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A mixed bag of sun rain and clouds is in the forecast for the coming week. Highs up to 8 C (Thursday), lows down to -2 C (Saturday).

Seeking a sustainable Salt Spring

By ANASTACIA WILDE
Driftwood Staff
First in a Series

Making a living on Salt Spring is no piece of cake. Job seekers face negligible industry, finite markets, sparse full-time employment

and an island economy dependent on seasonal tourism.

Many workers juggle two, three or four part-time jobs, many of which disappear between the cracks of government rules and omit

extended health care, unemployment insurance or full Canada Pension Plan benefits.

The highest self-employment rate in all of British Columbia is stationed on Salt Spring Island and its approxi-

mate 4,000 workers are a curious and driven breed: To make ends meet on this idyllic rock, extreme doses of gumption, ingenuity and resourcefulness are paramount.

Indeed, the maxim

“Invention is the mother of necessity” could well have been writ by a Salt Spring poet hungry for cash. Lack of big-time manufacturing plants has encouraged dozens of smaller, home-based

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VALENTINE VISIONS: Visual interpretations of Valentine's Day vary among islanders. Seen here, clockwise from top left, are: Megan Leslie “wiggling” it for a Valentine’ dance at Gulf Islands

Secondary School; Skateboarder Conor Walshe gives the ‘hang loose’ signal with a rose in his mouth; and Amanda Winn-Roberts surrounds herself with roses at Flowers and Wine. Photos by Derrick Lundy

Lawyers will say protesters reacting to the threat of harm

By ANASTACIA WILDE
Driftwood Staff

Close to a dozen political activists arrested for civil disobedience in connection with Texada Land Corporation’s logging will face contempt of court charges Monday in Victoria Supreme Court.

Eleven individuals were arrested on Salt Spring Island in 2000 for violating a B.C. Supreme Court order when they impeded Texada logging operations

by blockading and locking down to trucks.

According to Salt Spring lawyer John Davies, the exact duration of the trials is unknown and will ultimately be determined by the judge’s willingness to hear defence lawyers’ arguments. The Victoria courtroom has been booked for two weeks.

Similar Supreme Court cases have gone to appeal, said Davies, if a judge rules a court order has been dis-

obeyed and overrules defence counsel early in the trial.

Such a decision would spur a move to an appeals court where lawyers try to get allowances for evidence deemed relevant to their case.

Davies is one of four lawyers representing the handful of sustainable logging advocates, who range in age from youth to their

PROTESTERS 3

House fire reveals pot grow operation

A chimney fire came close to destroying a Broadwell Road home Monday evening, and uncovered a marijuana grow operation at the same time.

Several Salt Spring fire department trucks and firefighters responded to the call sent in at 6:18 p.m.

“It was very very close to a major burn,” said assistant fire chief Erling Jorgensen. “We were able to get into the hidden spaces before it got out of hand. It wouldn’t have taken much longer before it was really out of hand.”

Jorgensen said the fire appeared to originate in the chimney flue and spread to a wooden chase around the structure. All three stories of the home were affected in some way.

Salt Spring’s RCMP detachment reports that it is investigating the grow operation discovered Monday night.

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ECONOMY: Report focusses on Salt Spring income and employment

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industries, which pump out impressive quantities of exotic soaps, healing creams, hemp clothes and made-on-Salt Spring products world-wide.

Still, inventive as islanders may be, the truth of poverty is ubiquitous, and hundreds of island families and individuals struggle to cover the basic cost of rent, food and clothing. Salt Spring's poverty rate dwarfs that of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the province of British Columbia, Statistics Canada reports. Seventeen per cent of locals reported earning gross personal incomes below the "Low-Income-Cut-Off" level of \$14,473 for one person and \$27,235 for a four-person household.

Tennis courts, Mercedes Benzes and swimming pools — while visible — are minority owned, and most full-time employees are ill-equipped to whip up enough capital for a down payment on pricey, sought-after Gulf Islands property. Home rental fees are equally outlandish; high or higher on Salt Spring than in Victoria or Vancouver, yet secure jobs to pay the beefed-up expenses are few and far between.

All in all, the overall economic glimpse is dreary.

So how can income statistics be used as a springboard to fortify our local economy and what are specific challenges of Salt Spring's unique self-employment situation?

"Income stats are important to an economy for two reasons," says island resident and development worker Ellen Garvie. "They demonstrate the percentage of the population that is struggling to meet the costs of necessities, and they give an indication of the disposable income that is available to put back into community purchases."

"With little disposable income, a community is dependent on exporting goods and services to outside markets and has little opportunity to develop a sustainable economy."

Garvie was awarded a \$32,000 grant from Human Resources Development Canada last year to provide an economic profile of Salt Spring. Since May, she has conducted 200 surveys of local businesses and is near the final phase of her lengthy report.

Income levels, Salt Spring and Capital Regional District (CRD)

	Salt Spring	CRD
Median individual income	\$17,364	\$22,903
Household median income	\$35,205	\$42,699
Households with income under \$20,000	29%	22%
Households with income under \$30,000	47%	35%
Self-employed	34%	14%

Source: 1996 census

Her efforts are buoyed by an advisory committee made up of people from groups such as the Community Services Society, Chamber of Commerce, Farmers' Institute and School District 64, and regional director Kellie Booth.

Rich with years of experience as an economic researcher and employment consultant, Garvie is enthusiastic about creating a sustainable local economy.

"When you sit down and think about it, everything affects the economy," she says with a glint in her eye. "Basically my objective is to get a picture of the economic situation and use that information for the future to increase employment opportunities."

Garvie is particularly concerned that 34 per cent of Salt Spring men and women are self-employed, most with no access to pension or extended health care plans. She said the benefits of tax deductions are trifles compared to the registered employment plan. "In the short term, it may look good with all the write-offs, but in the long term, they won't have the same security when they are old."

Interviews with government-funded institutions such as B.C. Ferries, Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods reveal little turn-over in regular employees.

Garvie suspects that's a sign of an insecure labour force.

"The lack of low turnover demonstrates the demand there is locally for well-paying, secure employment. In a healthy economy, you want and expect to see some turnover in staff."

While hospital beds were closed throughout the CRD in 2000 because of nurse shortages, Lady Minto had no staff shortages what-

soever. A staunch 30 per cent of Salt Spring workers can be found lurking in transportation, education, health and social service sectors. "The stability of these jobs provides the local economy with a measure of predictability compared to some other communities," observes Garvie.

In terms of self-employment or jump-starting a business, she says, the biggest hurdle is accruing sufficient capital to carry oneself through the initial take-off period. Access to off-island markets, cost of related shipping, and know-how to strategize a marketing plan from a remote location are peripheral stumbling blocks.

Central to Garvie's study of Salt Spring's labour force and employment options is identifying the sectors that propel local economics. A Statistics Canada breakdown of labour force by industry indicates "economic drivers" in today's economy are accommodations/food/beverages, retail trade, and health and social services.

Business services, communications and utilities, and transportation and manufacturing sectors have been rising since 1991, while construction, real estate and educational services are slightly deflated.

"Economic drivers are the generators of new and sustainable wealth within an economy," Garvie explains. "Locally, there seems to be several strong influences that bring money to the island."

Consistent population growth, demands of the migrant citizenry and Salt Spring's burgeoning reputation as "the place to be" add strength to the economic network and attracts tourists.

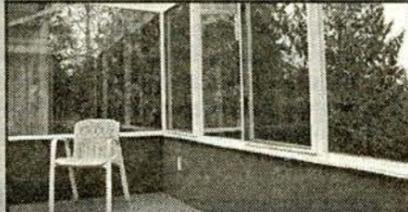
These influences combine to

FOR THE RECORD

A story in last week's Driftwood about upcoming youth theatre productions gave an incorrect date for one of the shows.

Salt Spring Centre School's The Nightingale runs June 1 and 2, not the last week of May as indicated in the story.

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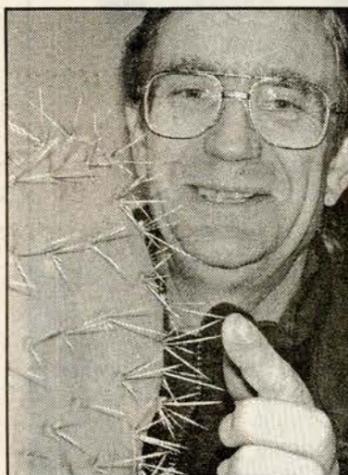
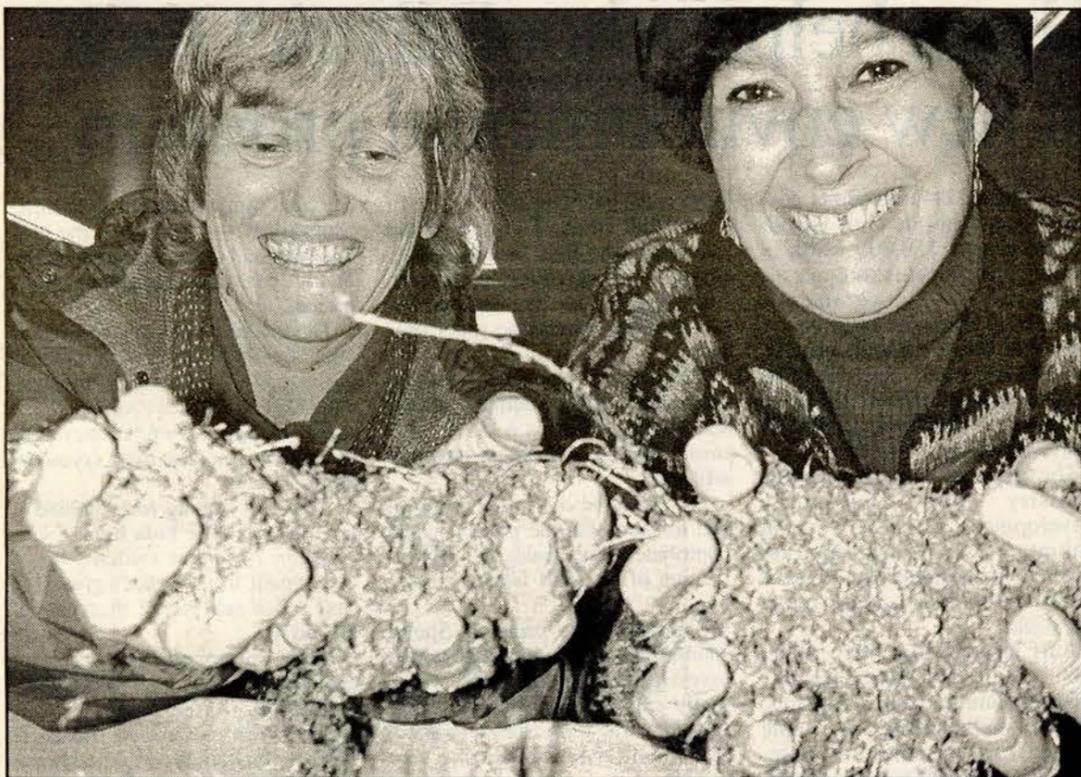
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Driftwood



A SEEDY SITUATION: The exchange of seeds thrived at the Farmers Institute last weekend in the annual Seedy Saturday event. Seen with their wares, from far left, are: Lisa Lloyd and Debbie McNamara; and Brian Hutchings. Local organic seed proponents were buoyed by the announcement last week of an \$11,670 Co-op Advantage grant to start the Islands Seed Cooperative.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

PROTESTERS: Gear up for court action

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late 80s. The group trial format is intended to save court money and witness time, Davies said.

But that doesn't mean commuting to neighbouring Vancouver Island every day will be without wrinkles. Early mornings, long days and late evenings are mandatory for those charged, who must present themselves to Victoria court from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

While Crown prosecutors will focus on a citizenry run amok of the law, defence lawyers will argue their clients acted for the greater good of humanity.

Davies said his clients are otherwise law-abiding citizens who took direct action to defend clean water supplies, preserve forests and protect animal species for future generations.

"In a nutshell, the intention was not to contempt the court but to protect themselves and the human species from a very real threat," Davies said. "Loss of drinking water, loss of species and loss of sustainable forest are very real threats to human survival."

The right to clean water is not protected by Canadian law, Davies noted, unlike other countries where environmental protection measures have been implemented and are reflected in legislation.

"We argue that a person has a right to protect themselves from immediate harm. Stopping a logging truck and the intent behind it is protection of human beings and other species and the forest on which we depend for our life."

But judging from similar cases in the not-so-distant past, the court may see it differently.

"The traditional point of view

of the court is that their authority is at stake and that's why they act to impose jail sentences that exceed those of rape and robbery," the lawyer said.

Davies pointed to an example of a rapist sentenced to three years' jail time and released in nine months. This, compared to 72-year-old Betty Krawczyk, convicted of contempt of court for logging protests in the Elaho Valley last year and sentenced to a mandatory one-year jail term with no hope of parole or early release.

Had it not been for an appeal court overturning her sentence in January after four months served, the great-grandmother would still be sitting in the B.C. Correctional Institute for Women in Burnaby, Davies said.

Aside from the potential jail sentences faced by the 11 Salt Spring arrestees, transportation expenses and forfeited work is looming over their collective heads. Local efforts to care for children, dogs, cats and food needs are in the works by a team of supporters.

"It's a gruelling schedule. Leave at 7 in the morning, get home at 8 at night," one arrestee confessed. "I have to put my whole life on hold. I have a daughter, I have a dog, I have a house. It's complicated and I don't have all the details all worked out," she said.

Aylwin Catchpole was arrested on November 27 after she locked herself to a Texada logging truck in downtown Ganges. It took police several hours to cut through the device that attached her hands to the underbelly of the truck.

"I feel that I was acting as a

responsible citizen. I do not think that I am a criminal," she said on Monday. "Non-violent civil disobedience is the last resort when reasonable negotiations fail and when the will of the people is not being addressed by government."

Catchpole, who suffers from an immune disorder and food allergies, said she does not fear contempt of court charges, but is slightly worried, if sentenced to jail time, about her health.

"I'm scared about the food stuff but I'm not scared of jail or the court process. If I can lock myself under a truck, I can walk into that courtroom," she said. "People like me are going to stand up in defiance of unjust laws and it's my hope that this trial will be the turning of the tides."

But if the court rules as it has in the past, defence lawyer Davies said, the punishment is clear.

"Since the NDP took power in 1991, close to 1,000 people have been convicted of the political crime of interfering with the liquidation of our forests," he said. "Whether the court is willing to take a fresh look at the way things motivate people is the crux of this trial."

Citing a poll furnished by the Sierra Legal Defence Fund published in the Vancouver Sun on January 29, Davies said 94 per cent of Canadians support biodiversity protection and are willing to sacrifice profit to promote species protection.

"Our government and our courts are out of touch with what the people want. The question here is whether the courts want to hear what 94 per cent of Canadians want."

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Grant helps school district look at new environmental program

Creating an environmental education centre on the Gulf Islands will be getting \$50,000 worth of investigative impetus through the provincial government's Community Enterprise program.

How to blend the Gulf Islands' natural setting and expertise of its citizens into an educational boon has been on the minds of school district officials for a while.

The grant as dispersed by the Ministry of Community Development, Cooperatives and Volunteers will fund a market research and business plan to see if an environmental program or centre is feasible.

Gulf Islands students, others from outside the district, families wanting summer camp programs, international students and people interested in environmental awareness retreats are all possible beneficiaries of what is being called the Gulf Islands Centre for

Environmental Learning.

Michael Dunn, a Mayne Island naturalist who runs natural history programs for a variety of groups, put together the successful Community Enterprise grant proposal.

"Right now, personally, I have no doubt there will be demand for it," said Dunn. "There's a lot of optimism that this will be an idea that will work."

He also said the grant proposal had to show that the project would contribute to the health and diversification of the Gulf Islands economy.

Saturna School principal Shelly Johnson is on the committee which investigated the concept. "We're really excited about it," she said. "We think the Gulf Islands is a perfect location for something like this."

Former and current Fernwood Elementary principals — Bruce

Stewart and Richard Bennett, respectively — worked on the idea last year, and it was discussed at the district's revenue generation committee.

The centre would not be considered "feasible" if it could not either pay for itself or actually add revenue to school district coffers.

But bringing more money into the region is not the main consideration.

"The real driving force behind it is to benefit the kids here," said Johnson. "If other students come and benefit from it, that's great, but that's not really the motivation behind it."

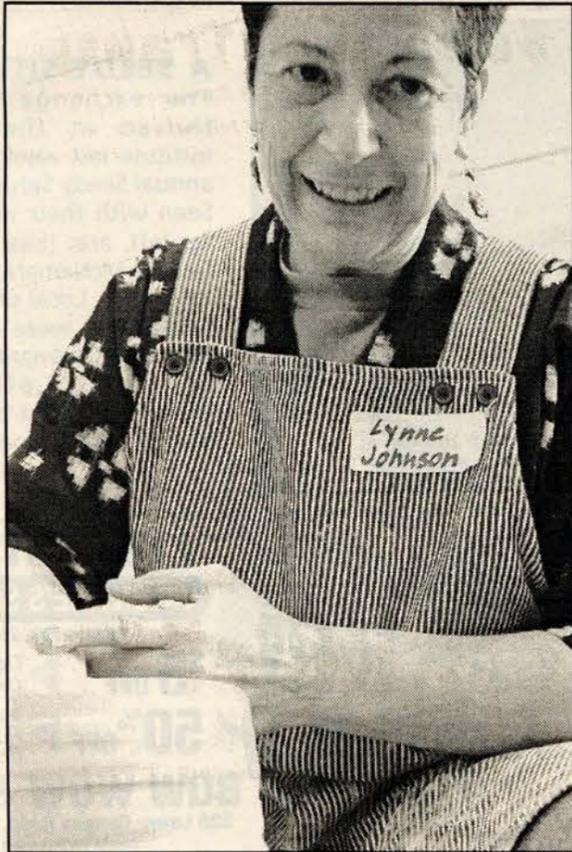
Major co-supporters at this stage are Parks Canada and the Galiano Conservancy Association.

Dunn said he hoped the Gulf Islands community would embrace the environmental centre idea, noting "it's a world-class area for this kind of program."

HANDY:

A crowd of potters and pottery enthusiasts gathered at ArtSpring Saturday for a two-day workshop and demonstrations by Lynne Johnson.

Photo by Derrick Lundy



Supporters plan rally outside courthouse

As 11 activists face contempt of court charges inside the Victoria courthouse Monday, supporters will gather outside for a rally.

According to Annica Burnaby, people plan to meet outside the building at 850 Burdett Avenue beginning at 9 a.m.

The trial, which people are also welcome to watch, begins at 10.

A fund to help with arrestees' expenses — called the Salt Spring Star account — has also been set up at Island Savings Credit Union.

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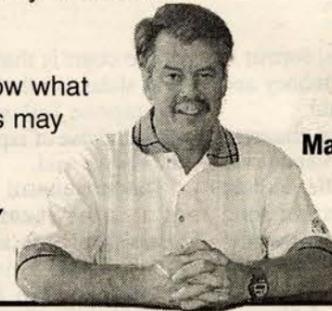
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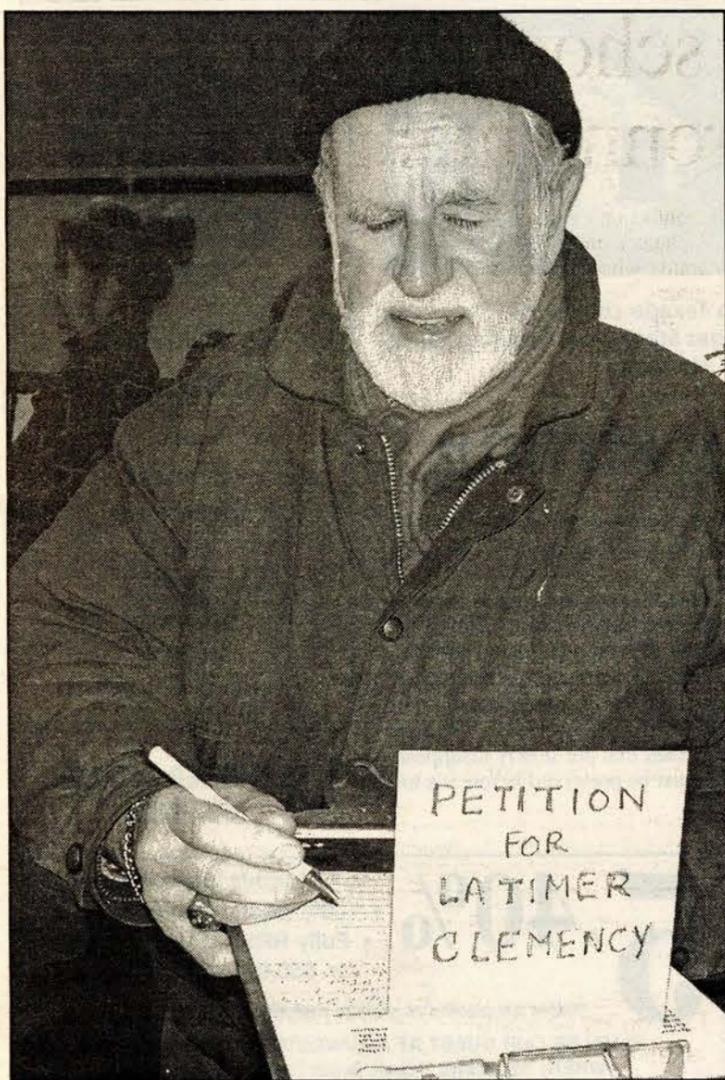
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CLEMENCY PETITION: Salt Spring's Jack Hallam, an outspoken advocate for Robert Latimer, sets up a petition encouraging clemency for the man sentenced to prison for killing his severely disabled daughter.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Grant aids focus on affordable housing

Salt Spring's chronic affordable housing shortage will get an in-depth look through an \$18,238 provincial government grant.

The Salt Spring Community Services Society has received the funds through the Community Solutions program in order to find ways to offer more affordable housing for island renters.

Local project coordinator Ellen Garvie said, "We will take a close look at what is needed, what is happening elsewhere and what is possible here so we can build a detailed plan for the future."

An affordable housing advisory committee representing low-income residents who have had trouble finding accommodation will support the project. Two public meetings are also planned.

RCMP REPORT

Salt Spring RCMP were kept hopping for 24 hours Saturday, investigating incidents around the clock.

This included the charging of a 19-year-old Salt Spring male with impaired driving at 12:30 a.m. Saturday when he was observed by police revving his pickup truck engine in a Ganges parking lot.

Also on Saturday:

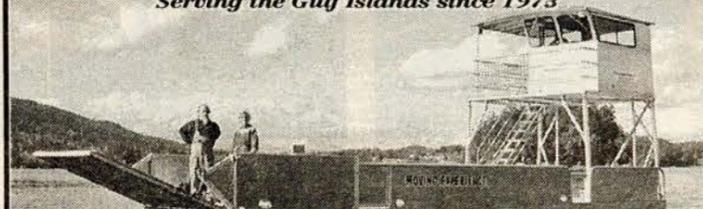
- The 26-year-old male driver of a 1979 Chevrolet was issued a 24-hour suspension when he was stopped at a roadside check on Saturday night at about 8 p.m.

- RCMP investigated a report of an abandoned vehicle on Mapleridge Place on Saturday afternoon. It was believed to be the source of squealing tire sounds at 5 a.m. that morning. Police say the vehicle's registered owner claimed "he would not be driving like that again because he ended up having an engine fire."

- Two Outer Gulf Islands youths were arrested for being drunk in a public place when they were found by local police in the Gulf Islands Secondary School parking lot while a high school dance was in progress. The youths were held at the RCMP detachment and released in the morning when they were sober. Their parents were contacted at the time of arrest.

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Texada, conservancy 'on track' with plan

Texada Land Corporation president Rob Macdonald met with The Land Conservancy of British Columbia executive director Bill Turner in Ganges on Monday.

The centrepiece of the meeting was a 20-page draft purchase agreement drawn up by Texada solicitor Bill Randall of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin.

"Things are on track. We had a very good meeting. He's a professional person and a pleasure to do business with," Macdonald said.

Turner is chief negotiator for the land conservancy, the organization endeavouring to oversee the purchase of one-fifth or 1,000 acres of Texada's Salt Spring holdings for

national parkland.

"Lawyers have drawn up formal contracts which have been signed by me and he has them in his hands," Macdonald said.

Texada has halted logging in all areas of national park interest until March 31, including Burgoyne Valley, Burgoyne Bay, and parcels north and south of the Burgoyne shoreline.

While Texada's logging operations have been downsized, the development company continues to utilize its roads, log sorts and booming area in normal course for timber harvesting in the Mount Tuam, Mount Maxwell and Mount Bruce vicinities.



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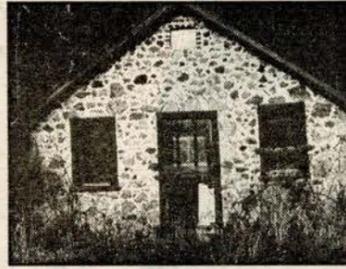
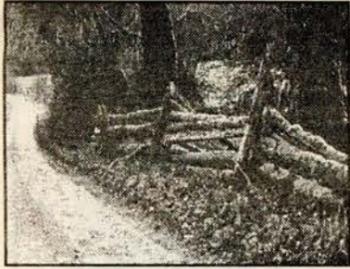
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raised to help save the trees from Texada chainsaws. The cards are available at Apple Photo, Ganges Stationery, Growing Circle Food Co-op, et cetera and Stuff 'n' Nonsense.

Adopt-A-tree, card project going strong

With \$27,000 raised to date, Nina Raginsky's Adopt-A-Tree project is in full force and gaining momentum by the day.

A series of five photographic cards depicting Burgoyne Valley scenery, with accompanying local history written by Chris Arnett, has been published and is now available at Apple Photo, Ganges Stationery, Growing Circle Food Co-op, et cetera and Stuff 'n' Nonsense.

At \$7 a pop, the set of meticulously designed cards is intended to boost awareness of the area and put money in the coffers for covenant agree-

ments to protect older growth forest.

Lightning Press donated the paper, Apple Photo gave bargain-basement rates on printing, and cards are now in their second run of 500. Raginsky extends heartfelt thanks to Crystal at Apple Photo for her enormous contribution of time and design ideas.

Texada Land Corporation has agreed to stop logging in Raginsky's area of interest until April 2, when \$200,000 must be pledged to cover the cost of trees that would have been harvested.

West Coast Environmental Law staff will be

hired to establish covenants that remain with the property title to preclude logging into perpetuity, Raginsky said.

Last week, some 80 people joined a heritage walk of the Burgoyne Valley land to glimpse its ecological, cultural and anthropological values.

"We want people to learn the mythology of the place so they have a deeper understanding of what we have to lose," Raginsky said. "We have all these heritage sites that are slowly disappearing. What's left must be preserved before it's too late."

Learning to love a little on the 'kissiest, pinkest' day of the year

By LEAH MCCOLM
Driftwood Contributor

Drip, drip, drip. What's that sound?

Is it the sound of winter thawing into spring?

Did you forget to turn the tap off in the bathroom?

Is your nose running? Wrong, although your nose is probably running around this time of year.

It's the sound that February makes on the mushiest day of the year. Valentine's Day. Yep, it's a good idea to get out your trusty pair of gumboots today as you wade through all the sappy love, all the good feelings and maybe a few mud puddles since it is February after all.

OK. I'm not really that cynical. I have nothing against love or good feelings, when it comes naturally. But there's something about Valentine's Day that makes the gift of love seem a little force-fed and suffocated under all the frills and gimmicks of a day that's basically been taken over by Hallmark.

For some people, Valentine's Day is the most depressing day of the year.

Say, for instance, you're a member of the "romantically impaired club" and suddenly you're caught in the middle of the kissiest, snuggliest, fuzziest, pinkest day ever.

No matter where you turn you can't escape pictures of hearts, lacy frills, butt-naked angels or the colours red and pink. Not to mention the countless doe-eyed lovers gawking at one another as they melt into a puddle of bliss.

To even the most secure single person all this can wear on your nerves.

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And then there's the sad type who didn't get one lousy Valentine's card at school as a kid, which left him so traumatized that at the very mention of the "V" word he'd break out in hives.

I have a confession to make. I'm not a big fan of Valentine's Day. Perhaps it's all the advertising, giving it that special, superficial feel, or maybe it's all the pressure to have a valentine simply for the sake of having one.

Could it be that I, myself, have never really had a valentine before? Waahww.

A couple of weeks ago I began thinking about Valentine's Day with the usual dread.

Here we go again, I said to myself. Another overly-commercialized day, watching roses and candy grams being exchanged, listening to the long, detailed love stories of my friends while I look forward to a date with my

couch.

As I began practising my most depressing sighs and groans in preparation for the big day, a light bulb suddenly flashed above my head.

That's it, I cried! Valentine's Day isn't just about romantic love, it's about all kinds of love: Philia, the love of friendship. Agape, the universal love of all beings, (helps to be a Buddhist). And, of course, the most important love: Love of Self.

This Valentine's is going to be different, I told myself. I'm going to focus on all the things I love about myself and the world. We should all do it.

Do something really nice for one of your friends. Take some time out for yourself to do whatever you like. Read or write a poem. Take a long bath. Sing at the top of your lungs. Hug your pet or hug a tree (quick, before they're all gone).

And don't forget to be kind and loving towards yourself. Bask in the beauty of the world. Be your own Valentine.

Temporary Closure

Long Harbour Terminal

BC Ferries' Salt Spring Island terminal at Long Harbour will be closed between Tuesday, February 20 and Thursday, March 15, 2001 (inclusive) so that aging dock structures can be replaced.

Passengers travelling between Tsawwassen and Salt Spring Island should plan to use the throughfare option via Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour, or use a combination of the Tsawwassen-Duke Point and Crofton-Vesuvius routes.

Passengers travelling between the Outer Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island should plan to sail via the Gulf Island-Swartz Bay and Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour routes. The regular Inter-Island fare will cover both trips.

Long Harbour is expected to reopen March 16, 2001, in time for the Spring Break holiday.

Note that service between Tsawwassen, Galiano Island, Saturna Island, Mayne Island and the Pender Islands will continue on the regular winter schedule during the Long Harbour closure period.

Also note that, for the duration of the project, the 6:20 a.m. sailing from Fulford Harbour will leave at 5:50 a.m. to accommodate passengers who intend to connect with the 7:00 a.m. vessel from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen.

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A reminder that, as of Thursday, February 15, 2001, new distance-based fares for passengers and private vehicles will be in effect on many BC Ferries routes.

Here's a sampling of new fares for the present Low Season:

Route	Adult Passenger	Car
Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay (one way)	\$8.00	\$25.50 (weekend)
Tsawwassen-Duke Point (one way)	\$8.00	\$25.50 (weekend)
Horseshoe Bay-Departure Bay (one way)	\$8.00	\$25.50 (weekend)
Swartz Bay-Gulf Islands (return)	\$6.00	\$18.75
Powell River-Texada Island (return)	\$5.00	\$12.00
Nanaimo-Gabriola Island (return)	\$5.00	\$12.00
Chemainus-Thetis Island-Kuper Island (return)	\$5.00	\$12.00
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Denman Island-Hornby Island (return)	\$4.50	\$10.25
Campbell River-Quadra Island (return)	\$4.50	\$10.50
Quadra Island-Cortes Island (return)	\$5.50	\$12.75
Port McNeill-Alert Bay-Sointula (return)	\$5.50	\$12.75

On other Southern routes, passenger and private vehicle fares remain unchanged.

Note that Shoulder and Low Season fares will be changing on our Northern routes — including Mid-Coast, Inside Passage and Queen Charlotte Islands services — as of March 16, 2001.

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WINTER WONDERLAND: Those who thought spring was in the air were rudely awakened from their musings last week when a suprise snowfall fell just about everywhere

on Salt Spring but Ganges. Here, from left, Kai Corley, Heather MacDonald and Zach Corley toss a few snowballs at the photographer.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Membership drive in ArtSpring plan

Boosting membership numbers to 300 in 2001 is one of ArtSpring's short-term goals highlighted in a recently adopted business and operational plan.

A membership blitz is now in the works, with new and previous members being urged to join the Island Arts Centre Society (IACS).

ArtSpring's executive director Paul Gravett notes that while membership funds don't form a huge part of the facility's revenue, high member numbers indicate the kind of community support granting agencies and foundations like to see.

IACS currently has about 220 members, he said, with the hope that at least 80 more people will join before the end of the fiscal year.

Gravett says there are definitely

some benefits to membership, which costs \$20 for individuals.

One benefit is a first-crack chance at tickets and seat selection for ArtSpring-presented events, such as the March 15 performance by the acclaimed Canadian group Quartette.

Regular newsletters, AGM voting privileges and a set of ArtSpring greeting cards for new members are also part of the deal.

Islander Brian Threadkell volunteered his considerable expertise to IACS in helping a board committee prepare the business plan.

The document will accompany a variety of grant applications currently being explored.

It also contains information required by the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC)

in order for that body to consider another grant application from the IACS.

PARC had paid an agreed-upon \$18,000 to ArtSpring over 12 months straddling two calendar years, including \$7,500 last year. The payment was not "terminated" as reported in the January 31 Driftwood; the agreement period had expired, and PARC could not consider a further request for funds without certain information.

Short, medium and long-term goals, and financial plans are also in the nine-page document.

In the statistical realm, the plan notes that ArtSpring is used for public events some 26 days per month, and that more than 7,500 people attended public events there from January through August 2000.

Salt Spring Foundation aids Greenwoods drive

Greenwoods residents will have better bathing thanks to a fundraising drive launched last October.

Two recent and substantial donations to the Salt Spring seniors care facility will result in the purchase of the Century Tub Bathing System.

The tub, which will be used in addition to Greenwoods' current bathing system, is needed to keep up with demand from both residents and those in the community bathing program.

Funds to cover the cost of the system — which sits at \$23,498 — have been boosted by a \$2,000 donation from the Salt Spring Foundation, among other contributions.

Fundraising continues for

Greenwoods' Therapeutic Garden Project which will enhance the horticultural therapy program, enabling residents to "stretch (their) mental, physical, emotional and social capabilities to the fullest," states a Greenwoods press release.

The garden project will include construction of safe and wheelchair accessible gardens suitable for all residents, while present garden areas will be renovated to create shaded rest spots and raised garden beds for use by seniors. The horticultural program also aims to construct a greenhouse for year-round use.

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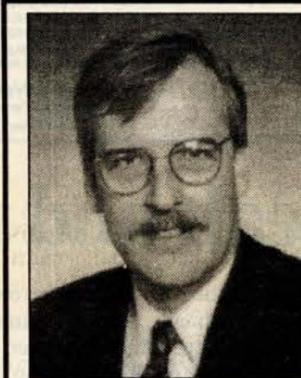
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A \$10,000 cheque from Pharmasave marks the latest injection of funds into the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association's (GISRA) fundraising drive for the Meadowbrook housing project.

As local Pharmasave manager Gary Utter made the presentation, he said, "Contributions like this to charitable local organizations here on Salt Spring mean a lot to us at Pharmasave."

GISRA president Gordon English responded by noting that "a few more contributions like this one will put us over the top and guarantee a July 1 start-up date for the construction of Meadowbrook."

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OPINION



A useful exercise

Salt Spring is a rarity among Canadian communities its size. It has no local government that fulfills the roles beyond those of the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District. It has no mayor or council as do most communities this size, no elected group whose purpose is to look out for the needs of the electorate it serves.

And as much as we like to heap scorn upon our various levels of government for whatever injustice they might recently have committed, we need them.

Complex societies with large populations require some controls to ensure peace and order. Government is the vehicle we have designed to create and maintain those controls.

In the absence of municipal government on Salt Spring, other groups and organizations have historically stepped in to fill the gaps. The chamber of commerce, the community planning association and others have often done well at interceding with provincial and federal governments and their agencies.

But none has focused on the less tangible needs of a community such as those being addressed by a study which is now nearing completion.

The preparation of an economic profile offers the promise of a basis on which we might proceed as a community to plan our future. The study has entailed gathering reams of information about our economic base and our resources, information that ought to leave us better prepared to manage our economy to the extent that is possible.

Salt Spring is not only unique for the manner in which it governs — or neglects to govern — itself. It has some special challenges. It has no industrial development to provide an employment and tax base, and its geographical boundaries place limits on economic development, as does the approach it takes with respect to governing land use.

The Islands Trust mandate was not written with economic development in mind. Getting around that, perhaps, is one of the larger challenges we face.

In the meantime, having an economic profile will set the stage for further efforts on behalf of the well-being of our community.

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Nods to Leah and more on search for inner peace

BY MIKE PRICE

As I've said before, there are two kinds of young people on this island (and everywhere else, for that matter). There are those who spend all their time and energy whingeing, "We're bored, there's nothing to do here" — and then using boredom as an excuse for trashing other people's property.

Then there are those, like Leah McColm ("A few secrets to inner peace," January 31 Driftwood) who, wherever they may be, can always find things to do and to be interested in.

Ms. McColm, for all her youth and, one presumes, inexperience, obviously has an armlock on a very important idea; something that some of us 50-plus types haven't yet managed to attain.

Inner peace! Yeah! Powerful stuff. What everyone searches for, even if they don't express it in those exact terms, but relatively few of us seem to find because

we're looking in all the wrong places. Money, wealth, fame, power, beauty, the ideal partner, a 3,000-square-foot home on top of Channel Ridge. Leah knows better: "Inner peace comes from you."

Or, in other words, don't let anyone else define your inner peace for you.

This, in its pure and unadulterated meaning, is the "essence of cool." Lots of people, young and old, talk about cool, but most of them wouldn't know real, genuine cool if it jumped up and bit them on the ass at midday in Centennial Park. Listen carefully; I'm going to let you in on a secret.

If you're worried about being cool, you're not. If you won't wear certain clothes, or won't do certain things, because you're afraid that other people might think you're not cool — well, you're not. To be cool is simply to do whatever brings you to that state of inner peace, and to do it with grace and passion and integri-

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ty. As Leah says, small children know all about this without, perhaps, being able to put it into words, whereas as we age we seem to lose it. Watch a child drawing or painting: eyes wide, tongue between lips, unhurried, perfectly concentrated, oblivious of everything beyond the moment, the pencil or paintbrush, the paper.

It's important, though, to emphasize that inner peace doesn't necessarily mean detachment from reality, or merely sitting in contemplation of some inner nirvana. It can come from splitting firewood, playing volleyball or building a stone wall as easily as from watching a sunset or listening to a Bach prelude. I once, many years

ago in Vancouver, attended a talk given by one of the lesser-known Indian gurus — this one rejoiced in the name Dada. The gist of his presentation was that creativity stems from inner peace, but to attain inner peace one must abandon all one's wants and passions.

He was just about 100 per cent wrong, of course. Creativity doesn't result from a passionless, cow-like placidity. All of the world's most creative people have invariably been driven by fierce, consuming passions: think of Beethoven, Van Gogh, Leonardo da Vinci, Byron, Hemingway.

All true artists seek inner peace through their art. Whether they find it is another matter entirely; but I think, as with the small child, inner peace comes from the process rather than the result. I don't think any real artist is ever entirely satisfied with his or her finished work. There is always the niggling thought that, "Hmmm,

maybe I should have done this and not that; well, next time will be better."

So they start again with a fresh sheet of paper or block of marble, and lose themselves once again in the process. The chips fly, the ink flows, and they are, once again, at peace. I don't claim to be an artist — a moderately talented craftsman at most — but I know the feeling. I think Leah does too.

For the whingers there is no hope. Set them down in the middle of Vancouver, New York, London or Paris and give each of them \$1,000, and they would still complain of boredom. "There's nothing to do here. . ."

Faced with such types, despair for the future comes easily, but if there are enough young people like Leah and her friends around, I don't think we need to worry too much.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

We should all be grateful for the local efforts recently made in the interest of public health protection. Through the auspices of the Islands Trust, the Advisory Planning Commission (APC), in its new role as Industry Canada's health protection branch, has developed standards that will undoubtedly keep us free of the hazards of cell-phone radiation.

We can safely ignore the recent scientific studies that have been unable to find a link between cell phones and cancer; we have our own standards.

Instead, it's time to move on; there are other issues that need the full attention of our volunteer land use planners on the APC. I think it's time they had a meeting with

Time for a meeting with Tall Terry

(Tall) Terry Graham.

Graham has been marginalized in his long-running campaign to educate people about diesel exhaust fumes. Anyone who knows him is aware of his abiding passion for the subject. Sure, he's written quite a few letters and given lectures to anyone who dared ask (and a few who didn't). But the squeaky wheel of his anti-diesel bandwagon has been no match against the cell-phone antenna lobby.

This isn't fair. Now you might wonder how one would justify studying diesel fumes from a land-use point of view. Good question. But the source of the fumes is

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the diesel pumped by gas stations. If diesel fumes are indeed dangerous, then we have an opportunity — no, a duty — to create zoning that would prevent the sale of diesel fuel.

The only problem I can see is getting the attention of the Trust and the APC. Graham's challenge, if he wishes to pursue this approach, is in duplicating the public relations success of the cell-phone antenna lobby.

He needs to write many letters and fill lots of seats with warm

bodies at Trust meetings, and have those warm bodies write letters, too. He needs to quote extensively from complex and jargon-ridden data.

The bottom line is that if enough people make enough noise we'll have a full-blown task force at work in no time with Big Oil's top guns travelling here to testify at APC hearings.

Then once the dangers of diesel have been dealt with and the appropriate zoning introduced, we can move on to the next critical health issue. There'll be no rest for the APC when they are charged with addressing tobacco usage.

Cigarette smoking can surely be regulated through land-use

zoning. If they can tell me I can't have more than one kitchen, then surely they can tell me I can't smoke.

There's no end to the potential for future studies that could keep planning commission members gainfully employed at protecting the public from the myriad health risks out there.

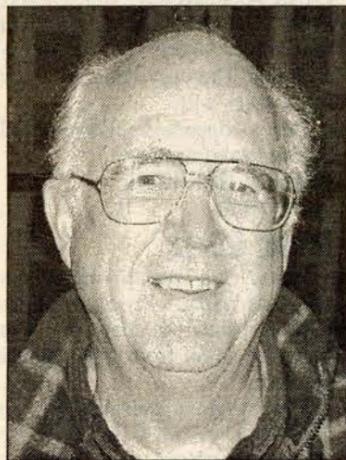
In the end, this community-based health protection initiative could render Health Canada redundant, giving the federal government a windfall in tax savings.

That money could be put to good use by buying up all the remaining forested land on Salt Spring, and completing the Ganges seawalk.

We should be thankful indeed.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: If you were to give a Valentine's card to a politician — past or present — who would it be and what would you say?



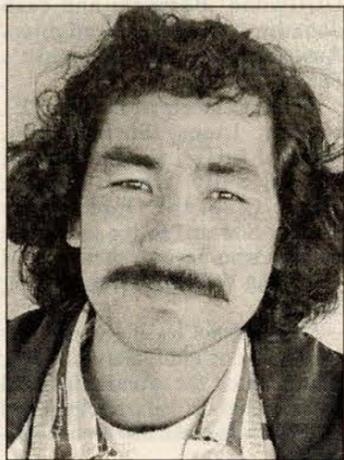
Bob Wild

Tommy Douglas — We miss your sparkling humour and political wisdom.



Yiana Belkalopoulos

The environment minister — The heart is abundant and hugely creative. Please be creative with the forest issue. There is no end to loving possibilities.



John Greaves

Mike Harris — Remember the St. Valentine's mass, SOS's.



Lana Tait

Pierre Trudeau — thank-you for loving flowers.



Sandra Smith

Svend Robinson because he is a humanitarian.

Letters to the Editor

Bravo Briony

I'm writing this letter to throw my support behind Briony Penn (our local Lady Godiva).

I am, in the words of my daughter, a small "c" very conservative — I'm definitely not anti-logging — I live in a wooden house, I burn wood for heat, my husband is a part-time carpenter and years ago we lived on the proceeds of log salvaging in the Fraser River.

I find suddenly that I'm having to take a stand for things I believe in — clean water, a beautiful place to grow old in — my Salt Spring, my home.

I very much applaud Briony and the other women who contributed to the calendar for their firmness of convictions.

Briony has made national news, This Hour Has 22 Minutes, and now is on the cover of Common Ground. Bravo Briony — if everyone could stand by what they believe in as you have, there probably wouldn't be so many problems in this world. I admire you.

KISHORI HUTCHINGS,
Salt Spring Island

Willing to restrict

I was most interested to read a report in the January 31 Driftwood on the quality of drinking water in St. Mary Lake.

Mike Larmour appears to have been extremely efficient in managing North Salt Spring Waterworks and has, by all accounts, kept the Islands Trust well informed about the condition of the lake. He has given the Trust his suggestions on how to protect the lake for future use.

Both trustees Bev Byron and David Borrowman agree that "St. Mary's water quality is a serious problem and that the less human activity in the watershed the better." Byron said she might change her mind on the whole issue (of the final draft of LUB #355) if St. Mary Lake watershed property owners generated the request to remove home-based business from that area.

To discourage the spread of any more home-based businesses that adversely affects our drinking water, it is to be hoped that all property owners who use St. Mary Lake water will write to the Islands Trust requesting a restriction on further home-based business.

As a property owner and user of St. Mary Lake drinking water and, as one living in the watershed of St. Mary Lake, I am sure I am not alone in accepting restrictions on my property use if it ensures safe drinking water for both me and my community.

VALERIE PITMAN,
Salt Spring

Trash trail

To the moron in the early-'80s red Dodge pick-up truck who was hauling a load of garbage along Long Harbour Road at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, February 9: Perhaps if you had bothered to use your rearview mirror you might have noticed the trash trail you created along the entire length of Long Harbour Road.

Seeing as you didn't, might I suggest that you either install a tailgate on your vehicle or at least secure your load properly next time. It's idiots like you who are making parts of this island an eyesore. Next time, pay attention.

ALAN LAYARD,
Harbourside Place

History-makers

To all the incredible women fighting to promote sustainable logging, to protect the environment and to make the world a better place, "Keep up the great work."

Remember that well-behaved women rarely make history.

HARRY BURTON,
Heidi Place

Laugh and cry

I laughed 'til I cried over the wonderful rant by Paul Minvielle in the February 7 issue of the Driftwood.

I've always championed B.C. Ferries, especially after riding the English Channel ferries, the ferry between New Zealand's North and South Islands and the U.S. ferry between Sidney and Anacortes. B.C. Ferries are slick, sleek, fast, friendly — something to be proud of.

But God how I've hated that Skeena Queen. She spoils the image altogether.

It was such a relief to hear Paul describe the "uncomfortable, badly-lit, noisy boxes that pass for lounges." And how about those ice-cold tin seats?

How about having to crawl out on deck in the howling wind and sea spray to get to the toilet?

The statistics are useful to remind us of many communities whose free ferries unquestionably form part of their highway system — Francois Lake, for one.

As for the ships' cafeterias, I suppose we can live without ferry food but there's something cozy and community-building about taking a cup of cocoa with friends and neighbours during a crossing. Wonderful article.

But hey, haven't we heard quite enough from Clifford Hunt, Esq.?

MARY MACKIE,
Pender Island

Does Battle for Burgoyne stack up against need for temperate rainforest?

By A.J. GIBSON

By now I'm sure we're all getting a bit tired of the ongoing debates over the Texada lands.

Things have mellowed since that day last spring when misfortune put me in line at Thrifty's behind a logger and an environmentalist. The ensuing diatribe demonstrated clearly the deep divisions in the community over this issue. Faces turned red, tempers flared, veins on foreheads looked as though they were about to pop. If the cashier hadn't had the presence of mind to interject some humour, the two may have had an impromptu boxing match.

For my part, I would, in most circumstances, come to the aid of the environmentalist, but in this case I found myself horrified by the total lack of respect this particular environmentalist displayed, and for a change I felt sympathy for a logger. This irked me, due to my own environmental convictions, and if my experience as an environmentalist has taught me anything it's this: disrespect and confrontation beget more disrespect and confrontation.

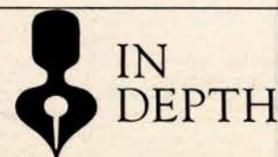
Shortly thereafter, I began looking into the proposals put forward by The Land Conservancy of B.C. (LC), but found something lacking. At first I couldn't put my finger on it, but while reading their initial statements I found myself reminded of the nasty tirade one environmentalist had heaped on one logger. This, in turn, brought a couple of questions to mind, and the answers became clear over the Solstice.

1. What is really being lost by the logging of the Texada lands?

2. In this age of dwindling rainforests, does the "Battle for Burgoyne" stack up against the battle for the world's largest remaining temperate rainforest? As environmentalists are we really serving the planet by drawing so much attention to our tiny island, or are there better battles to fight?

Question one was slippery. For me, personally, much has already been lost. My favourite hike (Mount Bruce) looks as if a bomb hit it. I stopped for a good cry only a quarter of the way up, and in the end, decided not to go to the top for fear of what else I would find.

And this wasn't the first time. The same thing happened up behind Ford Lake seven or eight



years ago, at Channel Ridge, Mount Tuam, and so on.

But I digress. Personal emotional considerations aside, when I sat down to think over what was being lost, I had to be honest: shaggy third-growth forest that will be back to what it was in '99 in less than 50 years.

Once upon a time, Salt Spring was part of a unique ecosystem, but that battle was over a century ago. So, what we're really losing boils down to this: a craterous chunk of green space for a few decades. Further, there is a distinct possibility that the clearcuts jarring the senses of many will eventually become housing developments, rather than regenerating into green space; depressing perhaps, but not earthshattering.

Just north of us, though, there is something earthshattering being lost. Which brings me to my second question: are there better battles to fight? I think the answer is yes.

Undoubtedly, what the LC has managed to do is quite remarkable: they've drawn the world's attention to the destruction of a few hundred hectares of third-growth forest. And how did they manage this? In large part through some local women baring their bottoms for fun and profit, which begs the question: is this a positive way of getting attention . . . by pandering to the lowest common denominator in our culture, i.e. titillation?

Texada's logging activities are, in my opinion, entirely local issues, which centre on the problems of land use and continued development. As residents of this lovely little island, I think it's an obligation to join in the dialogue over the course, shape and speed of this development. If we fail to do this, we'll have little recourse with greedy landowners like Texada.

Development is the crux of the problem. It might be foolish to think it can be stopped. Perhaps the best we can hope for is to influence its course and speed. For the naysayers I offer the following exhibits.

EXHIBIT A: In 1975, when I first visited, Salt Spring's population was around 3,000. In 1992, when I moved over, it was around 6,000 (100 per cent increase, 17 years). Presently, we're hovering around 10,000 (60 per cent increase, eight years). Clearly, this island is being developed.

EXHIBIT B: Our proximity to Vancouver, Seattle, Victoria and the rest of Vancouver Island suggests development will continue as more people visit and fall in love with this place, as we all have.

EXHIBIT C: If growth continues as it has in the past decade, we're looking at 5-7,000 new residents by 2010, unless we work diligently at changing land use policies over the next few years. And in our society that really is the only way to force greedy landowners to be accountable to the community.

Buying some of Texada's land isn't likely to stop development, or even slow it down, only changes in land use policy can do that. Further, contrary to its intentions, the LC will be giving Texada further financial resources with which they are quite free to buy land elsewhere on the island. Clearly, this would defeat the LC's purpose entirely.

In buying land from Texada, I believe what the LC is getting is a few million dollar Band-aids that will only hide the wounds, not cure them. On the other hand, the millions they're spending on those Band-aids would go a long way in finding a cure for the deep wounds in the real B.C. battleground, namely, the last remaining virgin temperate rainforest in the world. This treasure trove of biological diversity is second only to the Amazon in its richness, size and grandeur.

And unless every effort is spent on saving it, hundreds (perhaps thousands) of species of plant and animal life will certainly disappear from the face of the planet along with it. So, I ask: which is the better buy, a few hundred hectares of shaggy third-growth forest, or a few hundred thousand hectares of virgin temperate rainforest?

The Texada lands can repair themselves without much help in less than 50 years, but the rainforest would take millennia to repair itself, if indeed it could at all.

Are we taking the long view?
The writer lives on Salt Spring.

Write letters

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic response encouraging Premier Dosanjh to support the Biodiversity Package.

By February 3, more than 1,010 letters were sent to Ujjal Dosanjh! This \$110-million joint venture between the federal and provincial governments to buy endangered ecosystems in B.C. will be the largest land acquisition for conservation in the history of Canada. It includes Burgoyne Bay on Salt Spring Island, the Cowichan Wetlands, the Fraser River Wetlands, Burns Bog in Vancouver and Sooke Hills.

Texada Land Corporation has agreed to stop logging in Burgoyne Bay until March 30 to give us time to buy Burgoyne Bay under the federal/provincial Biodiversity Package. It is URGENT that you support this great land purchase, as we only have two months to save Burgoyne Bay.

What you can do: write or phone Premier Ujjal Dosanjh at the Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4, and ask him to support the Biodiversity Package.

Send copies to Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, ONT, K1A 0A6; and to David Anderson, Minister of the Environment, House of Commons, Ottawa, ONT, K1A 0A6.

Provincial mail is free if you take it to the government agent's office on Lower Ganges Road. Federal mail is free if you take it to the post office.

Or sign the letter that we have prepared. Currently it is available at the following Salt Spring businesses: Natureworks, Stan's Harbour Low Cost, Ganges Stationery, et cetera, the Hemp Store, Growing Circle and others. If you leave your signed copy, we will mail it for you.

Thank you, and special thanks to all of you who have helped getting the letters signed!

TAMAR GRIGGS,
Bold Bluff

Valentine's hug

The Order of the Eastern Star in British Columbia has adopted "fighting cancer" as its main charity for fundraisers. Thousands of dollars are raised each year by over 70 chapters.

Our chapter was inspired by the "Daring to Believe" campaign. On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #93 members I would like to publicly thank all the people who supported our valentine jubilee dinner and dance at Meaden Hall on February 10. We raised over \$4,400 to help buy equipment for the new cancer treatment research centre at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Those of you who weren't fortunate enough to get a ticket to this event missed the best party Salt Spring has had for a long while. Good food, good music, and a "Lover's Auction" with 16 baskets of goodies were auctioned off.

I would like to thank the following people for their donations to our baskets: et cetera, Anne's Oceanfront Hideaway, the Dollar

More letters

Store, Bernie Reynolds Carpet Cleaning, King's Lane, Harlans, Ken Tara Backhoe, Michael Hunsberger (master birdhouse craftsman), Jack Clements (stained glass craftsman), Shelley Maltby (toll painter extraordinaire), Calvin's Restaurant, Island Magic Touch, Salt Spring Linen and Drycleaners, Irwin Collision and Nichola Howard — quilter and "special person" to us all. Nichola's quilt was auctioned for \$250!

To our corporate citizens for their generosity through donations and discounts that help make our fund raising efforts look even better we wish to extend special thanks to: Ganges Village Market (for always being there with a true community spirit), Thrifty's (for the flowers), Embe Bakery (for the scrumptious cakes), the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #92 (for their full support and generous donation), South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute (for their untiring work in the kitchen), Island

Star Video (for ticket sales), Driftwood, Barnacle and cash donations from the Firefighters Association, and Hayward's Funeral Service.

To the members of the I.O.D.E., Legion, Lions, Shrine Club, Admiral Lodge, Cancer Support Group, Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, the Order of the Eastern Star and to the individual helpers who gave of their time, I give a big Valentine's hug for your support.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank our chef, Steve Lynch, who created the wonderful meal and donated his valuable item and effort to help make this event a success.

TRUDY SLOAN,
Order of the Eastern Star,
Salt Spring

Seconds save

We are having an unseasonably warm winter this year and even though the forecasts still call for some snow, the birds think it is

spring. They have started nesting.

The birds see our vehicles as threatening monsters no matter how responsibly we behave on the road.

Since the hedges in which their nests are built are so close to the roadways in most areas here, they constantly dive-bomb vehicles, doing miraculous things like flying under them and in-between tires, trying to protect their eggs.

Often our winged friends lost their joust with our cars and trucks and then there is the telltale bundle of crushed feathers and blood on the road, sometimes flattened to the point where it has to be scraped away.

This in turn results in the eggs or young perishing.

Please slow down when driving. A few seconds later could save a small defenseless life and contribute to a richer environment for all.

MARILYN MARSHALL,
Maliview Drive

Save lives

Suggestion: Signs put up along the most dangerous stretches of road "IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PASS A SCHOOL BUS, FINE \$144" . . . or a flashing sign with the word "STOP" in the rear of each bus. The cost would be worth it if it saves a life.

I am a concerned relative of Salt Spring Island residents.

PETER E. FARROW,
via e-mail

Not CRD

Please note that the reference to the Toxic Smart Program on the CRD website in the February 7 letter to the editor from I. M. Hunt is incorrect.

This program information is not provided on the CRD website. Inquiries about this program should be made to the Georgia Strait Alliance, Victoria office, #12 Centennial Square, V8W 1P7, (250) 381-8321.

BRENDA PHILLIPS,
Director, Diversion Support Programs CRD Environmental Services Department

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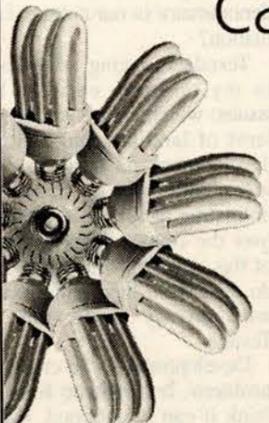
#63. How many loads per week do you run in your clothes dryer?

#5. How much insulation do you have in your attic or ceiling?

#11. Approximately in what year was your main heating system installed?

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Letters

No alternative

I have the following comments with regards to the Driftwood's February 7 editorial titled Protecting Our Water.

1. A short report on St. Mary Lake by the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Environment Canada notes that the lake had relatively high levels of phosphorous at spring overturn, exceeding the guidelines for drinking water, recreation and aquatic life in most years. The report said that phosphorus levels should be reduced to improve water quality.

2. Contrary to this advice, we are allowing a significant increase in watershed development, which will inevitably lead to even more nutrients entering the lake.

3. Eutrophic (over-enriched) lakes have often been abandoned as water sources. Unfortunately, we have no alternative source to St. Mary Lake.

MIKE LARMOUR,
Manager, North Salt Spring Waterworks District

Runaway success

A warm and loving thank you to everyone who helped make the January 27th all-ages dance at ArtSpring with the Runaways and Friends such a tremendous success.

Attendance was low but the event was great. The gallery wing looked pretty, fun, warm and inviting. Gel lighting coloured the riser band stage and highlighted the room. Cut glass tea lights flickered on the window sills, a soft glow lit the enchanting paintings on the walls. Chairs lined the room, children coloured, read and played in one corner, a cozy cafe filled hungry bellies, the Green Party staffed an info booth (personal politics prerogative), and we even had an impromptu massage chair.

Best of all, people danced from all walks of life: fathers and mothers with their infants, kids, couples, young folks, old folks — everyone had fun. And the music sounded great.

Soundproofing work in ArtSpring's gallery space is not quite complete (material is still to be applied to some walls, and banners will be hung to slow the reverberation) but already the sound is good even for these types of louder events. It's a nice, bright, warm room. Runaway Stage decided to hold its first public dance at ArtSpring to encourage use of the underused gallery space. The room is, in my opinion, perfect for dances, conventions, receptions, small concerts, performances, workshops, etc. and will improve as ArtSpring and the community work to enhance it.

Runaway Stage plans to host many other such events at ArtSpring and at other island venues. If you attended this dance, please spread the word; if you didn't, come and have fun at the next one!

Special thanks to the fabulous musicians: The Runaways — me (guitar, vocals), Leah Hansel (vocals, production), Bob Delion (bass and evening's sound-scape), Gary Lundy (keyboard), Laurent Boucher (drums and percussion) and friends — Sue Newman, James Wilkinson, the Atomic Blues Band, Paul Branscombe, Pat Cullen, Ted Cook, Bruce Graham, Archangel Michael, Salt Spring Painters Guild, Diana Dean, Stefanie Denz, Amarah K. Gabriel, Theresa Foubert of Theresa's Treats, Erin and Mary at Fables Cottage, Jordy Sharp at Acoustic Planet Music, Simon Wells, Che McNabb, Zak Wilson, Beth Cherneff, Paul Gravett, Lynn Partridge, John Greco, Jill Tarswell, Waterfall, Rudi, Andrew Lewis, and anyone I may have forgotten. See ya.

VAUGHN FULFORD,
Artistic director,
Runaway Stage

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Notice of Counter Petition Opportunity - Bylaw No. 2834

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Capital Regional District (CRD) intends to adopt Bylaw No. 2834, *Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2001*.

Source control is a pollution prevention strategy that is aimed at reducing the amounts of chemical contaminants that industries, commercial businesses, institutions and households discharge to sanitary sewers. The CRD Regional Source Control program focuses on point-of-discharge reductions of contaminants in order to protect the receiving environment, public health, collection and treatment systems and sewage sludge (or biosolids) quality.

The *Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw*, adopted in 1996 as Bylaw 2402, established a local service for the control of direct or indirect discharge of contaminants into facilities connected to sewage facilities operated by the CRD. This bylaw provides the CRD with the authority to recover the cost of the Regional Source Control program through requisition to municipalities, electoral areas and other participants and by the imposition of fees on businesses and institutions within the local service.

The purpose of this bylaw amendment is to increase the maximum amount of requisition to provide for enhancement of the Regional Source Control program over the next four years. If adopted, the amendment would increase the maximum requisition amount from the current \$600,000 to \$1,100,000. The boundaries of the proposed local service area will remain the boundaries of the CRD and cost apportionment for participating municipalities, electoral areas and other participants is based on annual sewage flows into CRD sewage facilities, as under the previous bylaw.

Proposed enhancements of the program include acceleration of the development and implementation of industry-specific codes of practice, an increased level of industrial/commercial site inspection, acceleration of residential education and increased program promotion. The benefits of enhancing the program region-wide include earlier application of regulatory controls to key contaminant-producing sectors, earlier reductions in contaminant levels in biosolids and the receiving environment, earlier improved protection of municipal sewage infrastructure and earlier improved protection of the health and safety of sewer workers.

COUNTER PETITION

The Board of the Capital Regional District may proceed with adoption of Bylaw No. 2834 **unless at least 5% of the electors in the Capital Regional District petition against the bylaw by signing counter petition forms and submitting them to the Capital Regional District, at the offices listed below, by the established deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2001.**

The only persons entitled to sign the counter petition forms are electors within the local service area, comprised of all municipalities and electoral areas of the Capital Regional District. Counter petition forms must be in the form established by the Capital Regional District and are available on request by contacting one of the following CRD office locations, Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays:

- Corporate Secretary, **Capital Regional District (CRD)**, 524 Yates Street, P. O. Box 1000, **Victoria**, BC V8W 2S6; (Telephone 360-3128 or toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3128); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- **CRD Sooke Building Inspection**, 2205 Otter Point Road, **Sooke**, BC V0S 1N0; (Telephone 642-1616); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- **CRD Outer Gulf Islands Electoral Area Building Inspection**, Gateway Village, #210-771 Vernon Ave., **Victoria**, BC V8X 5A7; (Telephone 475-1581); 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- **CRD Salt Spring Island Building Inspection**, #206-118 Fulford Ganges Road, **Salt Spring Island**, BC V8K 2S4; (Telephone 537-2711); 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- **CRD Pender Island Building Inspection**, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road, **North Pender Island**, BC V0N 2M0 (Telephone 629-3424); 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.

Bylaw No. 2834 may be inspected at the above noted CRD office locations from February 7th, 2001 until March 19th, 2001 inclusive, during the days and office hours as listed above. The bylaw may also be viewed on the CRD website: <http://www.crdinfo.crd.bc.ca> (select the CRD Bylaws tab and then Select Bylaw No. 2834 in the drop down list).

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

It is estimated that the numbers of electors within the local service area, calculated as required under Section 172.4(3) of the *Local Government Act*, are as follows:

MUNICIPALITIES AND ELECTORAL AREAS	ESTIMATED ELECTORS
District of Central Saanich	11,000
City of Colwood	8,047
Township of Esquimalt	10,400
District of Highlands	1,152
District of Langford	10,550
District of Metchosin	2,846
District of North Saanich	7,400
District of Oak Bay	12,285
District of Saanich	63,243
Town of Sidney	7,364
District of Sooke	6,298
City of Victoria	48,000
Town of View Royal	4,225
Electoral Area "F" Salt Spring Island	7,004
Electoral Area "G" Outer Gulf Islands	4,033
Electoral Area "H" Juan de Fuca	4,235
TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN LOCAL SERVICE AREA	208,082
5% COUNTER PETITION	10,404

The CRD estimates that the number of electors who must petition against Bylaw No. 2834 in order to prevent the CRD Board from proceeding without the assent of the electors is 10,404.

TAXATION IMPACT

The estimated annual cost to a property owner having an assessed value on land and improvement of \$100,000 is projected to be approximately \$3.40 per year.

Only those municipalities, electoral area sewer local service areas and other participants contributing sewage flows into sewage facilities owned or operated by the CRD will be requisitioned (invoiced) under this bylaw. Those municipalities which are not serviced by CRD sewage facilities, including the Districts of Sooke, Metchosin and the Highlands, will not be requisitioned (invoiced).

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors are as set out below:

Resident Elector: You are entitled to submit a counter petition as a **Resident Elector** if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in a municipality or electoral area of the Capital Regional District for 30 days;

Non-Resident Property Elector: If you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property in a municipality or electoral area of the Capital Regional District for 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may submit a counter petition as a **Non-Resident Property Elector**. **Note:** Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may submit a counter petition per property, regardless of how many owners there may be.

TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES

Please address any **technical enquiries** to the CRD Hotline @ 360-3030 (toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3030) and advise that your enquiry is about Bylaw No. 2834 - an amendment to the Source Control Local Service Establishment Bylaw, and provide your residential location.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2001.

Carmen I. Thiel,
Corporate Secretary

P&C

PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

Perfume man trades in essence for roses

I wasn't always a rose person. Looking back I suppose I began my career as a romantic devil with the able assistance of various olfactory aids. Perfume in particular.

ALEX MITCHELL



Last year I wrote about my first love affair with an older lady. Her name was Betty Strawbridge (sigh! sigh!) and she was five and a half when I was five.

She kissed me and waited. Was there more? I was not quite non-plussed but was far from plussed. What to do next?

I was struggling with elementary phonics at the time so a love letter was not feasible. Elizabeth Browning was out because of my weakness in Mathematics. I was unable to count the ways.

And so it came to pass that I shaved slivers from my mother's Irish Spring soap, shook it up with water in a small milk bottle and shyly presented it to my beloved.

She smiled (her lack of two front teeth in no way detracted from her beauty), she kissed me twice and then, oh joy! gave me my first romantic hug.

An epiphany! Sadly, Betty left me the following week for a six-year-old hunk who could wiggle his ears.

One at a time! How could I compete?

Years flew by and I found myself in the middle of a war. I was now madly in love with a lady from Newcastle-on-Tyne. Her name was Ruby and she was a vision in cute hiking shorts. We shared celibate weekends in segregated youth hostel dormitories and I yearned for the romance to blossom.

I recalled the atomic effect scent had had on the Strawbridge-

Mitchell affair and went hunting for real perfume.

The shortages during the war were abysmal but with great good luck I met Gilbert, a friend of loose moral values. He had found a bottle of Evening in Paris which had fortuitously fallen off a truck, and sold it to me for half-a-crown.

Alas, Ruby had tired of waiting and left me for an insurance salesman. He had a Morgan three-wheeler and I had but an ancient 1928 Sunbeam motorcycle. He also had the Evening in Paris.

In 1947, I met Avril, and took her on my antique bike to Grasse in the south of France. This was a paradise of hundreds of acres of flowers.

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Happy Valentine!



PIES FOR SALE: Local 4-H Club president Sarah Davies, left, is selling pies to help raise the \$4,000 she needs for an exchange trip to Britain this summer. Seen here with her sister, Cherith, she and her pies can be found in Centennial Park between 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

BRIDGE TRICKS

By CONHOR VANE-HUNT

There was some fierce competition at the Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club on January 22, with Irene Hawksworth and Yvonne Sollitt coming in just one point ahead of three other pairs who all tied for second place.

Listed alphabetically (to avoid awkward questions), they were: Blanche Poborsa and John Pringle, Conhor Vane-Hunt and Ian Thomas, and Isabelle Richardson and Joan Conlan. Of course, if I were to list partners alphabetically by surnames, the order would be different. One has to tread carefully.

On January 29, things were less complicated: first, Brent Vickers and Bill Buckler, second, Richardson and Conlan, and third, Tony Luton and Jill Evans.

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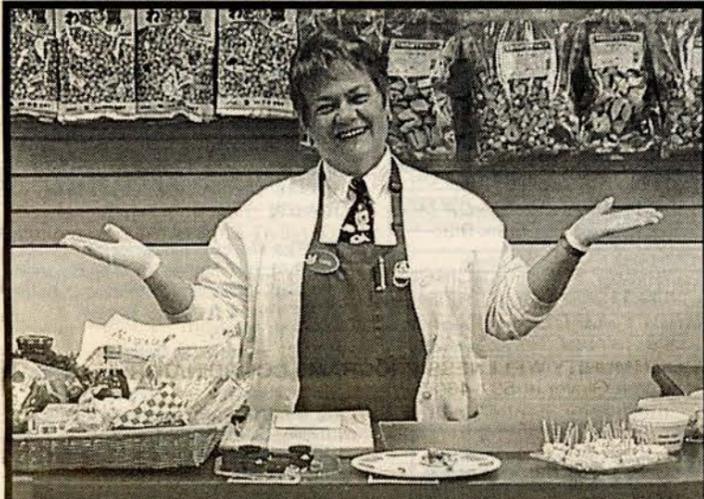
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3		SUPER	Movie	Cabin by the Lake		Artificial Lies (1994)	Jack Wagner.	Starhunter		Baby	Farrah Fawcett.			Ten Things I Hat.			
4	4	KOMO	Rosie O'Donnell	KOMO 4 News		News	News	Wheel	Jeopardy	..Be a Millionaire?	D.Carey	Spin City	Once and Again	News	Nightline		
5	16	KING	Oprah Winfrey	KING News		News	News	Magazine	Squares	Ed	The West Wing	Law & Order	News	Jay Leno			
6	7	CHEK	Inside Ed.	Real TV	CHEK News	News		InsideEnt.	Squares	Bette	Raymond	The West Wing	Traders	News	News		
7	14	VTV	Ellen	3rd Rock	News	D.Carey	News	Frasier	Friends	..Be a Millionaire?	D.Carey	Spin City	Law & Order	News	Bullard		
8	8	BCTV	Oprah Winfrey	News	Canada	News		Wheel	Jeopardy	Ed	Haven 2/2 (from Feb 11)		News	News	Spt		
9	9	KCTS	Zoom	Clifford	Arthur	Business	NewsHour	Lehrer	TravelEur	Outdoors	Nat. Geographic	M.Russell	American Masters	Served?	News		
10	23	SRC	Couacs	Débruill.	..tatow	Mensong.	Relais	Ce soir	Virginie	Caserne	Réveries	..le signe du lion	Téléjournal/Point	Ce soir	Sports		
11	5	KNOW	Mechanic	MagicBus	Art Attack	Kratt's C.	Careers	Ent.Asia	Garden	Sportfish	BC Now	Divorce IranianStyle	Valentine's Day	Dotto on Data Live			
13	13	CKVU	Days of Our Lives	Young & Restless	News		News		E.T.	Addams	70'sShow	70'sShow	Blue Murder	SprtPage	News		
14		BRAVO	Videos	Courage	Spoken Art	Love-Moi (1992)			45 News	NYPD Blue	Homicide: Life on St	O Amor Natural	20 News	Oblomov			
15	35	CMT	3:00 Chapel of Love	CMT's Chapel of Love					CMT's Chapel of Love		CMT's Chapel of Love		CMT After Hours				
16	38	TLC	Extreme Machines	The Ultimate Ten		The Human Sexes			Seduction		The Ultimate Ten		Seduction				
17	32	CNN	3:30 Money	Crossfire	W. Blitzer	The Point	Larry King Live		CNN Ton.	SpinR'm	SportsT.	Moneylin.	Larry King Live	CNN Ton.	SpinR'm	SportsT.	Moneylin.
19		FAM	Doug	PeppAnn	Recess	Buzz	Little Lulu	Pumbaa	Valentine	I Shrank Kids	Casablanca		45 Unlgt Romance	40Pete..			
20	31	A&E	Law & Order	Biography		American Justice	Investigative Rep.		Law & Order		Biography		American Justice	Investigative Rep.			
21	15	TSN	..Hockey	Dog Show	Westminster Kennel Club				Sportsdesk		Hockey	Soccer Manchester	United vs Valencia	Sportsdesk			
22	19	NET	Golf Dest.	LastWord	GottaSee	CoolShot	Canucks	SprtCent.	Hockey NHL	Washington Capitals vs Vancouver Canucks	Sports Central	Canucks	LastWord				
23	17	KSTW	Recess	Buzz	J.Judy	J.Judy	D.Carey	Frasier	Spin City	Seinfeld	Seven Days	Star Trek: Voyager	HomeImp	M.A.S.H.	Frasier	Spin City	
24	12	KVOS	J.Judy	Tell Truth	Fm.Feud	Ch. Heart	St.Smarts	BlindDate	S. Susan	Spin City	Star Trek: Voyager	Earth: Final Conflict	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cheers	M.A.S.H.	
25	34	KCPQ	Act. Man	Digmon	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Simpsons	3rd Rock	Friends	Friends	Barbra Streisand	Q-13Rep	Arrest	05 Star Trek: NG			
26	20	NEWS	Can. Now	Health	Counterspin		The National/Mag.		Antiques Roadshow	Counterspin	National	BusNews	Antiques Roadshow	Counterspin			
27	11	KIRO	Inside Ed.	Attorney	KIRO News		News	News	E.T.	Real TV	Bette	Raymond	Haven 2/2 (from Feb 11)	News	Letterm'n		
28		VISION	L. Hobo	Fam. Ties	Wond.Y'r	Cosby	Little House Prairie		Skylight	Art Archit.	Bless Me	Dreams	Portia White	Skylight	Spirit	100 Huntley Street	

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- WEDNESDAY, FEB 14**
- 6:00 PM
3 Artificial Lies (1994,Suspense) A rich young woman seeks help after she is charged with the murder of her analyst. *Jack Wagner, Daphne Zuniga* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
14 Love-Moi (1992,Drama) A filmmaker becomes fascinated by a murder and starts to investigate. (1h45)
- 9:00 PM
3 Baby (Drama) When a baby is abandoned on a dysfunctional family's doorstep, their lives are changed. *Farrah Fawcett, Keith Carradine* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
3 (8) 27 (11) Haven (2000,Drama) Ruth Gruber, a U.S. government official, escorts 1000 Holocaust survivors to America. *Natasha Richardson, Anne Bancroft* (2h)
- 11:00 PM
19 ★★★★★ Casablanca (1942,Romance) A man's one true love walks into his bar with her freedom-fighter husband. *Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman* (1h45)
- 11:00 PM
3 ★★ Ten Things I Hate About You (1999,Comedy) A young girl is forbidden from dating until her unhappy older sister gets a date. *Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles* (1h45)
- 11:30 PM
2 (2) ★★★★★ Brassed Off (1996,Drama) The future of a brass band, made up of a group of coal miners, looks bleak. *Ewan McGregor, Pete Postlethwaite* (2h)
- 11:30 PM
14 ★★★★★ Oblomov (1980,Drama) A Russian civil servant and landlord chooses to go to bed one day and never get up. *Oleg Tabakov, Andrei Popov* (2h30)
- THURSDAY, FEB 15**
- 6:00 PM
3 Secret Agenda (1999,Spy) After a man discovers that his brother is dead, he becomes entwined in a web of espionage. *Kevin Dillon, Andrea Roth* (2h)
- 8:30 PM
3 One Man's Hero (1999,Drama) A group of Irish immigrants desert to Mexico after encountering prejudice in the US. *Tom Berenger, Joaquim de Almeida* (2h)
- 9:00 PM
19 ★★ Almost an Angel (1990,Comedy) A criminal who almost dies in an accident must make changes in his life. *Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski* (1h30)
- 10:00 PM
14 ★★ Jonathan Livingstone Seagull (1937,Fantasy) A seagull is metaphorically seen as the bird kingdom's Messiah. *Philip Ahn, Richard Anthony Crenna, Jr.* (2h)
- 10:30 PM
3 In the Dead of Space (1999,Sci-Fi) After colliding with a space station, two American astronauts find their lives in danger. *Michael Pare, George Chualo* (1h30)
- 11:30 PM
19 ★★ The Strongest Man in the World (1975,Comedy) Student eats cereal and develops super-human strength. *Kurt Russell, Eve Arden* (1h35)
- 11:30 PM
2 (2) Twilight of the Ice Nymphs (1997,Drama) A tragedy of unrequited love in a world illuminated by sunlight. *Pascale Bussiere, Shelley Duvall* (2h)
- Z**
- 6:00 PM
3 The Whole Nine Yards (2000,Comedy) A dentist discovers his conniving wife wants him dead after a hit man moves in next door. *Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
14 ★★★★★ The Company of Wolves (1984,Horror) A young girl's grandmother delights her with horrific stories about wolves. *Angela Lansbury, David Warner* (2h)
- 8:00 PM
3 Reindeer Games (2000,Action)



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2	2	CBC	7-4Kids	Get Set For Life		Get Set For Life			This Hour	RdGreen	North of 60		Gardener	Riverdale	Various	Emmerd..	
3		SUPER	Various Movies	Various	Various Movies			Various Movies					Various Movies				
4	4	KOMO	7:00 Morning Am.	Live With Regis	The View		News	P.Charles	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Northwest					
5	16	KING	7:00 Today Show	Today Show II	M. Stewart Living	Mars vs Venus	News		Days of Our Lives	Passions	Judge H.	Judge H.					
6	7	CHEK	6:30 Canada AM	Various	D. Chalk	The Price is Right	CityLine		Various	C. Court	H. Home	B & B	Rosie O'Donnell				
7	14	VTV	6:00 VTV Breakfast	Live With Regis		The View		Vicki Gabereau	E.R.	Counsellr	FamPass	General Hospital	Vicki Gabereau				
8	8	BCTV	Canada AM			C. Court	C. Court	Various	InsideEnt.	News	H. Home	B & B	Rosie O'Donnell	As the World Turns			
9	9	KCTS	Bet. Lions/Zoboo...	Caillou	Dragon T.	Barney	Sesame Street	MrRogers	Tubbies	Rainbow	Caillou	Noddy	Zoboo...	Wishbone	Clifford	Various	
10	23	SRC	7:30 Matin express	3 mousquetaires	C'est simple comme bonjour	Mensong.	Le Midi	Liza			Providence	Zoboo...	Variées	Variées	Variées		
11	5	KNOW	BlueClue	Zoboo...	DreamSt.	Various	Ell.Moose	Dudley D.	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	
13	13	CKVU	Mechanic	Carebear	100 Huntley Street	It's a New Day	Various	Road	Travel	Hitchcock	Bynon		Passions	Student	Arrest		
14		BRAVO	Various	WakeUp	Various	E.Sullivan	E.Sullivan	Various Movies			Various	Various	Movie	Eli.Smart	Various	Various	
15	35	CMT	Top 12 Choice	Heart&Home/ChpLove	F Heart and Home	TH M TU Heart and Home/W Chapel Love	Heart&Home/ChpLove	Rock N' Country	Songbook/ChapelLove								
16	38	TLC	Wed.St.	Wed.St.	Makeover/Makeover	DateStory/DateStory	Baby St.	Baby St.	Wed.St.	Wed.St.	Various	Various	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Various		
17	32	CNN	6:00 Morn. News	Newsday	B.of Proof	CNN Today			Talkback Live	CNN Today			Inside Politics		Moneylin.		
19		FAM	Various	Bill Nye	Various	Madeline	20OutBox	45BillyCat	10GoofT.	35Aladdin	ALF	Franklin	Various	Madeline	20OutBox	45BillyCat	10GoofT.
20	31	A&E	Magnum, P.I.	N. Court	NsRadio	Law & Order	Northern Exposure	L.A. Law/L.A. Law	Murder.She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	N. Court	NsRadio					
21	15	TSN	W TH F Sportsdesk	Various	Workout	Various	Curling	Various	Bowling	Various	W NBA	W Golf	M Bowling	Tarheel/PBA/TU Soccer	OffRec'rd	Sportsdsk	
22	19	NET	SprtCent.	SprtCent.	SprtCent.	SprtCent.	SprtCent.	SprtCent.	SprtCent.	SprtCent.	Various	Various	Various	TH Skiing	Various	Powerb't	
23	17	KSTW	Screen Gems		Seventh Heaven	C. Court	C. Court	JudgeJoe	JudgeJoe	The People's Court	Divorce	Divorce	Moessa	Sabrina	Various	Various	
24	12	KVOS	Buzz	MerrieMel	Various	Various	Judge Greg Mathis	Jenny Jones	Jerry Springer	Maury Povich Show	Montel Williams	Sally Jessy Raphael					
25	34	KCPQ	6Mornings on Q/News	Moral Court	Judge Greg Mathis	J.Mills	Arrest	Judge Greg Mathis	Moral Court	Cosby	MagicBus	Various	BoyRobot				
26	20	NEWS	BusNews	Health	NewsWorld Today		NewsWorld Today	M NewsWorld Today		Canadian							
27	11	KIRO	The Early Show	Sally Jessy Raphael	The Price is Right	Young & Restless	News	B & B	As the World Turns	The Guiding Light	Montel Williams						
28		VISION	Mass	Various	Robison	Copeland	Skylight	Various	Various	Various	Skylight	Various	Hallelujah	Robison	Q.Study	Various	

YOUR WEEKLY PULL-OUT TV GUIDE

Table with columns for S, O, Time (4:00-11:30) and program titles for Thursday Evening February 15. Includes shows like 'Adventures of Elmo', 'Secret Agenda', 'One Man's Hero', 'The National/Mag.', 'The Outer Limits', 'The Tempest', 'Wild Weddings', 'The Point', 'The Strongest Man in World', 'CSI: Crime Scene', 'The Competition', 'The Company of Wolves', 'The Beach', 'The World Is Not Enough', 'Myra Breckinridge', 'Oh God! Book II', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine'.

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Table with columns for S, O, Time (4:00-11:30) and program titles for Friday Evening February 16. Includes shows like 'Runaway Bride', 'The Whole Nine Yards', 'Reindeer Games', '200 Cigarettes', 'Law & Order: S.V.U.', 'The Fugitive', 'Cold Squad', 'Nash Bridges', 'Hello, Dolly!', 'The Competition', 'The Company of Wolves', 'The Beach', 'The World Is Not Enough', 'Myra Breckinridge', 'Oh God! Book II', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine'.

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Table with columns for S, O, Time (8:00-3:30) and program titles for Saturday Daytime February 17. Includes shows like 'A Slight Case of Murder', 'The Story of Us', 'Holy Man', '3 Strikes', 'Born Wild', 'Mexico...', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine'.

Table with columns for S, O, Time (4:00-11:30) and program titles for Saturday Evening February 17. Includes shows like 'Brokendown Palace', 'The Beach', 'The World Is Not Enough', 'Mansfield Park', 'Dr. Dolittle', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine'.

An ex-convict assumes his old cell mate's identity to meet his gorgeous girlfriend. Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron (2h) 23 (12) ★★ Hot Shots! (1991, Comedy) A psychologically unbalanced gun fighter is sent on a mission to destroy nuclear plants. Charlie Sheen, Valeria Golino (2h) 8:30 PM

Mammo (1994, Drama) A woman attempts to return to her native Bombay after becoming a Pakistani citizen. Farida Jalal, Surekha Sikri (1h30) 9:00 PM

Three Men and a Little Lady (1990, Comedy) Bachelors travel to England in a panic to stop a little girl's mother from remarrying. Tom Selleck, Ted Danson (1h30) 9:45 PM

What's Good For the Goose (1969, Comedy) A timid assistant bank manager stirs up his routine life when he begins an affair. Norman Wisdom, Sally Geeson (1h45) 10:00 PM

Hello, Dolly! (1969, Musical) Matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi has her sights set on a wealthy merchant. Barbra Streisand, Walter Mathau (2h30) 10:30 PM

200 Cigarettes (1999, Comedy) A group of New Yorkers learn to cope with their neuroses on New Year's Eve. Ben Affleck, Casey Affleck (2h) 10:30 PM

Oh God! Book II (1980, Comedy) God returns to earth after He becomes disappointed with the bad press he is getting. George Burns, Suzanne Pleshette (1h30) 11:30 PM

Mighty Aphrodite (1995, Comedy) A sports writer becomes obsessed with finding the birth mother of his adopted son. Woody Allen, Helena Bonham Carter (2h) 11:45 PM

Myra Breckinridge (1970, Comedy/Drama) A film critic has a sex change and sets out to destroy the male movie star image. Mae West, John Huston (1h45) SATURDAY, FEB 17 6:00 PM

The Beach (1999, Suspense) An American in Bangkok discovers a paradise which may not be as idyllic as it appears. Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel York (2h) 8:00 PM

The World Is Not Enough (1999, Action) James Bond is assigned to protect a beautiful oil heiress from terrorists. Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau (2h30) 9:00 PM

Dr. Dolittle (1998, Comedy) When a man's ability to talk to animals is unleashed, his colleagues think he's gone mad. Eddie Murphy, Oliver Platt (2h) 9:00 PM

A Nightmare on Elm Street 4: The Dream Master (1988, Horror) Freddy has to contend with his alter ego which is in the form of a pretty girl. Robert Englund, Lisa Wilcox (2h) 9:00 PM

The Princess and the Marine (2001, True) The true story of love between a U.S. Marine and a Bahraini princess. Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Marisol Nichols (2h) 9:15 PM

Ladybugs (1992, Family) A man takes on the coaching duties of a girls' soccer team and enlists a boy's help. Rodney Dangerfield, Tommy Lasorda (1h30) 9:15 PM

Goodfellas (1990, Crime Story) True story of mobster Henry Hill and his decision to testify against friends. Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci (2h45) 10:30 PM

Mansfield Park (1999, Drama) A spirited woman attempts to outsmart the dizzying maze of marriage and social status. Frances O'Connor, Embeth Davidtz (2h) 10:30 PM

Driving Miss Daisy (1989, Drama) An elderly lady shares her life and a relationship with her black chauffeur. Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman (1h40) 10:30 PM

Prince of the City (1981, Crime Story) An officer who agreed to blow the whistle on the department corruption finds himself an outcast. Treat Williams, Jerry Orbach (3h15) 6:00 PM

Snow Day (2000, Family) After a snow storm, a group of students hi-jack a plow to keep the school closed. Chevy Chase, Chris Elliott (1h30) 7:00 PM

Ever After: A Cinderella Story (1998, Romance) A strong-willed girl catches the eye of a charming prince and finds true love. Drew Barrymore, Dougray Scott (2h) 8:00 PM

Virtual Mom (2001, Comedy) A magical computer glitch allows a mother to become her daughter's best friend. Debbie Reynolds, Sheila McCarthy (2h) 8:00 PM

Erin Brockovich (2000, Drama) An obstinate research assistant uncovers evidence to sue an irresponsible state utility. Julia Roberts, Aaron Eckhart (2h30) 8:00 PM

Love Affair (1994, Romance) A couple meet and fall in love, only to have tragedy prevent them from reuniting. Warren Beatty, Annette Bening (2h) 8:00 PM

James Watt: 'popping the bubble' with a gentle poke

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Contributor

James Watt's path to his role as art humourist hasn't exactly been filled with a dozen laughs per metre.

From a bullet-propelled brush with death, a stint with poverty after a medical-legal nightmare, and life-changing work with a famous sculptor, the Driftwood's current cartoonist has had more than his share of unique experiences.

I met with Watt at the Mouat Park caretaker's cottage where he is housesitting and preparing for a showing of his cartoons at the Salt Spring Roasting Company.

Watt was alternately engaged in tuning his motorcycle and tacking shingles over the gable of his front door when I arrived.

The pieces of wood had been cut into elegantly curved, organic waves and applied with a sculptor's careful eye.

"I can't put them on in a straight manner," he mused. "I just don't seem to be built that way."

Watt spoke in disconnected vignettes and reminiscences that seemed torn out of a sketch book.

"I've had a lot of experiences that are outside the 'mainstream,'" Watt reflected.

He then recounted how he had been shot as a young man, along with his mother, by his mother's boyfriend. "For good or ill, it's affected my view of the world."

Supple sculptures in wood, stone and metal were scattered around the living room amidst boxes of framed cartoons. When I inquired about the sculptures, Watt referred to them as his "menage à bois" and told me they were maquettes of large sculptures he would like to build.

Watt worked with noted sculptor Bill Reid for two years and helped to create a piece that stands in front of the Canadian embassy in Washington, D.C. Reid taught Watt to see "everything is a tool, everything is usable and that there is no limit to our imagination."

Watt has been creating whimsical and gently barbed cartoons for the Driftwood for the last year. His gestural line drawings are clean and spare. "More lines get more confusing," Watt said.

This has been his "second go 'round'" at cartooning for the Driftwood. Three years ago he experienced "a classic block" and didn't "put a pen to paper for two years." Watt said he began to feel "nothing was funny" and found himself becoming bitter and cynical.

"This time around they just asked me to be light; these aren't true political cartoons."

Describing his wry humour, Watt said he likes "to poke at peo-

ple's bubbles." He believes there are people who would like to make Salt Spring "the anal retentive capital of Canada . . . Unfortunately," he quipped, "they don't know who they are."

He feels that the cartoonist's job is to point out these blind spots. Watt said that he's actually disappointed that he doesn't get more outraged calls. However, he still shudders about the time he created a furor when a cartoon aimed to poke fun at environmentalists backfired. He wrote a caption that mockingly decried "save the unknown clam;" unwittingly it coincided with a ceremony for "the unknown soldier."

Watt felt mortified about this unintentional slight to veterans. "Our uncles and fathers died to give us freedoms," he said.

Ironically, Watt felt he was trying to bring attention to people who want to remove freedoms and "make us feel guilty for every step we take on the planet."

Referring to his editorial cartoons, he said, "I don't want to hurt anybody. I'd rather use a gentle poke than a sledge hammer."

Watt came to professional cartooning through an unlikely path. He worked as a boat builder and studied at B.C.I.T. to be an industrial education teacher, in order to "put a piece of crust on the table."

Watt's plans to teach were circumvented by complications with a throat operation that impaired his ability to speak. "I couldn't talk properly for a couple of years," Watt said. "It put me outside of the world."

Due to his communication handicap, he experienced a range of reactions, including condescension, dismissal and discrimination. He also experienced a bitter trial when he sued the doctor for malpractice. "It was the circle the wagons effect," Watt said.

Depressed and broke after his struggle in court, Watt spent his last few dollars on printing a set of Christmas cards he had drawn. He got a table at the Granville Island Market in Vancouver and sold out his stock in two days. It was the first time he had done any cartooning since high school.

He moved to the island nine years ago. "I came here to heal, as many other people have; the moat aspect was pretty large."

His first winter on the island he



tried to sell his cards at a Christmas craft fair but didn't sell a single one. "No one laughed," he said wistfully.

"I am so impressed by people who can wallpaper a room with rejections," Watt mused.

"There you are on stage naked . . . all it takes is one person saying 'I really like your stuff' and it makes your day; it's definitely what keeps you coming back."

Watt remarked how he had never expected to find himself working as a cartoonist. "I was surprised that I could do it," he shrugged, but after some successful submissions to The Globe and Mail and several years' work with the Driftwood, the islander has clearly made his mark as our own local bubble popper.

Watt's showing of cartoons opens at the Salt Spring Roasting Company on February 19.

FUNNY GUY: James Watt at home on Salt Spring, creating his comical cartoons.

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Artist aim to take control at annual ASA meeting

Better protection for artists was one of the issues tackled at the Alliance of Salt Spring Artists (ASA) AGM held February 1.

The 40 people attending unanimously passed a resolution presented by Michael Robb which outlined policies for ASA members' donations to art auctions and fundraisers.

According to an ASA press release, "the gist of the policy is that a contract will be signed with the artist guaranteeing that the reserved bid (the minimum price) be adhered to; that the artists have control of the hanging of the show; and that all artists be treated equally."

Groups in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island are also examining this issue, the meeting heard.

AGM attendees reviewed the past year, which saw hosting of the Millennium Workshop Project, the Summer Art Show at ArtSpring and the on-going showing of ASA artists' work at six different venues around Ganges. The ASA also gave two bursaries to GISS students.

Members bid goodbye and

thanks to the out-going directors and executive — Ron Crawford, Honor Gouveia and Marlene Smith, co-directors and treasurer Jacqueline Thomas — and welcomed the newly elected board, Karen Reiss, Sandra Harrison, Rachel Vadeboncoeur and Bonnie Andrews, co-directors and Bev Lillyman, treasurer.

Libby Jutras, secretary; Patricia Balsor, membership; and Dana Pennington, communication, remain on the board from last year.

The five venues for this year and the contacts for each are: Roasting Company, Bob Rogers, 653-0020; Moby's and Island Savings, Rachel Vadeboncoeur, 538-0141; Luigi's Pizza, Dana Pennington, 653-9549; ArtSpring lobby, Sandra Harrison, 537-8774.

February 19 is the due date for the next ArtSpring lobby theme of spring flowers.

Members who did not get to the AGM meeting are asked to check the ASA website and subscribe to it for more news on show opportunities and to find out about the "buddy" system.



DANCING QUEENS: Dancers, from left, Metta McLeod, Randi Kane and Tia LaFortune are silhouetted behind a screen at a high school Valentine's Day dance, held last weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

College seeking midwives

Now is the time for Gulf Islanders interested in a career in midwifery to check out eligibility requirements for the College of Midwives of B.C.

The college is currently seeking qualified applicants for registration to practise midwifery in British Columbia.

According to press material from the college registrar, there are currently fewer than 70 registered midwives in B.C. — "a number that is not able to fulfill the demand for midwifery services in the province."

Becoming registered as a midwife

involves a portfolio review, as well as passing written and clinical exams, and an in-depth orientation to the practice in B.C.

An Applicant Handbook, detailing eligibility requirements and the 2001 assessment process, is now available from the College of Midwives of B.C.

An information session will be held on February 27 at 7 p.m. in Room D308 at the Women's Health Centre, located at Heather and 29th Avenue in Vancouver.

Further information can be obtained at <http://www.cmbc.bc.ca> or by calling (604) 875-3580.

Special speaker at Institute agm

Support for agriculture and B.C.-grown products will be the focus of a discussion at the Islands Farmers Institute annual general meeting.

Nico Human — an "entertaining and informative speaker" — will take the podium at the February 20 event, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

A representative of the Agriculture Awareness Program of B.C., Human strongly believes in the importance of supporting agriculture and locally-grown products.

He believes that as the awareness level of a population increases, so will the benefits to agriculture. He travels around the province delivering his message to schools, clubs and community gatherings.

The meeting is open to the public and further information is available from Marguerite Lee at 537-5302.

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Boxing enthusiasts jammed hall for big event

Forty years ago

• Almost 400 people turned out to watch boxing matches at Fulford Hall. Boxers came from Salt Spring, Vancouver, Victoria, Chemainus, Ladysmith and the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. Salt Spring boxers won four matches. Pat Slingsby, Don Morrison and Morrie Akerman won their bouts, while Danny Akerman and Steve Morrison earned a draw with their opponents. Major Roth, chairman of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, gave a short talk about boxing during the intermission.

• Salt Spring Lands was offering a full basement house with two fireplaces on a one-acre lot for \$7,000. In the same issue, a 1961 car was advertised at \$2,595 and a 12-ounce package of spaghetti was nine cents.

Thirty-five years ago

• No smoking was allowed in the area of the Ganges Esso plant after an accident flooded the property with an estimated 2,000 gallons of

DOWN THE YEARS

gasoline. Renovations were underway at the plant when a logging truck driver backed his truck over an outlet pipe and snapped it off, shooting gasoline six feet into the air. The driver attempted to stop the flow with his jacket and some rags, but the liquid continued to flow until the tank was empty. The fire department washed down the site with water.

Thirty years ago

• A solution for island homeowners of mobile homes wanting to move their units was devised by a Capital Regional District (CRD) committee. After examining the issue, the committee agreed that the homes could be moved, provided the owner prove the wiring, plumbing, and oil and gas installations were safe, and that the unit could be used for five years. The conditions only applied to mobile homes

already in the regional district and allowed the homes to be moved without having to meet national building code standards. Salt Spring home owner Bill Arnold's battle to move his home focussed CRD attention on the situation.

Twenty-five years ago

• Mayne Island turned dry with a decision by the provincial government not to transfer a liquor licence for the Miners Bay Trading store. The licence had been issued to store owner Harvey Hampshire a year earlier and was not transferable to new owner Wayne Bryan, who had purchased the business. Mayne Islanders were reportedly incensed by the government decision.

Twenty years ago

• A new regional district encompassing all the islands with the Trust was proposed by a Salt Spring Island Planning Association member. The association agreed to look into the concept, noting it could give the Trust more control over items like sewers and water dis-

tributed. On the issue of sewers, CRD engineers were collecting data to determine the best location for a proposed sewer outfall in Ganges harbour.

Fifteen years ago

• A seven-member island recreation study group was focussed on construction of a swimming pool for the island, but was also willing to consider other facilities. The group planned to hold public hearings to gather submissions from residents and conduct a survey to identify recreation needs. They also hoped to get information from other communities operating recreation facilities. Involved in the project were Wayne Taylor, Lois Phillips, John Lomas, Wendy Vine, Bill Hitchcock, Barbara Caves and Jocelyn Holmes.

Ten years ago

• Three new bylaws amending forest land use were proposed by the Galiano Island Trust Committee in response to MacMillan Bloedel's sale of its Galiano holdings. The

bylaws reserved most of the MacMillan Bloedel land for forestry uses and increased the minimum parcel size to just under 50 acres from 20 acres.

• A small lot was advertised on Salt Spring Island for \$35,000, and starter homes listed from \$90,000 to \$110,000.

Five years ago

• More than 60 per cent of those contacted in an ice park survey favoured construction of an ice rink on Salt Spring, judging by the Salt Spring Ice Park Society's survey results.

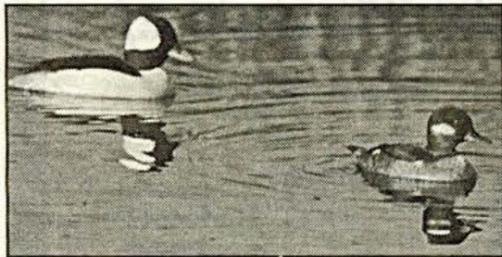
In addition to the telephone survey, the ice park society distributed a survey form through the mail. Society member Dwight Jones said the form drew 150 to 200 replies, of which approximately 65 per cent supported the idea. The society then applied for an \$833,000 provincial grant for the project and prepared a business plan, suggesting the facility could be self-supporting, providing students use the ice rink during the school day.

Buffleheads: so dang cute

The Birdathon went ahead on December 13 as planned, despite the snow.

I am grateful to all of you who pledged and especially to the Salt Spring Singers. Thank you, too, Claire Olivier for accompanying me on our bird search.

OUR BETTER NATURE WITH LINDA CANNON



Bufflehead ducks

are the smallest of our sea ducks.

The males really stand out because of the large white patch that wraps right over the back of their little round heads. Their heads are relatively too large for their bodies which gives them that stuffed toy look. That, no doubt, is what encourages my infatuation.

Bufflehead are more than just looks, though. Ounce for ounce, they have as much personality as any other duck on the water, and are champion flyers and divers.

Bufflehead don't breed in this area, preferring a spring migration to the interior of our province. There, families are hatched in a tree cavity with a fresh water view.

Courting, however, begins back here on the salt chuck, so watch for displaying males between now and March. They'll perform mock charges by racing through the water like motorboats, slamming on the brakes, poofing up their head feathers and bouncing up and down like a kid at a dance.

Kids, as you know, come in all ages. Is that why I'm charmed so?

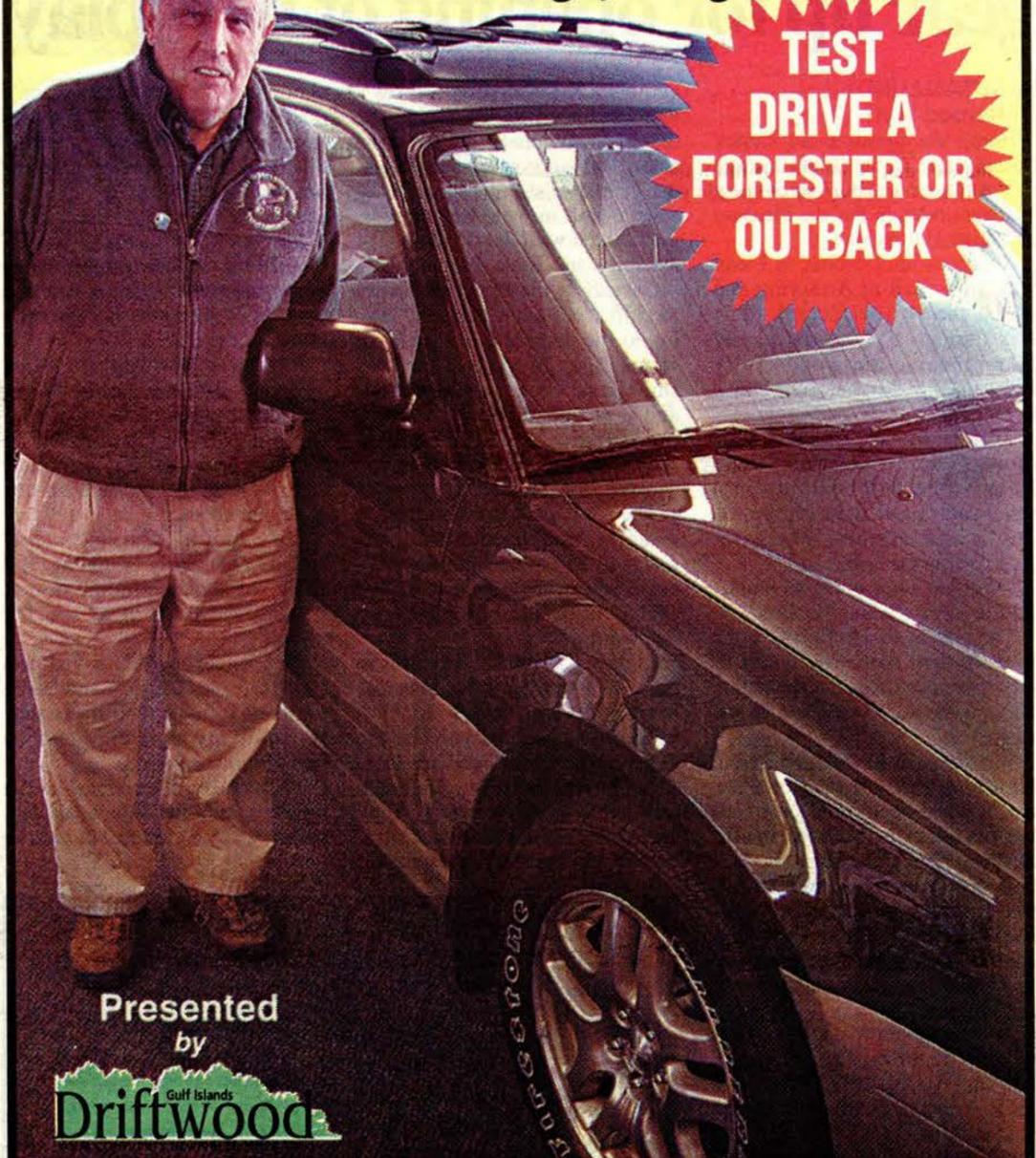
In the past I've admitted to feeling the "warm fuzzies" for one particular species of duck that winters here. And, apparently, love is here to stay, because every time I see one of those ducks, my heart leaps and I smile.

What bundle of feathers affects me so? Bufflehead. I can't help it. Dang, but they are cute! You'll see lots of them now close to our sea shores, little blobs of black and white bobbing up and down on the surface.

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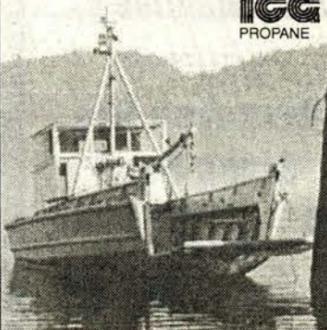
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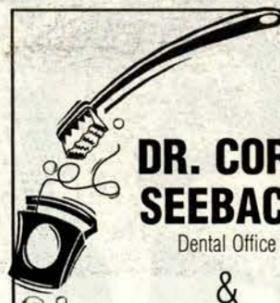
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Watching the real-life antics of Debbi Toole and Patrick Cassidy is almost as funny their lines in the witty new play, *For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again*, in which they star. The show, directed by Margaret Jardine, opens this Thursday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Salt Spring funny guy and gal gear up for opening of new play

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Here's the question: are Patrick Cassidy and Debbi Toole funnier in person or in their upcoming character roles in *For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again*?

It's a toss-up, I decide, as I lean back in a chair at ArtSpring and watch the two wisecrack their way through a photo-shoot, and then rehearse the wonderfully witty lines of Michel Tremblay's latest play.

This is the pair's first run-through on the ArtSpring stage (they've been rehearsing in a small cabin) and right off the top Toole and director Margaret Jardine stop the scene.

"No, that's not going to work," Jardine says, shaking her head.

The size of the ArtSpring stage is more than twice the width of their previous rehearsal space and Toole is having to walk too far off stage.

Mind you, it looks okay to me, but I'm neither director nor actor, and it's the accumulation of all the finely-tuned details that make Jardine productions hum.

Jardine tries a few prop adjustments, looks momentarily troubled, and then comes up with a solution that solves the problem, and the scene continues without interruption.

As the story unfolds, I am riveted by the interplay of words between Toole and Cassidy and their characters of mother and son/narrator. I am swept away by the dialogue which weaves a fine string of anecdotes into a compelling story, and I laugh out loud at some of the lines.

In this scene, Cassidy's character is in his early teens, sparring gently with his mother over the particulars of her favourite French novel. As mother and son wind their way through the humorous debate, they touch on religion, history and politics, each revealing themselves and their underlying love and respect for each other.

Toole is marvellous in the made-for-Debbi-role. Because I

know Toole personally, it takes a moment for me to disassociate the real-life individual from the character. But only a moment. Soon the character's unique pattern of speech and movement emerges, intertwined with the singularity of her story, and Toole disappears.

Cassidy is clever in his ability to shift from adult narrator, talking to the audience, to a child of various ages. In one part, the transition must occur within seconds and it is remarkable to see how the relaxing of the face and widening of the eyes can drop decades from an actor's persona.

The scene concludes with stage manager Ann Holland taking the script to actors and pointing out areas where they have stumbled slightly or deviated from the original words.

Lighting specialist Liz Martin has also sat through the rehearsal, taking mental notes for her behind-the-scenes role in the show, which opens February 15.

Jardine has been busy throughout, rotating from seat to seat, checking projection of the actors' voices, and carefully assessing the

entire package. All of this scene's dialogue (and most of the show) takes place in front of the curtain, and Jardine has no problem hearing them anywhere in the theatre.

She has a few words of recommendation — less turning, more body movement — but mostly she emits a certain glee because she knows it's good.

Jardine is also buoyant when special effects man Marv Coulthard pokes his head around the side of the curtain. He is working away on the grandiose surprise ending — which no one is talking about.

"It's going marvellously," Jardine says, fairly twinkling. But she's not about to let me traipse behind the curtain to see for myself.

As I gather my things and prepare to leave, Cassidy and Toole are back to their real-life bantering and my earlier question remains unanswered.

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S - SALT SPRING ISLAND O - OUTER ISLANDS SUNDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 18

Table with columns for channel (S, O), time (4:00-11:30), and program details including titles like 'The Princess and the Marine', 'The Princess and the Marine', and 'The Princess and the Marine'.

Tequila Sunrise (1988, Action) Two friends who grow up on opposite sides of the law confront each other. Mel Gibson, Kurt Russell (2h30)
9:00 PM
The Princess and the Marine (2001, True) The true story of love between a U.S. Marine and a Bahraini princess. Mark-Paul Gosselaar, Marisol Nichols (2h)
Deathtrap (1982, Mystery) A playwright hopes to revive his career by claiming a student's work as his own. Michael Caine, Christopher Reeve (2h)
Marked for Death (1990, Action) A DEA agent fights back against drug dealers after his family is threatened. Steven Seagal, Tom Wright (2h)
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple (2000, Drama) Widowed mother of three uproots her family from their comfortable home in the East. Glenn Close, Robert Pastorelli (2h)
9:15 PM
Dog Day Afternoon (1975, Action) A man tries to rob a bank to pay for his lover's sex change operation. Al Pacino, Chris Sarandon (2h15)
10:30 PM
Runaway Bride (1999, Romance) A newspaper columnist investigates a small-town bride-to-be with a unique history. Julia Roberts, Richard Gere (2h)
11:30 PM
Network (1976, Drama) Ratings and power struggles lead to the downfall of a frustrated anchor man. Ned Beatty, Faye Dunaway (2h15)
MONDAY, FEB 19
6:00 PM
Woman Wanted (1999, Drama) A rivalry grows between father and son after they hire a sensual woman as their maid. Kiefer Sutherland, Holly Hunter (2h)
Staying Alive (1983, Romance) A talented young dancer juggles two women while trying to be a Broadway star. John Travolta, Cynthia Rhodes (1h45)
8:00 PM
The Highwayman (1999, Comedy) A young woman decides to change her life and find the father she has never met. Jason Priestley, Laura Harris (2h)
Good Will Hunting (1997, Drama) A genius is blocked from realizing his potential because of the problems in his past. Matt Damon, Ben Affleck (3h)
In the Spirit (1990, Comedy) Mystic and house guest are targeted by the killer who's murdered the prostitute next door. Marlo Thomas, Elaine May (2h)
9:00 PM
Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (1993, Comedy) A singer goes works as a music teacher at an attempt to reach rebellious students. Whoopi Goldberg, Kathy Najimy (2h)
Best Friends (1982, Comedy) Two successful writers marry and discover the strains created by matrimony. Goldie Hawn, Burt Reynolds (1h40)
10:00 PM
8 1/2 (Drama) A captivating exploration of artist's struggling to regain his creative spark. Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale (1h30)
For Me and My Gal (1942, Musical) A member of a vaudeville troupe leaves to join up with a man who makes faulty promises. Judy Garland, George Murphy (2h)
The Ninth Gate (1999, Suspense) A sleazy rare-book dealer is hired to validate the authenticity of a sacred tome. Johnny Depp, Frank Langella (2h15)
10:40 PM
Casablanca (1942, Romance) A man's one true love walks into his bar with her freedom-fighter husband. Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman (1h50)
TUESDAY, FEB 20
6:00 PM
Baby (Drama) When a baby is abandoned on a dysfunctional family's doorstep, their lives are changed. Farrah Fawcett, Keith Carradine (2h)
The Seven Hills of Rome (1958, Musical) A star follows his girlfriend to Rome but winds up falling in love with an Italian girl. Marisa Allasio, Peggie Castle (2h)
8:00 PM
Diamonds (1999, Drama) A boxing legend leads his son and grandson to Nevada in search of lost diamonds. Kirk Douglas, Dan Aykroyd (1h30)
Epicenter (2000, Drama) Gary Daniels, Traci Lords (2h)
9:00 PM
Driving Miss Daisy (1989, Drama) An elderly lady shares her life and a relationship with her black chauffeur. Jessica Tandy, Morgan Freeman (1h40)
9:30 PM
Topsy-Turvy (1999, Drama) After a falling out over creative differences, two writers find renewed inspiration. Jim Broadbent, Allan Corduner (2h45)
10:00 PM
Meet Me in St. Louis (1944, Musical) A man's family members oppose moving from turn-of-the-century St. Louis to New York. Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien (2h15)
10:40 PM
Almost an Angel (1990, Comedy) A criminal who almost dies in an accident must make changes in his life. Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski (1h30)

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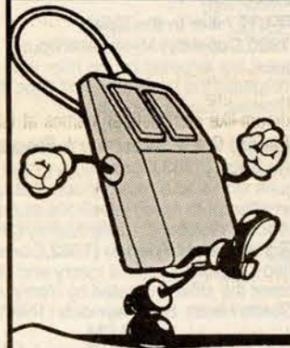
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<p>wed FEB. 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Study, United Church, 10-11:30 a.m. • GISS PAC meeting, GISS library, 7 p.m. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo, Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. • Mama's & Papa's Night, Corinternet Cafe, 5-8 p.m. (families) • Doing Time, Doing Vipassana film, Salt Spring Centre, 6:30 • Community Meditation, United Church, 11:30-12:30 • Community Gathering, United Church, 5:30 • Seniors Sing-along, Salt Spring Seniors, 2 p.m. 	<p>thurs FEB. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Breakfast, United Church, 8-9:30 a.m. • For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m. (stage) 	<p>fri FEB. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m. • Lionel Leroy Ward and the A Band, Wheelhouse Room, 7-1 • Roller-blading, Fulford Hall, 7:30-9:30 • Bingo for seniors, Fulford Hall, 2-4 p.m. 	<p>sat FEB. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Fassaert, All Saints, 8 p.m. (music) • Burgoyne Bay Blues Band, Fulford Inn, 9 p.m. • For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m. • Ramesh Meyers, Harbour House lounge, 7-11 • Sheepbreeders meeting, Farmers Institute, 10 a.m. 	<p>sun FEB. 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 2 p.m. • Newcomers Walk, Centennial Park Buoy, 11 a.m. • Mike Herriott Trio, with Hugh Fraser and Ken Usker, Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m. • Choral Evensong, All Saints, 4 p.m. • Other Brothers, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m. 	<p>mon FEB. 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vipassana Meditation group, the Barn, 7:30-9 p.m. • Salt Spring Health Committee meets, Lady Minto meeting room, 9-10:30 a.m. <hr/> <p>FEB. 20 tues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasures of Being Single, Bodyworks, 7-9 p.m. (activities) • Toy Library, Portlock portable/Beaver Point Hall, 9:30-10:30
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<p>tues FEB. 20 continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-in floor hockey, Fulford Hall, 7 p.m. • Farmers Institute AGM, 7:30 p.m. • Heart Smart, Lions Hall, 7-9 (for health) <hr/> <p>FEB. 14 wed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Night LIVE! Moby's, 9 p.m. • SS Rod and Gun Club AGM, Club house, 8 p.m. 	<p>thurs FEB. 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mama's & Papa's Night, Corinternet Cafe, 5-8 p.m. (families) • Community Gathering, United Church, 5:30 • Seniors Sing-along, Salt Spring Seniors, 2 p.m. • Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meets, Lions Hall, 2 p.m. 	<p>fri FEB. 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m. • Donnie & Friends, Legion, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. • Roller-blading, Fulford Hall, 7:30-9:30 • Bingo for seniors, Fulford Hall, 2-4 p.m. 	<p>sat FEB. 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again, ArtSpring, 8 p.m. • Games Triathlon, Legion, 2 p.m. • Orchard Bees course, Fulford Hall, 9-noon • Electric vehicle club meeting, Gulf Islands Brewery, 2 p.m. • Harbour House entertainment in the lounge 	<p>sun FEB. 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moby's Sunday Dinner Jazz, 7 p.m. • Other Brothers, Fulford Inn, 6-9 p.m. 	<p>mon FEB. 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary meeting, Lions Hall, 2 p.m. • Vipassana Meditation group, the Barn, 7:30-9 p.m. <hr/> <p>FEB. 27 tues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Decalogue Video Series, United Church, 3-5
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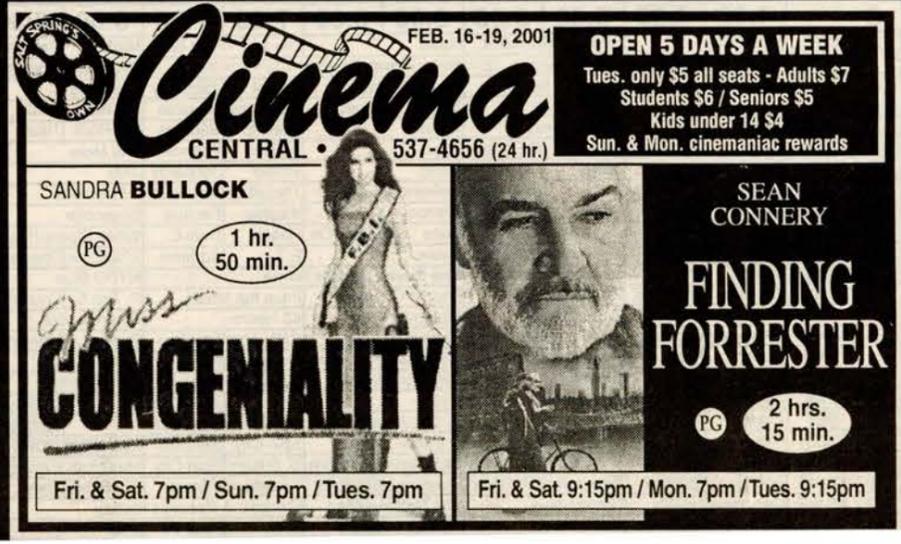


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stage

- **For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again** — Canadian playwright Michel Tremblay's acclaimed newest play, as performed by Patrick Cassidy and Debbi Toole, opens at ArtSpring on **Thursday through Sunday, February 15-18**, 8 p.m. nightly except there's a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday instead. Tickets \$14 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors, and \$12 for groups of 10 or more tickets.

music

- **Lionel Leroy Ward and the A Band** — classic country and western swing in the Wheelhouse Room at the Harbour House. **Friday, February 16**, 8 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the front desk.
- **Praise and Worship Concert** — an evening of praise and worship music performed by the singers and musicians from the churches on Salt Spring. At Community Gospel Church, Vesuvius Bay Road, **Friday, February 16**, 7-9 p.m. Free.
- **Burgoyne Bay Blues Band** — with Daemon Baker, Jesse Fisher, Larry Shetzer, Mark Nordine and Lisa Maxx — plays at the Fulford Inn on **Saturday, February 17**, 9 p.m.
- **Tammy Fassaert, with John Reischman and Paul Bergman**, perform at All Saints By-the-Sea on **Saturday, February 17**, 8 p.m. Tickets \$12 through Acoustic Planet or Patterson's in Fulford.
- **Choral Evensong** — Traditional choral evensong for Pre-Lent, at All Saints By-the-Sea, **Sunday, February 18**, 4 p.m.

EVERY WEEK:

- **Argentinian Tango group** meets at Lions Hall on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$3 per person. Info: 537-2707.
- **Fridays** — **Rose's Cafe Open Stage** — begins at 8 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.

meetings

- **Gulf Islands Secondary School Parent Advisory Council** — meets 7 p.m. **Wednesday, February 14** at the GISS library. Topic: parenting teens.
- **Sheepbreeders meeting** at the Farmers Institute, **Saturday, February 17**, 10 a.m. Topic is "preparation for lambing." Pre-register through Margaret, 537-4535.
- **Salt Spring Island Health Committee** meets in the Lady Minto meeting room on **Monday, February 19**, (and the third Monday of each month), 9-10:30 a.m. Info: Sharon Glover, 537-4607.
- **Islands Farmers Institute** annual general meeting at the Farmers Institute. **Tuesday, February 20**, 7:30 p.m., with special guest Nico Human of the Agricultural Awareness Program of B.C.
- **Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club** annual general meeting at the club house, 221 Long Harbour Road, on **Wednesday, February 21**, 8 p.m.

activities

- **Film showing** of *Doing Time*, *Doing Vipassana*, an award-winning film ideal for people wanting to begin a meditation practice. At Salt Spring Centre, **Thursday, February 15**, 6:30 p.m.
- **Bingo** at Meaden Hall, **Thursday, February 15**, 7 p.m. Early birds, 6:30 p.m.
- **Newcomers Walk** — meet at the buoy next to Centennial Park on **Sunday, February 18**, and the first and third Sunday of every month, at 11 a.m. Call Lorraine, 537-8557, or Rita, 538-0101 for info.
- **Psychic Development Group** meets at the Bodyworks Collective on **Monday, February 19** and every Monday thereafter from 3:30-5 p.m. Suggested donation, \$2-\$5.
- **The Pleasures of Being Single** — facilitated discussion circle at The Bodyworks Collective. **Tuesday, February 20**, 7-9 p.m. Topic is *Love Thyself: The Pleasures of Ourselves*. Facilitated by Tanya Lester, writer, reiki master, tea cup reader.

EVERY WEEK:

- **Saturday Book Sale** at the library — the best literary bargains in town! Every **Saturday** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Corinternet Café** runs **Tuesday through Sunday** — Hours are 1-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Internet access charges are \$2 per half hour for adults, and \$1 per half hour for youth and seniors. Wednesday is Surfing for Seniors and free-lessons-for-all day Call 537-9932 to book lessons.
- **Soup's On!** at All Saints, every **Thursday**, 11:30-1 p.m. Free warm meal.
- **Community Meditation** runs at the United Church every **Thursday** from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In the lower hall on February 15. Info: 537-5812.
- **Community Gathering** — a light meal, discussion and activities for the whole family, is at the United Church every **Thursday** from 5:30-7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults, \$3 children aged 7 and under.
- **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 co-ops, 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.
- **North End Meditation** — The Heart Sutra, is a weekly Buddhist meditation group hosted by the Yeshe Khorlo Society, students of HH Gangteng Rinpoche. Meets every **Tuesday**, 7:30-8:30. Info: Rory Kyle, 537-1497.
- **Drop-in Floor Hockey** runs at Fulford Hall on **Tuesdays**, 7-9 p.m. \$3 per adult.

for health

- **Nia Blast** on **Thursday, February 15**, 5:15 p.m., celebrates the first anniversary of Nia Fitness Dance classes on Salt Spring. At All Saints By-the-Sea.
- **Heart Smart** — A free event focussing on heart care for women aged 18 and over, at Lions Hall. Sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. **Tuesday, February 20**, 7-9 p.m.

EVERY WEEK:

- **Pilates Mat Classes** with Anna Mouat are held on **Thursdays**, 10-11 a.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Cat's Pajamas studio on Langs Road until March 22. For info: call, 537-5680.
- **Yoga and Health** classes with Nadene McCoy run **Tuesdays**, 10-11:30 a.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. (mixed levels); **Wednesdays**, 10-11:30 a.m. (beginners); and **Thursdays**, 10-11:30 a.m. (mixed levels). Info: 537-0822. \$8 drop-in.
- **Taoist tai chi** classes at Ganges United Church on **Mondays and Wednesdays**, 7-8 p.m.; seniors classes **Mondays and Wednesdays** at Central Hall, 10-11 a.m. Info: David or Tina, 537-1871.
- **Flexible Strength** classes run every **Tuesday and Thursday** at All Saints By-the-Sea, taught by Betty-Lou Lake, 9-10 a.m. 10 sessions for \$40 or \$5 drop-in. Info: 537-1638.
- **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 10 to 11 a.m. For info, call the centre at 537-2326.
- **Dance and Feldenkrais** Classes with Anna Haltrecht are held **Mondays** at Cats Pajamas 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.
- **Nia Fitness Dance** classes, using rhythmic music and systemic movement forms, run at All Saints By-the-Sea on **Saturdays**, at 9:30 a.m., and **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at 5:15 p.m. For info, call Leslie at 537-0822.
- **Roller-blading to music** on **Fridays** at Fulford Hall, 7:30-9:30.

workshops

- **Quilting Techniques** — The New York Beauty, paper piecing, at A Class Act Fabric Studio. **Saturday, February 17**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 537-8985 to register.
- **Songwriting Workshop** — Ramesh Meyers is again offering bi-monthly sessions for aspiring songwriters of all levels

at Allowed Sound Studio. Every second **Monday** beginning **February 19**, 7:30 p.m. Info: 537-2294 or creating@salt-spring.com.

for families

- **Caught in the Middle**, a support group for parents and children who are dealing with separation and divorce and the effects of a changed life. At Family Place for eight **Mondays** beginning **February 19**, 6:30-8 p.m. Cost, \$45. Info and registration: Rags at Family Place, 537-9176, or Maryanne Benwood, 537-5390.
- **Afternoon Crafts** with Jessica and Laurel Temmel — a different craft at Fables Cottage each **Wednesday** afternoon, 3:30-4:30 p.m., for ages 6 and up. **February 14** is beaded bracelets; **February 21** is Fridge Magnets. \$6 plus supply fee of \$2-\$4. Register at Fables, 537-0028.
- **Sign-Language** — learn American sign language with teacher Denise Bascom at Fables. **Thursdays** through **February 22**, 1-2 p.m. Ages three to teen. \$6 per class. Register through Fables, 537-0028.
- **Pre-school card and board games** — with teacher and games enthusiast Mitchell Sherrin. **Mondays**, 1-2 p.m. until **February 26**. Ages 3-5. \$6 per class. Register by calling 537-0028.
- **Classic Games** — learn classic board and card games with Mitchell Sherrin. **Mondays** through **February 26**, 3-4 p.m. For ages 8 and up. \$6 per class. Register at 537-0028.

EVERY WEEK:

- **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.
- **Family Place** drop-in hours are **Tuesday through Thursday**, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Info: Family Place, 537-9176. Counselling by appointment.
- **Mama's and Papa's Night** at the Corinternet Café — on **Thursdays**, 5-8 p.m. \$2 per half hour for adults, babysitting by donation. info: 537-9932.
- **Walk in Mout 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.

for youth

EVERY WEEK:

- **Cosmic Bowling** at Kings Lane Recreation on **Friday** nights, 9 p.m. to midnight. 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:

- **Surfing for Seniors** day is every **Wednesday** at the Corinternet Café. Call 537-9932 for information.
- **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 537-4604.
- **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.

cinema

- **Miss Congeniality** — Comedy in which Sandra Bullock plays a tomboyish FBI agent who goes undercover as a contestant in a beauty pageant. Lots of good laughs. With Michael Caine and Benjamin Bratt.
- **Finding Forrester** — Gus Van Sant gets two fine performances from veteran actor Sean Connery and newcomer Rob Brown as, respectively, a reclusive writer and a young writing hopeful, the two forming a friendship in the Bronx.

arts & crafts

- **Deborah T Gainer** is showing *Expressions of Love; Emotional Hearts* at Moby's through February: hearts of acrylic and oil on canvas, together with felted slippers and a little poetry.
- **Stefanie Denz** features a show of recent portraiture along with better-known dream-like architectural themes at Island Savings Credit Union through February.
- **Paul Bryans**, represented by Thunderbird Gallery, is showing *An Island Retrospective* at Talons Restaurant through February.
- **Maureen Garbarino** is showing a series of acrylics on paper at Luigi's Pizzeria.
- **Charlene Stellard** has her paintings on display at Barb's Buns.
- **Salt Spring Painters Guild** members are exhibiting in the lobby areas of ArtSpring.
- **Dana Pennington** is hanging "Patterned," a selection of oil paintings and drawings, at Roasting Co. in Ganges.
- **Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild** meets **Wednesdays** at the Lions Club from 9:30 a.m. to noon. **February 21** is a day for painting and finishing projects.
- **Karen Reiss** is showing her sculptures at Island Savings Credit Union.
- **Salt Spring Island Potters Guild** meets on **Friday, February 16** at 8:30 a.m. for a tour of Blue Horse Gallery, 175 North View Place. New members welcome. Info: Karen, 537-2029.
- **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.

galleries

- **Vortex Gallery** presents work by Deon Venter through February.
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Mix contemporary and traditional folk, country and bluegrass music, songs which capture life's inner spirit, add a soaring voice and warm stage presence, and watch winter clouds vanish.

All those elements and more are promised at Tammy Fassaert's concert on Saturday night at All Saints By-the-Sea.

She'll be joined by Paul Bergman, and one of the world's hottest mandolin players — John Reischman.

(Previous Reischman concerts with John Miller, as well as the Jaybirds last year, have been a thrill-a-minute for traditional music enthusiasts.)

Fassaert, who plays stand-up bass and acoustic guitar, has grabbed lots of attention in the past few years for her 1996-released CD *Just Passin' Through*, and last year's *Corner of My Eye* collection, which was also produced by Reischman.

Bluegrass Canada Magazine dubbed *Just*

Passin' Through a "major musical coup," while *Cosmic Debris* wrote: "(Fassaert) is a singer with few boundaries. She spans genres without stretching."

The Comox Valley-based musician has worked with some of the best performers in North American acoustic music, including Scott Nygaard, Tony Furtado, Alison Krauss, Willie P. Bennett, Cindy Church, Doug Cox and Ron Hynes.

Europe, Britain, Japan and Taiwan audi-

ences have also heard her live.

She's known as a candid and entertaining performer who plays the role of host with ease.

Fassaert has been touring North America to promote *Corner of My Eye* since it was released in 2000.

The February 17 Salt Spring show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and on sale at Acoustic Planet or Patterson's Store.

Morrissey: in fine form at Fulford

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Driftwood Contributor

Fulford Hall hummed with the sounds of exquisite musicians Monday night as the Salt Spring Folk Club presented Bill Morrissey, opened by Erin Benjamin.

Benjamin, who flew in from northern Ontario, felt "weather shocked" performing here on the sunny west coast. Benjamin's performance seemed to chime in with the bright, rainy, wind tousled, bulb sprouting qualities of early spring.

She opened her set with an energetic new song titled, *I will Run to You*, that displayed a buoyant breathy vocal range and upbeat guitar rhythms.

Benjamin was accompanied by Dick Raadshooven on electric bass who playfully scampered around Benjamin's songs in a wry understated way.

Beaming throughout her performance, Benjamin shared many songs that showed the wistful strength of tragic optimism. Her songs reminded me of the brittle power of a crocus bursting through frozen earth.

Songs such as *Carry On* rallied against anger and depression, urging us to resurface and keep moving through life, "a little bit at a time," while in *Going Strong*, Benjamin's pulsing guitar rhythms were mirrored by lyrics that surged "stronger than an angel with a brand new pair of wings."

Benjamin's singing and songwriting displayed a mature grace and understanding of common sacrifices.

In the song *Amy*, Benjamin's jazzy voice fluttered through a yearning elegy about women lost to violent anger.

In *Easy Love*, introduced as "a seriously sad slow song," Benjamin's restrained cries glided into a condemning wail as she charted the bewildering collapse of a 40-year marriage.

Called back on stage by enthusiastic applause for an encore, Benjamin and Raadshooven wrapped up their performance with a head spinning dance of longing titled, *Too Young to Lose*, where they bounced through jazzy shifts in rhythm with their eyes fixed to the ceiling and chords snapped like a spring.

Thanks to the dedicated work of the Salt Spring Folk Club, we were lucky enough to get a visit from New England's superb songwriter, singer and novelist, Bill Morrissey. Morrissey travelled for 12 hours on

Sunday to squeeze the Fulford Hall gig in between concerts in Portland and Vancouver.

Morrissey is releasing his ninth album, *Something I Saw or Thought I Saw*, in April this year. The evocative quality of this title seems to match the spare quality of his songs that hint at deep tragedies through simple images. He opened his performance with the haunting love song, titled *Just Before We Lost the War*, that will lead off this new album.

Morrissey followed this song with a playful allusion to Stravinsky in his *Rite of Spring*. This jaunty blues polka portrayed a budding romance between a young woman and an older man who is thrilled that she can recite the names of "all four Beatles and the Dave Clark five."

Morrissey delighted the audience with his dry wit (likening a dog sled to an acoustic snowmobile) and some impromptu ditties such as the *Salt Spring Blues* ("I'm talkin' calendar and she's saying no") and a darkly Cohenesque *Teletubby Ballad* ("Tinky Winky's out cruisin' and he's looking for love").

The song *Letter From Heaven* possibly displayed Morrissey's sense of humour best as he whimsically toured the afterlife as a form of transcendental astral projection with a musician's point of view.

"It's a great life here in heaven," Morrissey persuaded, "It's a great life when you're dead."

Morrissey paid homage to Mississippi John Hurt through several tunes. His arrangement of *Avalon Blues* evoked an elegantly melodic and wistful reminiscence of the Delta. Morrissey ascribes much of his playing style to this legendary bluesman and stated that his "whole right hand comes from John Hurt."

In *Winter Laundry*, Morrissey displayed the crisp resonant images that have brought him international attention as a songwriter. In this ballad about loneliness and isolation in a small community, a woman hangs out bedsheets in "angry winter winds."

Morrissey said in an interview after the concert that "some lyrics have no literal translation; they're not symbolic or surreal."

I would have to agree with Morrissey; we don't know the meaning of every one of his images but we want to hear them again.

Morrissey captures and sanctifies small moments of resignation in the lives of ordinary people. In *Different*

Currency, a desperate young woman without money takes a "tradeoff ride" with a man to get home to Atlanta.

In *Birches*, a woman in a fading marriage trades the pragmatics of burning oak on a winter night for passion by dancing to a brief bright fire of birch against her husband's advice.

Morrissey blended his roguish humour and "folk depresso" style ballads with his free wheeling blues guitar work in *Off White*. This waltz of renewal and renovation depicts the wedding of a mature couple in a second marriage where everything can match their requests.

Showing a different aspect of his many talents, Morrissey read a small piece of his 1996 novel *Edson* which focuses on a folk singer in a small New Hampshire mill town who, while resigned to failure, gets a second chance at hope and renewal.

Morrissey led the audience through a gentle singalong of Hurt's classic blues piece, *The Angels Laid Him Away*, which he described as a "perky murder ballad."

To end off the concert, Morrissey played a new piece, titled *St. Valentine's Day* about the miracle of new romance in the lightening hours of sunrise.

Morrissey returned for an encore to perform *Twenty Third Street*. It was a curious performance because he broke off a few bars into the song and decided that it was "too self-indulgent" to keep playing but, with the crowd's encouragement, he persevered through the song's drunken moonlight vision of Manhattan.

As I spoke with Morrissey after the show, his dedication to his work was self evident. He spoke of how it had taken extra hard work to make up for what he called "average talent." He described his songs as "paired down to essential images."

Morrissey believes a writer should "say what you mean in the most economical way possible and then get out."

Next up for the Salt Spring Folk Club is the annual *Gumboot Gala*, set for March 5.

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Round two of popular songwriting workshop set

A new songwriting workshop is lifting off on Salt Spring next week, facilitated by busy lyricist and music-maker Ramesh Meyers.

The workshop, which garnered a dedicated core of participants last year, will run every second Monday at 7:30 p.m., beginning February 19 at Allowed Sound Studio.

At each session — which is open to drop-ins — participants will bring a new song and play it for the group.

Then, says Meyers, "We will gently critique each other's work, looking at what struck us about how the language and music worked individually and together

in the song."

Last year, he adds, people appreciated the imposed deadline the course offered, as well as the stimulation of showing up and hearing half a dozen brand new songs.

"Part of our approach was to remove our inner 'critic' for the time it took to write. We understood that we didn't have to write the world's greatest song, we just tried to write something that was true to itself," Meyers says.

"We also listened to songs by the



Meyers

'greats' and critiqued them, with an eye to tricks of the trade and methods they use to make them work."

The workshop is open to experienced and inexperienced writers and no musical knowledge is required. If people are interested, the course will also look at performing skills.

By the end of the sessions, participants should have a catalogue of at least 10 songs.

Meyers has recently completed the music for an original play being presented by Stage Coach Theatre in April, and is currently working on original songs for Salt Spring Centre School's June

production.

He also been busy performing. He says he is offering the course because he "loves songs and the songwriting process."

Further information is available by contacting Meyers at 537-2294, or e-mailing him at creating@salt-spring.com.

Baker, Fisher cryin' the blues at Fulford

If you missed the packed house of dancing blues fun at the Vesuvius Inn earlier this month, the Burgoyne Bay Blues Band is ready to stir it up again at the Fulford Inn Saturday night.

The core of Burgoyne Bay's sound is created by Victoria natives Daemon Baker and Jesse Fisher, who have played blues guitar together for more than 10 years in the capital city's club scene. They made their mark in bands such as Juke Joint, Long Distance Call and The Tail Draggers.

Baker and Fisher are described as having "an encyclopaedic knowledge of blues... going back to its origins in the '20s and '30s."

They mesmerize their audiences while trading off guitar and bass stints on material ranging from old country blues to modern rock blues spin-offs.

Other band members are Larry (Dr. Download) Shetzer, Mark Nordine and, the most recent addition, vocalist Lisa Maxx.

Pianist Shetzer confesses to getting hooked on the blues as a teenager after hearing the great blues legends in the '70s in his hometown of Montreal.

He then steeped himself in boogie woogie masters such as Mead Lux Lewis and Peter Johnson, and piano greats Otis Spann, Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Percussionist Nordine is another member of the musical Salt Spring family of the same name.

Maxx is well known in the island music scene, having performed in almost every conceivable venue for almost 20 years.

Since Burgoyne Bay Blues Band was formed about a year ago, its reputation has burgeoned through performances at Woodstop, the Stump Stomp, Fulford Day, the Everlasting Summer Garden Party, Tree House Cafe and, most recently, the Vesuvius Inn.

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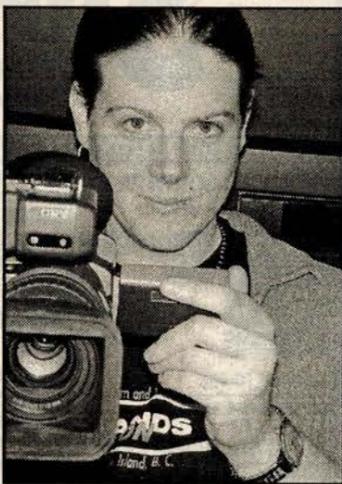
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Photos by Derrick Lundy

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Venter finds beauty in grotesque

By ANASTACIA WILDE
Driftwood Staff

It ain't a pretty picture. That widely used description sums up perfectly artist Deon Venter's collective work on tap at the Vortex Gallery through February. But that's not to say Venter's art is devoid of intrigue or substance. On the contrary, the well-worn artist tears at the mythology of heroism, replacing the muscle-bound Rambo stereotypes with woebegone anti-heroes. In his series Riders, slouched and aging horsemen sit idle atop their bare-backed steeds, purposefully illustrated out of context against radiating golden hues amid wings of fragmented vegetation. Venter, who hails originally from South Africa and landed on Salt Spring in 1989, challenges himself to take the grotesque aspects of human existence and make them into a work of beauty. "We live in a time when the anti-hero is the main character in literature," the artist explained. "Even in films, the nerds are becoming the hero. We have a necessity for a different type of hero. We all know that war and bravery are futile." Venter stressed his subjects are not idealized heroes of history but heroes of the imagination. "I try

not to make them look heroic, but real. And to place them out of context. It's the dichotomy of the process," he added. In addition to four pieces from Riders, Venter's current show highlights a glimpse of Offers, Altars and Sacrifices, a prelude to a bigger collection slated for an August hanging. The bold title hints at the message driving the segmented pieces, which depict disembodied sheep heads against a backdrop of barren landscape. The viewer may, like myself, experience a double take with Venter's sacrificial lamb symbolism: Woolly heads posed on wood blocks waiting to be decapitated or, perhaps, wobbly heads seated for observation-post beheading? Personally, I mistook the stacked wood for books, and instead understood the animals to be endeavouring to educate themselves in the human realm of higher learning. But whatever your interpretation, there is emotional force behind the images created by Venter. A seasoned painter, sculptor, ceramicist and teacher of art philosophy and history, the artist's journey into the art world has been multifaceted. "I try to incorporate all of those things into my work. This particular collection tends to be more sculptural and unclut-

tered," he said. When it comes to technique, Venter is tight-lipped about the long hours required for his self-invented approach. Plentiful art experience has rendered him masterful with traditional and experimental mediums, his materials of preference being bitumen, clay, alkyds, glazes and metallic leaf. "As long as it looks the way you want it to, it doesn't matter the technique," the painter emphasized. Using a squeegee to form background figure-8s for effect, Venter's pieces have an eerie reminiscence about them, and his choice of colour reflects a penchant for earth tones. To accomplish this feat, he mixes fired clay dust into clear alkyds. Venter expressed delight at his portrayal of landscape decay, which he said most artists are loathe to produce. "Stretching and cracking underpaint, I hope that they will continue on decaying." Much of Venter's work sprouts from the social and political climate of his South Africa homeland; the struggle for peace undercut always by the reality of war. "In South Africa, a certain amount of violence is necessary for change. Rights and freedoms were never given to you, so there is a fight to possess them."

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Deadline for registration is March 15, 2001. The new Hired Equipment list will be generated immediately after April 1, 2001.

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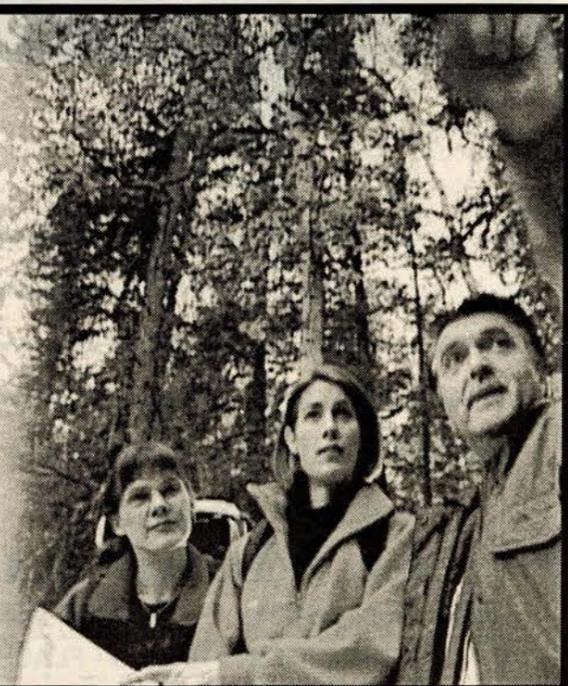
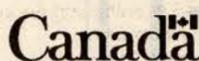


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NEWS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH PENDER ISLANDS

Menagerie of emotions in 'must-see' Solstice play

By KAE CHARMAN

Penders Edition Contributor

To a packed house, literally, since this performance took place in Sheila Jordan's kitchen, Bronwen Merle and Tracey Gillespie portrayed the human condition of a family torn in Marsha Norman's *Night, Mother*.

Tracey, as Jessie Cates dressed in drab gray, is a woman who resents her lot and her siblings because they "know things about you, and they learned it before you had a chance to say whether you wanted them to know it or not."

Ashamed of her epilepsy, her failed marriage and attempts at childrearing, Jessie has made the decision to end her life after a 10-year internal struggle. She spends her last evening preparing Thelma, her mother, by reading lists of household drawer contents, grocery ordering etiquette



Bronwen Merle: 'Brilliant' as Thelma Cates in *Night, Mother*.

and instructions of various sorts. She likens her life to a hot, bumpy, crowded bus ride that she wants to step off because this is her stop.

In grisly detail, the mechanics of Jessie's seizures are described, only adding to her depression. She only knows she awakens in her bed dressed in different clothing.

You can almost smell her despair and you can't help but wonder if she put as much energy into planning a life for herself as she spent planning her death she might have had more reason to live.

"Brilliant" is too mild a word to describe Bronwen's interpretation of elderly Thelma Cates.

Played with passion and depth, she attempts to sway Jessie's reasoning with tears, laughter and threats. Bronwen held the audience tightly between her manicured fingers, squeezing ever so gently when we first see her eating the last snowball in the box, but with increasing tension as the night progressed.

It's her pitiful daughter she can-

not maintain a hold on, and we watch in horror as she moves with lightning speed from anger to sorrow to defeat.

Neighbours who eat too much okra, passionless marriage, the level of warmth in black socks verses blue, cocoa with marshmallows, this is the stuff of life and we watch helplessly as pots and pans fly, tempers flare, and determination mounts despair for a joyride through this mental menagerie.

A desperate woman is a terrible thing to witness; a broken woman

is a sorrow beyond human tolerance.

We could only sit for stunned seconds after the lights went down, unable to respond until the actors came out for a bow. At that point, everyone jumped to their feet to applaud wildly these incredible actors.

Solstice Theatre's *Night, Mother* plays again February 16 and 17. You will not want to miss this slice of the extraordinary life of ordinary people, a sometimes humorous, but inevitably painful experience.

On the inside of a sacred sweat

By PAMELA BROOKS

Penders Edition Contributor

Sweat lodges are sacred and profound spiritual ceremonies.

Nature-based healing traditions provide safe environments for healing and coping to occur.

On Pender Island we were fortunate to receive guidance from sweat master Phil L'Hirondelle, a Cree elder, a few weeks ago.

The sweat lodge was built on Sun Raven Lodge property on MacKinnon Road.

Constructed of branches built to form the shape of a turtle's back, it is covered with quilts, blankets, canvas and tarps. Rocks are heated in an outdoor fire several hours before the sweat can begin. Phil L'Hirondelle works for our province as a multicultural ambassador and coordinator. He and his assistant, Louise Gallant, welcomed us all to fully participate.

What to wear? Women wore various long dresses, nightdresses, wraps or terry cloth coverings; no shoes, socks or jewellery. Men wore shorts or trousers.

The entrance to the lodge is a small opening through which to crawl into the dark earth covered with cedar boughs. A pit was hol-

lowed out of the centre. Once we were seated in a circle, the rocks were individually taken from the fire with a pitch fork, dusted with cedar boughs and carried with deer antlers into the lodge. Rocks are symbolic of our ancestors and families.

Each one was greeted with welcome words, herbs and sweet grasses. Seven rocks were welcomed and the opening closed to form complete darkness; secure as a womb.

A round of prayers were heard collectively and individually, using drums and voices. Participants are graced with the fact that they can leave at any time; there is no rule of endurance.

Each round of prayers welcomed seven more grandfathers, mothers and relative rocks. In all, four rounds were heard. The hot rocks were splashed with water and the heat intensifies with each round.

The collection of spiritual energy was powerful and intense.

In the sweating process, toxins are excreted, resulting in inner and outer cleanliness. Healing occurs in this safe environment. It takes

courage to heal. It takes courage to enter a dark and unknown place.

Every aspect of every individual was treated with great respect.

Symbols are used and explained as reminders to appreciate life on earth and all sentient beings.

Sun Raven Lodge has been created so that we might share in the magic of gatherings. An extraordinary moment occurred when L'Hirondelle asked that the two young rambunctious dogs be quiet — and they were — they stood in quiet stillness for some time.

There are gifts to look forward to after a sweat: a childlike sleep and memorable dreams. Who knows, you may get a flying dream.

Two sweat lodges per month will be held at Sun Raven Lodge each month until the fire ban. February 17 will be a Women's Sweat and February 24 there will be another for a mixed group led by L'Hirondelle.

A "vision quest" will be held in May.

Enquiries may be made at 629-6216. Words inadequately express the awe and gratitude to Chris Poellein.

Family relationships — 'time out' topic

Pender parents can take time out to learn about family relationships next week.

The Anglican Parish Hall will be the spot for a February 26 gathering for parents, sponsored by the Pender Island Community Volunteer Program.

The event runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and baby-sit-

ting will be provided throughout the session.

There will be refreshments and an opportunity for informal brainstorming and sharing, in addition to a presentation on family relationships by Robert Willingham.

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By **KAE CHARMAN**

Penders Edition Contributor

An attentive crowd filled that Little Coffee Place when Carole Couchman hosted singer-songwriter Peter Christianson.

He played a cut-away acoustic guitar and spoke in a gentle manner that belied his weathered looks, slicked-back hair and pointy-toed boots. Having played on the road for 15 years, Christianson was comfortable with his instrument and introduced us to some old and new songs, all originals and each distinctly different.

His first, A Moment to Believe, told "I've been looking for a long time now, I think I finally see who

Songs share private moments

I am, where I'm going. This is where I want to be, right here, right now. I've got nothing up my sleeve."

Together Given is a song written about his partner, Caitlin: "In each other's arms again, my Toronto friend. Lover and laughter. We are here now and ever after."

He wrote Under the Pressure in '83 or '84. "We're all living under the pressure, glued to the tube, stuck to the phone. Sooner or later love is going to blind us. There's always someone to follow instead

of our own hearts. Who are those guys anyway?"

Inspired by a friend in his 80s who was always in a good mood, The Fulcrum goes, "You make the wrinkles go the right way. You don't even try, you are the twinkle in my eye."

Stay in my Heart, inspired by his brother Terry, was written while Christianson was taking a real estate course in Bracebridge, Ontario. Another, inspired by Caitlin and called Medicine Eyes, had a bluesy feel and said,

"Emotional man, I feel to my core. You have the key to open the door."

His heavy eyes watched her while he sang this one. In the mid-'90s, heading out of Texas, he wrote, "You can hang a murderer, catch a thief, there's nothing you can do with a liar. You can hang a jury, catch a guilty man and let him go. There's nothing you can do with a man who won't tell you to your face."

The song to receive the most applause was one he'd written for his mother 25 years ago. It said,

"Life's a mystery, seems to never unwind. You know I'm glad you're here those times."

A native of Prairie Sound on Georgian Bay in Ontario, Christianson told us he missed the thunderstorms and the smell of the earth when the frost leaves. His last song came from one of those storms: "Distant drums are calling. Someday I'll be free, free from the weight of the world. Ancient eyes are watching."

A very private part of oneself is revealed through the writing of a song, and Christianson shared those private moments of his life with a humble approach and a comfortable feel.

Creation project gets \$\$\$ boost

By **PAMELA BROOKS**

Pender Editions Contributor

Congratulations to **Sharon Jinkerson**. She was granted a sizeable chunk by the Canada Council Arts Awards to enable her to work on The Creation Project. This will be a performance piece featuring the Karen Jamieson Dance Company, masks by **Victor Reece** and 30-foot-high images on scrims depicting creation metaphors.

Welcome home again to **Lorraine Reid**. Her niece, **Kathy Knowland**, drove her home from Victoria on Friday and Lorraine is feeling "just fine."

Lady Spock is so glad to be home with her partner **Rolly Doig**. Rolly went to Kitzbuhel, Austria to ski and to watch races.

Woodworker **Stan Oglov** was in San Miguel de Allende, northern Mexico, for three months. One of his fine wood sculptures is accepted for display in the Museum of Contemporary Art. The work is Stan's interpretation of an Indonesian fish hook, made of red pecan wood.

Nikki Gurr began her successful clothing business Itzyu on Pender Island. She moved to Mayne Island and will open a second shop in Chemainus. She is the cover feature of Victoria's Focus on Women magazine this month. **Georgina Montgomery** wrote the article.

More than 50 people turned out for the Pender Island Choral Society's first rehearsal of the season. "Soon," someone quipped, "there'll be no audience left." The music selection is challenging, varied and will be wonderful.

Anne Mundy is working towards opening an Abbeyfield house on Pender Island. Abbeyfield houses began in

PENDER SNIPPETS

England. They are a comfortable home for people who need assistance, with a house manager and cooking/cleaning staff provided. Call Anne to express your interest.

Massive millennium changes are upon us. It's unimaginable to live here without a Southridge Farms Country Store!

The store is for sale and we can only hope that new owners would do as good a job of promoting organic and local foods as **John and Judy Miles**. John returned from England on January 31. Judy is due home soon.

More businesses for sale: there's **Libby's Bakery** at the Driftwood Mall, **Hope Bay Village** complex and **Joyful Symmetry** on Port Washington Road. **Delaine** and **Bruce Burnett** would like to return to Vancouver, but are in no rush to leave Pender.

A beautiful, large female cat was abandoned on Pirates Road. Luckily, **Pat Hyggen** has adopted Muffie, who is happily settled in with two other large and lovely cats.

Two health tips: eat a spoon of flax oil every day — either on toast, or on salads (do not heat it). The best brand is available at **Ursula's pharmacy**.

Lizzie Williams returned from two weeks in Mexico. Excitement was in a bus trip where the insurance was a picture of Jesus surrounded by swinging rosaries; tragedies were seen on the roadside and guilt at living in a gringo condo. She said the people have it right, though — they enjoy themselves, laugh and sing a lot.

Sun Raven is a wellness retreat

on McKinnon Road, when everyone is welcome to participate in native ceremonial sweats. No charge is ever made for native ceremonies. Donations are gratefully received to cover costs of wood and transportation. A women's sweat will be held on February 17 and a mixed sweat with Cree elder **Phil L'Hirondelle** on February 24.

That Little Coffee Place will feature singer/songwriter **Zorah Staar** on Saturday, February 17 at 7 p.m.

Did you know there are four tai chi sessions each week on our island? **Margaret Adamson** and **Norma Butts** are the leaders. **Iyana** and **Kees** will lead yoga sessions on Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m. at the pre-school, next to the Nu-2-U.

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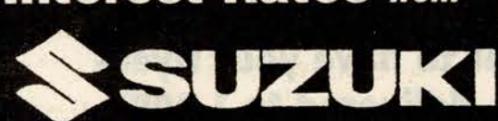
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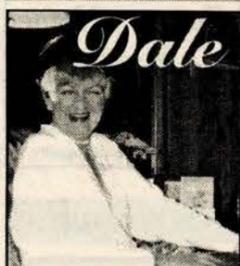
WILLIAMS, BEVERLEY Joy - Bev passed away peacefully February 3, 2001 at Lady Minto Hospital following a broken hip January 13, 2001. Born December 18, 1930 in Vancouver. Predeceased by her mother Edna Slattery and beloved son David. Survived by her wonderful father Ray Slattery, three daughters: Laurie Payne, Rhonda (Daryl) Little, Sandy (Harold) Harkema; Grandchildren: Jason, Adam, Ryan, Ray, Jacquie, Val, Jessica, Adriane, Deanna, Laura, Hayley; Great-grandchildren: Steven, Dylan, Braydon and Mariah. Bev went to work for BC Ferries until her retirement in 1995. Bev was a friend to all, and only had good to say. She raised her children to respect all people, be kind souls, and appreciate our lives. Mom was always there for us and our children. Her support, love and friendship will be greatly missed. We will love you always. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Vancouver Epilepsy Centre, 1195 West 8th, Vancouver, BC, in memory of David Williams.

8 CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Bev Williams wishes to thank Dr Reznick and Dr Leavitt for their wonderful attention shown to Bev over the last three weeks. The staff of Lady Minto deserve a special thanks for the care, love, respect and kindness shown to Bev and her daughters during Bev's last days. We are grateful and proud to have such a wonderful community hospital. BEV WILLIAMS was a great daughter, mother, grandma, great-grandma and friend. Mom's wishes were to not have a service, as she did not want people to get upset. We will honour her wishes. Mom had many friends and we'd like to thank everyone for their support and kindness. We will all miss her dearly. Thank you, Bev's family.

SUE AND Jonathan Yardley would like to thank the following individuals, firms and all their employees who got us into our newly renovated house in a record time of six weeks from start to finish! Swift Construction Ltd., Schure Thing Electrical, Salt Spring Interiors Ltd., Jim McGuckin Flooring, Honest Jim's Roofing, Salt Spring Home Design Center, Windsor Plywood, Slegg Lumber Ltd., Salt Spring Garbage Services, Micha Booy, Ben and Thomas Yardley.

10 CELEBRATIONS



Send a card and help a great lady celebrate her **60th BIRTHDAY** February 19th. 361 Woodland Drive, V8K 1J6.

20 COMING EVENTS

SSI ROD & Gun Club, annual general meeting, Wednesday, February 21, 8 pm at 221 Long Harbour Rd.

20 COMING EVENTS

FOR A complete calendar of coming events check the Driftwood Community Calendar, in our office in the Upper Ganges Centre, 328 Lower Ganges Road, or on our website at <http://www.gulfislands.net>. Use the calendar for event planning, to make sure your date doesn't conflict with someone else's.

RETIRED? TEEN driver? 2nd vehicle? Everyone could use an electric car. First meeting Salt Spring Electric Vehicle Club, February 24th, 2 pm. Bob, 653-4513.

MARCH 9 - FULL moon - time to celebrate women and rhythm with Mother of Pearl - a jazz cabaret at Fulford Hall. Stay tuned.

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DATE: Thursday, February 22nd, 2001
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Hart Bradley Memorial 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 one week 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 537-9144.

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IAN H. CLEMENT, Executor of, and Solicitor to, the estate. #1 - 105 Rainbow Road Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V5
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32 MEETINGS



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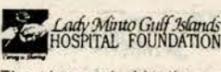
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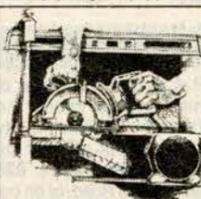
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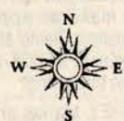
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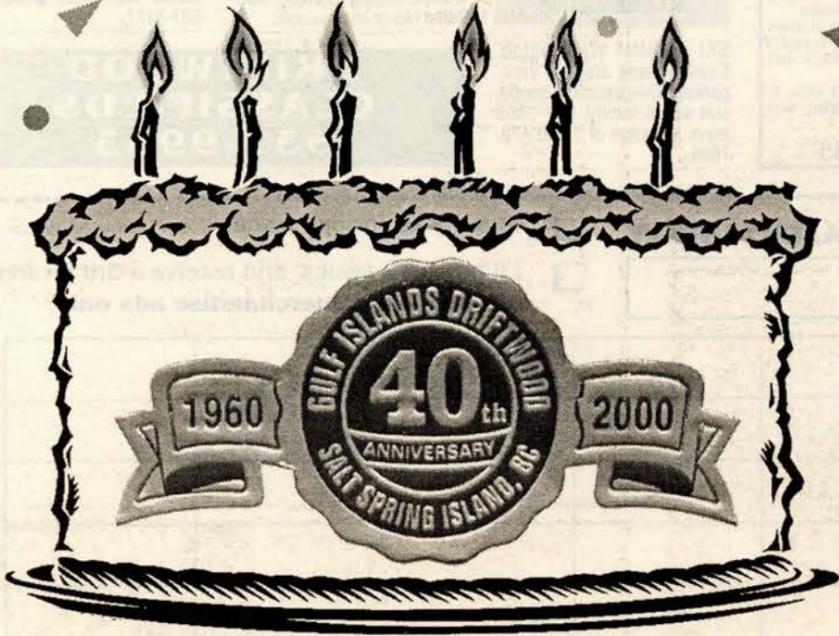
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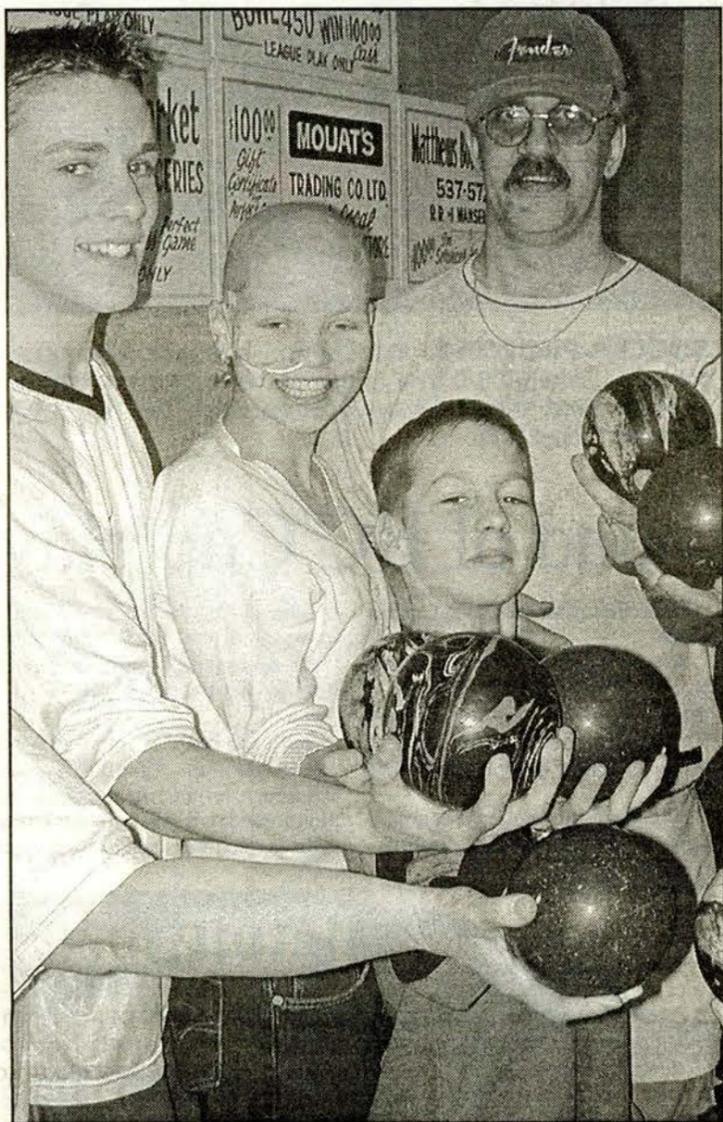
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BOWLING FOR FUN(DS): Nichola Howard and some family members are seen with Chip Chipman, of Kings Lane Recreation (right), at last weekend's Bowl-a-thon. Nichola and her family turned up Sunday afternoon to participate in the event, which raised \$500 towards costs associated with the young Salt Spring girl's fight against cancer. The bowl-a-thon took place Saturday and Sunday.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Shoot-out puts girls over the top

After a tightly contested game that finally ended in a shoot-out, Salt Spring's U14 girls team blasted Prospect Lake to win the Lower Vancouver Island title last Saturday.

The girls will now take on the Upper Vancouver Island finalists for a berth in the B.C. Cup finals.

According to coaches Emily Bond and Naomi Tweddle, Saturday's game started with intense play by locals Jesse Johnston Hill, Rhian Hardy and Kathleen Sinclair, who set a fast pace for the rest of the match.

Chances created by Steph Mathis, Michelle Proctor and Amber Reid offered up several scoring opportunities to Sarah Proctor and Danika Pal, while long shots by Prospect Lake didn't seem to trouble the defence line of Chelsea Kapler, Nicola Temmel, Miranda Logan-Webb and Aleesha Bird.

"Although Salt Spring had the majority of scoring chances, they were unable to put one away," note the coaches. "Things looked like they were going to get worse when an unintentional hand ball was called in the penalty box."

However, Prospect Lake failed to nail the net in the penalty shot and Salt Spring continued to dominate play throughout the first half.

During the second half, Prospect Lake came out strong, but some "amazing" saves by Becky Acheson kept the island girls in the game.

With the pace picked up, Nicolle Kapler and Michelle Proctor had several scoring opportunities, but when the final whistle blew, it was still 0-0.

The two teams then played two

10-minute halves, without either side scoring, and the game moved into a shoot-out competition.

First up for the local girls was Johnston Hill, who hammered the ball into the corner of the net. Prospect Lake failed to get by Acheson on its first and second shots, and Salt Spring missed its

second one. Both teams failed again on the next round, but then Sinclair stepped up and put one away to make it 2-0.

Prospect answered back with a goal, and it was up to Temmel to blast a shot past the keeper and secure both the Salt Spring win and Lower Vancouver Island title.

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- Disaster
- Understand
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- Usefulness
- Midwest state
- Cigar producer
- Championship
- Portent
- standstill (2 words)
- Proffer
- Agree
- Columnist James
- Actress Bo
- Harmonized
- Part of a Civil War signature
- Swiss mountain
- Foolish
- Search a suspect
- Singer Clark
- Thugs
- Stop pedaling
- "Walk Like ___" (2 words)
- From ___ Z (2 words)
- Juice variety
- Our Man ___
- Postal Creed word
- Human bellows
- Stone's throw

DOWN

- Author Wilde
- TV's "___ 66"
- Diplomat
- Meadow
- Detesting
- Fanatic
- Cistern
- 10W40, e.g.
- Most lucid
- Newsstand
- Alaskan city
- TV lawyer Marshall
- Desire
- Radius, e.g.
- Try to find
- Sunbathers' desires
- Madden

- "Fur ___"
- Respect
- Dieter's request to the butcher
- Confined
- "___ Dream, Can't I?" (2 words)
- Defense gp.
- Chanced upon
- Police cars
- There oughta be ___! (2 words)
- Fruit tree
- Material for a marker's tip
- Did carpentry work
- Prods
- Emulate Jimmie Rodgers
- Squalid
- Tell all
- "The ___ is to the swift" (Davidson)
- Stove chamber
- Forum robe
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SOCCER PROWESS: Salt Spring's U18 girls soccer team trounced Lakehill 3-0 in a home game at Portlock Park on Sunday. Next they take on Gordon Head for the Lower Vancouver Island title.

Photos by Derrick Lundy

U18 girls take easy win in second round of BC Cup play

Salt Spring's U18 girls soccer team impressed roaring spectators with their fancy footwork that led to a 3-0 victory on home turf Sunday.

Thea Wood scored all three goals

in the Salt Spring Slackers' match against Lakehill.

As winners of the game — the second round of B.C. Cup play — the local squad takes on Gordon Head next week for the Lower

Vancouver Island title.

"We've beaten them (Gordon Head) twice before," said coach Dave McColl on Monday, "but it was close the second time."

The girls beat out Bays United 9-

0 in the first round of the B.C. Cup event.

A win against Gordon Head would springboard the squad to a match against the top Upper Vancouver Island team, a game that will likely be played on Salt Spring.

Winner of this game is secured a spot in the provincial championships.

McColl said the local girls easily dominated play on Sunday, with their opponents unable to break through the defence until the second half.

With the help of what McColl describes as "probably the strongest defence in the league," plus some good saves, goalie Diane Anglos secured a shut-out for her team.

Electra sails to first-place finish

Roger Kibble and Electra took top honours in a sailing event that pitted 14 vessels against each other in a race to Ben Mohr Rock and back Sunday.

Electra won first place on corrected time ahead of Fandango, sailed by Phillip Grange and Art Munneke. Dragon took third place, just one second ahead of Cheeky Buoy.

The Salt Spring Sailing Club event unfolded with a good wind and mild, sunny skies.

According to participants, the northwest wind led to a spinnaker start, and a good run past the Sisters and out to Welbury Spar.

"Once there, with the wind building a little and coming more on the beam," states one sailor,

"some of the bigger boats had some close encounters with the dreaded broach."

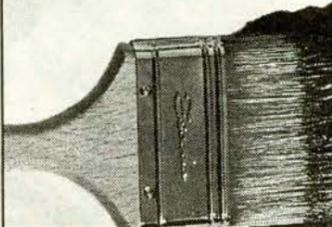
A strong ebb through Captain Passage wasn't enough to slow competitors, and early leaders Electra and Fandango soon made it to Ben Mohr Rock. Once around, it was a one-tack beat back into the harbour.

Shifty winds close to the finish

line forced a tack or two, but Kibble and Electra held on for line honours and first place.

The next race takes place Sunday, February 25 for the McMillan Trophy.

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HIGH ROLLERS

Lance Leask blew the score-sheets away with his 920 triple score at Kings Lane last week.

Leask bowled 353, 258 and 309 in Circus League play.

Other February 5-9 high scores at Kings Lane Recreation were:

Special Olympics: Gloria Dale, 151; Stuart Elliott, 187; Sharon Way, 191.

Tuesday afternoon 50+: Vanda Winstone, 227; Clara Hicks, 203.

Tuesday morning: Ken Robinson, 201; John Richardson, 200/254; Jim Glenn, 211; Helmut Losch, 202.

Friday a.m.: Sherry Mehnert, 261; Marg Baker, 218, 229, 217/664; Mary Campbell, 206; Ken Robinson, 233; Bob Campbell, 204.

Circus League: Brian Radford, 209; Ron Cunningham, 246, and Leask.

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