



—IT'S BANDEMONIUM!—



NOT QUITE 76: Bandemonium's trombone section is made up of, from left, Morgan Donnelly, David Jackson and Brian Dawson. Femmy Schuurmans plays French horn.

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

At first they thought it would be pandemonium, combining musicians of all ages and abilities together to perform, but they were wrong.

Bandemonium is a group of 55 local musicians brought together to practice and perform under the leadership and guidance of Wendy and Derrick Milton.

They formed the group in January as a spin-off from Wendy's adult beginner classes. "We started with absolutely nothing except Derrick and I there prepared to conduct," she said. But with some help from the high school, they borrowed music and some equipment.

Members range from absolute beginners to very advanced, with ages ranging from grade 8 and up. But in some situations it's not the older people who are helping the younger ones. Some of the younger players have more experience than their elders.

With such a variance in performance levels, Wendy must keep a balance between the different levels of players. "That's the challenge for me and I hope I'm pulling it off," she said. "From hearing them play, it sounds like they are."

She tries to keep things interesting for the advanced players while staying within the abilities of the weaker players.

Catherine Bennett started as a beginner: 'To be able to join in and squeak is great.'

She added that all the advanced players really help out the less experienced ones.

Wendy shares the conducting time with husband Derrick, and sometimes some of the other experienced members help out as well. She said she doesn't want to be the only one to lead the group, and would like other people to take

part in the leadership.

"I want to be able to let other people in the community who have these skills use them."

A grant from the Capital Regional District, along with each member's \$20 membership fee, enabled the group to purchase music. Wendy says they plan to gradually build their own music library.

Rehearsals and membership are open to Outer Islanders, and the group has members who are willing to billet people who want to come and play. The community rehearsal is open every week, and it's never too late to join, she said.

For Anne Royal, playing in the community band is a great experience. She always wanted to play an instrument, and when her daughter left her clarinet behind, she decided to try. "It's fun to do by yourself, and it's fun in a group set up to do it."

Jan Macpherson hadn't picked up her clarinet since she played in high school. She said the great part of playing in the band was the mix

of strong players and beginners. "The neat thing is, everyone has something to contribute."

Catherine Bennett started playing as a true beginner only six months ago. "As an adult I'm learning to do something I have always wanted," she said. "To be able to join in and squeak is great." She credited the Miltons for putting everything together.

'How the heck were we going to manage to get through one piece of music?'

For high school student Andrea Satzinger, playing in the community band is a chance to play with people who work together as a group.

Bruce Creswick teaches at Fernwood School. For him, playing in the band is a chance to be on the other side of the fence. "Some of my ex-students are players, so I like

the chance to sit in the band instead of being the conductor."

But what about the name, Bandemonium? "It just came out of Derrick's mouth one day," Wendy explained. "All we envisioned... was pandemonium, because there would be people of all ages and all levels of ability, and how the heck were we going to manage to get through one piece of music?"

From the way the group sounds, it's obvious that things do run smoothly, and they can definitely get through a piece of music.

Islanders can find out for themselves next month, when Bandemonium performs at Fernwood School April 7 at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the band should call Wendy Milton at 537-4654.



INTENSE CONCENTRATION: That's one requirement for Bandemonium's trumpet section. From left are Keith Hearsey, Ron Nordine, Bruce Creswick and Dick Williams. Photos by Nikki Zerr

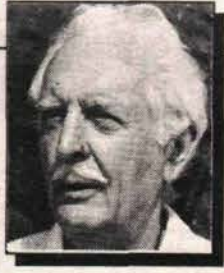
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If money is the name of this game it's a misnomer, because it just ain't a game! Even if we all play it.

Money was the centre of debate in the British parliament last week when the budget was presented with loud calls of horror from consumers at the prospect of a tax on heating fuels.

In the past the value-added tax has not been applied to such fuels. First charge will be at the rate of eight per cent and in two years it will be taxed at 17 1/2 per cent. (VAT is GST).

The British mercury does not fall to the depths of cold to be found in central and northern Canada, but the consumption of fuel in winter is still high enough to bring angry cries from those who will be hard pressed to meet the extra costs.

Second call of concern was addressed to major changes in the tax burden levied from the national perquisite of hard work, the company car. Such an adjunct to industry is already taxed as part of a worker's income, just as it is in Canada.

The new budget exerts a greater pressure on the driver to dig yet deeper into his pocket for the privilege of using somebody else's motor car.

Money is the oil that keeps our wheels turning whether or not we own a car.

Just how much better off is the Canadian household than the British equivalent? Or is it worse off?

The British householder has paid more for his home than would his cousin in British Columbia. While prices in both lands have soared and fallen over the years the west coast home is, on the average, larger and enjoys more garden area than its equivalent in Britain.

The average home at home is of wood and of a design dating back a few decades. The average equivalent home here is of brick or stone and of a design dating back 50 to 100 years or more.

It is difficult to make direct comparisons because homes are not normally measured and identified by the area of floor space. A three-bedroom house may be 800 square feet. It may equally be 3,000 square feet. No size is indicated.

There are few homes offered for less than \$100,000. In the smaller communities, where the range of houses is limited, the choice is also limited.

The odds are that if you are in possession of a house in Britain and you want to get back home to British Columbia, you could sell

out here and buy another home over there close to twice the size in floor space and garden for the same amount of money. But it is impossible to offer more than generalizations.

The British householder will be earning close to the same rate as his British Columbian counterpart. The rate over here is probably slightly below that in B.C. Despite the lower level of income, the cost of the house is higher. Hence, the young family faces a bigger portion of the household income taken up by the cost of the house.

The car is substantially more expensive in Britain. Cheapest new car runs around \$12,000. But when he has acquired his car, the Brit is paying twice as much for gasoline as does the British Columbian driver. And the tax on gasoline has taken a jump in the new budget. That just pushes up the cost of driving another notch.

Appliances are more expensive here than at home, though not by a wide margin. Soft furnishings are up.

Eating out? Not a lot of difference whether you do it in the north of England or the south of Vancouver Island. Here's a sample menu from a Yorkshire restaurant, Hedley's in Harrogate.

For lunch you can have a steak and kidney pie, as I did, at \$9.

Homemade soup and bread, \$3.50; avocado with prawns, \$6.50; liver pate and toast, \$3.50. Those are from the starters and apply for lunch or dinner.

For lunch you can have a steak and kidney pie, as I did, at \$9. Potatoes and two vegetables came with it. Cold roast ham, \$8.50; pan-fried chicken breast in a sauce, \$9.30; homemade lasagne \$9; omelette, \$8; poached haddock in cheese sauce and salmon with asparagus flan were \$9. And smoked salmon or prawn salad would have cost me \$13.

Dessert was standard in price. All were \$4.50 and included brandy snaps, filled with cream; fruit crumble with custard; cheesecake; hot chocolate fudge cake; fruit tart; pear and almond flan; fresh pineapple and kirsch; or ice cream or cheese.

As everywhere, there is a different price on dinner. And, as everywhere, the dinner menu is

more ambitious. Like a grilled sirloin steak with beer and pepper sauce, \$15. Chicken Kiev came in at \$14 and a rack of lamb, \$16. A vegetable lasagne is priced at \$10 and smoked chicken with orange and pineapple glaze is \$14. Grilled salmon is \$16. Vegetables are not included and are \$3. Desserts don't change from noon to night.

But what if you don't eat out? There is a vastly wider range of fruit to be found here than in most stores at home. For example, in one supermarket I found a choice of eight different oranges. The same store offered venison, or deer meat, game birds and more varieties of fish than are normally found at home.

Tenderloin was \$14 a pound and minced beef \$2 per pound. Minced New Zealand lamb was the same price.

I eat white bread at 80 cents a loaf (800 grams). I could switch to stoneground coloured bread for \$1.20 the loaf.

If you enjoy bread and lamb chops they'll cost you \$6 a pound. So will filleted neck of lamb. Seedless grapes were \$1.60 a pound and bananas 90 cents a pound. Free-range eggs from strolling hens are \$1.80 a dozen. The list goes on. But these are just some samplings.

I was in a Do-it-Yourself store and found some doors marked with prices. A D.I.Y store is part hardware store and part building supplies. Many also stock furniture and carpets, electrical goods and tools. But what was once the ironmonger, and later the hardware store, is now the "D.I.Y."

The doors I looked at were all 78 ins. by 30 ins. Inside door, hollow cored and covered with hardboard was \$34; no hardware. A six-panelled door, interior, was \$45 and six-panel, exterior door sold for \$50. French door in 10 panes of glass was \$100.

And, most important, the price of the morning paper. The *Daily Express* sells for 60 cents, while the *Telegraph* demands, and gets, a dollar. It is notable, perhaps, that the *Express* was founded by a Canadian and that the *Telegraph* is operated by a Canadian.

It is impossible to tell of the cost of living over here, blow by blow, in the space available. It would be close to impossible to describe it had I unlimited time and space. And nobody would read it.

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- EVERY MONDAY (Sexual Assault Recovery Anon.) SARA group meets, 7pm.
- EVERY TUESDAY Photography classes, SSI Camera Club, 172 Reid Road, 1:30pm.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
- EVERY WEDNESDAY Coin & Stamp group Seniors for Seniors 10am.
- 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.
- 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. 24: 10 days for World Development, lecture discussion series, Catholic Church, 7pm.
- MAR. 25: OAPO General Meeting, Central hall, 1:30pm.
- MAR. 26: SSI Weavers & Spinners an aerial perspective: felting, Braehaven, 10:30am.
- MAR. 26: L.A. Dinner & Dance, Royal Canadian Legion, 6pm.
- MAR. 26: Legion Br. #92, Smorg. dinner & dance, members & guests, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
- MAR. 27: Tuned Air - Garage sale, SSE Activity Centre, 9-12noon.
- MAR. 27: Flea Market, Fulford Hall, 10am - 1pm.
- MAR. 27: Saturday Market, opening beside Harbour House Hotel, 11am-4pm.
- MAR. 28: Ganges O.A.P.O. 32 building fund meeting, Lower Central Hall, 2:30pm.
- MAR. 28: SSI Camera Club, Library, 1:30pm.
- MAR. 29: Annual General Meeting, Salt Spring Elementary Library, 7:30pm.
- MAR. 30: Salt Spring Paddlers monthly meeting, United Church Hall, 7:30pm.
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Community Gospel Chapel

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Baby dedications, graduations, weddings and funerals are crucial events in the lives of families. These events have a way of drawing families together in support and love for one another.

Yet as I read the latest statistics it is obvious that the family is under seige. Financial pressure, alcoholism, drug abuse and a host of other factors combine to put tremendous pressure on families.

Divorce continues to tear families apart, leaving in its wake hundreds even thousands of bruised and broken people.

One of the factors that contribute to the 42 per cent divorce rate in Canada is the drive to succeed and the time that it demands of us. It seems that time has become our master and we its slave.

But this master can not be satisfied. The harder and longer we work the more he demands of us. So we take time management courses and carry electronic pocket day-planners. Yet he still demands more.

A Lou Harris poll found the work week has increased from 40.6 hours in 1973 to 46.6 hours in 1987. For professional people, the number is even higher at 52 hours per week. Small business owners and corporate executives put in 57 hours a week. Where does the time come from? My guess is our families, especially our children.

In the mid-60s, an average parent spent about 30 hours a week with a child. Today the average parent spends only 17 hours. That's

a 40 per cent reduction. That means there is no time for cheering on a daughter at her soccer game or hearing about Junior's day over

dinner, or going to the park for a family picnic.

A Youth for Christ study published in 1984 says that the average father in North America spends only 37 seconds a day of quality time with his children.

With the push to get ahead and be successful are we sacrificing our children and our families?



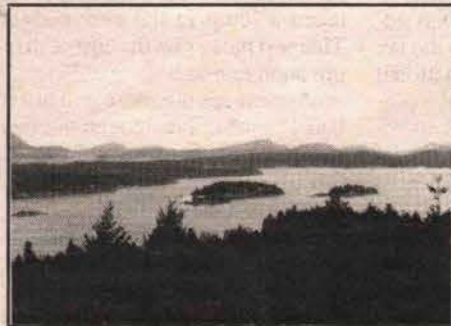
FIRESALE FURNISHINGS: Jan Pruim, above, is the proud new owner of a pair of table lamps, a couple of items out of many hundreds offered Saturday at Salt Spring firemen's garage sale. Below, Chris Bradley pays the cashier for some kitchenware. The annual event is popular with local garage sale shoppers.

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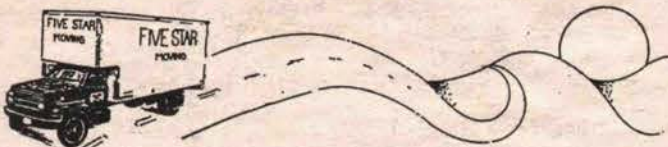


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Spring: Every year it comes and every year I hear people say things like, "Unusually wet this time of year," or "Strange weather we're having."

Isn't weather always strange? Haven't we been trying to predict weather patterns unsuccessfully since the beginning of time? And haven't we been consistently unsuccessful?

I don't even know whether our attempts are even necessary. I'm just a humble gardener, but it seems that if you make plans which rely on weather conditions then by law of logic those plans have to be flexible enough to change if the weather becomes unsuitable.

So why not just accept the weather and its fickle changes? Now why, you may ask, is he ranting philosophical about weather?

At this time of year I have built up a backlog of jobs that should have been done by now.

Well, part of the reason is that at this time of year I have built up a backlog of jobs that should have been done by now and am feverishly juggling them depending on how it looks outside my window each morning. I have even come to relax about it.

If I have not completed tasks by now which require good timing because of accelerating spring growth, then I cut my losses or invent new and inspiring methods to deal with them.

It is becoming late in the year, for instance, to transplant large plants such as trees and shrubs. But late doesn't necessarily mean it can't be done — it merely means that the risk of doing these jobs becomes higher, the after-care and subsequent maintenance will also

become more intense (extra watering, food, etc.)

So I weigh up the benefits against the risks and make my decision.

Tomatoes can be germinated indoors now as can basil, peppers and tender annuals that need a long season such as fibrous begonias.

There is such a fervour of active growth around now that greenhouse time (if you have one) is a must. You cannot allow seedlings to be interrupted during their first stages of growth or you may be in for problems down the road.

Plants that are put under stress early in life show signs of it later on by becoming more susceptible to disease or pest attack or by a shortened life span.

Pricking of seedlings in flats is always a favourite way to relax for me and if you can spare a couple of hours per day the amount of plants you can end up with is truly reward enough in itself.

I've talked in the past about damping off among seedlings and it is really a problem at this time of year. Keys to prevention are good ventilation and consistent temperatures — 62 degrees Fahrenheit is ideal for seedlings around now.

During the rainy season it is unwise to tread on the soil or work outside unless it is absolutely necessary and if so then spreading your weight by standing on a board is very helpful. Remember that apart from the structural damage that you can do to the soil, there are many delicate organisms underfoot that require the least possible disturbance in order to fully complete their jobs too.

Next week: The return of the slug invasion.



Salt Spring couple off to Brazil for two-year volunteer stint

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

Two Salt Spring residents have rented out their home and packed their bags to return to do volunteer work in the country where they met.

Sam and Lee Evans will head off to Brazil as soon as their plane tickets arrive, but they won't know exactly what type of work they will be doing until they get there.

But not to worry, they have done this before. They once spent three years working on a project in Tan-

zania.

They do know that they will be involved with a community development centre in the northern part of the country, where they will spend the next two years working.

The Evans are sponsored by the United Church, in association with the Brazilian Methodist Church. The program is "more or less to encourage some sort of small-scale industry," Lee said. It is designed to be something that people could gain some sort of livelihood from, as well as support literacy and other

needs of the community, she said.

The United Church is providing the couple with transportation and medical insurance, and the Brazilian Methodist Church is providing them with a place to stay, but from there they are on their own.

"It makes it possible for people who would like to get involved in something to be launched and have some sort of sponsorship," Lee said.

The island couple expect to leave around the end of March.

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By PAULA BEDFORD
Driftwood Contributor

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Top scores for the week:

Tuesday morning: Loft Houghton 210; John Richardson 231; Edie Gear 200,202; Vivian Dawson 205. Carol Houghton was awarded a badge for bowling 141 pins over average. Well done!

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Friday morning: Roy Forbes 208; Marg Baker 208,222; Flo Kavanagh 213; Goodie 222,213/608.

Friday evening: Jack Kean 203; Gene Graham 225,218/621.

Golf Ladies: Maddy Cooper, 217,201; Jean Haines 209, 202; Kay Javorski 209; Lorraine Toller 245,255/647; Dorothy Armstrong 247; Marguerite Meharey 208; Mary Kirkpatrick 223; Marjorie Cade 203; Ruby Webster 225; Mildred Gurney 213.

Circus: Don Flook 276, 132 pins over average; Ben Cooper 300,204,211/715; Ken Barnes 215; Fred Broadbent 200.

Wednesday Night Mix: Ed Marcotte 220; Linda Schwagly 236; John Sutherland 223; Rene Sutherland 213; Lucille Marcotte

202; Douene Steele 224; Tom Greenwood 237; Diane Little 248; Reg Young 208.

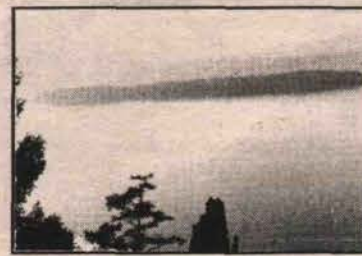
Legion: Ron Cunningham 220; Heather Kusch 242,209, 225/676; Sharon Sykes 300,260/725; Dick Stubbs 233; Bobsey Graham 201; Brian Ball 235; Ian Byron 206; Al Hall 224. What, no Jack?

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Activity is up at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club with the completion of the indoor archery range targets. A new backdrop of felt, donated by the Crofton pulp mill, has been hung on hooks so it can be moved out of the way of rifle range shooters.

Target archery shooting is held every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

On the indoor rifle range, 22 shooters have been out Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. On April 4 the outdoor season will open with a balloon shoot on the 100-yard range from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors are welcome to attend the event.

The club has set a date for the annual saltwater fishing derby. Ross Walker is in charge of the event, scheduled for the weekend of May 29-30. First prize is a trip to Reno.

Trap shooters will hold a turkey shoot on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and the annual trap trophy shoot will take place April 24-25.

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When measurements were taken over Saturna Island last week, they were reported to be 13 per cent below normal, and remain seven per cent below normal now.

Other areas of B.C. are experiencing similar conditions. In northern and central B.C., ozone

layer readings have also been below normal.

According to Environment Canada's report, scientists are attributing the thinning of the ozone layer to a number of human and natural causes.

Such things as increasing atmospheric concentrations of some types of industrial chemicals, mainly CFC's, are considered responsible for the thinning ozone around the globe.

In B.C., weather variations may be the cause, as well as volcanic debris that may still be in the atmosphere from the Mount Pinatubo eruption.

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Salt Spring mud found for motorcycle trials Sunday

Salt Spring motorbike trials are back. The Islands Sports Trials Club is holding the Claw Trials Sunday on Mount Bruce, and organizer Kurt Irwin promises new trails, new checks and a new class of rider for this special event.

"When I set up a trail, I look for mud, water, rock and hills," Irwin said. "I always like to throw in some Salt Spring mud. I've found some this time too."

This event has three loops, each about two kilometres long, with about 15 checks or obstacle-sets riders have to negotiate. The trails are just off Musgrave Road not far from Isabella Point Road near Fulford.

Beginners — who start at age five — will have a small clearing with branches, puddles and rocks to ride through and over. Junior, intermediate, senior and expert riders follow the trails.

Each category has its own checks, with stumps, hills and rock

obstacles relative to their capabilities.

But at this event there is a new category — classic — for bikes made in 1978 or before.

"Older bikes have different suspension, less power and are heavier," Irwin said. "Weight is a big factor, and looks. They looked ugly."

At an event near Duncan recently, older bikes were allowed and it got people involved. The idea is that people who cannot afford new bikes can still get out to these events.

"A few spectators who see might be inclined to go out and buy a \$500 bike and get involved," he said. "You can still ride over logs and stuff. They're just smaller calibre."

"If we can get 10 more people out there, that's 10 people who would be sitting at home."

Irwin and others have been preparing the trails for a couple of

months now, choosing obstacles and clearing some brush.

"It's quite a bit of work packing a chainsaw a couple of kilometres into the bush," he said. "You walk along and see where checks could be as you go — a rock, a stump, a steep slope."

"It's a really nice area. We have good variety in such a small area and the spectators can see everything."

It's free to go up and watch the trials, he said, and burgers are cheap. "It works out good for families for a Sunday outing."

There were between 150 and 200 spectators at the October event, and Irwin is hoping for a similar turn-out Sunday.

"It's really good to have 10 people watching you at a check," he said. "It makes you not wipe out as bad."

A favourite part is watching the four and five-year-olds. On their small bikes and at their level even a small rock is a big obstacle.

Their parents run alongside when they go through the puddles.

Participants are expected from as far away as Campbell River and Port Alberni, as well Vancouver and Duncan.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. and the trials begin at 10:30.

Runners in top 10

By GITTE BAKER and JAIMIE HILTS

Driftwood Contributors

The Gulf Islands Secondary School cross-country team finished their season recently. On March 4 the team competed in the mid-island meet. All the GISS runners placed in the top 10.

In midget girls, Chantelle Huth came in first and Kerry Fraser came in ninth. Adrian Hingston and Daniel Bennett placed first and third respectively in the midget boys' race.

In bantam girls Cara Herman and Amber Huth placed first and second respectively. Jason Avedon-Savage came in ninth in the bantam boys' race and Zoe Bennett won the junior girls' race.

In the junior boys' race, Ananda Goodwill came in first, Richard Avedon-Savage came in fourth and Bryan Beddard ninth. Lianna Hingston won the senior girls' race.

On March 8 the team travelled to Beaver Lake Park for the Vancouver Island championship meet. At an excellently organized meet 400 runners in the midget, bantam and junior categories competed in the six races. The day was sunny, with a cold wind and the athletes ran on a dry course.

Chantelle Huth placed second in the midget girls' race, Adrienne Hingston came in eighth and Daniel Bennett came in 20th.

In the bantam category, Cara Herman came in 10th in the girls' race and Jason Avedon-Savage came in 33rd in the boys'. Zoe Bennett placed second in the junior girls' race. Ananda Goodwill, Richard Avedon Savage and Brian Beddard placed 16th, 19th and 44th respectively.

The senior boys played the

teachers on March 8 and the RCMP on March 10 in exhibition games. In front of large crowds the senior boys won both games.

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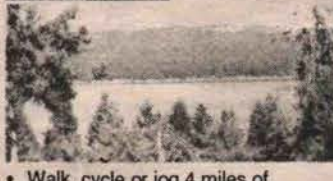
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A B-squad of Raging Grannies could have whipped this pair

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slugs took to the road on the weekend for this final regular season game against the Sooke Hawks, a team which has given us a lot of grief over the season.

The problems started for the team long before we arrived at Sooke, however. Travelling in the Slugmobile, which we affectionately call "White Death," we immediately noticed a potential problem. The van's exhaust system, or lack thereof, was merrily pumping fumes into the vehicle at an even more alarming rate than normal.

By the time we arrived in Sooke we collectively looked like a bunch of over-the-hill Beatlemaniaacs, eyes glazed over, shuffling walk, and mumbling incoherently about

taking a cab back home after the game.

But all that changed when we hit the ice. Once the puck was dropped we turned into a lean, mean hockey machine — for about 90 seconds. We could do no wrong. The Hawks, who we had only defeated once in four previous attempts, were at our mercy.

We had complete control of the play, no letting the puck out of their end zone. Unfortunately, as far as game plans go, it is not a particularly good idea to hit your peak 90 seconds into the 60-minute game, as we were to find out.

A few minutes later the Hawks opened the scoring on a three on two break against Paul Sinclair and Deadstop. But we were still confident at this point of coming back and crushing the opposition.

It wasn't until they had added three more goals that we were beginning to see a disturbing pattern developing — they would get the puck and then they would score, we would get the puck, fumble around with it for a little while and then give it to the Hawks who would complete the equation.

Before we knew it and/or the carbon monoxide poisoning wore off, we were down 10-3 and morale on the bench was as low as a snake's belly in a wheel rut. Nevertheless, with our back to the wall, the Slugs have been known to perform some amazing feats.

Either that or come up with truly original excuses, as was the case with John Procter, who left the game part way through, claiming a sore arm, which no doubt came from brushing his new hairdo. As for the rest of us, we stuck it out and put plan B into action.

Let them score a bunch of goals on us, get it out of their system, and then we would turn on the jets and easily roll to victory. It might have worked if your lives weren't ruled

by ferry schedules.

As it was we managed to pull within three goals of the Hawks, losing 11-8, before rushing off to catch the last boat home. While collectively we played like, well — Slugs, for most of the night, there were a few bright lights on the team.

"Hat-trick" Patrick Akerman led the scoring with three, Paul Sinclair played an excellent game with one goal and a number of assists, Bernie Reynolds one, Todd McIntyre one, and both of our Sooke draft choices, Shayne Fedosenko and Tim Veirgutz, added singles.

The only disappointment of the evening — other than Deadstop as usual — was the play of Pete Huser and Todd McIntyre who have been on a real roll. Perhaps we have been relying on them too much of late and not holding up our end of things.

Still, despite having a number of close shaves, these guys could have been whipped by a B squad of Raging Grannies on Saturday night. Something which the rest of us, being the forgiving bunch of guys we are, won't let them forget for a long time.

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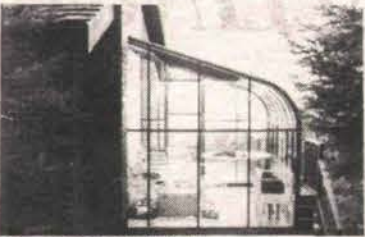
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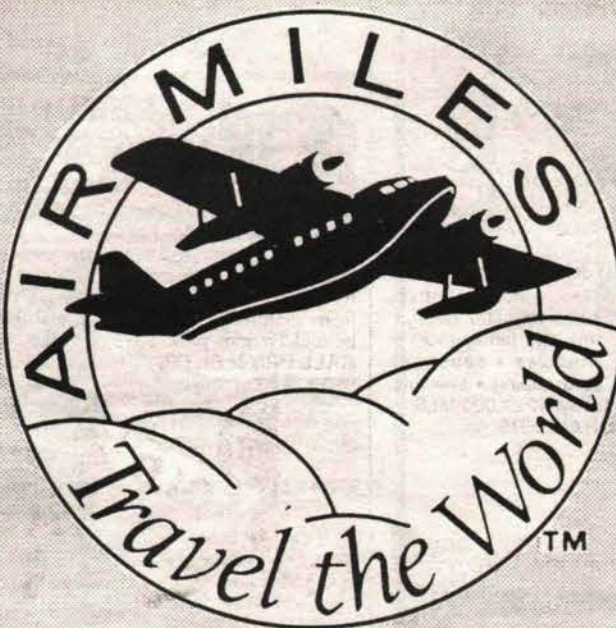
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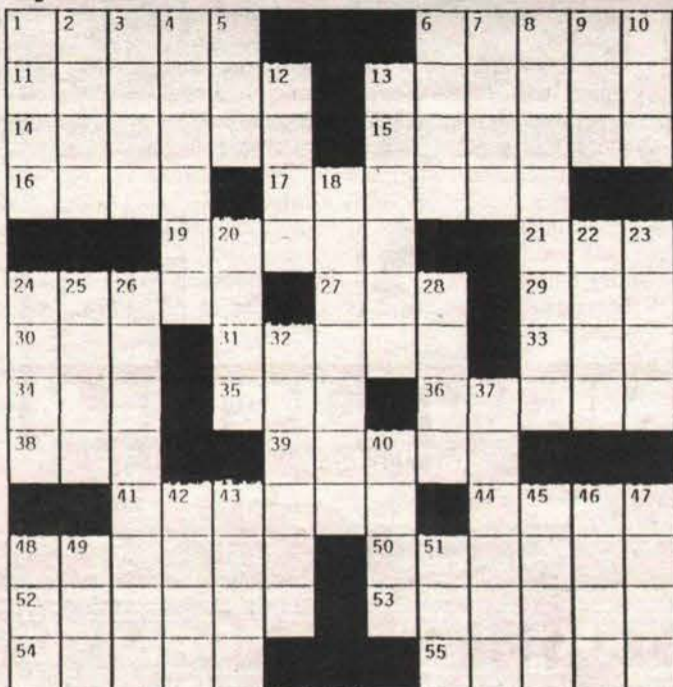
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Baha'is celebrate new year, end fast

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

While islanders mark March 21 as the first day of spring, for Baha'is around the world it is also Naw-Ruz, or New Year. On Salt Spring Island, local Baha'is and their friends gathered at Beaver Point Hall Saturday night for an ethnic potluck, music and socializing.

"It's a celebration," is how Aileen Neish described it. Salt Spring has been celebrating this event for more than two decades now.

The fasting which leads up to Naw-Ruz makes everyone extra aware of the potluck supper.

"The Baha'is are dying for the sun to go down," Neish said.

The fasting, which is a part of many beliefs around the world, is done for 19 days before the equinox. No food or drink is allowed to be consumed between sunrise and sunset. Children, people older than 70 and any for whom the fasting would be dangerous are exempt.

"Essentially the fasting is a period of regeneration," Neish said.

That spirit of regeneration is why the spring equinox was chosen by the founder of the faith, Baha'u'llah, in 1843, as the start of the Baha'i year. The year begins at sunset March 21.

And so at 6:25 p.m. precisely, the feasting started. There were ethnic dishes from all around the world: Persian rice, haggis, enchiladas, spaghetti, chili, salads. One dish, Jansson's Temptation, must have referred to the difficulty with which it was made that day, when the cook could not sample it.

There were also mounds of desserts, with a warm apple strudel receiving special attention.

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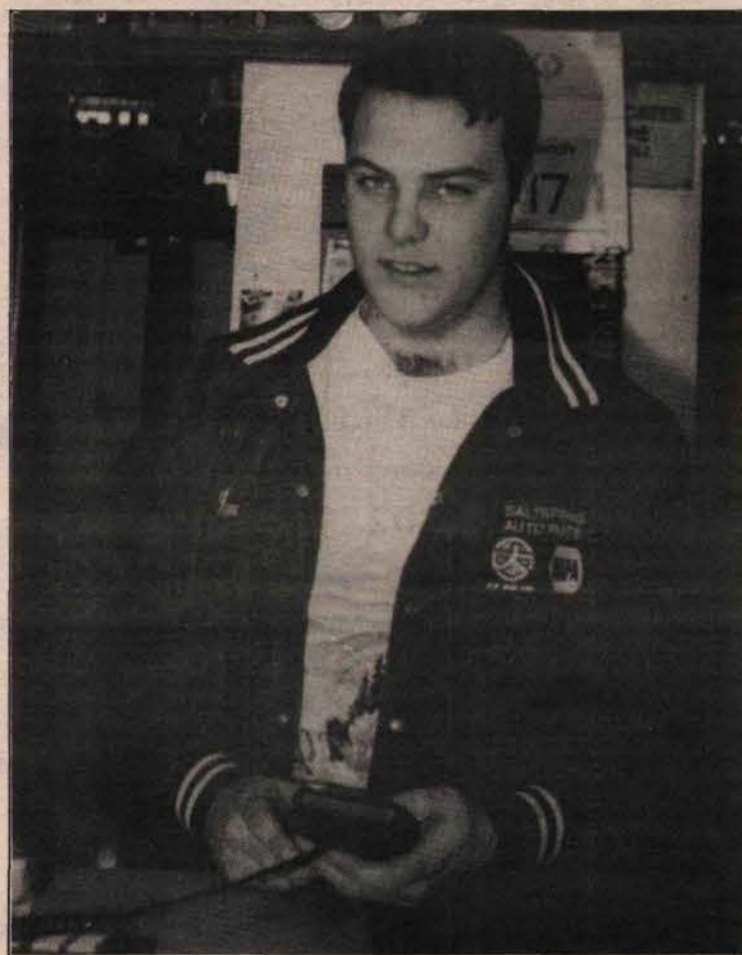
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NO CASH REQUIRED: Salt Spring Automotive's Ian Jenkins demonstrates the store's new direct debit machine. It enables customers to pay for purchases with a direct debit from their bank account rather than use cash.

Photo by Nikki Zerr

Direct debit system arrives at Ganges

Paying for merchandise has become more convenient at one Salt Spring store.

The island's first direct debit machine has been installed at Salt Spring Automotive Parts and Supplies.

Working like an automated teller machine, the debit machine withdraws money straight from the cardholder's account once the personal identification number is entered. It eliminates the need to carry cash, or use cheques or credit cards.

Ian Jenkins of Salt Spring Automotive says the system is more convenient as it speeds things up. And from the business side, the machine "does away with cheques, and we know it's approved," he said.

When Thrifty Foods opens in Ganges, its customers will have the option to use the direct debit machines, as well as an ATM on site. Mouat's plans to get the machines some time within the next year.

Windsor Plywood picked up an award in Vancouver earlier this month. Store owners Dave and Eva Moore and manager Ken Marr returned from a Windsor Plywood convention with the Woody Award for entrepreneurs of the year in 1992.

The local store competed in a field of 63 Windsor Plywood stores in western Canada and Washington state.

Owned by the Moores for the past three years, the Ganges franchise is currently undergoing renovations.

New clothing for children up to 14 years old will be offered by a new store in Ganges.

Hopscotch Children's Clothing and Toys will open March 31 at Creekside on McPhillips Avenue. Billed as a "cottage industry" type of store, the clothing it sells will be primarily the work of local artisans.

Hopscotch will also sell toys

Building soars

Gulf Islands building permit numbers and construction values for February 1993 are way up from a year ago, according to figures released by the Capital Regional District.

There were 51 building permits issued for Salt Spring last month, valued at more than \$2.5 million. Nine single-family dwelling permits represented the largest increase. Last year, 37 permits were issued, valued at \$530,000, and four of those were for single-family dwellings.

Commercial building permits rose from one to three; a five-unit multi-family dwelling permit was also issued.

On the Outer Islands, building permits were down slightly: 46 compared to 49 in February 1992. The value of these permits was more than \$830,000, up from \$740,000 last year.

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and gifts, and will sell articles on a consignment basis. Its owners are planning to promote community involvement in the store.

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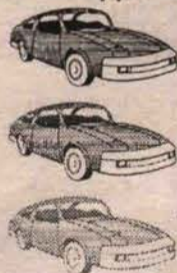


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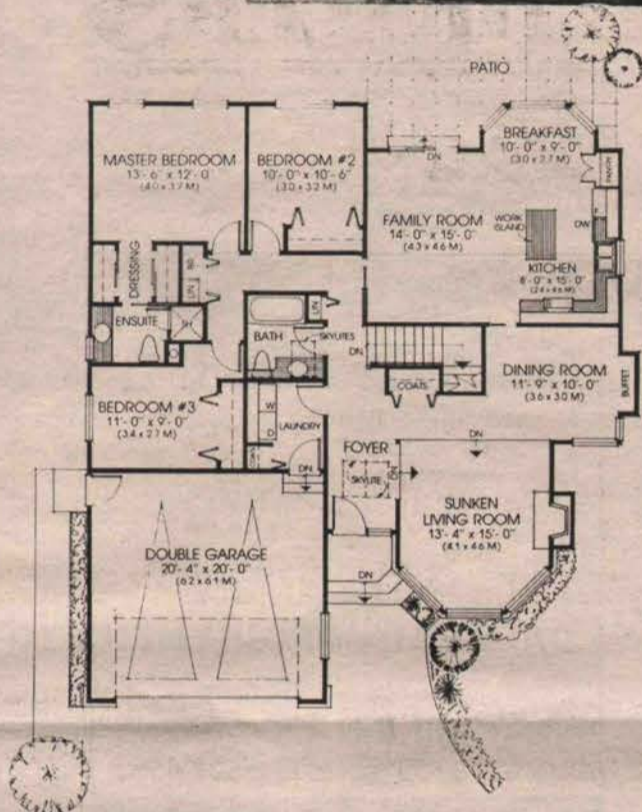
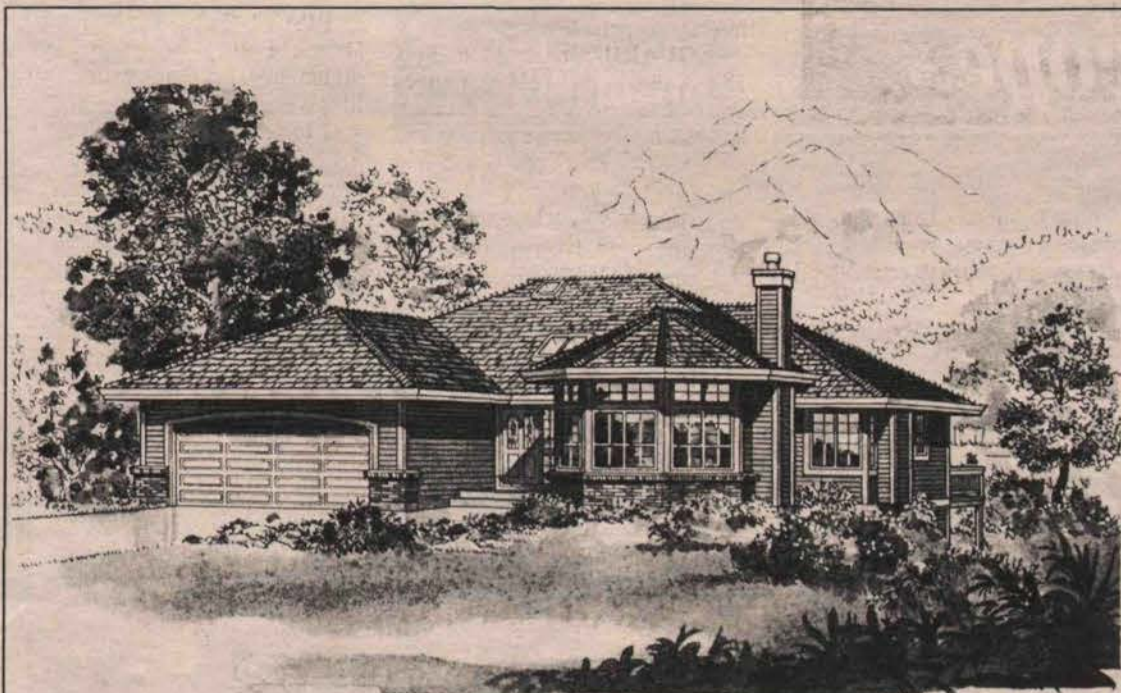
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Herb farmers speak at Garden Club

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The Galiano Garden Club's second meeting for the new season was held in the North Hall recently. The speakers were Noel Richardson and her husband Andrew from Saanich.

The couple operate a herb farm on their south-sloping land. Andrew showed club members (through the use of slides) ways of using herbs for plantings in the home garden, plantings which can be both eye appealing and useful at the same time. Rock walls, urns and garden sculpture can be used effectively as centres of interest in herb plantings.

Noel, an author of two books on herbs and herb cookery, spoke to her audience on the use of herbs throughout the ages, mentioning the cave dweller who planted herbs by her cave opening for convenience and the elaborate herb garden of Elizabethan times.

The development of modern science and medical know-how lessened the need for herb remedies for most of this century. However, over the past 20 years the popularity of herbs has grown again as their medicinal qualities are being discovered.

Noel is an engaging and enthusiastic speaker, and as such charmed her listeners. Granddaughter of the Payne family, early settlers on Saturna Island, Noel was resident in Comox when this writer taught there in the 50s. She has her mother Dolly's charm and enthusiasm, and much of her father as well, the very respected principal of Courtenay High School at that time.

The March show bench featured several quite stunning flower arrangements by Emily Switzer and a pot of chives, much admired by the speakers particularly. After all, chives are considered a herb.

An off-island tour to visit gardens in Victoria and the Malahat area is planned for Tuesday, April 13. The tour is being arranged in conjunction with the Pender Island garden group.

Lamb Chops and Tracker

During the last snowfall North Galiano's Steve Oscko hiked up the

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hill behind Bodega Resort to check his flock of sheep and his horses. A large number of eagles in the sky and on the ground drew his attention.

Some of the eagles were picking the bones of one of Steve's ewes which had, it appears, died shortly after birthing. Its offspring, hungry and bewildered, darted in amongst the feeding birds, lost and forlorn.

Gathering the lamb in his arms, Oscko carried it to his lodge and started the bottle feeding which since that time has taken so much of his busy days. Tracker, Steve's long-haired German shepherd, was on hand from the beginning of the lamb's new life at the lodge. The two have become fast friends.

Tracker's long warm fur is a comfort to Lamb Chops during the long nights spent in Tracker's kennel. The two, both of them males, are inseparable, greeting all comers to the resort no matter what the hour.

Bea Robson lives a quarter of a mile away from Bodega Resort at Spotlight Cove. At five o'clock one recent morning, she was awakened suddenly by her dog Abigail barking downstairs. A peek out the window showed her the cause — two visitors had arrived, a large dog and a little black lamb with a white "scribble" on its head.

Abigail was not to be quieted, so up Bea got, dressed quickly, then downstairs and out into the garden to attempt to return her visitors to their own turf. Lamb Chops was approachable as always and was soon lifted by Bea into the back of her Jeep, but Tracker was heavy and had to make the jump under his own steam.

He was a bit hard to convince, but finally jumped up and in to comfort his friend, now bleating down at him. Soon they were off to their own quarters and Bea to hers, and her interrupted slumbers.

In memory of Marie Hardy

A gathering to remember the

late Marie Hardy is to be held in the North Galiano Hall Sunday, beginning at 2. Following tributes — spoken, sung and in dance — tea, coffee and goodies will be served. All are welcome.

It has now been decided to set up an endowment fund in Marie's memory. From funds donated, interest accruing will be used for on-island lectures on environmental and cultural topics, for educational field trips for youngsters, and for other such uses.

The fund will be administered locally and decisions on its uses will be made by two members of the family, the school principal and representatives from island groups. Contributions are gratefully received.

Official Community Plan

A meeting of the task force on residential land use and density will be held in the Galiano Activity Centre on Saturday, beginning at 1. About 35 people signed up for this task force discussion at the last public meeting, but all Galiano residents are welcome. All task force groups are public and open to participation by community members who may not have signed up previously.

Galiano Chamber of Commerce

The Annual General Meeting of the Galiano Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 30 at 7:30 in the Galiano Activity Centre.

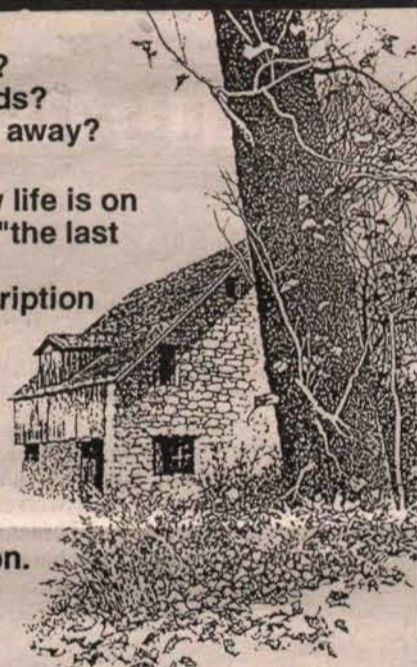
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Photo by Nikki Zerr

notes from Saturna

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

The Community Club met March 15 for the annual general meeting. Several people expressed concern about the recent break-ins and the subsequent capture of a suspect by local volunteers.

The group agreed that although the Saturna population does not merit a full-time resident police officer, response time to complaints has been inadequate.

The club decided to look into the possibility of appointing a local auxiliary police officer or a neighbourhood watch with an official liaison to the RCMP.

John Fryer, our local B.C. Ferries representative, conducted a survey at the meeting of the Community Club to determine local needs. Several issues were decided by a show of hands.

Members would not be prepared to accept a reduction in service. John Money pointed out that B.C. Ferries is our highway link.

A small (10 per cent) increase in ferry fares would be tolerated. John Gaines noted that with inflation everything costs more. However, he also noted that islanders are often charged unfairly when they are to pay overheight fare both ways for delivering a disposable load to the island.

The group recommended that efforts should be made to base the local ferry on Saturna. Bill Sheffield pointed out that the infrequently used dead-end runs to and from Swartz Bay are strictly for the convenience of the crews.

The Community Club decided to host the annual Lamb Barbecue on July 1. Anne Popperwell is the chair but she would appreciate a volunteer to co-chair the event. Thanks were offered to Beth Jones who retired this year.

A shed will be erected at the fire hall under the new ramp to the medical clinic. This will provide parking for the ambulance in order to consolidate the emergency services. The existing stairs will be removed when the ramp is completed.

Doris Ackerman was elected to serve on the board of Lady Minto Hospital. Margaret Fry will use her last few months as our representative to familiarize Doris with the post.

The Community Club voted to request that the minister of health integrate nursing services on Satur-

na so that the services can be provided by one nurse. It has been a problem to find a home care nurse because the position does not provide adequate hours to employ a nurse to the level that his/her RN certification could be retained.

Cal Hollings offered a CPR course for island residents on Sunday as part of the Continuing Education program. He will hold an emergency first aid course next week.

Next Saturday is Lions crib night at the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome. The doors open at 7:00 and there is a \$2 entry fee which is donated to Timmy's Telethon.

On April 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. the Theatre on the Rock will perform the musical comedy, *Just West of the Rainbow*. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children aged seven to 12.

After the final performance Saturday night a 50s dance will be held. The entry fee is a ticket stub

from either performance.

On April 4, the Foothills Brass Quintet will play at the Community Hall. This 8 p.m. performance is the final offering of the Saturna concerts for this season. For those who did not purchase season tickets the entry fee will be \$12.50 at the door.

The concert society has done a wonderful job of bringing a variety of musicians to the islands. The workers are to be commended for organizing these events. If you haven't attended any of the previous concerts don't miss this last opportunity.

Easter weekend will be busy for islanders and visitors. The Lions Club is hosting two events, the Crabfest and dance and a barbecue at Saturna General Store. The Women's Club and the PAC are putting on the annual Easter Bake Sale.

There will be an Easter service at St. Christopher's Anglican church. Look for more details next week.

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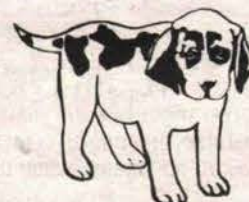
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the public, including all persons who believe their interest in properties affected by the following proposed bylaw, will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing commencing at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 7, 1993 at the Saturna Island Community Hall, East Point Road, Saturna Island, B.C.

In general terms, the purpose of:

- 1) Proposed Saturna Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 38 cited as "Saturna Island Subdivision Bylaw No. 1, 1976, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1992" is to amend "Saturna Island Subdivision Bylaw No. 1, 1976" (The Saturna Island Subdivision Bylaw) by increasing the minimum area of parcels created by subdivision in the A (Rural) Subdivision District from one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre.
- 2) Proposed Saturna Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 41 cited as "Saturna Island Zoning Bylaw, 1981, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1992" is to amend "Saturna Island Zoning Bylaw, 1981" (The Saturna Island Zoning Bylaw) by adding "retail sale of fuels" as a permitted use in the Industrial 2 Zone (M2).

All persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative, or by written submission on all matters contained in the proposed bylaws, at the aforementioned time and place.

A copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, March 24, 1993 up to and including Wednesday, April 7, 1993.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957 (2) (v) of the Municipal Act, an additional copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Post Office, Saturna Island, B.C.

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