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What's On



Up to their ears

Lucille Marcotte, left, and Lana Tait are surrounded by azaleas, ribbons and hearts as they prepare for Valentine's Day on Salt Spring. The two were spotted in a mist of colour at Flowers and Wine earlier this week.

Robbery victim speaks up

By SUSAN LUNDY **Driftwood Staff**

A victim of robbery who admits to selling "a little pot to friends on occasion" is upset at being pegged a "drug dealer."

"I've never been convicted of selling drugs," he said after police described him as a "known drug dealer" in a

ROBBERY VICTIM 2

igen snatches seat on board

The winning candidate in Saturday's school board by-election for a Salt Spring trustee collected almost half of the scant 384

Peter Wigen, a University of Victoria student who lives on Salt Spring, outdistanced four other engers to win the election with 190 votes.

Garth Hendren received 70 votes; David Eyles, 51; Ken Lee, 45; and John Davies, 28.

Only 6.147 per cent of the island's 6,295 eligible voters cast ballots. Of that number, 65 were new registrants.

It wasn't a record low turnout, however. Deputy returning officer Howie Nuttall said he recalls a byelection in the Greater Victoria School District which raised only 2.6 per cent of eligible voters.

Wigen said Monday he was looking forward to acting on his campaign platform, which included more community involvement hools and developing ship skills among students.

In a strong field of five candidates, which included two former school trustees, the 23-year-old Wigen would have to be considered a "dark horse."

Wigen himself was not so surprised by the win: "I just had a lot of good community support," he said. "A lot of people who voted for me know me."

He said he campaigned door-todoor and distributed a flyer outlining his objectives and positions. He speculated that his focus on what should happen in schools rather than with budget problems

may have appealed to voters.

Wigen is majoring in political science at UVIC but is taking only three courses at present, giving him ample time to attend to school district matters.

The by-election to fill a seat vacated by Jane Parlee last fall was required by the School Act. Projected cost to the school district was \$7,000, said its secretarytreasurer Rod Scotvold.

Storms lash islands

By MIKE LEVIN

Driftwood Staff

Murray Smith isn't sure what

But no one is blaming the B.C. Hydro field manager after six straight 16-hour days trying to deal with the aftermath of three storms that knocked out power to most Gulf Island homes...

"It started (last) Tuesday, and everyone has been going steady since," Smith said in an exhausted voice Monday from his Ganges office. "I've never seen anything like this.

High winds started battering the area early Tuesday, uprooting trees that brought power lines crashing to the ground.

With most repairs completed by Thursday, another, even-stronger storm hit early Friday morning.

At its height, three of Salt Spring's four feeder lines were

Winds gusting to almost 150km-per-hour stalled most repair operations and forced B.C. Ferries to report it had shut down all operations (except to Bowen Island and the Sunshine Coast) at about 2

The final blow came early Monday morning when another feeder was knocked off-line by a falling tree.

By Monday afternoon power had been restored throughout the island, but with snow and more wind warnings in the forecast, Hydro crews remained on alert.

The damage of the last week only compounded the effects of three weeks of stormy weather that left island watercourses and some roads blocked with mud and broken tree limbs.

Unofficial estimates put the number of trees felled by high winds between 80 and 100, although not all were uprooted.

One brute snapped clean about five metres above ground and catapulted over Wendy Webb's guest cottage on Meyer Road. The healthy Hemlock came to rest on the edge of the cottage, causing little damage.

"It looked like a monster took a big bite out of the outside edge,

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High winds keep coast guard boats busy

Saturday's ferry disaster scenario kept Ganges Coast Guard occupied in a recreation involving 1,000 people.

But it was nothing compared to the sheer power of Friday's gale force winds which had coast guard boats hopping from dawn to dusk.

"The wind was just screaming. I've never seen anything like it, said rescue specialist John Nilssen. "Once we started getting calls, it took us half an hour just to get out of (Ganges) harbour.'

The coast guard was called to six separate rescues during Friday's storm, which saw winds gust to 70 knots (150-km-per-hour).

Members started by securing a 15-foot sailboat that was dragging anchor in the harbour's boat basin and ended with a call to the San

Juan Channel and a 63-foot vessel that was floundering.

Boats were in trouble throughout the area, prompting Nilssen to wonder why anyone would go out in heavy seas.

You have to wonder about people who think they can handle the water in those conditions," he said. "But I guess that's why we have jobs."

Other calls involved a 20-foot boat dragging anchor off Maracaibo and another on the rocks in Active Pass. Members also evacuated a group of youth campers from Third Sister Island.

Nilssen was also front and centre during the simulated ferry rescue that brought all B.C.'s emergency response teams together under Canadian navy command.

Its started Saturday morning at about 8:30 a.m. and involved all local coast guard vessels as well as two from the auxiliary.

Nilssen and Al Hoskins were deployed as medics on the stricken B.C. Ferries vessel.

"We did the triage, where you have to prioritize the injuries," Nilssen said. "In some cases you have to decide between the dead and the dying. That's what this type of operation is all about.

"I was totally pleased with our performance because we did what we would have in a real situation."

The scenario was aided by the work of artists from three make-up companies who added enough blood-and-flesh wounds to the victims to make it as realistic as

While the coast guard worked on board the Spirit of Vancouver Island, auxiliary members helped get the injured to navy craft for transport to hospitals in Sidney and Victoria. The exercise took about three and a half hours.

On Thursday, coast guard members responded to a flare sighting off Salt Spring and secured a disabled vessel.

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ROBBERY VICTIM: "It will happen again"

From Page 1

Driftwood story last week.

The 41-year-old island man, who wishes to remain anonymous, said the perpetrators in a January 29 Vesuvius Bay robbery must have heard through the grapevine that he had marijuana at his house.

Two men broke into his home around 6 p.m., held him at gunpoint, tied him up with duct tape and stole just over a pound of marijuana as well as jewellery and a substantial amount of cash.

Two suspects were arrested by Duncan RCMP about 90 minutes later as they drove off the ferry in

The Salt Spring victim said the pot, worth over \$2,500 on the street, was harvested from two plants.

He claimed he has been using it for therapeutic purposes during the first five months of a year-long experimental treatment for Hepatitis C.

He was infected with the virus from tainted blood over 20 years ago when he underwent surgery following a motorcycle accident.

Knowing that side effects from the treatment would prevent him from working and earning money, he grew the pot himself.

"I knew I wouldn't be able to afford to buy it - I resent the fact I have to pay so much for it."

Although police reported theft of approximately \$4,700 in cash from the victim's house, he claims the amount was closer to \$7,500.

He said the cash was a combi-

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"It's money I've saved up - I don't trust banks."

The victim said 60 grams of hash discovered in the suspects' vehicle was stolen from his home. but a similar quantity of cocaine was not his.

"They were wired when they got here," he said. "They were acting really agitated - it takes a person not in his right mind to do something like this.

He says he is still shaken from the incident which began as he watched the end of a Mike Tyson fight on television last Friday

"They kicked in the door and hit the side of my head with a gun," he said, adding that he cooperated completely, telling them where to find the pot and cash.

The men did a poor job of tying him up and he was able to pull his arms free after they fled from the house. He then ran across the street, asking a neighbour to telephone police.

"They smashed the base of my phone, stole the handle and (also took) my cell phone," he said.

He still thinks about the event as he tries to fall asleep at night.

"I knew the chances of them killing me were remote, but it was very traumatic."

The victim believes the men assumed he would not report the offence because it would incrimi-

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nate him.

"I've heard of a few (similar incidents) on the island that haven't been reported," he said. "But there is no way in the world I would not report it. I don't like violence and I don't like guns. They have to know they can't bring their city games over here.

"What they did is ultimately worse than anything anybody

The victim said he didn't know the perpetrators "from a bar of soap," but admits he was targetted for the crime - it wasn't a random act of violence like "home invasions" in the Lower Mainland.

However, he still describes it as a "home invasion."

He also firmly believes that this type of crime will continue to occur on Salt Spring and elsewhere as long as marijuana remains illegal and can fetch such a high price on the streets.

"Until the laws change, it's going to be a repeat thing - one out of seven houses on Salt Spring have pot in them."

He added, "The whole (drug) industry is breeding on the fact the price of pot is so high. It makes it worthwhile to kick people's doors in and steal it."

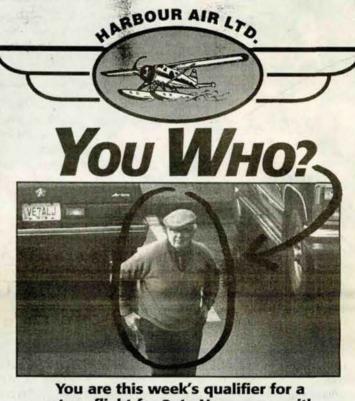
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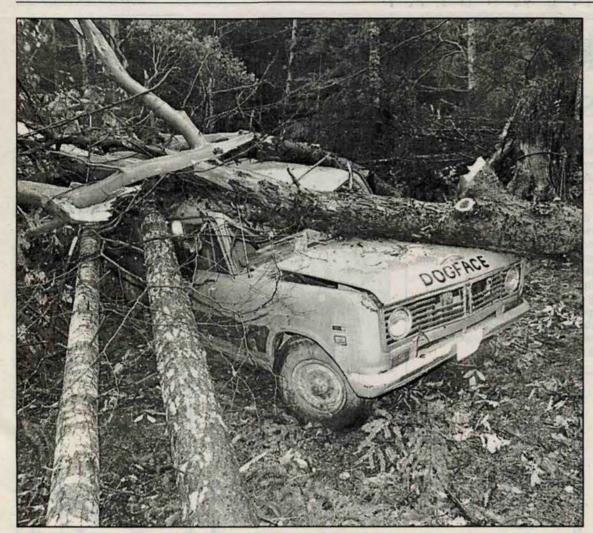
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Some \$6,500 worth of native art was stolen from a house in Maracaibo late last year.

Crime Stoppers and the Salt Spring RCMP hope the public can help solve the break, enter and theft which occurred sometime between December 2 and 28 on Fisherman's Lane.

Thieves cut power lines and telephone lines to the house and smashed a window in a side to door to gain access.

In addition to stealing the native artwork, thieves took a television and VCR.

The missing art pieces includ-

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Tree revenge?

Lorne Martin, who cuts trees to create log buildings, must have wondered about returning cycles when two trees fell on his "Dogface" pick-up truck during a recent storm. Martin was nearby on the Collins Road property when the trees tumbled

Speeders sought but cops find more drivers without licences and insurance

School zone speed checks by the Salt Spring RCMP have turned up more charges for driving without a licence and no insurance than speeding infractions.

RCMP

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Paul Darbyshire said four violation tickets for driving without a licence and/or insurance were handed out last Thursday during vehicle checks on Rainbow Road.

Police also handed out warnings to drivers who were not obeying the school zone speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour.

In other police news:

· Local RCMP attended two properties on Southey Point Road

One residence had been broken into and it appears culprits at the second home were scared off by an alarm.

The incidents are under police investigation.

Anyone with information is requested to call the local detachment or Crime Stoppers.

 On Sunday at 8:17 p.m., police attended a residence on Garner Road after receiving an abandoned 911 call.

A 19-year-old man was arrested for assaulting his mother.

He was held in cells overnight and then taken to Lady Minto Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

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Men ordered to stand trial in Reid Road home invasion

Five men appeared in Victoria provincial court last week, answering several charges stemming from two separate home invasion type incidents on Salt Spring.

Judge Robert Higginbotham ordered Kevin James Jones, 20, Cecil Henry Jones, 22, and Jazz Lamer Slater, 21, to stand trial on charges related to a December 23 robbery on Reid Road.

The order was made following a three-day preliminary inquiry,

In addition to robbery, the men have been charged with unlawful confinement and weapons offences

Cecil Jones has also been ordered to stand trial on a sexual assault charge.

A nine-day trial is set to start May 25 in B.C. Supreme Court. Jury selection will begin May 3.

In the meantime, two men charged with a Bayview Road robbery last week are being held in custody following their Victoria court appearances last

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Monday meeting looks at Y2K potential problems, solutions

Donna Kuprowski isn't sure what to make of the Y2K Bug dilemma, but she is clear on Salt Spring's need to be prepared.

Which is why she is involved with Salt Spring Seeds' sponsorship of a public meeting on the subject Monday at Beaver Point Hall, starting at 7

The meeting will feature two speakers who have been researching the subject for a long time.

Daryl Verville is part of a Y2K information and preparedness association in the Kootenays and will present a University of Purdue video explaining potential problems and solutions.

Guy Dauncey is a Victoria expert on neighbourhood self-sufficiency and will offer advice on how local residents can approach the loss of technologi-

"Both speakers have a spiritual vision (of the Y2K Bug), but they both deal in facts and action plans," says Kuprowski.

"We want to accomplish something, even if it is getting names and numbers to organize people into neighbourhoods."

She feels one of the biggest problems about potential disruption is that Salt Spring imports 89 per cent of its food. It is something locals should be concerned about even without the spectre of the loss of transportation systems.

"I think this situation provides an opportunity for people to live in a transformative way. If we are forced to depend on our own (systems) by Y2K, then so much the better," Kuprowski says.

"We really should be thinking as a community, not just as a bunch of . . . individuals."



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Weeding through Y2K Bug websites

By MIKE LEVIN **Driftwood Staff**

The biggest problem associated with the potential of the Y2K Bug is not finding solutions, but making people understand just what the whole thing is about.

"The problems we have created cannot be solved at the level of thinking that created them.'

That is a quote from Albert Einstein, sometime during the 1920s or 1930s when he realized humans would have to transcend technology to survive it.

Like international economic systems, human emotions or even the Internet, the scope of electronic breakdown is so broad it tends to defy everything but superficial examination.

For now, most people will avoid understanding. It takes time and effort, and there are more immediate problems to take care of. And that is fine, for now.

But at some point these attitudes will change as people want and need to be informed.

"In the absence of real information, (people) fill the vacuum with rumours and fear. And whenever people feel excluded from involvement, they withdraw and focus on self-protection. As the veil of secrecy thickens, the capacity for collective solution-finding disappears," write Margaret Wheatley and Myron Kellner-Rogers in the Utne Reader's Y2K Citizen's Action Guide.

The guide is an excellent primer on what technological and psychological problems could face people at the turn of the millennium, and what solutions exist. (It can be obtained from the Utne Reader at www.utne.com.)

Getting this type should be a top priority. There are about 1,800 websites on the Internet dealing with the Y2K Bug. Some are good, and will be listed below, but most tend to be hives of fear, alarm and conspiracy.

The good ones offer contact numbers and addresses for those looking for more information.

The obvious place to start is the Canadian government. It has created a task force to deal with Y2K problems, which focusses on its

 http//strategis.ic.gc.ca/sos2000. The site offers information such as surveys that show only 18 per cent of Canadian businesses have a Y2K action plan or lists of companies that can make your business

But it offers surprisingly little on the subjects that people are truly interested in, such as contingency plans or what could happen to their

Www.sunship.com provides the written content of a Y2K information map from a Kootenay-based preparedness group. It is interesting but mostly focusses on what the problems are and does not offer many solutions.

Www.euy2k.com is an excellent private site dedicated to an analysis of the electricity industry. It examines the problems and results that computer shutdowns could have on the worldwide electrical grid. It has excellent links and con-

Www.amisafe.com is another private site. It focusses only on U.S. information but covers a huge ranges of issues. It also has good links and contacts.

Www.y2knews.com is an issueoriented site that keeps visitors updated on new developments. It mostly deals with potential problems and doesn't offer much on contingency plans.

Nevertheless it is an excellent source of information on matters such as where to get emergency supplies. It also offers subscriptions to an affiliated newsmagazine called Y2K Newsmag.

Www.Y2Ktoday.com calls itself public-service site developed by a company called Infrastructure Defence Inc. It is primarily a news and retail-supply site but it has excellent links to other sources of

Www.Y2Knewswire.com is a media-oriented site that claims to post every new release as soon as it becomes public. The problem is that much of the posted information is from private sources and can therefore be abused, but it also offers excellent information from the world's major media.

Www.garynorth.com is an individual soapbox for Gary North. But it is also one of the original Y2K websites and has top-level links to most other sites.

Www.cpsr.org is a fascinating yet technical site developed by the Computer Professionals For Social Responsibility. It tackles issues such as embedded chips and offers interactive links for public feed-

Www.bchydro.bc.ca is our power company's site, very much like most other utility sites which spend most of their space telling the public that everything is under control.

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These are just some of the good websites. Those interested in research will be able to find others through simple exploration at the above addresses.







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Rain soaks roots, wind topples trees

Wind, rain and trees can create a potent cocktail for inhabited

The Gulf Islands are reeling from this painful concoction during three weeks of storms that have sent as many as 100 trees crashing down, sometimes on power lines and structures

"It has been one crisis after another, and even for the most knowledgeable tree guy it is still pretty much of a guessing game," says Tai Mah, an ISA-certified arborist with Salt Spring's Golden Ash

But Mah explains there are two primary reasons for the recent problems.

First is a near-constant deluge of rain that has saturated the roots

'After a while there is no soil left to hold the roots. When the wind picks up, the tree just topples over like it is dead," he says.

There is also a fungal disease currently affecting Douglas firs and larger hemlock. It causes root rot, yet leaves the above-ground portion looking perfectly healthy.

These larger trees are particularly susceptible to winds.

"If you see a (fallen) tree with its root plate intact, then it doesn't have root rot," says Mah. "The problem is that it's almost impossible to tell before it's on its way down.

Mah suggests people watch their older trees during high winds to see if there is a lifting of the soil around the base.

If there is any movement it is probably wise to have the tree checked out.

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Continuing forecasts for foul weather have forced JJM Maintenance to put the closure and repair of Stewart Road on hold.

A portion of the route north of Saltair Lane was supposed to be closed for three days (Tuesday, today and Thursday) to repair damage from last week's storm.

The work will be rescheduled for better weather during the next few weeks, said JJM superintendent John Weighill.

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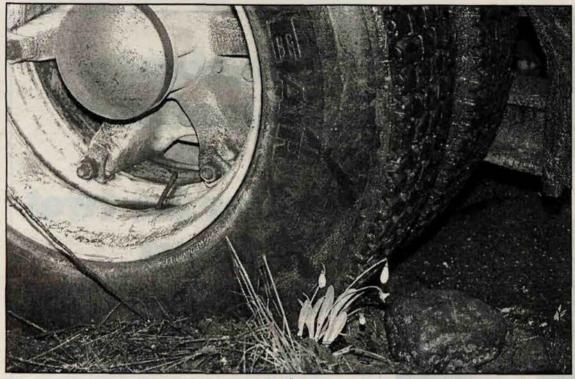
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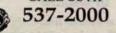


These snowdrops narrowly escaped a flat- was needed to remove a tree from the roof of tened fate as the wheel of Brian Dawes' crane Wendy Webb's Meyer Road home last comes within a whisper of them. The crane Saturday morning.

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Fire calls: 'hell on wheels'

Salt Spring's fire department got to catch fire. a break Friday morning - trees didn't start falling until after noon.

"From that first call on it was hell on wheels," said fire captain Erling Jorgensen of the storm damage that kept the department on its

Firefighters started with a tree on fire on Mountain Park Drive and during the next four hours were called to deal with live wires on Cranberry, Beaver Point, Isabella Point and Fulford-Ganges

In between those episodes, there was also a call for an overheated pellet stove which was threatening

"When those wires come down they can cause a lot of damage," Jorgensen said. "Our job is to make sure nothing happens until the (B.C.) Hydro guys can deal with them.

Department members were pulled out again later in the evening to deal with a structure fire on Sunset Drive. Exhaust from a generator being used during a power outage had ignited the wall next to it.

Sunday, firefighters were called to a fuel spill on Quebec Drive. A blown tire had ruptured the car's

Ferries changes applauded by chamber of commerce

Proposed changes to Gulf brations will arrange a meeting Islands ferry routes earned a strong endorsement from directors of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

A letter prepared by government relations committee member Derwin Rokeby-Thomas, and approved by board members, will be sent to B.C. Ferries in support of the new scheduling arrange-

The letter described the proposal as "imaginative," and "a wonderful marketing opportunity for the business community to sell the island."

"We hope that B.C. Ferries will work with the island to promote this 'Gateway to the Gulf Islands' cruise which will be positive for B.C. Ferries, B.C. Ferries employees and the economical viability of our islands."

In other chamber news:

· A committee struck to examine opportunities for millennium celewith members of the arts community to coordinate planning. Chamber directors on the committee are Rokeby-Thomas of the Seabreeze Inn, Doug Mitchell of Muskoka North Garment Co. and Tony Richards of the Driftwood.

The chamber has been considering coordinating events on December 31, leading up to a fireworks display at midnight. However, a commitment must be made to purchase the fireworks which will cost \$10,000 - by the end of February.

· Ian Short of Island Savings Credit Union has returned to the board. He will resume the position of treasurer.

· Chamber members will gather for a mixer next month at Gulf Islands Brewery on Furness Road. The event will take place at 6 p.m. March 10.

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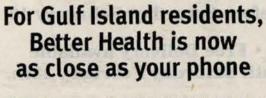
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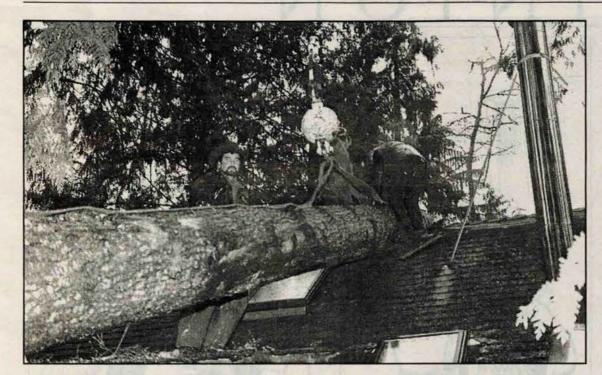




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STORM: More to come

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but inside there were only a few hairline cracks in the skywall, said Webb. "It is obviously a wellconstructed building.'

The tree was estimated at two and a half tons and took three hours to clear by Golden Ash Tree

"When it fell there was a huge pop, snap and bang," Webb added.
"But I wasn't too concerned because it had happened three other times previously that day."

JJM Maintenance crews were also out in force, caught between ongoing repairs to washouts resulting earlier from heavy rains and road clearing on Friday and Saturday.

"We have definitely been fullout the whole time," said superintendent John Weighill. "We had to move our people around from storm damage on Rainbow Road to cleaning away fallen trees after Hydro untangled power lines. It was pretty crazy.'

Weighill added that Friday's storm replugged some of the island's ditches, culverts and catch basins. Crews will have to return for a second straight week to clean them out.

B.C. Ferries started cancelling sailings as early as the 11:05 a.m. run from Fulford Harbour to Swartz Bay.

By mid-afternoon, the corporation said it had closed all routes for the rest of the day, a report confirmed by calls to its informa-

tion number and by radio reports But it turned out that there were later sailings as corporation executives flip-flopped. Cancellations on Gulf Island routes are left up to the discretion of the vessels' cap-

The misleading report stranded hundreds of passengers and almost proved dangerous for three classes of Salt Spring Elementary School

Under the care of teachers Maria McKeachie and Kari Holmes, the busload of more than 50 children was planning to catch the 2:50 p.m. ferry home after a Victoria field trip.

They arrived at Swartz only to be told that all sailings were cancelled for the rest of the day. The two teachers discussed the problem with many parents who had accompanied the trip in their own vehicles.

One choice was to make the trek to Crofton, but it was vetoed for safety reasons.

The group stayed at Swartz and was able to catch a ride home at

about 6:50 p.m.

Many others who did not stay at the terminal went looking for overnight accommodation.

Regular sailing started again Saturday morning.

Weather also forced the cancellation of the 11:05 a.m. Fulford-Swartz roundtrip Monday morn-

Hydro's Smith noted there were still some isolated power-line repairs to be done but things were pretty much back to normal, for

He added that Salt Spring, surprisingly, suffered the most damage of all the Gulf Islands.

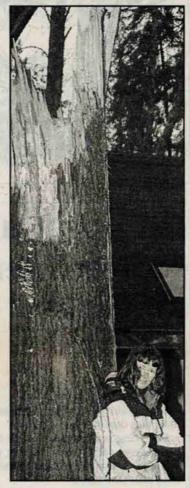
Worst hit during Friday's nearhurricane winds was the area near Collins and Rainbow roads. Some residents were without power for more than 24 hours.

"We couldn't even get to them because their driveways were blocked," said Smith. There was (debris) all over the place.

As the storm peaked, as many as 3,500 (82 per cent) of island homes lost power.

Saturna Island was completely blacked out as was most of Galiano Island. Pender Island had bad spots, but only lost its electrical supply sporadically. Mayne Island never lost its main line and therefore most island homes were spared major outages.

Also on Friday two additional repair crews were dispatched to Salt Spring from Victoria to supplement the two resident crews.



TREE ON THE ROOF: At top Brian Dawes, left, and Jan Hayes sling up crane straps to remove this 5,000 pound Hemlock which fell Friday on Wendy Webb's Meyer Road home (at right).

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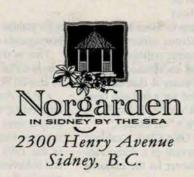
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Did someone call an election?

There is a lesson in one of the two records broken on Salt Spring

The first record was the election of Peter Wigen who, at 23, will be the youngest trustee ever to sit on the Gulf Islands School Board. The second record was the lowest voter turnout — an appalling six per cent — ever seen in a local election.

To Wigen we offer our congratulations. To the other four candidates for the seat formerly held by Jane Parlee we say thanks for putting up your names. To the voters we say shame on you.

When nominations closed we wrote to commend the five candidates for entering a race whose prize is of questionable value. The school board is a vassal of the provincial education ministry, which dictates how it operates and how much money it will operate with.

As we have seen in the last six months, the job of a school trustee is not an enviable one. There are too many challenges and too few opportunities to address them. The financial crisis has been deferred with a bail-out by the provincial government. It is an issue that will return to challenge the school board again.

Yet despite the ugly prospects five islanders felt strongly enough to run for trustee. It's too bad that the voters didn't feel as strongly.

We had thought public education funding was still an important topic among islanders, that concern for the system would translate into a reasonable turnout at the polls. How wrong we were.

How quickly we can forget the problems of the past.

We also believed that more voters would respect the commitment of the five candidates enough to make the effort to cast a bal-

The lesson in all this is that it's a waste of money to hold a midterm election for school trustee. The triennial local elections are coming up this fall, when all the seats come open on the school board, Islands Trust and Capital Regional District board. It would have been better to wait until then rather than spend \$7,000 on Saturday's election.

Provincial legislation mandates how long a seat can remain unfilled. It should be changed to allow more time - perhaps a year or more — before an election must be held, so that precious resources are not wasted on opening polls for a tiny fraction of the electorate.

In the meantime, voters should bear in mind that if they do not exercise their franchise when the opportunity is presented, they run the risk of losing it. No government is so good that it can free itself from the innate need to seek greater power. If people don't care for the power to vote, why let them have it?

Putting Canada first

The new social union agreed upon by Ottawa and nine provinces is a positive step toward improving the framework under which the federal system operates.

The division of powers and the allocation of money have long been sources of disagreement between federal and provincial governments. Any step toward cooperation is a welcome one indeed. But just as significant is the easy way in which a deal was reached, even without Quebec signing on.

Lucien Bouchard, the separatist premier, rejected the deal. No surprise there. But its ratification was not held up by attempts to bring Quebec into the fold, a refreshing change in how we exercise our federal and provincial powers.

It would appear that even central Canada is finally ready to give up trying to placate Quebec politicians who care nought for this

The only negative aspect of the agreement is that Quebec will get its share of the money regardless. We look forward to the day when the first ministers agree to put the country first, and reject the unfair, unreasonable and untenable demands of Bouchard and his fellow separatists.

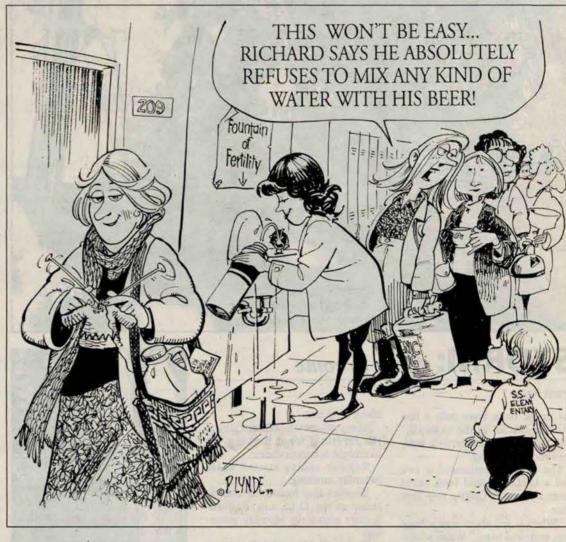
Off to a great start

There have always been many questions surrounding ArtSpring. Its viability, design, theatre size, operating costs versus revenue potential — the list goes on.

And many of those questions remain.

But at least one question has been answered since the completion of fundraising last year: how well will ArtSpring be utilized? If the fact that the arts centre has bookings for every weekend until September is any indication, utilization shouldn't be a problem.

ArtSpring's first event was a musical performance on Saturday that filled the theatre. That's a great start and one that bodes well for the future of this fine facility.



Forget unemployment rate, these men don't deserve jobs

By TOM VARZELIOTIS

In these days of high unemployment it is not nice to throw someone out of work.

Yet the need to do so is everpresent as countless people rise above their level of competence

and/or sneak into positions demanding ethical stamina they cannot possibly muster.

Following is a sample of office-holders who can better serve society by resigning their posts. The sufficient reason for requesting their resignation is

To these individuals I say, "Please do the honourable thing and go back to where you came from."

 Juan Antonio Samaranch, for having overstayed his term as chairman of the

International Olympic Committee by more than a dozen years.

· Dan Miller (from the B.C. government cabinet), for being ignorant (while in his previous portfolio) of what all British Columbians knew for a long time about the PussyfiCats while he, Dan Miller, was the person duty bound to inform British Columbians about it.

 Jean Chretien, for secretly admiring the economic policies of Brian Mulroney while he, Jean

Chretien, to undo the "disastrous effects on the economy" of Mulroney's economic policies.

 Gordon Wilson, for gross recklessness, after admitting on CBC Radio February 4 that he does not know whether he had called for a full and open public inquiry on Glen Clark's stray PussyfiCats before becoming Premier Clark's "cat-keeper."

· Dale Lovick, a minister in Glen Clark's cabinet, for saying he, Dale Lovick, servant of a democratically-governed society, "will never let the majority decide rights of minorities.'

· Dr. Richard Stanwick, the Capital Regional District Health Officer, for attempting to rationalize

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the Stalinist police manner of three "ashtray police" who allegedly went into relentless pursuit of a woman from a hotel to a parking lot, to her home, violated her "castle," shouted at her and scared her children all because, as

she put it: "For Christ's sake, all I did was light a

· Glen Clark, for being such a "dead beat dad," accountability-wise, as he is to three lame PacifiCats.

· Bill Clinton, "the most powerful man in the world," for gross indignity in having reduced himself to fodder for the tabloid newspapers so that he can squeeze another two years of rent-free public housing on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington,

· Any provincial MLA who, knowing that Glen Clark can make mistakes so gross as mistaking a post-election deficit for a pre-election balanced budget and entering into a union to father the PacifiCats, pretends to believe that their leader, Glen Clark, is infallible on the irreversible Nisga'a Treaty.

· Gordon Campbell, for failing to claim successfully the Official Opposition's "equal space" in the advertisements Glen Clark buys

Chretien, was telling Canadians to elect him, Jean with public money (\$7 million on Nisga'a Treaty propaganda alone).

This is despite the fact 60 cents of each propaganda dollar Clark spends is lifted from the pockets of non-NDP voters.

· B.C. Attorney-general Ujjal Dosanjh for masterminding the de facto suppression of the will of 83 per cent of British Columbians who voted for the introduction of "recall and initiative" legislation in the 1991 referendum, thereby making possible the behaviour of all those British Columbia politicians in the above list.

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We asked: Besides your partner, with whom would you like to have Valentine's Day dinner, and what would you eat?



Mona Fertig
Leonard Cohen. Steamed mussels and champagne.



Maeghan Bettger King Tut. We'd have sushi and



St. Theresa of Avilla. We'd have something wholesome that would honour her.



Bronwyn Sutherland Winston Churchill. We'd eat lemon chicken, wild rice and steamed baby carrots.



Andrew Storey
Marilyn Monroe — steak and
lobster and Chianti.

Letters to the Editor

Inspired

If We Are Women is coming to ArtSpring this week. I was tremendously inspired by the message in this play when I saw it in Qualicum Beach last summer.

Instead of rehearing for a lifetime all the reasons why we can't do what we think we want to do; why not just start doing it?

I encourage everyone to see If We Are Women and then to get on with living instead of being partially dead.

HELEN HINCHLIFF, Ganges

Ceylon wetter

I have two comments on letters in the February 3 Driftwood.

1. The rainfall of January amounted to about 12 inches. I was

in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) during the war, commanding the R.N. Air Station Kakukurunda, situated 30 miles south of Colombo.

When it rained during the southwest monsoon we got about two inches per hour and would have got our January rainfall of 12 inches in two days.

Yes, we had floods.

2. Why does Gary Lundy say that the ferry corporation derives its inefficiency from the poor Royal Navy?

Generally speaking, our ships were happy and efficient and their operations were hardly similar to those of the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

Yes, I commanded one of those

G.A. (HANK) ROTHERHAM, Lower Ganges Road Simple plan

Regarding a page 8 article on B.C. Ferries in last week's Driftwood:

I questioned the 26 per cent figure for traffic to the Gulf Islands coming from Tsawwassen through Swartz Bay and I was assured it was the correct figure as given by the ferry corporation to the Driftwood.

Let's look at that.

The Spirit-class ships run eight trips per day from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay along with other stretched and raised vessels, so it is probably safe to assume that the traffic volume is equal at least to the equivalent of the Spirits running loaded every trip.

The Spirits carry 450 cars per trip, so eight trips equals 3,600 cars per day; 26 per cent of that figure is 936 cars bound for the Gulf Islands. Salt Spring Island gets the majority of that (say 60 per cent), which means 561.5 cars per day.

As I see it, the simple solution to all of this is to run the Queen of Nanaimo four trips per day between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen.

The Queen of Nanaimo carries 170 cars so should not have too much trouble taking care of the traffic plus the traffic she currently carries.

Now if someone can just come up with a plan to keep the other Gulf Islands happy. . .

J. BENNETT, Dukes Road

Good wishes

I would like to thank all those who braved the inclement weather to vote on Saturday.

My congratulations to Peter Wigen on his election as school trustee.

Peter has done a lot of background work in the last few weeks; he is a young man of constructive ideas and integrity. I wish him well.

DAVID EYLES, Beaver Point Road

MORE LETTERS 10

Ticketing could replace costly enforment

By DAVID BORROWMAN and BEV BYRON

Salt Spring Trust Committee
The Trust, or any local government, is subject to criticism
over bylaw enforcement.
Usually it's too much or too lit-

Here is a primer on how the Trust handles the issue on Salt Spring. The article ends with some suggestions for the future.

The Trust has one bylaw officer for 13 islands which have a population of about 25,000. He handles approximately 100 new complaints every year, ranging from unsightly premises, to the construction of a small resort entirely outside zoning and the building code. Salt Spring Island complaints are approximately 25 per cent of the total. At any one time he is dealing with about 90 active cases Trust-wide.

No local trust committee initiates a complaint, and the enforcement officer undertakes no active searches. Violations are dealt with only where there is a complaint. A complaint will be directed to Watson Smith, the investigations officer. The complaint can be verbal, and a name is preferred, should further clarification be required.

Once a complaint is received, the investigations officer visits the site to investigate. Unfounded or malicious com-



plaints are weeded out at this stage. If there is a violation, a 90-day voluntary compliance procedure is begun. During this time, the investigations officer has the option of requiring an illegal activity to cease. The latest statistics show that the voluntary compliance approach works 95 per cent of the time.

Herein lies a strength and a weakness of the complaint-based system. The strength is that neighbourhoods themselves set their own tone, without interference from government.

The weakness of the complaint system is that individuals are often reluctant to lodge even the most legitimate complaints out of fear of acting in an unneighbourly manner, or even because they feel intimidated by the violator.

Complaints are assured of anonymity, but this does not work where one person is the only possible complainant.

Where compliance is not achieved voluntarily, the Trust can go to court. But a court case requires legal services at an average cost of \$7,000 and considerably more if a case is pro-

longed. If the Salt Spring Trust Committee initiated four court cases a year, taxes throughout the Trust area would rise by one per cent (\$28,000). Hence, there is a certain reluctance to use the courts. Hence also a legitimate cry from the community: Why don't you enforce your own bylaws!

Our current practice is largely an honour system, with relaxed enforcement, constrained by a reluctance to generate costs.

The few people who abuse the system, and know that they can hold a community to ransom through a costly court system, do considerable harm both to their neighbourhoods and to respect for law. In fact, in any jurisdiction, bylaws which materially affect all honest citizens are often enacted in the first place to control the few who conduct themselves in an improper manner.

If islanders wanted, Trust Council could adopt a more aggressive enforcement policy. The investigations officer could be required to initiated cases himself where he felt there was a serious abuse of local bylaws which would not otherwise come to light.

If council adopted this approach, it would have to be conscious of the immediate requirement for more money to

fund an active approach to supplement the complaint system.

There is another possibility, which would require a local decision by Salt Spring Islanders.

When this community adopted the new community plan, it provided the Trust with the option of seeking a new enforcement tool by proposing a ticketing bylaw. Such a bylaw would have to succeed at public hearing before it could be adopted by the local Trust committee. If the public approved the bylaw, it would allow the Trust to ticket offenders (who in turn could challenge a ticket in court). The benefit of this approach would be to relieve the taxpayer of court costs which can be generated by recalcitrant offenders.

This approach may be more attractive in view of the upcoming land use bylaw, (LUB). With a new community plan in place, the LUB is being rewritten to conform to the OCP, and to modernize language and definitions which have become doubtful in the eyes of the courts. Some provisions were written as much as 30 years ago, and are known to have failed when challenged.

The new LUB will provide a great deal of legal certainty in our bylaws — something which has been lacking for years.

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Did you see something you liked or

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

Education can put a dent in violence

VICTORIA — Imagine a world without violence. No more victims, no more trauma, no more fear.

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The latest step in combatting violence is a new partnership between the provincial government and the B.C. Association of Broadcasters, which last week



launched a 10-year, \$50-million public education campaign aimed at preventing violence in society.

Over the next 10 years, radio and TV spots will bring to the public's attention the destructiveness of violence in our society.

For the first year, the campaign will focus on violence against women. Over time, the campaign will deal with violence against ethnic minorities, seniors, youth, lesbians and gays.

To address the problem of violence, we have to look at its root causes.

We are not born to violence. The tendency towards violence is almost exclusively the result of learned behavior.

Little Jimmy doesn't beat up on a smaller kid because it's natural. He does it because his dad taught him "not to take any crap" and because he thinks it's cool to be in control.

Men beat their wives, and to a lesser extent the other way 'round, because they never learned how to control their emotions and anger and because it gives them a sense of importance and control.

I've been convinced long ago that stiffer sentences don't deter others from committing the same crime.

There isn't a jurisdiction in which the death penalty has reduced the murder rate.

The United States' war on drugs, which has sent hundreds of thousands of people to jail, hasn't made a dent in the illegal drug trade.

To reduce any crime, society must address the root causes, not the symptoms. Throwing perpetrators of violence into jail for ever longer periods of time won't reduce violence.

Public education, on the other hand, aimed at changing society's behavior, has a chance. Women's Equality Minister Sue Hammell

We can live violence-free," she says. "By examining the beliefs, behaviours, and attitudes that allow violence to continue, we can take action to prevent violence at home, school, work and in our communities," she says.

Jack Tomik, president of the B.C. Broadcasters' Association, echoes Hammell's comments:

"The media is in a powerful position to influence and change attitudes," he says. "We hope our commitment to this long-term campaign will result in new and increased awareness on a topic that affects virtually everyone.

Society cannot reasonably expect government alone to combat crime, whatever its form.

That's why the broadcasters' association ought to be congratulated for its commitment to the anti-violence campaign. To forego \$50 million in potential revenue is no small potatoes for any industry.

But I would like, if I may, to point out another contribution the industry could make: reduce the violence content it airs.

I am loathe to see controls placed on any information medium. I dislike censorship. But there ought to be certain self-imposed limits to what news outlets are willing to broadcast and print.

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More letters

Ferry view

Some may have taken offence to a letter published in the Driftwood last week.

In it I referred to the Royal Navy in connection with B.C. management style. Perhaps I should have used another model like the Siberian Navy as an example instead. The point I was attempting to make was that the military-style management cannot fit in today's civilian work-

Last January I had the opportunity to board and sail the ferry Coho out of Victoria to Port Townsend. I found the morale of the workers differed 180 degrees from our workers. There was aliveness throughout the ship. I enquired and found out that the ferry was privately owned and obviously had a management style that encouraged these people to lighten up while the management tightened up and received respect for getting it right.

It is symbolic that our fleet of "Queens" have had their day in the water. It's over. Now we must move on, hopefully with our heads into the business world rather than the traditional world. Something has to give in all this, as most agree that it is a mess and the fingers of blame point in all

We live in a world of bottom line and this is: How do you get the most out of the employees by reducing costs and pompous glaring waste? Respect and efficiency will follow.

In the film Titanic, the captain drove me nuts with his pompous bullheaded stubbornness. (I got over it). In the business world he would have to change this behaviour or be replaced. In the traditional world or the military model, he is backed up to the hilt. On to

All of this is of course my point of view. If anyone disagrees or not, or takes offence to it, they should present their own case and attempt to penetrate this ferry fias-

One should never be sorry for their point of view. Salt Spring

Rainbows

Sorry, I was in Victoria last Wednesday when the Rainbows article appeared, and I didn't get any of the messages from the people who phoned that day.

Would those people please call

again? And for those who missed the article, or don't know what "Rainbows" is, it is a support group for children who have experienced a significant loss.

This might be the death of a loved one, divorce or separation. Any of these events often bring with them other losses of home, school, friends, pets, even grandparents and other relatives. The remaining or custodial parent is overburdened with their own emotions and stress.

This may cause them to miss the hidden needs in their children unless or until an actual crisis occurs. It is easier, kinder and more effective to provide the help before the crisis. Serious emotional trauma can affect one's whole life and timely help may have lifelong benefits.

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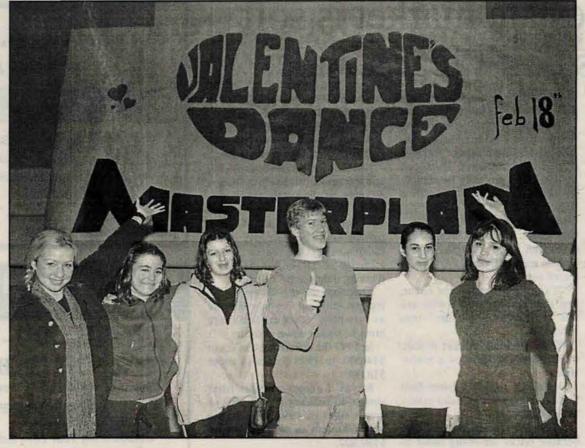
Chances of a settlement between B.C. Ferries and its union good appeared today (Wednesday), according to union president Ken Michael.

Independent mediator Ken Foley is likely to table recommendations Thursday morning advising the corporation to back down on its demand for concessions from the union on scheduling flex-

"(Foley's) indications give us reason for optimism," Michael said Tuesday.

"But if the concessions are still on the table Thursday, our reaction will be obvious.'

The reaction will almost certainly be a resumption of union job action against the corporation, starting as early as Friday.



Masterplan

Students of Gulf Island Secondary School's ing an upcoming Valentine's Day dance as part leadership program created this sign announc- of an advertising sign making project.

Greenwoods board welcomes employee

Administrative changes at Greenwoods are keeping board members of the intermediate and personal care facility busy

The board met Thursday to review the facility's expanding needs and to welcome a new employee.

Incoming business office manager Bill Curtin began his position Monday. Curtin was selected following a week of interviews by board members.

Administrator Penny Polden reported that Greenwoods' planning review continues to examine how changes can modify the facility to meet residents' evolving

Growth is bringing in more resi-

dents with dementia, and the situation will require renovations and expansion.

The board submitted a treasury board application to cover costs and will meet with Oak Bay Lodge CEO Joyce Westcott later this month to gather more information on similar facilities.

Other works in progress include Greenwoods' 20th anniversary celebrations slated for June 5.

Board member Jean Taylor has been asked to join the Gulf Islands accreditation team that meets monthly to prepare information on facility accreditations.

The team is chaired by Karen Davies, manager of patient/client care for the southern Gulf Islands.

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The Party Crasher program has so far seen some 250 forms returned to the local police detachment, members of the Salt Spring Crime Prevention Association (SSCPA) learned at its January 26 meeting.

Those who wish to participate in the program, but have misplaced their forms, should drop by the detachment to pick up another copy.

SSCPA meets again on February 26 at the Seniors Services Society building.



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Local real estate market is soft but realtors don't fear a slide

Salt Spring's real estate prices are dropping, and the number of sales are also down.

But it's not all bad news according to local agents, who see a soft market for the next year or two but are bullish on the mid-to-long

Statistics supplied by Royal LePage's Marshall Lindholm show the number of properties sold in 1998 dropped to 153, from 169 in 1997. Acreage sales slid from 48 to

Re/Max figures show a combined house-and-land sales drop from 231 in 1997 to 213 last year. Prices have followed.

Two big-ticket house sales in 1998 boosted the average selling price but "that isn't a real indicator of market value," says Re/Max's Tom Navratil.

"The median price is more accurate, and we saw more than a twoper cent drop (in 1998) in combined property and acreage prices."

The soft market is no real surprise considering what is happening throughout the province's

"There is little to no confidence in this (current B.C.) government turning the situation around in anything like the short-term, and as a result we are seeing people and business leave the province for opportunities available elsewhere in the country," writes Lindholm.

Thus fewer and fewer people are

willing to take on the island's high prices with bigger mortgages.

The trend is starting to correct thanks to off-island buyers. In 1997, about 72 per cent of purchases were by newcomers, The figure for 1998 will probably be similar, but both are way up on even five

Much of the trend has come through the relatively inexpensive Canadian dollar. United States buyers especially are arriving in record numbers.

"It's not rich Americans either, just the regular people who are sick of freeways and crime," says Navratil.

While the local market is soft, there is no real fear of a major

Differing reasons from Salt Spring's two major agencies makes for good thought.

Lindholm sees overall stability because prices are rising faster in other parts of Canada than on Salt Spring, making this area more attractive. Navratil sees larger drops in similar markets, meaning that a lower selling price on Salt Spring will buy more elsewhere.

Both see a continued attraction to U.S. buyers and long-term sta-

Salt Spring is especially wellpositioned because of its services.

"My feeling is that our local market is more stable today than it

has been the last few years," writes Lindholm. "Perhaps the sales volumes are not indicative of this but there has been a general levelling off of prices and fewer reductions.

Navratil feels that local pricing still has some distance to go before it comes into line with market real-

"There are still lots of overpriced listings. The big price increases of the early 1990s stopped in 1994, but people's thinking didn't stop," he says.

Therefore the gap between asking and selling prices has widened as vendors' expectations are brought further down to earth

In 1997 the difference was about \$14,000. In 1998 it rose to about

Royal LePage figures that almost 40 per cent (57 of 153) of house sales in 1998 were under \$200,000 with an average price of \$159,307.

The next highest sector was \$251,000 to \$300,000, with 18 properties selling for an average of

At the top end, two properties sold for more than \$1 million, for an average of \$1.13 million. Waterfront sales averaged \$497,470, while lakefront went for an average \$197,500.

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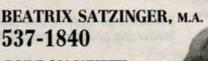
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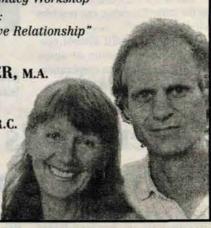
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Without permanent screening equipment, Lady Minto gets the mobile unit for 11 days.

The test is acknowledged as the best preventative diagnostic for breast cancer, the most common, potentially fatal disease confronting Canadian women.

Regular tests for females aged between 50 and 70 can cut their risk by 20-30 per cent.

Doctors say every woman between 50 and 80 should have a mammogram at least every two years. Yet the problem is not just for those over 50.

Every female should have regular tests if there is a family history of the disease - two or more episodes among primary female relatives.

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While it can cause some discomfort, it is vitally important.

Appointments can be made for the screening - which is covered fully by B.C. medical insurance at 1-800-663-9203.

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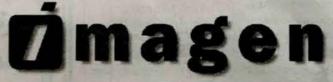
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Poet rooster in glory at Farmer Dave's place

John Keats has never been so pleased. Surrounded by a bevy of admirers doting on his every word, he rises before the break of day to voice his appreciation at the unfolding of each new dawn.

This, Farmer Dave assures me, is the mark of a true poet, hence the name, John Keats.

John Keats is the new rooster at Dave Harris's Fulford Valley farm and lucky he is indeed. Listed as a "give-away" in the Classified section of the Driftwood, any fate could have befallen him. But Dave brought John home and introduced him to Paula, Monica and Gennifer: he's been in his glory ever since.

Readers of these Chronicles will recall that Paula, Monica and Gennifer were courtesans of Dave's last rooster, Bill Clinton, who became a near-invalid after a nerve-shattering run-in with a bald eagle. Had it not been for Farmer Dave's timely intervention, Bill would have been reduced to little more than feathers and squawk.

Paula, Monica d n Gennifer seem very pleased at this latest turn of

events on the farm. They follow describe John Keats as anything John Keats everywhere, clucking less than regal would be a grave and cooing and pecking gently at his cape of gleaming hackle feathers as if carefully arranging the raised John Keats in their backermine tails on the cloak of some yard flock at their Rocking Goat royal prince. Farm on Dukes Road, were not after either looks or style when

There's no indication they mind in any way the frequency or suddenness of John's amorous indulgences either. Being pinned to the manure heap umpteen times a day in a frenzy of fanned-out wing feathers must be small price to pay for the company of such a regal fellow.

And regal he is. John Keats is part Araucanas and part Australorp. My poultry catalogue from the Rochester Hatchery describes Araucanas as a South American breed best known



Jim, Fenya and Cameron Sutherland raised "John Keats"

for their richly-coloured plumage and turquoise or blue-shelled eggs. Australorps, it says, are Australian versions of the Orpington breed of chicken - good layers and good for meat — excellent dual-purpose

Regardless of his pedigree, to

Jim and Fenya Sutherland, who

they picked up 20-or-so day-old

chicks at Foxglove (where Jim

works) a couple of springs ago.

John Keats is a descendent, now

two or three generations removed,

from those 20-or-so original chick-

Jim and Fenya encourage any of

their hens that go broody to hatch

out their clutch of eggs, even slip-

ping a few extra eggs under a nest-

ing hen for good measure. The

They were after eggs.

resulting offspring, often beautiful, are a rich mix of the genes of those Foxglove chicks, and others from around Salt Spring Island.

For the owner of a small chicken flock, a rooster or two is a good thing. They tend to settle the hens and establish order in a flock; as

well, they offer a measure of

Chicken hawks, and even dogs and raccoons, are a poor match for an aggrieved rooster. Some roosters will even attack a fully-grown man.

But more than one or two roosters becomes a problem.

They are unproductive, they eat more feed than even the best laying hen, they scrap with each other and they torment the hens with their incessant drive to mate.

Hence the Sutherland's ad in the Driftwood, "To give away roosters."

This makes it sound like Jim and Fenya run a tightly-disciplined flock, geared to maximum production, but that's not the case at all. "We don't cull our older birds just because their egg-laying starts dropping off," Jim told me.

"We prefer to let nature take its course.

Jim's favourite chickens are the

They have good survivability,

are beautiful birds and he gets a kick out of their eggs which range from blue to green - "Martha Stewart eggs," he calls them, and it's an added bonus that they command a premium price from his regular customers.

There's something soothing about chickens.

In Peter Matthiessen's wonderful book, The Snow Leopard, about a trek across the Himalayas, he writes, "The village creaks to the soft rhythm of an ancient rice treadle and under windows babies sway in wicker baskets. In the serene and indiscriminate domesticity of these sunny villages, sow and piglet, cow and calf, mother and infant, hen and chicks, nanny and kid commingle in a common

pulse of being."

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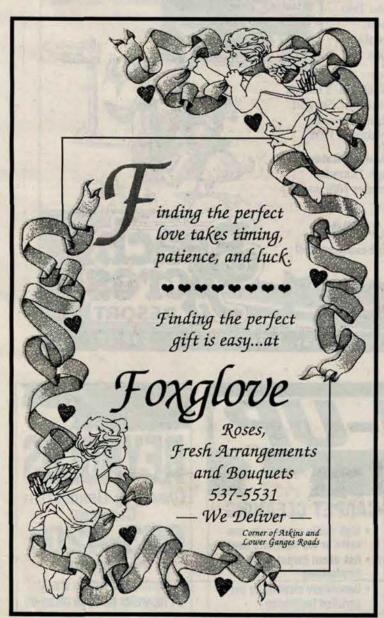
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Talk, ongoing courses look at **Buddhist path of meditation**

By SUSAN LUNDY Driftwood Staff

A Salt Spring man who has spent seven years in retreat will discuss the Buddhist path of meditation in a public talk tomorrow (Thursday) and in subsequent classes.

Jerry Ringrose (Lama Tsondru Gyasto) lived four years at the isolated Buddhist retreat on Mount Tuam and also spent three years in retreat in Ontario.

He is a teacher of the Shangpa/Karagyu tradition which has been taught verbally, in unbroken lineage, from generation to generation for the past 2,500 years.

Although Ringrose has held classes elsewhere - in the United States and eastern Canada — he is now ready to share his understanding with islanders.

And with a doctorate in psychology, Ringrose says, he brings a more "western approach" to meditation.

'I'm able to eliminate the mystical and complicated language and (present it) in plain terms," he says. "We don't need to get trapped in traditions,

myths and mythology."

The public talk, set for 7-9
p.m. at Salt Spring Centre, will look at "territory and beyond territory" as he explores the Buddhist path of meditation.

All his classes will be offered free of charge.

Ringrose notes that various spiritual courses are frequently given on Salt Spring, usually by visiting teachers.

"There is an energy that happens around the courses," he says, "Then these people leave and there is no one left to help out or follow through."

On Salt Spring, he adds, "everyone is tasting a bit of everything — it's like a big huge soup pot on the table."

He hopes to puree that soup,

bringing all the pieces together.

Tomorrow night's public discussion will be the catalyst for future courses which could vary from intensive weekend instruction to weekly classes. Those at the public meeting will be polled to determine the best time frame for ongoing courses.

Ringrose hopes his instruction will provide guidance on neditating in a "proper manner." Some people, he adds, attempt the meditation "fancy stuff" before they have a foundation. "You can pull in other things later."

Meditation, he says, is "that art of doing nothing" — an action that may sound simple but can actually be the "hardest job in your life." Practitioners don't need to learn the "why and the what, but the how" of meditation, allowing themselves to "just get out of the way."

When a group of people med-

itates together, he adds, individ-uals find themselves "all in the same boat.'

"No one is different than anyone else. We all have the same

Meditation allows people to "back-off and lighten up . . . make friends with themselves and learn not to be so hard on others." It creates an attitude of self-help in order to help others.

Ringrose says tomorrow's public talk will also open the floor to questions about his four years without heat or electricity, living in a small room at the Buddhist retreat on Mount Tuam. He is frequently asked about the retreat but rarely has the opportunity to describe it in full.

Ringrose was one of 10 men and 10 women who went into retreat in 1986. Although the duration is usually three, years, three months and three days, the 20 people had to wait an extra few months until a Buddhist dignitary visited and conducted their "coming out" ceremony.

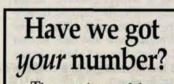
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Pon't forget the Annual Salt Spring Island
ROD & GUN CLUB DINNER

6pm Saturday, February 20th Call

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Rockin' the HHH

Salt Spring's Tom Hooper and his band The Grapes of Wrath combine old and new music to bring a Harbour House Hotel crowd to its feet on Saturday. The event, which took place in the hotel's newly renovated Wheelhouse Room, was kicked off with a performance by Hooper's partner Suzanne Little.

Photo by Demick Lundy





Music

 Bill Bourne — Juno Award-winning country/blues/folk guitarist in concert at Spring Thick Farm (106 Samuel Crescent). Wednesday, 8 p.m. Call Adrian at 537-1286 for ticket availability.

Fulford Inn — Reid Collins on the piano, Thursdays & Sundays.

• Fulford Inn — Dance to KC Kelly and the Amazing Rhythm Method. Friday beginning at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 9.

· Harbour House Hotel -Karaoke with Shawn, in the lounge, Friday night.

 Rose's Seaside Cafe — Friday Night Live! — an open stage.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Legion. Music by Tragically Hick, dinner by the executive. Saturday night, dinner at 7:30, dance at 8:30.

 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

 Rose's Seaside Cafe -Valentine's Day (Sunday) special menu and live entertainment. Reservations recommended.

Harbour House Bistro Murray Anderson on the piano every Sunday, for your dining pleasure at lunch or dinner.

· Fred Eaglesmith and The Flying Squirrels - Juno Awardwinning country/folk/rock singer and band play at ArtSpring on Sunday at 8 p.m. Toronto's Heartbreak Hill opens the evening.

· Moby's - Sunday Dinner Jazz - Love Songs With Sue, Amy, Gary and Ray, starting at 7

Stage

· Salt Spring Community Theatre presents If We Are Women, a play by Joanna McClelland Glass. Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. at ArtSpring.

· Lovers, Labour & Loss Romantic interactive theatre with chocolates and candles, a Valentine's Salt Spring Playback Theatre event. Saturday, 8 p.m. at Lions Hall.

Family

· West of the Moon — Storytime every Tuesday morning; 9:30 a.m. 2-3 year olds, 10:00 a.m. 4 - 5 year olds. Come and join us!

Galleries

· Brush With Romance - a solo exhibition and sale of drawings, paintings, pastels and prints by Diana Dean. At the gallery in ArtSpring until February 14. Daily hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., except 11 to 9 on Friday and Saturday.

Cinema

· A Civil Action - John Travolta stars as a self-interested personal injury lawyer who finds himself and loses his fortune when he launches a class-action suit against two corporate giants which have contaminated a town's drinking water with carcinogenic chemicals. Also stars a scenestealing Robert Duval.

· Patch Adams - The everastonishing Robin Williams plays an unorthodox physician who uses poetry and humour to treat patients. Based on a true story.

· A Simple Plan — Sam Raimi's rivetting and surprisingly perceptive shattering psychological thriller about greed, moral collapse and murder in the wintry American Midwest.

• Babe — Pig in the City -Sequel to the popular film about a talking pig and his relationship with the other animals. Aussie filmmaker George Miller transplants our favourite little porker to a mythical metropolis where he rescues newfound pals.

Community TV

· Wednesday, February 10, 6 p.m. B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27; 9:30, Satsang with GangaJi

· Sunday, February 14, 6 p.m., B.C. Ferries public meetings from January 26 & 27; 9:30, Satsang with GangaJi

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

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OPEN SUNDAYS



Ultimate romance

Laurie Clarke and Ron Max have fun while rehearsing the romantic comedy It Had To Be You on Sunday. Unfortunately, a horrific flu bug won't leave Max alone and the show was cancelled on Tuesday morning. It had been scheduled for ArtSpring next weekend.

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Local legend KC Kelly at Fulford

If you're tired of listening to the rain rattle off the roof and eaves, but still want some rhythm in your life, the Fulford Inn is the place to be this weekend.

KC Kelly and the Amazing Rhythm Method are giving the boot to winter doldrums with rockin' rhythm and blues, and dance party sets.

"Definitely bring your dancing shoes," says Kelly.

p.m. on Friday will be an acoustic slide guitar and dobro set of Kelly's original music, which will also be featured on an upcoming CD release.

On Saturday the music starts at 9 with the whole band.

Joining Kelly are top-notch performers Doug E Rhodes on drums and bass player Oscar Riley. The trio have played together for about

Kelly has played across Canada, in the United States and Japan, been on radio and TV, and made

New bylaw on arts centre table

While islanders celebrate the February opening of ArtSpring, the body which runs the new arts centre is having its annual general meeting next Thursday.

Two of 12 board positions on the Island Arts Centre Society (IAC) need to be filled, and a motion to make a bylaw change will be presented.

It's the same proposed changé accepted by two-thirds of voting members last year, which was then rejected by the Societies Act since it required 75 per cent

The motion is to give voting rights to the two board members who represent the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council (CAC) and the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC). At present those people are Lawrie Neish and Wayne Fraser, respectively.

Board member Bill Curtin said the CAC and PARC board members had voting rights under the society's original bylaws.

Then a few years ago, "during a time of controversy," he said, the membership voted to change the bylaws so those rights would be removed.

Curtin said he feels the two board members work extremely hard and shouldn't be discriminated against, and the two groups they represent have been incredibly supportive of ArtSpring.

band in the early '70s, which

Other bands have included Wild

Blue Yonder, Real Fantasy Band

and a mime and music act called

Dolphin in the Sea. In 1993 he formed DLX, a Vancouver rhythm

became a local legend.

and blues dance project.

IACS \$1,500 per month to help maintain ArtSpring during its first year, and the CAC has also agreed to provide financial help if neces-

One IACS member wondered if proper notice of the change had been given. IACS bylaws stated that members should receive, either personally or by mail, a notice of a bylaw change and by public posting for three

He said PARC is willing to give consecutive weeks before the meeting.

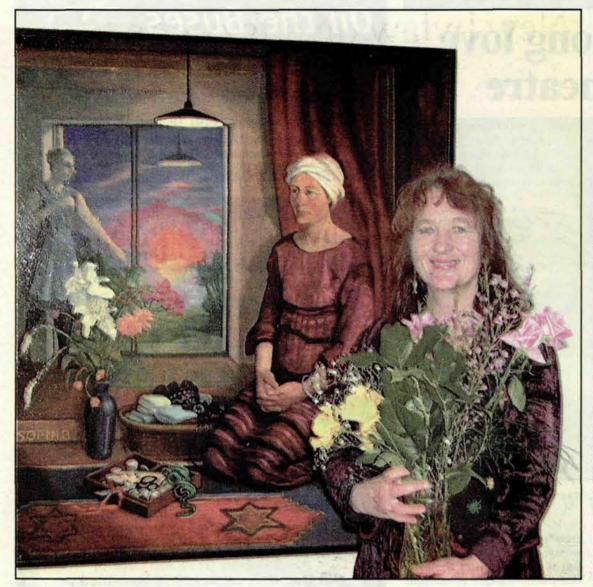
Driftwood ads since February 3 would satisfy that requirement, said IACS publicist Richard Moses.

Rose Elliott of the Societies and Corporate Registry in Victoria said the actual wording of the motion to change the bylaw did not have to be in the notice.

However, it should be available for members to view.







Eaglesmith will 'hold throttle to the floor' in upcoming show

For "Longevity" John Falkner, a Duncan-based music promoter,

ArtSpring is a dream venue.

It's a "beautiful working space," has the perfect house size and is on an island where audiences appreciate great music.

When Juno Award winner Fred Eaglesmith and his band come to Salt Spring February 14, Falkner suspects the musicians will love

performing at ArtSpring almost as much as the audience will love the act.

Eaglesmith has been compared to artists such as Guy Clark, Tom Waits, Lyle Lovett and Joe Ely, and his 1996 album Drive In Movie won him a Juno as it climbed to the Top 10 of the Americana chart.

Reviewer Gary Graff called Eaglesmith's 1998 release, Lipstick, Lies & Gasoline, "an arresting listen and, if there's justice in the world — more justice, at least, than some of Eaglesmith's (song) characters get — the album will vault him into the upper echelon of contemporary singer-songwriters."

Robert Reid of the Kitchener-Waterloo Record wrote last year after Eaglesmith played that city: "His delivery is propulsive, not unlike the diesel trucks that populate his songs.

Stripped down and raw, Eaglesmith's voice is the perfect

Fred Eaglesmith

When: February 14, 8

p.m.

Where: ArtSpring

Cost: \$15

vehicle for his lyrics, at once rough aggressive, tender and vulnerable.

"It's virtually impossible to select high-

lights. From the opening bars of Freight Train to the second set's closer, Pontiac, Eaglesmith held the throttle to the floor."

Eaglesmith hails from the Brantford, Ontario area but spends a lot of time on the road.

In 1998 he and his band, The Flying Squirrels, did 250 shows, travelling in a 1958 Wayne tour-

Band members coming to Salt Spring are Ralph Schipper, Washboard Hank and Willie P. Bennett, who is well-known to island music fans.

Opening act is Heartbreak Hill, the Toronto bluegrass band which has also just been nominated for a 1999 Juno.

Sunday's show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at Acoustic Planet.

Larger than life

Salt Spring artist Diana Dean stands with one of her stunning paintings — Sophia 1 now on exhibit in the gallery at ArtSpring. The Dean show, called Brush With Romance, is ArtSpring's first and it runs until February 14.

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Romancing a life-long love of community theatre

By GAIL SJUBERG **Driftwood Staff**

If you open the store-room door of Fred and Jean Howell's career memories, what quickly tumbles out are things like props, costumes, sets and a stage full of lively actors and singers.

The Howells were drama teachers for many years in Burnaby before retiring to Salt Spring in 1994. Fred was also heavily involved in Heritage Musical Theatre Vagabond Theatre.

The arts were beginning to flower about 30 years ago when Fred set up a drama program at Burnaby North high school, which has since maintained a tradition of ambitious projects.

'It's one of the few high schools that does a full-scale Broadway musical every year," says Fred.

Jean, meanwhile, directed a number of junior high dramatic productions before becoming an English as a Second Language

Besides the obvious pleasure derived from their profession, it had another distinct side effect a lack of anonymity even in a city the size of Burnaby.

"We couldn't go shopping anywhere without someone saying, 'Hello Mrs. Howell, hello Mr. Howell'," says Fred. It drove their own children crazy.

Even while travelling in Sydney, Australia in 1989, they were taken aback by the chime of a "Mr. Howell?" from a former student.

And while they didn't know many people for the first six months after moving to Salt Spring in 1994, that story soon changed as they became involved in the hiking and sailing groups and, of course, Salt Spring Community Theatre.

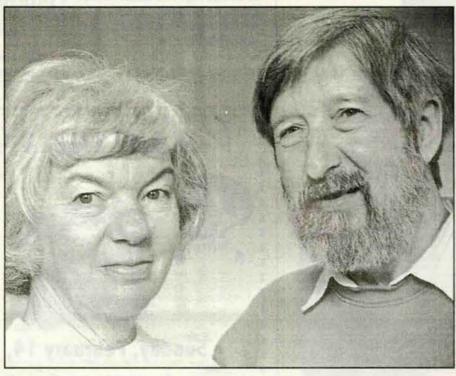
This week the Howells are in the thick of producing (Jean) and directing (Fred) If We Are Women, the drama which runs at ArtSpring Thursday through Sunday.

Before they came to live fulltime (they had property on Old Scott Road since 1979) the Howells knew the island had a dormant amateur theatre society which needed some reviving.

But as soon as they moved into their new home they were plunged into the controversy caused by its radiant ceiling heat system.

When "the dust finally settled," says Fred, they learned the Salt Spring Players had just closed its accounts and disposed of its assets.

Yet theatre was naturally envi-



Jean and Fred Howell: staging "If We Are Women"

sioned as part of an active retirement, so they had to start from scratch.

Fred had already discussed the creation of a new community group with Patricia Lockie and, from a simple ad in the Driftwood, a core of people formed Salt Spring Community Theatre (SSCT)

With a loan from the Community Arts Council, in April 1996 the group mounted its first show - Gone to Glory

It even made money!

That was followed by Chamber Music, which Fred directed, then I'll Be Back Before Midnight. Its last show was a dramatized radio play of David French's Leaving Home. Called On Air, it was an innovative co-production with the island's radio society.

While living on the mainland, Fred directed more than 20 plays and was intimately involved with some 25 musicials, such as Cabaret and Fiddler on the Roof. When they told their friends they were moving to Salt Spring, the couple's sanity was questioned more than once.

"A lot of our friends thought it would be like watching paint dry," recalls Jean.

In particular they wondered how the performing arts-addicted Howells would cope with a lack of access to quality arts presentations. That's why Fred takes every chance he can to rattle off all the shows gracing island stages when he talks to mainlanders who used to feel sorry for them.

"The people who are here and participating in these things are marvellously talented," says Jean.

The local talent and support helps ease the nail-biting associated with putting on the first drama at ArtSpring, but there's no way to know exactly how certain things will work until they're attempted. But it's not the first time the Howells have staged productions in a new or renovated space.

Fred remembers sweeping sawdust outside during a dress rehearsal of Servant of Two Masters which took place on the tails of a major renovation at the James Cowan Theatre.

Besides drunks and shoppers accidently ambling their way into plays on-stage at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, the Howells had an inaugural play at the new Burnaby South Secondary School suddenly splashed with music from a band performing in another

Once, in the middle of another play, a sound system freakishly picked up and broadcasted a downtown radio station.

Fortunately, notes Jean, sirens aren't too common on Salt Spring.

Besides continuing to nurture SSCT and enjoy the island's offerings, the Howells hope to do more travelling.

They are heading to Ontario for their son's wedding this fall and to see the famous "fall colours."

Also in the planning stages is a retracing of the Celtic migration from Spain, through western France and Great Britain, and they would like to return to New Zealand, Australia and the Greek Islands, which they visited during a year off teaching.

But keeping them busy'until then are the joys of grandparenting their daughter's 13-month-old twins and six-year-old; and training a new puppy - Target - who they recently acquired through the Prince George SPCA-Salt Spring adoption program; and, of course, their neverending love of community theatre.

If We Are Women shows this week

If We Are Women opens Thursday night at Lottie Fast. ArtSpring.

Showtime for Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances is 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. The play examines the different values and experiences of three generations, with the action spawned by the death of Jessica's husband. Jessica is played by Ann Cullingham.

Maureen O'Brien takes on the role of Jessica's mother; her mother-in-law is played by Jane Phillips. Jessica's 18-year-old daughter is

If We Are Women was written by Saskatchewan playwright Joanna McClelland

Salt Spring Community Theatre hopes people who don't like to drive at night will take advantage of the matinee.

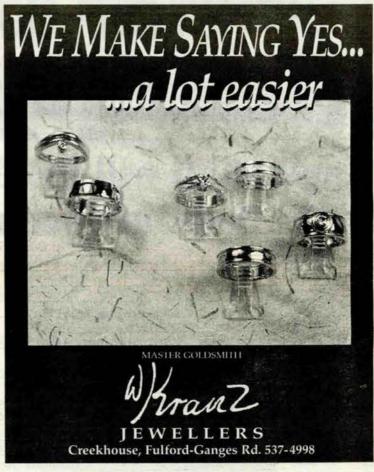
Tickets are \$12 and for sale at Island Books Plus, Patterson's and at the door.

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WHAT'S MOVIES TV ON

WEDNESDAY, FEB 10
6:00 PM
43) ** Three Came Home
(1950, War) Agnes Newton Ketih's experiences in prison camps during WWII.
Claudette Colbert, Sessue Hayakawa 7:00 PM

33 ★★ Damage (1992,Drama) A
Parliament member has obsessive love
affair with his son's flancée. Jeremy

Irons, Juliette Binoche

43 ★★★ Three Came Home (1950,War)
Claudette Colbert, Sessue Hayakawa

33 ** * Monsieur Hire (1999, Thriller) Quiet loner spends all day gazing at the woman next door. Michel Blanc, Sandrine Bonnaire

33 *** Monsieur Hire (1989,Thriller)
Michel Blanc, Sandrine Bonnaire 11:55 PM

2 ** Pure Luck (1991,Comedy) Detective and klutz search for missing daughter. Martin Short, Danny Glover THURSDAY, FEB 11

6:00 PM Century (1995, Drama) In 1932, the 14-month-old son of Charles Lindbergh was kidnapped. Stephen Rea, Isabella Rossellini

33 Breaking the Waves (1996, Drama)
Paralyzed man persuades wife to take
lovers and tell him about it. Emily Watson, Stellan Skarsgard

8:00 PM 20 2 The Foster Family Nightmare: Lost in Bermuda Triangle (1999) Tom Verica, Graham Becket 9:00 PM

43 Crime of the Century (1995, Drama) Stephen Rea, Isabella Rossellini

10:15 PM

33 Love After Love (1992,Drama) Soty of an author exploring what people want compared to what they need. Isabelle Huppert, Hippolyte Girardot 11:55 PM

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(2) ** The Adjuster (1991, Drama)
An insurance adjuster and his wife, a censor who scans pornographic films. Elias Koteas, Maury Chaykin
FRIDAY, FEB 12

6:00 PM

43) *** The Madness of King George (1994,History) King George III, the English ruler whose sanity and power began to disintegrate. Nigel Hawthorne, Helen Mirren 8:00 PM

12 2 ** Fathom (1967, Adventure) A skydiver is hired to find a lost nuclear triggering device. Richard Briers, Greta Chi 8:10 PM

33 Golden Balls (1993,Comedy) Involves two sets of threesomes and racy love scenes. Javier Bardem, Maria de Medeiros

23 D Robin des bois, prince des voleurs (1991, Aventure) Robin de Locksley devient hors-lal-loi et, pour aider la population. 2000 ans de cinéma. Kevin

la population: 2006
Costner, Morgan Freeman
(43) ** The Madness of King
George (1994,History) Nigel Hawthorne, Helen Mirren 10:00 PM

9 • ** Far From the Madding Crowd (1967, Drama) A country heiress is loved by three men and almost loses her happiness. Julie Christie, Terence Stamp happiness 11:15 PM

33 Golden Balls (1993,Comedy) Javier Bardem, Maria de Medeiros

* Canadian Bacon

(1994,Comedy) The President of the United States declares war on Canada to get re-elected. Alan Alda, John Candy SATURDAY, FEB 13

30 A Walton Wedding (Drama) John-Boy meets Janet and they plan a small wedding but others ideas differ. Richard

Thomas, Kate McNeil

(43) *** The King and I

(1956, Musical) King of Siam hires widowed English schoolteacher to educate his children. Yul Brynner, Rita Moreno

8:00 PM

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12 3 *** Death Hunt (1981,Action)
A tough Mountie pursues a trapper, not knowing the man is innocent. Charles Bronson, Lee Marvin
8:05 PM

(33) ★★ Wild at Heart (1990, Drama) A young couple encounters crazed and dangerous characters on the road in Texas. Nicolas Cage, William Defoe 9:00 PM

330 A Walton Wedding (Drama)
Richard Thomas, Kate McNeil
43 ** The King and I
(1956, Musical) Yul Brynner, Rita Moreno

5 11 **** Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (1960, Drama) Portrays the industrial environment of working-class life in postwar England. Albert Finney, Rachel Roberts

11:45 PM 33 ★★ Wild at Heart (1990, Drama)
Nicolas Cage, William Defoe
SUNDAY, FEB 14

6:00 PM

(20) 23 ** Joe Versus the Volcano
(1990, Comedy) After learning he has
only six months to live, man accepts to
jump into volcano. Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan

7:00 PM

4 Rodgers and Hamerstein's Cinderella (1997, Fantasy) Cinderella's treasured lyrical score relates a fanciful tale of sibling rivalry. Brandy, Whitney Houston 8:00 PM

20 🐼 ** Singles (1992,Comedy)
Six Seattle youth who share a common courtyard and an interest in music. et Fonda, Matt Dillon

(1987,Romance) A married director has an affair with the star of his movie. Peter Coyote, Jamie Lee Curtis 9:00 PM

9:00 PM

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

7 6 8 ** ** ** Pretty Woman (1990, Romance) A wealthy man hires a free-spirited call girl to be his companion for a week. Richard Gere, Julia Roberts

11 67 Deep in My Heart (1998, Drama)

11 2 Deep in My Heart (1998, Drama) A woman reunites with her birth m

33 *** A Man in Love (1987,Romance)
Peter Coyote, Jamie Lee Curtis
MONDAY, FEB 15

33 ★★ Crush (1992, Drama) Female impersonates her friend, a literacy critic.

Marcia Gay Harden, Donogh Rees

Marcia Gay Harden, 8:00 PM

12 23 ** Look Who's Talking (1989, Comedy) An unmarried woman has baby and begins to look for a husband. John Travolta, Kirstie Alley

9:00 PM

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

16 5 To Serve and Protect (1999, Crime Story) A family of police officers is torn apart by a murder investigation. Craig T. Nelson, Joanna Cassidy 9:05 PM

23 *** Go Fish (1994 Romance) A brash

(33) ★★★ Go Fish (1994,Romance) A brash woman attempts to forge a relationship with a shy woman. V.S. Brodie, Guinevere Turner 10:55 PM

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333 ★★★ Go Fish (1994,Romance)
V.S. Brodie, Guinevere Turner
TUESDAY, FEB 16

(1995, Drama) Rural boy brought into mobster world of Shanghai as servant to boss' mistress. Gong Li, Li Baotian 9:00 PM

A psychic investigator looks into the reports of a poltergeist problem. Michael J. Fox, Trini Avarado

(1) (2) God's New Plan (1999,Drama)
A dying mother chooses a woman to take her place after she's gone. Katy Sagal, Annabeth Gish

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(1989, Drama) Young peasant woman forced to marry a cruel man.

Gong Li, Li Wei

11:20 PM

(33) JuDou (1989, Drama) Gong Li, Li Wei



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Crowd wants more of foot-stomping ArtSpring opener

By PETER MCCULLY Driftwood Staff

ArtSpring has been rocked twice in the past six days — once by an earth tremor (2.6) and once by Myriad (3.2).

The long-anticipated first official event to be held at ArtSpring was a huge success.

The West Coast Celtic band Myriad kicked off its 1999 tour with a technically flawless performance. The polished ensemble won the full house crowd from the opening number and held its attention throughout the evening by taking it on a roller coaster ride of emotions. Songs penned by band members blended seamlessly with

traditional songs of love won, love lost, famine, emigration and good times.

The group allowed the crowd to catch its breath with an intermission, at which time the band's CD Song of the Isles was snapped up by happy concert-goers. The disc was recorded last year, "live off the floor" during a performance at Lake Cowichan by Salt Spring's Nomad Music.

Intermission was also an opportunity for islanders to view an exhibition of works by Diana Dean.

The paintings which one person described as "having peaceful themes and excitingly vibrant

colours" seemed the perfect combination for the centre's opening.

At the end of the night the crowd was on its feet calling for more—more of Derek Duffy, a talented song writer (who made all the bodhran drums and bones the band played). More of Melody Benbow's crystal-clear voice, so stark on "She moved through the fair."

More of Fae Weidenhoft's golden narratives, more of Glen Manders' traditional bass tones.

More of musical director Ken Hall, who writes, composes, sings and plays three instruments. More of Gareth Hurwood, whose earthy tones lend a trueness to the music. The largest round of applause was held for fiddler Jaime Rokeby-Thomas, a Victoria composer who also teaches music on Salt Spring. In her hands the fiddle set the tone for the evening, masterfully sweeping the audience from deep,

thoughtful, melodic chords to the best hand clapping, foot stomping, get-out-of-my-way-or-I'll-fiddleright-over-you traditional music on the west coast.

Hopefully we'll see more of Myriad on Salt Spring, and soon.

Drama month at new arts centre as shows line up for 'clearance'

As April Curtis mentioned the other day, drama groups are currently like airplanes on the runway, waiting for their clearance to get into the air of ArtSpring.

February has turned out to be "drama month" at the new arts centre.

Four different stage plays were booked between February 11 and 26.

First up is Salt Spring Community Theatre's If We Are Women running February 11-14. It Had To Be You, directed by Curtis, was set for the 18th to 20th but was cancelled due to cast illness.

For Sunday, February 21, Peter Bardon has arranged two shows of Shylock, with Vancouver actor David Berner performing in the acclaimed play written by Mark Leiren-Young. Shylock is a benefit for ArtSpring.

And for something else completely different, Scott Hylands is directing, producing and acting in Samuel Beckett's Endgame. There are evening shows on February 26 and 27, plus a matinee on the 27th

(Saturday).

Hylands attributes the play-full phenomenon partly to this being the "low-light season." People have to use their creativity to fend off potential blues somehow.

Staging Endgame has been on his mind for awhile and the timing seemed apropos. It's not a play for a sunny June evening and it's not often the symbolic "twilight" of a century's end is offered for a psychological backdrop.

As well, observes Hylands, there's the larger than average number of 50-plus-aged island residents. Those people "increasingly reflect on mortality and why we're here and the larger questions."

All factors apply to Endgame because it is about the end of things, the last chunk of sand in a huge hourglass of life and examining that time "drip by drip."

While it might sound kind of morbid, Endgame is also extremely funny, says Hylands, although not in the American humour vein.

"If recognition is laughter, you'll be on the floor."

More on this play next week. Tickets are \$12 for adults (\$10 for the Saturday matinee), \$6 for students and on sale at Acoustic Planet, Patterson's and Island Books Plus.

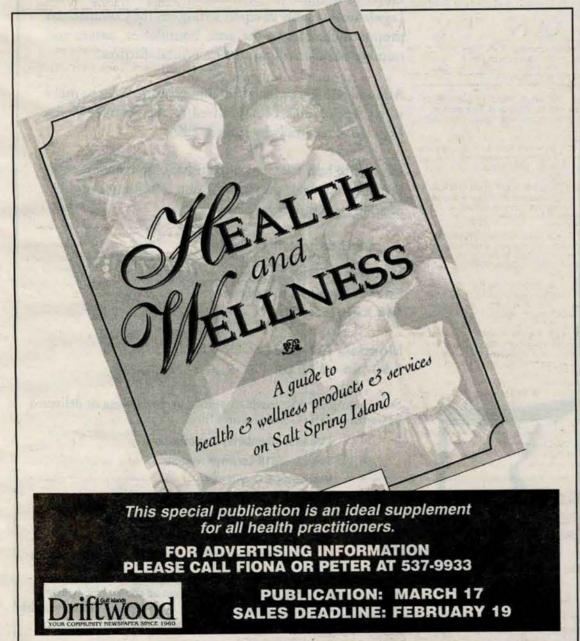
Shylock takes the stage at ArtSpring at 2 p.m. and 7:30 on the 21st. As the title suggests, Shylock is about Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice play, which has been labelled anti-Semitic, thereby sparking a heated debate about political correctness.

Berner, whose TV and film credits include feature roles in Look Who's Talking!, Wiseguy, MacGyver and Danger Bay, and who has specialized in the works of David Mamet on stage, also has a longstanding connection to Salt Spring.

Shylock is directed by John Juliani. Again, there'll be more on Berner and the play in next week's Driftwood.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and available at et cetera, Sharon's and Acoustic Planet Music.







A LOONIE TOONIE EVENT

Inspiring classical sounds 'run all over the heart'

By GAIL SJUBERG Driftwood Staff

Last weekend's Salt Spring Music Guild concert had a long gestation period, with Paula Kiffner and Chris Kodaly intending to stage a joint concert for quite some time.

For me the anticipation began as soon as I saw the program a few weeks ago. Since then the composers' names and snippets of their music have been weaving their way in and out of my mind, growing into a distinct and nagging craving to hear the real thing. Sunday seemed a perennial long distance away.

But the second of their two weekend concerts, which included special guest vocalist Debbi Toole, was worth the impatience accompanying the wait.

The first two pieces allowed Kiffner and Kodaly to demonstrate their solo virtuosity, Kiffner first with the J.S. Bach E-flat major Suite for Solo Cello.

It provided a different sense of Bach than that usually heard on a harpsichord, for example.

The characteristic quick flow between tension and release was there, but the cello added a new emotional dimension to the music. At times I could feel Kiffner's notes running all over my heart.

Kodaly's first solo piece was the beautiful and evocative Maurice Ravel's Sonatine for Piano, 1905. The well-interpreted contrast between fast and slow sections in the third movement seemed to blow away long-accumulated cobwebs of winter.

Kodaly and Kiffner then combined for the second movement (Larghetto) of Mozart's Clarinet Quintet. Each musician seemed to play their part without reference to the other, yet their sounds moved

together perfectly and steadily until the final notes.

For the second half, Kodaly treated the audience to one movement from Charles Ives' Concord piano sonata.

Especially after an intriguing verbal introduction to Ives, this particular sonata and the Alcott family the movement was dedicated to, everyone's ears opened wide, prepared to catch the various elements Ives is known to have compiled in his work.

Kodaly had explained that Mrs. Alcott (Louis May's mother) loved to play things like the theme from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, thinking a trip to Boston to hear the real thing was completely unnecessary.

So sure enough, here and there in part of the piece, Beethoven's Fifth-like chords jumped into passages framed by pensive bits, ringing chords and more.

Over the years on Salt Spring, Kodaly has shared his penchant for 20th-century music, opening doors which may not otherwise be cracked by audiences, and choosing pieces which heighten their interest.

It could be time for a 20th-century and/or New Music evening.

Then Kodaly and Kiffner sat down to unleash the passion and drama of Beethoven in the Sonata for Cello and Piano, Opus 5, No. 2, which they did with aplomb.

It, too, was a perfect concert choice and their rendition sent us sailing.

The concert ended with Toole joining Kodaly and Kiffner for two Brahms pieces, Gestillte Sehnsucht (Longing Stilled) and Geistliches Wiegenlied (Sacred Lullaby), which Toole sang beautifully, her voice well-controlled yet let loose as needed.



GIFTS: Tilly Crawley of the Salt Spring Music Guild gives flowers to three performers in a weekend concert, from left, Paula Kiffner, Chris Kodaly and Debbi Toole.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

When you add her voice to the other performing talents this woman has and shares with Salt Spring audiences, the word "treasure" comes to mind.

After being suitably roused by the Beethoven piece, the songs settled us down and infused us with a sense of quiet beauty before we ventured out into the rough chill again.

We're glad Kodaly and Kiffner were able to fulfill their ambition of putting on a concert together. Bravo to the Salt Spring Music Guild which made it all possible.

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Any amendments which the Commission wishes to make to its report must be submitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by June 3, 1999.

In order to hear the views of British Columbians about its proposed changes, the Commission is holding a number of additional public hearings.

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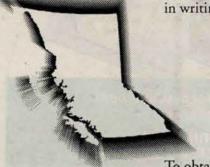
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Boys rediscover their potent inside game to thrash team

By MIKE LEVIN **Driftwood Staff**

Celebrations were subdued Thursday when the GISS senior boys basketball team thrashed Frances Kelsey 83-44 to finish their mid-island season with a 5-0 record.

There was some joy, to be sure, but now the Scorpions must fulfill the next stage of coach Myles Wilson's plan - earning a spot in the island

That will come with a top-three finish in the south-island playoffs Thursday to Saturday at Reynolds Secondary School in Victoria.

"The way the playoffs are structured we only have to win once to get into the islands," said Wilson. "But I expect to challenge every game we

Team members are now used to Wilson's high expectations. They delivered by fashioning an unbeaten league season from a team that started the year with only four returning players.

And they understand that their coach's tactics have helped them form team bonds so quickly.

But they are still young.

It showed in the first quarter against Frances Kelsey played at GISS.

For the first time, GISS inside gunners Keanu Meyers and Joe Cunliffe found they couldn't control the offensive paint as they have against other

As Kelsey's big centre rejected four straight shots, the Scorpions looked a bit rattled. Only their good transition game allowed them to chip out a 14-6 lead after 10 minutes.

"I'm not sure why they came out so flat," said Wilson after the contest. "Basically I told them 'don't worry, running cold then hot is typical of any basketball game'.'

Then something clicked because GISS rediscovered its potent inside game early in the second quarter.

Cunliffe's follow-ups and Meyers' offensive rebounding paced a 20-2 run. By the half, the score favoured the locals by a 45-13 margin.

Kelsey made a spirited attempt at a comeback early in the third quarter when they cut the difference to 53-31, but that was as close as they would

"We can be a streak team and that is what happened out there," said Wilson. "Once they started attacking the basket again, they got back into

"It is a key to this team. When our inside game works, we win."

After the slow start, Meyers exploded with 12 second-quarter points and finished with 29 overall. Cunliffe added 18.

Backcourt leader Mike Chen had one of his best performances of the year with a game-high eight steals.

GISS travels to Reynolds for a Thursday evening matchup with either Chemainus or Kelsey.



PERFECT MARK: It took awhile for Joe Cunliffe and his Scorpions mates to find the inside route against Frances Kelsey Thursday at home, but once they did the GISS hoopsters managed to keep their undefeated record



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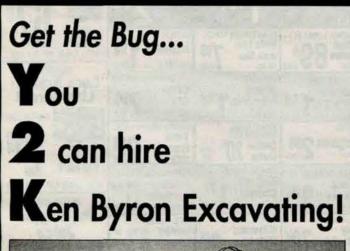
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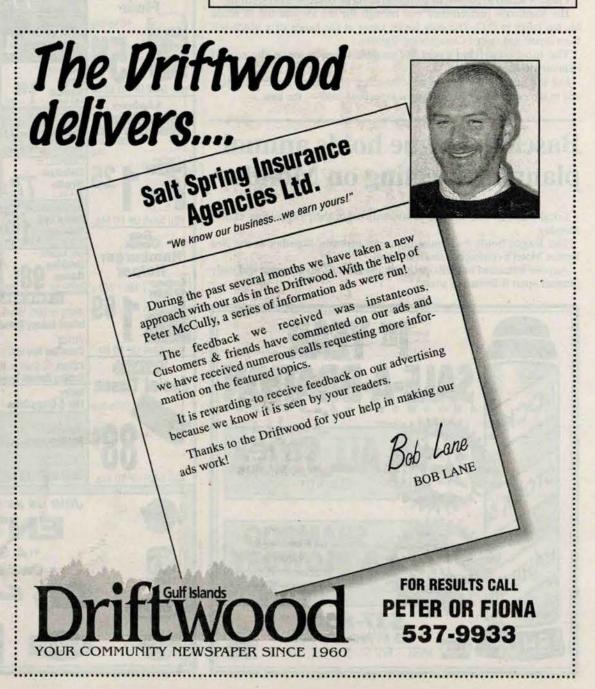
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Team must recover confidence after agonizing loss

By MIKE LEVIN **Driftwood Staff**

By losing their first league game of the season, and possibly first place with it, GISS girls basketball Scorpions have come away with a valuable lesson.

"It could be a wake-up call, but I'm not sure," said coach Kellie Booth following her team's 62-52 defeat to Brentwood Thursday Brentwood.

'Losing to this team will certainly make (the Scorpions) think.'

The outcome was particularly painful for two reasons.

It cost the Scorpions a chance at a perfect 8-0 league season (they finished 7-1) and it came at the hands of an opponent boards. they had beaten a week earlier.

Brentwood finished the campaign at 6-1.

Depending on a league decision on an earlier forfeited game by Brentwood, either squad could end up atop the

Either way, GISS will have to regain its confidence for the island championships February 18-20 at Ladysmith.

Brentwood had prepared well for the Thursday game.

It put a double-team stranglehold on top scorer Katharina Blanke, holding the Rotary exchange student Germany to only 13 points.

The team also used a height advantage to take control of the

At the half, the score was deadlocked at 29-29 as both teams played a slow, methodical offence.

the third quarter In Brentwood started to find its way through the Scorpions' defence to score easy hoops

It sparked a 21-12 run that ended up making the differ-

We were thrown off our game and never got it back," said Booth.

Prime GISS rebounder Annette Wright was forced to play the game with the flu.

Her height advantage is one of the key's to the Scorpions'

Sheila Stacey stepped up with 26 points to pace the visitors and admitted that not being able to box Brentwood out was a major failing.

So the Scorpions will regroup as they prepare for the

island playoffs.

"I know they will look at this and come out stronger. I've never seen this team in a slump before," said Booth.

The playoff schedule has yet to be released.

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Salt Spring judo athletes hold on to top positions

Sophia Haase is again off to the nationals, but Matt King was felled by

Salt Spring's two premier junior-level judoists made up most of the contingent that travelled to Kamloops last weekend for an international

The event signalled the end of the competitive season for junior fighters as well as the second of five qualification tournaments for seniors.

The other local to travel was senior-level Jonah Fisher, who maintained his number-one ranking in B.C.

Only three local judo-club members made the trip because of financial constraints. Not even coach Shaun Adams attended.

Fourteen-year-old Haase retained her top ranking in the province despite finishing second in Kamloops.

Her season-long point total earned her a spot on the provincial team in national competition.

The Canadian championships will be held in Quebec City in March. Haase is also scheduled to attend a world-level competition in San Jose

Her presence will depend on securing some level of sponsorship.

King, also highly ranked in the province, fell victim to a virus that caused a sub-par performance.

Despite the result, the 17-year-old junior finished the year ranked num-

Fisher's return to the senior competitive scene continues to be strong. His Kamloops performance was enough for the 19-year-old to retain his top berth in B.C. The only losses came at the hands of a black-belt from Japan and one of Canada's top fighters..

The third qualifying event for seniors takes place at the end of February in Steveston.

For the juniors, the season now switches to training for certification and to a concentration on the mental aspects of judo — the kata.

Baseball league holds annual planning meeting on Monday

Local baseball and softball teams will begin their organizing chores

The league holds its annual planning meeting Monday at the Sea Breeze Motel's conference room at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in the island's main spring and early summer sport is invited to attend.





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Islander sets sight on Africa

Sarah Walsh has always done her travelling through a voracious reading appetite.

Now the 16-year-old GISS student wants to taste the real thing through a volunteer program which would take her to Ghana in West Africa for three weeks this

Walsh plans to go with the international development agency called Cross Cultural Solutions (CCS), which she says is committed to empowering the underprivileged, facilitating cross-cultural communication and prompting international understanding through direct people-to-people contact.

However, Walsh does need financial assistance to pay the \$2,900 fee plus airfare. One thing she has done is approach island organizations for support, with the offer of making a presentation on her experience after she returns.

Any group interested in having Walsh make a presentation about her trip and/or making a donation, can call her at 537-1571.

Mouat's has already offered to provide her with souvenir items to take to Ghana.

"The thing that captures me the most about the Cross Cultural Solutions program is that instead of helping the people, one teaches the people how to help them-

Walsh found the program through Internet exploration with the GISS career planning department and was glad Africa was a potential destination through CCS.

'I was really fascinated with Africa and, if possible, I wanted to go to Africa," she said.

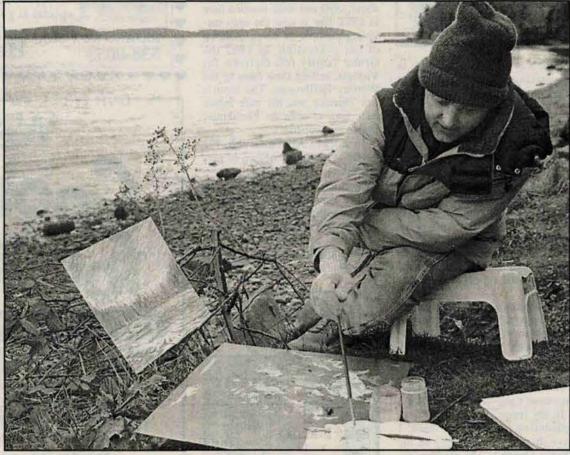
Book sale

February is Literacy Month at Salt Spring Elementary and the school is welcoming community participation in one of its major activities.

A book sale for adults is set for tomorrow (Thursday) from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

People are urged to support school programs both by donating books as well as attending the sale.

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Seascape

Buffalo resident Joe Ward plants to take home easel and uses oil paints to recreate the a bit of Salt Spring as he sets up a natural scenery on Isabella Point Road.

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Avian counters tally bird numbers, species

The hummingbirds never winter on Salt Spring. The wood ducks were vacationing elsewhere.

Which is why neither were around when Salt Spring bird-spotters spent a rare dry January 3 tallying their annual count.

Some 157 avian enthusiasts tuned their ears and broke out their binoculars for the annual event and finished their long day with a total of 21,916 check marks, the most since 1992's 22,259.

It's encouraging that the numbers were up this year. So much of the (total) depends on the weather and feed for the birds, but I'm happy with said count co-ordinator Nancy Braithwaite.

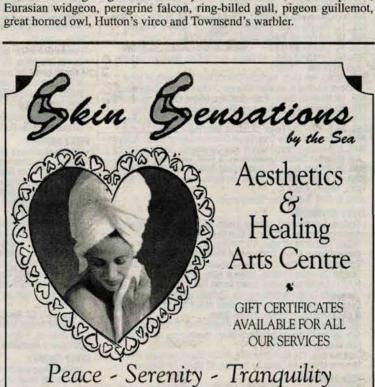
As usual the dark-eyed juncos topped the list with a count of 2,186. Resident starlings were not far behind at 2,061, followed by goldencrowned kinglets (1,876), northwestern crows (1,579), American robins (1,344), chestnut-backed chickadees (1,154) and glaucous-winged gulls

Braithwaite explained that the number of waterbirds, especially grebes, were down because of a significant drop in herring in local waters.

But the visual hunters also made some rare finds. For the first time in 10 years, someone spotted a yellow-rumped warbler.

A Lincoln sparrow and canvasback duck were tallied for the first time

Other solo sightings included the yellow-billed loon, northern pintail, great horned owl, Hutton's vireo and Townsend's warbler.



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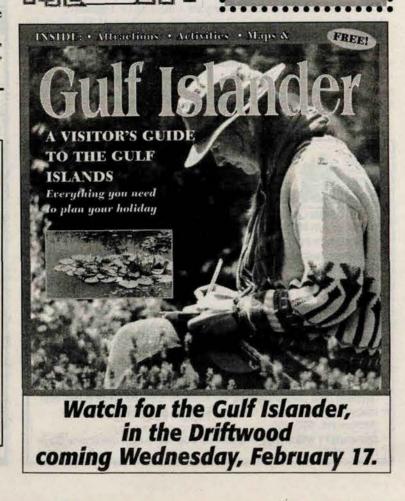
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Wellness tip of the week

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Lights out on Burns Supper

Wind and rain was the hot topic here as elsewhere this past weekend.

North Galiano's rain-snow recorders, Bill and Phyllis Stafford, tell us January's rainfall was

247.2 millimetres, the highest for January since 1992 when it was

Over a 24-hour period last weekend our rainfall measured 89.2, so February is off to a good start, if lots of rain is considered to be good. So far 1999 has brought rainfall measuring 336.4 millime-

But it was power outages which caused islanders much concern. Just before Friday noon the power went off in North Galiano (seventh time since mid-November) and remained off for about 27 hours.

This was a crucial time for the North Galiano Community Association (NGCA), whose members were then preparing their Burns Supper. To make matters worse, telephone communication failed as well that day.

The NGCA learned some years ago to be well prepared, so a propane stove was installed and trouble lights purchased, but heating the hall without electric power is still a problem. Some at the celebration were critical of the decorator who unwittingly pinned the Union Jack upside-down in a flag display - upside down indicating distress. Thinking quickly, he answered, "Who is to say there was no distress felt by the kitchen staff that windy Saturday." Good excuse anyway!

Another storm

This one happened at Swartz Bay last Thursday when the Queen of Cumberland left "full" on its 4:05 p.m. trip to Mayne and

With all Mayne cars loaded, a number of Galiano cars were left behind. Among them were several members of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce, one a member of Galiano's transportation committee. Offended at being left behind despite having paid his fare long before the cut-off time for that sailing, our hero sought to find out

GALIANO



Galiano. Aileen Grubb celebrated

her birthday in Vancouver on

Her parents came to Galiano

about 1890 and were married here

in 1892. She is now the only sur-

viving member of seven children

of her generation. In 1907 the

Grubb family left Galiano for Victoria, selling their farm to the

Wortley Bellhouses. The latter's son Thorney and his wife Jessie

were later to open the Farmhouse

family - with the backing of sev-

eral island organizations - have

applied to have a sandy beach on

Active Pass named for her. The

area in question is near Mathews

Point which was named for Mark

Mathews, brother-in-law of the

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why he was left to cool his heels in the parking lot. As the ship was leaving its berth he discovered why - the ship's auxiliary deck had not been lowered to allow for extra cars. Had it been lowered, there would have been lots of room for all.

The decision to lower the auxiliary deck is apparently made as the ship approaches Swartz Bay and depends on the number of cars waiting there at that time. This does not take into account a possi-ble "last minute rush" — those arriving after the decision is made and before the cut-off time for that

The Mayne Queen's captain on the 7:10 p.m. trip had the task of calming some still-hostile passengers, on their way home at last. A promise was made that the decision to lower the auxiliary deck would henceforth be made after the vessel's arrival at Swartz Bay.

In my report on Galiano's ferry scheduling meeting last week, I gave the carrying capacity of the Skeena Queen as 135 (perhaps so, if a good many of the cars aboard happen to be Volkswagen Beetles!) The vessel's official capacity is 110, 17 less than the Cumberland which presently serves these

A lesser capacity could be disadvantageous to the island embarking last on the trip to Swartz Bay, or last to be loaded on the trip from

Relative to home-porting, it has been pointed out since the meeting how the addition of 30 new residents (ferry employees) could help our island economy, adding more homes, more children at the school, more folk to buy groceries. In short, more people to support, and perhaps to help run community organizations.

A hundred years

One hundred years ago this week a little girl was born on

Institute of the Blind speaker meets with islanders tomorrow

The new local Canadian National Institute of the Blind representative will be at the Seniors Services Society for a meeting on Thursday.

Mike Low from Victoria will meet with members of The Visually Challenged of Salt Spring Island on February 11 at 2 p.m.

Planning a future support group, which would include caregivers as well as those who are visually challenged, is also on the agenda.

People can also attend the regular Thursday luncheon, which begins at noon at the seniors centre on Lower Ganges Road, by reserving in advance. Meal cost is \$3.50. Call the centre at 537-4604.

Transportation can also be arranged through the centre.

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Hall. 11:30am - 1:00pm.

FEB. 17: Garden Club, Anglican Church Hall, 1pm parlour show,
1:45pm meeting & speaker, Therese D'Monte, "New Beginnings."

FEB. 19: Wisdom Circle, 7:30 - 9:30pm, United Church, upper hall.

FEB. 20: Sweetheart garage sale, Phoenix School, Drake Rd.

FEB. 21: Music of Taize, 7:30 - 8:30pm. Sanctuary, United Church.

FEB. 26: A Play "The Fever", 7:30pm, Sanctuary, United Church.

MAR. 6: Dance to Triple Shot, Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92. 8:30pm.

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 & 28: SS Potters Guild workshop, New Centre for the

Arts. 10am - 4pm.

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- 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 Practioners 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)

Parkinsons Support Gr., Croftonbrook, 2pm, (second Thurs. of

- 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.

Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm Fulford OAP #170, bingo 2:00pm, Mah Jongg, 12:30pm. Drop in centre for people with mental health concerns, basement of SSI Community Centre, 3:30-5:30pm.
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Book Sale, downstairs at the library, 10am-12:30pm.
Ultimate Frisbee, Portlock Park, 2pm, free, everyone welcome.

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FYERY MONPAY

- 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

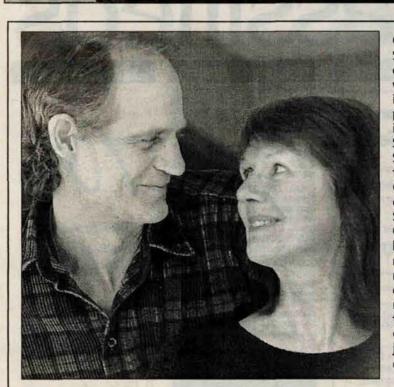
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- Seniors choir practices, SS Seniors, 10:30am.
- Adult small bore, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Planned Parenthood Clinic, Core Inn, 4-6pm.
- Chess Club, SS Seniors Bldg., 7pm.



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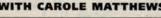
Gordon White and Beatrix Satzinger are an island couple who currently work with other couples in the "transformation process." Born in Ottawa in 1953, White moved to Salt Spring 40 years later. Satzinger, the mother of four children, was born in Oberstdorf Germany and came to the island in 1987. She has degrees in German and English, has been a professional ballerina, teacher of dance movement therapy and counsellor. White runs a mediation practice and teaches conflict resolution one day per week at the

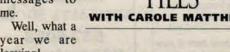
Storms of Tiger pastbring on the Rabbit

Affirmation of the week: I trust in the universe and its messages to

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MESSENGER





I believe very much in the traditions of Chinese astrology as well as our familiar western astrology.

The year 1998 was, according to this ancient belief, the Year of The Tiger, a year of changes economically and disclosures by the media and government officials. Need we say more?

It was in another Tiger year that we experienced the drama of Richard Nixon and his Watergate issues.

Although the past year has brought us tension it has also made us aware of our own moral issues and made us realize that perhaps people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

We have, through instinct, become closer to our partners, both business-wise and personally. The need to discuss openly with others about spiritual needs and where we belong in this big universe has brought about many interesting answers.

February 16, 1999, according to Chinese astrology, begins the year of the Rabbit or the Hare, and it couldn't have come at a better time. We are ready for a time of calm and inner comfort. It is unfortunate that we must have the storm in order to get the calm but, as they say, That's Life.

The year 1998 was a typical Tiger year: it brought inventions, not all good and some ahead of their time; riots and storms, both political and weather-related.

The wonderful common thread that I noticed with the listeners of my radio show and to readers of my columns was: "What can I/we do to help those in need?"

Television shows such as Oprah prompted random acts of kindness and brought people together willing to lend a hand or an ear to and sometimes even a home to those in need. I myself feel that with a little effort from all of us this way of living will be here to

The upcoming Year of the Rabbit will bring changes but in a more calm manner than we have been used to. Justice is around - rabbits are very diplomatic, good communicators and they

In comparison, the Tiger is courageous and self-assured yet undisciplined and disrespectful of rules . . . bring on the Year of the Rabbit, we are ready. Enjoy.

Join myself and co-host David Large Saturdays, 7-9 p.m., for The Messenger Files on AM900.

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Some of BC's outdoor burning laws changed on February 1. Under the changes, Forest Service burning permits are no longer required. Now, you must call a toll-free number to register some types of burning.

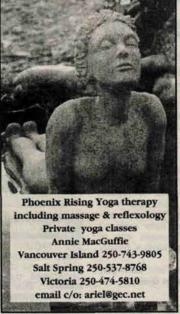
Information brochures outlining all of the changes are available from:

- BC Forest Service offices
- Government Agents' offices
- Local government offices
- www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect

To register your burn call: 1-888-797-1717

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Announcements

5 BIRTHS

LEE & DONNA Sawchuk and David & Veronica Hargreaves are thrilled to announce the are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first grandchild. Lauren Marie was born in Victoria on February 1, 1999 and weighed 7 lbs 3 ozs. Proud parents, Rob & Joanne Sawchuk reside in Victoria with their new, beautiful baby girl.

TALA WOULD like to announce the birth of her baby brother Dakota. He joined our family on November 4, 1998 at 12:09 p.m. He weighed 9lbs, 11oz. Welcome Dakota!

6 DEATHS

WILLSON, 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, mar-B.C. City was born Oct. 18, 1907 in Belton, Missouri, married Quentin Willson, 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 Willsons 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 will be held Friday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the extended care unit, Lady Minto Hospital.

DANGERFIELD: **PHYLLIS** Amelia; passed away peacefully, February 3, 1999, at home with loving daughter, Kathryn and son-in-law, Dave Thomas. Phyllis was born in James Bay, Victoria on January 15, 1907. She loved reminiscing about James Bay, and the Gorge. She was active as a volunteer with the Red Cross for 20 years. Phyllis was predeceased by her bushad large. Phyllis was predeceased by her husband James Dangerfield in September, 1979 following their 50th wedding anniversary in July, 1979. She was also predeceased by a sister, Marjorie, in 1958. Phyllis had been a resident of Salt Spring for over 3 years, and had many happy memories of staying at the Beddis Farm in the 1920's with Deci Beddis, a life-long friend. Phyllis will be sadly missed by her family and friends; everyone who knew her was impressed who knew her was impressed by her warmth and sense of humour. No service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SPCA. First Memorial Funeral Services. 658-5244.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

TO THE Staff of Lady Minto the doctors, nurses, dieticians and especially Debbie Hizsa, who was such a "bright spark"; To the Home Support team; Jan, Doreen, Lynda , Linda and Helen. You all did a wonderful job, not only of caring for my mother, but being understand-ing of my needs, and fitting in with the family. It seems too quiet without you! To Anne and Sharon, the community nurses who were so calm, caring and reassuring. Special thanks to Dr Scott McNie for being there whenever Phyllis needed him and who made sure her final days were more comfortable. My mother was so lucky to have spent her last years on Saltspring and to receive this kind of care. Dave and I truly appreciate all your efforts and kindness. Thank you as well to the Besse Dane Foundation for the besse fall the programment. the loan of all the equipment. Last but not least thank you to Lorcan, Jean and Dawne, who made it possible to bring my mother home for the last 9 days. My mother gave love to all who knew her. Thank you, Kathy and Dave Thomas.

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8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of the late Ken Dods wishes to thank our many Dods wishes to thank our many friends for their support and thoughtfulness during our time of loss. We especially wish to thank the following for the kindness and understanding shown Ken and his family: Dr. Reznick and Dr. Crossland, the Home Support workers and the Greenwoods staff. Extra special thanks to the staff at Ladv cial thanks to the staff at Lady Minto Hospital. We would also like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Father Jules Goulet, the Catholic parish, Marg Sitton, Branch #92 and the Ladies Autiliary Brent the Ladies Auxiliary, Brent Streeper, Doug Fraser, Beth Cherneff and Patrick Beattle. Their extra efforts helped to make Ken's service more meaningful to all of us. A very special thank you to Jim Glenn for the beautiful marker. Rita Dods, Lorraine (Dods) & Les Moth, Loretta (Dods) & Mark Rithaler and Anna.

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Murray Smith, Field Manager, Gulf Islands District.

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and especially the chain gang of 40 volunteers who moved all the books down to the new area.

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14 IN MEMORIAM

FRIENDS OF William David Dexter are invited to a celebration of his life on Sunday, February 14 at his home on 401 Wilkie Way, Salt Spring Island. At 1:30 p.m. lunch will be served. Pot luck salad appreciated. At 3 p.m. is a sharing of memories and stories. You are encouraged to bring a musical instrument to play at 3:30 p.m. Please park on Wilkie Way and a ride will be provided up the driveway.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES of a gift of a son, who went home to our Lord February 8, 1993, always loved and always

14 IN MEMORIAM

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320 Upper Ganges Rd. Salt Spring Island B.C. V8K 1R7

24 hr. service 537-1022



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207 - 225 Canada Ave, Duncan, B.C. V9L 1T6 or 1-800-663-2524

Notices

20 COMING EVENTS

SKI MOUNT Washington! Every Saturday, January 23 until the end of skiing season. Snowboard, downhill or cross country. Bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. and returns 8:30 p.m. Ski from 11:00 - 3:30 and then relax on the bus ride home. Prices include: hus ferry and lift ticket include: bus, ferry and lift ticket. Child - \$44.05, Youth - \$58.64 and Adult - \$65.06. Phone PARC at 537-4448 for information or registration. Min 8 - Max

BUDDHIST MEDITATION, new class. The Spirit of Awakening, said to be the greatest inspiration for the Dalai Lama. 6 Tuesdays, February 16. \$58. Information, Matthew Coleman 537-2378.

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.

STEP INTO Shape. Get fit, feel healthy, meet new friends and have fun. We use steps, dyna bands, weights and tubins so it's a total body workout, for all levels. Babysitting with Carol Young. First class is free. Monday - Wednesday - Friday. 9 - 10 a.m. at All Saints-by-The Sea. Bring water, a towel and good supporting running shoes. Any questions call Brenda Akerman 653-4352 (BC RPA Certified).

COMMUNITY SEED Exchange. COMMUNITY SEED Exchange. Bring your seeds to trade or buy heritage and organically grown seeds for vegetables, grains, herbs, and flowers. View exhibits, eat great food, and meet friends, old and new. Salt Spring's 4th Annual Seedy Saturday, February 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mahon Hall, Ganges. Admission by donation. \$2 sug-Admission by donation, \$2 sug-

GIVE YOUR love *Roses* for Valentine's Day: Special menu selections, live entertainments, and lottsa love! Sunday, February 14th. Singles \$15, Couples \$28 (tax included) *Rose's Seaside Cafe, Fulford Reservations recommended.

SPCA 10th ANNUAL GENERAL 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 wel-

20 COMING EVENTS

VRKSASANA, FIND out what this is! Focus on grounding yourself in this windy weather. Yoga - on going classes with Celeste 537-5667.

LOOK FOR our 1st Anniversary Sale! February 8 - 20, Locks Stock & Barber Shop. 11 McPhillips Ave., 537-8842.

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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. per family.

CAN SALT SPRING ISLAND BE SELF-SUFFICIENT?

OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM:

Monday, Feb. 15 7:00pm

BEAVER PT. HALL KEYNOTE PRESENTERS:

Daryl Verville - Slocan Y2K Alliance, director of the Foundation for Living Lightly, activist.

Guy Dauncey - Director of The Street Volunteers, Victoria, author, publisher of ECONEWS

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Donations are humbly requested at the door to cover the expenses of this event. See you there!



ATTENTION 4H **MEMBERS** old & new

The last chance to register for the 1999 4H year is at our General Meeting on February 18 at 6:30pm. For further info please call 537-5393 or 537-1140.

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.

Argentinian Tango lessons

Beginners 1 ~ 5:30-6:30 Beginners 2 ~ 6:30-7:30

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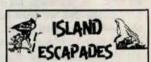
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February 20 ~ 8pm Lion's Hall - Bonnet Ave. \$10. Refreshments too! Salt Spring Marimba Band



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Salt Spring Community Theatre

ArtSpring

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The Music of Taize 3rd Sunday of month, 7:30 - 8:30pm SPECIAL THIS MONTH "The Fever"

Friday, February 26, 7:30 pm A one-man play about the effects of an unjust global economy.



For info ph: 537-5812

23 COMMUNITY SERVICES

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meetings 8 p.m. Thursday, in back of et cetera building, off Rainbow Road.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Are you having a problem con-trolling your eating? If you're interested in helping yourself, we're interested in helping you. Info. 537-5607.

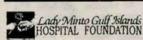
ALANON/ALATEEN A program for family and friends of alco-holics. For further information call 537-9858 or 537-2941.

CRISIS LINE for Salt Spring toll-free 1-888-324-3299.

DRESSINGS FREE to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Ida McManus, 537-5423.

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James Pasuta Solicitor for the Estate of John Murray Poyntz

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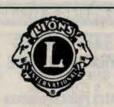
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Sincerely - Cast, Pascale Productions.

Battling the bull, losing vegetarians

A friend advised me.

"If you write about your bullfight visit, you'll lose all of your vegetarian readers!"

Admittedly I only have one veg-

etarian reader, but this advice gave me pause. However, I have to be true to myself, a man's got to do what a man's got to do, damn the torpedoes, so here goes.

The Monumental Plaza Mexico is the world's largest bull ring. Every Sunday afternoon some 50,000 people — men, women and children — gather in the stands to watch six bulls being dispatched by three matadors.

The dead bulls are dragged out of the ring by two burros and given to the poor.

Being poor, after my "Hideaway" experience, I lined up but was denounced as a frugal Scottish gringo and escorted outside.

The matadors were Armallito, Mario del Olma and El Juli, all as slim as six o'clock and resplendent in their gold embroidered "suits of gold." All of the matadors were carnivores.

The bulls were equally spectacular, all from the Xajoy breeding ranch and averaging 530 kilos in weight. All the breeding and all the training had been focussed on this one Sunday afternoon. All the bulls were vegetarian.

Each torero killed his first bull and it was obvious that El Juli was the crowd's idol, with the aging Armallito (40 years old!) at the bottom of the barrel. Mario del Olma was kind of in-between although he was awarded an ear and a walk around the ring.

ALEX MITCHELL



The second round gave me a real insight into the Mexican culture, with its acceptance of morality and its reverence for courage.

After the preliminaries with the banderillos and the picadors, El Juli stood in the centre of the bull ring. He was serene and controlled. He was 16 years old.

He held the red percale out to the side. His back was to the bull. The bull charged and the crowd rose to its feet. Inches from being gored, the kid stepped to the side and used the cape to bring the bull around.

He did excellent passes of different sorts, controlling the bull with naturelles or left-handed passes. He was inspired and at one point was on his knees, his back to the bull with the needle-pointed horns just touching his head.

The crowd was ecstatic, on its feet chanting "Ole, Ole!" and waving white handkerchiefs.

I had no hankie so I waved a white Kleenex.

El Julio walked away, slowly and gracefully, exchanged swords and returned to the ring. The bull charged, he aimed the killing sword and severed the cervical vertebrae and spinal cord with one thrust. The bull fell to its knees, rolled over and died.

His success was so great that in the end people carried him from the bull ring on their shoulders to a nearby hotel where he was staying, turning the bullfight atmosphere into a street party.

Poor old Armallito was a different story. Bravery is the one thing the people like best in matadors and the old man had lost it. He was uninspired and obviously afraid of the animals.

He failed time and time again to kill the bull and it had to be put out of its misery with a descabello, a dagger which severed the spinal cord.

A spectator suggested that Armallito's ears should be given to the bull.

He left the ring under a deafening booing and vigorous whistling in protest for a fraudulent non-performance.

Well, the carnivores beat the vegetarians but it was a kind of sad result.

To rationalize the cruelty of the bullfight is not too difficult.

Man has not evolved very far and finds it difficult to control his violence, once vital as a survival technique.

We can sublimate, though, and perhaps our vicarious enjoyment of football, soccer, hockey, boxing, wrestling and, yes, bullfighting has its place in our journey to maturity.





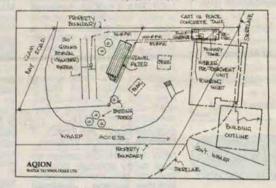
Province of British Columbia Ministry of Health

NOTICE

RE: Construction of Sewage Treatment and Disposal System for Parcel D (DD 36312I) (ref. Posting Plan 2706) Section 19 Cowichan District - Pender Island (Hope Bay Store)

A permit for construction has been issued subject to the following conditions: "Alternate Method. Treatment Plant. Pressure Distribution. Nibbler Installation to be in accordance with Nibbler's design criteria provided. System to be installed in accordance with CHR guidelines for Sandfilters. Field design to be reviewed by this office prior to installation. Water source is treated marine supply. All sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities must be engineer design, supervised and certified. Final system plan required."

Persons who consider themselves aggrieved by a decision made under the Sewage Disposal Regulations may file an appeal under section 5 (3) (a) of the Health Act. Notice of appeal must be delivered by hand, facsimile, or registered mail to the Chair of the Environmental Appeal Board, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4 within thirty (30) days of permit issuance.



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Salt Spring Island
COMMUNITY
SOCIETY

Experts said pink seagulls likely ingested the pigment

Thirty-five years ago

· Reports from all over Salt Spring noted sightings of pinkcoloured seagulls.

Experts believed that the strange colouring could have been a result of a practical joke but most likely was from an ingested pigment.

· Work on the Ganges boat basin was finally completed. Even before the pile driver was moved off the site, boat owners were mooring their vessels at the new

Thirty years ago

· Almost four weeks of cold and snow had local residents wondering why they thought winter white stuff was any fun in the first place. Salt Spring experienced 38 straight days of snow and well-belowaverage temperatures.

 A petition containing 855 names from Salt Spring and Pender islands was sent to the Minister of the Environment asking the government to outlaw the use of rifles for hunting in the Gulf Islands.

Twenty-five years ago

· First excluded and then renewed, Martin Levin's nightschool course Varieties of Radicalism became an object of interest to the superintendent of education.

· Pinehawk Country Club, later to become Blackburn Meadows Golf Course, opened on Blackburn Lake Road with a par-three gold course, tennis courts and indoor catering facilities.

Twenty years ago

 The Islands Trust voted to ban the use of defoliant sprays throughout the Trust area.

The decision included not only private property but all roads and rights of way.

· A Surrey consulting firm hired by Salt Spring planners to examine the future of recreational facilities on the island suggested more tennis courts and boat-launch facilities but poo-pooed the prospect of an indoor swimming pool or ice

Fifteen years ago

· Sunset Drive farmer Rod Pringle watched as his Arabian mare gave birth to two healthy female foals. The odds of one mare having twins is one in sever-



DOWN THE YEARS

al thousand.

· Sheep farmers were talking about a new pest - killer ravens. Howard Byron reported that a flock of the birds killed one of his young animals, while another farmer said he had lost several lambs to the birds.

Ten years ago

· B.C. Ferries and local ambulance crews pulled together to provide emergency transportation to Victoria for a five-week-old infant during inclement weather that cangrounded aircraft.

· Judy Kelly finally received permission for her Azure Transportation company to operate a 22-passenger bus on Salt

Five years ago

· The Royal B.C. Museum opened an exhibit of black settlers in the province, featuring paintings of three Salt Spring settlers by musician Gene Grooms.

· Algae bloom in island lakes sent up warning signs that perhaps too much effluent was ending up in the water bodies.

The effect on fishery habitats was the biggest potential problem.



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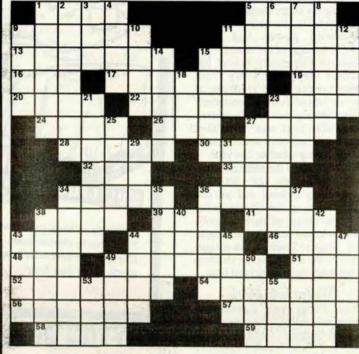
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- a drug
- Mated The "C" in CO2
- 11. Took a trip on a boat 13. Stimulates
- 15. Price to get on a bus or trolley
- 16. Container for storage
- Summer footwear
- 19. Used to fry eggs in 20. Six (Spanish)
- 22. Thomas
- American patriot 23. Egyptian goddess
- Insect repellent
- 26. I.M.___, architect
- 27. Soviet city 28. Gulf of, in the Aegean
- 30. Short-billed rails
- The common gull of Eurasia and northeastern
- N. America Ancient Egyptian king
- 34. Italian city
- 36. Infections; aches 38. Herb ___, San
- Francisco columnist
- 39. The cry made by
- sheep
- Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily,
- one-seeded fruits 43. Bert ___, Oz lion

- 44. Pertaining to or containing gold 46. Mass of matter
- 48. Actress Thurman
- 49. An eight-sided poly-
- 51. France: shortened
- 52. Denunciations
- 54. A spirited, graceful
- and intelligent riding
- horse native to Arabia
- 56. Stirs; excites 57. Conical parts
- 59. Arthur
- Wimbledon champion

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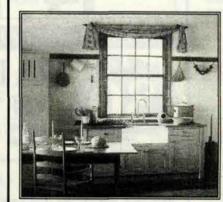
- 1. Made different in some way
- 2. Literary sarcasms _ Dhabi, Arabian
- capital
- 4. Not a gain
- 6. Moroccan coastal
- 7. Passes as in time
- 8. Cause to run off
- the tracks
- 9. Taxis
- 10. Tide
- 11. A discount on prices
- 12. Hideaways

- 14. Noises made using the friction between two-fingers
- 15. Type genus of the
- Canidae "Live And Let
- 21. More disreputable
- 23. In an angry way
- 25. Made of wood 27. W. Bolivian city
- 29. To have something
- 31. Word element meaning ear
- 34. Pertaining to a particular large African desert
- 35. Edges
- of central Eurasia having a stubby, pro-
- boscis-like nose 37. Egotistical
- Wilson
- Macaws Expose to the circula-

tion of air for purifica-

- 43. Stringed instrument
- 44. Scores on the serve 45. Mine wagon
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and on the island, although one last

Power began Friday morning in isolated areas and by early afternoon the island was out. Ferry traffic was

SATURNA



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sailing to Saturna was completed Friday night. Falling trees kept highways crews busy re-opening closed roads, although their efforts were hampered in many cases by downed power lines. B.C. Hydro crews from Victoria were called in to help and they arrived on the island by ferry Saturday morning to begin the tremendous task of repairing the storm damage Thankfully, by late Saturday afternoon, power had been restored to most of the island. Saturna Elementary School has become the home away from home for the local students of Mayne Island Junior Secondary School during this windy winter. The water taxi was cancelled Friday as it has been several times

On these days the older students become guests of Saturna Elementary School and pursue their studies in the library under the supervision of their school's Saturna-based teaching assistant, Barb Ropars. Teachers fax assignments to the school so the children do not miss valuable school time.

during stormy weather this year.

Waterfall park

The Parks and Recreation Commission has great plans for Saturna's newest community park. Waterfall Park, located opposite Haggis Farm Bakery, boasts a waterfall close to 30 metres high in a stream which feeds into Lyall Creek.

The 1.5-acre property is joined by an easement from the end of Valley Road to offer hiking above and parallel to Lyall Creek.

The trail continues past the park to the end of the Money property. They have expressed the hope that one day the trail will continue all the way to Narvaez Bay. The land was given to the community by the Money family to satisfy land use requirements when they subdivided land on Narvaez Bay Road.

The parks group is requesting tenders to build the Lyall Creek trail. This will be a minimal trail and will include switch-backs throughout the steep areas. It will be built far enough away from the creek to protect the ecosystem but will still offer creek views. Anyone interested in tackling this project should contact Hubertus Surm at 539-5134.

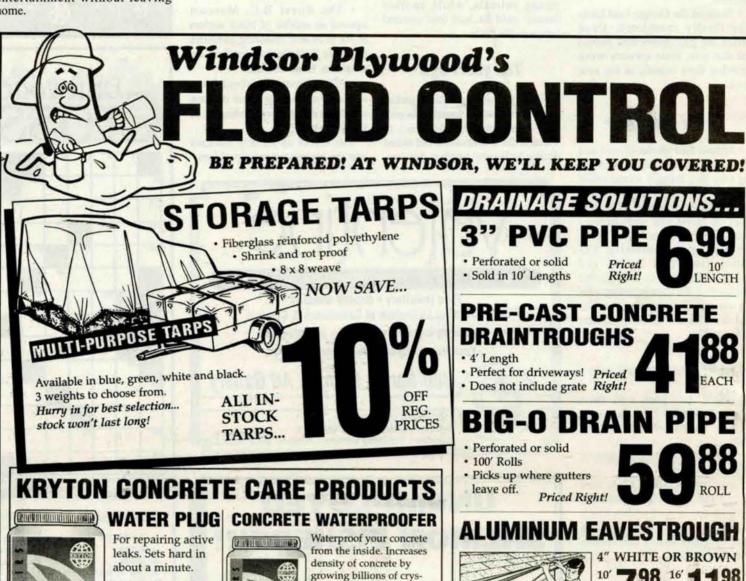
The trail has already been surveyed and the markers can be seen from the road at the top of the trail. It is open to the public and the society hopes the trail will be completed by early summer.

In the meantime, hearty souls may want to explore the park and trail. It will offer a chance to stroll and climb through our spectacular rain forests and enjoy the ferns, alders, fir and cedar stands.

Thanks to Parks and Recreation Commission members for all their hard work in creating a place where islanders can walk without crossing private land.

Trio concert

Saturday night the Canadian Guitar Trio will perform at the Community Hall. Those without season tickets to the Saturna Arts and Concerts Series can still buy single concert tickets at the door.





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