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Gotta love those Geezers

Islanders turned out in droves Friday and Saturday nights to laugh at themselves through the eyes of Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers.

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A tea with food for thought

Men and women turned out to the Voice of Women's High-Minded Tea to enjoy desserts and hear a guest speaker.

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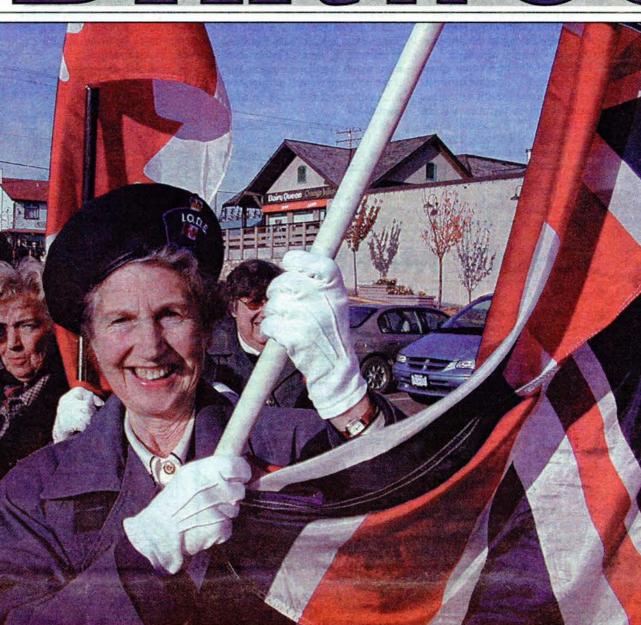
Weather

Warm, sunny days and cold nights are in the forecast with showers predicted for the weekend. Highs up to 9 C., lows down





Salt Springers turned out for the event. More photos can be found on Page A16 as well as on Gulf Islands Online.



Students get top marks

By GAIL SJUBERG **Driftwood Staff**

Gulf Islands School District students, staff, parents and trustees basked in the limelight last week as a BCTV analysis of Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) test results put local kids near the top of the list.

"I think everyone is quietly ecstatic," said schools superintendent Duane Sutherland Friday.

FSA tests are done annually in public, private and independent schools across B.C. in grades 4, 7 and 10 to measure skill levels in reading, writing and numeracy.

According to BCTV, Gulf Islands students in Grade 4 last May had the second highest marks in the province, coming in just behind those in the West Vancouver school district, and were first among Vancouver Island's 14 districts. In grades 7 and 10, local students were second among their peers on Vancouver Island.

Unfurling of the dramatic information last Wednesday came as a complete surprise to district officials, since rank-

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Controversy erupts over logging near island heronry

By ANASTACIA WILDE **Driftwood Staff**

Discrepancy abounds this week over a potential threat to B.C's largest nesting grounds of the Pacific great blue heron, as chainsaws clear trees from the land of a nearby property owner.

In the heat of things is 18-year Salt Spring resident Jim Loiselle of North Beach Road, who is selectively logging parts of his 30-acre holding to open space for new growth and pay his taxes.

Ongoing vigilance to protect the vulnerable species at the McFadden Creek Heronry falls under the auspices of the local Waterbird Watch Collective (WWC).

At issue is a recommended 300-metre (1,000-foot) buffer zone around the heron's nesting trees and a one-kilometre (.62-mile) radius of protection for wetlands and heron feeding areas, both of which are only guidelines and unenforceable by law.

While Loiselle's three parcels fall within the suggested one-kilometre preservation radius of the heronry, controversy exists as to whether the majority of land falls in the more sensitive 300-metre zone.

to further confuse the matter, two maps - one issued by the Islands Trust and the other by WWC show different versions of the proposed buffer area, contradicting each other and Loiselle's distance in relation to the heronry.

"Jim Loiselle is within his bounds. He hasn't crossed the buffer zone," said voluntary heronry warden Dee LeClair. "As far as I'm concerned, he's well within his rights to log. It's selective logging and we have to really trust that he won't go within the buffer."

But in actual fact, say others, distance from the heronry is a moot point because there is currently no government legislation in place to uphold the guidelines or protect the 124 heron nests from potentially disturbing human activity outside McFadden's five-hectare (12.5-acre) boundaries.

"We think this (logging) is a crime against the birds,' said Judi Stevenson of WWC. "But without private regulation or species protection legislation, the community can break its heart over these beloved spots that we cannot yet properly protect."

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Seniors groups conflict heats up over bylaw change

Eliminating reference to a specific seniors group in the constitution and bylaws of Central Community Hall Society is on the agenda of a Tuesday meeting at the

As it stands, the Old Age Pensioners Organization (OAPO), Branch 32, is specifically mentioned in the society's governing documents, as a result of the OAPO's longstanding and significant involvement in the

According to current OAPO secretary Ron Milton, the hall would likely not exist today if the OAPO had not provided the first \$5,000-plus in funds to initiate a renovation in 1976, which opened the door to other crucial government grants and made major renovations possible.

"Without the OAPO, the hall just wouldn't be there,"

Milton is against the proposed changes, which will be voted on at the November 21 meeting. It starts at 7 p.m.

David Holt is current board president. "The idea is to equalize things so as to make it fair to both groups or other senior groups," he explained. "Our mandate is to provide a facility for any group."

"We think of the OAPO as being a tenant, as any other

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Crown land meeting gets off to hot start

By GAIL SJUBERG Driftwood Staff

Islands Trust and provincial government bureaucrats came to Salt Spring for information on local Crown lands last Tuesday, but had to wait for a wall of frustration to crumble before they got anywhere near it.

About 60 people turned out to learn about the Public Lands Strategy (PLS), with some able to put personal knowledge of the island's Crown lands parcels on the discussion table.

But it was hard to get past two things: what people saw as the PLS' flawed rating system which gave numerical values to each parcel's potential uses and appeared to give more credence to their forestry or mining potential than their value for conservation; and why the island's Crown lands were even being discussed at all.

Those lands are slotted in the community plan for Parks and Reserve use, are generally considered part of the vision for protected lands close to the proposed Gulf Islands national park and have been part of South and West Conservation Partnership group efforts to preserve the wildest part of Salt Spring. The Islands Trust Fund, CRD Parks and the local Parks and Rec also have "official" interests in the land.

The undeveloped lands in question cover 812 hectares (2,006 acres), mainly in 13 parcels on the island's southwest quarter, plus about 18 hectares (46 ares) next to Cusheon Lake, 36 hectares (91 acres) near Ford Lake and 67 hectares (170 acres) on Mount Erskine.

Biologist Briony Penn said there are no doubt "threshold communities" of species on all the Crown land parcels — which should secure their conservation — but they have not been officially mapped to date.

"We are so strapped already with the issues we are fighting on this island; now we're being asked to map threshold communities — in two weeks — in our spare time. We thought the Crown lands were safe so we haven't been putting our energy into them."

Gordon McIntosh, the Islands Trust executive director from Victoria, said it wouldn't be necessary to conduct studies within two weeks — that the original deadline for input has been extended to December 31, and even then it's not firm; it would be enough for knowledgeable people to confirm they believed the species were on those lands.

Concluding a passionate monologue about the crime of even thinking about selling the Crown lands, Sam Lightman suggested the money raised "wouldn't even pay interest on the fast ferry debt for a year."

Although Islands Trust chairman David Essig explained the PLS rationale in detail, and McIntosh stressed that "we don't want anyone to think there's an alarm bell here," it took about an hour for the dust to settle enough to begin going through each parcel, pointing out basic errors in the information gathered to date, and adding to it.

McIntosh said the Trust had received "pretty pervasive feedback" on the rating model's failings. "We don't think it's a decision-making model; it's to reflect the data that exists, not to make decisions."

Of more importance, he said, was specific information held by island residents.

That turned out to be ample. Besides pleas from Penn and others about the existence of threshold communities (such as marbled murrelet, phantom orchids and roughskinned newts), people pointed out that several parcels were too steep for settlement, others have well-used

nificance for First Nations people.

Community members stated that both the Cusheon Lake and Mount Erskine parcels had been donated to the community — one by Jack Fisher and another by a logging company — at a time when the former Crown lands department was the only government body to hold it in trust. That meant those lands did not ethically belong to the province to do what it wanted with them.

Essig said the PLS came about after several discussions with provincial government ministers convinced him the province will not just "hand over" Crown lands to the Islands Trust Fund Board or similar agencies for preservation, as Essig has requested; nor would they put a moratorium on uses such as forestry or resource extraction.

However, the province did agree to participate in the Trust-initiated PLS, with information being gathered about existing Crown lands on Trust islands. Essig also got a verbal agreement from B.C. Assets and Lands Corporation (BCALC) chairwoman Cassie Doyle that there would be no change of tenure in the Trust-area Crown lands without an "adequate public process."

Essig said the idea is that the Trust would at least "have a position of strength, by virtue of information, from which to make our arguments" if the province wanted to dispose of the lands, as it has done in other parts of B.C.

McIntosh said it was remarkable that 11 ministries and agencies had agreed to work together on the PLS. Several reps were at the Salt Spring meeting.

Although BCALC, which was not represented at the meeting, was getting a lot of flack, McIntosh clarified that decisions about Crown lands sale are made by Cabinet, and that the Land Use Coordination Office actually has the lead bureaucratic hand.

McIntosh said a set of principles coming out of the PLS should be sent to Cabinet by March.

Robyn Addison is the Victoria Trust office planner coordinating the gathering of information for the Public Lands Strategy.

FOR THE RECORD

A list of "thank-you" names given to the Driftwood last week to acknowledge Spook House volunteers and donors omitted an important name.

One of the organizers later said the event couldn't have happened without Jordy Sharp at Acoustic Planet Music.



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ing is not done by the Ministry of Education, and no results had even been sent out by the ministry.

The first word about the results came from CHEK-TV staff in Victoria, who announced they were coming to Salt Spring that day for a story to air on the evening news.

School trustees and administrators such as Sutherland were not even available for the TV piece since they were at a board meeting on Pender.

Bob Brownsword, principal of Salt Spring Elementary, was in his office when the call came, and was interviewed for the CHEK-TV story.

Brownsword told the Driftwood before the TV crew arrived that small class sizes, supportive communities on all the Gulf Islands, great staff and parents are district characteristics that may contribute to the high marks.

"(One) very key component is the parents. It's so incredible. They're here all the time. They are very supportive and helpful."

What is Sutherland's explanation for the high achievement?

"We don't have research on that, but we believe the reasons are we have small schools and very small class sizes. With regard to the Grade 4 result, we have very experienced teachers teaching primary, they know what they're doing, they're very good and professional. We have lots of support from other staff, CUPE and administrators, and the community, parents and parents advisory councils are very supportive of education."

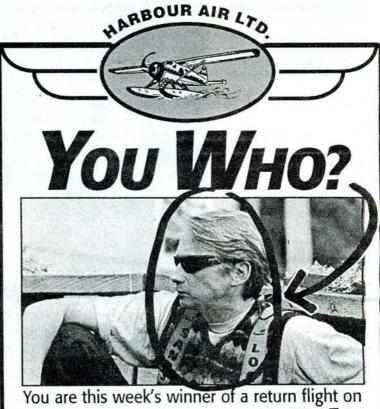
Sutherland tempers the glow by stressing that FSA results, like the Fraser Institute's controversial annual report on B.C. high schools, provide only a limited "snapshot" of what's going on in classrooms.

Ranking districts is simply not advisable, says one education ministry official. According to a report from Irene Corman, regional coordinator of the ministry's field services branch, there are several practical reasons to not use FSA results to rank districts or schools.

Corman also said 1999 results could not be compared with those from May 2000 because different parameters were used.

Within the Gulf Islands School District, teachers Barb Aust and Eleanor Cocker will be doing an FSA results analysis, said Sutherland, for discussion at a later date.

Individual student results will be sent to parents in the last week of November.



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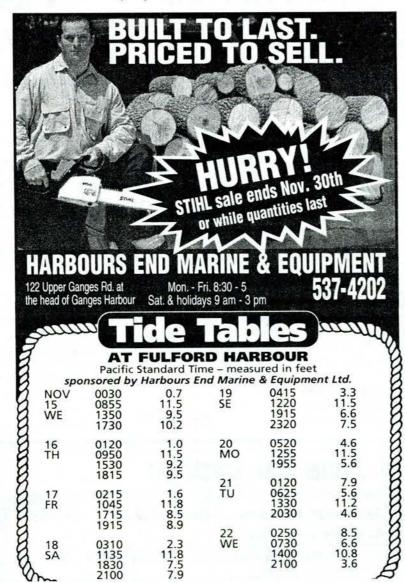
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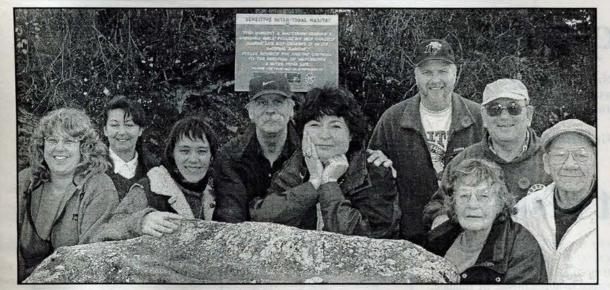
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SIGN OF THE TIMES: Friends and neighbours stand in front of one of two signs erected Saturday to alert beach-goers to sensitive shoreline near the McFadden Creek Heronry. The signs were donated by Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. Michael Donald of the highways ministry said the Islands Trust could apply for a "road closure" of the public access and then have the Islands Trust Fund Board

consider its purchase.

HERONS: Nearby logging raises ire

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Another area of contention lies in the arena of what signifies a threat to the heron population. "I want to strongly stress that there is misinformation about what affects the herons," said Loiselle. "I have not and never would do anything that would harm the heronry.

The under-fire property owner cited an adjacent neighbour who recently clearcut his land and many clearcuts in neighbouring acreages. While bird activists contend open spaces left by large cuts allow increased eagle predation against the herons, Loiselle said the heronry is already surrounded by meadows and farm

"No matter how I take the trees down it will not be affecting the heronry," Loiselle stated. "Noise isn't something that bothers them. If so, it's in the spring when the young are being hatched and that's why we are doing our cutting at this time of year.'

According to environmentalist and WWC coordinator Nina Raginsky, herons nestle themselves in high trees (at least 50 feet tall) which offer protection from predators. Although they remain year round in the Georgia Strait, Salt Spring herons journey from their nests after the young have fledged and return in February for courtship displays, nest-building, incubation and feeding until August.

"He (Loiselle) is trying to be really co-operative but the fact remains that we can't do anything," acknowledged LeClair. "He's taken out a lot of trees and if logging is still going on in February, it will really disturb the herons. When they mate and when they birth their young, noise, cutting down trees or anyone coming into the heronry can really spook them."

Being bombarded by accusations of wrongdoing and ethical misconduct has put Loiselle on the defensive. Harassing telephone calls, e-mails and visits to his workplace by numerous bird defenders are misguided, he said, and unfounded.

Fighting a secondary issue of root rot and pilfering powder-post beetles, Loiselle contends he is clearing his land to encourage light, evergreen and fern growth.

"I'm selectively logging so I can end up with a property that's exactly like Mouat Park," he said. "I've always done stuff to preserve and protect my land. I haven't sub-divided or clearcut but I am taking some merchantable timber off and it's the fourth time it's been logged."

Experts estimate 8,000 to 9,000 great blue herons span the west coast from Washington to Alaska, 80 per cent nesting in the southern part of the Georgia Strait and northern Puget Sound. Roughly 250 Pacific great blue herons thrive on Salt Spring, making the McFadden Creek Heronry the most heavily populated site in

Established in 1998 on the heels of extensive fundraising by the WWC, Islands Trust Fund, Wild Bird Trust and Environment Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service), McFadden is Canada's first site to be designated a "globally important bird area" by the Canadian Nature Federation and Birdlife International.

Still, Raginsky warns, population growth in the past two decades, coupled with house and road construction and human activity along Salt Spring's shorelines, threaten the herons' future and serve as a wake-up call to community mobilization.

"Private property is private for humans but not all the other liv-ing creatures," she stressed. "The key to protecting the herons is unfragmented forest and undisturbed feeding areas. It's true that private land owners can legally do anything they want, but we are

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tenant, and our first obligation is as a community hall. It's not a cinema as many people think it is, and it's not a building that belongs to the OAPO, it's a community hall.

"Our objective is not to disenfranchise (the OAPO members) or to make them unwelcome,"

"Our arrangement with the OAPO is that they can have use of the building just by asking for it."

Holt and Milton both acknowledge that tension exists between the OAPO and a seniors social group, called Golden Hands, which grew out of the OAPO several

Holt said conflicts have been brought to the board in the past few years, which has tried to be "studious in our disinterest" about the personal issues. Still, removing the special provisions for the OAPO in the bylaws seemed to be the "simplest" thing to do, he said.

Milton said that as late as 1992, 10 of 12 hall society board members were OAPO members, and there had been overlap between Golden Hands and the Branch 32 OAPO.

Holt said he hoped community hall society members at large will come to the meeting, listen and be





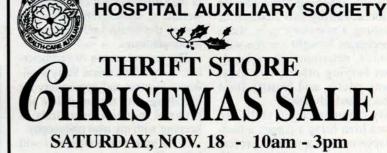
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Candidates respond to questions

The five first-declared candidates in the Saanich-Gulf Islands federal election race were asked to answer three general questions for this week's edition of the Driftwood.

They are: 1. Describe two of your personal strengths that would best aid you as an MP.

2. What two policies or characteristics of your party are most important to you?

Briefly explain why you belong to your party.

3. How would Gulf Islands residents benefit by voting for you?

Karen Knott: 'I'll get results'

KAREN KNOTT, Liberal.

1. My two greatest personal strengths are the breadth of my life experiences and my communication skills. My life experiences are varied and each has brought more skills, well-learned lessons, patience and flexibility. Whether as a commercial fisherman tossing around in a storm, meeting a payroll for my business, concluding an arbitration that was particularly difficult, teaching handicapped children, raising two children or finishing a marathon race, these experiences brought me the will, stamina, determination, rewards from helping others, two great young adults, and lessons from setbacks and adversity.

My communication skills are honed from being a parent, a businessperson and a trained professional arbitrator. I listen well, assess the information and make clear decisions. These skills will take your message forward to the House of Commons, cabinet ministers and caucus, and to all levels of government and society.

2. The two most important characteristics of the Liberal Party and the reason why I am a liberal, are the same. The Liberal Party is the only party with a platform that balances fiscal policies of tax and debt reduction with social and environmental responsibility. Please read the insert entitled the Knott Report in the Driftwood and check out my website at www.sgiliberals.com to review the details and the balance in our platform.

The second reason or characteristic is that the Liberal Party's values of fairness and opportunity for all, along with responsibility and personal initiative, is entirely in keeping with my own philosophy.

3. As your representative, I will bring Ottawa to you and bring your concerns, ideas and needs to Ottawa. In the past two weeks as a candidate, I have had the opportu-

nity to speak with the minister of external affairs, minister of finance and the parliamentary secretary to the minister of finance, and by telephone with several other ministers.

In the past few months, as a member of our party executive, we have been consulted by the minister of health, minister of environment, and the parliamentary secretary to the minister of finance.

As a member of the government, I'll get results for our people in Saanich-Gulf Islands.



O'Neill: 'Honesty'

PAT O'NEILL, NDP

1. The first strength I bring to the job of MP is that of a good listener. It is essential to be able to listen to the problems of constituents.

Attentive listeners do not dismiss people as uninformed or stupid. They listen for the emotional message as well as the story, idea or complaint.

A good listener may be able to help a constituent uncover possible solutions to problems. A good listener keeps an open mind. A good listener finds enlightenment in surprising places.

I was fortunate to have several years helping residents of North York before, during and after my time on city council.

Patience and a willingness to listen when working with community members, many struggling with a new language and culture, meant that I could really help with problems, for example, of housing, cross-cultural misunderstanding and adjusting to life in Canada.

A second strength that I have is a fundamental sense of honesty and fair play.

2. The New Democratic Party is motivated by a set of values very important to me.

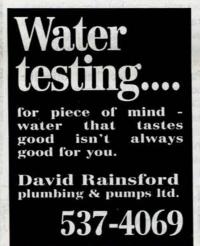
At the head of the list is the principle of equity. Fairness is closely related. These values of equity and fairness are related to the principle common to most world faiths — that we must love others as we love ourselves. This motivates our struggle for a universal and adequately funded health care system. Similarly, these values are the reason we believe in access to post-secondary education for any capable students willing to do the work.

Equity requires that our taxation system be structured to defeat poverty at home and abroad. Equity suggests that there needs to be job opportunities for everyone. Fairness to future generations means that sustainability must be basic to

economic and other decisions affecting our relationship with our planet.

The values of the NDP closely reflect my own. Furthermore, by belonging to the NDP, I am allowed the opportunity to try to introduce new ideas or to change policies that I do not agree with.

3. As a resident of the Gulf Islands, I would be a strong voice in Ottawa speaking knowledgeably about the concerns of islanders and for the protection and enhancement of this beautiful place we are privileged to call home.







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R.A.W. RESOURCES "What do we do?"

Amateur airplane builders have prized certified aircraft grade wood from R.A.W. for their projects for several years so it is not surprising that company president, Richard Walton, an aviation enthusiast and pilot began to think of producing a wooden airplane. His company has acquired plans and permission to produce two biplane models. These aircraft are replicas of classics from the golden age of flying, the 1930s.

The Boeing Stearman is a replica of the famous trainer on which most of America's WW2 pilots gained wings. R.A.W.'s other biplane is replica of the deHavilland Tiger Moth, another classic from the same years. It is the aircraft used by the university air squadrons to train young pilots who flew in the Battle of Britain. However, these biplanes are not military aircraft they were designed well before 1939 and were used by 'sportsmen and women' for air touring as well as commercially for activities as far apart as training and crop dusting. They are the embodiment of that long ago age when young men and women looked up in wonder as brightly painted biplanes flew overhead envying the pilots who danced in the clouds and flirted with the sun.

R.A.W. is reproducing that feeling for many amateur aircraft builders who still look up with the same wonder each time an aircraft flies overhead. The enthusiast is able to purchase plans, a set of detailed instructions, a video and a package of wood for a relatively modest price. All the builder needs besides the kit is an ability to read and understand instructions, a rudimentary knowledge of hand tools, a large garage, shop or shed and a great deal of enthusiasm. If the going gets a little tough a help line is only a phone call away. A second package is available to the builder who has a little less time to get into the wild blue. He or she is able to purchase a larger kit in which the time consuming process of building small components is already done at the factory. This package wills necessarily cost a little more but the time saved is worth the expense say many constructors. A third option is the 'Flyaway' for the impatient flyer who wants only to yell, "Contact" and fly away home, the long way of course. These aircraft kits are not all that different to the balsa wood models we built as youngster only much larger! Completed aircraft can be registered as 'experimental' or because of their light weight can be registered (in Canada) as 'ultralight' aircraft.

Metalwork for these golden age biplanes is all manufactured in a small workshop in Metchosin on Vancouver Island. Radial engines for the Stearman are hand crafted in Australia and lightweight instruments come from China.

"It's a kind of IKEA operation," says Walton, "where sub assemblies are made in small cottage industry situation then all brought together for assembly by the consumer."

There is no waste, no pollution and very low levels of noise in the workshop because of the company's policy and protocols. Kits are being assembled and ship almost on a daily basis and there are several R.A.W. aircraft flying in the United States, Australia, New Zealand the Middle East and South Africa.

WALLY DU TEMPLE, Green

1. Once convinced of a problem I act on principle to correct it. In 1973 I became convinced that tobacco was bad for health. I worked to warn others with labels on cigarettes and banned the sale of tobacco products at my own recreational business. I was ahead of many. For similar reasons, I banned insecticide use at my business. I think that acting in a committed way on the basis of principle is a strength.

Another is how I figure things out and test my decisions. I listen

Du Temple: 'Politics of ecology'

first before speaking, then I ask questions, do research and question the underlying assumptions, make a decision, try it out and then use feedback to test what next needs to be done. The process I like is dynamic and evolving.

2. The Green Party substitutes reductionist thinking, which isolates issues, with integrated thinking, which joins matters together. Here is an example. Let's look at the effects of poverty on health, the family, education, employment, industry and the economy. An expanding gap between high and low incomes has a negative effect on each area. Undernourished children cannot learn as well. Poverty results in human suffering in many ways. Poverty can also harm the environment when shortterm jobs are taken in cut-and-carry

operations like clear-cutting. On an empty stomach it is hard to say "no, I want to earn less now but keep my job over the long term" by sustainable selection logging.

To counter deplorable poverty, the Green Party would initiate a social contract in which restoration of federal funding to health, education and social programs would focus on creation of wellness and prevention of illness and disease. We will specifically assist low-income earners with a jointly funded federal/provincial guaranteed living wage for all. We would initiate a 32-hour work week for the current 40 hours pay, and eliminate income tax for all who

live below the poverty line.

Through "fair trade" we would establish fair farm incomes, stimulate and assist growth in local products and services, create an

ecological stewardship small business loan program, phase out income tax and replace the GST with a consumption tax on environmentally damaging activities.

3. Gulf Islands residents can benefit in several ways. A vote for what you know is right and for what you want is never wasted.

It will cause other parties to weigh the importance of the Green political philosophy, which views issues no longer as left or right, but as green or grey. Green issues now dominate the media, but grey economic thinking still dominates governments and board rooms. Your voice will state that Canada needs a sustainable economic system that serves a finite eco-system, and which does not treat the Earth as an endless exploitable resource and waste dump.

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Lunn: 'Dealt with local concerns'

GARY LUNN, Alliance

1. First, as a criminal lawyer, I gained an in-depth understanding our judicial system. Specifically, my work in youth court and in the community gave me insight into needed changes to the youth justice system. I strongly believe in protection for victims of crime, and assistance for the betterment of our youth and the needs of our community.

Second, I believe my experience as a paramedic gives me the desire and will to save our national health care system. With aging parents and young children of my own, I firmly believe that health care for all Canadians, rich or poor, must be a right and not a privilege.

2. The two Canadian Alliance policies I feel most passionately about are parliamentary reform and meaningful tax relief. I strongly

support the Canadian Alliance commitment to making federal government more accountable to Canadians. For example, we believe that an MP's first priority must be to their constituents, not their own conscience, not their party or their leader. Further, MPs must be able to vote freely to represent the views of their constituents without fear of retribution from the party. With regard to taxes, our fair tax plan puts the long-term prosperity of Canadians first. For example, we'll increase disposable income for all Canadians and remove 1.4 million of the lowest income taxpayers from the tax roll. And, we'll encourage investment and savings for retirement.

As a fiscal conservative, I've been frustrated by Canada's high taxation levels, and don't want my children to leave this country to pursue their dreams.

3. As your MP for the past three and a half years, I've dealt with many issue of importance to Gulf Islanders. In addition to responding to "big picture" policy issues, I've dealt with many local concerns and countless constituent files. At the local level, for example, I've been a fierce advocate for marine protected areas, and worked with my provincial and local counterparts to submit unanimous proposals to protect Burgoyne Bay. Individual constituents have received help with a diverse range of problems, from health care and pensions to taxation. With this significant knowledge and understanding, I can effectively represent your interests in Ottawa on both major policy issues and on local and individual concerns.

Page: 'A change you can trust'

DON PAGE, PC

1. My two personal strengths are that I will listen to all sides of an issue before making a decision. This means that I am approachable and open-minded on any subject.

My other strength lies in the fact that I have dealt with many people during my 34 years in the Canadian Navy. I am comfortable in all social and formal situations and, because of that, I can better represent my constituents, should I be elected, in any situation.

2. One policy of the Progressive Conservative Party that I particularly like is our debt reduction plan. This mortgage on our future must be retired as quickly as possible and we propose to do that in 25 years. It can be done and we have developed a schedule of payments to do that. It has been costed and it works.

The characteristic of the PC Party that is important to me is that it is truly a grassroots party and I personally had a hand in shaping this party. Our party is driven from the bottom and this is entrenched in our constitution.

I belong to this party because it has the ideas, principles and plan to lead Canada into the future.

3. Gulf Islanders will benefit by voting for me because I and the PC Party, led by Joe Clark, offer the best policies for all Canadians. Joe Clark is a man of integrity, honesty and reliability, who can lead Canada into the 21st century. A vote for me is a vote for "change you can trust."



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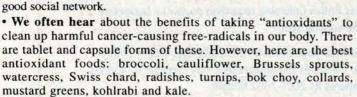
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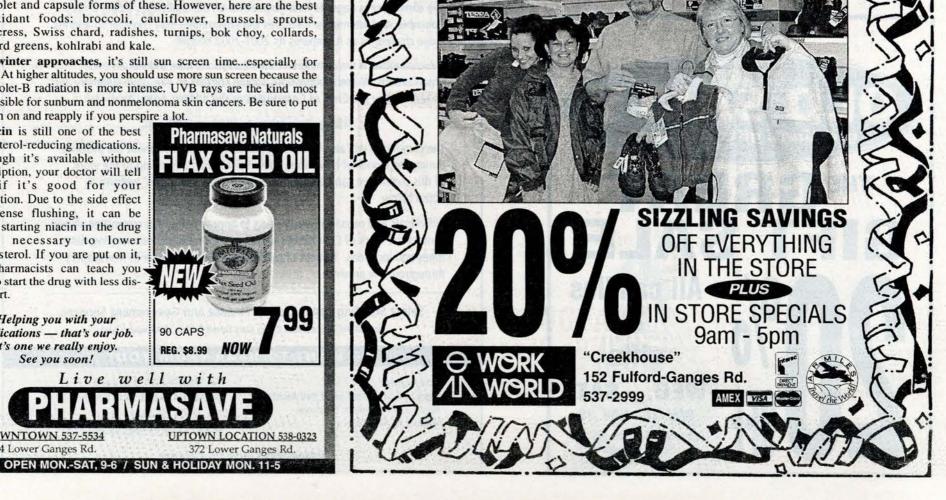
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Restorative justice guru among names on event speakers' list

By ANASTACIA WILDE Driftwood Staff

Just as different paths lead up the same mountain, there's more than one way to evolve toward a more just society.

And while many contemporary law authorities and political leaders endorse stiffer penalties for petty and first-time offenders, the Salt Spring Community Justice Program (SSCJP) promotes a distinct approach to post-crime restitution.

To this end, Community Justice — Towards Healing, an all-day workshop slated for Saturday, November 18, aims to educate locals about its aboriginal-influenced and inspired philosophy toward realizing a safer, low-crime community.

"A lot of people don't realize that we have this excellent program on the island and that it's a great benefit to the community," said supporter Maggie Schubart. "It can really make a huge difference in the life of someone who has perpetrated a petty crime and it's a chance at restitution for the victim."

Prisons are huge money drains, said Schubart, who disputes the common belief that crime is on the rise. She pointed out that many U.S. prisons are privatizing these days, transforming themselves into a business force rather than a protective service. "Crime is down and there are better ways of dealing with things rather than building more prisons."

Restorative justice brings the perpetrator and victim of small-scale crimes together in a mediated environment to re-establish justice, Schubart explained.

In that vein, Saturday's workshop blossoms from the seeds of SSCJP, formally established in spring 1998 but germinating with profuse input since the early '90s. One of the original initiators of SSCJP, Irene Wright, is still assertively roughing the seas toward restorative justice, as is Mel Sumner, another of the original founders.

The crux of restorative justice is the acknowledgement of wrongdoing by the perpetrator and a commitment to righting the situation. Sitting face to face with the victim and listening to what effects the crime has caused is key to enlightening the offender.

"We facilitate an agreement between the two for restoration so the incident will be made right," Wright said. "The success rate is very good. Out of 69 offenders since we started, we've only had two re-offenders. That's a pretty good record compared to 25 per cent of prison inmates who reoffend"

The mainstream press sensationalizes crime, which instills fear and misleads people into espousing tougher penalties, the justice worker said. Wright believes sending firsttime offenders to prison can actually produce a reverse effect. "If you send someone to prison who's not hardened, it can become a school for crime.

"What we want is for people to think ahead and take responsibility for their actions. Unlike with the court system where the victim gets nothing, we have the perpetrator sit with the victim and describe in great detail what they have done and what they will do to restore themselves"

Among restitution solutions reached by local victims and perpetrators are repayment of damaged or stolen property, community hours, letters to the editor and high-visibility posters placed in the high school explaining the inadvisability of what they did and why.

"Sanctions and restitution are a learning experience, an appropriate way of fixing things," said Wright. "The imagination is not limited."

With swiftness a goal, SSCJP composes a three-member panel after RCMP determine whether an arrestee is likely to reform him or herself. Past criminal record weighs heavily in police assessment.

Seasoned local mediator Gordon Sloan is sold on restorative justice and nudged kernel ideas through SSCJP's developmental stage to implementation and training.

"The greatest satisfaction is seeing that something you are doing is instrumental in bringing people together in a system that normally would drive them apart," he said. "The criminal justice system is made to keep people separate."

At first blush, victims may not be interested, admitted Sloan, but upon reflection they often have questions or want to look the perpetrator in the eyes. Describing the program as "highly empowering," Sloan considers SSCJP preventative medicine, adding it takes courage for the victim to participate.

"Unlike the law, which imposes the outcome, there is no pre-existing formula they have to follow. They tailor the outcome to meet both the parties' circumstances."

If negotiations are successful, which they normally are, Sloan said, a contract is signed by both

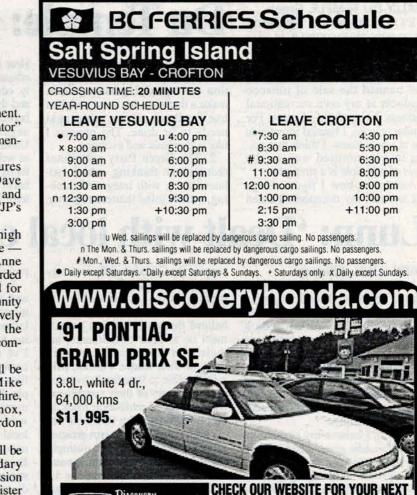
parties, cementing the agreement. Offenders are assigned a "mentor" to ensure adherence and implementation work is ongoing.

Saturday's workshop features restorative justice "guru" Dave Gustafsen, whose experience and insight will take the lead in SSCJP's morning agenda.

After lunch — served by high school students at a small charge — First Nations activist MaryAnne Arcand will take the helm. Awarded the Attorney General's Award for Crime Prevention and Community Safety, Arcand works exclusively with First Nations people in the Cariboo-Chilcotin developing community-based justice programs.

Additional presentations will be made by local panelists Mike Byron, Sergeant Paul Darbyshire, Sharon Glover, Meredith Knox, Dan Lee, Gordon Sloan, Gordon White and Irene Wright.

The day-long symposium will be held at Gulf Islands Secondary School from 9:30 to 4. Admission is free, but people should register by Wednesday, November 15 through Maggie Schubart at 537-9804 or Irene Wright at 537-5347. The event is co-sponsored by Transformations and SSCJP.





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Peers gather at Tuam Creek to review Texada cut

By ANASTACIA WILDE **Driftwood Staff**

Representatives of Texada Land Corporation (TLC) were joined by both small and large logging company owners Thursday on Salt Spring Island, when the Victoriabased Private Forest Landowners Association (PFLA) sponsored an education workshop for property owners within the Agricultural and Forest Land Reserves (ALR and

Forest practices officer Ian DeLisle of the Land Reserve Commission (LRC) was also present, representing the umbrella agency which oversees management of both ALR and FLR lands.

"The primary purpose of our visit to TLC lands on Salt Spring was to identify the factors which led to the LRC's determination at Tuam Creek and what steps could have been taken to avoid it," said PFLA forestry manager Rod Bealing.

On the heels of Private Land Forest Practices Regulations implemented April 1, Texada was fined \$13,000 in September for logging too close to Tuam Creek and causing damage to the stream

Described by officer DeLisle as a "post mortem to broaden understanding of current regulations," the expert peer review of Texada's site consisted of professional biologists, hydrologists, geotechnicians, foresters and engineers.

Both DeLisle and Bealing said the findings were "positive" and they are satisfied Texada has taken remedial steps to repair streambank damage.

"They've (Texada) stabilized the stream banks and taken positive steps toward identifying the contributing factors. In spite of stream bank damage, there has been no impact on drinking water or fish habitat," Bealing stated.

Through a lesson-learned approach, the group discussed preventative harvesting measures like stream protection and damage control around riparian (water) zones. Since the infraction, Bealing said, Texada has ameliorated its engineering and mapping systems to identify streams and clearly flag them.

"At the time of the incident, they had one guy hanging ribbons and now they have four. They also have operational maps identifying sensitive areas."

Interpreting the Private Land Forest Practices Regulation around streams, wetlands and stream crossings is DeLisle's expertise and the subject of his presentation. "It's a fairly new regulation so we want to make sure everyone is speaking the same language and has an understanding of the standards we expect so they can guarantee compliance.'

Stewardship standards are based on four key environmental values of fish habitat, water quality, sensitive soils and critical wildlife habitat as determined by the Ministry of the Environment, Lands and Parks (MELP), the officer said.

According to DeLisle, part of the Land Reserve Commission's

mandate is to ensure landowners within the ALR and FLR are educated and informed. To this end and in partnership with the PFLA, future workshops and educational opportunities are in the works, he

"It's a collaborative approach. We look at what workshops are required and the standards of stewardship we want. One of the objectives is standard-based improvement. We want to see a high level of standards and we want the private landowners to work with us. So far, all the private owners have been co-operative."

The LRC officer also surveyed a brand new logging road being built by Texada on Mount Maxwell and said, "It looks like they are doing a good job."

The logging company — which bought 5,000 Salt Spring acres a year ago - has been under the microscope for several weeks following its stream infraction on Mount Tuam. DeLisle told the Driftwood Friday he expects to wrap up his investigation concerning other sites within a week.

Texada is one of six private landowners on Salt Spring with holdings in the Forest Land

Reserve. There are two million hectares of private land in B.C., of which 900,000 are subject to the private forest land regulations.

The PFLA represents both large and small forest landowners, with more than 50 per cent of members owning less than 250 hectares of land.

DeLisle was unsure of the exact amount of FLR land held on Salt Spring Island.

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Salt Spring's arsenic scare has drink the water "until more defini-

More arsenic concerns

spread further with the Capital Health Region (CHR) announcement that it is investigating the possible contamination of McAfee Creek in the Rainbow Road area.

CHR medical health officer Dr. Richard Stanwick issued a "precautionary notice" Saturday to residents of 11 properties which draw their drinking water supply from the creek, suggesting they not Rainbow Grove subdivision.

tive test results are available late next week.'

A creek water sample showed .065 milligrams of arsenic per litre, with the recommended maximum being .025 mg/l. Last week CHR officials confirmed they had been testing private homeowners' water in light of high levels of arsenic found in wells in nearby

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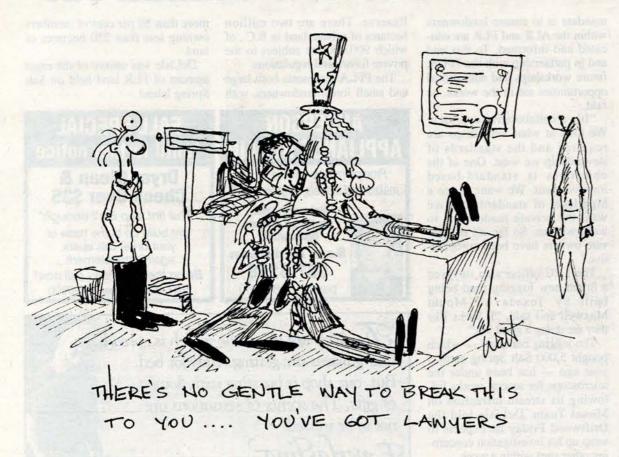


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An impressive year for foundation

If you're looking for a beneficiary for your charitable dona-Ltion, you needn't look far on Salt Spring Island.

There is always a community project on the go that seeks donated dollars from generous islanders. Fortunately, there are many of the latter.

The Salt Spring Island Foundation last week released its annual report for the year, detailing contributions to its asset base and the money it returned to the community. The financial details are impressive.

The foundation has doubled its assets with donations of \$248,065 during the year. Total endowment funds now total \$518,087, a far cry from the fistful of dollars with which the organization was launched 16 years ago.

The size of the endowment fund is important: it dictates how much funding community groups and projects can receive during the coming year. The foundation estimates that five per cent will be available for disbursement, meaning that about \$25,000 will find its way into worthy local endeavours.

This kind of funding works in the opposite fashion from the system employed by Canadian governments during the past 20 years or more. Instead of borrowing to fund programs, and then paying out enormous sums in interest rates, the Salt Spring Island Foundation gathers its principal first, and allocates money from the interest earned. It is simple, logical and successful.

To date, the foundation's trustees have distributed funds in a fair and even-handed manner, providing valuable support to organizations such as the Community Services Society, the pre-school, ArtSpring and many others.

Given its growing endowment fund, the foundation has a bright future ahead, which will in turn contribute to a brighter future for the Salt Spring community.

Waterlogged Clarke piece better saved for April Fool's edition

BY ANDREW OKULITCH

First it was a totally unnecessary argument about accented letters (e.g. Quebec) - now it is not one but two fruitcakes in one issue! Is it that hard to fill a newspaper with something significant?

About the accents. Most places in Canada have one official name. Some exceptions are Pan-Canadian names — provinces, territories and some 60 major features with two official names in French and English. Those without accents are used in anglophone publications (e.g. the Driftwood), those with accents are used in francophone publications (e.g. backs of cereal boxes). It is not insulting, racist or oppressive to use one or the other appropriately. Some rabid separatistes will be insulted, but they are already insulted by the mere fact of having to be part of Canada, so there is no point in trying to mollify them.

A local paper must give space to everyone's opinions, short of libel and hatred, but winter sleet aside, the reason it comes up in

you have to be fair. Why are you charging poor old Wingnutbar99 big bucks for a thirdpage advert of microscopic print, but giving Drew Clarke half-a-page to vent his paranoia and ignorance for free? The article "In Depth" is better called "Out of His Depth."

The past abuse he moans about has been entirely justified. He did get two things right: water doesn't run up hill and there are aquifers on the island. Not the usual sort that contain trillions of gallons for thousands of years over millions of acres, but little ones with a few million gallons holding water for a few decades over a dozen acres. Otherwise, it's hard to know where to start except to say that ALL of the island's water comes from the sky. It's rain, Drew. R-A-I-

His driller friend, whose personal well hasn't quite reached the fountain either, says well water from rain should all be the same temperature. Warm summer showers vs. different wells at different temperatures is because it trickles down into the rock to deeper, warmer depths in some places, or stays in the rock longer.

We get 30 to 50 inches a year. That's 20 gallons/square foot, or 800,000 gallons per

Some is lost to evaporation, vegetation and the sea, but most goes underground. Thirteen acres would provide enough water for that 20 gal/min well to run forever. As for the well on Mount Belcher, its water level (not its wellhead) wouldn't have to be too far below the summit before its collection area would supply lots of water.

Then he goes on about White Rock and again can't see the catchment area. Hello? White Rock is beside the Fraser River delta. Is the southwest sixth of B.C. a big enough catchment area? This is not a good analogy for our island. I'm sure even Drew must have noticed the absence of any big rivers.

face, well, let's have one underground. Let's bring water from Mount Baker! Hoo boy. Let's bring it through all that volcanic rock, down thousands of feet below the delta, below Georgia Strait, through granite, across dozens of faults, across millions of fractures and up under Mount Belcher. If it had come up sooner we'd have 900-foot fountains in the strait. Wouldn't that stir the ferries about!

Yes, there's lots of water here. It's not always where we want it, shallow enough or as clean and tasty as it should be, but it is here. We can preserve, manage and use it with knowledgeable studies, studies that the Driftwood should publish.

Last week's In Depth article should have been reserved for your April 1 issue.

The writer, a Salt Spring resident, has 10 years of service on the Geographical Names Board of Canada, and 35 years experience as a geologist, 29 of those with the But if there are no big rivers on the sur- Geological Survey of Canada.

Salt Spring has developed an international reputation as a centre for the arts. Marketers in suits would say the island has "a brand" that has been built up over many years by the activities of the arts community.

While there were no suits in evidence at the Circle Craft Fair in Vancouver on the weekend, there was no shortage of brandbuilding booths featuring the work of Salt Spring Islanders.

The annual fair must do a lot for island tourism. On Sunday we followed one couple who had just been admiring the fine woodworking at Bob and Joanne McKay's booth. They were agreeing that a trip to Salt Spring was a good idea. I resisted giving them a pre-visit welcome.

It must be a tough grind, setting up a booth, spending five

Vancouver fair strengthens island rep

TONY

RICHARDS

days greeting 30,000 people and then tearing it all down for the next one. Even tougher for someone such as Sandy Robley, who was set to follow up the Vancouver show with another in Calgary,

But no one was complaining. After all, at least one local exhibitor expects to sell 75 cents worth of product for each of the show's 30,000 visitors.

It was old home week for those islanders who remembered Marilyn Strongitharm. The renowned quiltmaker is still making quilts, and selling them as fast as she can make them. She and husband Bob Ainsley



left Salt Spring about 14 years ago and now live near Nanaimo.

My favourite feature of the show was the sample of cranberry pudding and butter sauce, made by a small firm that does nothing else.

I could do nothing else but eat cranberry pudding and butter sauce.

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But it would be unfair to ignore some other equally deserving fundraising campaigns now under

Both the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and Greenwoods are conducting equipment drives. The hospital, it should be remembered, will continue to operate in its current form, which is good news considering the uncertainty over the facility's future just a few

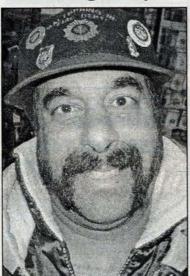
A new kid on the block is Terry Owen's Teddy Bear Trust Fund, launched as a means to provide financial assistance to families with children having serious health problems.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What three things do you like most in your life?



Lynda Sims Family, laughter and happi-



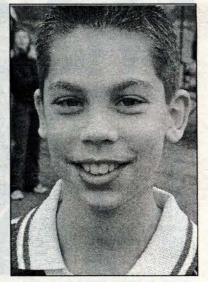
Mahjor Baines Bowling and pool table; Gloria and my Moka House friends.



Nic Futter Health, happiness and friends.



Justine Wilkie Smiles, beauty and wonderful Money, my friends and sports people.



Remy Dakin

Letters to the Editor

Don't opt out

In response to Paul Joyce's letter - Paul, please do vote!

I sympathize with Paul's cynicism about our so-called law-makers. No doubt reform is needed in our parliamentary system and yes, to some of us who are old enough to remember one or two statesmen and numbers of dedicated men and women who ran for office in the past, many of our present candidates do seem mediocre.

In addition, I am having more trouble this time than ever before in deciding how to vote. Not one of the parties seems to propose a program for the good of all Canadians. But it is important, I believe, not to opt out of our responsibilities here.

So, unlike Paul Joyce, I shall continue to struggle with the issues, probably attend the all-candidates meeting and vote on November 27.

However I cast this vote I know I shall not be helping to elect perfection, but the freedom to take part in elections, as our other civic duties, is a privilege and a responsibility. Logically, It seems to me, we should either be like the

Doukhobors and opt out completely from political life or accept that privilege and responsibility. MEG HODGES,

Salt Spring Island

Purge the perch

Re: "Perch found in St. Mary Lake," November 1 Driftwood: Oh, Perca flavescens, your abhorrent race

Is evil excrescence on Pisces'

Dining daily on hapless bass, Your morals decadent, your

manners crass, We shall hound you through the

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you, gasping, on the beach. Forsooth, let not this lowly

Our grandest lakes repute besmirch.

Protect that noble fellow, trout: Go forth, and get the yellow out! **BOB WEEDEN,**

Whims Road Fish forever

How fitting that Rob Macdonald has hired John Crosbie to negotiate on Texada's behalf. After all, wasn't Mr. Crosbie the minister of

fisheries and oceans who assured us that we would never run out of

MURRAY REISS, Salt Spring

Erratum

Anastacia Wilde's review of Poetry in the Gallery (November 8 Driftwood) was a joy to read.

She surveyed a powerful evening with care and passion, fairly reconstructing the energy that linked poet to audience. Her extensive summary captured the polyphony and the unity of so many voices.

The review, however, failed to mention the important contributions of Mona Fertig. This oversight is regrettable. Mona read three new works - each resonant and lithe, an intimate step into an unauthorized natural history.

Her images took us from where we are to where others have been. It was truly an incredible journey.

Mona, along with fellow poets and musicians, made Poetry in the Gallery a terrific night. Thanks to those who came and listened to art and nature meet.

JOHN ROWLANDSON, **Fulford**

Same support?
Unfortunately, this whole thing with the nude calendar has gotten

It just so happens that the women who posed in this calendar happened not to be the Playboy type, and thus it seems that this whole calendar thing is OK.

If the women who posed were young and in the primes of their lives there would be a big hoopla because they would be seen as sex symbols.

The reason for their work is very commendable, but I want to know if there would be the same support for 20-something-year-old women, who the majority of the female population envy, to do the same. MARC BURRONI,

Victoria

Art and nature

Magnificent! Where Art and Nature Meet successfully raised awareness, spirits . . . and money.

The 10-day event at ArtSpring - which included 10 events and the art exhibition, plus the final auction — raised about \$18,105 for the Salt Spring APPEAL, \$1,365 for the Save Salt Spring

Campaign Fund (not including calendar sales) and \$470 for the Green Conscience Fund.

Total revenue before expenses was \$24,082. Needless to say, many people helped to make this event a success. We have attempted to list everyone in our "thankyou" ad, but we have undoubtedly missed someone - our sincere apologies.

Sheila Harrington originally conceived Where Art and Nature Meet as an art exhibit and auction back in the spring and, when Sue Pratt volunteered to coordinate the event with Sheila's help, some magic happened and the whole thing just seemed to take on a life of its own.

Ideas, artists and speakers materialized and we all had a thoroughly good time. Sue is recovering nicely.

The Salt Spring APPEAL fund has received another major pledge of \$50,000 which, together with the festival proceeds, brings the total raised to date to almost \$800,000.

Thank you, everyone. **ELIZABETH WHITE,** Vesuvius Bay Road

MORE LETTERS A10

OAPO contributions give 'absolute right' to Central Hall use

By RON MILTON

Central Hall to be closed forever. That was the verdict of the Capital Regional District (CRD) board, department of health, 25 years ago.

Unless extensive repairs and renovations to update the hall to meet building code and fire marshall regulations were done. The 80-year-old hall at that time never had plumbing, and the sanitation facility was an outhouse in the area of the present cemetery parking lot.

Architect Jonathan Yardley was asked to draw up a plan of repair and renovation necessary for the hall to continue to be used in compliance with provincial regulations.

A committee called the Central Hall Appeal was formed to raise the funds needed, estimated at that time to be \$10,000. The Central Community Hall Society had about \$2,000 cash, and little hope of grants becoming available to cover repairs to a dilapidated building that, as far as CRD records were concerned, did not



exist. There was no registration of an easement on British Columbia Crown Land.

The Old Age Pensioners Organization (OAPO), Branch 32, which was looking for a place to call home, and the Central Community Hall trustees drew up an agreement which saw the transfer of \$5,003.19, together with interest, from the OAPO Branch 32 Bank of Montreal building fund account to the Central Community Hall Society.

In return, the trustees gave written consent to use of the hall; storage of furniture and kitchen utensils belonging to OAPO Branch 32; and, on completion of said building, the placement of a plaque to read: "Headquarters for BCOAPO Branch 32. Meetings fourth Thursday, entertainment second Wednesday."

base," Branch 32 became eligible Small Hall Ball and many other to apply for a New Horizons activities. received in two payments: \$8,000 in October 1987 and the second (\$4,956) in July of 1980. A further federal government grant (#2192) of \$22,800 was received from Canada Works as a job creation project for young workers.

Further research shows that Lady Minto Ladies Auxiliary donated \$1,000 for the handicap access ramp and that the Salt Spring Sea Capers Committee held a bingo in Mahon Hall to raise funds for facilities for senior citizens at Central Hall.

Disbursement of seniors-grants were supervised over a five-year period by Joe Zahreski from the Ministry of Health in Vancouver as building of the seniors centre progressed.

The Central Hall Appeal committee, meanwhile, was organizing fund drives from entertainment shows such as Summer Madness Productions, Salt Spring

ernment would equal the amount of the sum guaranteed by the hall's appeal committee. More government grants fell into place over the years: Human Resources, \$11,500; Recreation and Conservation, \$11,000; B.C. Lottery, \$5,000.

Over a five-year period a total of \$75,000 was raised to extend the hall by adding an OAPO room and new stage. The stage has dressing rooms on both sides. There are washrooms, kitchen and an added front porch. The last of the improvements would be the paving of the parking lot in early 1989, all from the humble beginning of the guarantee of \$5,000-plus of the OAPO Branch

The contribution made by seniors to the communities and their country should be honoured. Don't mess with their rights by altering their use of the OAPO

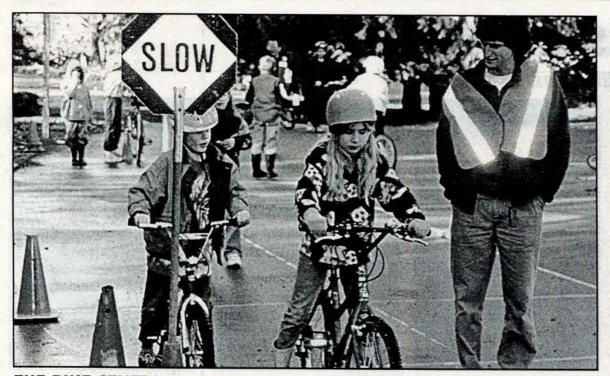
With the promise of a "home Island Players' Gong Show, room in the constitution of the Central Hall society. The OAPO Branch 32 has bought through grant (#9-01259) for seniors from According to Central Hall their savings and government the federal government. It was committee minutes, the B.C. gov- grants, and its members have an absolute right to their special room and use of a portion of the

> We do not want any distinct society added to the constitution to give right-of-use to our property. This has caused problems in the past.

> The rights of Branch 32 have been overlooked with the passing years. The OAPO group is willing to negotiate time sharing of the pensioners room with any seniors (55+) group such as a social club. There are three ongoing programs running at the present time — tai chi, carpet bowling and a craft group who are not members of the OAPO.

> To make full use of Central Hall as the seniors grants intended, join us at the Central Hall meeting on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m. in the OAPO room.

The writer is secretary of OAPO Branch 32.



THE BIKE STUFF: Parent Jack Rosen is seen with Salt Spring Centre School students Zach Corley and Carmen Herbert as Island Pathways holds a bike rodeo at the school. Besides having an opportunity to practise bicycle manoeuvres and signals, the children had their bikes checked mechanically, and

their helmets assessed. Island Pathways' Margaretha Nordine organized the event, and volunteers and parents were also involved. Anyone interested in helping at future bike rodeos should contact Nordine at 537-5043

Photo contributed

More letters

Heronry DPA needed

The colony of great blue herons at McFadden Creek on North Beach Road is in danger. About 10 acres of trees are being logged nearby, much of it within the 300-metre buffer zone that protects the herons

Tess and Jim Loiselle, who operate Salty Springs Seaside Resort, are within their legal rights to cut the trees.

The entire Pacific coastal subspecies of great blue heron is at risk — "blue-listed" — and only 5,000 pairs exist. The McFadden colony is one of the few in Georgia Strait and Puget Sound to produce young in recent years. There are now 131 active nests at McFadden. This significant colony was the first "Important Bird Area" designated in B.C. by Birdlife International and the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

There is plenty of evidence that a buffer of surrounding trees protects a colony against windfall, human disturbance and low-flying eagles. If adjacent trees are cut, herons may abandon their nests or young, as happened to an 80-nest colony on Beddis Road in the 1980s.

Just below the border in Washington, 400 pairs of herons moved out in 1986 because of a nearby clearcut. Then in 1997, illegal clear-cutting beside their new colony was stopped after four acres. However, windstorms blew down roost-trees, eagles had easy access, and the herons suddenly abandoned their young.

There was another large abandonment in Washington in the 1990s, and a similar one at Royston, B.C., after logging for a subdivision.

The provincial and federal governments are not protecting our heron colony. The Islands Trust declared a voluntary 300-metre zone of protection, and a "cautionary" zone of one kilometre. The Trust urged residents to "plan your

property so few trees need to be cut." The community did magnificent work with other groups to buy and save the heronry, and until now the community has protected it. We were stunned to learn of the logging. The heronry and surrounding forest represent "unspoiled nature," the very thing that attracts the tourist trade.

Cutting by Salty Springs might be complete soon. We ask the owners to stop logging, and hope for some arrangement to avoid the loss of adjacent trees.

For the future, we are asking the Islands Trust to establish a Development Permit Area in the 300-metre buffer zone, to protect the essential habitat. We call on interested citizens to voice support for a DPA. We have asked for strong action by the Wild Bird Trust of B.C. and the Islands Trust Fund, our partners in managing the

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Stewardship Project gives 'the bug' to 200-plus

By GAIL SJUBERG **Driftwood Staff**

Pick your pleasure of Salt Spring Island natural habitat, and the Carlsons of Isabella Point have probably got it moss-blanketed rocky outcrops shadowed in part by arbutus trees, wetland areas with three-foot ferns and clumps of common rushes; maple sentinels; and Douglas firs spanning the ages from nascent to ancient.

Although the couple who have an architectural practice in Seattle don't have a Garry oak meadow, they wouldn't mind getting one of those going too.

They bought the 20-acre Isabella property last year after trekking through about 25 parcels of Salt Spring real estate. It had been on the market for so long it was almost forgotten.

The Carlsons are among 200-plus landowners (representing 650 acres of Salt Spring land) who connected with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's active Stewardship Project this year. The initiative offered everything from written and verbal information through its biologists, to get-your-hands-gritty workshops aimed at raising awareness of land stewardship issues and prac-

A Stewardship Project Garry oak habitat restoration workshop in August first gave the Carlsons the stewardship bug, which inspires people to keep or return their land to as natural a state as possible through voluntary actions or use of legal tools such as protective covenants.

It acknowledges that our laws don't generally force private landowners to treat their land in a particular way, but assumes those inclined towards preservation will at least make better choices if armed with enough information.

Robin Anderson is one of the Stewardship Project's biologists. She says the newcomers and their property were ideal candidates for both a site visit, written report and potentially a management plan.

She explains that owners' attitudes are as important as the state of the land and its natural attributes: "The Carlsons are very active and interested people."

That becomes obvious on a glorious, sunny fall day as Don Carlson leads us on a spirited tour.

Anderson has also invited Andrew Lewis, a Salt Spring landscaper whose fields of specialty include habitat restoration, to help assess the land up close to see what prescription, if any, might be written.

About half of the land was logged a few years before, leaving what Carlson describes as "a mess." But even at that point, he and his wife could see the glinting potential

As we move southward down the property, Lewis quickly sees it too. "There's a mosaic of contrasting habitat, which is great for ecological diversity," he observes.

He points out the pockets of productive soil between a series of descending benches, and the numerous patches of wetter soil which may hint at an underground spring.

Carlson has already created a topographical map, and in the past year he and Donna have spent countless hours getting intimate with their treasure, envisioning a healthy young forest, a pond surrounded by native plants, a natural grassy meadow, more arbutus trees and even some Garry oaks, which could appreciate the huge south-facing

"I just want to get the right things growing," says Carlson with conviction.

With so much of the land in "an altered state" from logging, and thistles and nettles first out of the



TREE TALK: Andrew Lewis, left, Don Carlson and Robin Anderson talk about stewardship options in front of a huge, still-healthy fir tree as part of a Salt Spring Conservancy Stewardship Project visit.

regrowth gate, it initially looks like a pretty tall order.

But as we trek to the four corners of the acreage to see what is going on, we find many of those "right things" have already made their way to the edge of recovery road.

Although it might be contrary to the meddling nature of modern humans, Anderson and Lewis discuss how the best course of action is often none at all. After all, forests "know" how to rebirth themselves.

What soon becomes obvious as we explore the land is that the Carlsons already have a host of ingredients to foster the healing of their scarred property. Soon after Carlson mentions wanting willow trees around a pond, Lewis spies a Sitka willow tree with incandescent autumn foliage down a nearby bank, and they talk about how to establish new trees from cuttings.

While Anderson and Lewis tell Carlson it's difficult to transplant arbutus trees, there's a herd of baby ones clustered beneath their towering parents on a south-facing slope.

Arbutus berries stuffed with seeds are abundant, too, and Carlson learns to scarify or loosen the soil, pop a seed down and cover it.

The more we look, the more fir and cedar seedlings we find declaring themselves through the soil.

"I'm amazed by how much is growing here," says Carlson at one

A few seedlings are oddly plump

and bushy, having reacted to persistent pruning by deer. When obstacles to regeneration

come up as a topic, the oft-cursed ruminants actually top the list. A remedy for foiling deer is also

right in front of our eyes in the form of large brush piles of logging debris, which Lewis suggests could be disassembled and scattered.

"It's fertilizer, for a start, holds moisture for the micro-climates, and is difficult for deer to move through. Although it doesn't make it easy for people" That holds true whether one is stumbling through the strewn brush or faced with taking a pile of it

deterring option of sleeving, and whether planting tree seedlings would accelerate reforestation, or be a waste of time due to competition from

In the Carlsons' case, taking some action seems logical, even if the land could recover on its own.

Human beings have always been driven to "interact with their environment," says Anderson. "We want to do something - anything."

That being the case, the Stewardship Project has, at the absolute minimum, steered landowners into a spring-blooming meadow of

information.

Here's another example: Alder's often-pejorative reputation gets a boost on this trek. Tiny cedars are in some cases struggling because of too much light after logging, explains Lewis, so the fast-growing, deciduous alders provide shade for the evergreens which will eventually rule the forest — with emphasis on the "eventually."

Regeneration's plodding timetable, in fact, provides the only tension during this site visit. How soon, if ever, will the Carlsons be rewarded by a restored landscape?

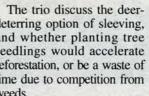
A computer program creating a virtual, age-accelerated image of the forest might be useful in this case.

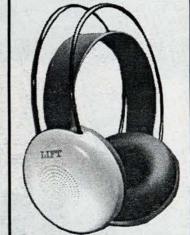
In reality, the complete vision may be held only by future generations, with the Carlsons' reward coming from day-to-day interaction with their always-changing environment.

"One of the most important things to do is to walk around with an open mind - and you'll see new things all the time," says Lewis.

With all the people hooking their land into the Stewardship Project this year, Salt Spring's natural state has been given a deeper, kaleido-

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FISH TALE: Young Pierce Newman enjoys some peace and quiet, not to mention a spot of fishing, as he withstands the crisp air at St.

Mary Lake. He was seen fishing there last weekend.

Donations guidelines set

Salt Spring's public library is working on guidelines for issuing tax receipts for major book dona-

Valuable estate bequests of books are of particular concern.

At their November 2 meeting, members held a lively discussion about how to handle donations of books and situations where individuals might want to buy certain materials, often with a particular social or political bent, for the library.

Joanne Elizabeth suggested, and others agreed, that people are welcome to donate books to the library but that it had to be up to the relevant collections committees to decide if they want to keep them or

"If someone says 'I want to buy you books,' I'd say OK . . . but that you could not guarantee they wouldn't end up on our shelves.

A firm policy will be devised for

In other news from the meeting:

· Elizabeth also presented some preliminary ideas on acquiring and maintaining trained library volunteers, including those who are still in school. New volunteers are always needed.

· A library web page is in the works, with a Phoenix High student volunteering to design it.

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Pharmasave pulls medicine with PPA following warning

Salt Spring's two Pharmasave stores have joined branches across Canada to remove drugs containing Phenylpropanolamine (PPA) from their shelves.

Drugs containing PPA include a wide range of nasal decongestants in prescription and non-prescription cough and cold, sinus and some combination allergy medica-

The removing of these products has resulted from a November 6 Health Canada public advisory recommending consumers avoid use of PPA-containing drugs.

Health Canada issued the advisory, following the lead of the United States which has found that in some cases PPA can cause hemorrhagic strokes.

The risk of stroke is low, but Health Canada is recommending consumers not use products with PPA until a full assessment has been made.

According to Health Canada information, the link between PPA and hemorrhagic stroke was first suspected in the U.S. in the early

Many of the affected patients were young women using PPA as an appetite suppressant.

However, PPA has never been approved in Canada for use as a weight loss product.

Health Canada further points out that, "Only one case of hemorrhagic stroke associated with PPA use has ever been to the Canadian Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Program over the past two decades."

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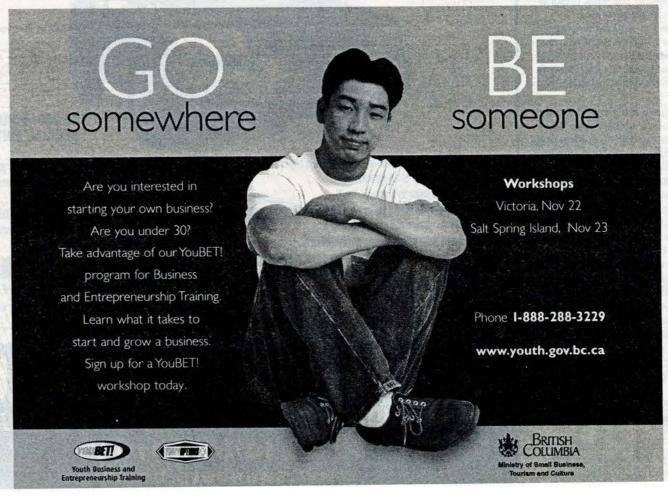
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THIS **WEEK'S** MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, NOV 15

An American Affair (1998,Suspense) A crooked district attorney juggles two women while vying to become senator. Corbin Bernsen, Rob Stewart (2h)

(2) Stations (Drama) An embittered TV reporter's recovery of self and worth on a cross-country train excursion. (1h45)

9:00 PM

3 Killing Moon (1998, Suspense) A virus is found on a flight, while a scientist and an agent work to different ends. Kim Coates, Penelope Ann Miller (1h30)

7 27 11 American Tragedy (2000, Drama) The drama behind the closed doors of O.J. Simpson's defense team. Ving Rhames. Ron Silver (2h)

team. Ving Rhames, Ron Silver (2h)
The Garbage Picking, Field Goal
Kicking Philadelphia Phenomenon
(1998,Comedy) Garbage collector whose skills leads to a new career. Tony Danza, Jessica Tuck (1h30)

10:00 PM (1975,Adventure) A mysterious hunter guides a group of soldiers through the Siberian wilderness. Maxim Munzuk, Yuri Solomine (2h20)

10:30 PM

★★ John Carpenter's Vampires (1998,Suspense) Vampire-hunters must destroy the creatures before they find the crucifix. James Wood, Daniel Baldwin

Gold Rush: A Real-Life Alaskan Adventure (1998, Adventure) A spirited young woman whose sense of adventure and search of fortune lead her to Alaska. Alyssa Milano, W. Morgan Sheppard (1h30)

11:30 PM

2 2 *** Jude (1996, Drama) A married stonemason consistently pursues his married cousin with whom he is in love. Christopher Eccleston, Kate Winslet (2h20)

THURSDAY, NOV 16

6:00 PM Conquest (1998, Drama) A woman gets involved with a banker who tries to persuade her to stay in a rural town. Lothaire Bluteau, Tara Fitzgerald (1h30)

8:00 PM

Cabaret Balkan (1998,Political)
Various Balkan citizens intersect against the explosive background of war-torn Belgrade. Miki Manojlovic, Sergej Trifunovic (2h)

9:00 PM

(1980,Comedy) A detective is reincarnated as the lovable dog Benji to find his killers. Chevy Chase, Robert Morley (1h45)

10:00 PM ★★★ A Walk in the Sun

(1945, War) American battalion attacks a German hideout in Italy. Dana Andrews, Lloyd Bridges (2h5)

★★★ Election (1999,Comedy) An

overachiever running for student council president is opposed by a conflicted teacher. Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon (1h45)

⊕ ★★★ Cloak and Dagger

(1984, Adventure) When boy overhears spies plotting, he turns to imaginary friend for help. Henry Thomas, Dabney Coleman (1h45)

11:30 PM

2 2 ★★ Exotica (1994, Drama) Five disparate character become linked to each other's destinies at a strip club. Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner (2h)

11:45 PM

★ eXistenZ (1999,Suspense) A wild story about a virtual-reality game that taps into its users' fears and desires. Sarah Polley, Jude Law (1h45)

FRIDAY, NOV 17

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Alaskan amateur hockey team accepts a challenge to play against the New York Rangers. Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria

8:00 PM The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc (1999, History) A girl hears a voice that inspires her to lead the French in several victorious battles. Milla

Jovovich, Dustin Hoffman (2h30)

20 12 *** Ghostbusters II
(1989,Comedy) A team of ghost chasers return to fight off a slime attack and a 16th century spirit. Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd (2h)

8:30 PM *** The Father Clements Story (1987,Drama) Father Clements adopted a homeless teenager and received negative backlash. Lou Gossett, Jr., Carroll O'Connor (1h30)

9:00 PM

** * Lorenzo's Oil (1992,True)

The parents of a boy struck with a deadly disease are fighting to save him. Susan Sarandon, Nick Notle (2h30)

9:45 PM Confessions of a Sex Maniac (1979, Drama) An architect searches for the perfect breast to serve as the blue-print for his building. Roger Lloyd Pack, Vicki Hodge (1h30)

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10:30 PM 3 *** Deep End of the Ocean (1999, Drama) When a woman's son disappears and turns up years later, the family contends with guilt. Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams (2h)

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2 2 ★★★ Rope (1948,Mystery)
Two men kill their friend and hide the body in a chest, which they serve dinner around. James Stewart, John Dall (2h)

1 ★★★ Everything You Always
Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask) (1972,Comedy) Feature based loosely on Dr. Reuben's book.

Woody Allen, John Carradine (1h45)

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11:45 PM (1) (23) *** Robin des bois, prince des voleurs (1991, Aventure) Robin de Locksley devient hors-la-loi et redistribue les biens pour aider la population. Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman (2h55)

SATURDAY, NOV 18 6:00 PM

Bringing Out the Dead
(1999,Action) Three days in the life of an
ambulance driver might either cause collapse or redemption. Nicholas Cage,
Patricia Arquette (2h)

8:00 PM
Three to Tango (1999,Romance)
An architect pretends he is gay to get a contract while falling for the boss' mistress. Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell

5 (6) *** Twister (1996,Action)
Two rival teams of storm chasers pursue tornadoes to test their inventions. Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton (3h)

(17) ** Out for Justice
(1991,Crime Story) A Brooklyn police

officer seeks revenge against the man who killed his partner. Steven Seagal,

William Forsythe (2h)
20 (12) **** Working Girl
(1988,Romance) A secretary is determined to get into the echelons of the brokerage industry. Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver (2h)

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Ready to Run (2000,Adventure)
Carrie is going to make her dream of becoming a jockey come true with Thunderjam. Krissy Perez, Nestor Serrano (1h30)

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(1968, Comedy) A disaster-prone actor wreaks consider-able havoc at a posh Hollywood party. Peter Sellers, Claudine Longet (1h45) 10:00 PM

American Pie (1999,Comedy) A group of high-school senior boys enter a pact to lose their virginity before gradua-tion. *Chris Klein, Natasha Lyonne* (1h45)

10:30 PM

** Green Card (1990,Comedy) French man marries an American woman in order to obtain a green card. Andie MacDowell, Gerard Depardieu (1h30)

11:00 PM (1979,Comedy) A slow-witted gardener sets out to take his place when his master dies. Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine

11:45 PM

3 Being John Malkovich
(1999,Psycho-Drama) A puppeteer discovers a portal that literally leads into the mind of John Malkovich. John Malkovich,

John Cusack (2h)

(1) (23) *** Pas besoin des hommes (1995,Comédie) Trois femmes se lient d'amitié au cours d'un voyage à travers les États-Unis. Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker (2h20)

SUNDAY, NOV 19 6:00 PM

Happy Texas (1999,Comedy) Posing as beauty pageant hosts, a pair of escaped convicts case a wealthy rural banker. Jeremy Northam, Steve Zahn

(1977, Dance) A housewife's daughter becomes enthralled with her mother's friend, a prima ballerina. Shirtey MacLaine, Anne Bancroft (2h15)

③ 17) ★★ Doc Hollywood
(1991,Comedy) A young ambitious doctor sees his plans turn to mush in a small

town. Michael J. Fox, Julie Warner (2h)
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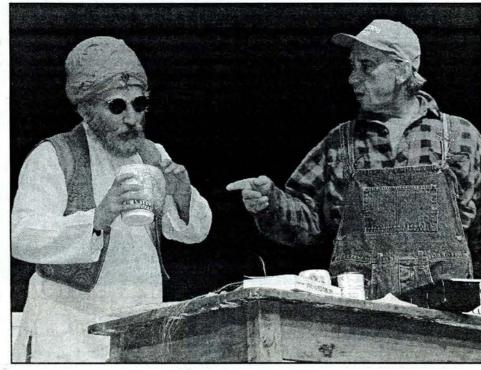
4 Santa Who? (2000,Comedy)
Santa crash-lands in New York City just
days before Christmas and suffers amnesia. Leslie Nielson, Tommy Davidson (2h)

8:00 PM

Geezers go to the limit and then some for big laughs

Sid Filkow as Swami (here) and Arvid Chalmers as one of the Geezers debate one of the many cures for protate cancer discussed in last weekend's The Geezers In Topic of Cancer. The show sold out both nights. Check out the Driftwood website for the photo we didn't publish.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



By SUSAN LUNDY Driftwood Staff

The title: (Reviewing) The Geezers in Topic of Cancer

The setting: A stage on Salt Spring Island, B.C.

The scene: A dilapidated home in a garage.

The props: A clothes rack, ironing board, various car parts and tools, a cluttered table and mis-matched chairs, another table with bachelor food such as Girl Guide cookies, Ritz crackers and packaged cookie mix, as well as a microwave, kettle and teapot . .

The characters: Old Guy One and Old Guy Two dressed in plaid shirts and overalls; one in oversize bear-claw slippers, the other in gumboots. (Other characters include famous faces from Salt Spring Hysterical Society shows.)

Starring: Arvid Chalmers and Sid Filkow

Old Guy One: "Yuh, yuh, yuh. That's the way the world's going. First Swami takes over the Skeena Queen, then the Geezers get a standing ovation at ArtSpring."

Old Guy Two: "No!"

One: "Yuh. They say Old Geez has got the prostate cancer an' the whole darn island turned out to hear about it last Friday and Saturday"

Two: "You don't say. The prostate cancer, now that's a serious thing."

One: "Yuh. Everyone's gettin' it. They say it's blowin' over from Crofton."

Two: "Crofton, tsk, tsk."

One: "But speakin' of Old Geez. He got a cure right there on the stage at ArtSpring."

Two: "You don't say."

One: "Yuh. Swami turned up and gave him an ancient Ayurvedic cure. Put it where the sun don't shine."

Two: "And the audience still stood up at the end to applaud?"

One: "Yuh. Those Geezers go as far as they can, then a little farther and the audience still loves it"

Two: "Speaking of funny, did ya hear about the American election? Seems they're waitin' for the overseas vote now. Yup, they get a tie and then the whole of Europe gets to vote."

One: "You don't say! I heard the whole thing had been settled. They did a recount and Chretien won"

Two: "Oh! Probably all them Quebeckers livin' down there in Florida. I even think Old Geez's son Milt Bottomley might be down there in Florida sellin' off some prime alligator real estate." One: "Nope. He dropped by

ArtSpring too."

Two: "Feelin' bad about his old pops, I'd guess. Say, was he wearing those polyester pants and that frilly shirt?"

One: "Yuh. Sharp dresser, he is. Old Maggie came by ArtSpring, too. Tried to do a little ironing for the Old Geez."

Two: "Aye, she's a real looker, that old lassie is. I wonder if young Stumpy took time off the Texada protest line to come and see dear Maggie."

One: "That he did. Even sang a little logging song."

Two: "Well, he's a fine singer. So ArtSpring sold out both nights, you say?"

One: "Yuh. Seems the islanders can't wait to hear what those Geezers will come up with next. Seems the Geezers might not even know what they'll come up with next."

Two: "Yup. They're a special

pair, those two old guys. Sure hope the Old Geez finds himself a cure. Ya wouldn't wanna lose him, nope, ya wouldn't want him going up and causing a stir in the afterlife."

One: "Yuh. I'd goes so far as to say the Geezers are good for the island's health."

Two: "No!"

One: "Yuh. They take things

that are a little too close to home and put it out there. They make those darn islanders laugh at themselves."

Two: "I have a theory on that . . but, ah, it just slipped my mind."

One: "Yuh. Those two old boys have become an island institution. I think they knows the crowd and the crowd knows them. It's kinda like havin' them in your living room, telling inside jokes."

Two: "Yup. Nothin' on the island is too serious... You think ya have to be an islander to love 'em?"

One: "Nope. There was an

American visitor in the crowd Friday night and she found it just as funny as them locals."

Two: "Ya heard nothin' bad about them, from no one?"

One: "Nope. Not a bad word...

But I thinks maybe they did a bit too much shuffling on stage. You know, they don't need a whole lotta props... they can just sit back and let the jokes fly."

One: "Yuh. Yuh. Yuh."



SALT SPRING SINGERS SAY

We asked: Why are you excited about your upcoming concert Dec. 1, 2 & 3?



Woody Ensminger

It is a joy to sing with an 85 voice choir. The bases have some great harmonies. This group, together with a chamber orchestra, will be very exciting.



Ruth Hopping

Bruce Smith, our new Choir Director, inspires us all with his energy and drive. The choir, and his choral and jazz students at GISS, are benefiting immensely from his enthusiasm and musical experience!



Wendy Hartnett

I am looking forward to performing both the Faure Requiem and the Gloria Vivaldi with our 12 piece chamber orchestra. It will create a rich sound at ArtSpring.



Emily Hickford

I have never sung with such a large choir before. This year there are more younger voices and soloists in the choir. Singing in latin is quite a challenge.



Mitch Howard

The Faure Requiem is a rich work, with a unique mixture of soaring grandeur & solemnity. The last movement, "In Paradisum", was sung at Pierre Trudeau's funeral service.



Students gather to perform in Remembrance Day event

By LEAH McCOLM Driftwood Contributor

On Friday, students from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), Salt Spring Island Middle School and Salt Spring Elementary gathered at 11:20 a.m. in the high school gym for a Remembrance Day ceremony.

After everyone was seated, with help from the GISS seniors boys soccer team, and "shooshed" into a respectable silence from teachers, the ceremony began with opening greetings from the GISS Leadership squad, whose members introduced each other.

The Canadian anthem was sung in French by Elyse Cleland and Korena Vine. I had difficulty seeing them but enjoyed listening to their clear voices.

Many voices from each school choir were raised in song at the ceremony, making me pine for the days when I was in choir.

The middle school group sang a couple of songs, one being an uplifting piece called Freedom is Coming, and the younger kids from the elementary school choir added a touch of liveliness which contrasted nicely with the usual sobriety of the occasion.

The most moving performance though, in my opinion, was when the GISS choir sang pieces of music from The Mission soundtrack.

As far as I know, the songs weren't connected to war but they seemed to fit the ceremony in a hauntingly beautiful way that sent shivers up my spine.

Pieces of dance and drama were also presented by GISS students, who did a great job at portraying scenes from the war. The Grade 10 drama class did a silent skit of the Jews being taken away by the Germans. One image that stayed with me was when some of the actors were ravenously eating an apple to show how starved they were, their bodies cringed over in fear that someone would snatch it away before they passed it to each other.

The Grade 12 skit was very dramatic indeed, showing the departure of soldiers going off to war, saying goodbye to loved ones. As they marched on stage, speakers in the corners read lines from a soldier's journal to the audience, creating a suspenseful rhythm. It ended with more than half of them dead and the survivors' broken spirits were obvious.

The performance that was closest to my heart (probably because I was in it) was presented by the GISS dance class. We did a piece on the Holocaust that was choreographed both by our dance teacher Sonia Langer and by the class. Accompanied by music from the movie Schindler's List, we used our bodies to show the fear, exhaustion, illness and grief suffered by the Jewish people who were made to live in concentration camps. It was hard work since some of the choreography was changed at the last moment, as well as the difficulty of trying to find the proper mood in a rather rambunctious class.

Another more modern dance was performed by GISS dancers Jessica Mack, Randi Kanne, Jani Janzen, Mamata Kriesler and Danika Surm, who took time out of their lunch hours to put together a rivetting dance about violence.

The traditional poem In Flanders Fields was recited by the Salt Spring Elementary students, as were two French poems read by GISS students.

Ivan Mouat, a war veteran, talked to us about how women were involved in the war in everything from the army to those who delivered bombs to soldiers.

He talked of one woman in particular: the first matron of the Salt Spring hospital, who worked in a field hospital in the war. Apparently a bomb was thrown near her quarters and so she did what any respectable Salt Spring woman would do - she threw it back over the wall.

Ivan Mouat told me of how moved and amazed he always is after seeing how well the students re-enact scenes of a war that none of them had ever lived to see.

"I just don't know how they do it," he said.

I, for one, believe it's a good thing that we are made to understand such horrific events, lest we



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READY TO ROLL: Members of the Graffiti Theatre cast of Random Acts II are set to open their five-show comedic compilation on Friday night. They are, from left, Patrick Cassidy, Tangle Caron, Mandy Spottiswoode, Vaughn Fulford and Leah Hansel. Random Acts II runs November 17-18, 23-25 at ArtSpring, with tickets through the box office.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Harry Manx CD release bash should serve up great sound

By GAIL SJUBERG Driftwood Staff

I remember walking onto the grounds of Everlasting Summer for its August Garden Faire and suddenly feeling drawn to quicken my pace by the enticing sound of an unfamiliar slide guitar.

The musician behind the Pied-Piper-like magic turned out to be Harry Manx, who has made his way into Salt Spring musical channels a few other times in past months.

Now we can see and hear Manx again as he officially releases his CD called Dog My Cat at Moby's Marine Pub this weekend.

Music starts at 9 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

Dog My Cat swerves masterfully and with style on all sides of the traditional blues road driven by Manx's slide guitar, harmonica and vocals, and then brings up the rear with hypnotic ragas from a classical Indian tradition.

The latter are played on a "Mohan veena," a 20-stringed Indian slide guitar with one foot in the sitar sound westerners associate with music from that ancient culture.

As Manx explains in his promotional material, he spent five years in the '90s studying the instrument and Indian classical music with its creator, Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, in Rajasthan, India.

A Grammy Award winner, Bhatt attracted thousands of people to his concerts, and Manx was honoured to be on stage with him playing the tamboura on several occasions.

Even when Manx is not playing the veena, a similar spiritual fibre weaves itself into his work, which includes unusual (but not radical) treatment of traditional blues tunes such as Jimmy Reed's Shame, Shame, Shame or Baby Please Don't Go.

Manx has also been influenced by years spent in Europe, Japan and Brazil.

Dog My Cat reminds me of Ry Cooder's work not so much in style but by the way Manx's singular approach, like that of the famed American slide guitarist, exposes us to a wide estuary of cross-cultural sensations that you

just don't hear every day.

Once the CD's music is rolling, it's hard to turn it off, or to believe it must be over.

The seismic effect of Manx's sound is illustrated by this tale: Within hours of performing at the Vancouver International Jazz

Festival in June with just a busker's permit, Manx sold more than 200 copies of a rare live recording he had made in his niece's bathroom.

His music is that kind of seriously captivating sound.

Check it out this weekend.



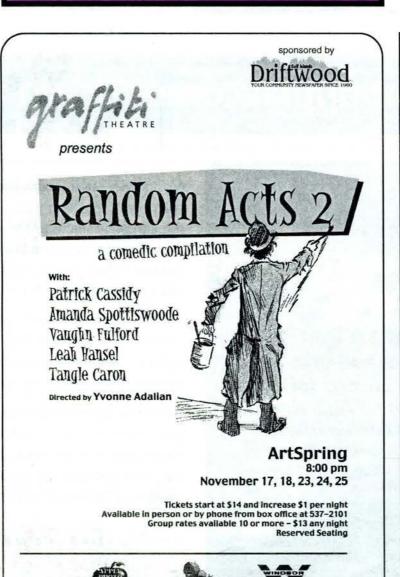




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Bookmark gifts are not concert tickets, Singers advise

When it comes to a bit of Salt Spring Singers' promotional material, don't be fooled by appearances.

Elegant forest-green and cream bookmarks, which match the poster advertising the group's December 1-3 Christmas concert, won't get you into the show, even if at first glance they could be mistaken for tickets.

Publicists were somewhat alarmed last week to hear some people thought the bookmarks were free tickets to the

Tickets, which cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, are on sale only through the ArtSpring box office (537-

Since the Singers' Christmas shows will almost certainly be sold out, the real tickets should be purchased sooner rather than later.

Featuring Fauré's Requiem and Gloria by Vivaldi, the performances are the choir's first under new director Bruce

Top-notch musicians take stage as duet

Two of Salt Spring's most expressive and skilled musicians are again teaming up for a public performance event.

Pianist Chris Kodaly and lyric tenor Don Fisher have slayed their audiences in the past and will likely do it again with a November 25 concert at All Saints By-the-Sea.

The pair will present ancient and modern, and folk and art songs, representing the musical heritage of Hungary, Italy, France, Germany and the British Isles. Schubert, Liszt, Ravel, Schumann and Strauss are among the best known of the

In the past 15 years of his life on Salt Spring, Kodaly has become a cultural fixture through his work as a soloist, chamber musician, teacher and accompanist.

Recent concerts have featured epic performances of the Brahms Sonata No. 1, with violinist Jean Knight, and Beethoven's Sonata No. 5 with Paula Kiffner on cello. He also accompanied Fisher for the thrilling Schumann song cycle Dichterliebe at the Salt Spring Music Guild concert in April.

Kodaly is Tuned Air choir's long-time accompanist, mastering the mammoth keyboards task for the Worksongs project last year.

For next Saturday's concert, besides accompanying Fisher, he will execute the achingly tender Six Consolations by Liszt.

Fisher has returned to music as a mature adult, singing for the first time on Salt Spring only three years ago at Tuned Air's Christmas pageant concert and on several occasions since then - including the Salt Spring Singers' concert last December, with Kodaly and Knight in April, and as part of Showtime with Sondheim in the summer of

Fisher was also named top male vocalist at the Greater Victoria Music Festival in 1999.

Seating for the concert is limited owing to the small (but acoustically splendid) venue, so people should get their tickets early. They are on sale at Stuff 'n' Nonsense, Acoustic Planet or et cetera books. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for students.

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Chamber orchestra next

Excitement in the Great Performers at ArtSpring series continues Tuesday with a visit celebrated chamber orchestra I Musici de Montréal.

Founded in 1983 by cellist Yuli Turovsky, the award-winning group has a core of 15 artists who perform works from the Baroque through modern periods.

I Musici de Montréal has recorded 38 compact discs, which have been sold in more than 50 countries.

They have played the world's major concert halls in locales such as New York, Brussels, Tokyo, Geneva and Leipzig, and are noted for a cutting-edge approach to whatever piece is undertaken.

A Gramophone magazine review of a 1996 recording noted that the group's performers demonstrated their virtuosity in Ginastera's Concerto for Strings.

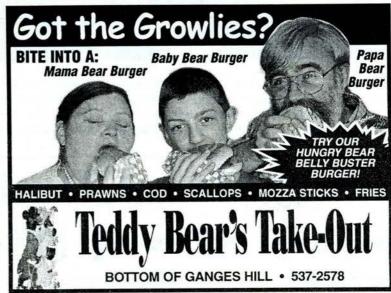
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The November 21 show begins at 8 p.m. Unsold tickets are in short supply, so people should get them quickly through the ArtSpring box office (537-2102).

Third in the Great Performers series is internationally acclaimed pianist Marc-Andre Hamelin, who performs on December 7. Check with ArtSpring to determine if any tickets are left for that show.



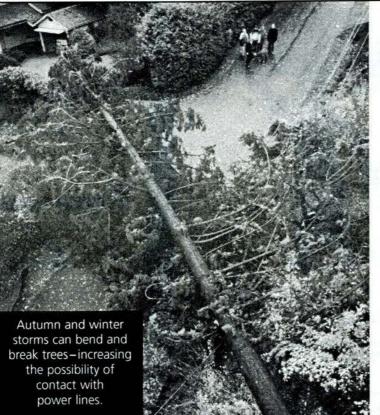






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Alaskan amateur hockey team accepts a challenge to play against the New York Rangers. Russell Crowe, Hank Azaria

8:00 PM The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc (1999, History) A girl hears a voice that inspires her to lead the French in several victorious battles. Milla Jovovich, Dustin Hoffman (2h30) (1989,Comedy) A team of ghost chasers return to fight off a slime attack and a 16th century spirit. Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd (2h)

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*** The Father Clements

Story (1987, Drama) Father Clements adopted a homeless teenager and received negative backlash. Lou Gossett, Jr., Carroll O'Connor (1h30) 9:00 PM

 ★★★ Lorenzo's Oil (1992,True) The parents of a boy struck with a deadly disease are fighting to save him. Susan Sarandon, Nick Notle (2h30) 9:45 PM

Confessions of a Sex Maniac (1979, Drama) An architect searches for the perfect breast to serve as the blueprint for his building. Roger Lloyd Pack, Vicki Hodge (1h30)

10:00 PM

9 ★★★★ Little Women

(1933,Drama) Four devoted sisters fight to keep their family together and find love along the way. Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett (2h)

10:30 PM 3 *** Deep End of the Ocean (1999,Drama) When a woman's son disappears and turns up years later, the family contends with guilt. Michelle Pfeiffer, Treat Williams (2h)

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2 2 *** Rope (1948,Mystery)
Two men kill their friend and hide the body in a chest, which they serve dinner around. James Stewart, John Dall (2h) Woody Allen, John Carradine (1h45)

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23 *** Robin des bois, prince des voleurs (1991, Aventure) Robin de Locksley devient hors-la-loi et redistribue les biens pour aider la population. Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman (2h55)

SATURDAY, NOV 18 6:00 PM

3 Bringing Out the Dead

(1999,Action) Three days in the life of an ambulance driver might either cause collapse or redemption. Nicholas Cage, Patricia Arquette (2h)

8:00 PM Three to Tango (1999,Romance)
An architect pretends he is gay to get a
contract while falling for the boss' mistress. Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell

(1996,Action)
Two rival teams of storm chasers pursue tornadoes to test their inventions. Helen

tornadoes to test their inventions. Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton (3h)

(3) ** Out for Justice
(1991, Crime Story) A Brooklyn police officer seeks revenge against the man who killed his partner. Steven Seagal, William Forsythe (2h)
(2) (12) ** ** Working Girl
(1988, Romance) A secretary is determined to get into the echelons of the brokerage industry. Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver (2h) Sigourney Weaver (2h) 9:00 PM

Ready to Run (2000, Adventure)
Carrie is going to make her dream of becoming a jockey come true with Thunderjam. Krissy Perez, Nestor Serrano (1h30)

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(2) ** The Party (1968,Comedy) A disaster-prone actor wreaks considerable havoc at a posh Hollywood party. Peter Sellers, Claudine Longet (1h45)

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American Pie (1999,Comedy) A group of high-school senior boys enter a pact to lose their virginity before graduation. Chris Klein, Natasha Lyonne (1h45) 10:30 PM

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(1) *** Green Card (1990, Comedy)

French man marries an American

woman in order to obtain a green card.

Andie MacDowell, Gerard Depardieu (1h30)

11:00 PM (1979,Comedy) A slow-witted gardener sets out to take his place when his master dies. Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine

11:45 PM Being John Malkovich (1999, Psycho-Drama) A puppeteer discovers a portal that literally leads into the mind of John Malkovich. John Malkovich, International Control of the Control of the Control of the Control of the Con

John Cusack (2h)

1 23 ★★★ Pas besoin des hommes (1995,Comédie) Trois femmes se lient d'amitié au cours d'un voyage à travers les États-Unis. Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker (2h20)

SUNDAY, NOV 19 6:00 PM Happy Texas (1999,Comedy) Posing as beauty pageant hosts, a pair of escaped convicts case a wealthy rural

banker. Jeremy Northam, Steve Zahn ★★★ The Turning Point

(1977, Dance) A housewife's daughter becomes enthralled with her mother's friend, a prima ballerina. Shirley MacLaine, Anne Bancroft (2h15)

23 (7) ★★ Doc Hollywood
(1991,Comedy) A young ambitious doctor sees his plans turn to mush in a small town. Michael J. Fox, Julie Warner (2h)

7:00 PM

4 Santa Who? (2000, Comedy)
Santa crash-lands in New York City just days before Christmas and suffers amnesia. Leslie Nielson, Tommy Davidson (2h)

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THIS **WEEK'S** MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, NOV 15

 An American Affair (1998, Suspense) A crooked district attorney juggles two women while vying to become senator. Corbin Bernsen, Rob Stewart (2h)

6:15 PM

Stations (Drama) An embittered TV reporter's recovery of self and worth on a cross-country train excursion. (1h45)

9:00 PM

3 Killing Moon (1998, Suspense) A virus is found on a flight, while a scientist and an agent work to different ends. Kim Coates, Penelope Ann Miller (1h30)

7 27 1 American Tragedy (2000, Drama) The drama behind the closed doors of O.J. Simpson's defense team. Ving Rhames. Ron Silver (2h)

team. Ving Rhames, Ron Silver (2h)
The Garbage Picking, Field Goal
Kicking Philadelphia Phenomenon (1998,Comedy) Garbage collector whose skills leads to a new career. *Tony Danza, Jessica Tuck* (1h30) 10:00 PM

(1975,Adventure) A mysterious hunter guides a group of soldiers through the Siberian wilderness. Maxim Munzuk, Yuri Solomine (2h20)

10:30 PM

3 ** John Carpenter's Vampires (1998,Suspense) Vampire-hunters must destroy the creatures before they find the crucifix. James Wood, Daniel Baldwin

Gold Rush: A Real-Life Alaskan Adventure (1998, Adventure) A spirited young woman whose sense of adventure and search of fortune lead her to Alaska. Alyssa Milano, W. Morgan Sheppard

11:30 PM

2 2 *** Jude (1996, Drama) A married stonemason consistently pur-sues his married cousin with whom he is in love. Christopher Eccleston, Kate Winslet (2h20)

THURSDAY, NOV 16

6:00 PM
Conquest (1998, Drama) A woman gets involved with a banker who tries to persuade her to stay in a rural town. Lothaire Bluteau, Tara Fitzgerald (1h30)

8:00 PM
Cabaret Balkan (1998, Political) Various Balkan citizens intersect against the explosive background of war-torn Belgrade. Miki Manojlovic, Sergej Trifunovic (2h)

9:00 PM

(1980,Comedy) A detective is reincarnated as the lovable dog Benji to find his killers. Chevy Chase, Robert Morley

10:00 PM ★★★ A Walk in the Sun
 (1945, War) American battalion attacks a German hideout in Italy. Dana Andrews, Lloyd Bridges (2h5)

★★★ Election (1999,Comedy) An

overachiever running for student council president is opposed by a conflicted teacher. Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon (1h45)

10:45 PM (1984,Adventure) When boy overhears spies plotting, he turns to imaginary friend for help. Henry Thomas, Dabney Coleman (1h45)

11:30 PM 2 2 ** Exotica (1994, Drama) Five disparate character become linked to each other's destinies at a strip club. Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner (2h)

11:45 PM * eXistenZ (1999,Suspense) A wild story about a virtual-reality game that taps into its users' fears and desires. Sarah Polley, Jude Law (1h45)

> FRIDAY, NOV 17 6:00 PM

Mystery, Alaska (1999, Sport) An

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· Random Acts 2, a presentation of 14 short comedic theatre pieces from both sides of the Atlantic. Starring Tangle Caron, Patrick Cassidy, Vaughn Fulford, Amanda Hansel and Spottiswoode. Directed by Yvonne Adalian. Friday-Saturday, November 17-18, 8 p.m. Tickets \$14 for opening night, \$15 on the 18th, and a dollar more for each successive shows next week (23rd through 25th). There's also a group rate - \$13 for 10 or more tickets. Available through the ArtSpring box office (537-2102).

- Wednesday Night LIVE! at Moby's runs November 15, 9 p.m.
- Harry Manx Band and CD Release Party for Harry's Dog My Cat CD -Moby's Pub, Friday-Saturday, November 17-18, 9 p.m.
- Get Some and Earthmen pump out hip hop and high-energy dance music at Beaver Point Hall, Saturday, November 18. Doors open at 7:30. Getsome Girls Dance Team performs at 8 p.m., with the Earthmen and Get Some alternating two sets each. Limited tickets (\$10) available at Music Emporium, Ganges Stationery and at the door. Get Some's new CD available!
- Core Inn Open Stage for poets, musicians and performance artists of all ages - Saturday, November 18, 7 p.m. Sign-up sheets are at the Core Inn and the Gulf Islands Secondary counselling office. Info: Christina, 537-5309.
- Derrick Milton Quartet takes the stage at Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, November 19, 7 p.m.
- I Musici de Montréal the 15-member chamber music group, performs at ArtSpring as part of the Great Performers at ArtSpring series. Tuesday, November 21, 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 through ArtSpring, 537-2102.

EVERY WEEK:

- Wednesdays Argentinean Tango Practice at Lions Hall, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$3 drop-in. Info: Margie, 537-2707.
- Fridays Rose's Cafe Open Stage - begins at 7 p.m.
- Saturdays Alfresco Restaurant Barrington Perry plays piano starting at 6 p.m.
- · Saturdays and Sundays Harbour House Bistro - Pianist Murray Anderson performs at lunch or dinner.
- Sundays Fulford Inn The Other Brothers play from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Mondays Midnight Mondays Cafe at Rose's in Fulford. The cafe is open from 7 p.m. until midnight for an after-hours acoustic jam session with all musicians nce members) w

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- · Alliance of Salt Spring Artists' open planning meeting is set for Mahon Hall on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. Discussion will include the next ArtSpring venue theme of "celebration."
- Salt Spring Prostate Cancer Support Group meeting with Dr. John Kinahan, Victoria urologist, speaking on "new developments." Salt Spring Seniors, Saturday, November 18, 1 p.m. All welcome.
- Central Hall Community Society meeting to discuss bylaw amendments, at Central Hall, Tuesday, November

- · Men's Breakfast, meal and discussion, United Church, Thursday, November 16, 8-10 a.m.
- Community Meditation Art with Marg Simons is the theme on Thursday, November 16, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Community Gathering Dance with Willo is the activity along with a light meal, discussion and activity session for the whole family held at the United Church on Thursday, November 16, 5:30-7 p.m. Suggested donation \$5 adults, \$3 for children 7 and under.
- Order of the Eastern Star Christmas Bazaar, Masonic Hall, Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- All Saints Christmas Bazaar, at the church hall. Sale of crafts, books, baked goods and more. Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. to 1.
- Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Sale of new and betterquality items. At Lions Hall, Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 50th Birthday Party and dance for everyone born in 1950 — at Meaden Hall, Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m. Info: Herb Burnett, 537-2270.

EVERY WEEK:

- · Salty Wheels Square Dance Club dances at Central Hall on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. For info, call Angela Thomas, 653-9346.
- Co-ops Work! is a free introductory workshop held every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn about types of coops, hear about local groups which have received funding for co-ops, and discuss your ideas to see if a co-op would work for you. Call Romana Frey at 653-9312 to register.
- · Salt Spring SPCA holds an open house every Saturday below the vet clinic from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Vipassana Meditation group meets Mondays at the Barn on Reynolds Road, 7:30-9 p.m.
- Storytelling Circle runs at the Bodyworks Collective studio, 5A-121 McPhillips Avenue, on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. All ages welcome. \$2 drop-in fee.
- Drop-in Floor Hockey runs at Fulford Hall on Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. \$3 per adult.

for health

Nia fitness classes resume at All Saints after a break on Tuesday, November 21, 5:15 p.m.

- Beginner Step fitness classes with Brenda Akerman run Mondays and Wednesdays at All Saints from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. \$5 drop-in or \$35 for a book of 10.
- Salt Spring Centre regular yoga classes are Thursdays: Mixed Levels with Laura from 4-5:30 p.m. Saturdays: Free Intro to Yoga with centre staff, 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays: Mixed Levels with Celeste runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Seniors Yoga with Celeste is from 11 a.m. to noon (register through Parks and Rec); and Level 1 with Kishori runs from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays: Joy of Yoga with Christine is from 11 a.m. to noon. For info, call the centre at 537-2326.
- Dance and Feldenkrais Classes with Anna Haltrecht are held Mondays at Cats Paiamas Studio. Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement, runs at 6 p.m. followed by dance at 7:30. The dance class combines a stretch and strength warmup with high energy dancing for fun and fitness. Info: 537-5681.
- North End Fitness Spin Cycle Classes run Mondays: 9:45-10:20 a.m.; Tuesdays, 12:30-1, 5:15-6:15 and 6:30-7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9:45-10:20 a.m.; Thursdays, 12:30-1, 6:30-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9:45-10:20 a.m.; 5:15-6:15 p.m.; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

- · Vipassana Buddhist Community weekend meditation retreat - at the Barn on Reynolds Road. Friday evening to Sunday, November 17-19. Info: Heather Martin, 653-9729.
- Community Justice Towards Healing, a workshop put on by Salt Spring's Community Justice group. At GISS, Saturday, November 18, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Info: 537-9804 or 537-5347.

for families

- · Kinder Crafts, for 3-5-year-olds, runs at Fables on Wednesdays, November 15 and 22, from 1-2 p.m. November 15 session is pomanders; November 22 is honeycomb candles. Register at Fables, 537-0028.
- Collage for 3-5-year-olds runs at Fables on Tuesday, November 21, 1-2 p.m.
- Family Country Dance at Salt Spring Elementary School, featuring dance caller Marion Rose, fiddlers Jamie Rokeby-Thomas, Jack Roland and others. Thursday, November 16. Dinner at 5 p.m., dance from 6-8 p.m. Admission \$2, plus dinner (under \$5).
- Book Fair at Fables in conjunction with Salt Spring Centre School. Donate your receipts from Fables purchases on Friday-Saturday, November 17-18 to benefit the school's library.
- Music Launch Concert at West of the Moon - a music and storytelling event

on Saturday, November 18, with storyteller Joan Elizabeth Buchanan at 10 a.m., and children's recording artist Jim Raddysh at 11 a.m.

- The Toy Library is open at Portlock Park portable and at Beaver Point Hall on Tuesday, November 21 (and every other Tuesday) from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Info: Susanne, 653-9783 (south-end branch) and Jo, 537-5453 (north-end
- Salt Spring Island Breastfeeding Support Group meets on Wednesday, November 22 and the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Family Place 1:30 p.m. Info: Lisa Law, 537-2213.

- Storytime at the library with Jean Voaden is on Tuesdays from 10 to 10:30.
- Kindergym, a playtime for children aged 0-4, runs at Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, every Wednesday morning between 9 and 10:30 a.m.
- Storytime at Fables Cottage runs every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be a special guest reader every Friday.
- Family Place drop-in hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Info: Family Place, 537-9176. Counselling by appointment.
- Walk in Mouat Park takes place each Thursday at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Sponsored by Family Place.
- Rug Huggers, a potluck and discussion group for parents and babies aged one and under is held at Family Place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 537-9176.
- Fairytales and Myths with Shauna Grylls runs on Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. at the library. Appropriate for children aged six through nine.
- Roller-blading to music every Friday at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

tor youth

Get Some and Earthmen dance at Beaver Point Hall, Saturday, November 18. See "music," above.

EVERY WEEK:

- Cosmic Bowling at Kings Lane Recreation on Friday nights, 9 p.m. to midnight. It's the latest craze from the city! Bring your own CDs. Food and drinks available. Book a lane by calling 537-2054.
- Roller-blading to music every Friday at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

for seniors

EVERY WEEK:

- · Thursday lunches run every week at Salt Spring Seniors. Served at noon, cost is \$3.50. Reserve in advance by noon on Wednesday by calling Salt Spring Seniors Services Society at 537-
- · Bingo for seniors in the OAP end of Fulford Hall, every Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Seniors Sing-along at Salt Spring Seniors takes place every Thursday at 2 p.m.

cable

Three programs are on this week on Salt Spring TV, cable Channel 12 on Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m. First up is Where Art and Nature Meet, highlights from the humour-oriented October 24 Out to Launch event of local writers, including Randy Bachman, Arthur Black, Jim Black, Alex Mitchell, Briony Penn and Shilo Zylbergold. Fine works donated by island artists in support of the Texada land purchase are also shown. Recyclable Articles is the topic of a video short produced by Louis Renaud about islander Norm Forsyth's transformation of a junk collection into art. Also on tap is One Hundred Years of Central Hall, centred around the hall's century celebration in 1996, and featuring an interview with Ivan Mouat recounting the hall's history.

cinema

- Legend of Bagger Vance Robert Redford directs Matt Damon and Will Smith in this story about a young hero who loses his golf swing during the First World War, but finds it in the nick of time thanks to the efforts of a god-like stranger named Bagger Vance.
- Meet the Parents Comedy in which a man (Ben Stiller) spends the weekend with his future in-laws and everything goes wrong. Robert De Niro and Blythe Danner co-star in this very funny comedy.

arts & crafts

- · Celebration an exhibition of recent artworks by the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists begins Monday, November 20 in the lobby areas of ArtSpring.
- Kristin Shoolbraid's acrylics are at Barb's Buns through November.
- Bob Rogers is showing a collection of animal photographs from Kenya at Sweet Arts Cafe.
- Sekoya Dawne is exhibiting this month at Moby's.
- Deboragh T Gainer and Jackie Ruffell have designed Art for the Sole, a show of unique wool felt slippers for elves, wizards, bears and people, on display at both locations of the Roasting Co.
- Deboragh T Gainer is exhibiting Moods of the Cave at Luigi's Pizzeria. Grace Sevy is currently exhibiting her
- photocollage artwork on the walls at Greenwoods.
- Diana Dean showcases her oil paintings at Talon's.
- Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild meets Thursdays at ArtSpring from 10:30 to noon, offering programs, workshops, study groups, equipment rentals, library and problem solving. Info: Pat Davidson, 653-4750.
- Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild meets Wednesdays at Lions Hall from 9:30 to noon. On November 15, Bert Small is scheduled to lead; fee is \$20. On November 22, Libby Jutras leads the group with a Christmas cards theme; fee is \$5.

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A High-Minded Tea with food for thought

By ANASTACIA WILDE **Driftwood Staff**

While women in Afghanistan may be struggling daily for the right to be seen and heard, Salt Spring's Voice of Women (VOW) is poised to send roars of solidarity from afar.

Close to 100 men and women gathered at Lions Hall Friday night for a lavish affair dubbed the High-Minded Tea, a much-to-do-aboutsomething event to raise money for widowed women living under a gender-oppressive and religious government in Afghanistan.

Imposed bans on education for girls and boys, rigid dress codes for girls and women, and non-legislated decrees disallowing women to remain in the workforce or gather in groups are just some of the current regulations enforced by the strict Islamic Taliban party, which seized control of the country more than four years ago.

Booted out of Afghanistan twice this year and making tracks across North America is U.S.-born teacher, physiotherapist and speaker Mary MacMakin, who has spent 25 of the last 39 years living in Afghanistan. Founder and coordinator of PARSA (Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support for Afghanistan), MacMakin's organization employs some 122 Afghans, most of them female widows who earn a hard living through embroidery, weaving and other handiwork sold abroad.

Salt Spring VOW got lucky to lasso the 70-year-old trooper into local territory this weekend, and the soft-eyed MacMakin spoke to a spirited crowd of dressed-up supporters at Friday evening's do. Unlike the past two years of full-on Afghani feasts, VOW's third year running sported a sophisticated dessert-and-tea theme, with savoury finger food splashed across classy table linen, dotted with silver trays and creamers.

Ironic as it may have been to don stylish hats, dresses and suits, inhaling quiche, cake and tarts while preparing to hear stories of a country ravaged by poverty, war and hunger — there is more to this story than meets the eye.

Perhaps the greatest irony arises within the Taliban party itself, whose leaders claim that the only education or law needed in Afghanistan is the Koran.

"Unfortunately, they don't have much use for secular education and they believe that everything one needs to learn in life comes from the Koran," MacMakin explained.

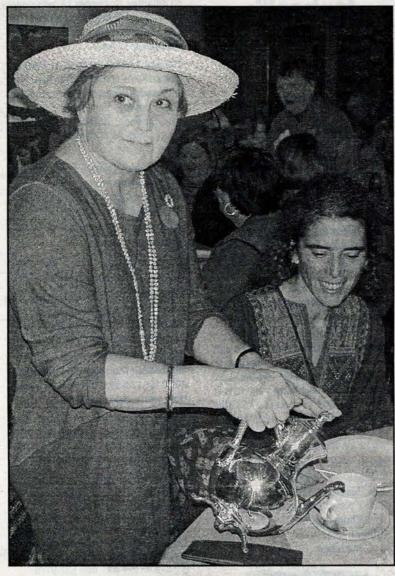
But compared to other major religions, she elaborated, Islam — as defined by Mohammed in the holy scriptures of the Koran - is decidedly pro-female.

In twisted contrast, the Taliban are forcing women out of public view. Windows must be painted opaque to block the sight of women in private homes and they are coerced to dress head-to-toe in the infamous "Burqa," an all-encompassing garment which veils the entire body except for a tiny opening for the eyes.

Without a male-relative chaperon, women are not permitted to walk the streets and when they do, it is forbidden they wear white socks or make noise of any kind.

"The Taliban are not following the Koran," MacMakin acknowledged. "They are mostly uneducated men, afraid of schools and in fear of anyone or anything with knowledge . . . There are no laws, it's just by decree."

Although MacMakin's Afghan



MUCH-TO-DO-ABOUT-SOMETHING: Diana Knox pours tea for Jane Squier at Friday's High-Minded Tea, while above, speaker Mary MacMakin addresses the crowd.

workplace was raided this year and she was detained for several days in jail, the American elder does not fear the Taliban. And though she cannot return to her Afghan home of 25 years, MacMakin pushes ever forward with fund- and consciousness-raising campaigns in North

"The leaders of Afghanistan are not about to change . . . It's like water dripping down and forming into a rock . . . It's going to take a lot

Meanwhile, she said, the United States and Western Europe are

accelerating diplomatic pressure on a political level.

The generosity of Canadian groups like Salt Spring's VOW, which send money and buy Afghanmade crafts, make a huge difference to those women's lives, MacMakin confirmed.

"My women are widows who have no one to help them. They have to have a skill," she stressed. 'Women who have barely even stepped out of the house or spoken with each other are learning the wool trade . . . The life-sustaining work has to be continued."







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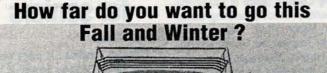
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On Salt Spring

A story-telling evening full of words of wisdom is set for next Thursday at the United Church.

The evening, which begins in the church's upper hall at 5:30 November 23, will highlight themes of the Community Wisdom Gathering — an event that took place on Salt Spring

The evening will include stories based on the theme of wisdom,

and told by different members of the community.

Included in the list of "key" speakers are: Maggie Schubart,
Bruce Elkin, Ron Hawkins, Tanya Lester, Jana Thompson, Michael Aronoff, Sharon Bronstein, Lynda Monk and Adina Hildebrandt.

Open to the public, the evening (part of a weekly community gathering series at the church) is a "no alcohol" event.

Entrance fee is \$5 and a donation box will also be available. Additional proceeds will be used to help defer the cost of sending Salt Spring wisdom gathering representatives to the World Wisdom Conference in Hawaii this January.

Local representatives are Mahaka and Ahava Shira.

To this end, participants are asked to wear Hawaiian T-shirts if

The evening will also include the auction of two First Nations



STEWARDSHIP HEROES: It was recognition night at the Salt Spring Conservancy's Humdinger Thursday, when stewardship awards were given out and a huge cake cooked up to honour Stewardship Project funders. Major donors were Environment

Canada, Salt Spring Foundation, Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, Real Estate Foundation and Mountain Equipment Co-op. The evening at Meaden Hall also heard guest speaker Guy Dauncey, and musicians Mike Wall and Paul Mowbray.

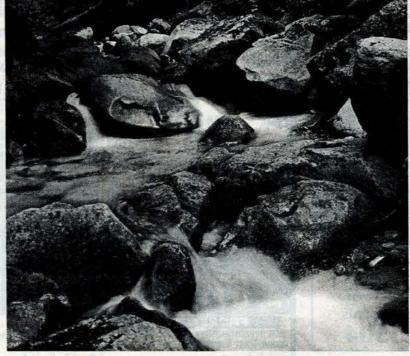
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Historic church re-opens

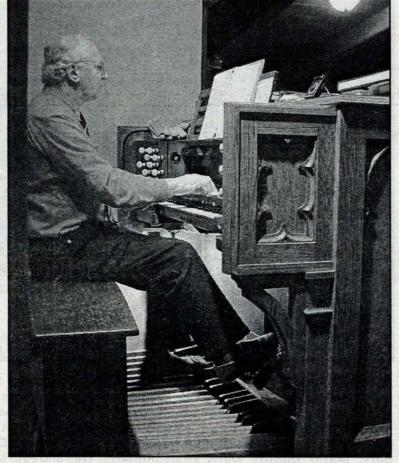
The congregation of St. Mark's Anglican Church had more to celebrate than All Saints Day on November 2.

That was the day the historic church on North End Road re-opened after one year of restoration work.

Last October, church members discovered the more than 100year-old building's foundation had become unsafe. (Construction of St. Mark's began in 1889; it was consecrated in 1892.)

Both church-goers and those who do not attend church "feel affection for this piece of Salt Spring history, and contributed generously to the restoration fund," state congregation members in a press release.

"Though work still has to be done on the belfry and roadway, and the roof will be replaced, the sturdy new foundation means that St. Mark's once again provides a regular home



MUSICAL MAGIC: Reverend Barry Valentine accompanies a Choral Evensong presentation at All Saints By-the-Sea. The singing event was held at the church in honour of Remembrance Day on Sunday afternoon.



Local students among scholarship winners

Three young Gulf Islands artists have been awarded scholarships to assist with their university-level studies.

Caitlyn Brownrigg and Regina Radisic of Salt Spring and Brett Gaylor of Galiano Island were among the more than 100 postsecondary students recently honoured with scholarships from the British Columbia Arts Council.

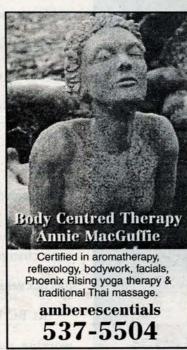
Gaylor was the recipient of a \$2,600 "senior award, to assist third and beyond years of postsecondary study." He is a student at Concordia University in Montreal and the scholarship is for his work in media arts.

As students in their first two years of post-secondary education, Brownrigg and Radisic each received \$2,000 "junior awards."

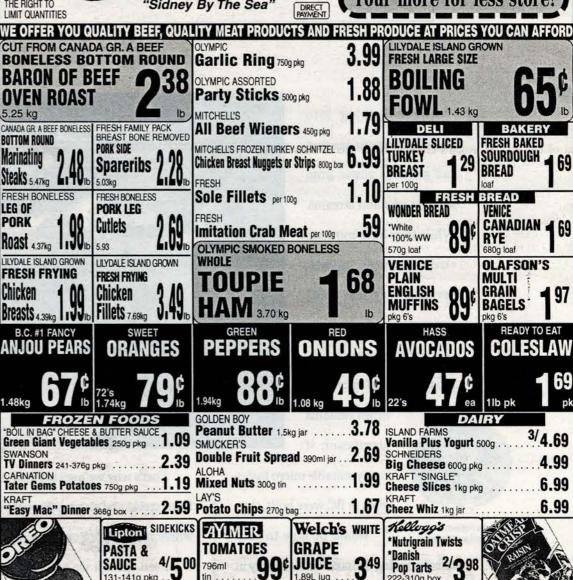
Brownrigg is studying theatre at Concordia, while Radisic takes dance at the School of the Toronto Dance Theatre.

The arts council scholarships ranged from \$600 to \$3,500 for

a total of \$208,800. A 15-member council, it was established by the provincial government in 1995 as an independent agency to support and encourage a "vibrant arts and cultural sec-









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New sights and a nourished soul in Arctic sea voyage

By ANASTACIA WILDE **Driftwood Staff**

Some people cannot retire without propelling themselves through the challenge of a lifetime.

But who would want to spend their summer in the engine room of a 214-foot icebreaker making its way across the Northwest Passage in the freezing Arctic Circle?

Seaman, oiler and Hungarianborn Salt Spring resident Laszlo Bedocs, that's who!

For nearly three months, Bedocs strengthened his sea legs with the gumption of an excited child, joining a crew of 38 others on the Simon Fraser, an accompanying vessel for the St. Roch II Voyage Of Rediscovery.

Bedocs' 86-day journey began on July 12 when he set out from Vancouver to make his dent in the six-month, 22,000-nautical-mile circumnavigation of North America.

The trip, Bedocs explained, was spurred from a partnership between the RCMP and the Vancouver Maritime Museum to establish an endowment fund to maintain, preserve and operate the St. Roch Natural Historical Site in Vancouver.

But what exactly is the St. Roch and why the chilly, long expedition by its successor St. Roch II and sibling vessel Simon Fraser?

In a nutshell, Bedocs said, the Voyage of Discovery is a re-enactment of the first St. Roch's crossing of the Northwest Passage. In the early '40s, the St. Roch set out on a secret wartime mission, but unusually heavy ice forced her to stand idle for two winters.

Four years and many stories later, the seaworthy ship returned to its Vancouver home, ending four centuries of Arctic exploration and exalting the vessel as the first to travel the Northwest Passage in both directions, the first to conquer it in a single season and the first to sail the northern deep water route.

Along with 28 volunteer crew members - including engineers, deck hands and the like - local seaman Bedocs boarded the Simon Fraser this summer, a stalwart, icereinforced navigational aid to chaperon the St. Roch II.

'Without us, they couldn't have navigated. We busted the ice to clear a path for them and supplied fuel, laundry facilities and tons of daily fresh water," Bedocs said.

The significance of the massive

en route although Bedocs has completed his stint - is largely symbolic and retraces the ocean currents of the St. Roch, which served the Arctic and her people for more than 20 years.

Half a century later, the 64-year-old seaman looks out his picturesque Salt Spring window and tells the animated story of his experience aboard the St. Roch II Voyage of Rediscovery.

"I almost grew up on the sea, but this was a real treat for me because I am retired and had the privilege to donate my time to this great country.'

After years with B.C. Ferries, the sea is no stranger to Bedocs, but the Arctic sea, he said, has peculiarities indigeonly to nous

"When you hit the Arctic Circle, the activities of the sea start to taper off," he described. "The sun never sets in the summer. It was beautiful and exciting. I saw things I have never seen before and it nour-

Speaking of soul, there is a unique and slightly-twisted ritual performed on first-crossers upon entering the Northwest Passage, which Bedocs interprets as "sailor's behaviour."

We were blindfolded and had to be initiated," said Bedocs, who recalled being ushered to the foredeck in icicle weather. "They skin grapes, dip them in vinegar and tell us they are walrus eyeballs and we had to eat the stuff. Then we had wet spaghetti and cold water poured over our head."

Did Bedocs let out a peep of complaint, repress an urge to jump ship, instigate mutiny?

Hell, no. The trained machinist worked 86 days straight, eight hours a day in cycles of four hours on and eight hours off. The food was exquisite (prepared by a mastwo-vessel voyage — which is still ter chef), said the oiler, and his afternoon down time was spent stretching his eyes across the great expanse of sea and surrounding islands.

> 'I brought home a sentimental handful of soil and sprinkled it on my land here so I can say I have another part of Canada here with

While fresh water freezes at zero degrees Celsius, Bedocs pointed out, sea water stays

liquid until five below, when there's ice in the Arctic Ocean, it's deadly cold. Right now, the temperature is minus-20

and the only Arctic farers native are Inuit who like to go hunting, he said.

"It's a very dry climate. The Northwest Passage is desert. Don't fool yourself into thinking Santa Claus comes from there. It gets one inch of precipitation a year."

Honouring the legacy of historic records, missions accomplished and dreams fullandmark places throughout their North American transit. They searched for vestiges of the British-financed Franklin Expedition — two lost, wooden boats crushed and sunk by ice in the 1800s. "They figure that once they find the boats, they will know the dates that Canada was first discovered," Bedocs said.

Sailing within 900 nautical miles of the North Pole and docking on many of the scattered islands, Bedocs and crew got the chance to survey wildlife, ice houses, native settlers and the many wonders of Arctic living.

On Herschel Island, the sailors were enchanted by humourous park ranger Andy Tardiff, who pointed to a wheelbarrow and said, 'Feel free to use our vehicle while you're on the island."

Once through the Northwest transit and onto the Labrador coast, Bedocs passed the site where the Titanic sank and expressed a deep respect for the mighty icebergs, which have a life span of up to 12

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While the St. Roch II Voyage of Discovery continues down the Eastern seaboard, following its successor's wake through the Caribbean, the Panama Canal and up the west coast to join Vancouver's Christmas Carol Ships in late December, Bedocs is content with his contribution which ended in Halifax on September 24.

"I feel that I have accomplished and satisfied a long-standing dream and I'm giving Canada filled, the Arctic voyagers visited something back, too," he said.



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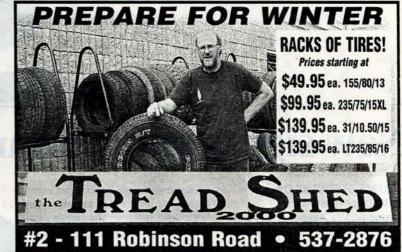
Participants in four categories — age six to nine; 10 to 13; 14 to 19; and over 19 — will undertake timed climbs as they attempt to gather points on different routes.

The four top finishers in each category will compete in a "climb-off," travelling up increasingly difficult specific routes. The event costs \$10 for youths, \$15 for adults and \$25 for families. Forms are available at the front desk of Community Services and in the office of most schools.

Event organizers hope entrance fees will cover costs
— the climb-a-thon is not billed as a fundraiser — and
any extra money will be put back into The Wall.

What organizers hope the event will do is raise awareness of The Wall as an activity option for islanders.

Wall membership costs \$35 per year and allows members unlimited access to the facility on Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings between 6:30 and 9:30.



The Wednesday market: Driftwood Classified

U12 girls tie

Salt Spring's U12 girls soccer team blasted off-island last weekend to take on Gordon Head and settled for a tie game.

The local squad came out strong in the first half with Katie Severn dribbling the ball down the right side of the field and scoring at the five-minute mark.

The second goal came off a Kate Parker throw-in to Avery Brown, who moved around the defence to put the ball in the net.

Keeper Jenny Akerman made some solid saves and the girls were up 2-0 at the end of the first half.

Brown took the net in the second half, making some "superb" saves, according to team organizers.

With only 10 minutes to go, Salt Spring slowed down, Gordon Head picked up the slack and scored twice.

Working hard on the Salt Spring defence line were: Parker, Emma Rimmer, Molly Hosie and Kayla Cromme

Ellen Chen, Samie Bird, Mila Puharich, Akerman, Brown and Severn worked hard on the offence.

ROLLERS

Here are the top bowling scores from last week at Kings Lane Recreation:

Tuesday p.m.: Gwen McClung, 214; Reg Winstone, 241

Golf Ladies: Ruby Webster, 203; Lorraine Toller, 230; Marj Cade, 208.

Friday a.m.: Marg Baker, 272 (average 624); Ann Isbister, 217.

Tuesday a.m. seniors: Madalene Jory, 200; Harold Repen, 200, Ken Robinson, 205.

Circus league: Fred Broadbent, 223, 207 (average 607); Ron Cunningham, 206; Gwen Strike, 230; Ben Cooper, 250; Marg Radford, 245; Connie Hardy 302 (average 647); Tony Farr, 234.

Special Olympics (Nov.1 and 8) Majhor Baines, 180, 153, 209; Sharon Way, 223, 151, 196; Jimmy Beck, 170, 221; Stuart Elliot, 251; Maggie Reddy, 152.



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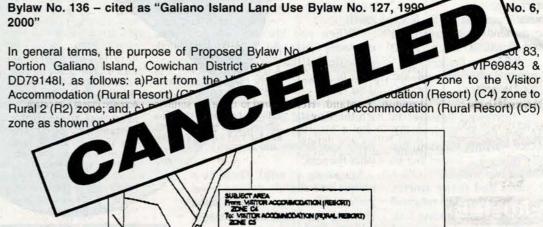
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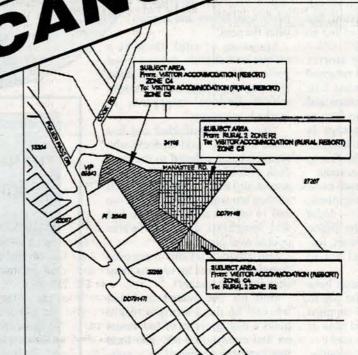
NOTICE is hereby given that Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing on the following proposed bylaw:

Bylaw No. 136 - cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 6, 2000";

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, November 23, 2000 in Lions Park Hall, 912 Burrell Road, Galiano Island.

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.





A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, November 8, 2000.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing Wednesday, November 8, 2000.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- the office of the Islands Trust by mail at the #200 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 22, 2000;
- 2. after 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 22, 2000 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, November 23, 2000.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Planner, at (250) 405-5158 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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Announcements

6 DEATHS

MARCOTTE: EVELYN Rena (nee Wood) passed away peacefully October 26, 2000 at Victoria Hospice in her 84th year. Born on Saltspring Island, Evelyn was a descendant of the pioneering Estes, Gwynne, Sampson & Whims families. Predeceased by her son Ted, brother Jim and sister Bertha. She leaves to mourn her passing, husband Bob, daughter Darleene (Dale), son John (Linda) grandchildren Jenny and Jack, her brother Bob and sister Gladys and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Life member L.A. Royal Canadian Legion Branch, 92, unit member of Army, Navy and Airforce Unit 302, and also L.A. member of A.N.A.F. Unit 302. Memorial service & reception to be held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92, Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Rd, Saltspring Island, BC on Thursday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Evelyn's memory may be made to the Victoria
Hospice Society, 1900 Fort St.
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AUBREY 'BURMA JOE' ROMER

passed away peacefully passed away peacetility at home surrounded by family, on November 9, 2000. He was born on September 19, 1914, in London, England. He served with the Royal Army in India for 10 years before and during World War II. attached to World War II, attached to the 5th Indian Division, 14th army. He partici-pated in the Burma Campaign and received the Burma Star.

Aubrey and his wife, Aimee, immigrated to Canada in 1947. He worked with the worked with the Canadian Prison System

for 27 years. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Aimee. He is survived by two daughters Lynda McKieve and husband Mel, Salt Spring Island, and Denise Immersi and husband Richard, Mount Dora, Florida; four grandchildren Colin McKieve, Kimberley Bradsen and husband Ivan; four great grandchildren Graem, Joel London and Troy; one sister Rene Trethewey and husband Denys, England; two brothers Donald Romer and wife Win, England, and Peter Romer and wife Bette. England; and his 'best friend' and companion Kathy Darling and fam-

"Dad" and the whole family wish to express our great thanks to our dear, faithful friends Reverend Kim and dad's wonderful Church family Dr. Ron Resnick and staff; the other doctors and staff at Lady Minto Hospital, and the Home Care nurses and Home Support Workers for their tender, compassionate

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A THOUSAND THANKS to all family, friends & co-workers who kept the secret and conspired to make my surprise 50th the best party ever. The gifts and gags were just great, and the food superb. You guys all. Catch ya on the Next Orbit. Tom B-C. are beautiful man, I love you

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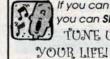
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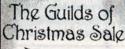
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LOST: CHANNEL Ridge Tuesday, 7th November, two keys in leather "elephant" case. Please ring 537-9335.

32 MEETINGS

SALT SPRING Island B.C. Special Olympics Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, November 22, 2000, 7 p.m. Harbour House Hotel. All are

ASA MEMBERS: Open planning meeting at Mahon Hall, Wed., Nov. 15, 7pm. Next ArtSpring venue theme: Celebration. Contact Dee Harrison 537-8774. Hanging

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Island Arts Centre Society "ARTSPRING"

- 1. Financial and status reports
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SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF **BUSINESS** MEETING

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting on the following dates to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.

DATE:

Wednesday, November 15, 2000 Thursday, December 21, 2000

1:15 p.m.

TIME: PLACE:

Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club) 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges

Starting at 1:15 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least three weeks in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the Agenda. For information about the Agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-

34 NOTICES/PERSONAL

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CHEESE AND BREAD sale, Farm Market visits to Cheesery Sunday, November 19th, 11 to 3 pm. 285 Reynolds Road.

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GARAGE SALE: Unit #6, Merchant Mews, Saturday, 8:00 - 12:00. Furniture & Tools.

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Use experiences; choose happiness

Perhaps November 7 is of little significance to

Admittedly, Albert Camus was born on that day in 1913 (stop yawning, the best is yet to come) but November 7 is also the day that I walked out of the Royal Jubilee Cancer Clinic freed from my prostate cancer.



The experience was difficult but wonderful. Not particularly enjoyable but joyful in the sharing and support that my fellow human beings have given me. The human condition can be difficult and we do endure our lows but, my God, the highs more than make up for them.

What have I learned? I have learned not to whine - never again.

A poet once said to me, "Alex," he said, "no experience should be cast aside. Embrace them, every one, the negative and the positive. Use them, face up to them and make of them a meaningful part of your life. The understanding, the awareness will be immense and rewarding.

In the Cancer Lodge I was having lunch. I spoke to my neighbour, a man in his 50s, around six feet tall. He had been a handsome man. I went into my usual whine about my hormone therapy and my ongoing radiation treatment. I did acknowledge that I had a 95 per cent survival expectation and had but two treatments to go. He was kind. He let me down gently.

"They discovered a malignancy in my jaw," he said. "They removed part of my jaw bone and replaced it with bone from my shoulder. Unfortunately they had to remove my teeth but are experimenting with imbedded pins so that they can install dentures.

"Meanwhile the cancer has metastasized to my tongue and I have had one third of it removed. I am learning to speak again. I feel hopeful but sometimes the pain does get to me."

No, I will never complain again!

I have lunch sometimes with Joyce (not her real name). She has terminal cancer and has been given six weeks to live. She is 35 years old. She burst into my room the other day. She was holding what seemed like a small animal.

"Try this on, Alex," she said. Joyce has lost her hair and is juggling with six wigs. They are of many colours.

I tried on the platinum wig. It did nothing for me. Joyce was ecstatic. "I'll wear it tonight," she said.

What can I say? I am forever in awe of the human spirit, the resilience, the tenacity, the opti-

Joyce is always up, on a superior high. I asked her about this. "I have a possible two months to go," she explained. "These will be the last two months of my life. I have a choice, I can be happy or I can

be sad. I have decided to be happy.' We hugged! What a beautiful lady! What courage!

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BRIDGE

'Tis about to be the season to give to Santa's Workshop

What debuted as a holiday clean-up at Community Services Society more than a decade ago has evolved into a regular Christmas treat.

Back in full force for its 11th year running, Santa's Workshop collects toys from generous holiday-celebrants and bestows them on kids who might not otherwise be so abundantly gifted.

"It started with used toys," explained coordinator Bob Appleton. "Now, like Topsy, it just

That is no understatement. With 104 local youngsters receiving at least four toys each last year, more than 400 special gifts were conferred by charitable community

To get in the roll of things, people can drop a toy or two in the drop-off toy bins inside the North Salt Spring Waterworks District office at Central, Mouat's Trading Co. or downtown Pharmasave.

At the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, there's a tree filled copiously with cardboard angels denoting a gender and age description. Simply pocket an angel for



Santa Bob Appleton

future purchases and when you do the Christmas deed, shop directly for a girl of nine or a boy of three, as the angel describes.

For drop off, deliver the goodies – preferably wrapped with the angel attached outside - back to the bank.

While at the government Liquor Store in Grace Point Square, shoppers can also catch the "cuddle wave" and stock up on toy bears as well. Each bear purchased will be matched by another furry friend at the Liquor Store.

"Sometimes the people who buy one bear also donate the extra one they receive so we get double bears," said Appleton.

All toys are administered through the Community Services Society, which compiles lists of families and individuals based on request forms they send out in October.

"It's all anonymous, I don't know who is getting the toys," said Appleton, who matches up the lists and numbers given to him by the

Santa's Workshop is a companion to the Christmas hampers program, which treats families in need to boxes stocked full of holiday food. Part of the sorting process, said Appleton, entails matching up the plentiful toys to their respective Christmas hampers.

Santa's helpers include Judy Willett, Carol Young and an anonymous, philanthropic soul who donated her garage for storage, sorting and packing.

For more information, call Appleton at 537-4505.

Bridge winners named

On October 30, Isabelle Richardson and Joan Conlan finished

half a point ahead of Ian Thomas and Conhor Vane-Hunt in Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club play.

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On November 6, Ima and Wim were well ahead. Richardson and Conlan came in second, and Tony Luton and Jill Evans were

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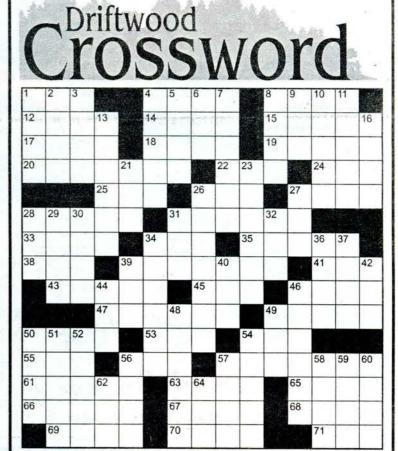
So whether you have a melody in your head, a catchy line about Christmas on the Islands, or both, you can enter!

Winners will be determined by a panel of judges active in the music industry. Please, no more than 2 entries per person.

DEADLINE NOVEMBER 17TH, 5PM



Send entries by mail or courier to the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, by fax to 250-537-2613 or by e-mail to driftwood@gulfislands.net.



54. Coal distillate

63. Love, in Leon

66. Carryall bags

of frog ... '

68. Elk

65. Parisian pronoun

56. Brussels' country:

61. Blackboard material

67. "Eye of ___ and toe

69. Line-shortening word

DOWN

2. State with confidence

5. Like Clark Kent's

6. Start for house or

7. Start a new hand

8. '20s seductress

9. OT priest

10. Slight color

neckline

70. Daytime dozers

1. Prima donna

3. Barbecue

Volunteer

71. Baby word

55. Stumble

abbr.

57. Hot-air

ACROSS

- 1. Courtroom figs. 4. Karl's Patton role
- 8. Negation
- 12. St. ___ (Charles
- Bronson film)
- 14. Year's tool 15. Way to avoid blame
- 17. Menu offering
- 18. Escaped
- 19. UTEP athlete 20. Reached a destination
- 22. Psychic ability: abbr.
- 24. Govt. pencil-pushing
- agcy. _ Rosenkavalier*
- 26. Battery size 27. Fervent
- 28. Cooked and sieved food
- 31. Do brake work again
- Sulfur sources
- 34. Linda Ellerbee's
- World 35. Lawful
- 38. ATM access code
- 39. Like Brinks' buggies

- _ Plaines
- 43. Merciless
- 45. Grassland section

49. Rhus

50. Menageries

53. Complete: prefix

- 46. Providence 47. Pocket gopher's
 - home
- Jenny Craig 13. Water park features 16. Turkey's neighbor to the east 21. Cleavage-revealing

11. In desperate need of

- 23. Vied for the
- America's Cup
- 26. Ecological no-no
- 27. TNT holder
- 28. Charlie Chan, to his
- sons
- 29. The Haj author
- 30. Hire
- Caribbean liquor
- 32. Actor Beatty
- (Deliverance) 34. Unpleasing to a
- Shaker 36. First of all
- _ Song Go Out
- of My Heart (2 wds.)
- 39. Part of "to be"
- 40. Spat
- 42. 1/60 of a min 44. Three-point Scrabble
- 46. Rolled up, as a flag
- 48. FDR middle
- 49. Bando or Maglie
- 50. Ardor
- 51. Wrinkle-free acrylic 52. Speak publicly
- 54. Fruit pastries
- 56. Superlative word
- 57. Cotton, for one 58. Fashionable Cassini
- 59. Parkay product
- 60. Son of Agrippina II
- 62. Musical Ritter
- 64. Kitty's complaint

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