

Cattle farmers: There's gold in those gallstones

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

There may be more riding on the hooves of island cattle than a freezer full of beef.

A Honk Kong firm says it will pay \$13 a gram — that's more than the price of gold — for cattle gallstones, a rarity in the East.

But they may be just as rare in western Canada, though local slaughterhouse operators admit they haven't looked too hard.

According to information from Alice Import-Export in Hong Kong, a small percentage of cattle gall bladders contain the stones, but it's necessary to open the bladder and check.

Mike Byron of Beaver Point, who slaughters about 25 cattle a year, has never opened a gall bladder and wasn't sure that he really wanted to.

"I've never seen one," said the B.C. agriculture ministry veterinarian, who has treated cattle for 18 years.

Lois Quist of Westholme, whose husband Norman operates a slaughtering plant, said opening a gall bladder was a messy job. She didn't think her husband would be "mucking around with that stuff."

Salt Spring farmer Roy Lamont said the stones are rare. "Cattle very seldom have them."

That pronouncement was echoed by Dr. Merv Wetzstein of Abbotsford. "I've never seen one," said the B.C. agriculture ministry veterinarian, who has treated cattle for 18 years.

But Wetzstein wasn't sure if anyone else had, so he rang off to find out. When he called back an hour later, the news was not promising.

Cattle gallstones, it appears, are virtually unheard of in B.C., Wetzstein reported.

Both he and Mike Byron speculated as to how the growth of gallstones might be encouraged, but neither could suggest where to start.

Alice Import-Export claims to have been buying the stones for the past 40 years. The information was contained in a news release whose contents, the *Driftwood* was advised, would "make your readers jump for joy." It said gallstones have been used in Chinese medicine for more than 2,000 years for controlling fever. They're about the size of a pigeon's egg, look like clay and are more likely to be found in older cows and retired bulls.

A brochure says the company buys more than 80 kilograms of gallstones a year, which perhaps is a direct result of their advanced marketing procedures.

Like all the major airlines, Alice Import-Export offers its clients an incentive program. Every gram's worth of gallstones sold to the firm is worth one point, rather like a frequent gallstones club. Suppliers who accumulate 500 points in a year receive a bonus gift.

But no one the *Driftwood* spoke to seemed very excited about the points program.

Nor did anyone jump for joy over the prospect of a market for the gallstones, including Roy Lamont.

He was more interested in trying to sell this writer a heifer. Now there are a few patches of grass over by Moby's...

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A SPLICE OF LIFE: A B.C. Telephone Company worker was busy splicing cables last week at the corner of Upper and Lower Ganges Roads. Recently laid underground cables on the west side of the road make the above ground cable unnecessary.

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March 17 celebrates St. Patrick of Ireland

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

When we think of St. Patrick's Day we usually think of shamrocks, leprechauns and an occasion to wear green. But how many of us can actually claim to know where the celebration originated?

It certainly was not generated by Hallmark greeting cards, or by McDonalds' Shamrock Shakes. Historically, March 17 has a much greater significance that the trivial "Americanized" version of St. Patty's day.

St. Patrick's Day is just like it sounds, a day to remember St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick was born around 385 A.D. At 17, he was carried off by raiders to become a slave among the pagan inhabitants of Ireland. He escaped about six years later and began to spread Catholicism throughout Ireland. St. Patrick died on March 17, around the year 461.

Every year on March 17, people all over the world break out something green to wear, or perhaps pin a cut-out of a shamrock on their shirt, but most do not know the significance of the shamrock.

The shamrock is a clover leaf with three parts, called a trefoil. There are various spiritual beliefs surrounding the shamrock. Some believe that the three parts of the trefoil are the footprints of the angels, and some that the trefoil is symbolic of a cross.

But the most widely held belief is that St. Patrick used the trefoil to explain the Holy Trinity: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

On St. Patrick's Day, celebrations take place throughout Ireland, as well as all over the world. During the day, the Irish sing *Amhran na bhFiann*, the Soldier Song. Adopted as the national anthem in 1926, the Irish sing it proudly while waving their flag.

Big Brothers considered

There can be pain and confusion in growing up without the nurturing influence of an older male or female in a young person's life. But help may be coming to Salt Spring Island through the establishment of a Big Brothers and Big Sisters group.

Local social worker Peter Calderhead is working to raise the necessary funding to organize a

local chapter of the organization. "The incidence of single mothers with kids is enormous on the island," Calderhead said. "There's a lack of guidance, and Big Brothers can provide the guidance."

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters Organizations have been successful across the country, but in order to organize a group on Salt Spring, \$20,000 must be raised. The funding would pay for a part-time social worker for one year, after which the provincial government and the United Way would take over. About \$10,000 has been raised so far, and the group is looking to donors for the rest.

The Salt Spring Island Community Law Enforcement Consultative Group is one organization that has offered its support. It has asked its members to make a financial contribution or to donate time to a young person.

The organization will pair off six to eight children aged six to 11 with an adult. Adult volunteers undergo a rigorous screening process, but Calderhead added that usually only a small number are turned away. He hopes to have enough funding to start the group in six weeks.

Anyone wishing to become involved or to donate may call Calderhead at 537-1806 or 537-4979. A trust account has been set up in Victoria for the local chapter.

Birds herald spring

Salt Spring residents have seen signs that spring is finally here with the appearance of birds returning home for the summer.

Vina Hull spotted a single swallow March 9 at her home on Brinkworthy, but says she hasn't seen one since.

"I was quite surprised because normally they don't arrive until the middle of March, after the hummers arrive," Hull said. She added that she had not seen any hummingbirds yet.

"I guess he was the forerunner. He was looking things over, I suppose," she said.

But at the north end of Salt Spring, Chris Dixon spotted the first hummingbird of the season. The bird was on the deck on Monday checking out the feeder, he said.

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Photo by Nikki Zerr

SPRINGTIME IS repair time at Fulford Marina. Art Rumsby of Rumsby Electric spent some time last week helping get the docks in shape for the busy summer season.

High school honour roll prepared

Following are honour roll students for term two at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Grade eight: Nicolas Bardon, Daniel Bennett, Erin Bergsma, Ben Bichel, Neacol Booth, Monica Byron, Dustin Carlson, Scott Carmichael, Carly Clark, Anastasia Cyprus, Chris Davies, Emily Delahaye, Jana Folstad, Kerry Fraser, Alain Grange, Molly Grayer, Adrian Hingston, Lauren Ingle, Prairie Jolliffe, Esther Kempling, Sandy Kerman, Aaron Little, Tim Lyons-Howard, Aaron McCarty, Robert McMahon, Hanna Munneke, Matthew Oldroyd, Noah Pred, Sasha Prendergast, Crystal Sheehan, Jennifer Storey, Katsky Venter, Jeff Walsh, Katherine Watt, Sarah Wilkin, Emma Yardley.

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Grade 12: Calico Dobson, Shane Eldstrom, Gwynnie Gardam, Julie Gilbert, Leah Hunter, Michael Jamieson, Jenny Lomas, Fainne Martin, Ian McLachlan, Jeff Neilson, Tamara Perskyo, Lisa Pirie, Rekha Rao, Melanie Stafford, April Vandov, Paul Verriour.

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Public input sought for health care plan

Gulf Islanders will have the opportunity to help direct the future of health care in the region through workshops this week.

Members of the Southern Gulf Islands Health Plan Steering Committee will seek input on a variety of health-related issues to formulate a health plan for the islands. Residents will be asked about health issues, services, funding, and ways to serve people better.

"We're trying to establish some vision on what we would like, what we think health means and how we can make it happen," steering committee member Susan Berlin said.

The idea of involving residents in the decision making process was created after Health Minister

Elizabeth Cull released a report called *New Directions for a Healthy British Columbia*. One section of the report proposes that the government hand over the responsibility for development and coordination of health and health-impacting services to local communities through local and regional health councils.

The planning process, which is funded jointly by the ministries of health and social services, includes meetings with the public.

The workshops are scheduled for Sunday, Mar. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday, Mar. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They will be held in the Grace Point Conference Centre at Ganges.



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- EVERY THURSDAY Seniors for Seniors luncheon, seating 11:30 and 12:30.
- FRIDAYS Free Kids Klub, Community Gospel Church, 120 Drake Road, 3:15-5pm.
- FRIDAYS Smiles Cafe, Ganges United Church, 12noon - 1:00pm.
- FEB. 28 - MAR. 28: Video presentation - spiritual issues, Ganges United Church, 11:30-1pm.
- MAR. 3-APR. 7: Lenten Meditation series for women, Ganges United Church, Wed. at noon.
- MAR. 3-APR. 7: Noon-time series for women, Ganges United Church, 11:30am - 1pm.
- MAR. 14-21: Spring Showcase of Art, Mahon Hall, 10am-4pm daily.
- MAR. 17: Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am.
- MAR. 17: Garden Club meeting, Ganges United Church, 7:30pm.
- MAR. 17: Seniors for Seniors, Irish sing-a-long, Drop-In-Centre, 2pm.
- MAR. 18: Hunter Training, Rod & Gun Club, 7:30pm.
- MAR. 19: SSI Weavers & Spinners, Social Day, Braehaven, 10:30am.
- MAR. 19: Legion Br. #92, roast pork dinner, members & guests, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
- MAR. 20: St. Patrick's dance, Royal Canadian Legion, 8:00pm-Midnight.
- MAR. 18, 19, 20: A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" High School Band Rm. 8:30pm.
- MAR. 22: Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Auxiliary, United Church Hall, 2pm.
- MAR. 17, 24: 10 days for World Development, lecture discussion series, Catholic Church, 7pm.
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Once-great Old Boys are hard on the digestion

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

The Old Boys played once again this time their last league game of the season. And yes, you guessed it, they lost once again, this time 2-0 to Castaways.

After opening the new year with a 5-1 win and a 2-2 tie the local lads have stumbled their way through four tough losses — it's enough to make you choke on your morning oatmeal.

What has happened to the once mighty Old Boys that were challenging for the top honours? Did the reality of being near the top scare them to death or had the threat of drug testing caused the lads to stop using A535 and Geritol, thereby really slowing our pace?

Why, I remember not so long ago writing about the dazzling bursts of speed on the wings from Ingwer Nagel, Tony Finlay and Rich Lopuschinsky — of course Inge left for Europe and Tony and Rich just left (well nobody has seen them lately).

Then there was the crystal scoring powers of Ian Cameron and Finn Ronne. Unfortunately, I think the crystals were a hoax and they should get their money back.

Then there was Henry the "Great White Hope" Braak with all those goals he scored — well, the only reason he keeps the scoring lead is no one else can score either.

I remember the magical play-making of Doug "Codger" Pearson and Jack "Bulldozer" Braak but in reality now the only magic is that we have 11 players show up for the games.

Of course, defence was the team's strength prior to Christmas behind the hard-nose defending of "The Peaks" Bill Lea and Gerard Zentner, and "The Wise Men," Graham Tweddle, Cal McKay and this writer. Lately, defending has become a rather loose term rather like defending a castle with the drawbridge down.

Then there is our goaltending which had been steady all season, but since Christmas we have seen

Darcey Bjornson, Ian Cameron, Tim Stirrup, Gerard Zentner, Graham Tweddle and now newcomer Andrew Mai all try their luck with rather unsteady results.

Realistically the team has played very well in recent games but just not capitalized on many golden opportunities they have had. In fact, things actually look good for the Gumbys Tourney on April 3 and 4 in Victoria.

The lads seem to have found two stable goalies in Tim Stirrup and Andrew Mai and have started to play better as a team in recent games. Now if we can only get Rob Watson to shoot for corners instead of the goalies, and "Ally" McNutt to make his well known famous 50-yard run followed by a 30-yard blast into the net — who knows, the tide could turn and victory would be ours.

At least we have a couple of weeks to work on achieving these things prior to the tourney.

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Solid performance for girls' squad

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring NRS Striking Force played St. Margaret's School in an exhibition match recently and came away with a solid 90-minute performance and an 8-1 victory.

More than anything this game proved that if the local girls' squad has a full complement of players they can display their talents to the fullest and reap the rewards for their effort.

The Striking Force was bolstered with the addition of seven girls from the Gulf Islands Secondary senior girls' soccer team, something that allowed the Force to actually have lots of substitutions.

Knowing they had substitutes allowed the girls to run hard, or in Shelagh Baker's choice, charge hard, at their opponents.

With this new-found strength the Salt Spring team poured into attack and pumped in five goals by the time the dust had settled at the half. Cheryl Tyson with two, Jocelyn Hazenboom, Amy Twa and Cathy Akerman all scored as time and again the St. Margaret's defence was torn apart.

The second half was no different although referee Doug Pearson tried to stem the flow by disallowing a Kirsten Somerset goal on a 30-yard blast, due to an opponent offside. (One must remember old "Codger" Pearson plays for the Old Boys and many have questioned his eyesight lately).

But the Force could not be denied as Cheryl, Jocelyn and Shelagh Baker all scored to take the tally to eight before St. Margaret's scored a late tally to salvage some pride.

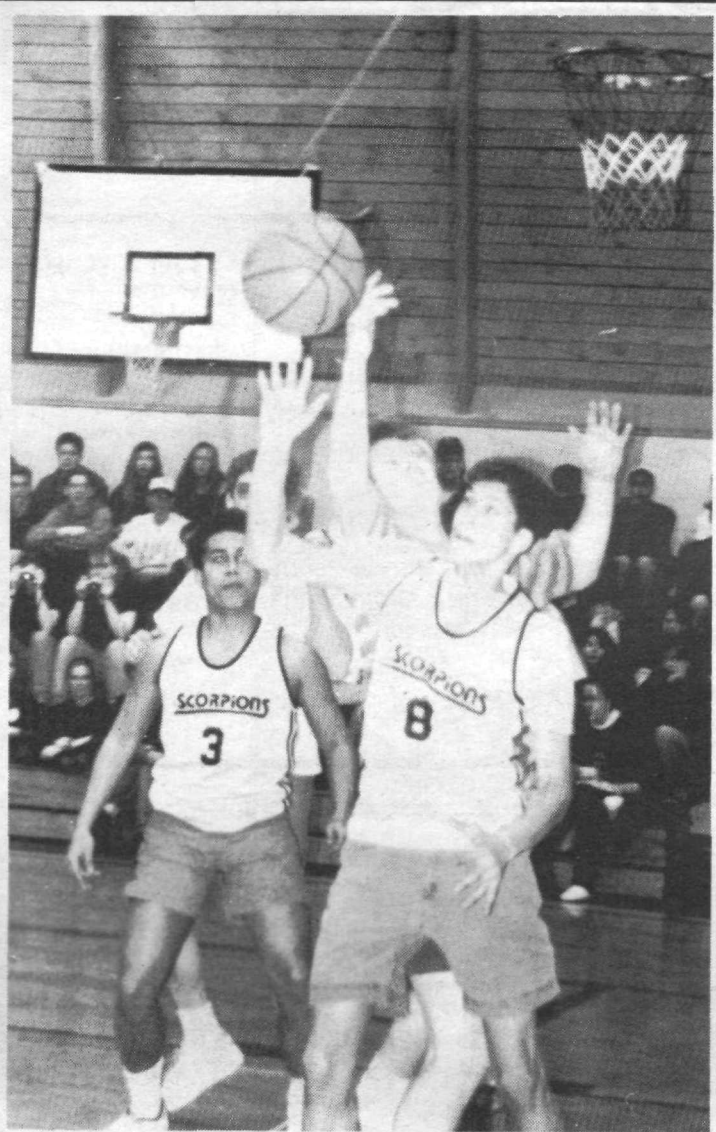
The game was played on a very friendly basis and the large crowd, most from the school, were treated to a clean and well played match.

For Salt Spring the combination of GISS and Strike Force players looked like a natural playing together. From Melissa in goal to the back wall of Lorna, Liz, Yarrow, Jana, Rachel Biggs and Rachel Gillet, the defence was solid.

Leanna, Kirste, Amy, Cheryl Kichen and Amber hustled and

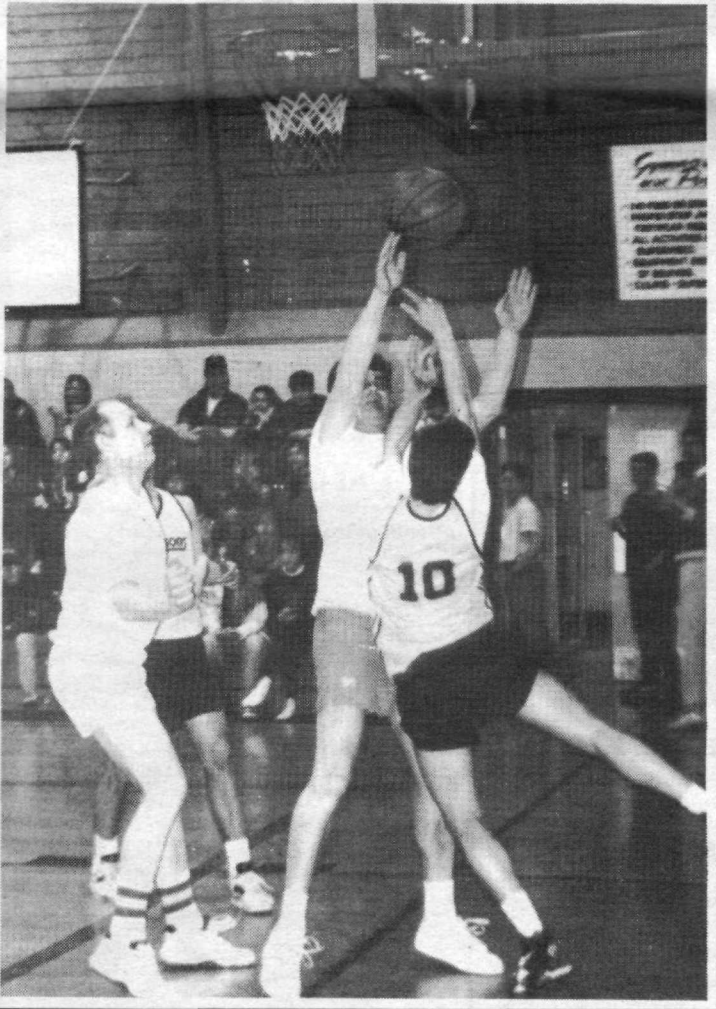
created the chances for Jocelyn, Anna, Cathy, Shelagh and Cheryl. Everyone played great.

In fact we could even say old "Codger" Pearson did a good job as the man in black.



JUST A LITTLE HIGHER: Building inspector Dick Stubbs, top, blocks a shot from a Gulf Islands Secondary School player as Sgt. Smith of Ganges RCMP waits for a rebound. Above, two Gulf Islands Scorpions try to keep the ball away from the RCMP-community team during last Wednesday's game.

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One-game winning streak comes to a trying end

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slugs took to the ice Sunday night for their only meeting of the season versus the Green Lantern Hawks of Ladysmith.

Determined to preserve and extend the second longest winning streak of 1993 (one game), a full contingent of players showed up for the match, ready to defend the Slugs' honour or go down trying. To say the least, the game was very trying.

When the smoke cleared following the final buzzer, the Slugs had notched up another one — in the loss column — going down 7-6 to the Hawks.

He got a haircut specifically designed to cut down on wind resistance

Despite the defeat, it was a very entertaining match, which kept all four fans somewhere between entertained and amused for the full 60 minutes.

The Slugs could have easily won the match if they had just been denied one thing, the power play. There were four penalties handed out all night, all to the Hawks, and not only did the Slugs not capitalize on the opportunities, they let the Hawks score two short-handed goals.

This was a real letdown considering how well the power play had worked in previous games. Despite all this, it was a nail-biter right down to the buzzer with the Slugs pulling the goalie in favour of six attackers.

The Hawks opened the scoring about two minutes into the game

following a defensive gaff by Deadstop, who allowed the opposition to waltz right in on goaltender Mark Hughes unimpeded.

It was not a particularly good evening for Deadstop's plus/minus rating — which has been in the minus column most of the season. His minus rating is now a number resembling the national debt.

Several minutes after the first of Deadstop's many blunders, Dan Akerman, who decided to bless us with his presence, opened the scoring for the Slugs with a nice shot from the slot, off a Pete Huser rebound. It was the first of two goals of the evening for Dan, who put in his best performance of the season.

The first period ended with the Slugs holding a 3-1 lead and having a definite edge in the play. Once again Huser and Todd McIntyre put in a tremendous performance of forechecking and taking the play to the opposition.

While Huser didn't score, he was responsible for setting up four of our goals. McIntyre, on the other hand, scored twice and had a number of other opportunities.

By the 40-minute mark the score was tied at four only to see the Hawks score two quick goals at the start of the period. But the Slugs weren't done yet. Paddy Akerman and John "Buzz" Proctor finally managed to click for a goal in the third to rally the troops.

Proctor, to show his devotion to the team, went out last week and got a haircut specifically designed to cut down on wind resistance, allowing him to go faster. Obviously it paid off when he set Paddy up for our fifth goal. But the Hawks stormed back using a Slug defenceman for a screen — you guessed it — Deadstop.

They scored again to give themselves a two-goal margin once

more. To their credit, the Slugs didn't roll over and die, but kept the pressure on. We managed once more to pull within one when Bernie Reynolds put a bullet drive over the sprawling goalie's glove with just a couple of minutes to go.

But try as we might, we could not get the tying goal past the Hawk netminder, who played a solid game for the opposition.

Slug notables were the defensive pairing of Paul Sinclair and Scott Bergstrom who put in a steady performance, both forward lines mentioned earlier and last but not least, Mark Hughes. He not only played a great game, but showed a tremendous amount of restraint in not pummelling Deadstop into dust, a thought which must have crossed his mind more than once during the evening.

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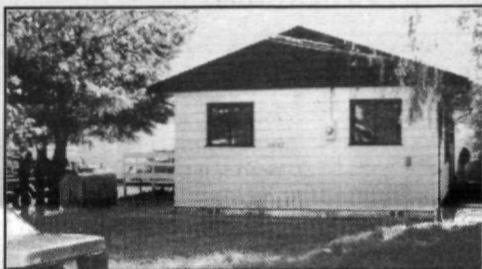
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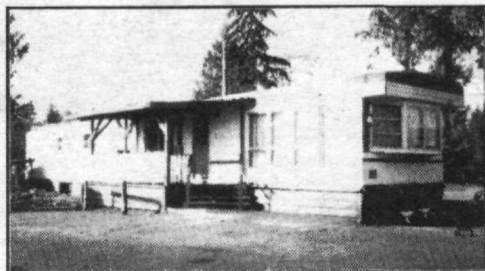
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By PAULA BEDFORD
Driftwood Contributor

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Leisure Lanes is again offering a pair of Brunswick or Dexter bowling shoes to the queen plus cash prizes. And speaking of cash, guess who missed the Legion cash pot of \$172 again? This Thursday sees the pot at approximately \$200. Not bad for one strike.

Top scores for the week:

John Sutherland was the first one this year to join the 800 club with his 843 triple on Wednesday

down the gutter

night. Remember, he also bowled a 401 his first night bowling.

Golf Ladies: June Webb 208; Lorraine Toller 203; Marguerite Meharey 255; Mildred Gurney 207,201; Mary Kirkpatrick 203.

Friday Morning: Marg Baker 201; Bill Baker 236,287/713.

Friday Evening: Gene Graham 216,230/631; Pearl Motion 245; Jim Southern 207,242/646; Ed Allen 201,251/623; Edie Gear 221,223/635.

Circus: Sam Cochrane 260; Inez Armstrong 222; Gary Whitehead

254; Fred Broadbent 225; Gary Wilson 213; Gene Graham 265,247,277/789 wow!; Glen Hewitson 218; Bunny Cooper 205; Gordon Ruckle 222,217.

Wednesday Night: Val Hughes 208; Erling Jorgenson 224; Dora Reynolds 206,200; Diane Little 247,225/663; Reg Young 219; Tom Greenwood 235, 232, 227/694; Michele Greenwood 227; Lois Codd 236; Henry Schwagly 278,202,246/726 wow!; Linda Schwagly 204; John Sutherland 270,293, 280/843 fantastic!

Legion: Dick Stubbs 206, 201; Gord McEwan 215; Ian Byron 283/648; Ben Martens 209; Janet Severn 209; Al Hall 241/614; Heather Kusch 201; Sharon Sykes 250/600; Doug Sykes 224; 232/639.

YBC: Smurfs: Stephen Severn 78; Kaitalyn Severn 61; Valerie Harkema 46; Amanda Sykes 78.

Pee Wees: Kate Reynolds 110; Kara Huser 80; Jacquie Harkema 88; Kimberly Sykes 93; Braden Dragomir 83; Daniel Draper 78.

golf tees

Salt Spring Golf Club is playing a series of inter-club matches this spring with five other clubs on Vancouver Island. The first was played at Salt Spring on March 6 against Metchosin. Salt Spring won 7 1/2 points to 1 1/2.

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on March 8 were:

North-south: Shirley Love and Dawny Scarfe, Gordon Hutton and John Sarginson, Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest.

East-west: Wanda Piebrzak and Althea Morrisette, Rosemary and Bill Hook, Kay Sinclair and Alan Steward.

Winners on March 9 were:
North-south: Bunny Jordan and

bridge tricks

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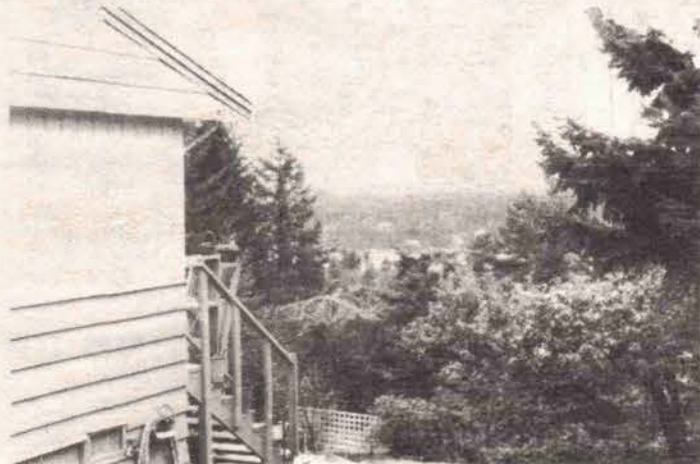
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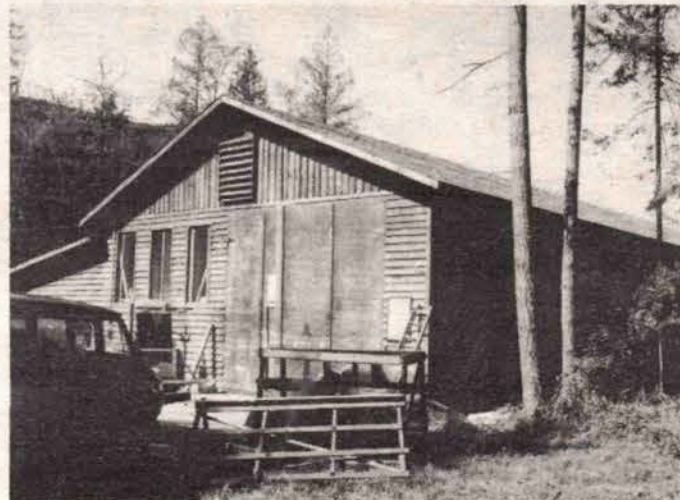
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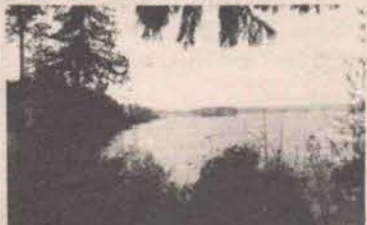
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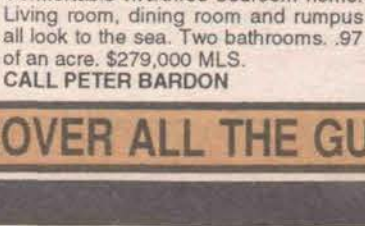
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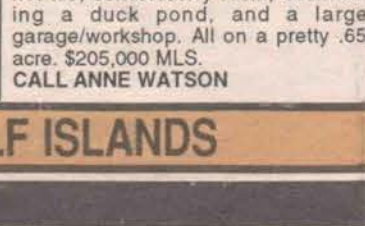
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By REV. MURRAY SINCLAIR
Salt Spring Island
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Worthy or not worthy? — Luke 7:1-10.

One day while Jesus was in the town of Capernaum, he was visited by a delegation of Jewish elders who came from the local Roman centurion. They had come to ask a favour from Jesus on behalf of their friend the centurion. Their request was that Jesus would come and heal the centurion's servant.

They were quick to point out that this man was worthy of his favour, even though he was not Jewish. The proof of his worth, according to them, was that he loved their nation, and had built them a synagogue. When Jesus had listened to all this, he went with them.

The remarkable aspect of the claims of worthiness made on behalf of the centurion by his friends, is that they are opposite to the claims he made for himself. As Jesus approached this man's house, the centurion apparently found it necessary to send another delegation, this time insisting that Jesus not bother to come all the way to the house, as he felt unworthy that Christ should come under his roof.

Furthermore, he stated, through his new delegation, that the reason he hadn't come personally in the first place was because he felt unworthy to come to Jesus.

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Obviously his friends had added the part about his being worthy without his permission. Friends will often do that. They felt that in order for Jesus to want to help this man, he would have to see him as worthy of help. The centurion saw it differently. He managed to get his second delegation to impress upon Christ the unworthiness he felt.

At this point we might ask a question. If the centurion actually felt unworthy of Christ, what could have prompted him to ask for a special gift of healing for his servant if he felt he was unworthy to even meet Jesus, or have him visit his house? What made him think that Jesus would answer his request to heal his servant?

The answer lies in two things that figured in the centurion's mind. We can see what he was thinking by what he said.

First, he believed that it was not a big thing he was asking. He honestly felt that Christ had so much authority, and so much power, that all he had to do was just speak the word, and his servant would be healed.

From this came his statement

that Jesus didn't need to come to the house to perform the healing. And secondly, this man understood that the goodness of Jesus mattered more than his own worthiness. Jesus pointed out on another occasion that God gives good gifts to evil people all the time. Their unworthiness doesn't overpower his goodness.

When Jesus heard this man's expressions of faith as they were relayed through his friends, he was amazed at the man's insight. We are not told whether Jesus said anything else at that time, but we are told that the servant had been healed by the time the delegations returned to the house.

The beauty of this story is that the centurion didn't hassle with any of his thoughts. His faith and trust in the power of Christ as they are demonstrated in this story were truly childlike, and an excellent example for all of us to follow.

When next we are in any need, let's not let feelings of unworthiness keep us from asking Jesus for what we need. But rather let's focus on his ability and on his goodness, and ask in faith.

Gypsy moth among IWS topics

By GARY HOLMAN
Driftwood Contributor

The Island Watch Society (IWS) general meeting of February 3 drew about 50 islanders and was typically lively. There were a number of presentations and issues discussed.

Gypsy moth: Bob Weeden explained that the ministry of agriculture could not demonstrate that gypsy moth populations have been increasing significantly on the island, and presented the IWS position of no aerial spraying, but more intensive trapping.

Concerns by members and the Green Islands representative, Chris Anderson, were expressed about both ground and aerial spraying. Approximately 30 people at the meeting volunteered to assist with a trapping program.

Sewer/liquid waste: Tom Toynbee, representing the Ganges Sewer Commission, explained the present system. Questions were raised about proposed amendments to the operating permit for the Ganges plant (regarding treatment/monitoring standards, continuous versus ebb-tide discharge, back-up storage in the event of plant failure) and the im-

plications of sewer expansion for development in Ganges.

It was suggested that changes to the operating permit have more public input and that the commission consider conservation measures before investing in new capacity.

Solid waste: Water Preservation Society representative Tom Gossett expressed concerns about locating a landfill in the pristine Mount Bruce area and the consultant's admission that leaking of leachate is inevitable. Randy Hooper estimated that islanders are now recycling about 40 per cent of their waste and expressed concern that establishing a dump would reverse this trend.

The IWS board stated its position that the newly proposed facility for so-called "inert" materials should be run by the Capital Regional District (CRD), not privately.

Septage and sewer sludge: Don Stevens outlined an exciting proposal by the liquid waste committee for a CRD-operated facility for composting sewer sludge and septage with organic waste. At an estimated annual cost of about \$10 per household, islanders would

have an environmentally sound option for transforming our liquid and organic waste (including wood waste, to be chipped on site) into compost soil for application to gardens, farm or forest land.

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Local government: Gary Holman, a member of the options study committee, expressed concerns that the implications of incorporation, particularly how it might impact on the effectiveness of the Trust, have not been adequately assessed by the committee.

James Scarfo raised the point that improvements in the effectiveness of local government would be made before taking the much riskier step of incorporating.

The Watch will be holding a forum on local government soon. Details will be forthcoming in the *Driftwood*.



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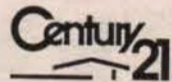


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★ horoscope ★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Arians are in the mood for rooting out excess. You leave parties after two drinks this week; watch only one *Star Trek* episode per day; cut lobster out of your diet. You feel better by Saturday but may start spending more time on the phone catching up with what Jean-Luc has done. Daycare is on the horizon: a long-awaited place for your child at the workplace opens up; if you have no children, there may be some pleasant news.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Be careful with advice this week. People are beginning to take you

seriously. Theatre or theatrics are in focus Friday. You will be invited to a show or your 14-year-old will decide to have a slumber party. Fruit-flavoured oil-by-product cereals win out over healthy ones if you let the kids choose.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Take advantage of the rain and go scuba-diving. Try and recreate the first time you and your partner went

undersea together . . . Flowers — or flour — (star-gazing is homonymous) figure Friday. Look out for fuschias or fruit pies.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Extra-sensory images bombard you this week. The Good Humour Man, Mr. Glad, and Madge all come to your door selling lingerie. Believe your senses but do not tell any but your closest friends. Thursday is a propitious day for dentists and doctors.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Something gives Leos the growlies this week. It may be a high pollen count, too much testing of homebrew last weekend or the fact that *I Love Lucy* has been rescheduled from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Sunny skies or small furry things change your mood drastically Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): A space shuttle eclipsing the moon casts a shadow, albeit small, on family gatherings. Wear clothes that your oldest relative will approve of and tell everyone your laryngitis prevents you from entering the traditional acrimonious political debates. You may not inherit the earth for your labours, but you will at least not disinherit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): A weekend of glitter and sparkle is ahead, but remember all that glitters is not necessarily gold. Wash the car Saturday. A clean windshield is sure to help you see the lawn, which needs to be cut. A day working in the garden will keep you healthy, and leave some good grit under your fingernails.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): The weekend highlights romance. Put on that tummy-tucking girdle before going out Friday. You want to be sure to impress that special someone. A bright light circling around your house Sunday raises some curiosity. Don't worry, it's not a UFO, but your neighbour with his helicopter, looking for a lost cat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Unexpected guests show up Friday — so much for a quiet weekend. They may plan to stay with you, so toss them each a sleeping bag. A phone call at work on Monday will bring good news, so don't take any long coffee breaks. Washing the windows Tuesday is a good way to relieve stress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): That special someone will pop a big question Friday. Don't think too hard about the answer, just follow your heart. Go for a jog Saturday; it will relieve any tension. A neighbour in trouble needs your help Sunday, so make sure you have an extra cup of sugar and a jar

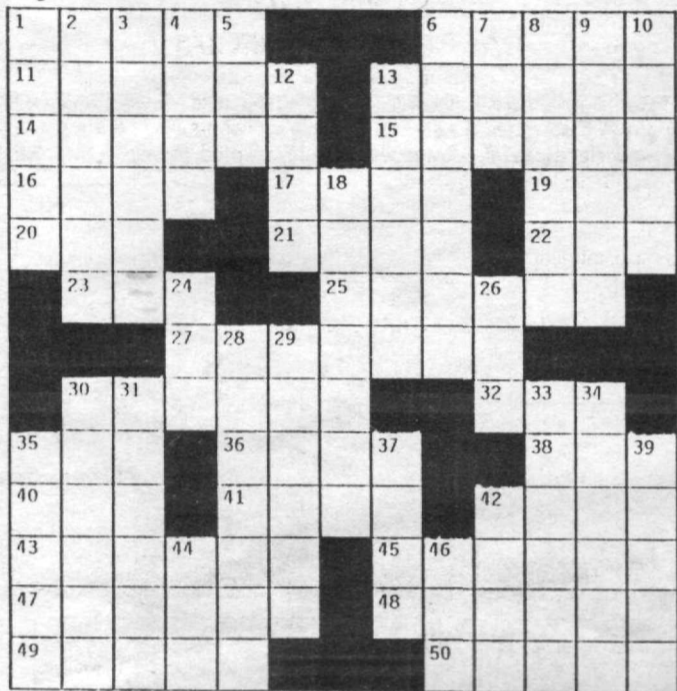
of molasses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18): A long walk on Saturday works wonders on a confused heart. Take an umbrella as raindrops are sure to make things worse. A dinner invitation Sunday comes unexpectedly. Go for it: it's been a long time since you had a night out. It may lead to romance,

so proceed with caution.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): The stars are calling for a week of excitement ahead. Friday will bring rewards at work, so wear that new business suit — you want to look your best. Don't forget to fill up the car with gas Sunday. It may be just on the empty line, but you'll run out Monday if you don't.

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| 6. Necklace | 42. Grape juice liquor | 28. Most magnanimous |
| 11. Financial windfalls | 43. Blots out | 29. Actor Tom |
| 13. Bit of toast | 45. More than one | 30. Sour juice plant |
| 14. Portuguese coin | 47. Disarm a bomb | 31. Dangerous |
| 15. Sedative | 48. Legislative assembly | 33. Noah's landing place |
| 16. Upon | 49. Frozen rain | 34. Japanese robe |
| 17. Fertilizer | 50. Rose petal oil | 35. Lean-tos |
| 19. Crow cry | | 37. Eats |
| 20. Speed up | | 39. Race participant |
| 21. Actor Alan | | 42. Smallest of a litter |
| 22. Belonging to that man | | 44. Claim damages |
| 23. Stop light color | | 46. Grassland |
| 25. Door crosspiece | | |
| 27. Make cryptograms | | |
| 30. Commit perjury | | |
| 32. Settle a bill | | |
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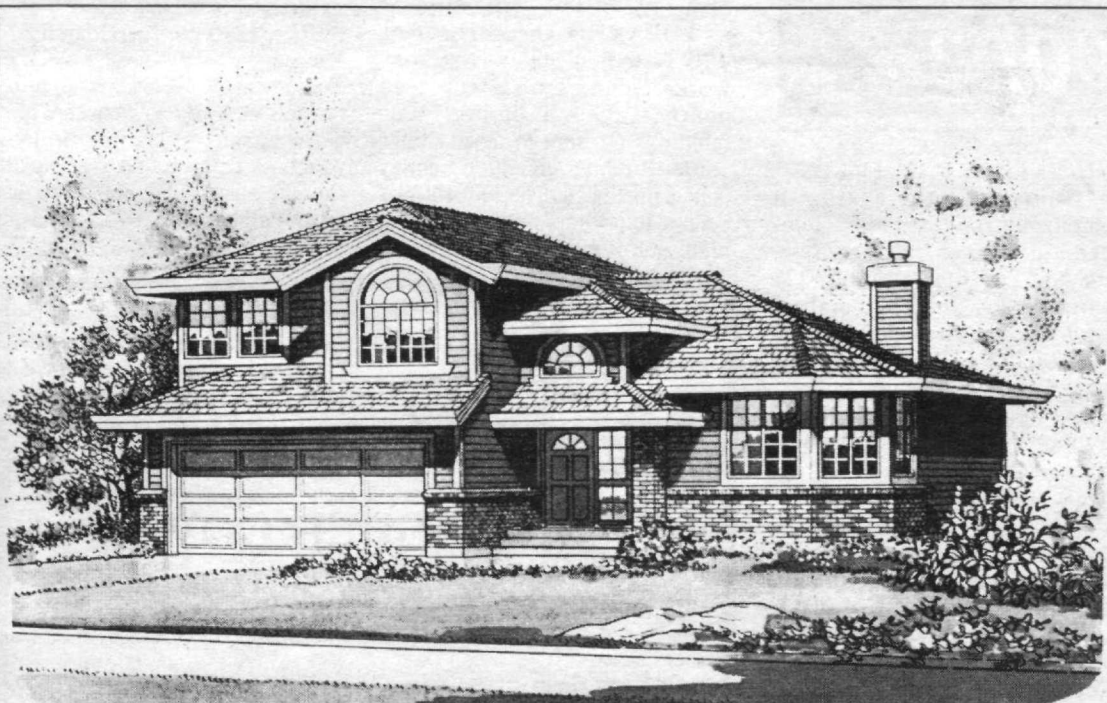
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A half wall over the sink opens into the family room, which helps when you're trying to keep an eye on family activities.

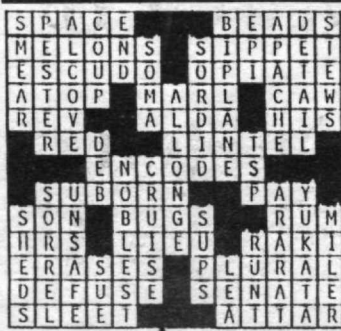
The large sunken family room features a masonry fireplace and sliding glass doors which open onto the patio — the size of this room alone is a great selling point for this plan. A good sized laundry room includes a storage space (great for your mechanic's tools) and a handy, second coat closet. Not only will this mud room save your family room carpet but will add a sound barrier between the family room and garage.

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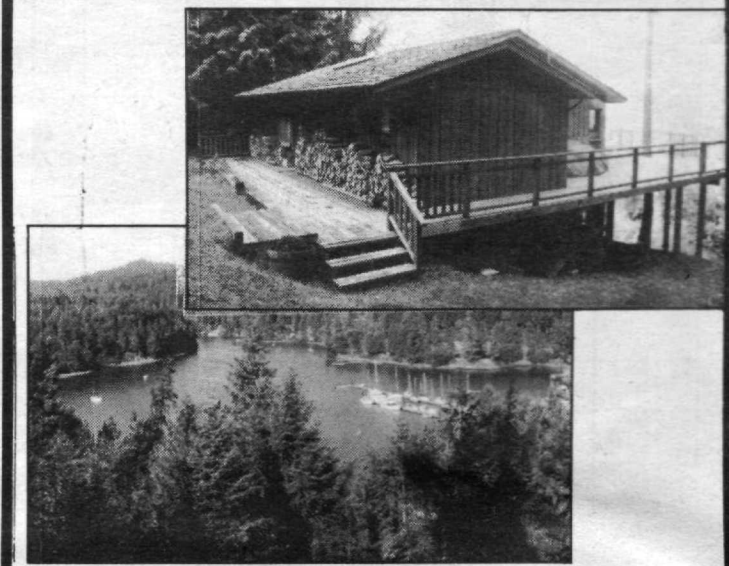


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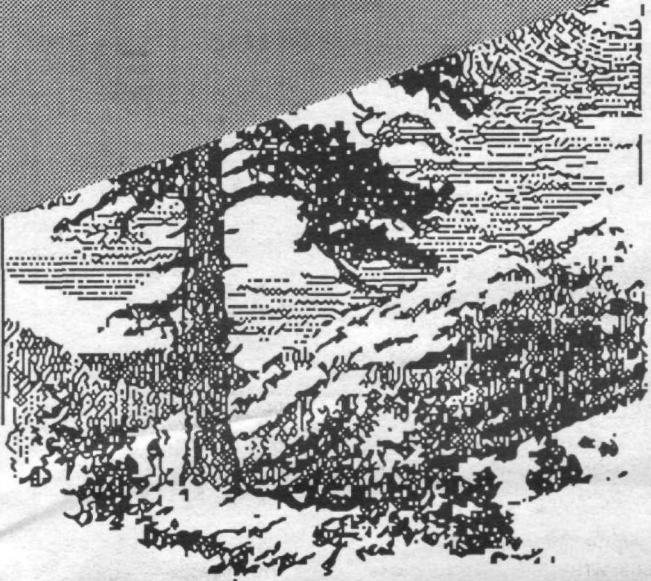
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By GAIL TRAFFORD
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Saturna residents Bill Douglas, Rick Jones and Alfred Reynolds made a citizens' arrest Saturday of a man suspected of several recent break and enters.

About 20 residents helped corner and capture the suspect who gave up without violence. The suspect was held at the baseball diamond where he was tied to a picnic table and guarded by his captors until RCMP arrived by boat at Winter Cove Yacht Club.

Derrick Woodcock, a local merchant involved in the chase, provided refreshments while the volunteers waited for the police to arrive.

Over a dozen homes had been broken into and vandalized over the winter. Several stolen items have been recovered from a camp in the area where the suspect was captured.

The intruder had been seen lurking in the Winter Cove area and had been discovered in at least one home over the past week. He avoided a group of locals who spotted him and chased him into the bush Friday evening.

When the suspect was sighted again on Saturday several local volunteers encircled the bush where it was believed he was hiding. They pressed in and confronted him, and he gave up without a fight.

Local residents gave a collective sigh of relief when the man was apprehended.

Several people had expressed fear about their property being burglarized or vandalized or of confronting the intruder during a break-in.

Several activities are being planned for the Easter weekend. The annual Easter bake sale will be co-chaired by Marjorie Ratzlaff and Flora House. This is a joint effort of the Saturna Women's Club and the P.A.C. Every household should expect a call asking for a donation of some baking.

The Lions Club will run two events. Saturday morning they will hold a burger and hot dog sale at the Saturna General Store to celebrate the anniversary of their grand opening.

Saturday evening the Lions will sponsor a crabfest to raise money for the Saturna scholarship fund.

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Easter Sunday there will be a special service at St. Christopher's Church to celebrate the holiday. This will be the beginning of the summer church service schedule as well. Until further notice, there will be a church service on the second and fourth Sunday of every month.

Saturday, March 27 is Lions crib night. Everyone is welcome to come out and join the fun for this fundraiser for Timmy's Telethon. Last month's winners were Bernice

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Crooks, Marjorie Ratzlaff, and Joan Robertson who tied for third

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ters out onto those of us looking forward to seeing a home-grown musical comedy.

The week of school preceding winter break was busy in spite of a 'flu epidemic. Wednesday afternoon the intermediate students attended student-led parent-teacher

interviews. Primary interviews were postponed because of illness.

On Friday an open house was held at the school. The theme was "Our Heritage" and children brought family photographs and constructed family trees to illustrate their family history.

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Annual meeting is triple feature

The North Galiano Community Association held, as they say, a "triple feature" at its annual meeting on March 6. Subjects for discussion were of the past, of the present and for the future.

The meeting opened with the introduction of Cst. Tom Norton, invited to attend "to meet the locals." Norton spoke of his work on Galiano, his back-up assistance from Mayne Island on his days off, and of the possibility of the organization of a liaison group to help him in his work.

This group would be made up of representatives from existing Galiano organizations. Questions from the floor were answered quickly and effectively by the officer.

Following Cst. Norton's talk the annual meeting commenced with the reading of the minutes from last year's AGM and reports from the president, the treasurer, and the fire chief.

The president's report dealt with association business, work done at the hall, on-going projects and recommendations for future improvements to the facility. Nancy Davidson's treasurer's report showed an excess of about \$250 over expenses for the year.

According to fire chief Ted Waterman, the largest expenditure for his department for the year was the outlay made for the construction of the water storage tank at the number two hall. As this was money promised in a lottery grant negotiated several years ago, it will be paid back into the fire department's coffers in due course.

Waterman reported the firemen had answered eight fire calls during the past 12 months. Only one of these was a serious fire, a house on Devina Drive where the fire had taken hold before the alarm went in, and nothing but containment could be attempted.

The force remains at 15 members, two more recruits having joined since Christmas.

Brian Cowperthwaite's report on the Bodega purchase followed. Some progress has been made during the past year in reducing the principal and the monthly mortgage payments have been met. In the future fundraising will emphasize personal and corporate donations rather than the sale of commodities, Cowperthwaite added.

Dock claim settled

Miners Bay on Mayne Island is one step closer to having its dock replaced. Late last month, Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Lynn Hunter was told by the Canadian Coast Guard that the Insurance Corporation of B.C. will pay a \$100,000 insurance claim to help replace the dock, which was rendered unusable in the summer of 1991.

"We have received an insurance settlement for \$100,000," Coast Guard area manager Ron Martin said. "Once we have the money, we will put out a tender."

"It's good news," Mayne Island resident Truman Norcross said, but he has not heard anything more about it. Norcross runs the Esso station on the island and his business was affected by the closure of the Miners Bay wharf.

More than a year and a half ago, a then-island resident drove onto the dock and hit a gasoline tank. The fire forced the Coast Guard, which owns the dock, to close most of it. The dock was the only government wharf inside Active Pass.

The total cost of rebuilding or resurfacing the dock is disputed but may be as much as \$350,000.

Nomination committee chairman Harold Wike then presented a slate of officers for the new executive. Elected were incumbents, president Alistair Ross and secretary Connie Gray, along with "newcomers" vice-president Nancy Davidson and treasurer Geoff Bonser. From a list of nine who allowed their names to stand for directors, five were elected: incumbents Brian Cowperthwaite, Arne Haksi, Walter Roots and Harold Wike, and newcomer Donovan Walker.

Under new business the matter of the leak in the roof was discussed and also the need for a new floor, the present one being 66 years old and showing its age.

Refreshments followed the meeting. For those able to stay Andrew Loveridge then spoke of his trip to Spain last September to attend the 200th anniversary celebrations of Captain Dionisio Galiano's explorations in this area. Loveridge's slides were interesting, his commentary excellent and his visual materials surprisingly complete.

A video made locally about

Galiano and its residents was then shown by Loveridge. The video was made especially for the Spanish visit and designed to give the people of Cordoba an idea of life on this island.

An enamelled plaque featuring the coat of arms of the village of Donna Mencia was then presented to the community association by Loveridge for permanent display in the hall. Dionisio Galiano was born and educated in the town of Cabra in Cordoba province but his later home was nearby in the village of Donna Mencia.

Sale of modern antiques

A fundraiser for the North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department, the "Sale of Modern Antiques" is scheduled for the North Hall on Saturday, April 10. This annual event, organized by the fire committee, provides the householder with a place to rid him or herself of any good but no longer needed furniture, gardening equipment or other household articles.

The fire committee asks that

when the reader is spring cleaning, he or she will set suitable things aside to be delivered to the community hall on Thursday or Friday, April 8 or 9. A phone call to one of the committee members will make help available should this be necessary. Phone Ted Waterman 539-2805, or Barbara Moore, 539-2127, to have things picked up.

Rubber duckie run

The second annual Rubber Duckie River Race is set for Shaw Creek at Bodega Resort for Saturday at 2 p.m. Wagers on the duckie of your choice — there are 220 to choose from — can be obtained from Joan Paterson at 539-2475 or Dorothy Ross at 539-2294.

Funds raised by the race will go to the Bodega Ridge purchase fund. Prizes have been donated for "owners" of the first few of the spirited little yellow participants who finish the course.

The 1992 race was a fun event, the sun shone, the duckies floundered (but some of them made it), and the onlookers had a great time. Get your ticket now and help, just a little, in the purchase of beautiful Bodega Ridge.

Flea Market

The Galiano Club's Spring Flea Market is scheduled for the South Hall Sunday, from 1-4. Sales tables can be booked from Debbie Holmes, 539-2803, or Francine Renaud, 539-2567.

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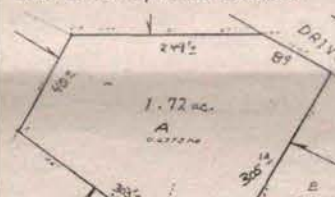
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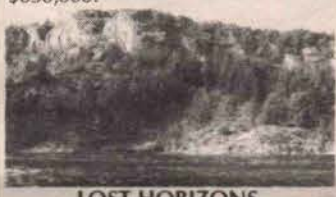
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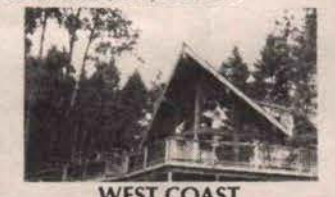
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