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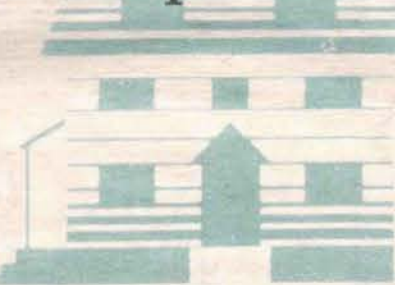
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**PLANTING TIME:** is near at hand for the Tsolum River Fruit Tree nursery on Salt Spring. Dan Jason, left, and John Wilcox will be planting out the nursery on Duck Creek Farm. This particular apple sapling is a Snow apple, a very sweet dessert apple developed in Canada in the 1730s.

Driftwood photo by Graeme Thompson

## Fruit tree collection entrusted to islander

Chenango Strawberry, Irish Peach, Winter Banana — these are three of the more than 300 old, rare and uncommon varieties of apple, pear and plum trees that will soon be available for sale on a 15-acre farm on Tripp Road.

The Tsolum River Fruit Tree nursery has now moved to Salt Spring Island.

It represents "the top commercial collection in North America," nursery manager Mike McCormick said recently. McCormick has been entrusted with bringing the nursery to fruition, so to speak.

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Variety is the strength and delight of this collection. For anyone raised on the notion that Spartan, MacIntosh, Transparent and Granny Smith almost cover the full range of appledom, this collection is a bit of a shock.

A brief glance through the Tsolum River catalogue reveals that apples can range from almost yellowish-white to purplish-black, passing through bright green, bright orange, scarlet, pink and orange on the way. As well as solids, apples come in stripes or blushes, spots or dots, streaks or tinges, russets or gloss.

Apples have been grown for centuries across North America, all over Europe, Russia and Turkey. They are named after people (Bismarck, Edward VII), places (Ottawa, Geneva), and physical qualities (Arkansas Black, Rome Beauty). They have come from laboratories (Saanicton), gardens (Louis XIII) and one was found by a smokehouse in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

One of McCormick's favourite apples is the Knobbed Russet, an apple originating in south-central

"It looks like a potato. It's got bumps all over it," McCormick said. "It's a totally ugly looking apple — but it is incredible tasting."

The 300-odd types of fruit trees are part of an extensive collection-nursery owned by sculptor Renee Poisson in Tsolum River on Vancouver Island. Last fall, when Poisson realized the nursery was becoming a fulltime occupation, she decided to look for someone to take over.

Many local organic growers who knew about the nursery were anxious that it not get lost or broken up. Through Dan Jason of Salt Spring Seeds, a new owner was found — the Heritage Seed Program.

This is an organization, formed in 1984, dedicated to preserving and propagating heirloom varieties of plants. The Heritage Seed Program is a network of people who collect, propagate and spread as many varieties of plants as they can find. The idea is to ensure as large a gene-pool as possible among food-stock plants to ensure adaptability to changing growing conditions.

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"The dream of the Heritage Seed Program," president Heather Apple said in the new Tsolum River catalogue, "is that people across the country will once again grow, enjoy and value these wonderful varieties of fruit."

The Tsolum River Tree nursery

program.

"The main focus up to this point was to spread seed-stock among members," McCormick said. "The Heritage Seed Program has made a commitment to maintaining and adding to the collection, and proceeds from the nursery will go towards supporting the collection."

Commercial breeders breed for traits like long shelf-life or redness, McCormick said. The Heritage Seed Program is more interested in seed-stock resistance to, for instance, changes in the ozone layer.

"All those survival mechanisms are in these apples," McCormick said. "When you have a variety there may be something you may need."

Agri-business has helped deplete the gene-pool since the last war, he said. In the 1940s and 1950s there was a concerted effort to get rid of green apples. The average consumer was deemed to be interested only in apples that were solidly, brilliantly red. The whole focus of commercial growing was to find red apples, McCormick said.

At the same time, commercial growers were encouraged to produce specific types of apples. The Maritime region decided to concentrate on six varieties. But homestead orchards were multi-functional. There were early apples, winter-keeping apples, dessert apples, sauce apples, cider apples, crab-apples for jelly.

You had a variety of apples for the variety of apple-needs, McCormick said.

There is growing interest in varieties of fruits these days. "A lot of people remember their parents grew (a specific kind of apple) or they could remember having them as kids," McCormick said.

Whereas the commercial breeders were breeding for colour,

flavour, the old varieties are a welcome treat to the taste-bud. Flavours of Tsolum River apples range from tart or bitter-sweet to sugary, nutty, spicy and richly aromatic.

The Lemon Pippin, Ananas Reinette and Winter Banana are not named in vain.

**"A lot of people remember their parents grew (a specific kind of apple) or they could remember having them as kids."**

McCormick is quick to point out that the nursery has many old varieties of cherry, plum and pear as well as apple. There are also quince and medlar trees — two very old, Near Eastern fruits that make excellent additions to the diet.

Salt Spring is an ideal place for this important bank of genetic material.

"We can grow every tree that can be grown anywhere in Canada," McCormick said. "We have the full spectrum of growing here."

And space is not as big a problem with fruit trees as it once was. Modern methods of growing and dwarf root-stocks mean that as many as 3,500 trees can be planted in just one acre of land. So the nursery on Tripp Road has plenty of opportunity to grow.

The nursery, like the Heritage Seed Program, is under-funded. Despite the importance to the fruit-industry of preserving as many varieties as possible, the Heritage Seed Program receives no govern-

commercial fruit-growing industry, McCormick said.

More than 2,000 members are all volunteers, including the president. McCormick is the only paid staff member at Tsolum River Fruit Trees on Salt Spring. Members of the public can help the program by becoming members, buying trees at the nursery, and getting involved. Salt Spring's support for natural farming and sustainable agriculture was one reason the island was chosen for the project, McCormick said.

There are many one-, two- and three-year-old trees for sale this season on half a dozen different rootstocks. Some varieties are for sale as scions and the nursery will custom-propagate. Trees cannot be shipped to the United States.

For the time being, while the nursery is being organized, visits are by appointment only. Write to Tsolum River Fruit Trees at P.O. Box 1271, Ganges B.C., V0S 1E0, or phone 537-4191.

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# community

## OAPO hosts region

The first meeting in 1993 of the South Island Region of the British Columbia Old Age Pensioners' Organization was hosted by the Fulford Branch of 170 in its clubrooms at Fulford Hall.

The clubrooms were filled to capacity by delegates and visitors from Sooke, Sidney, Duncan, Youbou, Cowichan Lake and Ganges as well as by members of Branch 170.

By **BILL BAKER**  
Driftwood Contributor

Dorothy O'Sullivan presided, assisted by secretary Margaret Baker, both from Branch 170, with Ross Gainor, steward for the South Island Region, representing the provincial board of the BCOAPO.

Delegates from the various branches of the region reported on their branches' activities and member statistics.

Ross Gainor then gave an account of his activities as steward and spoke also of developments at the provincial level.

A delicious soup and bunwich lunch was prepared and served by women of Branch 170 amid trying circumstances. Before the meeting, it was discovered that the water supply to the hall had failed. But many members rallied to ensure the kitchen workers of a supply of bottled and canned water, both cold and hot, and the business of the gathering went on as usual.

Those who performed so diligently in the kitchen and the dining room were Gladys Slingsby, Val Gyves, Mona Warren, Betty Ford, Estelle Ward, Nora Craig, Agnes Cunningham and Kathleen Rathwell.

Ross Gainor and this writer helped transport foot passengers from both Vesuvius and Fulford Harbour. Because of a lapse in communications, some were stranded in Vesuvius for a while until their plight was proclaimed. Nevertheless, all remained friends.

The members from Salt Spring who do not get out to the regional meeting had a chance to hear about what other branches are doing to solve their problems and to promote more interesting activities for their members.



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### Making its debut

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The original word, debut, came with its French "u" sound and hovered between that French and deb-you. Who cares? But if I debut on the stage -- and heaven forbid -- I say it straight. If my neighbour is debuting on the golf course tomorrow, it becomes like debating but with a "u". And if I should make my first appearance in court this week I will have debuted. The diehards may still go French on me and may debut with the "d" sound tacked on the end.

Not sure that we need the word but we all go back to our beginnings sooner or later.

### Go away! Canada!

Washington State is an odd place. Washingtonians are aghast at Victoria's hesitation over the installation of a more thorough sewage treatment plant. They visualize all that Victoria no longer wants rising from the sea bottom to festoon their beaches.

So one group in Washington says "never!" That very potent group of important Washington citizens, the planners and organizers of conventions, has foresworn the city of Victoria. Never again will their conventions darken the Victoria threshold! That'll teach Victorians to refuse a treatment plant!

But another group of Washington citizens is eagerly wooing British Columbians to, please, come away from their crappy cities and spend those lovely Canadian dollars in Washington's GST-free merchandising malls.

The end question facing British Columbians is simple. "Do you want us down there in Washington, or don't you?"

Or maybe it's not that our American neighbours don't like us: they just like our dollars!

### Another bitter pill

It seems like only yesterday the federal government was explaining that the copyright on patented drugs was to be extended to protect such drugs from being marketed in Canada in generic forms.

At the time, the government's assurances that the measure would benefit Canadians lost some of its impact for the fact that the announcement had already been made in Washington.

In the interim, the cost has been borne by the sick Canadian.

Today the government is making the same move and with the same assurances. Why is the national government so eager to administer that same bitter pill once more?

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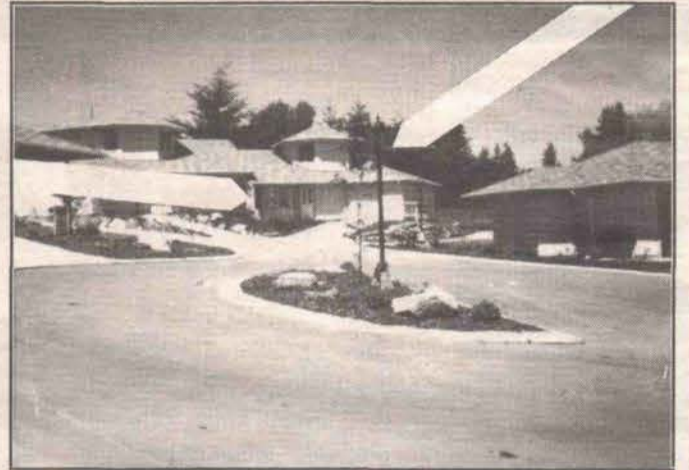


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- FRIDAYS Free Kids Klub, Community Gospel Church, 120 Drake Road, 3:15-5pm.
- FRIDAYS Smiles Cafe, Ganges United Church, 12noon - 1:00pm.
- FEB. 11: "Ooops, I made a mistake!" Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
- FEB. 11: AGM, Salt Spring Festival of the Arts, SS Elementary School library, 7:30pm.
- FEB. 12: Legion Ladies Auxiliary, turkey dinner, Meaden hall, 6pm.
- FEB. 13: Reader's Theatre dinner theatre, Waterside Bistro, 6pm.
- FEB. 13: Latin & Ballroom dancing lessons, St. George's Church Hall, 7:30-9pm.
- FEB. 13: Valentines Dance, Royal Canadian Legion, 8:00pm.
- FEB. 14: Love in the Afternoon, concert with Chris Kodaly & Deb Toole, Beaver Point Hall, 2pm.
- FEB. 17: Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook, 10am.
- FEB. 17: Garden Club meeting, United Church, 1:30pm.
- FEB. 18: SSI Weavers & Spinners Guild, Study group - table liners pt. I, Mahon Hall, 2:30pm.
- FEB. 19: Legion ladies Auxiliary, roast pork dinner, meaden hall, 6pm.
- FEB. 20: David Essig in concert, United Church, 8pm.
- FEB. 27: Latin & Ballroom dancing lessons, St. George's Church Hall, 7:30-9pm.

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# Former GISS student will work for a Mexican housing project

Former Salt Spring resident and Gulf Islands Secondary School student Magnolia Pauker will be in Mexico this March undertaking a volunteer aid program in Cuernava.

The Grade 12 student is hoping to raise at least \$1,000 through community sponsorship and an account has been established in her name at Islands Savings Credit Union.

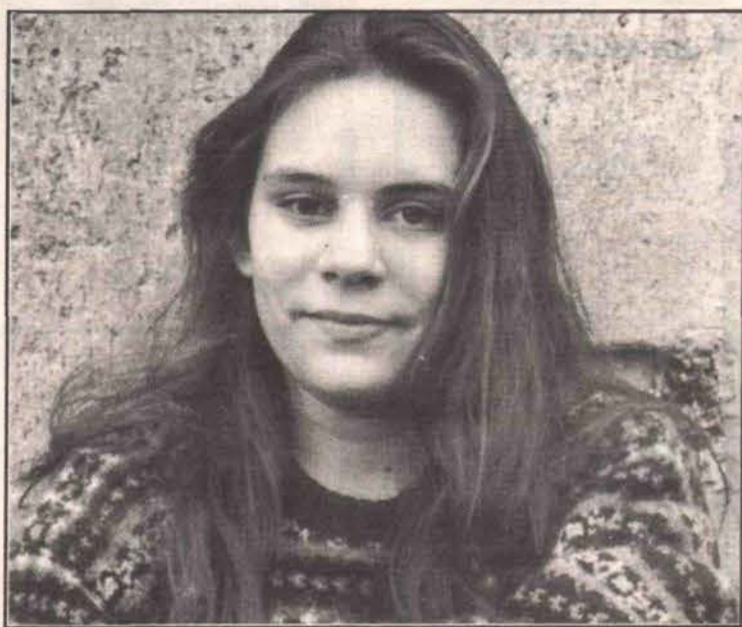
The project is run by a civil association — "colonos y Pabladores Citlalacalli" — dedicated to building house with and for the Mexican poor, Pauker says.

"I'm going down to learn about another way of life and another culture as well as to try, in my own small way, to better the world," she told the *Driftwood* last week.

Any money raised in excess of her travel and living expenses will go towards construction of one house — an enterprise that costs \$4,000.

Pauker says she will be working alongside the Mexican people who will be living in the completed houses. She will stay in a compound run by volunteers.

"I am going to help assist under-



Magnolia Pauker

Photo contributed

privileged people in an under-privileged nation," she says, "and earn respect as a Canadian."

"I have so much in Canada that I take for granted and I feel honoured to have the chance to help

other people obtain the basic things that all people in the world should have."

Islanders can contribute to "Magnolia's Mexican Housing Fund" at Island Savings.

# Saturna ferry dock now closed

## Major upgrading will take place until February 19

The ferry dock at Lyall Harbour on Saturna Island closed yesterday (February 9) for major upgrading work and will remain closed until February 19.

During this time, B.C. Ferries will offer foot passenger service only, using the M.V. *Tenaka* at an adjacent ferry wharf.

The closure will facilitate replacement of the ramp and tower support structures, both of which have reached the end of their service lines, according to a B.C. Ferry Corporation news release.

United Engineering of Victoria and Pacific Pile Driving of Sidney will undertake the \$700,000 project.

B.C. Ferries says the new wharf will be able to accommodate heavier loads and will include a full-length sidewalk with increased lighting for foot passengers.

Saturna Island residents were given notice of the dock closure several weeks ago. The corporation has provided free parking for Saturna residents at Swartz Bay.

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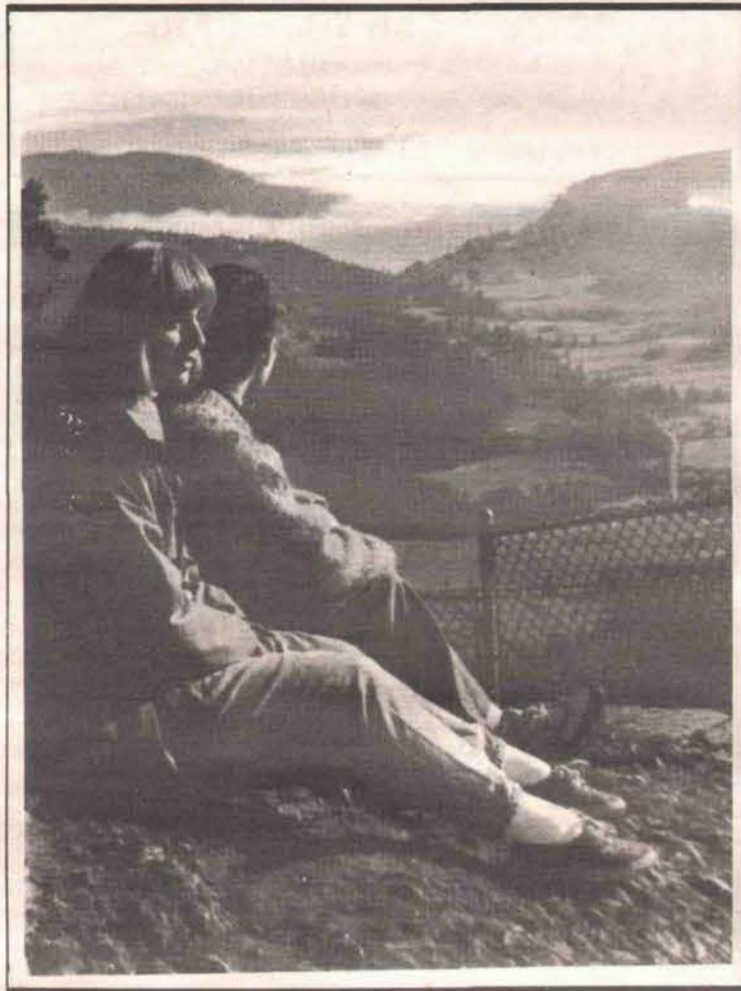


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**A PICNIC VIEW:** Victoria residents Alan and Linda Wolf take in the view of Fulford Valley and the Outer Islands.

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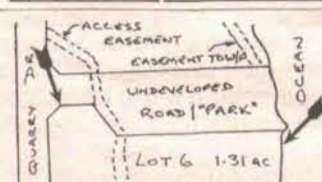
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Disguised as information, these new myths promote foods as heart-healthy, when in fact they may contribute to heart disease.

The victims of heart health food myths aren't the superstitious types of yore who believed beets cured anaemia or that garlic warded off vampires. They are individuals who want to establish healthy eating habits and think they've come across some good advice on nutrition.

Here are three common "Heart Health Food" myths:

- The myth on dietary cholesterol says food containing no cholesterol is healthier for you. This myth rests on the truth that too much cholesterol in your blood can contribute to heart problems.

Some food packagers have been hyping their products — oils, cereals, even potato chips — as

"cholesterol free."

But consuming less cholesterol won't significantly lower the cholesterol level in your bloodstream. The main culprit in raising blood cholesterol is dietary fat. And many of these foods labelled "cholesterol free" have an extremely high fat content.

- The myth of foods which are generally healthy, but not in all cases, applies to food such as the bran muffin. It's a healthy snack, but not all bran muffins are created equal.

If you've selected one of those larger super-moist cake-like muffins, it could be laden with fat — even more fat than you'd find in a doughnut.

- The myth that salads are "heart-healthy" doesn't take into account what goes into salads. Salads made with garden greens, veggies and low fat dressing are healthy, but the dressing used on potato, macaroni and caesar salads can be quite high in calories and fat.

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With the incredible weather we are enjoying, I cannot help but begin some of the spring work that would not normally begin until the close of this month. If you are caught up on pruning and dormant spraying, now your thoughts might turn to soil and its overall cultivation and care. This is particularly true, as we have had enough dry weather to make it accessible.

Soil should still be treated very carefully because it will be retaining moisture throughout the winter. It is therefore susceptible to compaction.

Spreading my weight with a plank (or is that a board?), a two-by-eight, around three feet long is ideal, ensuring easy access with minimal damage.

Winter weeding is most beneficial as it removes nutrient competition for garlic and winter salad crops and will enable them to use the lengthening daylight to its full potential. Hand weeding is recommended as opposed to hoeing or tilling, because the minimum amount of soil disturbance is best.

One thing about weeding during winter though, is the possibility of weeds re-rooting if left on top of the soil. The sun is not strong enough to burn them, and the air is moist enough to encourage propagation. Removal for composting is advised.

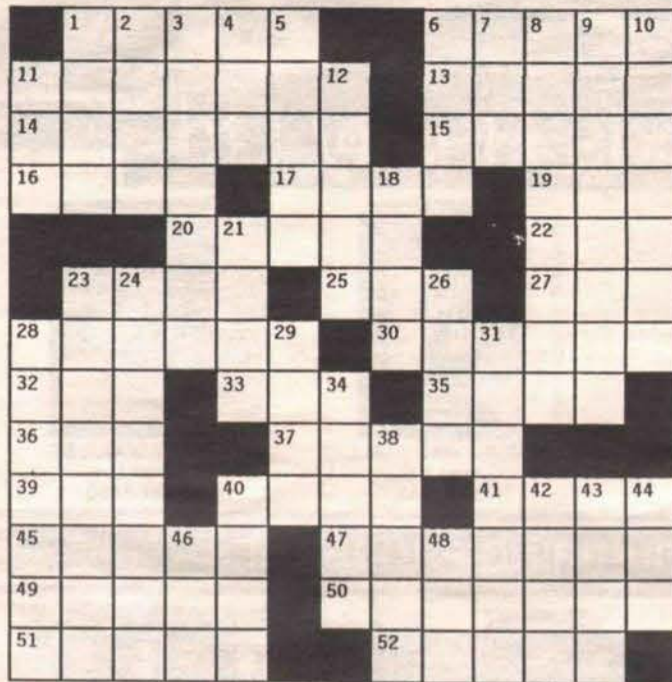
Seeds may be sown right through to spring now and early sowing of vegetables is most beneficial for their future strength and health.

Cabbages, lettuces, beans, onions, and even some cold weather tomatoes can be sown now. Even some annual flowers like begonias, impatiens, annual dypsophilia and cosmos can all be sown and hardened off gradually as the spring arrives.

Spring! Isn't that a welcome prospect — and only a month away. Signs of its imminent arrival are already evident around the garden in the form of bulbs and swollen flower buds on spring trees and shrubs.

Some of your bulbs may be showing brown tips now. This is probably indicative of the recent cold snap and will not affect their flowering potential although a top dressing of bonemeal can be applied to give them a little help. Cold weather can diminish nutrient and mineral availability at the root base.

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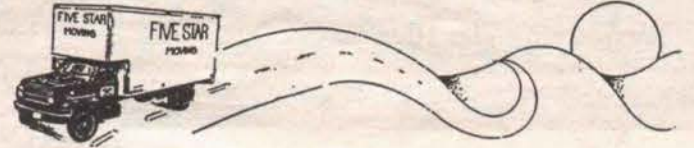
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| <b>ACROSS</b>             |                                  |                         | 50. Wore a frown | 23. Crowned with sweet bay |
| 1. Spud                   | 51. Start of a toast             | 24. Thither             |                  |                            |
| 6. Religious denomination | 52. Sharpened                    | 26. Actress Garr        |                  |                            |
| 11. Nonmetallic element   |                                  | 28. Fastest land animal |                  |                            |
| 13. Be smitten with       | <b>DOWN</b>                      |                         |                  | 29. Playwright Anthony     |
| 14. Windflower            | 1. Louise of "Gilligan's Island" | 31. Disappointment      |                  |                            |
| 15. French painter        | 2. Malt beverages                | 34. Arms and legs       |                  |                            |
| 16. Stinging creature     | 3. Set of kettledrums            | 38. Take game illegally |                  |                            |
| 17. Mojave sandbank       | 4. Environment comb. form        | 40. Words of denial     |                  |                            |
| 19. Tennis series         | 5. Sonata part                   | 42. Thespian part       |                  |                            |
| 20. Come into being       | 6. Identical                     | 43. Increased           |                  |                            |
| 22. Compass point         | 7. Tokyo once                    | 44. Mass of gum         |                  |                            |
| 23. Moon personified      | 8. Candied fruit                 | 46. Compass point       |                  |                            |
| 25. Precedes Sun          | 9. Shipbuilding peg              | 48. Menagerie           |                  |                            |
| 27. Scottish explorer     | 10. Sofas                        |                         |                  |                            |
| 28. Muhammad's successor  | 11. Cut through                  |                         |                  |                            |
| 30. Hip bone              | 12. City near Dusseldorf         |                         |                  |                            |
| 32. Shanty                | 18. Designation of a tide        |                         |                  |                            |
| 33. Fifth note            | 21. Knocks                       |                         |                  |                            |
| 35. Turn about            |                                  |                         |                  |                            |
| 36. Sooner than           |                                  |                         |                  |                            |
| 37. Singing bird          |                                  |                         |                  |                            |
| 39. Auction ending        |                                  |                         |                  |                            |
| 40. Fictional captain     |                                  |                         |                  |                            |
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| 45. Arawakan language     |                                  |                         |                  |                            |
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| 49. Make amends           |                                  |                         |                  |                            |



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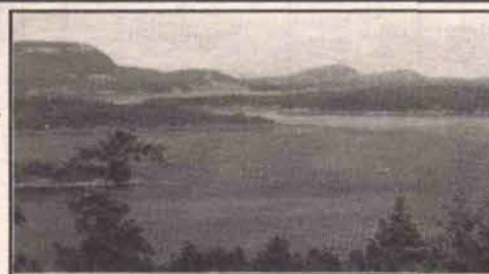
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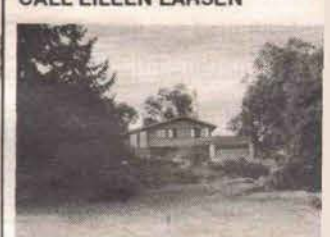
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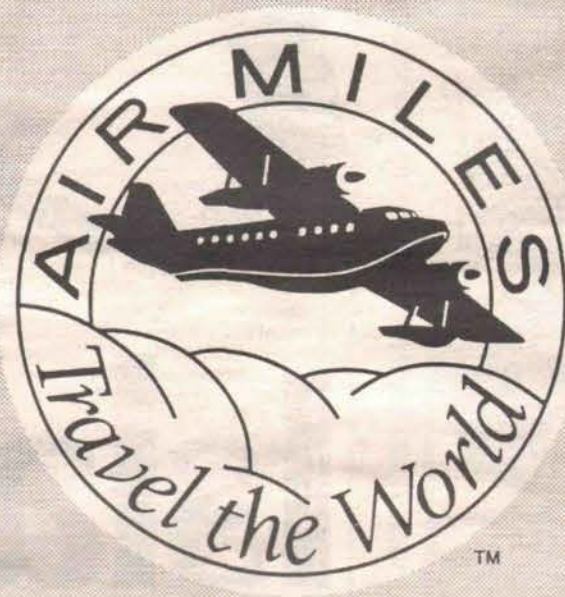
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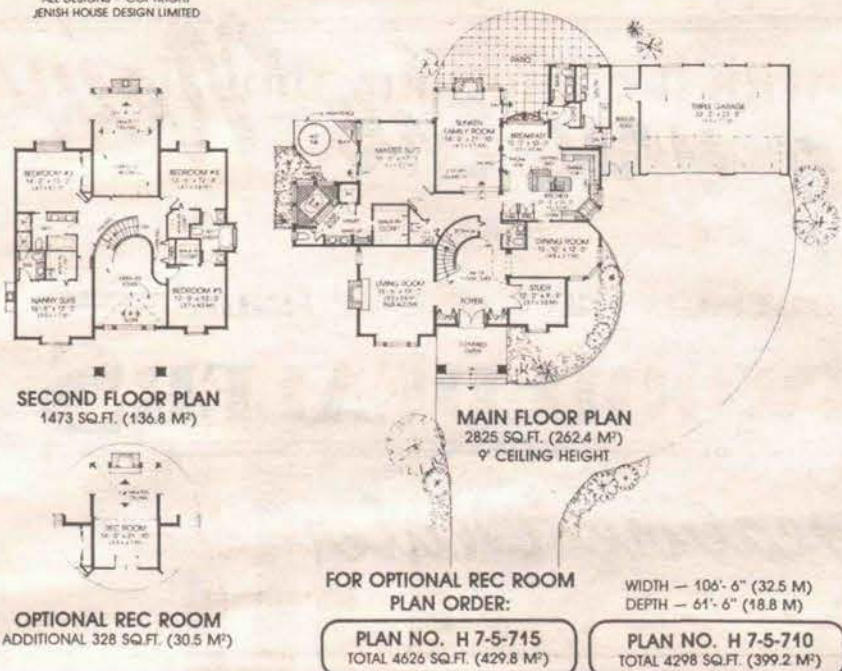
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Officers were elected with Edie Gear as president; Dorothy Sloan, secretary; Arnold Humes, treasurer.

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Future projects for fund-raising were discussed. The next meeting will be held in lower Central Hall at 3 p.m. on February 28.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19): Love blossoms under a full moon this week. Chance encounters turn into friendships and smiles are more often returned than not. Advice from distant relatives may be enlightening but avoid asking parents about relationships. Cauliflower and broccoli are good for your system this week, especially Thursday. Do not eat mussels.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20): Too much Star-Trek has left Bulls craving for a helideck. The classifieds are the most thumbed-through sections of the weekend papers. Look up the locations of any countries you don't immediately recognize before buying any tickets. The superbox brings news this week, rather than flyers. Last-minute changes will plague any important trips you take this week, so be prepared.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20): Eating out is on the agenda this week. Either you have been promoted or thrown out of the house. Enjoy it anyhow. Exotic animals figure on Friday. Keep Monty Python's Parrot Sketch in mind before splashing out extravagantly on a bird. The weekend will be filled with outdoor activities. A trip to the hospital is on the horizon. Be especially careful of pedestrian crossings Sunday.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22): Fortune favours the Crab this week. A beach towel you sent away for 15 years ago with 1,800 cereal box tops arrives at the door with a note of apology from Canada Post. The beach towel features the Bay City Rollers and a rainbow of psychedelic popsicles. A two-for-one win at a lottery counter Friday encourages you to spend your whole pay cheque on 6/49 tickets.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22): Sudden desire to clean the house, the car, the locker, the classroom and/or the office could literally sweep you off your feet. Astrological alliance does not indicate a strong sense of balance. Body could be slightly off-kilter and any urge to clean should be avoided. (Bathing is acceptable and even encouraged.) On the brighter side, a great load is released, sort off.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): After beating down a nasty flu/cold bug that flattened you recently, you discover at least one of the following: a dead car battery; mouldy, unrecognizable leftovers in the fridge; nine mis-matched socks; a long-overdue bill buried under a cushion on the couch. Make an effort to stop nagging the in-laws, and your complexion will improve.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Last week's full moon and starry nights left you in the mood for the mysterious. Advice given by a friend either leaves you pining for a similar experience or really confused about your choice of friends. As greatly anticipated visit nears, you worry about minute details such as ferry schedule, accommodation, weather, food and interior design.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Trip off-island may take you to a hilly region full of red-necks (not necessarily Alberta). Suppress the urge to punch boss-figure in the nose and re-consider plans to quit and collect Unemployment Insurance (keep an eye on the news for that one). Stars spell out some chilly nights this week — individual who neglected to pay hydro bill should spend nights with the dog under the porch.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You are amazed to discover that Brian Mulroney's ego is even bigger than your own. You cannot believe he is even considering leading the Tories into battle and you begin to feel even more comfortable with the Rhinoceros Party. Watch your own ego — it may suggest now is the time to

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): The grass is greener on the other side . . . or at least that new

car sure looks good next to the old. Why not get yourself a new baby? You never know when you might want to take a loooooong drive. A

packed suitcase — that doesn't belong to you — is making you nervous.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Leftovers are on the cards — leftover cakes, leftover bottles of wine and one or two leftover friends. Hot tubs may figure on Thursday or Friday coupled with early morning walks. Enjoy the surroundings now as inklings of a

move may come with a phone call. Car trouble adds to the tension and the cancellation of your favourite television show may take you over the edge.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20): This week is wet. A leaking roof, a dripping tap or an undesired spring in the lawn will get on your nerves and cost a bundle to put right again.

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## Patricias bring hall to life

Galiano's South Hall came alive on the evening of February 1 — even the floor boards became part of the action at times.

The occasion was a joyous and fun-filled evening of music, song and nonsense provided by the Two Patricias, singer Patricia Schrieber and her accompanist Patricia Rolston. They called their program "A Legacy of Song."

By ALISTAIR ROSS  
Driftwood Correspondent

This event, the second of three of Galiano's winter Overture concerts was attended by upwards of 100 residents. The program was designed to appeal to a wide variety of musical tastes, but not necessarily the serious-minded music lover.

Soprano Patricia Schrieber, the possessor of a good voice and a great sense of humour also possesses considerable acting ability and a set of facial muscles which are all but elastic. Her program ran the gamut from the Elizabethan John Dowland's "Come Again" to Leonard Bernstein's "Old Ladies Tango."

For the latter piece, Schrieber chose from the audience local octogenarian Terry Wishart as a foil to her antics and "had 'em rollin' in the aisles."

Flanders and Swan numbers "I Lave Some Madeira My Dear" and "Patriotic Prejudice," and Gracie Feilds "Walter, Walter" all focused on the singer's talent for comedy.

The traditional operatic diva whose actions often suited the singer and her sense of importance rather than the story line or the characterization was parodied by Schrieber in her rendition of a Puccini aria — a particularly apt choice for the parody since the composer chose to emphasize realism rather than a florid operatic line in his compositions.

Patricia Rolston's playing of Scott Joplin's "Maple Tree Rag" gave the singer time for a quick change of costume, and then out she came with towel-turban and dressing gown carrying a supply of facial tissue ready to entertain with "A Person Can Develop a Cold." In great contrast to all this was her marvellous rendition of "Christopher Robin Saying His Prayers" and songs by Roger Quilter, Johannes Brahms and Benjamin Britten.

Patricia Rolston was always the excellent accompanist but a competent soloist as well. In addition to the Scott Joplin number mentioned above, she chose to display her talents with the playing of Handel's "Harmonious Blacksmith," Chopin's "Fantasy Impromptu" and Debussy's "Clair de Lune." Using as her own electric piano as her instrument of choice for most of the program, Rolston gave variety of sound throughout.

What the recent warming trend did to reduce the snow, this program did to bolster the spirit.

### Adult education

The Galiano Activity Centre Committee has established a sub-committee to promote and administer activities, courses and workshops for adults on the island.

The education committee, consisting of Elizabeth Bosher, Nick Francis, Akasha Forest, Geoff Inverarity, Jim MacDonald, Martha Miller and Ken Trotman, will advertise courses arranged or proposed, using the \$2,000 allocated last spring by the Gulf Islands School Board to each of the Outer Gulf Islands for their adult education program.

It is hoped the money will last several years and be augmented by donations from those using the service.

The following courses will be

offered this spring if there is sufficient registration: experimental drawing (Wesley Bentz, 539-5569); multi-image slide-tape show production (Joy Brown, 539-5861); a new approach to education (Marks McAvity, 539-2881); feminist spirituality (Rev. Margaret Edgar, 539-2842); creative writing, prose (Audrey Thomas, 539-2080); origami (Carolyn Canfield, 539-2080); birdwatching (Mike Hoebel, 539-2003); comic books (Julian Lawrence, 539-5782) and "They're Becoming Teenagers" (Dan Scott of Victoria, phone Martha Millar at 539-2187).

Anyone having a special talent and prepared to share it with others through the adult education program is asked to get in touch with Elizabeth Bosher at 539-2080.

## saturna notes

The Saturna Parents Advisory Committee has undertaken the task of starting a scholarship fund for deserving high school graduates. Up to this point Saturna was the only Outer Gulf Island without a local scholarship.

By GAIL TRAFFORD  
Driftwood Correspondent

The scholarship will be awarded on a basis of merit and will not necessarily be given every year. It will be reserved for students planning to continue their education at a post secondary institution. The scholarship will be given to a student with a high academic standard and a positive community spirit.

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### Wharf work underway

Work on the Lyall Harbour wharf has begun. After a last minute frenzy of shopping and errands, residents have settled in to enjoy uninterrupted island living.

Gardens, bridge games, visits and neighbours, and long overdue chores all help fill in the gap until the ferries begin carrying vehicular traffic again.

Of course, foot passenger service is available for those who really must go to town. But for most it will be a pleasant interlude and most things can indeed wait until service is fully restored February 19.

### Salmon enhancement

The students at Saturna Elementary School have started raising salmon again as part of the salmon enhancement program. The alevin (fertilized eggs) were delivered to the school early in February.

They are kept in a cooled and darkened tank in the primary room. The students will care for the salmon as they mature until they are released into Lyall Creek in the spring.

### Continuing Ed

The Continuing Education Committee has been busy organizing courses for the coming year. Some classes, such as CPR, are full and waiting lists are being compiled for a possible second session.

If you have not yet signed up and are interested in a course call Pip Woodcock or check the bulletin board at Saturna General Store for more information.

The Community Club annual general meeting is scheduled to be held in March each year. All committee heads should be busy preparing an audited statement and a description of their activities. These will be required for the March meeting. Any questions may be directed to the Community Club president Pam Johnson at 539-5592.

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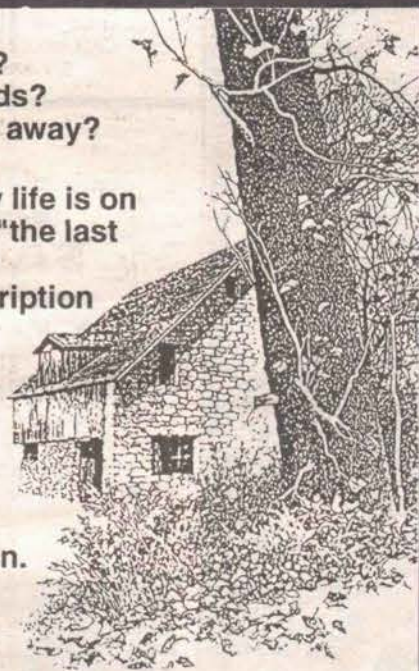
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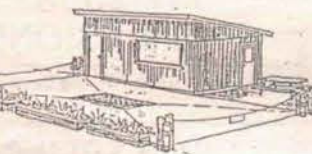


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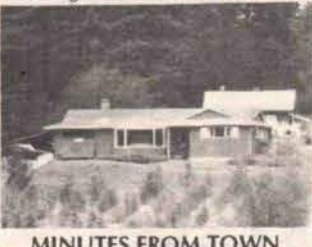
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