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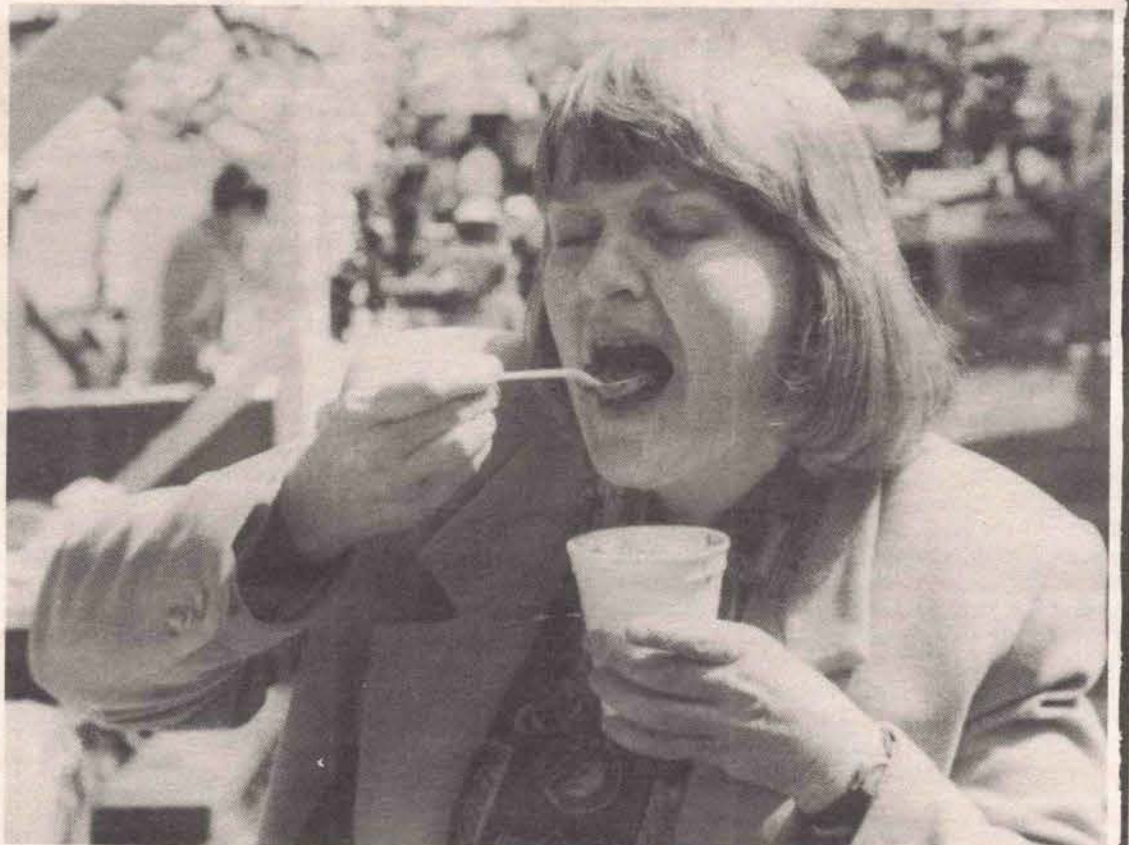
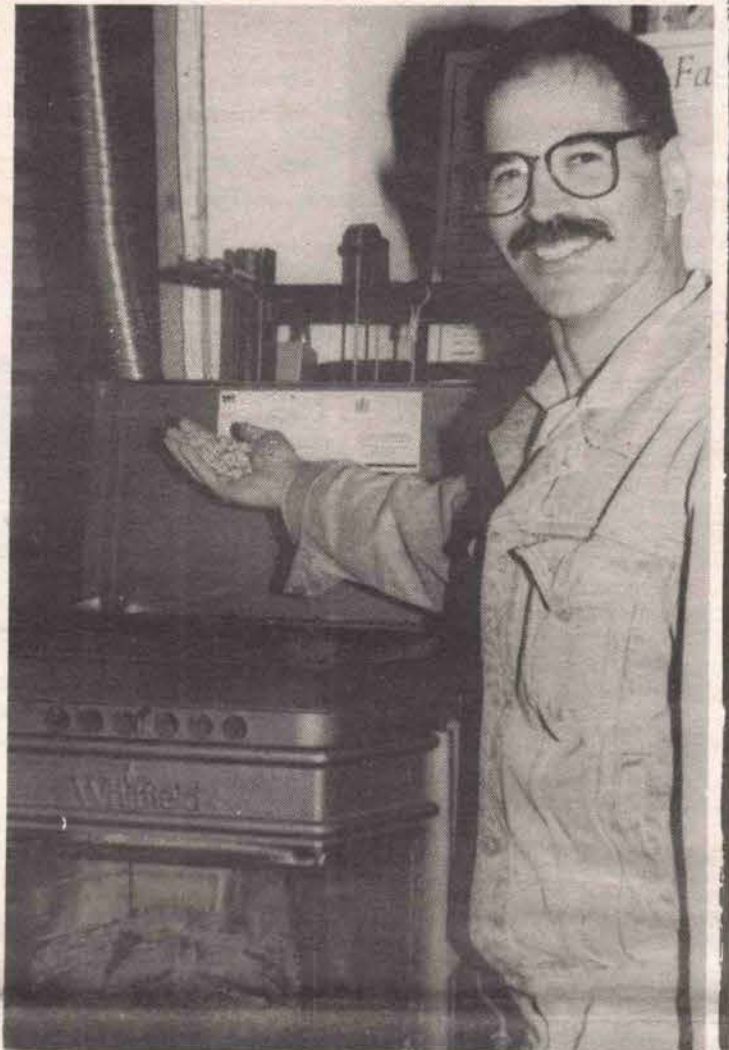
Your weekly guide to Gulf Islands Properties

Driftwood

Wednesday, May 5, 1993

SECTION B

Community Real Estate



HOT CHILI, COLD RAIN: A mixture of weather greeted Home Show visitors on the weekend, but it was mostly wet. Clockwise from top left: Julie Bedford, left, dishes up Ganges Village Market's chili while Karen Hartley holds up the trophy their recipe won in chili cook-off; Bill Goddu warms up next to Home Design Centre's pellet-burning heater; Kerry Chalmers tucks in to a cupful of chili; Sean Taylor tries out Mouat's pine furniture; Rita Dods gratefully accepts a plastic NRS bag to keep the rain off from realtor Russ Crouse.

Photos by Tony Richards



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B section

There was an old music hall ditty in Britain, based on the instructions found in every railway toilet: "Passengers will please refrain from flushing toilets on the train while the train is standing in the station: if you please!"

The train had no holding tank. It yet has none.

All I can tell you is go before you join the train, or you're in trouble.

And that's not so easy as it sounds. You'll see the sight everywhere: on the railway platforms and in airline terminals, any unattended baggage will be confiscated. Could contain a bomb, an Irish terrorist bomb. So you don't move far from your baggage.

That's part of the problem and when the stations were built there were not mad Irish touring the country looking for victims. Otherwise the cubicles would be bigger, and drier, and cleaner.

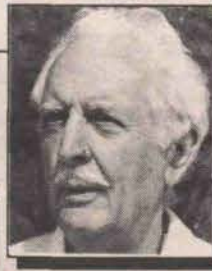
I shudder to appear indelicate, but the basic truth is that no toilet has been built in which you can accomplish its basic function while holding a 50 lb travelling case in one hand.

So you wait till you're on the train and use the travelling can. At least that was the procedure. I'm not so sure now.

I admit I was on the wrong train. I was supposed to be on a fast-moving modern train. Instead I was aboard a slow-moving train which stopped at every station like a dog trotting down the street. I was alone in a car designed to carry some 40 passengers. On the floor rested my case. On the seat was a pile of newspapers, all mine, and on the rack was my stick. In the toilet was me.

to be FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



The train stopped at one of its regular minor stations and as we gathered speed I returned to my seat. But no bag was to be seen.

A new passenger was near and he asked me whether I had been in the toilet. I allowed so I had.

The other guy fidgeted for a moment. "I thought your bag had been left on the train," he explained, "So I called the conductor."

Good job it didn't contain a bomb. Good job it didn't go off!

The conductor was helpful. It was dangerous to leave bags around, he warned me. My bag was not left around, I retorted. And how does a British train passenger use the toilet, I pressed him.

"Your bag's at Stockport," he said. Stockport was about three stations back where we had come from.

I was easy. I left the train and caught another moving in the negative direction. My bag, explained the official, was in the lost property office. Good thinking! Good job it didn't contain a bomb. Good job it didn't go off!

That music hall jingle was al-

ready being re-written in my mind: "passengers will please refrain from using toilets on the train."

"We have to be careful," explained the patient porter.

It only delayed me three hours.

But why me? Every time I travel by train over here I run into disaster. If I'm not jinxed then British Rail must be.

It's a story that goes way back. Out of London and on to Yorkshire. We arrived at Peterborough. A long, long stop.

"This is your conductor speaking," announced the PA system. The rear locomotive was inoperative, he reported, and we were awaiting a replacement.

"This is your conductor..." the harbinger of bad news explained that a spare locomotive was not available and that the maintenance staff were trying to wire the rear unit to the front one.

A final announcement: "This train is a dead loss!" and out of Peterborough at about 25 mph. I was about four hours late.

From the midlands life was easier. I was ticketed to Leeds and at Doncaster I heard the woolly, metallic speech of the PA system telling me in indistinct terms that the next stop would be York. I got off, caught the train indicated and spent a pleasant two hours on a 20-minute run.

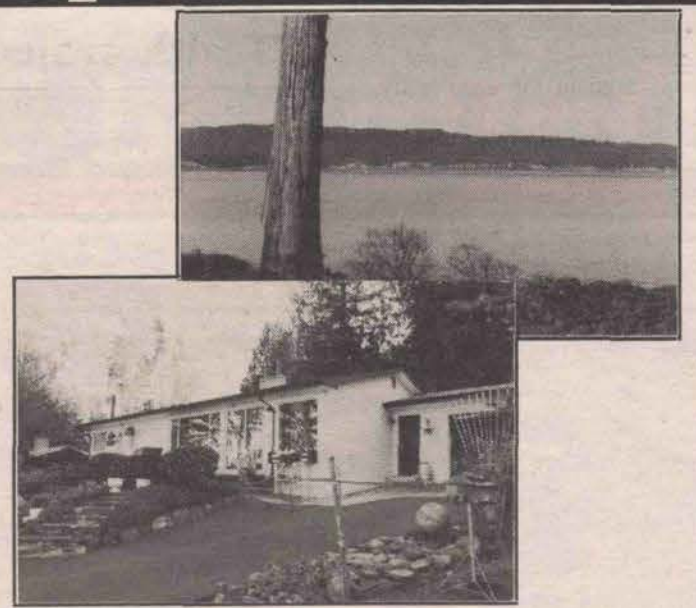
I was about three hours late.

Last year I was en route from York to Wales and everything was falling into line. Except the weather. Into Shrewsbury on time. I waited happily for the next train for Wales. The train arrived and I boarded. I sat. And I sat. After some 10 minutes' rest we were directed to vacate the train. It was out of order. So hurried was I to call my hostess that I didn't even know they had found a replacement train and that it had already left for my destination.

I was three hours late.

I have nothing against the railway staff. They were always helpful and courteous. And sometimes accurate. But I fear I don't fit the British rail standard package rail traveller. I always get it wrong. Next time I'd better get a bicycle.

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By Rev. CHRIS CORMACK
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I've been thinking about sunshine . . .

After some 20-odd days of rain my feet are starting to grow webs between the toes. My winter's supply of wood is almost gone. I long for those hot days of summer when I can sit by the lake and enjoy my glass of lemonade. My problem then will not be how to stay warm but how to stay cool.

Do you ever struggle to stay cool, when your boss gives someone else the promotion you deserve or your spouse puts you down in front of your friends? Does your anger get the better of you when you hit your thumb with a hammer for the second time in five minutes? One of the greatest challenges we have is learning to control our anger.

God has created a unique animal that can help us in this learning process — the desert jackrabbit. This jackrabbit has huge ears!

These ears serve two purposes: 1. They improve the animal's hearing. 2. They keep its body temperature regulated.

There is a sense in which we also need "radiator ears" to keep us from becoming overheated emotionally. Rather than getting steamed up over something we heard or thought we heard, we must take time to hear all the facts and gain a clear understanding of that particular situation.

I like the exhortation of James when he wrote, "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry." We live in an imperfect world in which there is a great deal of distrust, misunderstanding and hostility.

When the temperature begins to rise I trust we will have our "radiator" ears up and working!



SALT SPRING COMMUNITY SOCIETY NEWS
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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 TUESDAY 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- EVERY TUESDAY Weight Control Hospital Basement 7-8pm, no charge everyone welcome.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
- EVERY WEDNESDAY Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- 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.
- MAY 6, 7, 8: Tuned Air Concert, "an evening of garden delights" SSE Activity Centre, 7:30pm.
- MAY 7: Legion Br. #92, roast beef dinner, members & guests, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
- MAY 7: SSI Weavers & Spinner, AGM, Braehaven, 10:30am.
- MAY 8: UNICEF celebrates Mother's Day, The Saturday Markets, 11am-3pm.
- MAY 8: World Development Tea, Meaden Hall, 2:00 - 4:00pm.
- MAY 14: SSI Weavers & Spinners, sheep-to-shawl prep., Braehaven, 10:30am.
- MAY 15: Elektra Women's Choir, Activity Centre, 8:00pm.
- MAY 16: Jeni and the Dinosaur Revival Band, SSE Activity Centre, 12noon.

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Program designed to enhance quality of life

Retired and elderly Salt Spring residents have always been active and involved in the community. But a seniors health promotion program launched in January has been trying to get senior citizens even more active and in control of their

Health project helps seniors control own lives

own lives. "The goal of the project is to enhance the quality of life for seniors on Salt Spring," program

coordinator Rhema Cossever said in an interview.

"It will provide some coordination between services and facilitate seniors in leading productive lives for as long as possible.

"They are a fantastic source of people on the island," she said, and it is large and growing. About 27 per cent of the population is 65 years old or more. Even more residents are retired but not yet 65.

"The scope of the project is to maintain good health and to encourage everyone to find their own solutions to problems. We help ourselves by helping others."

To that end, Cossever has been

training a dozen seniors how to be peer counsellors.

Seniors naturally turn to seniors, she said, when they are confronted with problems such as widowhood, change of home, separation or loss of family and friends and a change in incomes.

"Their emotional health is an important part of their physical health. You can't separate the two."

Proper care of the one will reduce the need for the other, she said.

"One of the projects I'm excited about is the seniors advisory group. Its purpose is to have groups and individuals represented so that the

needs of seniors can be recognized and programs can be planned to meet those needs.

"The needs of seniors are precipitated by the seniors themselves. This program is to let them know what's available if they want to avail themselves of it.

"I'm really hoping people from the south end will come out to let us know what their needs are."

The Salt Spring Community Society, Lady Minto Hospital, Seniors for Seniors and the provincial government community partnership program are funding the island project.

Anyone interested in further information should phone Rhema Cossever at 537-4607.



Rhema Cossever Photo by Graeme Thompson

Gulf Islands Brige Club winners on April 26 were: North-South: Bill and Rosemary Hook, Wanda Pietrzak and Althea Morrisette, Sue Bradford and Peter Jacquest, Marg Hinton and Betty Dawson.


East-West: Blanche Poborsa and Jim Burford, Jean Herring and Margurite Hall, Shirley Haynes and Stan Stewart, Ann and Norm McConnell.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Sauces or saucers are in the cards this week. Be prepared for invitations to tea or dinner. Flowers will appear Saturday though notes that may come with them should be burned immediately.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): A red-letter date that has been on the calendar for months is set to change. Cancel the clowns, the caterers and the birthday-song-ogram. Thursday is a good day to buy shoes. You will find what you want in the first shop. Eat green vegetables Saturday.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Geminis are feeling watched this week, as if someone is always staring at your back, and then turns

Oriole returns for Sea Capers

The Canadian navy's sailing vessel *HMCS Oriole* will visit Ganges Harbour once again for Sea Capers.

Commissioned in 1921, the *Oriole* will make its Ganges stop immediately prior to entering the Los Angeles-Hawaii sailing race.

The Sea Capers committee reports other regular features of Sea Capers, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, are confirmed, except for the Duncan Legion Pipe Band, which will be unable to join the parade. However, the Victoria Shriners Band will participate again.

Musical attractions this year will include the community band, Bandonium, and other local artists for the Concert in the Park. The Salvation Army Band from Victoria will return for a short hymn sing and concert on Sunday.

horoscope

around just when you do. The remnants of Apollo 14 are casting a shadow on Gemini's guiding planet, Mercury. Sleeping with a thermometer under your pillow may calm you down until Apollo has passed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Cancerians are in bed this week. Too much outdoor activity last week precipitated a cold and now you must pay the price by eating copious quantities of chicken soup. Cancerians of antiquarian nature might like to find out if leeching is still covered by the Medical Services Plan. Do not under any circumstances speak to relatives closer than second cousins Friday.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Strange cravings by Leos prompt inquiries about pregnancy or pending hair loss. Deny them all. A neighbour visits Saturday and a call from out of town Sunday may have disastrous implications for an upcoming family get-together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 23): Virgos have magnetic craniums this week. Best to wear a helmet if you cycle Thursday or Saturday or if you watch a baseball game Friday or Sunday or if you leave the house Monday. Television will really upset you Sunday afternoon. Do not place any bets on anything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You can sleep in a little late Satur-

day morning as the ferry you are supposed to catch will be delayed. Your neighbour's cat may leave scratches on the roof of your car, but be careful when shooing him away — his claws can also scratch you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): A long walk Friday is perfect for clearing stress away. When you return home, put on a nice pot of herbal tea, and pull out some of those Girl Guide cookies you purchased. Whether your preference is the chocolate or the vanilla ones, either will dip wonderfully in a cup of tea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Sleep is only a reward this weekend as you will be busy with a variety of activities. The yard needs to be mowed, the gardens weeded, and the dog walked. But take a little time for yourself Sunday night, and soak in the tub.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan.

20): Friday night is filled with surprises as an old friend drops in to visit. Crack open a bottle of wine, light a fire, and sit around a remember the good old days. Don't forget the Aspirin bottle Saturday as a little too much remembering is hard on the head.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18): A few days off-island remind you why you love to live here. The city is crowded and noisy, and the drivers are crazy. The peace of the island meets you as soon as you hit the ferry deck Sunday. You survived the line-ups and look forward to some time at home.

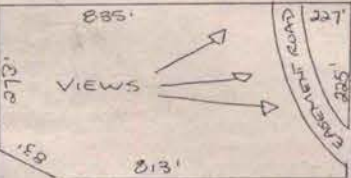
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Kids tend to leave bathroom taps running, so beware over the weekend when yours play battleship in the bathtub. An overflowing tub makes for a huge clean-up. Ed McMahon sends you some mail Monday, but don't just chuck it, open it up; you could be a winner.

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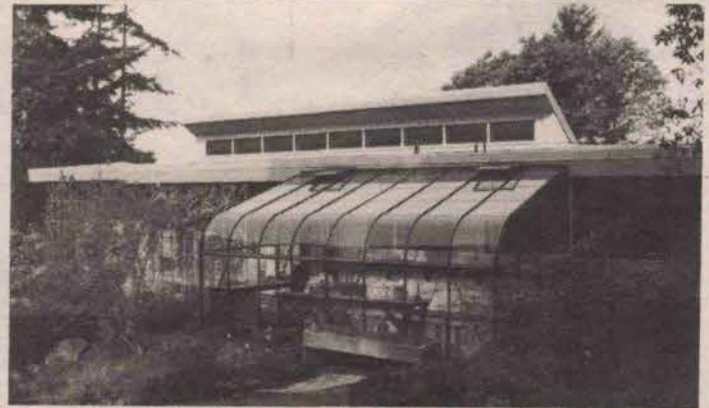
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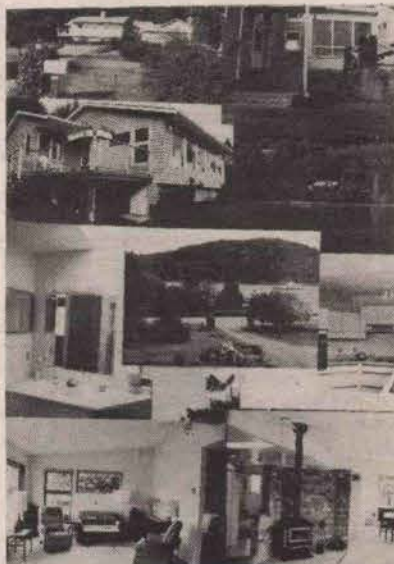


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TEAM WORK: Junior volunteers Erin Bergsma, left, and Sarah Wilkin team up to pull some ice cold water bottles out of the elevator at Lady Minto Hospital. The girls will distribute the water to residents. Photo by Nikki Zerr

Volunteers show dedication to care

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

While some students spend their spare time hanging out with friends, a group of local youths volunteer at Lady Minto Hospital, helping make life a little brighter for the patients within.

The youths are known as the junior volunteers, a group of girls formerly known as candy strippers. Each week they spend time helping at the hospital.

Sponsored by the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, the junior volunteers are provided with uniforms and anything else they need to perform their duties. The pink and white striped dresses they wear help them to stand out from other hospital staff.

Lady Minto staff are often too busy to spend extended periods of time with each resident, so one-on-one time is a high priority for the volunteers.

This reporter spent some time with two junior volunteers, Sarah Wilkin and Erin Bergsma, during their shift last week. It was evident how dedicated and valuable the volunteers are. They spend most of their time in the extended care unit talking with residents, reading to them, manicuring their nails, or bringing coffee or tea.

Both Erin and Sarah have volunteered almost 50 hours in eight months. Watching them interact with the residents it was hard to believe both girls are only 13.

For Erin, the chance to meet people and help the residents through their day is the best reward for her volunteer time. Sarah agreed. She said she finds it interesting to know the residents. "They are really nice," she said.

Erin and Sarah spend time reading *Reader's Digest* stories to residents, and even when a resident seems to lose interest, the girls keep enthusiasm in their voices. "We usually try to find optimistic stories to read because it can be depressing," Erin said.

The most difficult task the girls face comes when they can't understand someone. Erin said she sometimes finds it difficult when a resident is trying to say something she can't understand, so she tries to read the resident's eyes.

"Sometimes they try to say something and it comes out different, so we laugh anyway," Sarah added.

However, despite the occasional

communication problem, the girls are appreciated by the residents. Their faces light up when the girls come into the room, and some take the opportunity just to have someone to talk with.

The time put in by the junior volunteers work does not go unrewarded. An awards day is held for them, when they are presented with pins and certificates for an accumulation of hours.

As well, the Ladies' Auxiliary has two scholarships for graduating students who choose to enter a career in the medical field. Volunteer hours can also work toward entrance credits for specific programs at college or university.

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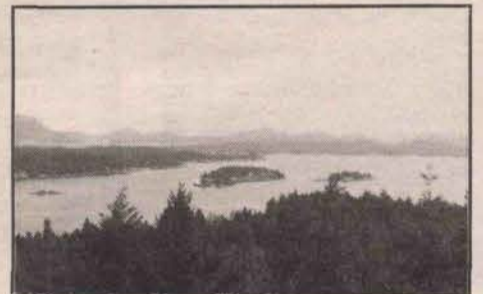
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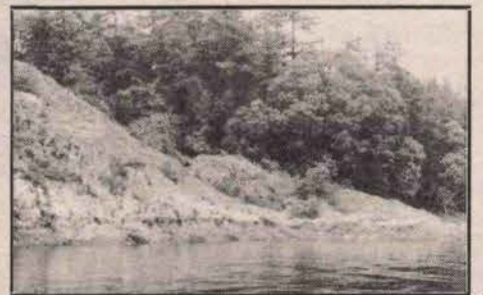
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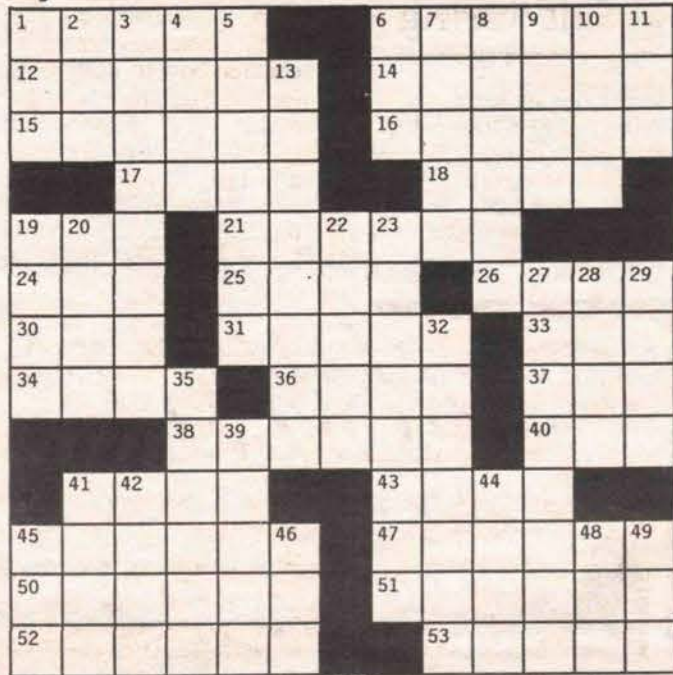


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'A wonderful fraternity' for people touched by cancer

A local organization is using the strength of members to help in dealing with and overcoming a frequently deadly disease.

The Cancer Support Group meets once a month at Salt Spring Island to provide assistance to anyone whose life has been touched by cancer.

"It's really a wonderful fraternity," member Rita Thomas told the *Driftwood*. "There's a great feeling that everyone is equal and everybody is an equal gift to each other."

The group began two and a half years ago so members could support each other by sharing experiences, exploring new informational resources on the disease and its treatment, as well as being examples of hope to one another.

Thomas said a large role for the group is to act as advocates. They advocate for each other, and for good medical care.

Members stay in touch throughout the month, providing support and sharing information when needed.

Each week the Cancer Support Group tries to have a resource person come to share information. They have met with a pharmacist, nutritionist, and a naturopathic physician at previous gatherings.

"We embrace all kinds of modalities of treatment — both conventional and alternative forms of medicine." However, Thomas added that people choose the form of medicine which works best for them.

In addition to information from resource people, the group has developed its own resource library complete with books, videos and audio tapes dealing with cancer, and the management of it.

Some bequests provided the group with their resource library, but Thomas said the group does not solicit funds. "We don't want to get ourselves too involved in money management." However, they will accept donations.

The support group is not limited to monthly meetings, Thomas said,

as most of the care-giving activity goes on between meetings. Members stay in touch throughout the month, providing support and sharing information when needed.

For example, if someone undergoing chemotherapy treatment began to observe a certain symptom, he or she might call another member to ask if they had experienced the same symptom,

and how they dealt with it.

Some of the group's 24 members don't currently attend meetings because they are in remission, but have the comfort of knowing "we are always there in the event that we need each other again."

The Cancer Support Group meets every third Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. until noon at Croftonbrook in Ganges.

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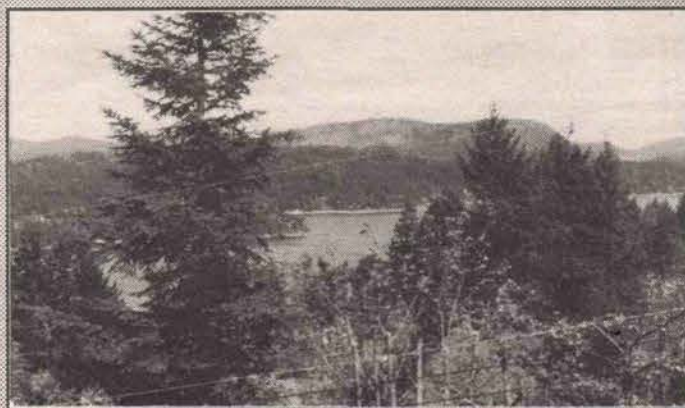
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Visitors learn fishing, hosts learn origami

Japanese students spend two weeks at Salt Spring

Fifteen exchange students from Yamate Gakkin School in Yokohama, Japan, have been on Salt Spring for the last two weeks, practising their English and learning about life on this side of the Pacific Ocean.

"It is a cultural and language exchange," Gulf Islands Secondary School vice-principal Scott Bergstrom said. "The idea is to immerse the Japanese (students) in as much Canadian culture and experiences in the English language as possible."

More than 150 students came from Japan to school districts in Victoria, the Cowichan valley and the Gulf Islands. Eleven students were billeted on Salt Spring and four were billeted on Pender. This is the second year the high school has been involved in an exchange with Japanese students.

The hosts were learning almost as much about Japanese culture as the Japanese were learning about Canadian culture. Some things were very different, like the sizes of Canadian homes. Some things the Japanese had seen at home already, like the food and the television.

They bought ball caps and jerseys at the first opportunity, Bergstrom said. Baseball is followed avidly in Japan.

"They may live thousands of miles away but their interests are very much the same," Bergstrom said.

Grade 11 student Malcolm Fiander played host to two 16-year-old boys.

He said the Japanese do mainly the same things as Salt Spring high school students. They like baseball, football and basketball. They stay up late and sleep in on weekends.

Grade 11 student Gretchen Prystawik had one female student billeted with her. Her guest liked to watch everything the family was doing, especially in the kitchen.

She took her guest to Ruckle Park one afternoon, where she was amazed by the sense of space, all the wildflowers and the cleanliness of the water and air.

The Fianders took their Japanese friends on a fishing expedition off Galiano one day. Their two guests caught 18-pound and 16-pound spring salmon which they froze to take home.

When asked by the *Driftwood* what they most liked about Canada and Salt Spring Island, the exchange students said they would remember the natural beauty, the B.C. ferries and their hosts.

Communication was the main

reason for the students' coming to Canada. They are taught English at home, but do not speak it often. Their time here has helped them, their hosts said.

"I noticed right on the second day her English improved," Prystawik said of her guest. "Using the language helps so much."

"I noticed that we really slowed down, articulated and used small words. We learned how much better it is to act out a situation or use our hands."

"We used the Japanese-English dictionary the first few days and then not at all," Fiander said. "We used our hands a lot."

But the Japanese students were

also interested in Canadian culture, and they were shown a great deal in their two-week stay. They went on a tour of a computerized sawmill at Chemainus which sends timber to Japan. They saw the pulp mill at Crofton. They went to the legislature, the Royal British Columbia Museum, the native Indian cultural centre in Duncan, the Institute of Ocean Sciences in Saanich and the University of British Columbia and Science World in Vancouver.

Locally the students saw the workings of an island farm at Mansell Farm, including how to fell a tree. They visited Mount Maxwell and Ruckle Park. They even went

kayaking one afternoon.

One student whose father is a banker spent some time working at the Bank of Montreal.

They visited classes at the high school but language was a problem except in math and sciences. Some

of the visiting students spent time in the elementary school showing children how to make origami, a Japanese art in which paper is folded to make different objects.

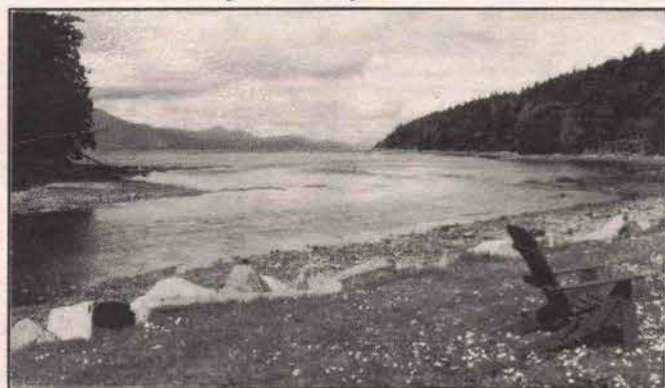
The Japanese students have gone home now but the relationship with Yamate Gakkin school continues this summer when nine island students visit Japan in turn.



HONOURARY GULF ISLANDERS: Megumi Katayama and 14 other exchange students from Japan were given Scorpions T-shirts as their two-week stay here came to a close Saturday.

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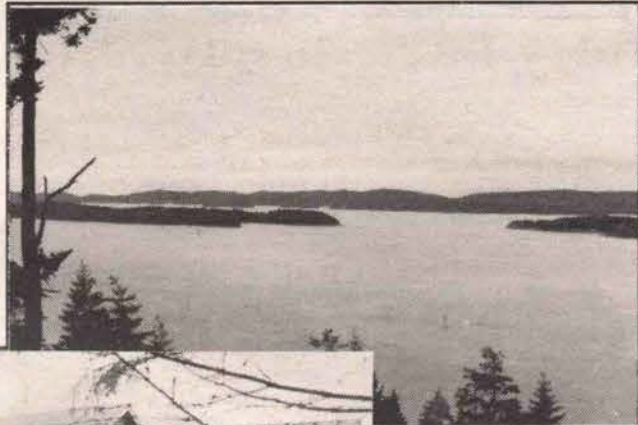
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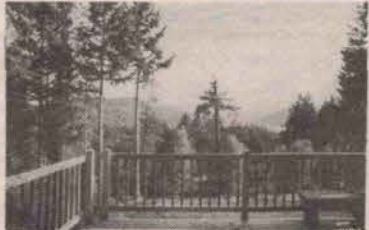
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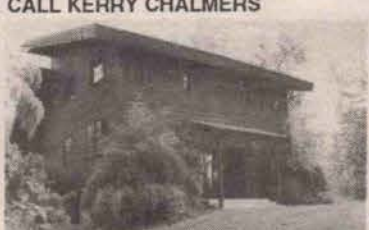
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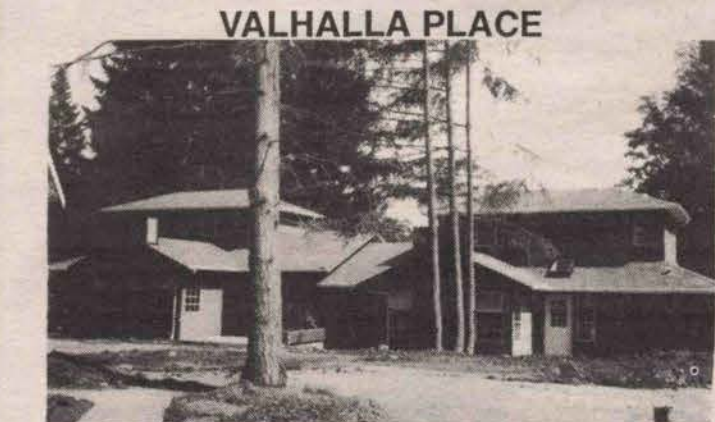
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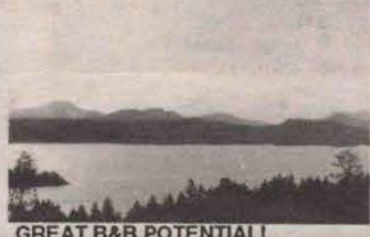
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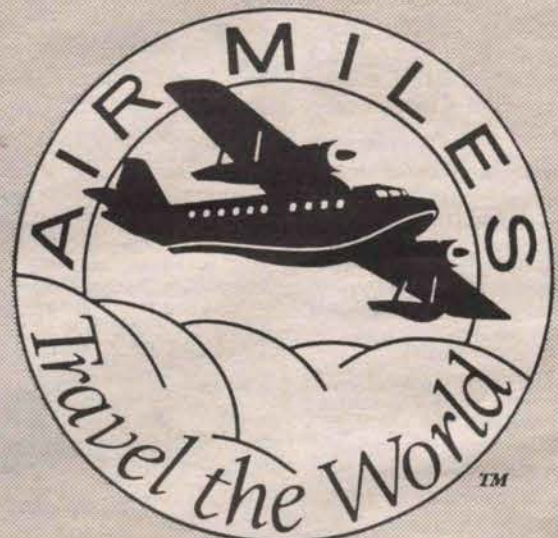
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Local residents seeking help for Guatemalan refugees

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Two Salt Spring Islanders with extensive knowledge of Central America are urgently trying to raise awareness of and money for thousands of Guatemalans who are currently refugees in Mexico.

"My heart is with these people," Linda Brierly said. "It's something I can do."

Some 200,000 refugees have lived in Mexico for more than two decades, victims of forced eviction by government and army officials. Most of the refugees are indigenous people, descended from Mayans.

For the last 11 winters Linda and William Brierly have travelled, worked and lived in Central America. They fell in love with the culture and have always done some kind of volunteer work while they were there, such as teaching English, distributing food or assessing the results of international aid projects.

More than 100,000 Guatemalans have been killed in the last 20 years and another 40,000 'disappeared.'

But now the tide is turning. After nearly 20 years away from their own country, the United Nations is helping the refugees to return to Guatemala.

"The refugees have always wanted to go back," Linda said. "Their culture is tied to the land where their ancestors are."

For more than 10 years they have organized in the refugee camps and have been negotiating with the Guatemalan government and the United Nations to return. But the refugees have been afraid of returning. More than 100,000 Guatemalans have been killed in the last 20 years and another 40,000 "disappeared" — an active verb that means the same as killed, except there are no bodies left to show for it.

"They want an organized safe return to their country. One of the conditions is that they be accompanied by international observers."

The refugees want volunteers to be with them while they are still in the camps in Mexico, as they journey to Guatemala and perhaps most crucially, after they have returned to their homeland.

Canada has played a major role in organizing the safe return of Guatemalan refugees — known as Project A — and the Brierlys want to be part of the international observation team.

Since January, when the first return convoys began, Canadians have been involved through the Canada/Central America Urgent Action Network. Local groups can get involved by helping educate others about Guatemala or lobbying governments to make changes. Canadian support groups have



Guatemalan refugees in Mexico

committed to supplying observation teams for the next two years in the areas where the refugees will live.

For now Linda is concerned with educating Canadians and making people aware as to what's happening. Salt Spring Islanders can support Project A by buying T-shirts, mugs, posters and other

merchandise at the Saturday market. The proceeds will subsidize Project A efforts.

Linda is also organizing a slideshow May 27 at the Salt Spring Centre. Special guest speakers will be Alison Acker, a Victoria Raging Granny, and Andree Scott, who spent two weeks in a refugee camp in Mexico.

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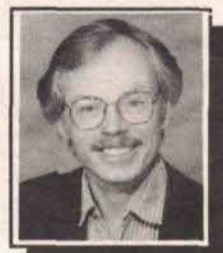


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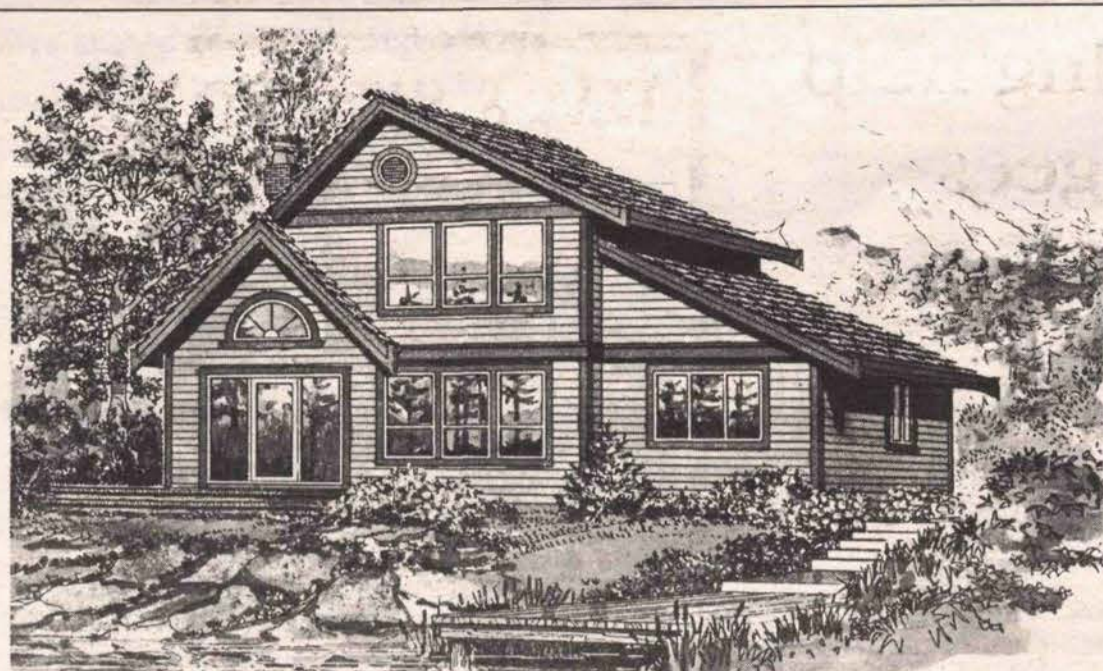
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This area is well lit with three large windows, where the view can be fully appreciated. A handy broom closet completes this area.

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The amount of storage available in this design is a feature which is always welcome.

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lower level.

An angled staircase leads upstairs, which overlooks the main living area, giving it an airy open feeling. The master suite features plenty of closet space and the three large windows, as well as providing natural light, offer a great morning view! The second bedroom shares a three-piece skylit bath which also includes a handy linen closet.

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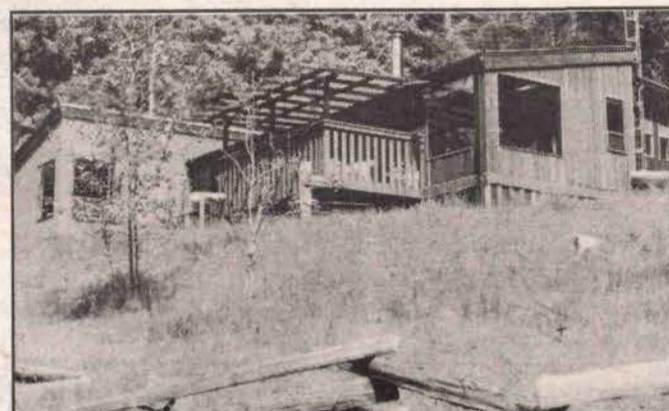
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community



A BASKET FULL OF WELCOME: New Salt Spring residents receive welcoming gifts from Marlie Kelsey, Welcome Wagon's new representative here.

Photo by Nikki Zerr

New hostess for Welcome Wagon

Moving to a new place often brings a feeling of loneliness for many people as they start out fresh. But a local woman plans to help newcomers in their transition to Salt Spring Island.

Marlie Kelsey is Welcome Wagon's new representative for Salt Spring. She is taking over from the company's previous hostess, Carron Carson, who is retiring from the job after two and a half years.

"I just think it's the perfect job for me," Kelsey told the *Driftwood* in an interview. "I really like meeting people and talking to them."

Kelsey helps to represent the community by welcoming new people to the island, and providing them with a Welcome Wagon basket filled with gifts donated by local merchants. "It is nice for people moving here to get a helping

hand."

Baskets are presented to newcomers under no obligation. "It is a transition when people come here," she said.

Kelsey currently has two types

of baskets available, one is a community welcome for newcomers, and the other is for the birth of a baby. She is working on preparing a third type of basket, a bridal basket for planning weddings.



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And capture lost innocence of seasons past.*

— Jarvis Danson

When the sun graces us with its warmth and light and the nights become warmer, I begin to feel that the soil is ready to accept all that will be planted in it and can start to think about when, where, how and what to put around the garden.

Although we have had rainy days interspersed with sunny days it is obvious that wet days are still prevalent. Yet it is easy to panic about not getting the chance to garden because of the adverse conditions. But it is much wiser to seize the opportunities when they present themselves.

The earth is finally warming and can be planted with almost all vegetable crops when possible, although it is still prudent to leave crops like basil, melons, runner beans and eggplant for a couple of more weeks. It could appear that I am too cautious but far too often I have witnessed the failure of more tender crops because of premature planting.

Some of the tender annual bedding plants can wait for mid to late May too and I can assure you that it will not delay the flower display to wait. These tender bedding plants include geraniums, fibrous

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begonias, lobelia, salvia and marigold. It is difficult to watch grass and weeds grow and exercise this caution for garden plants but again I urge you to have patience and wet, windy conditions can be equally as damaging as frost.

It is, however, the perfect time for mulching as a weed suppressant because suffocating recently germinated weeds with straw or composted wood chips interrupts them sufficiently to get a head start with crops.

Dealing with pest and diseases during the late flowering stages is not wise

It is a joy to see summer flowering trees and shrubs in full glory and to smell all the fragrances of spring blooms especially just after a rainfall.

Most prunus varieties will be just setting their fruit right now and if you need to do any work in these tree varieties it is best to wait until after the fruit has set because they will be sensitive to any kind of stress. Work now could result in a poor crop of fruit.

Dealing with pest and diseases during the late flowering stages is also not wise and it is likely that,

left to their own devices, they will be controlled naturally.

The kindest treatment for aphid infestation is by introducing ladybugs, which can now be bought through nurseries. If you are having difficulty finding natural controls and predators for pests, Applied Botanics on Vancouver Island is an excellent source and they are very helpful with information regarding most forms of control. It is my opinion that pest prevention is better than control and that control of pest problems should be considered only when the problem is serious.

The reason I believe this is that every time I have tried to fight off a pest attack I have noticed that it interrupts the indigenous natural control that nature supplies and therefore also interrupts the food chain in that birds and other predators will disappear if other forms of control are applied.

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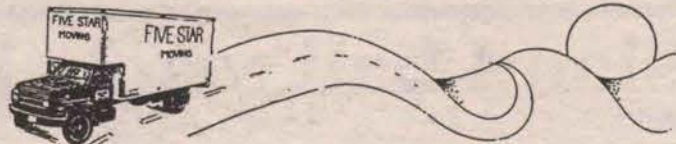
It stopped raining last week long enough for a game or two of tennis. But it wasn't enough time for the Salt Spring Tennis Association to hold its annual Jack Fisher tournament. Originally scheduled for April 24, the men's and ladies' doubles tournament will be rescheduled.

The weather did not prevent the association from holding a dinner that evening, when a plaque was unveiled in honour of Jack and Margaret Fisher for their contribution to island tennis. The plaque has since been mounted on court 1 at Portlock Park.

The next association tournament will take place on May 22.

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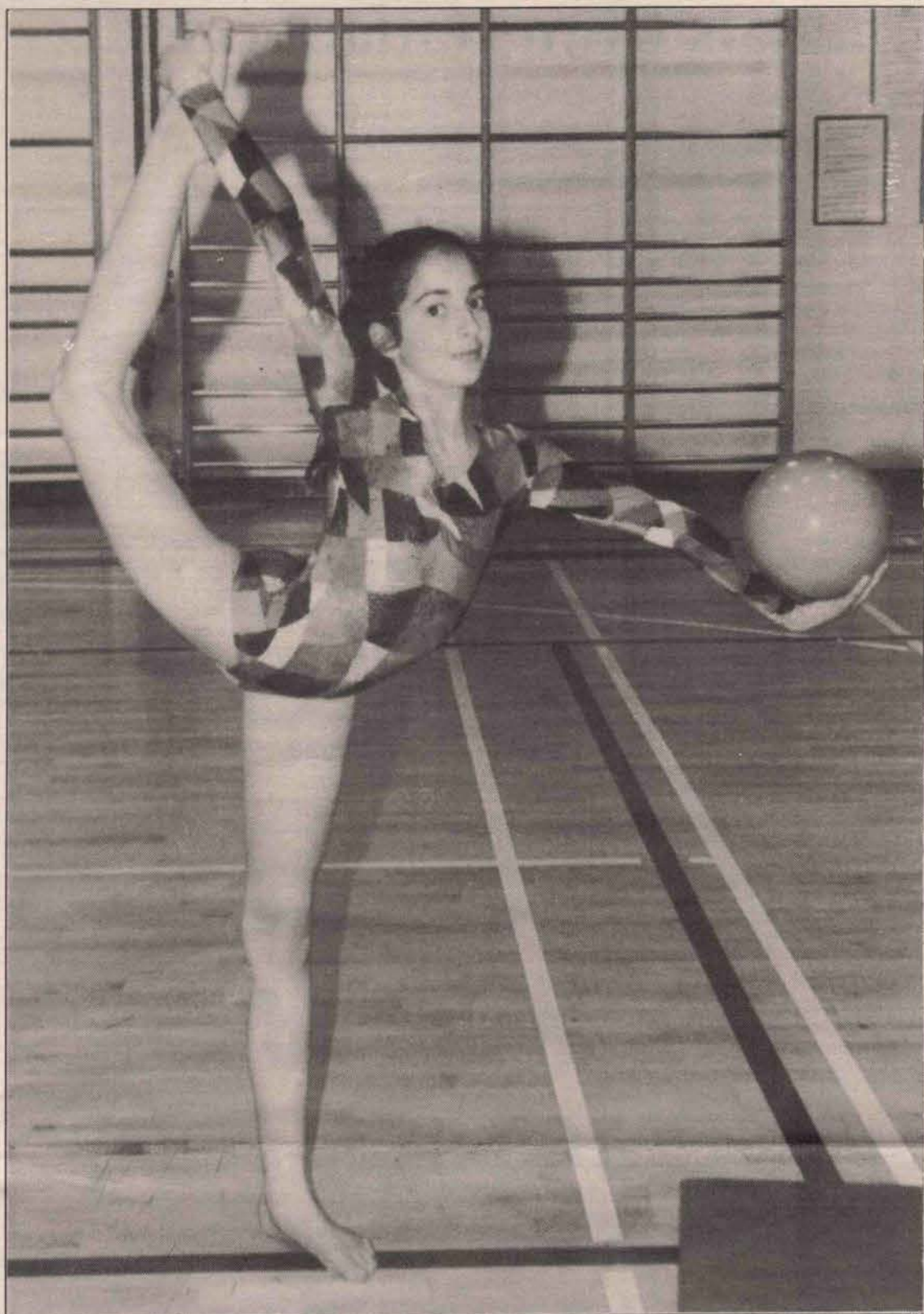
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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL: Rhythmic gymnast Naomi Jason makes it look easy as she strikes a classic gymnastics pose with her apparatus, the ball. Photo by Nikki Zerr

Rhythmic gymnasts set sights on Canadian national team

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

Two Salt Spring Island gymnasts recently obtained high ranking at two rhythmic gymnastics competitions in Vancouver, giving them the opportunity to compete in Western Regional Competitions.

Naomi Jason and Mallika Hutchings are rhythmic gymnasts who have been succeeding at a sport that is relatively new to them.

In a recent zone level competition in Vancouver, Naomi, who is a level four novice, placed second in her level. Being level four means she can compete nationally.

Mallika is rated a level two novice, allowing her to compete provincially. At the zone competition she finished first.

The girls also compete in group competitions, and last weekend at a

provincial meet at the University of B.C., Mallika's novice group and Naomi's junior group both placed first in their levels.

Rhythmic gymnastics is a sport which combines gymnastics moves with dance. The gymnasts often use apparatus such as hoops, balls and ribbons in their routines, tossing them in the air, or dancing with them throughout the routine.

The two 11-year olds began rhythmic gymnastics last September, and have found that hard work pays off. They leave Thursday for western regional competitions in Saskatchewan, and if they do well there they will go on to national competitions.

Mallika's mother described the girls as very determined and dedicated. Kishori Hutchings said both love their new sport.

Naomi and Mallika train 16 and a half hours a week, with 14 of those being in Vancouver. Each Thursday afternoon the girls catch the ferry to Vancouver for training at Club Adagio before returning home Saturday night.

Before Naomi and Mallika started rhythmic gymnastics they were taking artistic gymnastics with their coach, Fred Sanders. Unfortunately, he died last fall.

Mallika hopes one day to make Canada's national team and go on to the world championships and the Olympics. Naomi wants to make

the national team as well, but would rather travel with the team than go to the Olympics. "They are too chaotic," she said.

After all the hard work and travelling Naomi and Mallika both agree on one thing. Competing is great. For Naomi competition is exciting. For Mallika it's the reward of a medal.

By training at Club Adagio in Vancouver the girls get to work with their heroes, Merielle Rosner and Megan Arnold. Both were national team members last year, and are rated level six competitors. The highest level a rhythmic gymnast can obtain is seven.

Kishori Hutchings said an attempt is being made to have Club Adagio bring some members to Salt Spring next month to do a gymnastics demonstration. But the details have not yet been finalized.

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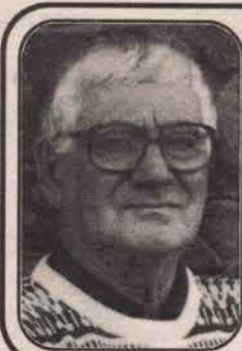
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From the Salt Spring Golf Club
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The low net score was turned in by Ron Dickson, 64. Other net scores were S. Hopkins 70, R. Marshall 71, R. Winstone and F. Broadbent 72.

Athletes return with medals from Nanaimo meet

Local track and field athletes had a good weekend as they travelled to Nanaimo for one of the biggest meets of the year, the Dogwood Invitational.

Despite miserable weather Saturday, many athletes were successful in their events. With competition in 144 different events, nine gold, 13 silver, and nine bronze medals were won. For fourth to eighth placements, 48 ribbons were awarded, and 76 personal bests were recorded.

Relay teams were also successful with four silver medals, two bronze medals and one fourth place recorded.

Salt Spring athletes and their best events included:

WOMEN:

Ten-year-olds: Rachelle Herman, shot put. Eleven-year-olds: Elizabeth Clark, high jump; Julia James, 800 m; Sarah McEwan, 200 m; Joelle Morrison, 800 m; Leah

Martin, 100 m; Jenny Kerr, 800 m; Megan Underwood, 200 m.

Twelve-year-olds: Stephanie Collette, 200 m; Sheila Stacey, high jump. Fourteen-year-olds: Chantelle Huth, 1,500 m; Jennifer James, 3,000 m. Fifteen-year-olds: Cara Herman, 200 m. Sixteen-year-olds: Zoe Bennett, 1,500 m. Masters: Rae-Anne Huth, 100 m.

MEN:

Eleven-year-olds: Aidan Anderson, 200 m; Mark Sloan, 800

m. Twelve-year-olds: Forest Huth, triple jump. Thirteen-year-olds: Kurtis Buyze, triple jump. Fourteen-year-olds: Daniel Bennett, 300 m hurdles; Adrian Hingston,

shot put. Fifteen-year-olds: Jeff Brownsword, 200 m; David Fiander, javelin. Seventeen-year-olds: Malcolm Fiander, hammer. Masters: Colin James, 3,000 m.

Island ball teams lose two

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

Local youth baseball teams at Salt Spring completed a tough week, with two losses and one rained out game.

The Junior Babe Ruth Islanders met with stiff competition on Tuesday of last week in a match against Chemainus. The 14 and 15-year-olds were stopped dead after a five-run first inning when a Chemainus relief pitcher took over.

Chemainus took the lead in the

bottom of the fourth inning, and never looked back. However, the coaching staff of the Islanders say the team is working well, and consistency will be the key to their future success.

Huser and Sons Construction Islanders Prep 13-year-olds played in Ladysmith Friday. The Islanders were strong through most of the game, but one weak inning was all it took to have the Ladysmith squad outscore the Islanders 7 to 5.

Rain showers forced the res-

cheduling of the Mouat's Trading Company Midget Girls Islanders first home series Sunday. The team will meet Langford and Sooke for games Sunday.

Minor baseball will be holding car washes every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ganges Village Market.

Minor baseball is sponsoring a clinic for girls softball pitchers and catchers. Players will receive four hours of instruction from the midget boys fastball team. First two-hour session is Saturday at 1 p.m. If the clinic is a success one for batting will be held later in the season. Cost for the clinic is \$10.

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Paddlers plan trip to Nitinat Lake

An ambitious May program, including a longer off-island outing, has been prepared by the Island Paddlers.

A trip that will involve some backpacking and tenting as well as paddling Nitinat Lake starts with a departure on the first ferry to Crofton Thursday.

There will be a hike to Tsusiat Falls during this four to five-day trip.

Flatwater paddling courses at levels one to four are being offered at St. Mary Lake May 15-16 and 29-30.

Instruction for beginners to ex-

perts will be given by Wally Priedolin, Wayne Taylor and Jim Lightfoot.

The club plans a trip to Thetis Lake, near Victoria, on May 19, departing on the 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius. For details call 537-4292.

The monthly meeting will be held May 25.

Island Paddlers is part of the B.C. Paddlers Association and conforms to its safety regulations. New members are welcome and need not own a boat as a partner is often sought for outings.

Islanders compete in karate tournament

Local shotokan karate students achieved impressive results at a competition in Saanich last week.

Hosted by Pucketts' Noble House of Karate, the competition was the first for four of the five students competing.

Results were as follows:

Six to eight-year-olds: Toby Stubbs, second; Seth Byron, third; Victoria Scotton, fourth.

Nine to 12-year-olds: Kirsti Stubbs, third. Thirteen to 15-year-olds: Eric Byron, first.

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Ferries, tourism are chamber meeting topics

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The annual meeting of the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce was held on April 27 at the Activity Centre. Twenty-four members were present. Early in the meeting a motion was passed to amend bylaw 18, article 5 (to allow for the election to the board of members of good standing, rather than just those who had been members for one year).

The following were elected: president, Geoff Gaylor; vice-president, Chitakash Amrit; and secretary, Pauline Topp. Directors elected were Don Clark, Brigitte Finnie, Andrew Loveridge, Andrew Neilson-Pick, Ev Haybarger, Norbert Duerichen, Francine Renault, and Ian McConnell. Past president Bill Lucey will work with the newly elected officers.

A motion was passed to request the B.C. Ferry Corporation to issue commuter tickets between the Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen as they al-



ready do between Swartz Bay and the Islands.

Don Clark reported for the tourist information committee. Plans for and funds needed for the renovation of the chamber's booth at Sturdies Bay were approved and a work committee will commence renovations this week.

Chitakash Amrit presented the report for the brochure subcommittee. After much discussion a motion was passed to accept the brochure plans as they were presented to the executive for approval. The new Galiano Island visitors' brochure should be printed and available by mid-May.

The chamber's new president has asked for a meeting of the new board for Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Activity Centre. At that

time a discussion will take place to determine policies the new board will take.

Successful dinner

The Galiano Lions Club chalked up another success at their recent seafood dinner. Two hundred and sixty-one people attended the function, the largest group ever. Master of Ceremonies Armand Hammond mentioned that while searching the club's records, he found that just 10 years ago the supper had attracted only 80 diners to the South Hall a smaller hall, but a good crowd for those days.

As in several years past, dinner was supervised by Sylvia Baines with help from many other Lionettes. Peter Klau worked effectively to see all went according to plan. Berg Schultz was in charge of the bar, and a number of young folk male and female, helped with the serving.

During the dinner Galiano musicians Brad Prevedoros, Gary Newstead and Bruce and Barbara Landmark entertained, delighting their audience. Later, Marvin Wilson took over with taped music for dancing, and the evening continued on into the wee hours.

Many prizes were donated for the raffle by island merchants and most of the food as well. Local fishermen were very generous as always in donating food in order to make the event a financial success.

Galiano hatchery

The children from Galiano School visited Steve Oscko's Bodega Resort at week or so ago. The reason for their trip up-island was to release into Bodega pond about 200 fry they had hatched in their classroom aquarium.

Lynn Scott's grade five students received the eggs from Salt Spring about three months ago, and since then had fed and fussed over their "school within a school". It was a matter of some pride for the youngsters to be able to successfully launch their fry into the pond.

The program on Galiano started three years ago by teacher Steve Nemtin. A pump in the tank, pur-

chased by the school for the purpose, keeps the water aerated, and a coil keeps all cool enough for the fishes' successful development (a temperature of six degrees centigrade).

The fry will remain in the Bodega pond for about a year, then make their way to the sea down Shaw Creek. It was an exciting day for the children and the teacher. The owner of Bodega Resort was pretty impressed by the youngsters' enthusiasm as well.

Events of the week — for Bodega Ridge

The Galiano hiking group this week intends to walk Bodega Ridge and try out a new walking trail created recently by ridge purchase supporters. With them the hikers will have copies of the new "Ridge Walk Guide" for their assistance and approval. Chris Bayliss, secretary of the Galiano Island Forest Trust (GIFT) is the creator of the guide.

Elected officers of GIFT were Bill Callaway, president; Chris Bayliss, secretary; and Brian Cowperthwaite, treasurer. Directors come from all over the island. They include Nancy Davidson and Donovan Walker from the North Galiano Community Association, Debbie Holmes and Andrew Loveridge from the Galiano Club

and Bodega partners (owners of L.L. 73, next to lot 76, the Ridge) Bill Paterson, Norm Russell and Rene Mahlow.

The Bodega partners are currently attempting to subdivide off the waterfront acreage of their land. The cash realized by these sales would then be used to pay off the mortgage on the Ridge property, the two properties together then becoming a single forestry preserve.

To earn money for this purpose two events are planned for Saturday. The first, an Italian dinner, begins at 6 p.m. in the dining room at Bodega Resort. It is understood this event is now sold out. At 9 p.m. on the same evening in the South Galiano Hall, popular local musician Brad Prevedoros and several of his musical friends will give a concert, bistro style. Tickets are \$8 and going fast.

Pancake breakfast

North Galiano's annual Mother's Day pancake breakfast will take place in the North Galiano Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 on Sunday. A delightful breakfast can be purchased for \$5 (adult price) or \$2.50 (children under school age). "Nippers" are free.

The pancake breakfast, a tradition at the North Hall for some years now, is a fundraiser for the Community Association, and is always a popular family event.

saturna notes

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Friends and relatives of Saturna junior secondary students travelled to Mayne last Wednesday to watch the Mayne School production of *Brigadoon*. The full-scale musical drama set in Scotland included all the students in some part of the production.

Ellea Crumblehulme, Travis Kennedy and Kevin Davidson played the lead roles with polish that gave evidence to experience on the stage. Rowan Hartman, the fiddler, offered some expert musical entertainment.

All the Saturna students appeared on stage during some part of the performance to the delight of their guests. These young people deserve applause for their dedication and hard work in attending rehearsals and travelling so often by late-night ferry in order to meet their obligations.

The show was a great success and thanks are due to the dedicated staff who helped pull it all together. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Direction sought

The Saturna Community Club will be meeting May 17 at 8 p.m. at the Community Hall. All residents are urged to attend. John Fryer, our B.C. Ferries representative, has asked for direction from the community.

He will be representing us at a meeting to discuss summer ferry scheduling. The meeting will also address the proposed RCMP community liaison.

Pancake breakfast

On Mother's Day the Lions Club is having its annual pancake breakfast. Everyone is invited to come out and treat the whole family to a full breakfast. As always all the profits go to a worthy cause. So treat your mother, treat yourself, and support a good cause.

Salmon released

The Saturna salmonid enhancement project has had a successful year, raising 25,000 chum eggs with a 99 per cent survival rate. The eggs were introduced to a hatching box in Lyall Creek last February. Harry Brown, Rick Jone and Bill Douglass tended the fish as they grew.

Saturna elementary students were invited to the stream this week to help release 10,000 fish. As the alevin have developed into fry they

have moved from the hatching box to a bathtub fed by fresh stream water, with an automated feeding system. The tub is becoming overcrowded and these fish must be moved to make room for more developing fry.

Although fry have been introduced to the stream on previous occasions, these are the first to have been hatched in the stream. Saturna elementary students have been hatching eggs for three years in the classroom and releasing them into the creek. Last year the department of fisheries introduced several thousand fry which had been raised at a fish hatchery.

The chum fry released this week will spend about a year in Lyall Harbour, protected by the eel grass, and then they will proceed to sea for three years. Only one per cent are expected to survive to return to the stream.

The first significant return to the creek is expected in November of 1995. Until that time it is planned to release 25,000 to 30,000 fry yearly. Volunteers are planning to prepare the creek bed in the meantime so the fish will be able to maintain their own survival.

Batter up

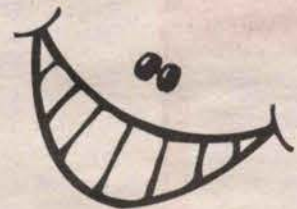
Spring has arrived and one sure sign is that the men's softball team has begun practices. The team meets at Winter Cove ballpark Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

Saturna intermediate students are spending two to three afternoons a week preparing for an upcoming inter-island track meet. Teacher Ian Middleditch, aided by Barb Ropars and sports-minded community volunteers is spending time after school to help the children practise track and field events.

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