy task list.

Unfortunately, no one has showed up for two organizational meetings, including a well-advertised one last fall.

Any individual or group willing to save Sea Capers should call Pat Beattie at 653-9069 as soon as possible.



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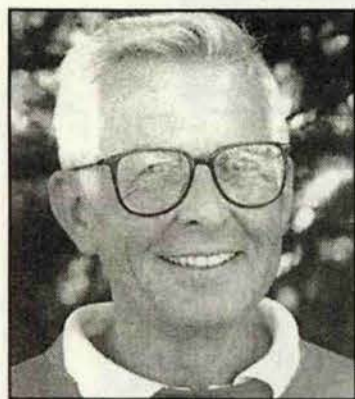
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Geoffrey Ballard

# Ballard named hero of the planet

Geoffrey Ballard knew he was on to something good when he refined the hydrogen fuel cell to replace the internal-combustion engine.

And Time Magazine named him Hero Of The Planet for it.

The former Salt Spring resident, who still owns a house here, was one of five environmental designers honored by the U.S. news-magazine in its current issue (February 22).

The Ballard fuel cell transforms hydrogen into electricity and can be used to power cars and trucks, eliminating some of the world's fossil-fuel pollution.

DaimlerChrysler and Ford purchased 35 per cent of Ballard Fuel Systems and plan to start street-model production by 2,004.

Three Vancouver buses currently use the cell.

The Proton-Exchange Membrane cell was originally invented by

General Electric and used in the Gemini Space Project of the mid-1960s. When the company abandoned the project, it was picked up by Ballard's outfit with funding from the National Research Council.

"He intimidated people with his brilliance," said local author Tom Koppel, who chronicles the events in a book due this fall from John Wiley & Sons.

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## SNOWFALL: Class stranded at Mt. Washington

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Thursday morning and was welcomed by 10 inches of new powder.

But by the afternoon some of the students and their parents had called it quits because the mounting snow was becoming too difficult in which to manoeuvre.

"One boy even needed an escort from the ski patrol because it was tough to get oriented," Bourque said. "By the time I got back to the chalet, some of the cars were starting to disappear (under snow)."

By Friday morning the ski slopes were closed, as were the secondary roads leading to the resort, and the teacher's group was starting to wonder how they would get home.

The power died at 11:30 a.m. and would not return until Saturday afternoon.

"We knew we had to make the best of it, and once we did that it wasn't as bad as we thought," said Bourque. "But it was still cold chili and lasagna Friday night."

Snow provided some insulation, a nearby store had some basic supplies and one of the chalets had a propane stove.

It wasn't the most comfortable night, and a few flurries Saturday morning dampened spirits.

But by the afternoon, plows had cleared the road and Bourque's crew was digging out their cars for the trip home.

They caught the 10 p.m. ferry at Crofton.

And they are going back, in March, to get in the day of skiing that was cancelled.

## AUXILIARIES: Decision prohibits firearms

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with what we've got."

The decision, made by assistant commissioner Murray Johnston, commanding officer of the RCMP in British Columbia, came following an October 13 release of a report focussing on B.C.'s volunteer auxiliary/reserve constable program.

At that time, the Salt Spring detachment sent a decisive statement to the attorney general's ministry, describing its auxiliaries as a "benefit to the general duty role of this detachment, uniformed, armed and directly supervised."

The decision to not authorize auxiliaries to carry firearms was based, in part, on a desire to realign the provincial auxiliary program with the national one.

B.C.'s police auxiliaries were the only volunteer constables in Canada permitted to carry guns.

The vision of the revamped auxiliaries places them in community-based crime prevention programs and other public safety initiatives.

"They want us to do school talks . . ." said Byrne. "It's not my thing; I want to be on the front lines."

And as Darbyshire pointed out, Salt Spring already has a strong crime prevention force in place with a growing Citizens on Patrol

group and an active association that works with police on programs such as community diversion and Crime Stoppers in the schools.

Darbyshire expects the new auxiliary program will still put uniformed volunteers in police cars with police officers.

"That's where they're needed," he said.

He also noted that auxiliaries will still be allowed to carry batons, pepper spray and handcuffs — all of which police are trained to use prior to firearms.

In making the decision, Johnston wondered if it was appropriate to arm civilian volunteers and place them in the position of having to make life and death decisions.

But instead of removing the auxiliaries' guns, Byrne said, greater emphasis could be placed on firearms training.

Another, middle-of-the road alternative, he said, would be to allow a small number of auxiliaries to take on extra training,

allowing them to carry firearms.

"I think this community and the province in general are losing a lot of good, part-time policemen," he said.

And at least one government official agrees. The Liberal's critic to the attorney general's department, Geoff Plant, is calling on Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh to "immediately step in and demand the RCMP reverse its misguided decision."

He said, "It makes no sense to take perfectly capable volunteer police officers off the street and diminish the size of the force at a time when RCMP resources are strained to capacity."

Salt Spring's three auxiliaries withdrew their services late last spring when firearms were first removed from them pending a decision.

"I was hoping to serve my community in an auxiliary capacity and put my experience to use on the front lines," Byrne said. "But now that's all over."

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# Wheelhouse gets facelift and new home

The Cy Peck wheelhouse has finally found a home.

The wooden structure from the ferry which serviced Salt Spring long ago is being restored by the Salt Spring Harbour Authority and will be used as a waiting area for float plane customers near the Ganges Coast Guard dock.

On Monday the wheelhouse was taken from the Farmers Institute grounds where it has been stored for several years and is now next to the harbour authority office.

Harbour manager Bob Morrisette said it took a few phone calls to find out the status of the historic wheelhouse, but when it was determined, the plan began to grow.

"Soon people started coming out of the woodwork who were sad to see it sit at the institute rotting away there," he said.

The outside wood is peeling, he said, but "it's really in nice shape inside."

Volunteer labour will be used in the restoration.

Attempts to find a permanent place for the Cy Peck wheelhouse have been made at times in the past.

John Stepaniuk, longtime islander who well remembers the ferry and its legendary Captain Maude, said more than one place along the Ganges seawalk, Rotary's new marine park and Drummond Park were all investigated in the early '90s when he was an Islands Trust representative.

## Vancouver man charged following pub altercation

A Vancouver man has been charged with assault and possession of drugs following an altercation at Moby's Pub Monday night.

Police were called just before midnight to the pub where an intoxicated man refused to leave the premises.

An altercation occurred and the 29-year-old man was arrested and placed in cells overnight.

Police discovered a quantity of drugs in his possession.

In other police news:

• A 41-year-old Salt Spring resident has been charged with



**AWAITING A MAKEOVER:** Leslie and Liam Simpson take a peek at the Cy Peck wheelhouse, moved earlier this week to just outside the harbour authority office where it will get a facelift before becoming a waiting area for floatplane passengers.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

He said he was "extremely pleased" to see the wheelhouse could finally have a public home.

## RCMP REPORT

assaulting his girlfriend on Valentine's Day.

Police were called to the incident at approximately 1:25 p.m. The man is scheduled to appear in court March 9.

• A collection of tools was taken from a residence on Sun Eagle Drive in a break, enter and theft which occurred February 8. Entry was gained by smashing a window.

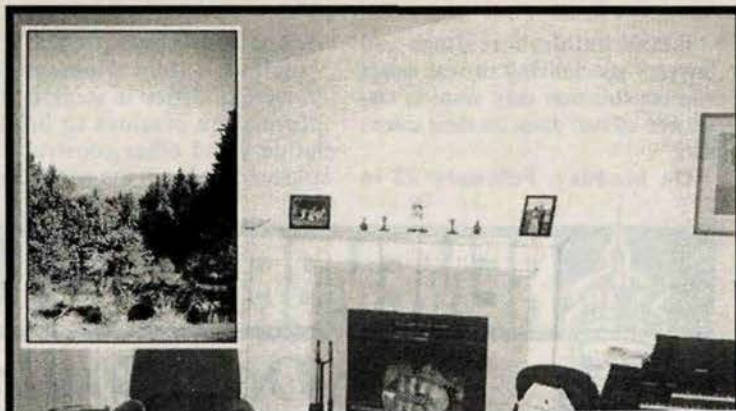
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Sometime between February 8 and 9, someone entered an unlocked shed at a home on North Beach Road.

The stolen motor is a 9.8 horsepower Merc Cruiser with an electric start. A mid-1980s model, it is black in colour.

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# Questions remain on builders' program

There are still a few nuts-and-bolts questions surrounding a new builder licensing and mandatory home warranty program set to begin May 1 throughout B.C.

The program will force builders to obtain licences before they can apply for building permits, and sets province-wide regulations for mandatory home warranties.

And as Salt Spring's senior building inspector Dick Stubbs noted Monday, "There are still a lot of questions about it."

Stubbs said, "Just about everybody recognizes the need for this type of process, but nobody seems happy with how we're getting there."

Mandatory new home warranties and a licensing of residential builders were key recommendations of the Barrett Commission on condominium construction which held public hearings last year and resulted from the so-called "leaky condo" situation in the Lower Mainland.

Under the program, all residential builders applying for a building permit will be required to have a licence from the Homeowners Protection Office.

Owner builders — those who build a single, detached home for their own personal use, not more than once every 18 months — are exempt from licensing.

All other builders will have to prove they are licensed prior to obtaining a building permit.

Residential builder licences will cost \$600 for the first year. Annual renewal fees will drop to \$500 in consecutive years. An additional \$25 per housing unit will be charged as part of the licensing fee.

Also beginning May 1, builders must show that the proposed new home is covered by a third-party home warranty provider authorized by the Financial Institutions Commission. (Again, owner-builders are exempt.)

Minimum coverage and standards for home warranties will be set by regulation rather than by the warranty providers.

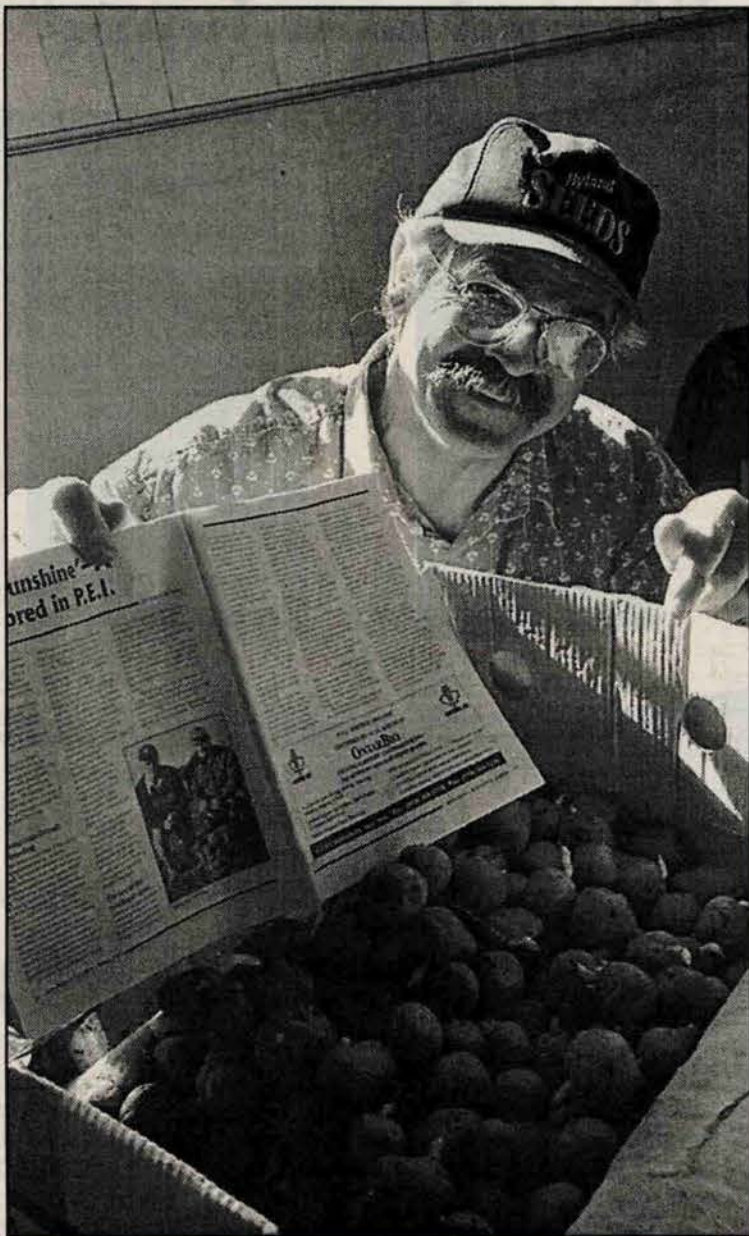
Minimum coverage includes two years on labour and materials, five years on the building envelope and 10 years on the structure of the home.

Renovator licensing and mandatory third-party warranties on major repairs are expected later in 1999.

But Stubbs, who has several questions about the new regulations, wonders what criteria will be used for licensing builders and who is going to police it.

"They've got a problem with a lot of political clout," he said, "and they've given it a broad brush."

He hopes to have more answers following an information meeting in Victoria next Monday.



## Seedy success

Salt Spring farmer John Wilcox shares his rot resistant spud seeds by donation at Seedy Saturday, held at Mahon Hall. The annual seed exchange drew a good crowd of green thumbs, eagerly awaiting spring.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

# Police divvy up funds raised by Full Mountie

A gourmet feast in cells, dished up last month by Salt Spring police officers and local volunteers, has benefitted three community policing groups here.

Local RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire recently handed over a cheque for \$720.33 to the Salt Spring Island Crime Prevention Association (SSCPA).

The same amount, which represents one third of the total raised from the police-initiated Full Mountie raffle, was given to the Salt Spring Community Diversion Program and the Community Police Action Team.

The raffle took place last October. First prize was a gourmet dinner served by police in cells, while second prize was dinner at Golden Island Restaurant, and third prize was a gift certificate to Ganges Village Market.

In other SSCPAs news: Only one student responded to a summer work opportunity with the RCMP. However, she did not qualify for the job. The program has therefore been dropped for this year.

A new series of training sessions are being held for the Salt Spring Community Diversion Program this month, which is expected to result in an additional six to eight volunteers.

A total of 34 offenders have been recommended to the program.

Melanie Iwanow, who has been running Salt Spring's victims assistance program since it was launched last year, is now the offi-

cial paid coordinator.

She is currently reviewing policies, making house calls and getting familiar with her police radio.

The program has four volunteers and a new training program is set for April.

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# Information on builders' licensing

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On Monday, February 22 in

Victoria and Tuesday, March 2 in Nanaimo, the Homeowner Protection Office is staging free information sessions to inform builders and other construction stakeholders about the new licens-

ing process and mandatory home warranties.

Regulations on builder licensing and mandatory third party home warranties will be in effect on May 1, 1999.

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# Discretion and diplomacy; a time to lick wounds in Year of Rabbit

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

The new lunar year begins tomorrow (Thursday) at about 11 a.m.

While the event is recognized and celebrated throughout Asia and the Indian subcontinent, it is pretty well accepted as the Chinese New Year.

The reasons are mainly scientific.

About the middle of the 27th century B.C., Chinese emperor Huang Ti decided the nation's 360-day calendar didn't work to his satisfaction.

The cycle didn't maintain chronological consistency for the phases of the moon or even the growing seasons.

So the emperor changed the calendar to a 60-year cycle that had five sets of 12 sections, each section having 12 full moons.

He was, after all, the world's most powerful man and could do pretty much as he pleased.

It took India about 1,500 years to follow suit, and the last remaining Babylonian scientists opted for a 354-day year late in the sixth century B.C..

It didn't do much good because within the next 100 years, the Babylonian empire disappeared for good.

Science also gave us the western calendar, dispassionately accurate down to the last second, but not as much fun.

Who wouldn't like a lunar zodiac that breaks all humans into one of a dozen animal signs, each molded by that creature's habits and mixed with earth elements to determine whether we'll be naughty or nice?

It's actually quite popular in most cultures.

The Psychic Hotline Network makes big bucks advising phone-in clients — for four dollars a minute — on how nature guides them.

Lunar calendars for sale at this time of year on most street corners in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan will list the dos and don'ts for each day of the new year.

But mostly it is the year's animal personality which attracts the greatest interest.

Each of the 12 sections is assigned an animal sign. Legend has it they were chosen by Lord Buddha as he was preparing to leave our world.

Only 12 animals showed up to say goodbye.

Tomorrow reintroduces us to the Year of the Rabbit, last seen in

1987 and a welcome break from the just-finished ferocious Year of the Tiger.

It is a time of discretion and diplomacy as we prepare for the supremely auspicious Year of the Dragon, coming in just 12 months.

This is, according to Chinese horoscopes, a year to "watch out that one doesn't become too indulgent. The influence of the Year of the Rabbit tends to spoil those who like too much comfort and thus impair their effectiveness and sense of duty."

But it's also a time to "go off to some quiet spot to lick our wounds and get some rest after all the battles of the previous year."

Those born during the Year of the Rabbit shouldn't marry those born under the rooster sign; they should make their most important decisions in March.

They are supposed to be lucky, be blessed with longevity and have an almost narcissistic self-assurance.

Albert Einstein and Thailand's beloved King Bhumibol are rabbits but so are Fidel Castro and Joseph Stalin. Go figure.

This year's new babies will have a sweet disposition, be even-tempered and obedient to the wishes of their parents.

Those who celebrate the lunar new year — even though they use the western calendar — know how to do it in style.

The Chinese did not invent gunpowder to poke holes in other people's heads; they wanted to scare away the previous year's demons.

The annual fireworks display in Hong Kong is meant to scatter lingering bad luck, and its scope puts Vancouver's Symphony of Fire to shame.

It is a time for family, especially those who are younger and unmarried and who come clamouring for Lai See — little red envelopes containing money that is supposed to purge outstanding debts.

Any Chinese business that doesn't settle its accounts-payable before the new year is inviting bad luck.

But mainly Chinese New Year, like the lunar cycle, is a time of renewal.

Which is why the new year's greeting is "A wish for a new start" ("gong hey fat choy" in the Cantonese dialect).

And why the ubiquitous sign of new year's prosperity is miniature orange trees, specially bred to produce fruit near the end of each lunar year.

The event has one effect that tends to get overlooked.

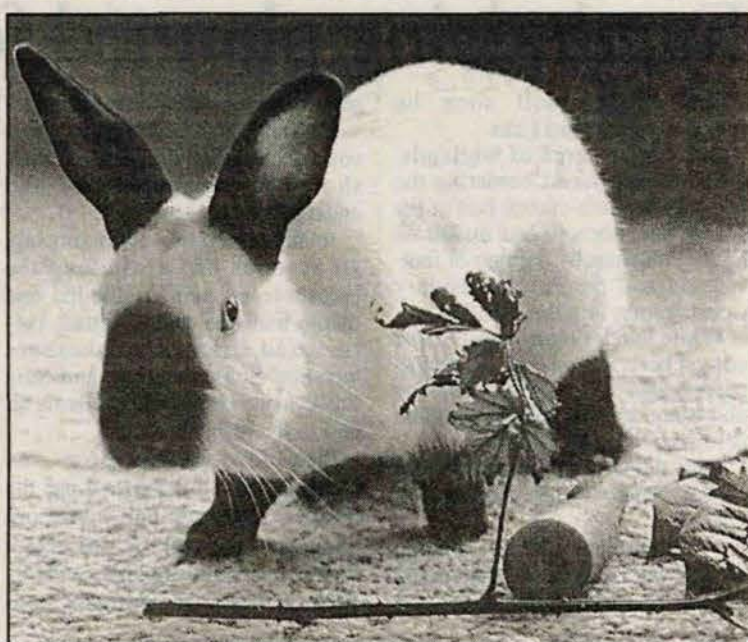
More and more it is becoming a jumping-off point for interaction between cultures that celebrate it and those that don't, especially those in multicultural countries like Canada.

Ten years ago you'd only get a blank stare in Vancouver, Calgary or Halifax if you asked what festival "gong hey fat choy" was associated with.

Today it's almost as well known as Chanukah.

In the year 4,636 (our 1999), Emperor Huang Ti wouldn't recognize how his invention is being celebrated.

But he would probably understand why it has survived.



**YEAR OF THE RABBIT:** Six-year-old P.D. is unaware of the significance of being a rabbit this year as he checks out breakfast from his Walker Hook home where he roams free inside the house. He lives with his owner and a dog.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

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## B.C. Tel issues PIN warning

BC Tel has a calling card warning following a spate of fraudulent phone calls in Richmond last week.

The phone company is reminding customers not to give out their calling card personal identification number (PIN) to anyone who asks for it.

The warning came after a number of Richmond residents were called by an individual claiming to be from BC Tel security.

The caller claimed someone had been fraudulently using the customer's calling card in Toronto. He then said he needed the calling card number and PIN to cancel the card and prevent further fraud.

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## Fundraising planned for Ford Lake wetlands

Salt Spring will soon be fundraising for Ford Lake.

Sixty-four acres of wetlands, farmland and forest bordering the lake on the south-central part of the island were secured last month on an interim basis by a group of individuals and the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program (PECP).

While fundraising details have not yet been formulated, local biologist Gavin Johnston said Tuesday that island groups will be involved in raising the money needed.

Johnston stresses the importance of the property's high conservation values.

"The first time I ever went there, the number of birds and the variety of birds was incredible. I had never

seen anything like it on the island."

The lake provides critical year-round habitats for waterfowl, shorebirds and other rare and endangered bird species.

Johnston said that approximately 20 hectares of fields along the lakeshore are winter-flooded and merge with the sedge, cattail, bulrush and iris of the lakeshore marshes. Snipe, Virginia and Sora Rails, wood ducks and mallards all nest in the lush vegetation.

Pied-billed grebes, herons and many species of waterfowl use the flooded lowlands and lakeshore throughout the year, he said, and it is also a valuable area for predators such as Peregrine falcons, red-

tailed hawks and northern harriers.

Ford Lake lies in the heart of Salt Spring's largest watershed and is also the source of Fulford Creek, the most important salmon-bearing stream on the island.

"That whole Fulford Valley watershed is tremendously important," said Johnston.

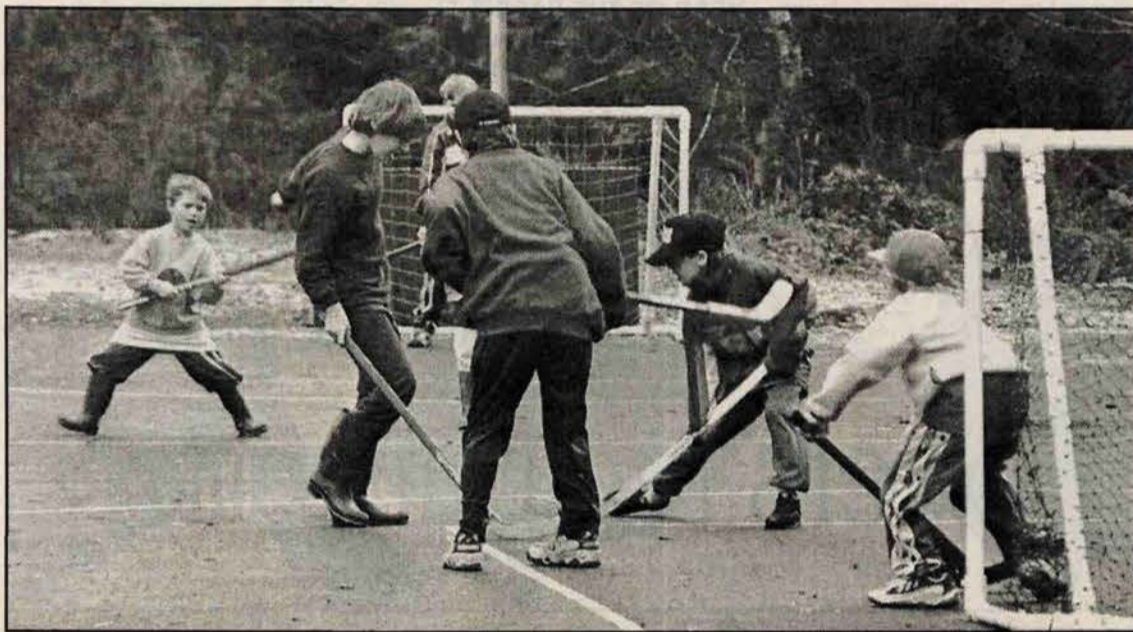
He said the Salt Spring Island Conservancy spurred on the acquisition of the property with support from the island's salmon enhancement society and other groups.

Capital Regional District Regional Parks has also recognized the Ford Lake wetlands as a high priority area of interest for conservation purposes.

The property was acquired for \$725,000 through a court-ordered sale.

Johnston said the interim purchase could not have happened without help from the PECP, a partnership between the Canadian Wildlife Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Nature Trust of B.C.

Since 1987, the PECP has acquired almost 1,600 hectares of habitat and initiated the conservation designation of more than 45,000 hectares of adjacent intertidal Crown lands.



### Battle for the puck

Since several days of sunshine last week cancelled any immediate thoughts of ice hockey on Salt Spring, these Salt Spring Centre School students decided to indulge in a West Coast winter version of the game. With March and spring just around the corner, chances for outdoor ice hockey here are getting slimmer.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Enrolment drop predicted

Lower enrolment in Gulf Islands schools this fall is the prediction from school district staff.

Superintendent Andrew Duncan said at the February 10 board meeting that planning and budgets for the 1999/2000 school year are being based on an enrolment of 1,658 students, a figure provided by education ministry estimates.

The school district's estimate was slightly higher at 1,670, but Duncan said the lower number was preferable.

## \$400 approved for banner

Education Week March 1-5 will be publicized with a banner in Ganges, although the money is being squeaked out of the only possible cache — school trustees' expenses.

Cost for the banner is under \$400, said trustee Judith Boel of the board's community relations committee.

"There's really nowhere else to take money from," said board chairwoman May McKenzie.

In other financial news, secretary-treasurer Rod Scotvold reported that the district was slightly under its budget projections. However, superintendent Andrew Duncan stressed how lean the operation really is.

"We are not back to where we were. We can't plug in an additional half-teacher... we are nipping over \$1,000," he said.

The role of volunteers in schools is the next policy and set of procedures to be considered in the district.

Supervision issues, criminal records checks for volunteers and ensuring staff are not displaced by volunteers are some of the points detailed.

Duncan noted that some of the procedures were "a huge deviation from what we do now which is 'let it float'."

The subject was close to the heart of new Salt Spring trustee

"We'd rather be on the conservative side," he said.

Duncan said it meant Fernwood Elementary School would have one less teacher.

Mayne and Pender schools would lose a fair number of students, but Salt Spring Island Middle School's population was expected to increase.

Overall, he said, the impact of fewer students would be small.

Last year's preliminary budget was based on a projected enrolment of 1,727 students.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

Peter Wigen, elected in the February 6 by-election, who in his campaign expressed strong support for use of volunteers in schools.

### SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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1. Minutes from last A.G.M.
2. Financial Report
3. Chairman's Report
4. Firechief's Report
5. Volunteer Firefighters Report
6. Election of 2 Trustees: two for 2 yrs, one for 3 yrs.
7. Appointment of Auditor
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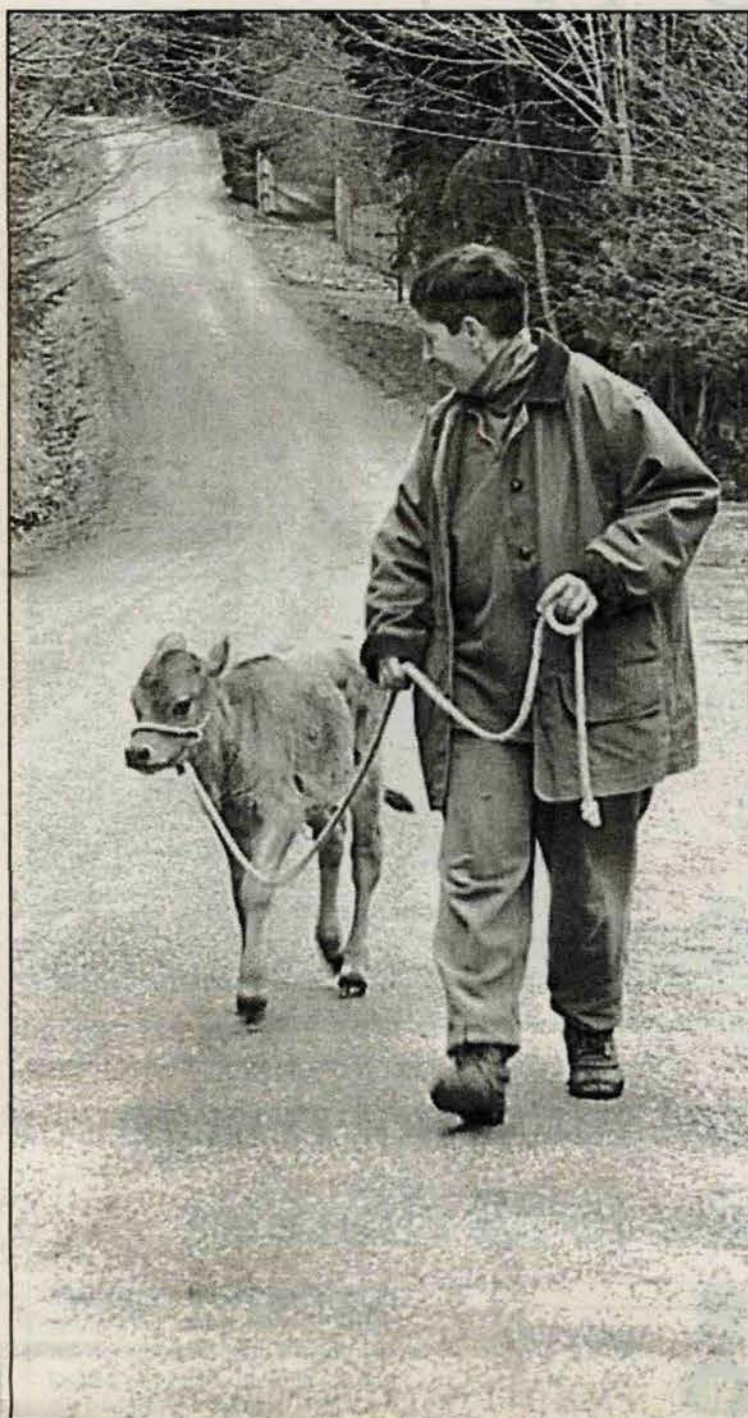
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## Year 2000 celebration ideas being reviewed

While the rest of the world frets about the widespread failure of computer chips on December 31, Salt Spring Islanders might be turning their clocks back 100 years — voluntarily.

That was one of the scenarios put forward at a millennium planning meeting Monday.

Another proposal is to hold professional development seminars for craftspeople and visual and performing artists.

Both the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists had been working on plans of their own to apply for funding for such seminars.

On Monday representatives of the two organizations met and agreed to combine their efforts for one proposal.

It would likely take the form of five-day workshops and weekend lectures during the year 2000.

However, alliance spokeswoman Marlene Smith says organizational assistance is needed from about 15 people committed to share the responsibility of staging the event. Given that kind of support, a grant application for funding would be made either to the Canada Council

or the federal millennium fund. Smith can be reached at 537-0756.

Called by the Chamber of Commerce millennium committee, Monday's meeting also discussed ideas for celebrating the millennium eve on December 31.

Chamber director Derwin Rokeby-Thomas suggested the island adopt a theme in which time would be turned back 100 years. Visitors could be encouraged to visit the island and leave behind their fears about Y2K — the computer chip millennium bug — and enjoy a holiday season that would feature elements of Salt Spring in 1900.

ArtSpring administrator Jane Forner told the meeting no New Year's Eve events had been booked yet at the arts centre.

It was suggested that ArtSpring might be a good location for a community celebration, particularly after midnight. The chamber is considering staging a fireworks display in Ganges at that time.

Anyone with millennium celebration ideas should contact committee chairman Tony Richards at 537-5248.

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# OPINION

## Saving Sea Capers

For a decade and a half, Salt Spring Islanders and their visitors have enjoyed a special event during the month of June, an event that is supposed to acknowledge our relationship with the sea.

Sea Capers has flowed like the tide, ebbing and flooding in direct relationship with the level of community support it enjoys.

Today, unfortunately, Sea Capers is ebbing rapidly, moving toward a whirlpool into which it might disappear forever.

This two-day community event has featured a parade, myriad water sports, a boat-building contest, live music, a sand sculpture competition and many other components.

With venues in both Ganges and Fulford, it has become an opportunity for an island-wide community celebration.

It is also an event in which visitors can participate, either on day-visits from Vancouver Island or as overnight guests.

In summary, Sea Capers is an important event on the island's social calendar.

So what's to stop it from carrying on? A shortage of volunteer support. Two meetings have been called by the Salt Spring Sea Capers Society to no avail. There simply has not been any indication of support from the community.

The society is giving it one more try. If enough people contact society volunteers Patrick and Gail Beattie in the next couple of weeks, Sea Capers might continue.

In the happy event that it does carry on, its supporters might consider some of the reasons why interest in Sea Capers appears to be waning. For example, the number of water events has been reduced significantly in recent years. With the exception of the boatbuilding contest — a hugely popular event with builders and spectators alike — there's not a lot taking place on the water.

Secondly, the society might look at the timing and duration of the event. Only a few weeks after it is the Canada Day holiday, when the Chamber of Commerce and the Legion organize a celebration.

Perhaps the two could be combined.

Canada Day falls on July 1, so it would be impossible to tie Sea Capers in with a weekend. But why not scale it down to a one-day event, which might be an answer to volunteer burn-out?

These are some of the thoughts which a revitalized Sea Capers organizing committee might consider. But first we need a committee.

The Beatties can be reached at 653-9069.

## A wise move

The RCMP has made the best possible choice in its decision not to authorize auxiliary constables to carry firearms.

The issue has been the source of some controversy in British Columbia during the past year, as auxiliaries themselves protested a firearms prohibition by withdrawing their services. Their argument was that if they were to be placed in harm's way, while dressed in a uniform similar to that worn by full-fledged Mounties, they ought to be able to protect themselves with a firearm.

The argument is a good one, but ignores the special recognition afforded any police force by the public. Police officers are given a degree of authority over their fellow citizens, along with the right to carry arms so they may enforce the laws we make. The public has a right to demand, therefore, a selection procedure and a training regimen rigorous enough to ensure the right people have been entrusted with that special authority.

Auxiliaries may well be highly suited for police work, but if they wish to carry guns, they too should be subject to the same requirements as regular members of the police force. In other words, they should join up.

A senior RCMP official acknowledged last week the excellent service that has been provided by auxiliary constables. They deserve that acknowledgment. Their volunteer service has been a tremendous boon to law enforcement efforts on Salt Spring, whose detachment has often found itself short-handed.

We hope the auxiliary program continues to provide much-needed personnel support with its revised role, in which it will assist with crime prevention programs and public safety initiatives.

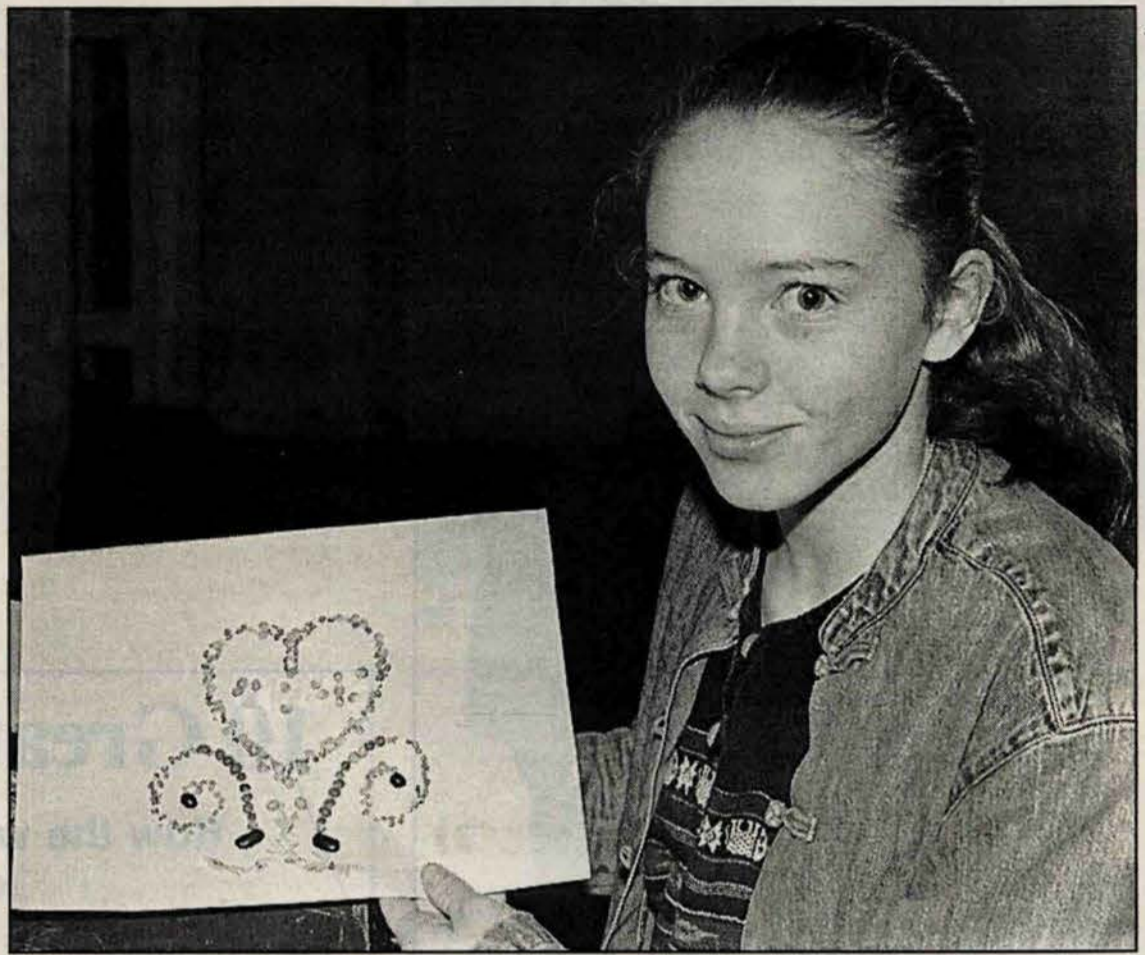
## A questionable decision

We have to wonder about the decision of the Islands Trust to substitute a free-distribution shopper for a community newspaper as the vehicle to carry its advertising. This week the Trust began an advertising campaign with a publication whose main purpose is the distribution of advertising information.

That purpose is what sets apart that publication from this newspaper, whose main purpose is the dissemination of community news and information.

The Driftwood takes that role seriously. With four editorial staff and a roster of columnists and correspondents, we are committed to maintaining our standing as the "newspaper of record."

However, it is advertising revenue that pays the salaries of reporters, including those who cover Islands Trust meetings and issues. Could it be that the Trust would rather not have reporters sniffing around and asking questions? We hope not.



Charlotte Argue displays card made at Seedy Saturday

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Government must not renege on promise to all charities

By AMANDA SPOTTISWOODE

Graffiti Theatre Company submitted an application to the B.C. Gaming Commission in early March of 1998.

Since then, I understand that the rules have changed regarding the distribution of proceeds from charitable gaming in British Columbia, but I was led to believe by all the publicity surrounding the changes that the intention remained unchanged — i.e. that a certain percentage of the money (no less than before) was to be distributed to qualified charities.

In the "old days" we submitted applications, waited from eight to 10 months, received a licence, got our volunteers together, spent a smoky 10 hours in the casino and came away with some money.

The sharing of proceeds over a monthly period was a welcome refinement of the system. The bottom line was that charities were able to access this money in a fairly predictable way.

Since the government saw fit to change the rules, these charities, ourselves amongst them, have no idea what is going on and when we might expect to see some money. In these days of government cutbacks in other forms of funding, these proceeds from gaming have become even more important.

What is happening to this money? I can get no reasonable answer from the people in the Gaming Branch, other than that our application is waiting in a pile with others. So the millions of dollars which have been raked in from the casinos are doing what? Sitting in an account somewhere? Gone into general revenue? I hope not — that was not the promise from our government.

The new system is called "Direct Access." This is a misnomer — what is direct about waiting for almost a year and still not knowing when, or even if, we are going to "access" this money?

Our company has now been in existence for over two years and we have produced four shows of outstanding calibre. We have just received our first



VIEW POINT

professional theatre award from the B.C. Arts Council. We are in the pre-production stage of our biggest show to date, the budget for which includes a portion of the total amount we have applied for from the Gaming Commission for

a two-year budget. It was entirely reasonable to suppose that an application submitted almost a year ago would have yielded some funding. We have production costs that we will not be able to meet without this money. I understand from conversations with colleagues in Vancouver that many other theatre companies are in the same boat — some have even had to cancel their shows. I dread to think about all the other charities which are also waiting on the wheels of government bureaucracy to turn so very slowly.

In any professional theatre production, revenue comes from a number of sources. Our budget includes money from grants, gaming and donations. Each element is to some degree dependent on the others.

In order to qualify for gaming revenue, we need to demonstrate support from other quarters. We have been extremely fortunate and are very grateful to the businesses and individuals here in our community who have responded so generously to our fundraising campaign. Without them our project would not have gone beyond

**"I dread to think about all the other charities which are also waiting on the wheels of government bureaucracy ..."**

the dreaming stage.

It is a bit of a Catch-22 in that without one element you can be rendered ineligible for the others, but we have managed to put into place funds from a variety of sources and revenue from gaming is the final crucial element. Many people have displayed confidence in our ability to pull off a major project of this kind — it would be very unfortunate if this government was to renege on its promise to all charities and fail to disburse the proceeds from gaming.

The writer is the co-artistic director of Graffiti Theatre on Salt Spring.

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# SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: *What are your specific fears about the Y2K Bug?*



**Andrew Gibson**

*This may be a flip answer, but among my fears is the fear that umpteen businesses will try to cash in by selling us huge supplies of food, bottled water, sleeping bags, fuel and generators.*



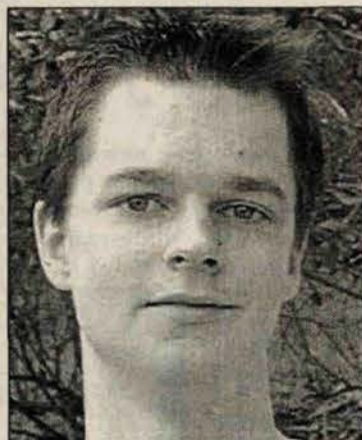
**Amanda Arnott**

*I have none. Why fear something that has not happened yet? I don't think it will happen.*



**Patrick Cassidy**

*It's a crock. What did we do before computers?*



**Joel Carter**

*I have some fears . . . in regards to the way the world operates these days: everything is done somehow using computers. I think there will be minor hiccups come 2000, but it will be resolved fairly quickly.*



**Tina Mulder**

*I have no fears of the future. I think it's to look forward to endless possibilities.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Not moving

In Alistair Ross' February 10 column he asserts that the addition of 30 new families (ferry workers) will create a new era of prosperity for Galiano Island.

I don't mean to be disrespectful, Mr. Ross, but I think you're freely spending our paycheques before you have talked to us about it.

As one of the workers involved in this management mess, I think it only fair to warn you that you are going to have to search long and hard to find a family that is going to move to Galiano to support this strategic plan.

It isn't that we have anything against residents of the islands, it has more to do with our lives as we live them now.

You see, we all have good jobs, our wives have good jobs, our children are registered in good schools.

We own houses in a more stable real estate market close to every amenity to provide the best quality of life for our families.

To be brutally honest, there just isn't a damn thing in this whole mess we the workers can hang our hat on and say that would be good for our families.

So I must advise you that although we can all see that a B.C. ferry payroll would provide you

with increased economic activity, I fail to see what the benefit would be to any of us.

Many of our wives have flatly stated they are not giving up their careers to move to an island.

Likewise, many have said they will not take the children out of their schools to move to an island where the school's status is a matter of public record, and for many it is asking too much to even consider.

I have no way of knowing what management has told you but I will tell you this:

We will come and we will run the boats but we won't be buying houses and we won't be bringing families.

As much as we can we will be bringing supplies with us as we can get better prices here and having to support two households will strain the budget even more, making economy a necessity.

Sorry the news isn't warm and fuzzy but I can assure you there is not a lot of goodwill left.

As a final thought I ask you, Mr. Ross, why would I buy a house on the island now at inflated prices only to have to sell it at a loss in two years when it is found the new ferry plan doesn't work and we all move back here?

We have maintained from day one that it won't work and I haven't

seen any reason to change that assessment.

**BRIAN WRIGHT,**  
Sidney

### Safe haven

The most dangerous road on Salt Spring has to be Cusheon Lake Road. Must we have a tragic accident before something is done about the traffic pattern on this road?

I have lived on this road for 10 years and have seen, heard and, yes, felt the increase in traffic. My house literally shakes when the large trucks rumble by.

The upgrading of Stewart Road and the advent of a subdivision will further increase the popularity of this route.

Wouldn't a feasible solution to this be a one-way road coming in from Fulford-Ganges Road with a return to the highway via Lord Mikes Road?

I do believe there is a private piece of land which would have to be acquired before this could be done.

Wouldn't it be nice to keep this lovely, lakeside road a safe haven for walkers, cyclists and swimmers?

**CONNIE HARDY,**  
Cusheon Lake Road

### No freeway

I agree with Jamie Alexander's assessment in the January 20 Driftwood that Cusheon Lake Road is unable to support its current traffic load.

As Cusheon Lake Road is used as a shortcut to the island's south end via Stewart Road, there is morning and late afternoon "rush hour" traffic.

Throughout the day there is a steady stream of heavy vehicular traffic going to and from the Beddis Road gravel pit.

During the summer months both vehicular and pedestrian traffic increases.

On most summer days a portion of Cusheon Lake Road is reduced to one-way traffic as cars and recreational vehicles line the side of the road closest to the public lake access.

When I am walking along the road and two cars are trying to pass I often have to jump into the ditch as there is no shoulder to speak of.

When I am driving along at the speed limit of 40 km/hr, I am frequently tailgated by impatient drivers.

Once Stewart Road is completely paved, traffic will inevitably escalate.

Eliminating heavy vehicular traffic would ease the congestion and

reduce wear and tear on a road that is not designed for trucks and cement mixers.

More critically, drivers need to slow down — Cusheon Lake Road is a rural residential road in poor repair, not a freeway!

Does someone have to be killed before something is done?

**ALORA S. GRIFFIN,**  
Cusheon Lake Road

### Pompous

Re: Gary Lundy's letter in last week's Driftwood. Surely Mr. Lundy isn't implying there is no "pompous bullheaded stubbornness" in the boardrooms of Canadian (or American) corporations?

Or even at shop floor management level?

If he is, I could direct his attention to a few Canadian businesses I have worked for over the last 20 years!

**MIKE PRICE,**  
Main Street

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## Balance budget by addressing class sizes

The collective agreement negotiated in 1987 between the Gulf Islands School Board and the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) is a major obstacle to our board's efforts to achieve a balanced operating budget and long-term fiscal stability.

At the signing of the present collective agreement in 1987, Gulf Islands School District was the second "wealthiest" in the province.

Two changes have significantly contributed to the present crisis.

1. In 1992 the government eliminated the board's right to levy extra funds through property taxation. This single piece of legislation reduced our school district from a wealthy board with an affordable collective agreement to an impoverished board with an unaffordable collective agreement.



IN DEPTH

2. The introduction of provincial bargaining in 1995 removed the right of this board and its teachers to renegotiate its collective agreement.

At that time an employers group — B.C. Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA) — was legislated to carry on negotiations. The teachers' union (BCTF) didn't like their proposals and walked away from the table to the government. A deal was secretly negotiated with them.

This action cut off BCPSEA at the knees. Since the BCPSEA employers group is made up of elected school trustees, this made a mockery of our democratic system.

In four years of "provincial bargaining," nothing has been accomplished. Instead, Education Minister Paul Ramsey has said that the government will not fund the entire cost of existing teacher contracts, neither may boards renegotiate these contracts.

At the same time, he pressures school districts to balance their budgets or be replaced.

Some facts about the Gulf Islands School District should be considered:

- The district has the lowest and therefore the most expensive class size collective agreement language in British Columbia.

A comparison of average sizes for elementary classes in British Columbia's 59 school districts in the 1997/98 school year shows:

- The average sizes for elementary classes in Vancouver Island school districts are: Gulf Islands 18.7 pupils, Sooke 22.5,

Greater Victoria 24.3, Comox Valley 23.9, Campbell River 23.3, Alberni 20.8, Saanich 23.5, Cowichan Valley 24.0, Vancouver Island North 21.0, Vancouver Island West 21.1.

- A GISS class size maximum of 27 pupils, the second lowest of the 53 school districts in British Columbia where secondary school class maximums are: 28 pupils in one district, 29 pupils in four districts, 30 pupils in 52 districts, 31 pupils in two districts.

In conclusion, if the Gulf Islands School District was able to renegotiate an average elementary class size of 20.5 pupils and a high school class size maximum of 30, the district would be able to balance its budget, provide a full range of programs and achieve fiscal stability.

**KEN LEE,**  
Former school trustee,  
Salt Spring

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# Wilson adds PDA insult to injury

VICTORIA — First he abandoned his supporters; now he is trying to coerce them into following him down the garden path.

Taking time out from throwing his weight around the cabinet, Gordon Wilson advised members of the Progressive Democratic Alliance to wind down the party he founded and join him in the NDP fold. And he does so, swinging a big club.

When he deserted the PDA, he left behind the little matter of \$65,000 to \$80,000 the party is in debt. If members vote to keep the party going, they'll have to look after that debt. If, however, they come into the welcoming arms of the NDP, Wilson promised that he and a few of his new-found NDP buddies would hold fundraisers to pay off the debt.

This is the man who not so long ago told his supporters that he was a different breed of politician, that his party was one of principles writ-large. No cheap compromises for Gordon Wilson, no sir.

Well, I suppose the compromise wasn't cheap. It came with power, real or perceived, and a fat ministerial salary. He named his price and the NDP bought him.

Wilson professes indignation at the suggestion that he's coercing PDA members to fold the party, pointing out that it would be ludicrous for him to raise funds for a party that will oppose him in the next election.

He's got a point, but one that would never have arisen had he been the man his supporters wrongly believed him to be.

Perhaps we should all have known better way back when, as Liberal leader, Wilson made Judi Tyabji, the woman he had already begun to have an affair with, his second lieutenant. In retrospect, I've got to admit no sane person would do that.

The Wilson-NDP marriage says as much about the NDP as it does about Wilson. On the surface, it makes sense for Glen Clark to lure Wilson into his parlour. More likely than not, the move will destroy the one party that would siphon votes from the NDP in the next election.

On the downside, Clark bought himself not only damaged goods but goods that should be labelled dangerous. Inviting into his cabinet a man who changes parties and principles as easily as others change shirts cannot help but create tension in his own caucus.

You have to wonder, for instance, how Helmut Giesbrecht, the NDP MLA from Skeena, feels about the Wilson purchase. Giesbrecht is one of the most capable NDP members and better cabinet material than a lot of the current ministers, but has been overlooked time and again.

Real New Democrats, as opposed to the premier, also feel betrayed. More than any other political party, the NDP has always prided itself on grooming its representatives. To be able to run for the NDP, you had to pay your dues, so to speak.

You had to have worked on election campaigns, served on constituency executives, better yet, put some experience under your belt by serving first on a school board or municipal council. Interlopers have always been considered with great suspicion by the NDP rank-and-file membership.

And then there's Wilson's capacity for being a loose cannon. Already he's stepped into a hornet's nest by hinting that he may fire the fast-ferries board of directors.

Most people with a basic understanding of political reality would have paused before going head-to-head with Jack Munro, legendary former IWA boss and chairman of Catamaran Ferries International, the Crown corporation in charge of building the problem-plagued fast ferries.

Munro says publicly he has no intention of being made the scapegoat for the ferry problems. And the only word of a recent telephone conversation Munro had with Wilson that can be safely printed is "hell."

Is this the kind of man PDA members want to follow? I hope not. But what to do with the debt?

Perhaps there's someone out there who can afford to pay off the debt and prove that a party can survive the defection of its leader, particularly one who didn't deserve to be the leader, even though he formed the party in the first place.

Beyer can be reached at: tel: (250) 920-9300; fax: (250) 356-9597; e-mail: hubert@coolcom.com

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



## More letters

### Requests

I do not know whether Mr. Gary Lundy ever served in one of HM or HMC ships during the war, but he must know that discipline is necessary and orders must be obeyed instantly in the interest of safety.

At the same time discipline can be interpreted in different ways. One summer in 1946 the Royal Navy cruiser HMS Sheffield came into Canadian Waters and following the custom of years past its commanders were asked if they would take some personnel for training. They, of course agreed, and some university cadets were sent.

Then someone — like Gary — started to worry about how they would react to the "strict discipline" of an RN cruiser and they were all asked to submit reports of their experiences. I was delighted with one of those — he wrote that he had enjoyed himself and learned a lot; but what had really impressed him was that hardly any orders were given — only requests.

This is normal for RN ships. Orders are reserved for emergencies because it makes for a friendlier atmosphere, though of course "requests" also must be obeyed.

Perhaps our ferries also do this. It seems quite normal for small ships.  
**HANK ROTHERHAM,**  
Lower Ganges

### Suggestions

Thoughts on our future — what

could we change to improve our economic situation?

Suggestions to consider:

- Lighten up, live and let live.
- Opt out of the Islands Trust and return to the more sane CRD as before.

• Save your money, you may need it.

• Gain control of the highways budget on-island so our crews can do more for our roads. A.S.A.P please, please, please.

• Insist on lower ferry fares and more service. The higher the fares, the less people that use the service; the less that use the service the higher the fares, until one day when the government will say, "We can't afford this anymore, we'll have to privatize the fleet." This isn't the way to go. Lower the fares significantly and soon enough more riders will come and the extra volume and extra food etc. sold will begin to recoup the losses from lower fares. Otherwise one day there will be no ferry we can afford at all.

• Consider allowing landowners to build a guest cottage where they do not presently meet lot size requirements. It would get a lot of work happening and be of value to the landowner and the community, as certainly new smaller rental units are desirable. For our island workforce this would be more than welcome at this time. Don'tcha think?

**DREW CLARKE,**  
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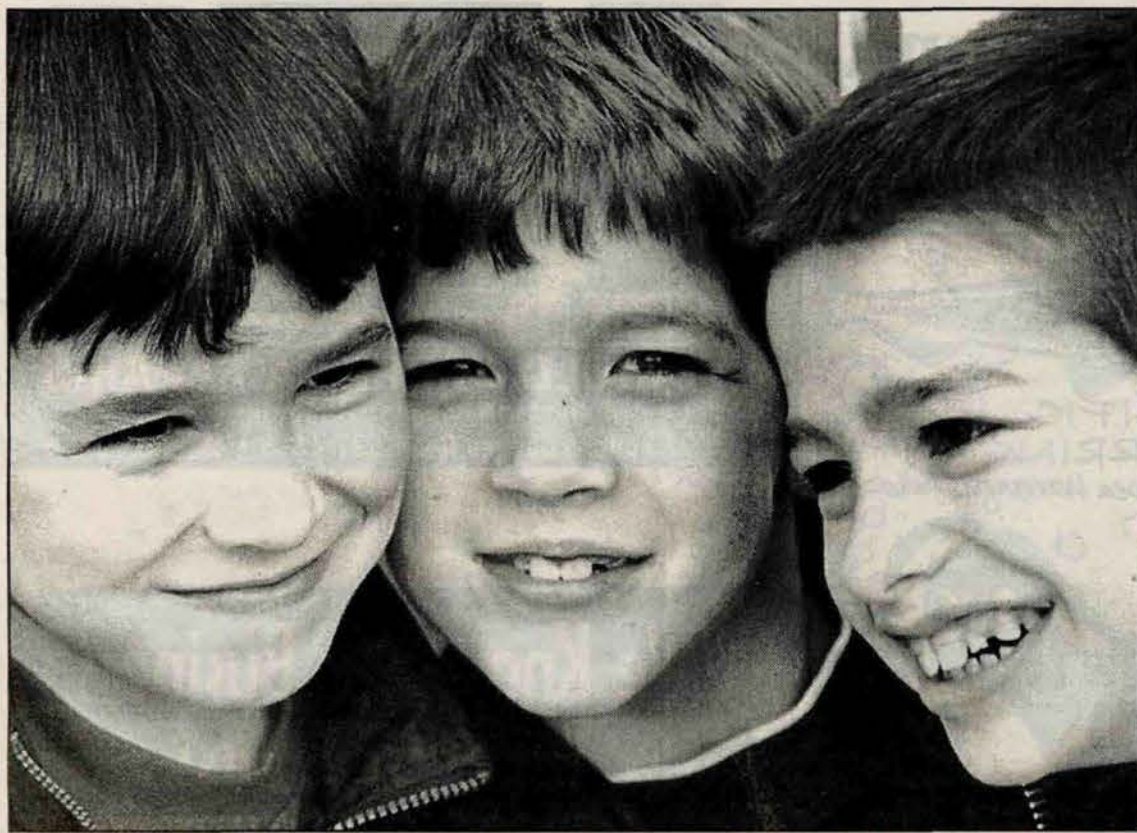
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**Face off**

Young entrepreneurs were out in force last week as Fulford Elementary School children Motherwell, Dylan Hunsberger and Simon Fogarty. The youths were "manning" or perhaps "boying" the stand. Photo by Derrick Lundy

**More letters**

**Vision**

Last week we had the privilege of attending a private function at ArtSpring. The setting was elegant, a perfect place for a small dinner party. The arts centre board and the many volunteers who had the vision and put in the many hours to make this vision come true are to be congratulated.  
**SUSAN RUSSELL,**  
Baker Road

**Dealers**

I grow and use garlic. I also sell "a little garlic to friends on occasion." Am I a "garlic dealer?"  
**ANNRAOI S. WARNER,**  
Lee Road

**Root cause**

While I agree with much of the view expressed by Hubert Beyer in his February 10 column, I cannot allow one of his assertions to go unchallenged. He states, "We are not born to violence. The tendency towards violence is almost exclusively the

result of learned behaviour." Exactly the opposite is true. We are born to experience feelings engendered in the primitive parts of our brains inherited from our primordial ancestors which, when stimulated, cause the release of hormones to prepare our bodies for "fight or flight." The learned behaviour is the ability to control this response which has been supposedly rendered inappropriate by civilization and socialization.

That this is so is evidenced by the violence which often results following disinhibition or loss of control due to the misuse of alcohol or drugs. Thus the root cause of violence would appear to be a failure to learn and develop the ability to control the behaviour resulting from perfectly "normal" feelings — those of anger, fear, etc. experienced by us all in response to stimuli.

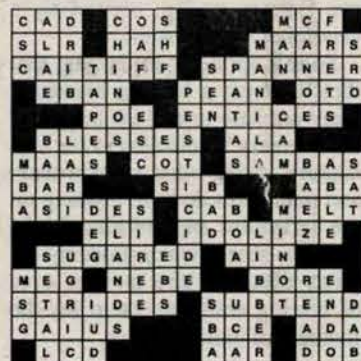
It would seem to me to follow that the remedy should lie in education which promotes discipline and self-control.

Sadly these qualities do not

appear to form part of the value structure of many present-day families and our education system appears to prohibit teachers from inculcating them in our youth.

The permissive society reigns. Of course, if violence against women is to be the first subject of the proposed public education campaign, there is a certain well known American who has not exactly exhibited discipline and self-control as a model for all in recent years.

But perhaps satyriasis should be another subject for Capital Comment!  
**M.W.L. (BILL) DAVIS,**  
Ganges



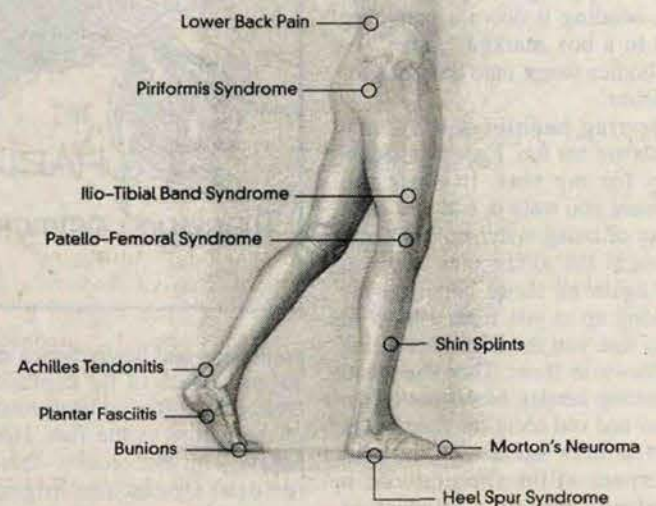
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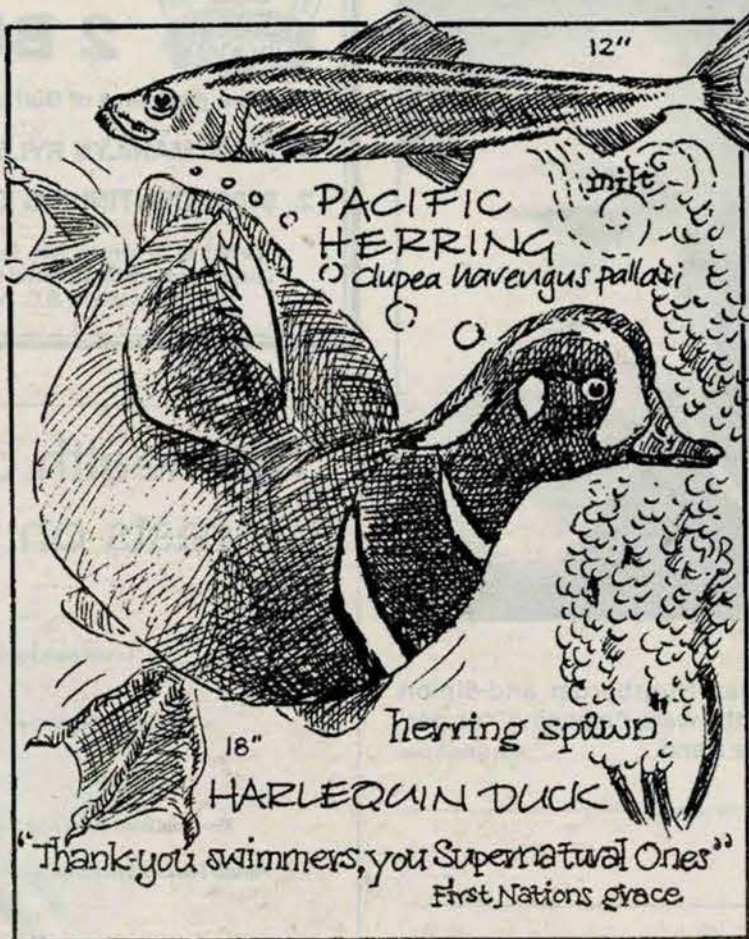


# Herring hauntings are found at luxury hotels ending in 'e'

Herring ghosts. If you look carefully, you have seen them swimming around the lobby of those new luxury hotels next to the Legislature in Victoria.

Try any of those hotels with names ending in "e" that got built over the Oaklands fish processing plant. At this time of year, the herring ghosts are forming into small schools of adults to head off for their spring spawn around the northern Straits of Georgia. When you open the lobby door, they dart out in a warm current and are gone, leaving the juveniles under three to play in the Juan de Fuca Room. All the rest of the year, they haunt this spot where their souls left their bodies. I know their souls left their bodies at this Pointe because years ago I was assisting with the passage, ripping out the roe, sending it down a conveyor belt to a box marked "Japan" — the bodies swept onto the floor for fertilizer.

Herring hauntings in luxury hotels are not fun. I got two hauntings for my sins. It starts the moment you walk in and you get a sense of being watched. You look down at the glitzy tiles and you see again all those herring eyes looking up at you from a heap so deep that you think you are going to drown in them. Then the smell of rotting herring blows out of the vents and old scars on your hands start to burn again with the salt. Everyone at the reception desk turns into ghostly renditions of eagles, gulls and cormorants looking down their beaks at you, demanding to know what you did to their herring. At this point you escape into the powder room only to find the guests have transformed into ghostly harlequins, oldsquaws and goldeneyes muttering on about their share of the catch. Dashing back into the foyer you stop inches from the fountain to find a rookery of seals and sea lions barking, roaring and splashing insults at you. You head for the lounge and all the flashy boys with their metal medallions turn into hungry salmon looking you up and down.



politicians and businessmen might suggest. Much of the confusion is created by differing interpretations of the nature of the fish. Herring behave a bit like orcas — there are resident stocks and migratory stocks. Unlike orcas it is hard to tell the difference.

fishery highly profitable due to the high volume. They own most of the licences.

To understand what we are losing, go to Hornby Island next month to catch the herring balls pursued by great herds of seals, sea lions and orcas; the world's largest wintering concentration of harlequins; and the great rafts of scoters and scaup, grebes and loons. It is a natural wonder of the world and far better than a supernatural one. Remember, this is the last bastion of the herring. The Puget Sound populations have virtually collapsed and animal populations that follow them around are going. All the eggs are in one basket, as they say, yet we still continue to keep a roe fishery going, owned by a handful of stockbrokers.

So this spring, I am hoping that they'll all get a herring haunting. They are sure to end up in one of those luxury hotels next to the legislature, doing what stockbrokers and politicians do best, chatting up the harlequins and ordering drinks from the sharks when suddenly the glitzy tiles will turn into the eyes of herring watching them for the moment of understanding.

### Tips

Write David Anderson in the House of Commons, Ottawa and lobby that the commercial herring roe fishery get dropped. The Oceans Act requires that a conservation component is included in fisheries management and if ever there was an easy one to implement, this is it.

The Strait of Georgia roe herring fishery now employs fewer fishers and gives less income to those who remain.

## NOTES FROM WRANGELLIA WITH BRIONY PENN



What we do know is that small resident populations up and down the island that would have local spawns, e.g. Fulford, are diminishing one by one. Whereas the big migratory spawning populations are recorded as being at historic levels in places like Hornby and Denman islands so everyone thinks it is fine.

Other bits of information tend to be left out. First, the 1998 Strait of Georgia gillnet roe herring fishery was extended from one to three days because of a prevalence of smaller herring that continually went through the gillnets. When the target quota could not be caught in the Hornby/Denman area, the southern Gulf Islands area was then opened to fishing. Small fish mean juvenile fish and no more babies. Second, it is not known whether the resident populations have disappeared or joined the migratory stock in order to stay in enough numbers to be safe. They are a schooling fish and will join the crowd so that the so-called high numbers are just amalgamations of smaller resident stocks banding together. The importance of maintaining a diversity of local and migratory stocks is also underrated.

My boycott of Jimmy Pattison is because the fishery is largely owned and controlled by two processing companies: B.C. Packers (Galen Weston) and The Canadian Fishing Company, (Jimmy Pattison of Save-on Foods and just about everything else in B.C.).

The large herring quota set for 1999 (12,000 tonnes) by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is directly attributable to lobbying pressure by the Weston and Pattison firms, who find the

### Herring in the Strait of Georgia are in trouble despite what the politicians and businessmen might suggest.

The waiters in their black-and-white outfits become starving buffleheads and the bartender grows a dorsal fin and snaps at you with his massive jaw as you rush down into the health spa. Submerged in the whirlpool, the ghost roe that never hatched suddenly attaches itself to your body as if you were a slip of eel grass and the water turns milky white with the milt of the males as you leap frenzied from the wake.

I only survived two hauntings and now am a reformed character. I will never go back to places that end with "e." I will never work in a roe processing plant or go near a Jimmy Pattison store because I have learnt a little from the hauntings.

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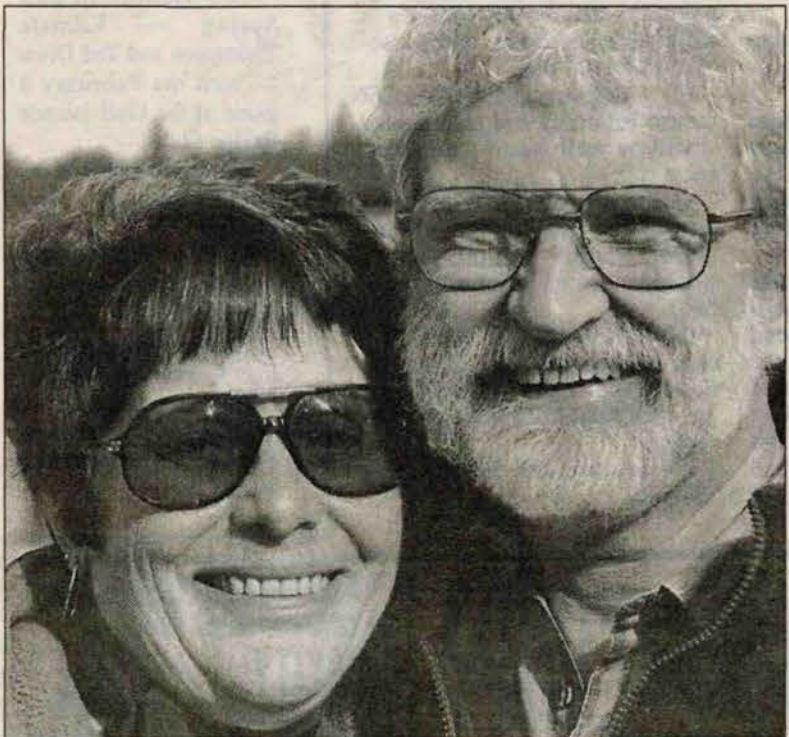
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Lise Poitras and Lloyd Berntsen arrived on Salt Spring in 1991. Born in Quebec, Poitras has four children, three grandchildren and another grandchild on the way. She has worked as a customs inspector and volunteered in several capacities. Berntsen, born in Vancouver, has three children and 10 grandchildren. He has worked as a scientist for Environment Canada, and loves antiques and wine making. Both enjoy boating and the outdoors.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Charitable gifting benefits all

By HAROLD WEBBER  
First in a Series

On a recent visit to Castlegar, I had coffee with an older friend and associate. Pete Oglow has been a driving force behind restoring and maintaining the Doukhobour culture in the West Kootenays.

I had the privilege of serving with him for many years on the Kootenay Doukhobour Historical Society. Our major project was to build an authentic Doukhobour communal village.

Pete's role was that of visionary as well as construction foreman.

My role, as treasurer, was to help raise funds for our project. Apart from the fact that more than half of the buildings were destroyed by arsonists just over 10 years ago, the village project has been rebuilt and is a popular cultural and tourist attraction.

When Pete and I had coffee, he expressed the age-old dilemma of a shortage of operating funds, as well as funding for new projects. As an alert life insurance agent, I made mention of charitable gifting as a source of funds. This was new ground for Pete.

Having been involved in the life insurance industry for the past 11 years and having served on the fundraising committee to build a new, large church in downtown Victoria, I have come to appreciate the value of charitable gifting.

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Space does not allow for greater detail, but from personal experience I know of a Victoria church

which received \$900,000 in bequests last year. The University of Victoria is an ongoing recipient of bequests in various forms.

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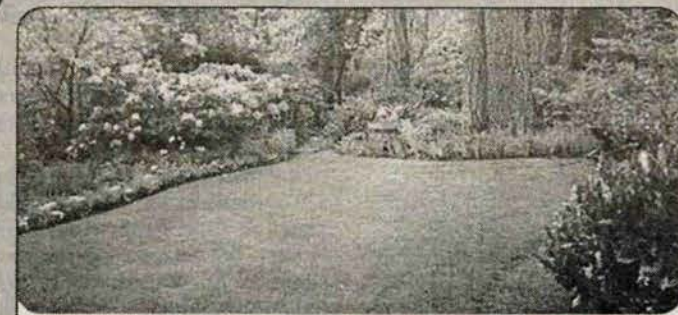
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## PILGRIM'S NOTES

WITH JACK McLEAN



observers alike are increasingly publishing estimates both of potential damage and analyses of the psychological manifestations generated by the predicted misread of the computer calendars which will result in either faulty commands or system breakdown.

As the scientific and technical appraisals and otherwise informed speculation continue to be disseminated by the media, a gnawing realization has been steadily growing in the public mind that we could indeed soon be in for some real live crisis situations without benefit of the much sought after "quick fix."

At the same time, Y2K is producing the usual yawning indifference, definite denial or "business as usual" attitude.

sureing to know that at this moment hundreds of thousands of technical experts are working to correct the problem and to reach that secure "Y2K protected" status.

But the "let the experts do it" attitude, the experts themselves are advising, will not do. Precautionary measures, they warn, need to be exercised by every responsible citizen. Elsewhere, the enterprising with an eye for business have been quick to capitalize on pending misfortune and are offering alternate energy solutions and stockpiling capabilities to a vulnerable population at affordable prices.

Commentators have already drawn comparisons to the impending crisis with the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.

The Titanic analogy is fitting but only partially exact. The Y2K phenomenon offers this significant contrast: the reliance on the most recent technology in 1912 was total and absolute.

Remember it was said on the fateful day of her maiden voyage out of Belfast that "God Himself could not sink this ship," a provocative defiance of the fates if there ever was one.

The disastrous result is, as they say, history. Everything that could have gone wrong on that "night to remember" did go wrong.

With the Y2K "apocalypse now" scenario looming over our heads, we have already come to the realization that state-of-the-art technology can and will fail.

To what extent, we cannot exactly be sure. But the nagging wake-up call ringing ever more loudly in our ears is causing us to understand that for too long we have indulged a smug overconfidence in our technological know-how.

The realization is dawning that the communications web that links person to person, machine to machine and person to machine is fragile indeed.

This realization itself I count as one of the great lessons of the Y2K phenomenon, months before it happens.

Here are a few other observations:

(1) It is good that we cannot fully know and control the out-

come of this upcoming phenomenon. An element of insecurity and uncertainty always defines human affairs.

This should cause us to be forewarned — and for the heeding — forearmed.

(2) Behind the mounting sense of public alarm lies a black cloud of fear; largely a fear of the unknown. Whatever means can be employed to reduce that fear should be employed.

(3) The Y2K Bug relates to the larger question of the fulfillment of prophecy which does indeed involve disaster scenarios; e.g. the Bible's Armageddon and Nostradamus' dire predictions for a world catastrophe at the end of this century. But there is also the promise of "the thousand years of

peace." (Tennyson).

The year 2,000 has long figured in the annals of prophets, poets and psychics alike who foresaw a major turning point in history associated with this date.

(4) If Y2K strengthens the ties of human solidarity and community, it will be well worth the experience.

Quebecers rose to the occasion during last winter's terrible ice storm. People helping people would be one of its greatest benefits.

(5) Y2K could come in with a bang or a whimper and all shades in-between. Lady Wisdom says that it is better to err on the side of caution.

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## BRIDGE TRICKS

Two visitors to Salt Spring — Kamala Thompson and Ted Drew — won the February 8 game at the Gulf Islands Bridge Club.

In second place were Jill Evans and Tony Luton.

Shirley Love and Isabelle Richardson were third.

The previous week, Joan Conlan and Blanche Poborsa came first.

Irene Hawksworth and Yvonne Sollitt finished second.

**"If YK2 strengthens the ties of human solidarity and community, it will be well worth the experience."**

For months now, we have been presented with informed projections of disaster scenarios. Some pundits are telling us that the possibilities for significant, if not total breakdown, are real.

Virtually all the delivery and performance systems on which modern technological societies daily depend are computer driven.

Failures in the delivery systems of vital supplies and services, whether informational, data-based or material are being depicted on a sliding scale ranging from minor inconveniences (chip failures) to total systemic collapse.

Among the more alarming scenarios being envisioned are: failure of the electrical grid, equipment failures in hospitals, air crashes from malfunctioning guidance systems, chaos in the banking and business sectors, snarls and disruptions in trade, commerce and government, and glitches in the vital information on which thousands of

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7	6	CHEK	RRSP	Get Up	House	House	Punjabi Profile	Worldvision	TuTu Main	Road	Fish Can.	Makin' 8	Wine	Gold Trails	Skating	World Sprint '99		
8	8	BCTV	7:00 BCTV Saturday Morning News		Investors on Line	Wedding	House	News			Spd. Skating	World Sprint Championships '95	WWF Shotgun					
9	9	KCTS	C. Couch	T-Tubbies	Arthur	Barney	T. House	Handyma'	Sew Quilts	JoyPaint	TrueColor	Outdoors	Chuck Close	Cooking	Cucina A.	Cooking		
11	27	KIRO	7:00 KIRO News	National Geographic	Basketball	Miami vs Connecticut NCAA	Golf Nissan Open PGA											
12	24	KVOS	Life Louie	Bill Nye	W. Melon	Oggy	SpC Goofs	Mad Jack	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Crossing Delancey (1988)	Amy Irving.			
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	Media TV	CNIB	Fisherman	Eagle C.	Fashion	Music	Movie TV	Electric C.	
15	21	TSN	Fishing	Acura Golf	Canada Winter Games			Curling	1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts			Bowling	Chattanooga	Open PBA	Sprtsdsk			
16	5	KING	KING Weekend Morning News		Ins.Stuff	City Guys	Track	Addas D.C. Inv.	NBA Show	Basketball	Seattle vs Utah NBA			Hang Time	One World			
17		CNN	Saturday	Page One	Saturday	TravelNow	Saturday	Sci. Tech.	Saturday	Health	\$\$ Week	Managing	Saturday	Money	Saturday	Evans	News	Source
20	23	KSTW	Viper	Wild Things	Enter the Dragon (1973)	Bruce Lee.	The Karate Kid (1984)	Ralph Macchio.	Karate Kid III (1989)	Ralph Macchio.								
21		YTV	Umptee	W. Melon	Flintstones	Jetsons	Monsters	Arnold	Beavers	Rocko's	Top 10	Uh Oh!	YTV's Hit List	NBA Dunk	Charlie B.	Dexter Lab	Spiderman	
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38	16	TLC	Hometime	Hometime	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Men Tool	Men Tool	Home S.	Home S.	Hometime	Hometime	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Speed! Crash!	Super Racers		
39		DISC	Behavin' Animals	Kid@disc.	Wld Discvr	Shark Stories	HMS Brilliant	Discover Magazine	Ancient Inventions	Storm Warning	Space Trek							
43		HIST	7:00 History Presents	Cold War	500 Nations	Rooster Cogburn (1975)	John Wayne.	Rat Patrol	Secrets of WWII	Turning Points								
44		LIFE	Pet Proj.	Doctor	Pet Friend	Life Pet	Wrkshop	Wrkshop	Inferno	Tourist	Walk On the Wild Side	Cott. Life	Inferno	J. Hanna	Nat. Geo.	Pet Proj.	Tourist	

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8	8	BCTV	Style Men	House	Pet Guys	Golf World	News	Emily of New Moon	M. Island	Life Dog	Am. Most Wanted	Nikita	News	News Spt			
9	9	KCTS	Chefs	Command Performance				Harry Belafonte			Styx: Return to Paradise Theatre		Short List				
11	27	KIRO	Rhino J.H.	Animal	KIRO News	News	News	Entertain. Week	Early Edition	Martial Law	Walker, TR	News	:35 NYPD				
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Viper	Roseanne	Home I.	Touched By An Angel	The Blue Max (1966)	George Peppard.	Cheers	MASH						
13	13	CKVU	Xena: Princess	Sliders	News	Addams	Addams	Saturday Night Live	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	Cops	Cops	Police Academy	FX: The Series	Forever Knight				
15	21	TSN	Curling	1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts	Bloopers			Sportsdesk	No Limits	Ski Lift	JumpRope	98 U.S.Nat.	Sportsdesk				
16	5	KING	J. Hanna	Criminal	KING News	News	News	Wings of Gold	SNL: Game Show	The Pretender	Profiler	News	AlmstLive				
17		CNN	Capital G.	SprtsT.	WrldToday	Business	Larry King Weekend	Cold War	Sports Tonight	Wrld Beat	\$\$ Week	Cold War	SprtsT.	Money			
20	23	KSTW	Hoosiers (1986)	Gene Hackman.	Extra Weekend	Home I.	Seinfeld	Pretty Woman (1990)	Richard Gere.	Cheers	Str Trk: Voy. Pt. 1 of 2						
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	Hockey	Montréal vs Toronto LNH	Journal	:35 Juste pour rire	:35 Le lendemain du crime	Jane Fonda.	:40 La belle anglaise	:40 Au-delà							
26		NEWS	On Line Conlon	Antiques Roadshow	Report	Fashion	Rough Cuts	Not Just the News	Report	On Arts	Fashion	\$ Show	C Investor	Editors			
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31	20	A&E	Mysteries of the Bible	Biography: This Week	Story of the Gun	2/2 (cont'd from Feb 13th)	City Confidential	Biography: This Week	The Story of the Gun								
33		SHOW	In the Shadow of the Wind	Steve Banner.	Once a Thief	Prime Suspect	:05 Death and the Maiden	Stuart Wilson.	:20 Prime Suspect	:25 Death & Maiden							
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	3:00 Super Racers	Too Extreme	Too Extreme	Too Extreme	Too Extreme	Too Extreme	Too Extreme	Too Extreme	Extreme Machines						
39		DISC	Kid@disc.	Illusions	Animal of the Week	Shark Stories	Discovery's People	Connect.	EXN TV	Animal of the Week	Shark Stories	Discovery's People					
43		HIST	Spice..Life	The Untouchables	Hist Bites	Black Robe (1991)	Lothaire Bluteau.	Hist Bites	Black Robe (1991)	Lothaire Bluteau.							
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		

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## WHAT'S ON

### Music

- Fulford Inn — Reid Collins on the piano, Thursdays & Sundays.
- International Guitar Night at ArtSpring, Friday night, 8 p.m. Master guitarists Brian Gore of San Francisco, Antonio Calogero of Italy and Victoria's Sunyata band perform.
- Royal Canadian Legion — Karaoke with Julie, in the lounge, Friday night.
- Rose's Seaside Cafe — 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.
- Moby's — Pat Coleman Trio — hot jazz which is being recorded live by Salt Spring's Allowed Sound, Saturday and Sunday night, 7 p.m.
- Marimba Dance — "Just for Fun" at Lion's Hall, Saturday, 8 p.m. with the Salt Spring Marimba Band.
- Beaver Point Hall — Family dance fundraiser for Little Red Schoolhouse preschool, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Black Velvet Band, Champagne Charlie and the Tail-dragners, and The Groove Review all performing. Food available.
- Harbour House Bistro — Murray Anderson on the piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.

### Stage

- Shylock — Stars David Berner of Vancouver in a one-man masterpiece written by Mark Leiren-Young. At ArtSpring Sunday, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

### Family

- Gulf Islands Spinning Mill open house — at the Farmers Institute. Fleece animals, spinning demonstrations, stories and refreshments, Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.
- 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!

- Beaver Point Hall — Family dance fundraiser for Little Red Schoolhouse preschool, Saturday night. See Music, above.

### Literary

- Theatre Alive! presents Governor-General's award-winning poet Don McKay at All Saints By-the-Sea, Saturday at 8 p.m.

### Galleries

- Brush With Romance — a solo exhibition and sale of drawings, paintings, pastels and prints by Diana Dean. Held over at ArtSpring until February 21. Wednesday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Cinema

- Patch Adams — Robin Williams is the warm-hearted Dr. Adams, who believes laughter is important to good health. The film gives Williams the chance to trot his twin personae, the silly clown and the syrupy angel.
- Waking Ned Devine — Ian Bannen and David Kelly star in this charming Irish comedy in which two golden-agers plot to cash in on a lottery ticket won by a dead man.

### Community TV

- Wednesday, February 17, 6 p.m., B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27; 9:30, Satsang with GangaJi
- Sunday, February 21, 6 p.m., B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27; 9:30, Satsang with GangaJi
- Wednesday, February 24, 6 p.m., B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27 9:30 p.m. Satsang with GangaJi

### Grab bag

- Jerry Kobalenko gives a visual tour of Ellesmere Island in a presentation Tuesday at All Sants By-the-Sea, beginning at 7 p.m.

## 'Totally outrageous' Berner featured in upcoming play A 'powerful emotional impact'

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

When David Berner was first asked to consider playing the part of Shylock in the one-man play of the same name, he couldn't have known the powerful impact it would have.

Playwright Mark Leiren-Young and director John Juliani had seen Berner "being totally outrageous" at a discussion panel on the state of theatre a few years ago while they were in the process of finding the perfect actor to play Shylock.

"They sort of looked at each other and said 'there's our guy'," Berner told the Driftwood Monday.

And since the summer of 1996 when Shylock debuted as part of the Bard on the Beach festival in Vancouver, Berner has been Shylock at various performances in Vancouver and at the University of Venice in Italy.

Every single night, people have risen to their feet at the play's end, said Berner.

They have grabbed onto the play from the word "go," let their laughter fly throughout and they have wept.

"It has this very powerful emotional impact . . . and it sneaks up on you."

Shylock is about a production of Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, which has been branded anti-Semitic and politically incorrect and so is cancelled partway through its run. The play raises questions about the function and responsibility of art, and much more. (Ironically, a proposed run of Shylock in Edmonton did not materialize because the play was considered too controversial.)

Berner has been equally affected by his foray into the world of Shylock.

"The first time I read it I was shaking — literally shaking — I was just so excited," said Berner.

For an actor, Shylock's 33-page form as a monologue is an "immense mountain to climb."

"Actors are vain people but it would help if someone else had a line once in a while," he jokes.

Berner's list of theatre, film and TV acting credits is long and impressive. The role of Dave Moss in Glengarry Glen Ross, to Fagin in Oliver! and Fox in Speed-the-Plow on stage, to principal film and TV series roles such as Look Who's Talking, Comrades of



David Berner

Summer, Street Legal, and MacGyver are a thin slice of his career's output.

He may be even more well-known as the host of The David Berner Show, a talk show program on CKNW radio which is broadcast across Canada on the WIN Network.

Berner also lived on Salt Spring in the early '70s, in his role as founder and executive director of the X-Kalay Foundation, a residential treatment centre for drug addicts, alcoholics, ex-cons and

**Shylock**  
When: February 21, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Where: ArtSpring  
Cost: \$15

others. Under the X-Kalay flag, Berner organized the purchase and subsequent operation for released prisoners at the old Vesuvius Inn site.

Berner regularly visits the island and stays with longtime friend Geoff and Doreen Cue.

Last year he protested the provincial government's attack on the volunteer-run Mary Hawkins Library, and raised the issue through his talk show.

His island connections give him even greater reason to be thrilled at performing Shylock in the new arts facility.

Despite his years working in film and TV, Berner said he thinks he prefers live theatre.

"You have to live inside it and live inside it right now, and you also communicate directly with the audience."

It's a similar thrill to live talk show radio, and Salt Spring is invited to take it all in on Sunday.

The afternoon and evening shows are a benefit for ArtSpring.

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# Dean's timeless paintings suggest 'nobility is all of us'

By VAUGHN FULFORD  
Driftwood Contributor

If artists are the visionaries of our world, then bearing witness to the soulfully allegorical work of Salt Spring artist Diana Dean, now gracing the ample walls of the recently-opened ArtSpring building, is close to a civic responsibility.

With sumptuous, painterly grace, Dean presents to us a world of wonderful possibilities, a fascinatingly timeless reality in which simple existence becomes the mysterious art form it is meant to be.

It's not a bad reminder of human potential in a land as ripe with possibilities as this burgeoning, utopian, Bali-north, which Salt Spring may be.

The show, *Brush with Romance*, focusses on Dean's large scale work of the past few years, along with numerous sketches, drawings, and some older works.

There is an intentional timeless quality to the paintings. Dean draws upon a myriad of influences — Renaissance and pre-Renaissance masters, Cezanne, the Impressionists, Van Gogh, Picasso. We have the allegorical and formalized subject matter, and the rich play of light from the masters of old; but true to the modern ethos the process is de-mystified.

The visions are obviously "painted," not a slick *trompe l'oeil*. We can enjoy the trail of brush strokes, witness how each work has been "built." The combination of antiquated formality, modern irreverence and delight in the process is inspirational.

Dean's subject matter is timeless as well — that is, it embraces all time — past, present and future. The lavishly costumed subjects could be nobility from 15th century Florence or the average Salt Springer dressed for a walk along the beach, a trip to the Saturday market, a quiet evening at home, or a moonlit summer's celebration — and I think that is the point.

In the grand series of portraits, for example, there is a contempla-

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tive, formal, posed aspect to the subjects and their environment.

At first we may find them too formal or stiff, until we notice about them a self-conscious air of meditative repose and remark that the Italianesque vistas beyond the villa-like interiors are Gulf Islands landscapes, that the tastefully-appointed classic interiors are very much the homes we know and live in, that the subjects are people we see on the streets and byways of our island.

Is this not our world? Rather than confine the pleasure inherent in the Renaissance lifestyle to a feudal nobility, as in the past, Dean seems to be creating a more egalitarian world.

**One comes away ...with a greater awareness of the potential for being human in all of us, of the joy and sorrow ...**

She seems to be saying that the nobility is all of us, that true nobility rests within the honour which we ascribe one to another; and it is through such an awareness that we may achieve our own "Renaissance" — an idea probably familiar to many in our community.

Dean's show is a clarion call for all of us to allow our more gracious, enlightened selves to be — a clarion call with a sense of drama and fun — Da Vincis with stereo speaker cabinets and plastic tables — or are they wooden crates and lacquered tables?

Only our perspective begets the interpretation.

Allegorical figures wearing Doc Martins or work boots remind us that our world is perhaps as magical and wondrous as the world of high art, and one should inform the other.

Dean's work draws us in and invites our involvement, requires our participation.

Many of the paintings are richly allegorical and or mythic, open to interpretation.

Mother and Father, a diptych, is a fascinating, haunting and hopeful journey, celebrating the reawakening of the feminine imperative in our society.

St. Cecelia celebrates the eternal nature of art — musicians may die but music allows them to live on in light and love.

Jacob, The New Age Man, sees us sending forth our young men into the world as super-hero peacemakers, confidently stepping forward as masculine beings embracing the feminine.

Many of the allegorical figures are refreshingly androgynous — strong males which are also feminine; strong females which are also masculine.

All of this is big stuff, but it's simple stuff, it's sensible stuff, and it's presented succinctly, skillfully and joyfully.

Nor is it an absolutely benign reality.

There's plenty of drama and plenty of strife. Witness *Sorrow*, or the *Judgement*, or *Lover's Near the Cliff*, and the numerous struggles within the many sketches.

One comes away from *Brush with Romance* with a greater awareness of the potential for being human in all of us, of the joy and sorrow and ultimate fulfillment which all of us hold inside, and a possible vision of a place in our hearts and in our reality where it can all be realized.

You can't ask for much more than that from an art show.

*Brush with Romance* has been extended through Sunday and is admirably curated by Stephen Glanville.

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# Strings will sing Friday at international guitar event

Fans of great music and world-class guitar playing won't want to miss Brian Gore, Antonio Calogero and Sunyata at a triple-bill International Guitar Night at ArtSpring on Friday night.

San Francisco guitarist Gore conceived of "guitar nights" to provide a promotional cooperative for acclaimed guitar instrumentalists.

Concerts have flourished across North America under the International Guitar Night banner, featuring artists such as Alex de Grassi, Peppino DiAgostino, Mike Marshall, Pete Finger and many others.

Salt Spring is one stop on the current west coast tour. Gore and Italian guitar virtuoso Calogero, along with Victoria's own Sunyata are also performing concerts in Vancouver at the Rogue Folk Club and at the Cowichan Theatre in Duncan.

According to Gerry Kurz of Salt Spring, who is promoting the event, "Gore's style fuses the imagination of a Micheal Hedges with the dynamics of a Pierre Bensusan and the Latin warmth of a Baden Powell.

His debut CD, *Path of Least*

Resistance, was produced by acclaimed guitarist Peppino DiAgostino and he counts as friend and mentor Alex DeGrassi, who will produce Brian's next recording."


Of Gore, Acoustic Guitar magazine stated, "No one but Brian has combined so many diverse style and influences into such a cohesive, emotive guitar style full of wisdom and depth."

Calogero's background is in classical guitar, says Kurz, "but his music reflects elements of his Italian homeland, American folk music and jazz, all performed with flawless technique and polish. He's a popular performer on the European festival circuit."

DeGrassi writes: "Antonio plays with clarity and passion; the subtle intricacy of his music will make you want to listen again."

Salt Spring is familiar with the Spanish, Flamenco and gypsy-inspired creations of Sunyata, whose members play with an unmatched passion and enthusiasm. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with music beginning at 8.

Advance tickets are available at Acoustic Planet and Patterson's — \$12 for adults and \$8 for teens.



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# Endgame is 'a play for the millennium'

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

If everyone on Salt Spring could have five minutes with actor Scott Hylands before Endgame opens next weekend, they'd spend the next five minutes getting a ticket for the play.

Hylands, who is also producing and directing the show, is unreserved in his admiration for Beckett and this play.

"(Endgame) is absolutely delicious perception and blood and delight," he says.

It has a "nervous alertness," and a freshness that jumps out and startles its audiences.

An Irishman who wrote Endgame in French, "He was a poet of extraordinary care and power and humour," says Hylands.

Some of Salt Spring's best actors have come together to present the provoking, timely and funny giant of a work by Samuel Beckett at ArtSpring.

Joining Hylands is Vaughn Fulford, Charles Wilton and Laurie Clarke.

And while Beckett is best known for Waiting For Godot, Hylands says Endgame is its kin.

Written during "the post-apocalyptic paranoia of the late 1950s," says Hylands, it is extremely relevant as we head into the next century.

"It's a play for the millennium," says Hylands, "and it takes a comic-tragic walk through the end of things and, as all good poetry, it speaks a language common to us all."

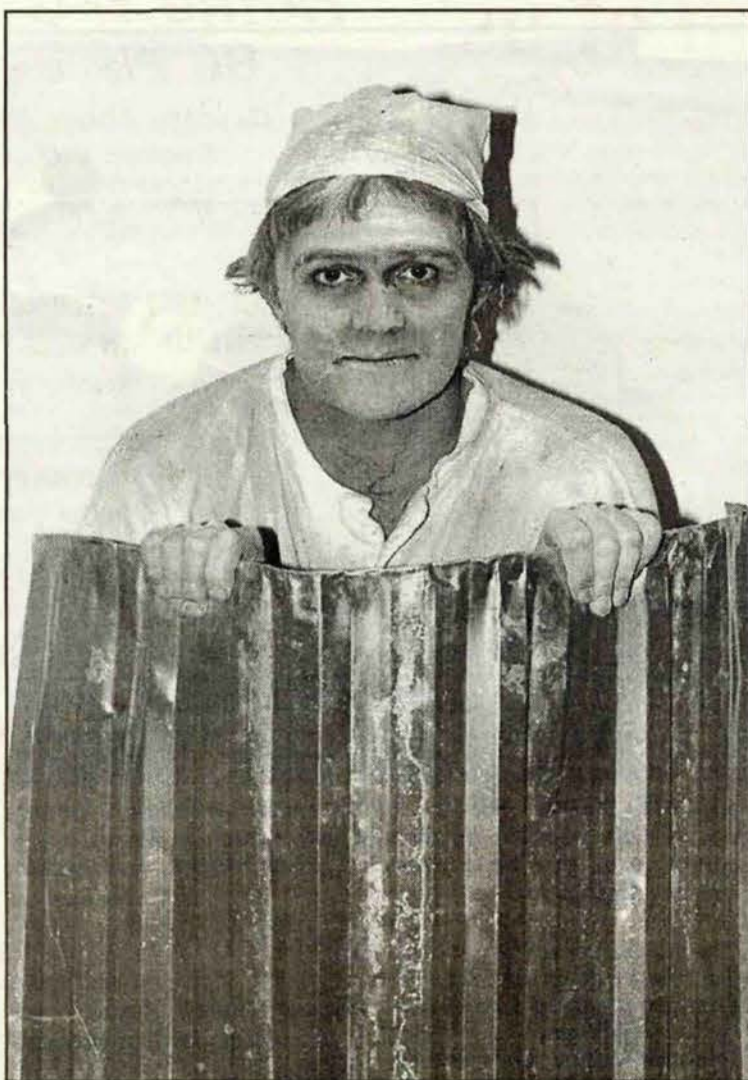
In it Hylands plays the blind and bossy "Lear-like" Hamm, while his "fool-like" attendant Clov is played by Fulford. They're a sort of "Odd Couple at the gates of hell," with the quirks of a well-worn relationship everyone can relate to.

Clarke and Wilton are Nagg and Nell, the "aging progenitors" who Beckett has made into "one of the most shocking, memorable moments in theatre" — as two old people living in garbage cans. Beckett's message in that case is clear, says Hylands. The elderly are considered society's refuse.

There is lots of serious stuff in Endgame — "however, it doesn't take a student of Beckett to appreciate it," comforts Hylands.

On the other hand, there is ample humour as well. "Sometimes we are funniest in our foulest moods," he observes.

For the actors, Endgame is a



**IN THE CAN:** Charles Wilton plays the dustbin-dwelling Nagg in Samuel Beckett's provoking, absurdist masterpiece Endgame, which runs at ArtSpring for three shows only — next Friday and Saturday evening and for a Saturday matinee. Endgame also stars Scott Hylands, Vaughn Fulford and Laurie Clarke.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

"tour de force."

"There are books on how to play Beckett," notes Hylands.

"It's a musical score. You have to do exactly what he says. No more. No less."

Hylands' long and rich acting career includes theatre work in New York, L.A., Toronto, Edmonton. He was Salleri in the play Amadeus, Prospero in The Tempest, and is perhaps best known as O'Brien of the CTV/CBS TV series Night Heat.

ACTRA member Fulford has performed frequently since moving here a few years ago. His shows include Random Acts and A Tailored Affair with Graffiti Theatre, as Houston in The White Dogs of Texas and last summer he

directed Chekhov in the Meadow.

Clarke performed in eight productions on Salt Spring last year, including Graffiti's Jack and Jill, Lion in Winter, and as part of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society.

Among Wilton's most recent work was roles in Lion in Winter and Cinderella and the Three Bears.

Endgame has a bit of a daunting reputation and is often produced in gutsy college theatre departments. But one of Hylands' friends in Los Angeles mounted it in a "hip venue" where he wondered how it would be received, and it was a huge success.

Hylands is hoping for the same response on Salt Spring. One thing is certain: after the play closes next

## Play looks at intergenerational conflict

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff

Some plays are more like finely-crafted novels, where each line is so full it feels like a paragraph.

If We Are Women, written by Joanna McClelland Glass and performed by Salt Spring Community Theatre at ArtSpring last week, is one of those.

It didn't take long to develop an attachment to and understanding of the play's four female characters, and to appreciate the vast territory of emotions and issues which Glass had sent them to cover.

The central conflict was how to convince 18-year-old Polly to not forsake her Yale scholarship for life on a Colorado farm with a private school dropout she met at her prom the previous night.

"You're a log jam in my river!" grandmother Ruth (Maureen O'Brien) yells at Polly (Lottie Fast) with characteristic vigor when she hears the news. "Farms are something you get away from!"

People's different desires and

visions of happiness were illustrated by the simple statement the three older women made about what constituted a good relationship.

For the life-battered, farm-raised Ruth it was "private money in your own account"; for the intellectual Rachel (Jane Phillips), "a good Scrabble mate"; and for the writer and central character Jessica (Ann Cullingham), "souls that run parallel."

The inherent intergenerational conflict came across loud and clear as all three tried to tell Polly what to do.

What was perhaps most remarkable about this production of If We Are Women was the relative inexperience of the actors. Except for Cullingham, this was the first traditional theatre piece for O'Brien, Phillips and Fast.

You would never have believed that in a million years if you hadn't read it in the program. The women seemingly walked right into their roles and toured them with ease around the stage. Bravo to the actors and director Frederick

Howell for what must have been his role in the satisfying result.

If We Are Women may have been totally enjoyable for men, too, but if you were a woman, you could absolutely relate in a way most men probably could not.

Technically, opening night appeared to go off without a hitch, and ArtSpring fared well on its maiden dramatic voyage.

The multi-faceted home set designed by Simon Henson also looked terrific.

Thursday's audience was quite large — hopefully a sign of a continuing trend.

Unfortunately, there's no chance of a holdover, even with the vacancy created this week by the cancellation of It Had To Be You.

Not only is one of the actors taking a holiday, but Howell wants to help with the re-education of Salt Spring audiences who need to get used to a new, cold, hard fact of the entertainment life on the island: In a well-booked ArtSpring, there likely won't be a second week to wait for.

**Endgame**  
When: February 26, 27,  
8 p.m. plus 2 p.m.  
on the 27th  
Where: ArtSpring  
Cost: \$12 adults;  
students \$6;  
matinee \$10

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2	2	CBC	Cottage Gardener	Coronation Street				Riverdale	Man Alive	FoodShw	Alive!	Health Sh.	Market P	Venture	Reflect	Reflect		
4	4	KOMO	Ed Hume	Garden	KOMO News Sunday Morning				This Week	TrueColor	Basketball	Regional Coverage NCAA				FigSkate U.S.		
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	Basketball	Vancouver vs Toronto NBA				Fishing	M.M.P.Rangers: Movie			
8	8	BCTV	BCTV Sunday Morning	News				Robert Schuller	Worldvision	Basketball Vancouver vs Toronto NBA				Car Guys	Impact Direct			
9	9	KCTS	Kidsongs	Arthur	Arthur	Zobmafo	Kratt's C.	Newton's	Firing Line	M. Group	Brown	Serious \$\$	Africans in America			Eyewitn'ss	Garden Chefs	
11	27	KIRO	7:30 Sunday Morning	Face Nat.	Basketball	Regional Coverage NCAA				Golf Nissan Open	PGA				Old House	M Warriors		
12	24	KVOS	Discovery	Ministry	Robert Schuller	Paid Programming		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Modern Problems (1981) Chevy Chase.				Montreal	G.Cooper	
13	13	CKVU	Pinky	Men Black	Eerie	Student	Ready Not	Mechanic	Addams	Real Kids	Sabrina	Clueless	Great Possibilities	TDGreen.	Matchmkr	Score Golf	Game On	
14	7	VTV	Worldvision	Music	Fashion	Media TV	Movie TV	Pacific	Macl. TV	Sunday Edition	MasonLee	First Story	Citizen Shame	Blood of the Hunter				
15	21	TSN	6: Curling	99ScottHearts	Canada Games Manitoba vs Newfoundland				Curling 1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts				Canada Winter Game	Sprtsdsk				
16	5	KING	7:00 Weekend News	News	NBASpec.	Basketball Chicago vs New York NBA				Basketball	Houston vs Orlando NBA				LosAngeles/Seattle NBA			
17		CNN	Evans	Source	Late Edition With Wolf	Blitzer	Earth	World Report	Health	Wrld Beat	Sunday	Pinnacle	Sunday	Both Sides	News	\$\$ Week		
20	23	KSTW	Beetleborg	Hulk	X-Men	Spiderman	Honey, I Shrunk Kids	Party of Five	Quick Change (1990) Bill Murray.			Jewel of the Nile (1985) Kathleen Turner.						
21		YTV	Fuzzpaws	Poke'Mon	Flintstones	Jetsons	Tiny Toon	Oggy	Dexter Lab	Anatole	NBA Dunk	Jep!	Wheel..	Boy Wrid	Wishbone	Wht Mess	Reboot	Stick Arnd
23	10	SRC	:05Oursons	Quasimod.	Pumbaa	Flip flop	Le Jour du Seigneur	Scully	Médias	Le Midi	La semaine verte	..regard	De bouche à oreille				Horizons	
26		NEWS	7:Sun.Live	Moral Div	Newsweek	Weekend	Pac.Rprt	News	Antiques Roadshow	The 5th Estate	Rough Cuts	Newsweek Moral Div				BBC News	\$ Show	
30		TNN	Nascar G	Raceday	Racing Pre	Auto Racing	North Carolina 400 NASCAR				Legends	Outdoor World	Legends				One Cast	
31	20	A&E	Biography: This Week	Mysteries of the Bible	Stand By Me (1986) Wil Wheaton.				Mean Streets (1973) Robert DeNiro.				Justice	Justice	The Unexplained			
33		SHOW	7:Big Snit/	Juke Bar	Fly By Night	Sweating Bullets	Carry on Spying (1965) Kenneth Williams.				HaleFace	Lightning..	Pie in the Sky				Friday 13th: Series	
34	25	KCPQ	FOX News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Heaven Can Wait (1978) Warren Beatty.				Hockey Colorado vs Dallas NHL				Skiing Ford Downhill				
38	16	TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Home S.	Home S.	Live From the Sea	The Home Planet	Sand and Ice	The Third Planet	The Heat Within				Nature's Fury			
39		DISC	The Science of Sex	Connect.	Wld Discvr	The Professionals	LifeSpace	Cosmic	Exhibit A	Illusions	Discovery's Showcase	Animal of the Week				Ext. Weather Marathn		
43		HIST	History of Warfare	The Great War	Stalin	Gallipoli (1981) Bill Kerr.				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		

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2	2	CBC	The Nature of Things	Iron Will (1994) Mackenzie Astin.				Wind at My Back	Tara Lipinski	Karen Kain	CBC News Undercur				CBC News	:40 Reflect			
4	4	KOMO	3:FigSkate U.S.	News	News	Town Meeting		Mr. Holland's Opus (1995) Richard Dreyfuss.				The Practice				News	Siskel &..		
5	11	KNOW	3:00 Classic Theatre	Heartbeat: Series	Art Attack	Kratt's C.	Eyewitn'ss	Creatures	In Rehearsal	Kavanagh Q.C.				Pacific	Studio BC				
7	6	CHEK	3:M.M.P.Rangers:Movie	Nanaimo..	Wknd Ed.	News	Emily of New Moon	Due South	Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke				News	Hollywd B.					
8	8	BCTV	Sherlock Holmes in Washington	Jeopardy!	News	Felicity				Touched By An Angel				The Nutty Professor (1996) Eddie Murphy.					
9	9	KCTS	3:30 KCTS Chefs	Canada O Canada				Nature	Masterpiece Theatre				Crown and Country	Red Green	Time Go				
11	27	KIRO	D Bunnies	Bill Nye	News	Eve. News	News	60 Minutes	Touched By An Angel				Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke				News	:35 Walker	
12	24	KVOS	Ski&Board	Computer	Star Trek	Star Trek: Next Gen.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	To Serve and Protect	Lady in White (1988) Lukas Haas.				Cheers	Paid Prog.	
13	13	CKVU	Heart of	Computer	Entertain. Tonight	News	60 Minutes				Simpsons	70's Show	X-Files	The Practice				SportPage	Country
14	7	VTV	3:Blood of the Hunter	Moesha	Zoe,Ducan	News	MasonLee	Mr. Holland's Opus (1995) Richard Dreyfuss.				Charmed	Forever Knight						
15	21	TSN	Curling 1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts	NHLPA				Sportsdesk	Last Call...	Dave Hodge Spec.	Acura Golf	Sportsdesk							
16	5	KING	3:Basketball L.Angeloes/Seattle NBA	KING News	Backroads				PoliceAcademy7:Mission.Moscow	Eraser (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger.				News	SportMach				
17		CNN	SrtsT.	WrldToday	Cold War	War Post.	WrldToday	CNN & TIME	SprtsT.	Wk in NBA	Cold War	War Post.	Sci. Tech.	SprtsT.	Managing				
20	23	KSTW	Wrs of the Roses (1989) Michael Douglas.	Dances With Wolves (1990) Kevin Costner.				MASH				Cheers	Viper						
21		YTV	Animan.	Oggy	DgHeaven	Percy Prk	Charlie B.	Lassie	Hometown	S. Holmes	System C.	Flipper	W. Melon	Jake and the Kid	NBA Dunk	Deepwater			
23	10	SRC	3:3Horizon	Branché	Course destination	Ce soir	Découverte	Vie artiste	Le Polock	Pt. 1 de 6	Le Polock	Pacifiq.	Jour/Point	Suspect numéro 1					
26		NEWS	On Line Conlon	Not Just the News	Sun. Reprt	Schlesi.	The Passionate Eye	Antiques	Sun. Reprt	Pac.Rprt	The Passionate Eye				Editors				
30		TNN	Outdoor	Bass..	Fishing	Bill Dance	Pro Bull Riding	Fishing	Fishing	Class. Car	Nascar G	Auto Racing	Dura Lube/Kmart 500 NASCAR				Car Driver	Horsepowr	
31	20	A&E	Ancient Mysteries	Biography				Biography				Biography							
33		SHOW	The Blood of Others (cont'd from Feb 14th)	Due South				Cracker	:05 Captives (1994) Tim Roth.	:10 Cracker	:15 Captives								
34	25	KCPQ	The Scarlet Letter (1995) Demi Moore.	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?	Asteroid Impact	Volcano Alert!	Return of the Plagues	Asteroid Impact	Volcano Alert!	Return of the Plagues				Trauma - Life&Death						
39		DISC	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn	Ext. Weather Marathn					
43		HIST	The Canadians	Henry VIII	Sharpe				Henry VIII	Sharpe				Henry VIII					
44		LIFE	Trendspot.	Foodess.	Family	Homes	Life Special Presents	Trendspot.	Homes	Gr'nthmb	Foodess.	Life Special Presents	Lifestyles Rich Fam	M. Stewart	Family				

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2	2	CBC	Road to Avonlea	St. Cent	Simpsons	Broadcast One				Air Farce	Blue Line	22 Mins	SketchC.	Life and Times of..	The National	News	:55 Omerta	
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO News				News	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	20/20 Monday	And Beat Goes On: The Sonny & Cher Story				News	:35 News
5	11	KNOW	Kratt's C.	Magic Bs	French	French	Pacific	Plant Life	Learning	G. Travels	The Art of Conducting				The Independent Eye	Dotto's	Learning	
7	6	CHEK	David Letterman	News	News	News	Love. C.	Hollyw'dS.	S. Susan	K Queens	Raym'nd	Becker	Ally McBeal	News	:40 Club 54			
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey Show	News	Canada	News	Fortune	Jeopardy	Power Play	Ally McBeal				L.A. Doctors	News	News Spt		
9	9	KCTS	Kratt's C.	Wishbone	Arthur	Business	News	Bill Nye	Diary	Liberty! Revolution	American Experience				Bill Cosby	KeepApp	:35 News	
11	27	KIRO	J. Mills	Inside Ed.	KIRO News	News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Cosby	K Queens	Raym'nd	Becker	48 Hours	News	Letterman		
12	24	KVOS	Lois, Clark Superman	Fr.Prince	Home I.	The Nanny	Seinfeld	Touched By An Angel	The Piano Lesson (1995) Charles Dutton.				Seinfeld	Mad You	Cheers	MASH		
13	13	CKVU	Rosie O'Donnell	The Young & Restless	News	E.T.	Simpsons	Cosby	Mad You	2 Guys...	2 Guys...	Cupid	SportPage				News	
14	7	VTV	Ellen	Friends	News	Drew	News	Frasier	Friends	Melrose Place	And Beat Goes On: The Sonny & Cher Story				News	Media TV		
15	21	TSN	Curling 1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts	Can.Game				Sportsdesk	WWF Raw is War				Sportsdesk					
16	5	KING	Oprah Winfrey Show	KING News	News	News	Magazine	Hollyw'dS.	S. Susan	Mad You	Border Line Sherry Stringfield.				News	:35 Tonight		
17		CNN	3:3Moneyl.	Crossfire	The World Today	Larry King	Live	CNN & TIME	SprtsT.	Moneyline	Larry King	Live	CNN & TIME	SprtsT.	Moneyline			
20	23	KSTW	CADream	Saved Bell	Home I.	The Nanny	Home I.	Frasier	Frasier	Seinfeld	Dilbert	Diresta	The Sentinel	MASH	Cheers	Frasier	NwsRadio	
21		YTV	Poke'Mon	Animan.	Rugrats	Pinky	Addams	S. Holmes	Story Stud	RadioAct.	Lassie	Gsebmps	Addams	BreakHigh	Student	Odyssey	Ocean Girl	Af. Dark
23	10	SRC	Woof!	Pas bêtes	Watatatow	Emploi	Pacifiq.	Ce soir	Virginie	Petite Vie	4 et demi...	Omertà, honneur				Téléjournal/Point	Ce soir	Sports
26		NEWS	Newsweek Reports	Sports	C'ntersp.	The National	Pamela Wallin	Newsworld/15	Petrie's	National	C'ntersp.	Pamela Wallin	National Business					
30		TNN	The Waltons	Life & Times of..	Prime Time Country	The Oak Ridge Boys	Dallas	The Dukes of Hazzard				Prime Time Country	The Oak Ridge Boys					
31	20	A&E	Law & Order	Biography				Investigative Reports	Cracker	Law & Order	Biography				Investigative Reports	Cracker		
33		SHOW	Counterstrike	Street Justice				Due South	The Mushroom Picker Nigel Terry.				:05 La Femme de l'Hotel	Paule Baillargeon.	Mushroom Picker			
34	25	KCPQ	P Rangers	Knights	Judge J.	Judge J.	Simpsons	Friends	Friends	Simpsons	Melrose Place	Ally McBeal	Reports	Mad You	:05 Star Trek: DSN			
38	16	TLC	48 Hours	Tornado	Dead Frce	President's Scorpion	The Young Kennedy's	Tornado	Dead Frce	President's Scorpion	The Young Kennedy's	48 Hours						
39		DISC	@discovery.ca	Behavin' Animals	Dang.Sea	Parks	Discover Magazine	@discovery.ca	Behavin' Animals	Dang.Sea	Parks	Discover Magazine						
43		HIST	Advent.	Yesterday	Making Sense of 60s	History Presents				The Canadians	History Presents				The Canadians			
44		LIFE	Homes	Trendspot.	J. Hanna	Nat. Geo.	M. Stewart	M. Stewart	Dish It Out	Dinner?	J. Hanna	Foodess.	M. Stewart	Family	Lifestyles Rich Fam	Extra	Dinner?	

Table with columns for Pender Island (P) and Salt Spring Island (S) channels and times (4:00-11:30). Rows list various TV programs like 'Road to Avonlea', 'Simpsons', 'The Nanny', etc.

Table with columns for Pender Island (P) and Salt Spring Island (S) channels and times (8:00-3:30). Rows list various TV programs like '6:30 News', 'The View', 'The Price is Right', etc.

WHAT'S ON TV MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, FEB 17
6:00 PM
(43) Decision Before Dawn (1951,War) Young German war prisoner who agrees to return to the Reich for the U.S. Richard Basehart, Gary Merrill
7:00 PM
(33) \*\*\* Chungking Express (1996,Romance) Detective falls for a woman in smuggling business. Brigitte Lin, Takeshi Kaneshiro
9:00 PM
(43) Decision Before Dawn (1951,War) Richard Basehart, Gary Merrill
9:10 PM
(33) Bride With White Hair (1993,Drama) Boy with great talent in martial arts gets in accident. Leslie Cheung, Brigitte Lin
11:05 PM
(33) Bride With White Hair (1993,Drama) Leslie Cheung, Brigitte Lin
11:55 PM
(2) (2) The Silent Touch (1993,Drama) Student encourages composer to start writing again. Max Von Sydow, Lothaire Bluteau
THURSDAY, FEB 18
6:00 PM
(43) \*\*\* The Red Tent (1971,Adventure) Italian explorer General Nobile whose 1928 Arctic expedition ended tragically. Peter Finch, Sean Connery
7:00 PM
(33) \*\*\* The Killer (1989,Action) Hitman's plans for fall apart when he botches his job. Chow Yun-Fat, Sally Yeh
8:00 PM
(20) (23) \*\*\* The Last Man on Earth (1964,Horror) A scientist working on cure for plague that is turning humans into zombies. Vincent Price, Franca Bettiola
9:00 PM
(4) (4) (14) (7) Stephen King's Storm of the Century (Horror) Tale of one small

town's struggle for survival during the worst snow storm. Tim Daly, Debrah Farentino
(43) \*\*\* The Red Tent (1971,Adventure) Peter Finch, Sean Connery
9:25 PM
(33) Last Hurrah for Chivalry (1978,Martial Arts) Two master swordsmen unite to defeat an evil warlord who has usurped a castle. Wei Pai, Damian Lau
11:55 PM
(2) (2) La Sarrasine (1991,Drama) An Italian immigrant condemned for murder orders his wife's return to Italy. Enrica Maria Modugno, Tony Nardi
(33) Last Hurrah for Chivalry (1978,Martial Arts) Wei Pai, Damian Lau
FRIDAY, FEB 19
8:00 PM
(43) \*\*\* The Blue Max (1966,War) A rookie fighter pilot has the sole objective is to win the Blue Max. George Peppard, James Mason
8:00 PM
(12) (24) \*\*\* Highlander (1986,Action) An immortal hero battles his arch enemy in present day for the ultimate prize. Christopher Lambert, Roxanne Hart
8:10 PM
(33) \*\*\* Tattoo (1981,Drama) Mentally ill tattoo artist kidnaps fashion model for her body. Bruce Dern, Maud Adams
9:00 PM
(43) \*\*\* The Blue Max (1966,War) George Peppard, James Mason
10:00 PM
(9) (9) \*\*\*\*\* The Man Who Came to Dinner (1942,Comedy) A traveling lecturer stays a with family for the winter and takes over. Monty Woodley, Bette Davis
11:25 PM
(33) \*\*\* Tattoo (1981,Drama) Bruce Dern, Maud Adams
11:55 PM

(2) (2) \*\*\* The Three Musketeers (1993,History) Three Musketeers fight corrupt Cardinal who wants the throne for himself. Tim Curry, Chris O'Donnell
SATURDAY, FEB 20
8:00 PM
(43) \*\*\* Black Robe (1991,History) A 17th century Jesuit priest travels through wilderness to convert Indians. Lothaire Bluteau, Aden Young
8:00 PM
(4) (4) \*\*\* A Very Brady Sequel (1996,Comedy) A mother's long lost husband returns to his family to find a treasure. Shelley Long, Gary Cole
(12) (24) \*\*\* The Blue Max (1966,War) A rookie fighter pilot has the sole objective is to win the Blue Max. George Peppard, James Mason
(20) (23) \*\*\* Pretty Woman (1990,Romance) A wealthy man hires a free-spirited call girl to be his companion for a week. Richard Gere, Julia Roberts
8:05 PM
(33) \*\*\* Death and the Maiden (1994,Suspense) Woman, victim of kidnapping and torture, captures the man responsible. Stuart Wilson, Sigourney Weaver
9:00 PM
(43) \*\*\* Black Robe (1991,History) Lothaire Bluteau, Aden Young
10:00 PM
(5) (11) \*\*\*\*\* 8 1/2 (Drama) A captivating exploration of artist's struggling to regain his creative spark. Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinal
(33) \*\*\* Death and the Maiden (1994,Suspense) Stuart Wilson, Sigourney Weaver
SUNDAY, FEB 21
8:00 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) (14) (7) \*\*\* Mr. Holland's Opus (1995,Drama) A musician taking a teaching job and finds his true calling in young minds. Richard Dreyfuss, Olympia Dukakis
(16) (5) \*\*\* Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow (1994,Comedy) Bumbling, dumb cops journey to Russia to stop a world takeover. G.W. Bailey, Georges Gaynes
8:05 PM
(33) Captives (1994,Suspense) Woman finds chemistry with a mysterious loner and they secretly begin an affair. Tim Roth, Julia Ormond
8:30 PM
(16) (5) \*\*\* Eraser (1996,Action) A U.S. Marshall must protect a woman from his own colleagues. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Vanessa Williams
9:00 PM
(7) (6) (11) (27) Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke (1999,Drama) American heiress inherited \$100 million from father when she was 13 years old. Lauren Bacall, Richard Chamberlin
(8) (8) \*\*\* The Nutty Professor (1996,Comedy) Obese professor takes revolutionary potion that makes him thin. Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett
(12) (24) \*\*\* Lady in White (1988,Suspense) A man is helped by a ghost to track a murderer/ molester who is still free. Lukas Haas, Len Cariou
11:15 PM
(33) Captives (1994,Suspense) Tim Roth, Julia Ormond
MONDAY, FEB 22
7:00 PM
(33) The Mushroom Picker (Drama) An English girl is seduced and manipulated

into marrying a mushroom-mad man. Nigel Terry, Lynsey Baxter
8:00 PM
(12) (24) The Piano Lesson (1995,Drama) An ornately carved upright piano symbolizes the heritage of the Charles family. Charles Dutton, Alfre Woodard
9:00 PM
(4) (4) (14) (7) And the Beat Goes On: The Sonny and Cher Story (1999,Biography) The story of Sonny and Cher's early romance and their rise to stardom. Jay Underwood, Renee Faia
(16) (5) Border Line (Drama) Attorney investigates woman that leads to uncovering Asian human-smuggling ring. Sherry Stringfield, Elizabeth Pena
9:05 PM
(33) La Femme de l'Hotel (1984,Drama) A woman film director who is feeling alienated and dislocated holes up for days. Paule Baillargeon, Serge Dupire
11:00 PM
(33) The Mushroom Picker (Drama) Nigel Terry, Lynsey Baxter
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7:00 PM
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(7) (6) (11) (27) Too Rich: The Secret Life of Doris Duke (1999,Drama) American heiress inherited \$100 million from father when she was 13 years old. Lauren Bacall, Richard Chamberlin
(33) Himatsuri (1984,Drama) Determined to halt the construction, a lumberjack commits acts of violence. Kiny Kitaaji, Kwako Taichi
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# Fibre group tickled by new spinning mini-mill

Good news doesn't come in a much better package.

When the new Gulf Islands Spinning Mill arrived on Salt Spring from Prince Edward Island three weeks ago, it brought clean economic development, recognition of island history and the solution to chronic problems for fibre producers on the island and beyond.

Compared to traditional "big, huge, old" spinning mills, the new arrival is compact, versatile and quick, explains Susan Berlin. "It's expandable, modular, it's small. You can clean it in 10 minutes." Picker, carder and spinners are in modules which can be added or subtracted as needed.

Now set up in a building on the Farmers Institute grounds, the mill can produce rovings, yarns of all kinds and felt — even alpaca felt. The mill was established by the Salt Spring Island Fibre Studios, a local co-op, although the mill itself has a separate board of directors.

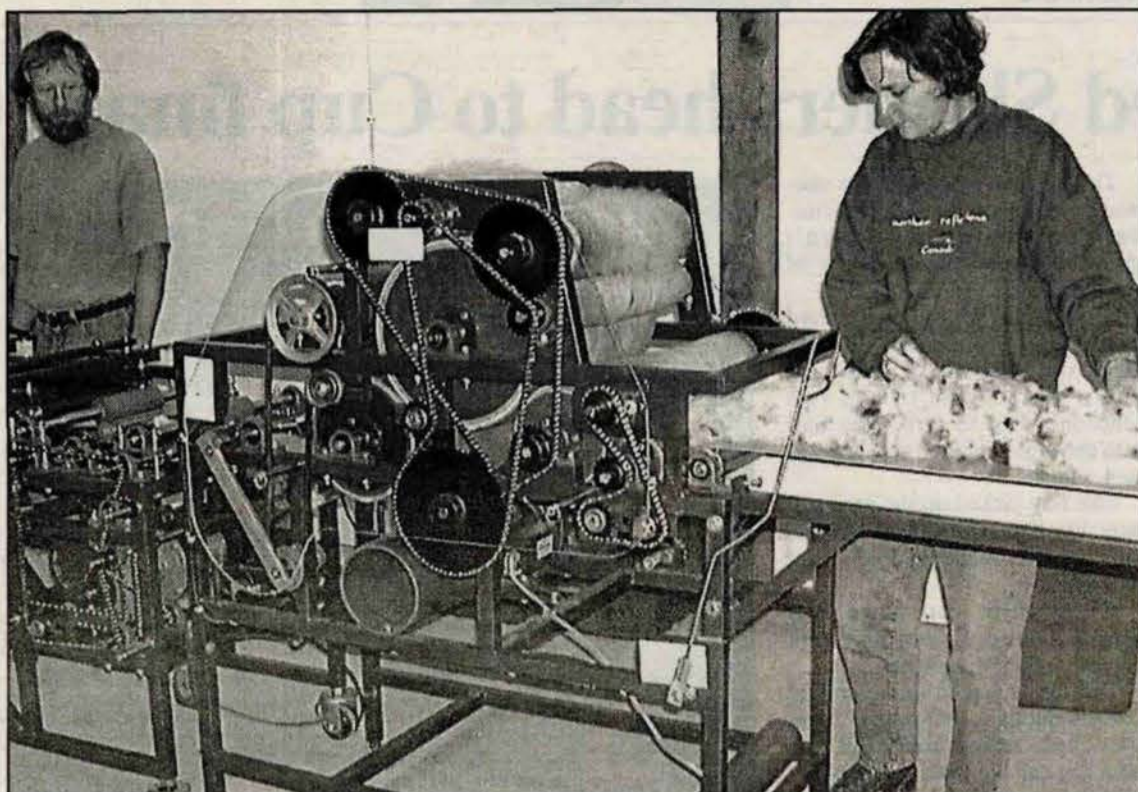
As co-op member Berlin explains, members had encountered numerous problems trying to get fleece from island animals made into the products they desired.

Mills couldn't seem to handle varying weights of fleece. The long fibres of Salt Spring animals caused more difficulties.

The mills themselves?

"They were big, huge, old," says Berlin. It took forever to change from processing black to white fleece. The farmer with only a handful of sheep — or llamas of any number — was out of luck.

Having a mini-mill on Salt



**FLEECE TO GOLD:** Barry Larson and Cathy Unruh work at the new Gulf Islands Spinning Mill, a compact, versatile and modular mill which can create wonderful products from animal fleeces. An open house event is set for Saturday afternoon at the Farmers Institute, with animals, demonstrations, refreshments and more.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Spring is a major achievement and everyone is invited to celebrate it on Saturday afternoon with an open house at its Rainbow Road home.

One thing that has excited Berlin is that the mill brings to the island an environmentally-friendly "industry" which complements its rural, farming history.

"It's local economic develop-

ment and it fits with what's already here."

One and a half permanent jobs have been created so far, although demand for the mill's services will likely increase as word reaches across the continent.

"We know this is what people needed because it's what we needed," says Berlin.

The Gulf Islands Spinning Mill

has also been set up as a co-op, and anyone interested is invited to call either Maggie Krieger at 537-9446, or John Fulker at 537-4895.

## Theatre Alive! reading serves up poet 'sensuously attentive to reality'

One of Canada's most noted poets — Don McKay — is reading at All Saints By-the-Sea on Saturday night.

McKay's book *Night Field* won the Governor-General's award for poetry in 1991.

He has been nominated for the honour for both his book called *Birding, or desire*, and for his most recent work, *Apparatus*.

The reading, which begins at 8 p.m., is sponsored by Theatre Alive!

McKay was the director of creative writing at University of New Brunswick, senior poetry editor at Banff Centre for the Arts and a resource person for the Sage Hill Writing Experience.

McKay's *Birding, or desire* has become a classic of modern Canadian poetry.

Robert Bringhurst of *Books in Canada* magazine wrote: "What is lovely in these poems is their side-

wise lope — their lithe eccentric movement — their freedom from self-interest, and their sensuous love of the living world in all its intimate, quick detail."

Salt Spring author and poet Brian Brett observes that "McKay is a poet as sensuously attentive to reality as a Japanese gardener to his bonsai garden. Whether describing a hike through the bush or the particulars of daily life, the poems repeatedly surprise us with their wry humour, perspective and weathered voice. Often dissolving the boundaries between the self and the world, they show us how to find 'the fine points of translation' between the realm of the human and everything that we routinely perceive as outside of ourselves."

Brett adds that "McKay's abiding interest in birds and the natural environment complements and inspires his writing."

The reading begins at 8 p.m.

## All-ages dance is pre-school fundraiser

Little Red Schoolhouse is celebrating community life Saturday night with a three-band dance at Beaver Point Hall.

The fundraiser for the south-end preschool will see Celtic, blues and rock 'n' roll bands set to get islanders dancing at the all-ages, family-friendly event.

Black Velvet Band, Champagne Charlie and the Tail-draggers, and

The Groove Review are providing the music for the event at the hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A full food menu will also be available, including chili, soup, sweets, savouries, coffee, tea and juice.

A "respite room" containing toys will be set up for children or parents who need a break from the action.

Admission is \$10 per adult or \$15 for a family.

Children 12 and under are admitted free.

Character-rich "Little Red," located next to Beaver Point Hall, is the oldest operating schoolhouse in B.C.

There are currently a few spaces open for three-to five-year-old children in its preschool program.

## Spinning mill open house set

Sheep, goats, llamas and alpacas will be among the hosts of the Gulf Islands Spinning Mill open house on Saturday.

"Sheep cookies" will even be on hand to sample.

The open house runs from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Farmers Institute on Rainbow Road.

There will be demonstrations of handspinning as well as the new mini-mill in action making yarn, roving and felt.

Salt Spring Island Fibre Studios will display rovings and yarns made from local sheep, and original patterns and kits.

Farmers will tell stories illustrating the island's long connection with sheep, and free recipes for the cookies will also be available.

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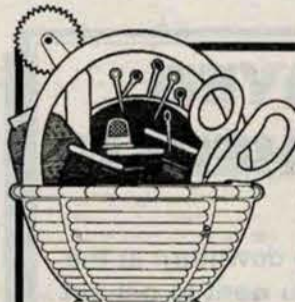
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## Determined Slashers head to Cup finals

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

It took a shake of their heads at halftime to find some focus for the Salt Spring Slashers. The result was two second-period goals en route to a 3-1 playoff victory over Oak Bay Sunday at GISS.

The win puts the under-19 girls into the finals of the B.C. Cup's lower-island playoffs this weekend at home.

But the victory wasn't easy.

The Slashers had two decisive victories over Oak Bay in league play but ran into a motivated opponent Sunday.

The visitors blocked the middle effectively during the first half and kept Salt Spring from its usual game plan.

Only Stephanie Collette managed to find a seam in the 10th minute when she took a knock-on header from Tanisha Van Pelt and lobbed a shot over Oak Bay's keeper into the right corner.

The Slashers' league-best defence seemed sluggish as their opponents worked the ball well into Salt Spring's zone.

A seemingly harmless play in the 26th minute put an Oak Bay forward unmarked in front of the net with the ball.

The goal tied the match, with the only other good scoring chance coming from Oak Bay with 10 minutes left before the break.

"At the half they all realized they were going to have to play better to get the win," said coach Malcolm Legg. "Even though we carried the play, (Oak Bay) were up for the game and didn't give anything away."

The Slashers opened the second period with enough determination to show they weren't going to repeat the slow pace of the first.

Seconds in, Molly Lynes-Ford picked up a loose ball at midfield, ran in about 15 yards and slid a perfect pass to Van Pelt who only had to direct the ball into the right corner for the eventual winner.

Oak Bay picked up the pace and kept the Slashers' defence on its toes but was unable to find a trail to the net.

As the clock wore down, Salt Spring sensed victory and took control in their opponents' end.

The locals forced three straight corners during a two-minute span; two shots sailed wide and one bounced off the post, but the outcome seemed secure.

The game's prettiest marker came from a Van Pelt-Kate McNair hookup in the 82nd minute.

McNair left two Oak Bay defenders on their heels as she dug the ball out from a sideline skirmish and swung in from the right side.

She fed Van Pelt who also used a feint of her own to end up unmarked in the crease to score her second of the game.

"I think we responded well in the second half and were more willing to take chances. Still it was a tough game, which is what we need right now," said Legg.

The Slashers will host Cordova Bay Sunday at GISS to decide the zone champion and who will move on to the island championships.



**SLEIGHT OF FOOT:** Tanisha Van Pelt freezes the Oak Bay defence with some slick footwork during the Salt Spring Slashers' 3-1 playoff victory Sunday at GISS. The local under-19 girls team got two goals from Van Pelt to move on to the zone finals.

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## Old Boys fly out on top with Hengstler shut-out

Just off a plane from Mexico, Arnie Hengstler used his six-foot-three frame in net to blank a determined Duncan squad in the second half as Sea Otter Old Boys emerged with a 1-0 over-30 men's soccer victory Sunday at GISS.

"They were all over us in the second half. Our defence was solid but it was Arnie who made some excellent saves," said team captain Chris Cottrell of the makeup game.

Henry Braak prowled the crease in the first half for Salt Spring.

Cottrell tallied the game's lone goal early in the first half when he directed a tight left-footed shot past the Duncan keeper who was roaming far out of his net.

The marker was set up by Kerry Walker, who recorded a point in his third-straight game.

"We always seem to find a way to beat (Duncan) by one goal," Cottrell said. "This time I think we were pretty lucky."

Sea Otter will host either Invicta or Oak Bay this weekend in another make-up contest Sunday at GISS

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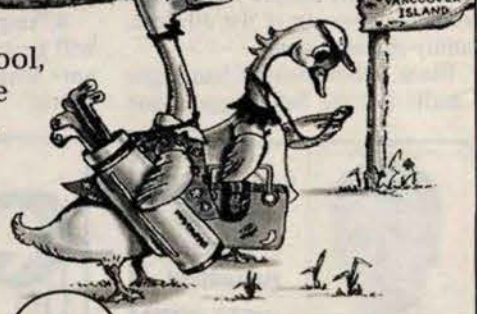
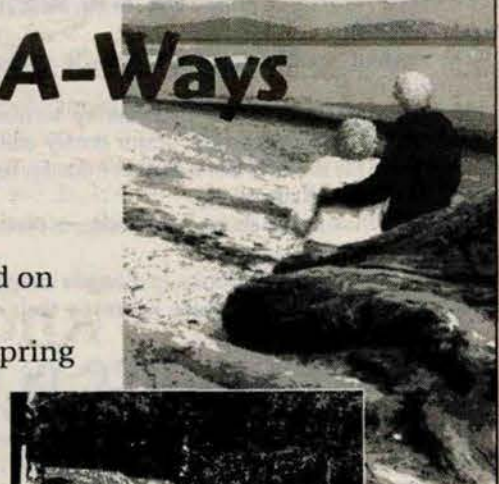
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# Bruised and disappointed, Scorpions settle for fourth

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

It wasn't their only defeat, but it's the one they'll remember for a very long time.

A wild and woolly 74-62 loss to Reynolds Roadrunners drained the GISS senior boys basketball team Friday at the south-island AA championships at Reynolds Secondary School in Victoria.

It left the Scorpions unfocused as they split two games the following day and slid into the fourth and final spot at the island playoffs this weekend in Qualicum Beach.

The Scorpions opened with a 77-54 win over Lake Cowichan Thursday.

Saturday morning they took a 67-52 decision over Chemainus yet were bounced later the same day by Shawnigan 92-78 in the

battle for third place.

GISS had beaten all three teams in league play, but playoffs are always a crap shoot.

The memory of Friday night's battle is likely to stick around for a long time.

The bruises from the no-holds-barred encounter will also take time to fade.

GISS and Reynolds have a long history in boys basketball, stretching back to the same event last year when GISS laid a three-point overtime loss on the Roadrunners.

But this game was at Reynolds' home court, a brick box that reverberates with the softest footsteps.

Salt Spring contributed the largest cheering section, and the enthusiasm added another layer to an already tense matchup.

Anchored around two six-foot-

five veterans in the post and three slick ballhandlers out front, Reynolds outmatched the Scorpions. But they didn't outplay them.

"We knew it was going to be tough but it is difficult to really prepare for such a physical game," said coach Myles Wilson following the loss. "I told them to ignore it as much as they could and they'd get their chance. And they did."

Reynolds opened quickly with hoops coming easily inside. But their tall forwards also showed a soft touch from the three-point line, hitting on four of four (six of seven on the game) and pushing the hosts to a 21-17 lead after 10 minutes.

The Roadrunners extended their lead to 13 early in the second until a mid-period run by GISS brought the margin back to single digits.

Joe Cunliffe found the inside lane three times and Mike Chen scored twice on layups as the Scorpions showed they weren't to be intimidated by anyone's height advantage.

GISS tightened its defence in the second quarter and kept the margin to nine points, 37-28, at the half.

But Reynolds' experience and size became the key through the rest of the game with disciplined ball-handling that left GISS scrambling much of the time.

A 21-for-28 performance on the foul line also outpaced GISS' 16 for 31, but this year's Scorpions have created a habit of always finding a chance to win.

They got their chance with about three minutes remaining.

A pressure defence created three straight steals, and the visitors managed to convert all three while cutting the score to 64-60.

Jesse McEachern's pair of fast-break hoops gave GISS some hope before the islanders turned the ball over twice in quick succession, allowing Reynolds to go on a 7-2 run and put the game out of reach.

Another key to Reynolds' win was its ability to keep GISS top scorer Keanu Meyers in check.

"There were two and three guys all over you all the time," said Meyers, who was held to three points in the second half and finished with 14. "There was lots of contact before each shot so it was tough to get settled."

Wilson tried to prepare his troops.

"I told them to expect contact and don't expect to get (fouls) called," he said. "If we hadn't made those turnovers when we were within four, it might have been a different story."

"We learned that no game is a cakewalk but we can play with anyone."

Cunliffe tallied 19 points to lead GISS scorers while McEachern added 12.

The third-place tussle with Shawnigan was the second that day for GISS.

Despite controlling play and holding a two-point advantage at the half, the Scorpions ran into early foul trouble.

Cunliffe and Meyers had to sit for much of the game, and the team's usually dependable defence slid with the score. Meyers finished with 22 points to lead GISS.

In other games the Scorpions broke away from a sluggish first half against Lake Cowichan to outscore their opponents 23-8 in the third quarter.

Meyers exploded for 10 points during the run while McEachern contributed nine. Meyers finished with 24, and Cunliffe added 17.

Against Chemainus Saturday morning, Meyers and Cunliffe spent much of the first half on the bench as Wilson worked his offence with other players.

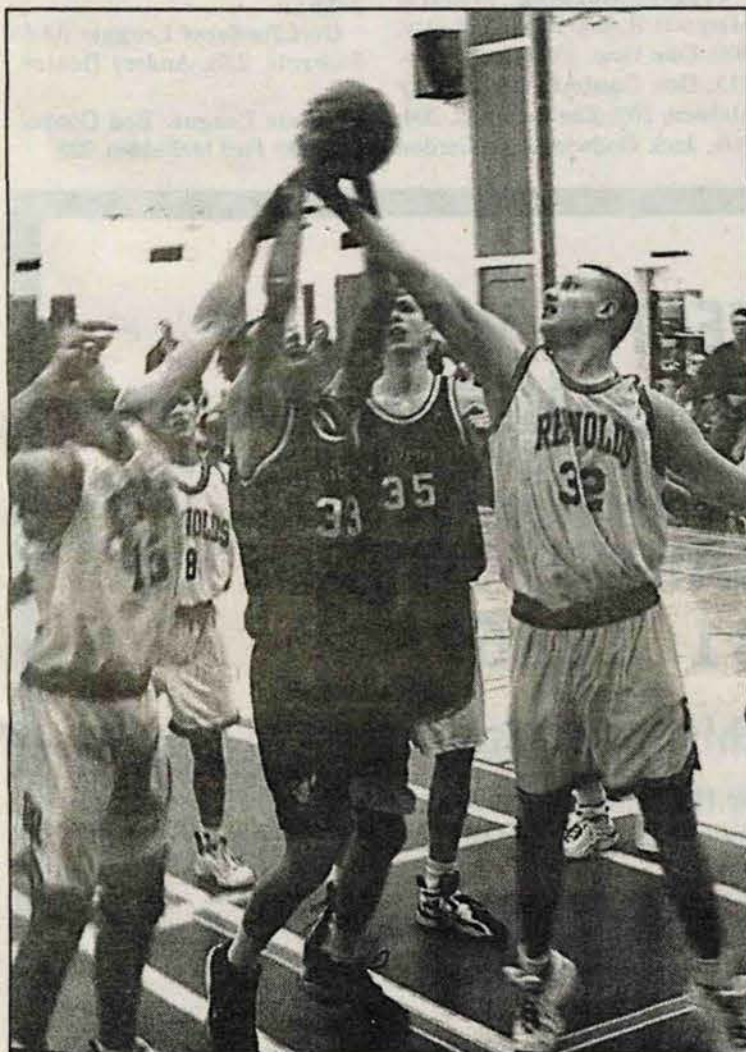
The Scorpions went up quickly and held a 36-23 lead at the half.

Ironically it was outside and foul shooting, the team's two major weaknesses, that paced the winners for most of the game.

Chemainus made a third-quarter run that cut the score to 48-44 and brought Meyers and Cunliffe back in to bolster the offence and the final 15-point win.

Meyers paced all scorers with 15 while co-captain Chris Langdon finally pushed his way inside to contribute 13. Chen finished with 11.

The fourth-place finish will pit GISS against Qualicum — the province's sixth-ranked squad — as the island playoffs open Thursday.



**JUST OUT OF REACH:** GISS Scorpions' Joe Cunliffe (33) finds the ball, like his team's 74-62 loss, a few inches too far away as Reynolds' forward Sean Venn gathers in an offensive rebound Friday during the teams' semi-final at the south-island senior boys basketball playoffs at Reynolds Secondary. Photo by Mike Levin

## Junior boys knocked out of run for provincial basketball play-offs

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

The junior boys basketball Scorpions' run ended one game short of the provincial playoffs Saturday at the mid-island tournament held Friday and Saturday at GISS.

After two straight wins, the locals ran into a determined Cowichan opponent and absorbed a 66-45 loss.

Earlier they had taken a 90-39 decision over Chemainus on Friday and a 62-50 win over Brentwood Saturday morning.

The juniors fell into a slump early against Cowichan, the only team they had lost to during the regular season.

Big men Alex Vine and Rhys Beasley found the inside blocked and slick shooter Brian Crowe was cold as the Scorpions shot a disappointing two for 16 in the first quarter.

Cowichan took advantage of the locals' slump to score six fast-break hoops in the second quarter and held a 30-24 lead at the break.

Only Travis Booth was able to find the range for GISS, hitting three times on tight jumpers, but it was obvious that two games in one day were taking its toll on the locals.

In the third quarter both teams picked up the pace, but Cowichan's eight-for-nine performance from the foul line triggered a 16-2 run for the winners, who stretched their advantage to 52-36 with just one quarter to go.

"We had a few mental lapses that allowed them to put that run together. It was costly," said coach Tony Mason. "I didn't see much intensity out there today."

The final stanza was similar. Cowichan engineered eight straight steals that left the hosts reeling.

With just over five minutes remaining, the winners pushed their lead to 63-40 and secured their berth in the provincial championships.

Crowe finished with 13 points while Booth added eight and Vine seven.

"We lost to a very good team so I can't say I'm disappointed," said Mason. "I think Cowichan wanted it more."

Earlier GISS opened with a decisive win over Chemainus on a 28-5 run in the game's third quarter.

Crowe potted 13 during the spurt and finished with a game-high 22.

Brandon Wilson added 14.

Against Brentwood it took another late surge for the Scorpions to emerge with the win.

Leading only by four at the half — at 29-25 — the locals started scoring from inside to turn the tide.

Crowe again topped all scorers with 17 while Wilson added 16.

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## Johnson pair aids third Slugs win

Some Salt Spring Slugs stayed home Valentine's Day, playing the role of attentive spouse.

But those who didn't helped the men's hockey squad record its third-straight victory with a 3-0 decision over Sidney Blues Sunday at Fuller Lake Arena.

The outcome was a tribute to defence and goaltending, not always the Slugs' most noteworthy traits.

Blaine Johnson chipped in a pair of goals to put the hosts up 2-0 until late in the third period.

With the Sidney goaltender on the bench for an extra attacker, Salt Spring's forwards broke out toward the empty net.

Paul Sinclair's initial shot slid wide before Joe Akerman picked up the rebound off the boards and tucked it in to round out the well-deserved victory.

The Slugs next travel to Sidney on Thursday to take on the league-leading Shoreline Bruins.

## Athletes wrestle excellent scores

There were no medals for Salt Spring's wrestlers at the Vancouver Island Championships in Courtenay over the weekend, but those attending returned with excellent overall records.

The double-knockout event was the final tournament of the season.

Travis Kennedy recorded a 3-2 mark in his 78-kg class, while Oscar Venter also had three wins before being eliminated in the same weight class.

Andrew Money recorded a 2-2 performance in the 70-kg class, and Tanya Van Schetsen won one match before being knocked out of the 57-kg event.

## Tense shootout secures victory

Fuller Lake Panthers left it until late — very late — before carving out a 6-5 shootout victory over Kerry Lake Islanders in bantam hockey semi-final playoffs Sunday at Fuller Lake Arena.

The Panthers had trouble finding the range through the first two periods of the North Cowichan Hockey League match.

Despite dominating territorial play, Fuller Lake found itself down 3-0 and faced an early exit from the single-knockout format.

But in the third, things changed.

Stuart Sinclair ignited the comeback early in the period with a pretty goal as the Panthers hemmed their opponents into their zone.

Chris Taylor (from Cedar) brought the hosts to within one and Ryan Atzenberger (from Chemainus) evened the count at 3-3 as the clock wound down.

The shootout was a nail-biter.

Both teams tallied on two shots, then missed twice to set up the fifth and final chance.

Fuller Lake goalie Tim Viala (from Duncan) stymied his shooter and then Atzenberger rippled the cords for the win.

The Panthers now move on to face Port Alberni in the championship game.

## Kings Lane bowling scores are announced

By RUTH HUME  
Driftwood Contributor

Following are high scores in recent bowling league play at Kings Lane Recreation.

**Looney Tunes:** Martin Hoogerdyk, 226, 240, 203; Lance Leask, 225, 216; Henry Schwagly, 202, 226; John Sutherland, 241, 262, 217; Linda Schwagly, 202; Ben Cooper, 213, 210; Ron Cunningham, 214, 239; Connie Hardy, 263, 310 (Hardy's second 300 game of the season).

**Special Olympics:** Sharon Way, 150, 144, 164; Stuart Elliot, 185, 165; Gloria Dale, 162, 175; Mahjor Baines, 226, 220; Terry Swing, 197.

**Friday Morning Seniors:** Margaret Baker, 211; Cliff Jory, 209; Edie Gear, 219; Henry Otto, 213; Don Goodman, 200; Sherry Mehnert, 207; Ken Robinson, 204, 201; Jack Godwin, 224; Gordon

## HIGH ROLLERS

Parsons, 213; Madalene Jory, 203; Jerry Latvala, 238.

**Golf Ladies:** Mary Carlson, 200; Lorraine Toller, 240.

**Wednesday Afternoon Ladies:** Deanna Marleau, 265/607; Mary Fraser, 200.

**Tuesday Morning Seniors:** Rita Brown, 285/639; Bev Brown, 224; Jerry Latvala, 235.

**Tuesday Afternoon Seniors:** Gwen McClung, 203; Dorothy Sloan, 223; Reg Winstone, 202; Wynne Edwards, 203; June Webb, 227/612.

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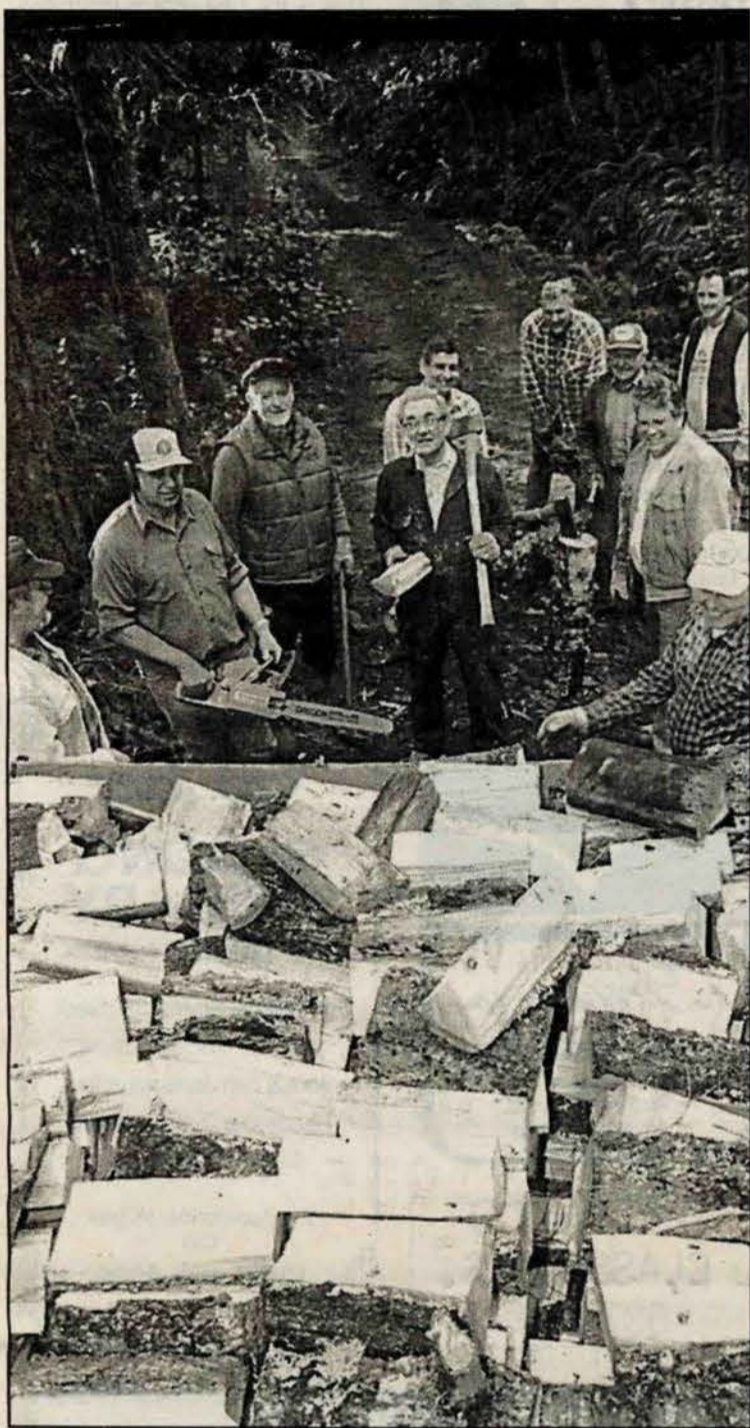


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**Salt Spring Centre School stages open house Friday**

Salt Spring's largest alternative school is throwing open its doors to the public this Friday.

Salt Spring Centre School, located behind the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road, is staging an open house between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Parents and prospective students are encouraged to wander through the school and view classes in progress.

The centre school has six classes of approximately 12 students, and teaches children from Kindergarten to Grade 9 in a multi-age setting.

According to school administrator Mitch Howard, the school differs from public schools most dramatically in its small class sizes.

"We also spend a great deal of time and energy working on friendship skills and conflict resolution," he said Monday.

As well, the school has become known for staging major theatrical productions each year, involving all of its students, and enjoys a peaceful, rural setting, he said.

Information packages are available at the school which can be reached at 537-9130.

**Decide medical needs in advance**

Making decisions about medical treatment long before a serious illness hampers people's ability to decide is the topic of a speaker at Salt Spring Seniors next Wednesday.

Noreen Lerch from the Capital Health Region will make a presentation at 2 p.m., exploring the important issues involved to decide how medical needs should be met.

As a press release from Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover states: "By discussing your wishes in advance with your physician and/or family you can be sure that if there comes a time when you are unable to indicate your choices, medical staff, family and friends will know what you would have chosen. And you will receive the medical treatment you want."

Copies of The Right to Decide: A Guide to Advance Directives and the advance directive document will be available at the February 24 event which is free to people of all ages.

**Yoga, vegetarian food and massage at retreat**

Renewal and the rebirth of spring will be examined through Ashtanga yoga at an upcoming retreat for women.

"Our women's yoga retreat is not just about becoming aware of the world within the body, but also the world around us and how both worlds are directly connected," states promotional material.

The event — which runs March 5-7 at the Salt Spring Centre — promises, in the words of one past participant, to be "another blissful weekend."

In addition to practising yoga, participants will have time for journaling their discoveries, and walking along a nature trail or through the Salt Spring Centre's organic garden and orchard. Ayurvedic Swedan and massage are offered a la carte to all participants, and the retreat also features gourmet vegetarian meals, based on the Centre's best-selling cookbook Salt Spring Island Cooking.

Environmentalist Briony Penn will join the group Saturday night, offering ways to "stay awake and

aware of the heart that beats through us and all things."

Through the principles of Ashtanga yoga, Salt Spring teacher Celeste Mallett will lead "participants into a new way of looking at ourselves in relation to the rhythm and rebirth of spring."

The retreat will work through the different levels of Ashtanga yoga such as breathing, concentration, meditation and yoga postures. It will help women at all levels of yoga to develop a daily practice of peace, well-being and renewal.

Mallett, who has more than 16 years of teaching experience, said the "spring retreat is designed to guide us through to an awareness of our bodies, souls and our world."

Mallett's classical yoga guides are Baba Hari Dass and Sivanada, and her study of the detailed Iyenger method contributes to her style of teaching.

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*Sincerely,  
Peter Wigen*

# Kamut, turtle beans take root

Dan Jason's heritage seeds presentation inspired a high turn-out at the Galiano Garden Club's first meeting of the year.

With coloured slides taken on the Mansell Road property where he does his growing on Salt Spring, Jason outlined the characteristics of the plants he grows and their uses.

He grows few plants simply for their decorative value. His audience was interested in the number of wintering-over vegetables he plants, and of the mulching he employs to lessen his need for summer watering.

As a result of his visit, a number of Galiano gardens will feature such things as kamut, green zebra tomatoes and midnight black turtle beans this summer.

A potluck supper was held after the meeting at the home of Ed and Bev Yeomans for Jason and his helper, as well as any garden club members who could attend.

During the business meeting,

Emily Switzer showed cuttings of flowers and shrubs which offer colour during the winter months. Her listeners were impressed with their number and variety.

Andree Connell got top marks for her show bench display of miniature cyclamen.

## Club celebrates

On January 24 last, Andrew Loveridge invited members of the Gulf Islands Historical Federation to the Galiano Hall to commemorate the 75th anniversary (to the day) of a meeting held at the island's school — the organizational meeting of the Galiano Club.

From the minute book Loveridge read highlights of club affairs from those early years. George Georgeson was in charge at that first meeting. His secretary was Paul Scoones — the minute

book a handsomely-bound journal from Winchester College where Scoones had been a professor before emigrating to Canada.

Dances and whist drives raised funds to build the hall. Volunteer labour made the funds go further. A minstrel show brought in \$322.77 in 1924, the year's best fundraising activity. Donations that year amounted to \$268.53.

As soon as the building was usable, activities were held there. For the children's Christmas party the hall was available at no charge. It was also free for church services.

The hall's official opening did not occur until five years later — May 29, 1929, when Lieutenant Governor Graham Bruce visited

## GALIANO NOTES WITH ALISTAIR ROSS



Galiano.

### Burns Supper No. 17

There are constants at a Burns Supper — a meal, speakers, people to give and reply to toasts and, in North Galiano, a piper and a musical offering.

Colin Murray of Victoria was the piper this year, his playing excellent. Alison Vardy of Sidney entranced her listeners with some delicate melodies on the Celtic harp, an instrument she herself constructed.

Jamie McKendrick gave a spirit-

ed recitation of Burns' Address to the Haggis, aided by haggis carrier Ken Rapson. The Immortal Memory, a tribute to the poet and his works, was given by another Victorian, Heather Hermanson. This is the first time a lassie has taken on this duty. It was a fine and interesting appraisal.

As with other Burns suppers, many were involved. Despite power and telephone outages, the food was cooked and delivered to the hall on time. Here Claire Wickens and helpers coordinated the serving, getting all to Aini Haksi's flower-bedecked tables hot and tasty.

Monica Roots put together the program of dances which followed the supper and speeches. Her husband Walter offered his services wherever and whenever needed.

Events such as this just don't happen — they require many helpers to insure success.

Raffle winners were Louise Hardy of Galiano and Alma Lee and Ruth Primeau of Victoria.

# Six people will be needed to fill shoes of couple leaving island for England

Pip and Derrick Woodcock have sold their bed and breakfast, the Stonehouse Farm, and plan to spend the next two years in their native England.

## SATURNA NOTES WITH GAIL TRAFFORD



The Woodcocks bought land on Narvaez Bay almost 12 years ago and have been permanent residents here for nine years. During their stay they built a large English-style farmhouse which they named the Stonehouse after the original building on the site.

The Stonehouse Farm Bed and Breakfast will remain open as a weekly guesthouse under local management.

Both Pip and Derrick have been influential members of the community. They were members of St. Christopher's Church serving in many capacities. Derrick was a member of the Lions Club and held many posts for that organization. They supported the Community Club and many different local organizations.

When the Woodcocks came to Saturna they bought the store at the top of the hill. They made many changes and ran the Narvaez Bay Trading Company there for several years. They started the local "free mail," a rack for distributing newsletters and local mail that remains a fixture at the Saturna General Store. They upgraded the building and brought in computerization. They worked to make the store a community centre.

Derrick, known for his high energy, brought many business ventures to the island including plastic septic tanks and water storage, travel packages, investment opportunities and, most recently,

magnetic energy therapy.

The Woodcocks were instrumental in bringing wheelchair accessibility to the store and the church. Derrick helped make the Remembrance Day service and Robbie Burns Night community fixtures.

For a time Pip worked to organize Continuing Education. Pip was always a familiar face at the community summer market with her home-grown herbs, jams and handicrafts.

Pip took on the job of local historian and has spent many hours researching and recording island life from years gone by.

Bruce Bryant-Scott, the local Anglican priest, commented that it will take six people to fill the shoes of the Woodcocks. Monday, March 1, the Community will honour the Woodcocks with a potluck goodbye dinner at the hall. The bar will open at 6 and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and wish the Woodcocks a fond farewell.

### Coming events

• On Sunday, February 21, from 2 to 4 p.m., come out and meet Miss Arielle Jade Middleditch, Saturna's youngest resident.

A baby shower will be held at the hall for Arielle and her mother Susanne and everyone is welcome. For further information contact Flora House at 539-5200.

• The Community Club will hold elections in March and nomina-

tions are requested for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Please pass nominations along to president Ishbel Elliot or secretary Louise Peramaki.

### Last week

The Canadian Guitar Trio performed to a small but appreciative audience Saturday night.

The group was lauded as excellent by those who heard the performance.

• Saturna volunteer firefighters responded to two minor emergency calls this week.

A chimney fire on East Point Road and an elderly victim of a fall down a flight of stairs both received a quick response from the volunteers.

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**FEB. 17:** Garden Club, Anglican Church Hall, 1pm parlour show, 1:45pm meeting & speaker, Therese D'Monte, "New Beginnings."  
**FEB. 20:** Sweetheart garage sale, Phoenix School, Drake Rd.  
**FEB. 21:** Music of Taize, 7:30-8:30pm. Sanctuary, United Church.  
**FEB. 22:** Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary General Meeting, United Church Hall, 2:00pm.  
**FEB. 26:** A Play "The Fever", 7:30pm, Sanctuary, United Church.  
**FEB. 27:** Canadian Federation of University Women - Salt Spring Club Meeting, Lions Hall, 10:30am.  
**MAR. 6:** Dance to Triple Shot, Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92, 8:30pm.  
**MAR. 9:** S.S.I. Historical Society, "Broom & Clover Metaphors for Colonization and Native Claims" Tuesday, March 9, Central Hall, 2pm.  
**MAR. 9:** Accepting Responsibility as a Community, SS Conservancy, Ken Millard of Galiano Conservancy, & AGM, Lions Hall, 7-9pm.  
**MAR. 26:** Pot luck dinner, SS Potters Guild, 6:30pm, call 536-9872 for info.  
**MAR. 27:** Canadian Federation of University Women - Salt Spring Club Meeting, Lions Hall, 10:30am.  
**MAR. 27 & 28:** SS Potters Guild workshop, New Centre for the Arts, 10am - 4pm.  
**APR. 25:** Canadian Federation of University Women - Salt Spring Club Meeting, Lions Hall, 10:30am.  
**JUNE 5:** 20th Anniversary Greenwood.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
- Seniors & Alzheimer's support group, SS Seniors bldg. 11am.  
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.  
- Stamp Collectors all ages, SS Seniors, 10am.  
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am - 12 noon (every 3rd Wed.)  
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.  
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.  
- O.A.P.O. Loonie tea & video, Lower Centre Hall, 1:30 (except 2nd Wed.)  
- Therapeutic Touch Practitioners group, SS Seniors, 7pm (every 1st Wed.)  
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.  
- SSI Painters' Guild meeting, Hart Bradley Hall, 9:30-noon.  
- Salt Spring Health Assoc., Lady Minto meeting rm. 4pm-5:30pm, (4th Wed. of every month)  
- Core Inn cafe, 134 McPhillips Ave., 4:30-7:30pm, everyone welcome  
- Music & Munch, All Saints by-the-Sea, 12:10pm (1st Wed. each mo.)

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
- Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm, (second Thurs. of the mo.)  
- Meditation, United Church Hall, 11:30am-12:30pm.  
- Luncheon, SS Seniors, 12 noon.  
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.  
- Scottish Country Dancers, Anglican Church Hall, 6pm.  
- SSI Weavers' Guild, Baptist Church, 10:30-1:00pm.

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
- Wisdom Circle, United Church Hall, 7:30-9:30pm  
- Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm  
- Games afternoon, SS Seniors, 1:30pm, Mah Jongg, 12:30pm.  
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.  
- Smiles Cafe, United Church-Ganges, 12-1pm (4th Friday of ea. mo.)

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
- Book Sale, downstairs at the library, 10am-12:30pm.  
- Ultimate Frisbee, Portlock Park, 2pm, free, everyone welcome.

**EVERY MONDAY**  
- Free blood pressure clinic, SS Seniors 10-12noon (last Mon. ea. mo.)  
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.  
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.  
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.  
- Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10am.  
- Spanish conversation group, SS Seniors, 10am-noon (not last Monday of the mo.)  
- SSI Buddhist meditation group, 135 McPhillips Ave., 7:30pm.  
- Bandemonium, GISS music room, 7-9pm.  
- Hand gun, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.  
- Carpet bowling, OAP Fulford Hall, 2pm.  
- Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.  
- Autumn session, Reader's Theatre, Croftonbrook Hall, 10-12.  
- Health & nutrition for families, Family Place 9:30-12noon (3rd Mo. ea mo.)  
- Chess Club, SS Seniors, 10am.  
- Duplicate Bridge, lower hall Baptists Church, 7pm.  
- Life Drawing, 1-3pm, upstairs United Church.  
- Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30-m9pm at SS Seniors.

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
- Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.  
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.  
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, Core Inn, 4-6pm.  
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.

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- **ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM:** Prevention & treatment service is free & confidential.
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- **COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS:** "Belly Talk" is a new group for pregnant women, which meets Monday 7:30pm in the Family Place. Come & share your hopes, fears, joys & complaints about your pregnancy & up-coming motherhood with other pregnant women. For more info call Jules Atkins at 653-4533.
- **RECYCLE DEPOT:** Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am-5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 537-1200.
- **COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS COORDINATOR:** Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.

# Escort takes viewers to Ellesmere Island

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

Jerry Kobalenko is happy spending two months on a northern glacier looking for ghosts.

It's a passion, a luxury and one of the main reasons the 41-year-old photojournalist has explored 5,000 kilometres of Ellesmere Island, Canada's great Arctic enigma.

It's also why Kobalenko is sitting in Janis Kraulis' house in Fulford Harbour, scanning photos and writing chapters for a book on Ellesmere he hopes will demystify a place the New York Times says has the "highest misery-per-visitor ratio on earth."

"Ellesmere is full of old explorers and past migrations. There are bullet casings on the ground that were used to execute this guy who stole food 100 years ago," he says. "It's not just this unbelievable physical beauty, it's a living museum."

Since 1986 Kobalenko has returned most years to the island due north of Hudson's Bay and closer to Greenland than anywhere else, drawn as much by the mystery as the extreme environment.

He will use these 12-years-worth of experiences as a base for a presentation Tuesday at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican church.

The event is a fundraising exercise, but also a chance to be escorted through the beauty and adventure of the high Arctic by one of Canada's top outdoor chroniclers.

Kobalenko will talk about kayaking the fjords in midnight sun and surviving a polar bear attack.

But mostly he wants to explain the technical aspects of travelling in wilderness for months at a time without resupply — how pulling a zodiac-like sled beats carrying a backpack hands down or how one can sit on an iceberg in the middle of a melting fjord and not worry about sinking.

There are also hundreds of photos exposing as stark and alluring an environment as any on earth, such as 2,200-metre mountains and glaciers that run into the horizon.

Some of his material was used for a similar presentation to

London's Polar Institute and will be included in an April publication of Conde Nast.

"There are so many outdoor-oriented people on Salt Spring that I thought it would be a perfect place to show what Ellesmere is like,"

Kobalenko says.

The presentation is being organized by Green Extreme Film Productions, a special-event production company that promotes the physical side of environmental issues.

"Jerry's work is pretty amazing stuff, as high a level of professionalism as I've ever seen," says Jason Rody, co-director of Green Extreme. "What I particularly like is that he is an author who has moved into the photo realm, not the other way round."

Green Extreme recently relocated to Salt Spring and will hold a film festival in April with movies that highlight the positive side of extreme outdoor activities.

It has never been easy for Kobalenko to draw a firm line between his work and his life, not when he worked as a senior editor at Outdoor Canada nor when he signed up for this April's hunt for a missing scientist.

He'll join Polish marine biologist Wojtek Moskal in a 600-mile circumnavigation of Axel Heiburg Island, Ellesmere's closest neighbour, that will take about two months.

The trek will be the first since 1932 when the RCMP went looking for a missing German geologist named Hans Krueger.

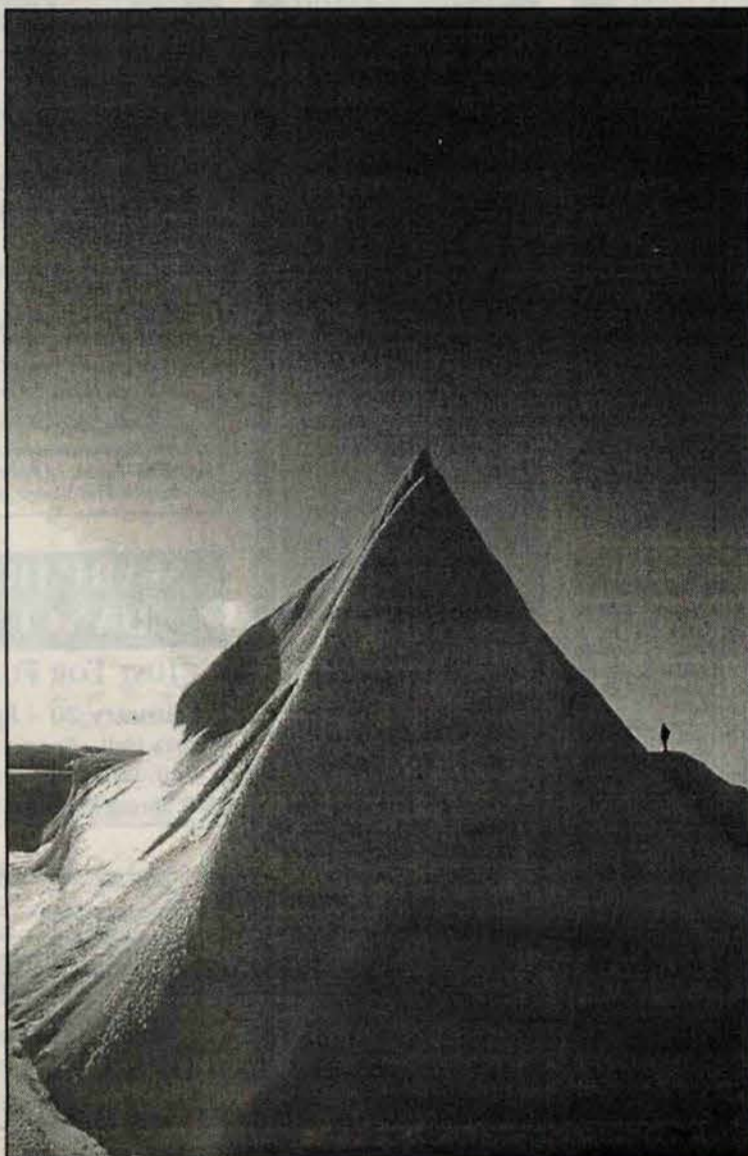
Kobalenko is again after ghosts, spurred on by copies of passionate love letters of Krueger's fiancée who took her own life over her lover's disappearance.

But the Toronto native is also no stranger to mainstream publishing.

He is the author of Forest Cats of North America and has had his photos appear in National Geographic.

He says his presentation on Ellesmere is "not Canadiana, but literary travel that, like a photograph, edits out the unnecessary."

Tickets for Kobalenko's program are \$5 and can be obtained at Island Books or at the door. It starts at 7 p.m.



**NOWHERE TO RUN:** Jerry Kobalenko's pictures of Ellesmere Island will send a moment of arrested breath through even the toughest trekker. The photos will be part of the photojournalist's presentation on Ellesmere Tuesday at All Saints By-the-Sea.

Photo by Jerry Kobalenko

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### Announcements

#### 6 DEATHS

**WILSON, MARTHA**, nee Roberts, (City) passed away Feb. 6, 1999, at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, B.C. City was born Oct. 18, 1907 in Belton, Missouri, married Quentin Wilson, Sept. 28, 1928. They spent their working lives in coastal California in the marine industry. After retiring to Salt Spring in 1956 she and Quentin operated Wilsons Marina at Fulford Harbour. Predeceased by Quentin and two sisters, Mary Carlisle and Madge Weadon. Survived by her brother William A. (Bud) Roberts of Port Angeles, Washington, also one niece, Mary Weadon, and one nephew, Tom Weadon. Thank you to staff of Greenwoods and Lady Minto and Dr. Roland Graham for their care. Funeral services are entrusted to First Memorial Funeral Services of Victoria. A memorial tea was held Friday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the extended care unit, Lady Minto Hospital.

**MICHAUD, GILLES** Maurice passed away peacefully on February 15, 1999 at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Born October 31, 1941 in St. Jerome, Quebec. Married to Liliane Ouimet on April 27, 1968. He spent many years in Quebec as an auto body man. He moved his family to Salt Spring Island on June 29, 1989 for a change of lifestyle. After a long battle with liver & kidney problems he checked himself in to Lady Minto Hospital on February 14, 1999. He called his adoring wife Liliane in the wee hours on February 15, 1999 when he experienced some breathing difficulty. After undergoing a series of x-rays he passed away peacefully in her loving arms. He is survived by his sisters Liliane Roberts & family, Denise Mecoli & family & Francoise Michaud & family, sons Richard Jeannot, Patrick Normand, Daughters Julie Martine, Nancy Liliane. Daughter in-law, Lisa Kelly. Best friends, Andre, Melodie, Toby & Zoe Dupuis. Many thanks to Dr. Antonsen and Renal Care Staff at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. To Dr. Graham & Dr. Crossland and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital. Notification of gathering of family and friends will be announced in next weeks Driftwood. Avec L'amour Beaux Reves. He was a brave soul & may his strength live on in our spirits.

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#### 20 COMING EVENTS

PLANNING AN event? Check the Community Calendar for a schedule of community events and avoid double-booking. Located at the Driftwood Office, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.

SPCA 10th ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 27, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lion's Hart Bradley Hall on Bonnet Ave. off Drake. Our guest speaker will be Doug Brimacombe CEO of the BC SPCA. Everyone welcome.

THE LITTLE Red School House invites the community to a dance at Beaver Point Hall, Saturday, February 20, 6:30pm. Celtic, blues and rock n' roll. All ages, no alcohol and full food service. \$10 per person or \$15 per family.

FEBRUARY 21, 1999. ArtSpring presents "Shylock" starring David Berner. 2 shows 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets at et cetra, Adults \$15 Students \$10. All proceeds of concession will go the Yellow Submarine Drop-in Center at 268 Fulford Ganges Road. Phone 537-8732.

RESTORATIVE YOGA, see P.A.R.C. brochure for details. Sunday March 14, 10:30 - 12 noon. Rest, rejuvenate & restore. Celeste 537-5667.

A REMINDER to NDP members and friends that tonight is film night, 7:00 o.m., Middle School Library. This month's film is "Fire".

ATTENTION GRADS! Get ready for that big day June 5! Custom made gowns at Patchworks. Mouat's Mall Tues. - Sat. 10:30 - 4:30, 537-9119.

LOOK FOR our 1st Anniversary Sale! February 8 - 20, Locks, Stock & Barber Shop, 115 McPhillips Ave., 537-8842.

GAYS / LESBIANS / Allies - G.L.O.S.S.I. meeting Sunday, February 21, 2 p.m. at Seniors for Seniors 379 Lower Ganges Road (across from GVM). Work on future community events, education and visibility projects. Info 537-2227.

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ARGENTINIAN TANGO party. Saturday, February 27th, 8 - 12 at Cat's Pajamas Studio. Dancers & visitors welcome. Phone Margie Korrison 537-2707.

ARTISTS. CALL for Entry. Erotic Art Show. March 11. Entry forms available at Island Books Plus. Deadline March 6. For information call Ron Crawford. 537-4682.

WOMEN SONGWRITERS Circle - Justine Bryant on guitar, Wendy Draper on dobro, Annie Palovcik on accordion - and friends. Rose's Seaside Café Sunday, February 28 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 at Rose's, Acoustic Planet and at the door.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY Unit Here on Salt Spring Island at Lady Minto Hospital 2 - 12 March only. Women 50 and older are advised to have regular mammograms! Book "Now" to avoid going off island! 1-800-663-9203. Call Sharon Glover, Wellness Programs Coordinator at 537-4607 with questions or for

### 8 CARDS OF THANKS

WE WISH to thank everyone for all their prayers, e-mails, cards, support and other help during this trying time. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Paul and Jane Girard.

HEARTFELT THANKS to veterinarians Derrick Milton and Noreen Jeremiah for their professional and compassionate attempts to save our special dog, Sadie. Losing a family pet is always devastating, but it is reassuring to know Sadie received the best care possible. Rick & Sharon MacKinnon.

### 10 CELEBRATIONS

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#### OPEN HOUSE

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Together We're Better

**Saturday, Feb. 27**  
**10:00 - 12:00**  
(in the Community Centre)

Come and meet exceptional teacher, Barb Ruddell and hear about our program and our school. Registration for Sept. '99 is now in progress so to avoid disappointment plan to attend or call Sandy 537-4450 FOR MORE INFO.

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### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### LADY MINTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SOCIETY

The FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING will be held on February 22, 1999 at 2:00pm UNITED CHURCH HALL  
Visitors Welcome

### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### BINGO

MEADEN HALL  
Royal Canadian Legion

Thursday, Feb. 18 - 7 pm.  
Early Bird games - 6:30pm

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.  
All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.

### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### SSI ROD & GUN CLUB ANNUAL GAME DINNER

Saturday, Feb. 20  
Doors open 6 p.m.  
Dinner 7 p.m.  
For reservations & tickets please call Ellen Bennett 653-4495

### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### ISLAND ESCAPADES

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#### MARIMBA DANCE

"JUST FOR FUN"  
February 20 ~ 8pm  
Lion's Hall - Bonnet Ave.  
\$10. Refreshments too!  
Salt Spring Marimba Band

### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### Salt Spring Centre School

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#### OPEN HOUSE

Fri., February 19/99  
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V8K 2A6

### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### Festival of the Arts

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday, March 3,  
Lions Club Hall,  
103 Bonnet Ave.  
(off Drake Rd.)  
7:00pm

Agenda: Future of the Community Piano; A.G.M. Business; Social with music and munchies.

### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### BRISTOL CUTTER

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March 5 - 7

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### 20 COMING EVENTS

#### HIKE for HUNGER

SCOUTS & GUIDES  
Feb. 21, 10:00am  
(Thrifty's to High School)  
Food-bank drop-boxes at GVM and Thrifty's

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**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **Island Arts Centre Society**

ARTSPRING at ArtSpring (Multi-purpose room)

**February 18, 1999 7:30pm**

Members please note:

1. Election of Board members
2. By-law change to be voted upon

**23 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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**26 LEGALS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS RE: BEVERLY JOAN BAUSLAUGH, deceased,** formerly of 2037 Brinkworthy Rd. S.S.I.

Creditors and others having claims against the estate of **BEVERLY JOAN BAUSLAUGH,** are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W1 on or before March 19, 1999, after which date the Executor will distribute the said estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims which the Executrix then has notice.

James Pasuta Solicitor for the Estate of Beverly Joan Bauslaugh

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS RE: JULIANA CHRISTINA BROWN, deceased,** formerly of Kingfisher Cove, 258 Lower Ganges Rd. Unit 33, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1S7

Creditors and others having claims against the estate of **JULIANA CHRISTINA BROWN** are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executor at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W1 on or before March 19, 1999, after which date the Executor will distribute the said estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims which the Executrix then has notice.

James Pasuta Solicitor for the Estate of Juliana Christina Brown

**29 LOST AND FOUND**


**FOUND, BLACK** short-haired male cat, vicinity Sky Valley Rd and Fulford-Ganges Road. 537-4796.

**FOUND ON Maliview** a number of items. Call to identify. 537-5612.

**FOUND - 1200 block - Beddis Road - "one" size 12 or 13 "New" (mens) "Nike Air" Basketball Shoe - owner to claim by description. 537-9318.**

**LOST: FROM** junction of Booth and Rainbow roads. Older female long-haired tortoiseshell cat, has pinhole in one ear. Last seen night of February 8th. Please call Nicky 537-5964 if you have any information.

**35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL**



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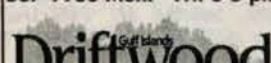
  
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# Island 'gearhead' shifts into recording business

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

There have been moments when Dave Davies' family and friends could only stand back and watch.

Switching from bass guitarist to millwright to nut-and-spice salesman raised a few eyebrows.

But when Davies announced in 1981 that he was going to learn computer programming — at home from a book — those around him started scratching their heads.

It didn't matter that within a decade the boy from Whitehorse would be flying around the world in business class selling what he had learned. Davies was definitely tough to figure out.

So it came as no real surprise when in 1997 he abruptly sold off all his software and funnelled the proceeds into a basement full of state-of-the-art, audio-visual equipment on Mobrae Avenue.

"I guess it must have freaked people out. I know it did a bit for me," says Davies. "I didn't even finish Grade 10, and now this. Every now and then I have to give my head a shake."

Actually, the story is not as bizarre as it sounds.

The trip from tundra to Salt Spring is about old-style entrepreneurialism, where a sharp and curious mind is forced to feed a family.

It's about finding a profitable niche, only to discover that niches are simply building blocks for a full life.

And it's about realizing that four-star travel gets tiring very quickly when your family is growing up 5,000 miles away.

Now more content at 47 than he's ever been before, Davies is able to indulge an artistic side that was never far below the surface.

He's helping create music and images, and he's including family members in the process.

But there is always a little light flickering in the back of his mind. Which is why those around him know that nothing in Dave Davies' life will ever escape his tinkering.

"Basically I'm a gearhead. I like the best tool for the job," he explains while seated in front of a bank of machines that can take 32 audio tracks and mix them into one spectacular sound.

This is Davies' version of a challenge.

Like the time friends back up north wanted him and wife Lori to send mail-order items, the couple started a mail-order food business.

When company records needed organizing, Davies borrowed a cassette-based computer from Lori's cousin and figured out how to make the machine accept information and follow commands — the essence of programming.

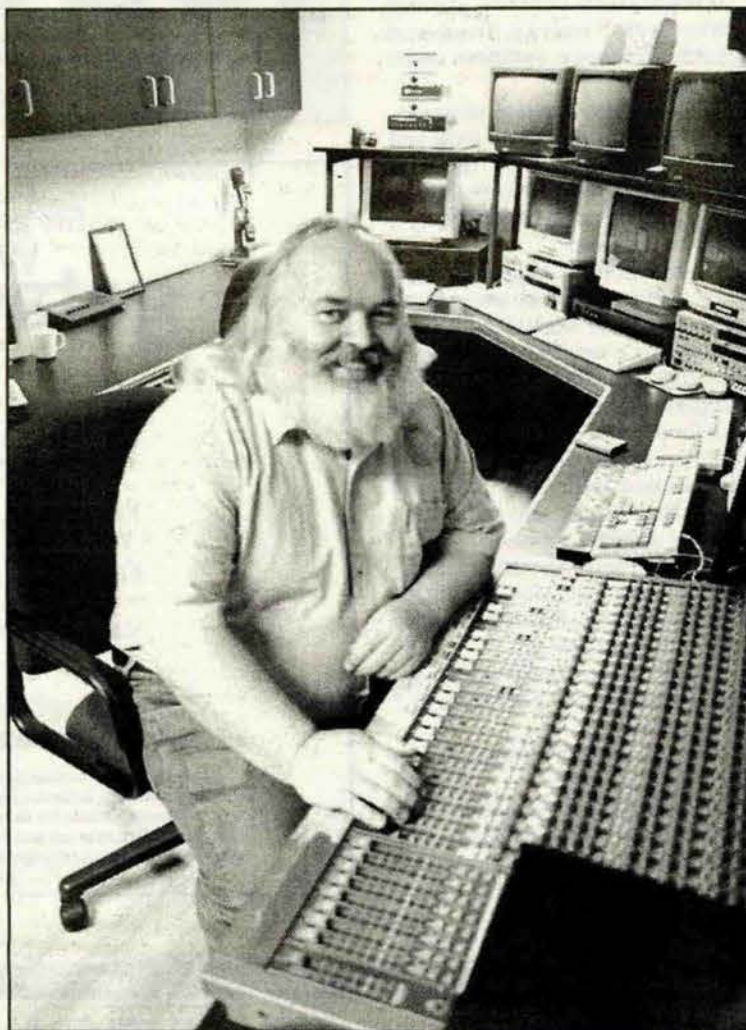
"Back then none of us knew anything except that (professional) programming was horribly expensive," Davies says. "It fascinated me because it was like a puzzle that got easier as you got deeper into it."

"I found that every time I got to a level where I understood what I was missing (that part) became available."

Soon Davies knew he was onto something sweet. Local mills and retailers were asking for help in controlling their own information.

So he launched a company — GSC Data, an acronym based on the names of his first three daughters: Genesis (now 18), Sarah (16) and Cherith (13).

When number four arrived, her dad lobbied for the name Data.



**TOYS FOR BOYS:** Dave Davies is content for now to manage the control room of his 32-track digital studio and enjoy the talent he sees on the other side of the window. But with other pokers in the fire, Davies and his GSC company won't stay still for long.

Photo by Mike Levin

Lori decided on Rebekah.

Sometime in 1991 — like most male baby-boomers, Davies is never sure about exact dates — GSC created hospital-administration software that would thrust it into the industry's elite.

The program started simply by tracking patient registration and expanded to 55 modules covering the entire administration, except payroll.

Lady Minto Hospital was the first customer, but soon Davies was flying to Thailand, Australia and throughout the United States on sales trips. (The program remains the most widely installed in western Canada).

"We pushed outside of Canada because we saw what was happening in the hospitals here, all the crunching and cost-cutting," he says. "Besides, at this point we could see becoming a major player in the U.S."

But bigger usually means more corporate; the "corner-office" scenario sent up warning flags.

Davies' epiphany came during a brief stopover at home between sales calls in some other parts of the world.

"I saw Genesis looking at college calendars. It was that moment you always hear about, when the big executive cries out 'What have I done?'," he recalls. "I clearly remember thinking that life was going on and I was really missing something."

GSC's profitable hospital software went to the highest bidder within a week for an undisclosed sum.

In less than two decades Davies had gone from twirling augers for mill owners to twirling knobs for Juno-Award winners.

"Don't call me a knob-twirler," he says. "It isn't polite."

The studio was actually spawned before the software sale.

Davies had accumulated some equipment to make hospital training videos, starting with a basic video four-track mixer combination.

"George Martin did the first four Beatles albums on four tracks. He used a razor blade to splice the tapes for goodness sake," he says.

But the gearhead was back and this time it was being instructed by a teenage bass guitarist from a Whitehorse rock-and-roll band.

"These things are all toys," Davies says, pointing to a dozen mixing boards and video terminals. "But what they can create ... is magic."

Davies has recently engineered and released a CD by local bluesman Gene Grooms and is working on a project with an as-yet-unnamed Juno Award winner.

But music is a highly speculative business. A contract to produce a 60-second animated television commercial for an Oregon company is the type of thing that provides cash flow.

"There is an awfully familiar feel to this. It's so similar to software," Davies says.

GSC also has a publishing arm which controls copyrights on songs.

Davies is pushing in other directions as well, such as obtaining the rights to an educational board game invented by the late Frank Coffey of Salt Spring.

"This is a perfect job. I get to listen to such talented people. I get to work with my daughters (Genesis works the studio's cameras). And I get to be part of the creative process without interfering artistically," Davies says.

The inveterate reconstructor knows little is safe from his tendency to innovate.

At least now family and friends are along for the ride.

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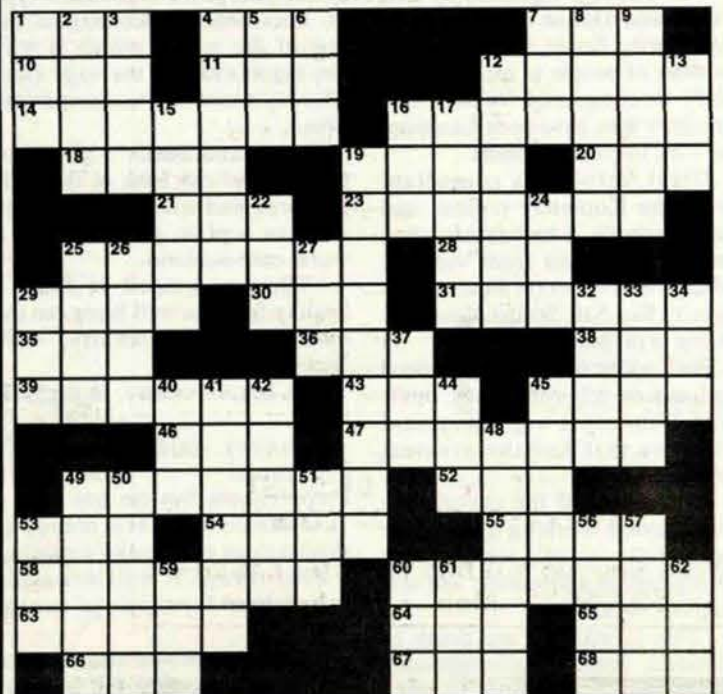
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## Driftwood Crossword



### ACROSS

1. Computer Aided Drafting: abbr.
4. Elongated head with loosely packed, dark-green leaves
7. Thousand cubic feet: abbr.
10. Single Lens Reflex: abbr.
11. Laugh noise
12. Volcanic craters
14. Coward
16. Adjustable wrench
18. Abba \_\_\_\_, Israeli politician
19. Expression of praise
20. Word element meaning ear
21. Edgar Allan \_\_\_\_, poet
23. Lures through the use of arousal
25. Grants, religiously
28. \_\_\_\_, mode, with ice cream
29. Netherlands river
30. Tightly stretched canvas bed, often in the military
31. Canastas
35. Pub
36. A person's brother or sister
38. A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
39. Digressions
43. Taxi
45. Wear away due to heat
46. \_\_\_\_, Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin
47. Love unquestioningly and uncritically
49. Sweetened
52. Own (Scottish)

### DOWN

1. Reciprocal of a sine: abbr.
2. Wings
3. Negligible amount
4. Trousers made with chino cloth
5. An awkward stupid person
6. Superhigh frequency: abbr.
7. Woman's counterpart
8. Slender boat with pointed ends
9. Divisions on the necks of guitars
12. Former Philippine capital
13. Standing Room Only: abbr.
15. Cassettes
16. Senator: shortened form
17. Reddish long-tailed monkey of W. Africa
19. A chemical used to kill pests (as rodents or insects)
22. Monetary unit
24. Shaped rotating disk to convert circular into linear motion
25. Sheep noises
26. Gulls
27. The winged goddess of the dawn in ancient mythology
29. Master of Business Administration: abbr.
32. Joan \_\_\_\_, folk singer
33. Capable
34. Pre-college exam
37. The Good, the \_\_\_\_, and the Ugly
40. Degree: shortened form
41. African antelopes
42. Obsequious use of title
44. \_\_\_\_, constrictor, type of snake
45. Town in N. Dakota
48. Liberation proponent (informal)
49. About bristle
50. Finno-Ugric
51. The compass point that is one point S of due E
53. Message: abbr.
56. "I can \_\_\_\_, you like a book"
57. Inside: prefix
59. Insertable birth control device
60. Small Business Administration: abbr.
61. Fiddler crabs
62. To apply with short, poking strokes

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# Islanders look at food and health as they begin Y2K preparations

By MIKE LEVIN  
Driftwood Staff

It was a small, first step, but an important one.

Almost 100 people crowded into Beaver Point Hall Monday night looking for some way to make sense of the problems Salt Spring might face at the turn of the century.

With alarm bells starting to sound about the potential technological catastrophe of the Y2K Bug, many residents decided they needed to get organized.

They needed a better understanding of what kind of creature they were facing and just how dangerous it could be.

But mostly they needed direction.

The meeting, organized by Dan Jason and Donna Kuprowski of Salt Spring Seeds, drew the same number of people as recent public ferry meetings and featured two speakers who have been focussing on Y2K for many months.

Daryl Verville, a consultant from the Kootenay region, and Guy Dauncey, a sustainable-community consultant from Victoria, offered overviews on what a community like Salt Spring should be doing to prepare.

Both spoke on the island's need to focus on self-sufficiency, but it was Dauncey's organizational abilities that had the greatest effect.

By the end of the evening he had created working groups for each of the island's areas, a start at organizing information and setting out objectives.

"This is what we are doing in Victoria, organizing neighbourhoods into communities to track what needs are if things stop working," said Dauncey, who is well-acquainted with Salt Spring.

"If nothing else it creates bonding where people realize they're not in this thing by themselves anymore."

It's a small but important step because spending a month, or two or three, without electricity is too complex a problem to face right out of the gate — not to mention the staggering challenge of deal-



ing with possible nuclear disasters at Washington State power and military installations.

Salt Spring will be able to survive technological decay much easier than a city.

Despite the fact that it imports almost 90 per cent of its food, there is ample arable land. It also depends less on energy sources than most other places.

But it is part of the electronics system and prone to the same type of uncertainty which plagues the rest of the world, which is why the organizational message from Monday's meeting was so perceptible.

The island needs a group of people who can look at the Y2K problem and use their skills to prepare a plan, probably for a worst-case scenario.

"What you need is fear, a healthy fear that will bring out the best in your community," said Verville.

The key, of course, is preparation.

Dauncey said that B.C.'s Provincial Emergency Preparedness System has only a 72-hour contingency mandate, similar to an earthquake scenario.

That means it will set aside only a three-day supply of materials.

He also feels that shortages of staples and supplies will begin to show by August at the latest.

"Train yourself to ask tough questions (of authorities). Don't settle for any unsatisfactory answer," Dauncey said. "For example with the hydro people, ask when they will do their compliance tests and what their fix-on-failure plans are."

"Governments are not able, and often not willing, to give the whole story. And engineers are not great at PR, so you have to get them focussed on the right infor-

mation.

"Don't take no for an answer." Preparation centres around three areas: energy, food and health. Dauncey outlined some basic ideas.

Alternative energy sources, such as wood stoves and solar and wind generators offer the best alternatives. While costs can be high, they can also be shared by a large population.

A one month's supply of food is a good personal objective, although there should be contributions to a neighbourhood pool. Thrifty's is taking a front seat in preparation, and residents should ask for sales of bulk supplies.

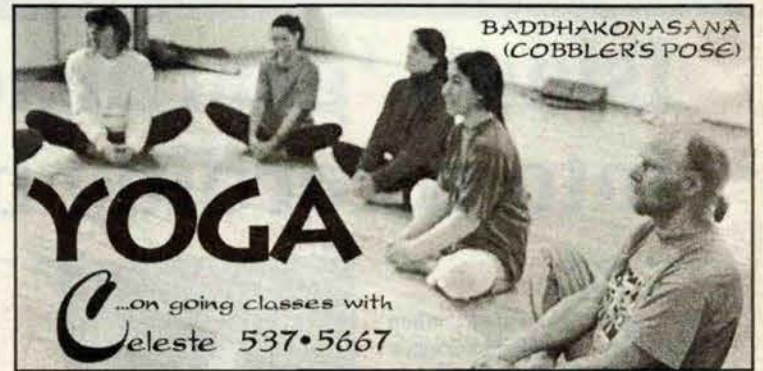
Prescription drugs are usually distributed with only a 30-day dose. Doctors should be willing to offer a bigger supply.

Within these parameters there are opportunities for self-sufficiency, such as shareholder farms and an island currency.

"And for goodness sake's get independent self-government," Dauncey said.

Nice idea, but a bit ahead of its time.

For now island residents must decide how much attention the Y2K Bug deserves and what kind of resources to commit to it.



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ing them," writes task force chairwoman Elizabeth Cull "However a handful of bar owners and patrons who oppose the (non-smoking) law indicated....they planned to attend the event and possibly disrupt it."

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