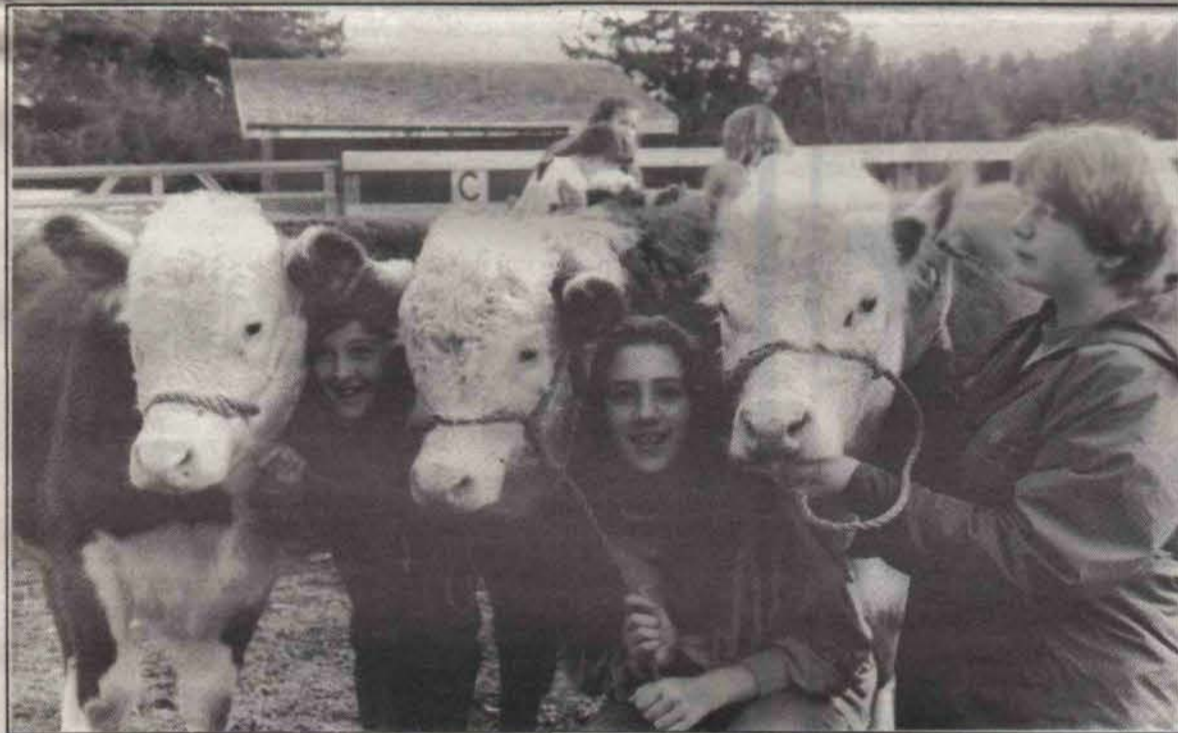
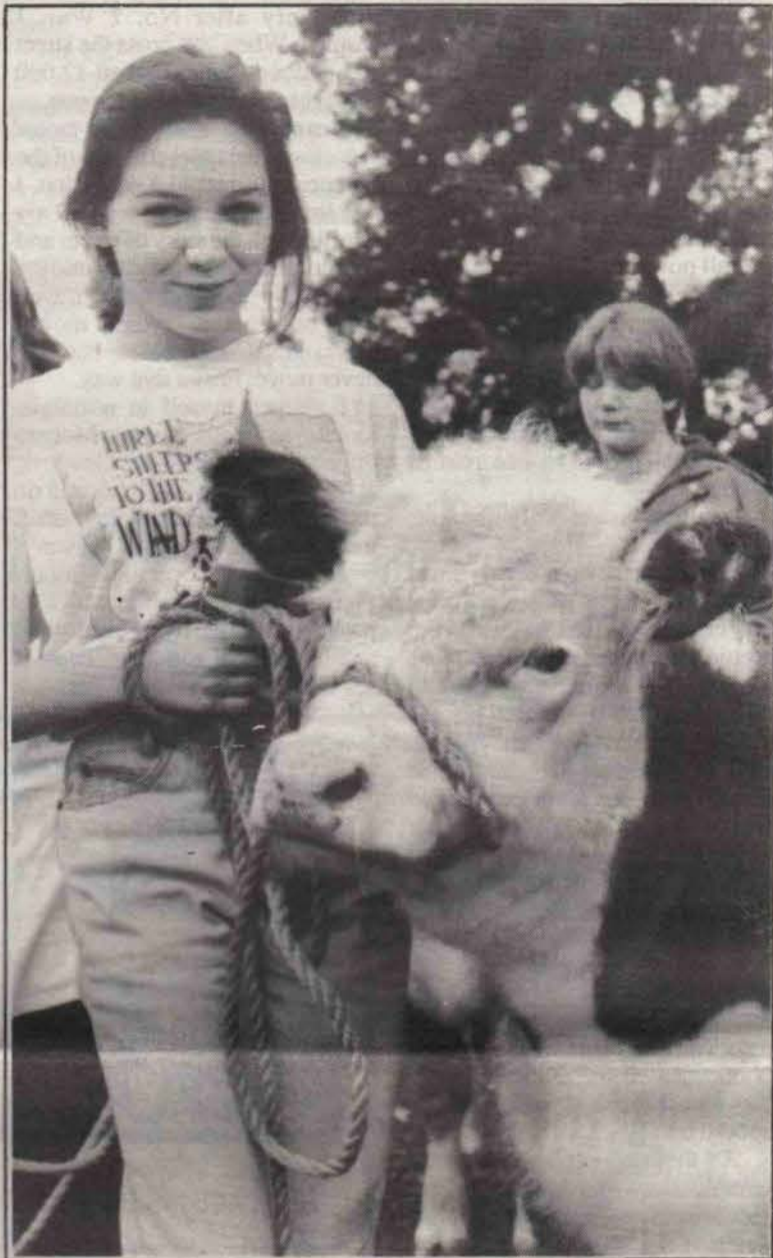


Community News

Gulf Islands Driftwood

Wednesday, January 19, 1994

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WHERE'S THE BEEF? On Salt Spring it's at the Cunningham farm, where 4-H beef club members are training their animals for the Fall Fair. Jennifer Doucette, top left, whispers sweet nothings into Vinnie's ear. Tori David-

son, top right, keeps Petunia on a tight lead. Candace Buckler, Anna Buckler and Christy Robley, right, line their cattle up for closer inspection. Above, the girls try another formation.

Raising beef cattle is simply mind over 600 lbs. of matter

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring beef club is not an island version of Mr Mike's. And it is not a new group which records islanders' complaints. The beef club is a group of half a dozen local 4-H members who want to learn about raising cattle.

In the recent past there has not been much call for a beef club — not on an island famous for its sheep. But this year that has changed and island farmers Brian and Susan Cunningham have volunteered to teach six girls the ropes.

"There's been so little opportunity for kids to get near these animals," Susan said. "We offered the opportunity and the response has been tremendous."

The students started in November when most of the animals were six months old. Because the students are learning with the Cunninghams' cattle, they all meet at the Cunninghams' Church Hill Farm.

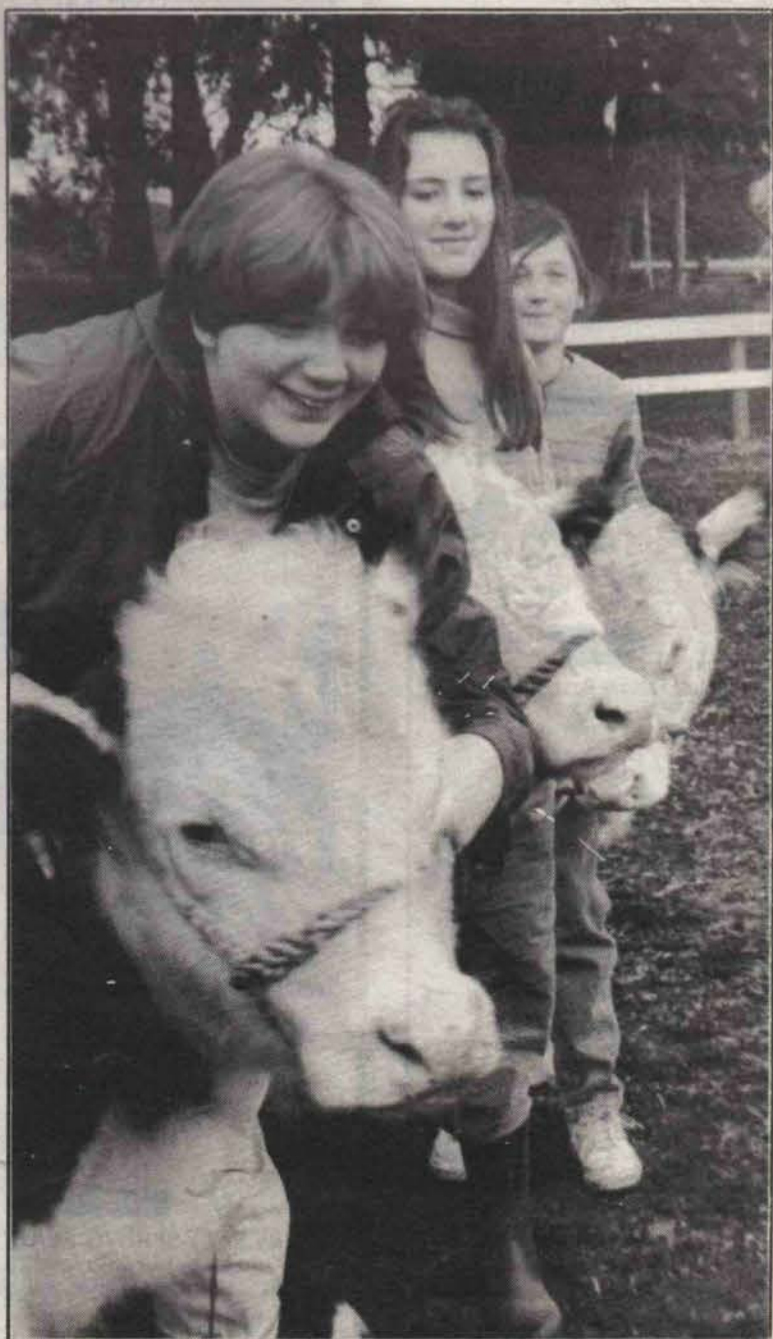
The training goes on three times a week for most of the year, until the Fall Fair in September. Susan agreed it was a commitment, but the students have stuck to it so far

and are learning more about cattle than just handling.

Island veterinarians teach them about cattle disease and vaccination. They learn to weigh their animals and keep a record book of data as the animals grow. But handling is the main object, to prepare them for shows.

And that is a big enough job in itself, especially when the handler is a 100-pound grade sixer and the subject is a 660-pound calf.

"Mind over matter" is how that problem is solved, Susan said. "You never let them know they're a whole lot stronger than you are."



It was a fast trip to London to take in a few shows and to remember the city once again. From York to London by fast train, and back. Without a hitch or a mistake, it was the best journey I've made on a train in years. No delays; no breakdowns! Things are looking up!

London is theatre. Majority of visitors undoubtedly head to the show of their choice. I took in three, about as varied as they could be. First was *Medea* with Diana Rigg in the title role to make a memorable *Medea*. Probably should have seen it as the last of the three for the fact that it stood out.

Second night was a switch to the 20th century with Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard*. *Medea* was memorable for the performance of all, but particularly that of *Medea*. *Sunset Boulevard* was notable for the set and for the overall power and sound.

A final evening was spent with Graham Greene and his aunt. From grim tragedy through pathetic tragedy to comedy, Green's tales of his travels with his aunt brought three actors to the stage as each player switched from one role to another.

London is not only theatre, however.

London is the homeless lying in their blankets in shop doorways and elsewhere. In a land where a municipal council can spend close to \$200,000 a year on providing accommodation for a single mother and her nine children as well as providing her with a paid housekeeper and a home modified to her use at a cost of another \$100,000, it would seem absurd that hundreds of men are sleeping, and living, with a few blankets and nothing else.

It can never be anything but tragic. Yet to see a couple of fellows in new sleeping bags lying in a doorway and chatting on cellular phones leaves the onlooker rather less sympathetic than he perhaps should be.

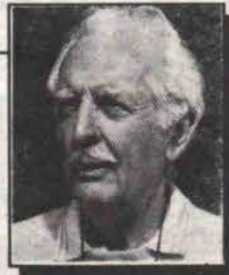
All these people are part of the overall show that is London, but they are playing, generally, a reluctant part.

The show goes on.

Iron railings around buildings in the city are a common feature of the architecture. The sign on most such railings is new. It warns that bicycles chained to the railings will be removed by the police. One of the hundreds of police officers permanently guarding the city against terrorists explained that the Irish gangs in Belfast have charged such a bicycle with explosives at times. The tubular frames make for effective bombs.

to be FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



Some hazards are not so easy. Like crossing the road. There were 12,000 buses in London immediately after No. 2 War, I learned. When you cross the street in London it seems that all 12,000 are right there, gunning for you.

I examined a few more motor vehicles in the quiet stillness of the Science Museum in Kensington. I had limited time and I worked my way through the story of steam and power and modern industry into the automotive age and space travel. Lots of vehicles, cycles, motorcycles, cars, trucks, buses, but they never move. Easier that way.

I steeped myself in nostalgia, looking at Austin Sevens, Morgan three-wheelers, Morris Cowleys, all of which I have owned, and on to Rolls Royces and a few other more notable cars which I haven't.

Memories are ever more important as you get older, which is probably the tragedy of senility and similar pains of antiquity. There is joy in recognizing the car you once

owned, or the bus on which you once travelled.

I made one observation to the receptionist and I was left to realize that despite my persistent English accent, they no longer understand me over here.

I had heard the public address system tell me what appeared to be a warning of an impending explosion. I ignored it because nobody else took cover. Like so many such public address devices, it made noises and the listener was left to sort them out.

I suggested to the staffer that the Science Museum, of all places, surely could evolve an effective sound system. The young lady assured me that I would find the answer to my question on the second floor.

Museums get to you eventually and it was a natural to visit the London transport museum in the vicinity of the old Covent Garden produce market. Half the market is now a general market with cloth-

ing, food, restaurants and other sales outlets. The market also features musicians and I was intrigued to find a Chinese instrumental group playing *Shenandoah* on a variety of strange machines.

Our wanderings in London were not wholly on the material. We spent a morning at Westminster Abbey, closing with a service at St. Margaret's next door. It was my first visit to the national shrine of Christianity and it was impressive with that sense of awe to realize that not only did the building date back almost a thousand years, but that the bones of many a figure from British history still lay behind the wall of stone in a veritable museum of caskets. Kings, queens, princes, princesses; noblemen and women, statesmen, warriors, prelates, and their wives, all lie in dusty state within the floors and the vaults and the tombs. It was impressive.

It was also saddening to realize that this shrine to Christianity, this monument to the great and the good of the nation for a millennium, only lists one common man. Beneath the floor of the great abbey lies the unknown soldier, brought to the church from the French battlefields and set to rest among the great distinguished figures of the past.

I came away with a sense of sadness that so great a Christian shrine really only remembers those

among us who bore historic names. Does such privilege live even beyond the grave? I would shudder to begrudge the living or the dead their pride and their privilege, but the vast majority of Christians for the past thousand years, those unlettered, unrecognized, unknown enjoyed no perpetual reminder to us today and, perhaps, to the Almighty, that they were also of this earthly race, living as they saw fit and dying as they fell.

London is eating . . . and drinking.

The theatre is almost as expensive as Vancouver. Eating is more. There ain't no cheap snacks downtown.

One course in an Indian restaurant in the city centre was close to 50 bucks. We went on to another for our dessert.

But eat you must even when you go to a show, so we opted for the Moon Under Water on the recommendation of a Comox traveller. We had no complaints, sharing a table with a stranger.

During an idle exchange he remarked that he came from Suffolk, just as the Yeo story was breaking. "Say no more!" I warned him. I explained that I followed a trade that is so pure in heart we always cast the first stone.

He was a journalist devoting his life and time to agriculture which, of course, left us both beyond the stony pale.

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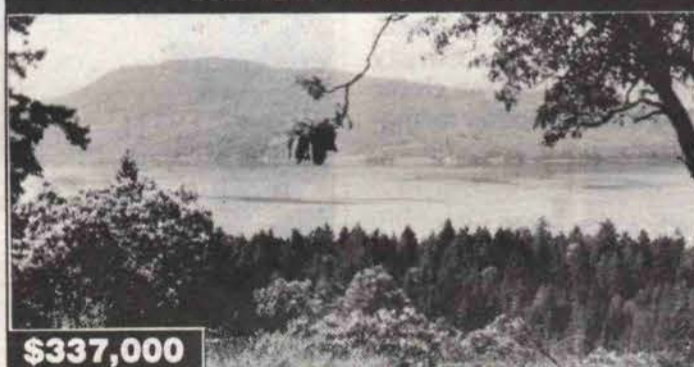
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- JAN 19: Get Acquainted Tea, SS Seniors for Seniors Centre, 2pm.
- JAN 20: Salt Spring Speakers, Alfresco's, 7pm.
- JAN 20: SSI Weavers & Spinner, social day.
- JAN 20: Project Accompaniment film, slide show, guest speakers, United Church Hall, 7:30pm.
- JAN 21: Parkinson's Support Group, #5 Grace Point, 2:00pm.
- JAN 23: Robbie Burns dinner & dance, Legion Meaden Hall, 7pm.
- JAN 24: Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Aux., AGM, United Church Hall, 2:00pm.
- JAN 25: Island Paddlers Club, United Church, slide by Bob Ball, West Coast Van. Island 7:30pm.
- JAN 26: Medical Alert Systems, SS Seniors for Seniors Centre, 2pm.
- JAN 30: Celebration of the Band, Activity Centre, 2:30-4:30.
- FEB. 2, 9, 16: Prenatal Classes, CRD Health, 7pm-9pm.
- FEB. 11, 12 & 13: Child Passport Program, by reservation at Century 21 office.
- FEB. 12: Estate Auction, Royal Canadian Legion Meaden Hall, 9-10am.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

- Seniors & Alzheimers support group, Seniors for Seniors bldg. 11am
- Archery Shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.
- Playgroup for tots, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11am
- Line Dance, Meaden Hall, Legion, beg. 7-8pm/Int 8-9:30pm.
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group meeting, Croftonbrook 10am-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
- GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).
- Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club across from the elem. school, Rainbow Rd, 7-8pm.

EVERY THURSDAY

- SSI Camera Club, photography classes, 172 Reid Rd. 7-9:30pm.
- Weekly luncheons, Seniors for Seniors, 2 seatings 12:00/1:00.
- Weight Control Hospital Basement 7pm, no charge everyone welcome.
- Every 1st, 2nd & 5th, SS Pensions building fund-bingo, Legion Meaden Hall, 7:00 early birds, 7:30 regular.

EVERY MONDAY

- Carpet bowling, lower hall, Central, 1:30pm.
- Story Time, Public Library, 9:30-10am (except holidays).
- "Bandemonium" G.I.S.S. band room, 7pm-9pm.
- Free blood pressure clinic, Seniors for Seniors 10-12noon (last Monday each month).
- Taoist Tai Chi, for seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7pm.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Archery Lessons, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 4:00-5:30pm.
- Every 3rd Tuesday, evening weavers group, rm. 23, The High School, 7pm.
- Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, Spinners Study Group, rm. 23, The High School, 7pm.

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— John Masfield

What time of year is it, asked the gorse, flowering outside in the hedgerow near my home. The changing patterns during our coastal seasons make all wild and living things question whether it is time to make ready for spring or even if spring is here.

Generally, the animal and plant kingdom do not get easily fooled by warm winter weather. Many of them put out cautious feelers to check the conditions.

A reader wrote concerning a cherry tree that was blossoming. Is the cold likely to kill it, the letter asked.

Under normal conditions the cherry would not flower until April or May and if there are more than a few in bloom at this time of year then the chances are that you will get very little fruit setting on the tree.

This in itself is not detrimental to the overall health of the tree which will probably enjoy the summer with less stress because the energy being produced will feed strong growth instead of fruit. If the tree is in poor health, however, there is a chance that a cold snap could kill it. Unhealthy trees can be nursed back to health but it takes some time before positive results are evident.

The letter also mentioned that the tree had suckers at the root crown and asked if they should be cut off. My answer is no but the appearance of suckers can sometimes mean that tree has some sort of distress.

This can range from top root damage from mowing or something down to root rot. It may simply be caused by climate stress. I would tackle the suckers during the last week of July or the first weeks of August.

This way the wounds heal and no dormant buds can be activated causing a repeat of the problem. More marginal plants — those originating from warmer climates — can be killed off but I believe this is something that we as gardeners are prepared to deal with, accepting our losses as well as our gains.

If you have planned well then you could be enjoying produce

from the garden now through to March when the new crops start. Hardy winter salad greens will love this mild spell and root vegetables will be at their best after the frost has set the sugars running.

Brassicas such as cauliflowers, brussels sprouts, broccoli and kale will be available these next months.

Now is the time to order seeds to have continuation of crops throughout the year. In about eight weeks spring will really arrive and things will begin to feel alive.

And we gardeners will start racing around to keep on top of everything.

Canadians to train on island before assisting Guatemalans

Training of volunteers who will accompany Guatemalan refugees returning to their homes from Mexico will be offered on Salt Spring Island next month.

Project Accompaniment, a Canada-Guatemala support group formed to help the refugees, will train Canadians to accompany the refugees with a program February 16-21 at Camp Narnia. Among other things, they will be taught how to react non-violently in potentially violent situations.

Participants will come from as far as Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Islanders will have an opportunity to learn more about Project Accompaniment at an event in Ganges tomorrow (Thursday). Slides of the Guatemalan Highlands will be shown, along with a film entitled *When the People Lead*, depicting the return of the

first refugees.

The event, to be held at the United Church hall at 7:30 p.m., will also feature two guest speakers who have accompanied refugees.

Local organizer Linda Brierly says the support of islanders is being sought in help for lobbying for the cause of the refugees, particularly a group that has already

returned. They are awaiting the dismantling of a military base on the Ixcán Grande Cooperative Land before they return to it. Other help being sought is in the form of donations of food or produce for the Camp Narnia training course. More information is available from Brierly at 537-1088 or from Stephanie Denz at 653-2018.

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Malcolm Legg stuck in Cuba; team misses pre-game sermon

By DOUG PEARSON
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Old Boys took to the field like young stallions Sunday morning when they learned that their hallowed leader, Malcolm Legg, was having trouble with his passport and could not get out of Cuba.

The lads knew they would have to dig deep with sweeper Graham Tweddle and Bill Lea also missing in action. However, the absence of Legg's less-than-riveting pre-game sermon seemed to boost the lads' spirits.

From the starting whistle in the weekend's game against A&A it was clear that all the Christmas party-

ing and extra girth would not hold back the Old Boys. Drew Lindsay had numerous breakaways and Alvaro Sanchez was Mr. Velcrofoot. However, it was Paul Hardman who was "man of the match," as he ran with reckless abandon and buried two goals.

Daryll Lister was brilliant on defense, often leaping for head balls like his Division 2 son Jaimie.

Ziggy Karl added a single while Henry Braak was his usual maniac self, scaring off potential threats.

With a stirring victory behind them the lads are taking up a collection to send to Fidel Castro in Cuba to help Malcolm Legg extend his holiday (so he can write a more creative pre-game speech).

down the gutter

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

What a terrific week for bowling. There were 36 people who achieved an over-200 game. Since I'm still trying to get to 150 I consider this a great feat. If you follow this column on a weekly basis, you will notice that our young bowlers are also maintaining much higher scores. Congratulations everyone!

Circus: Gordon Ruckle - 218, Ben Cooper - 231, 268/698, Tony Farr - 256/608, Ron Cunningham - 218, Sam Cochrane - 237.

Legion: Paul Kusch - 203, Doug Sykes - 250, 215/658, Ben Martens - 200, 220, Bob Graham - 207, Gary Gaetz - 202, Gary Whitehead - 241, Ron Cunningham - 223.

Golf ladies: Grace Murchie - 200, Maxine Whorley - 203.

Tuesday morning: Mike Elrington - 224, Bill Baker - 205, Goodie - 237, Harry Read - 205, G. Parsons - 210.

Tuesday afternoon: Reg Winstone - 258, Vanda Winstone - 212, Jean Nicol - 211, Margaret Baker - 208, 204, Bill Baker - 275, June Webb - 275/654, Bill Frontin - 259/605.

Wednesday ladies: Ann Funk - 204, Linda Ramer - 226, Chris Hutton - 203, Margie Cursiter - 207,

Sylvia Ryles - 262.

Friday afternoon: Bill Baker - 200, Jack Godwin - 217, Gene

Graham - 252, 224/653, Margaret Baker - 238, Madalene Jory - 207.

Bantams: Dylan Hume - 122, Tony Sevold - 140, Kimberly Sykes - 125, Arla Hillis - 129, Andra Bergsma - 116.

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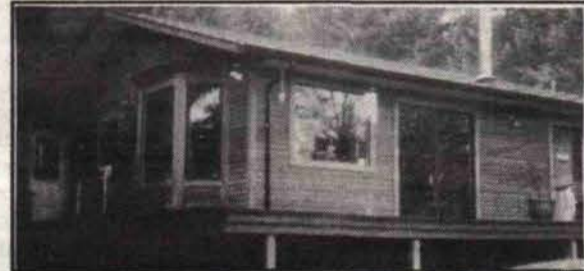
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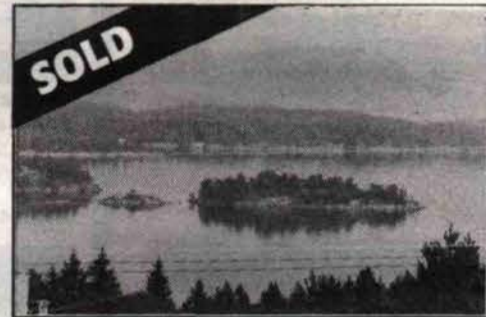
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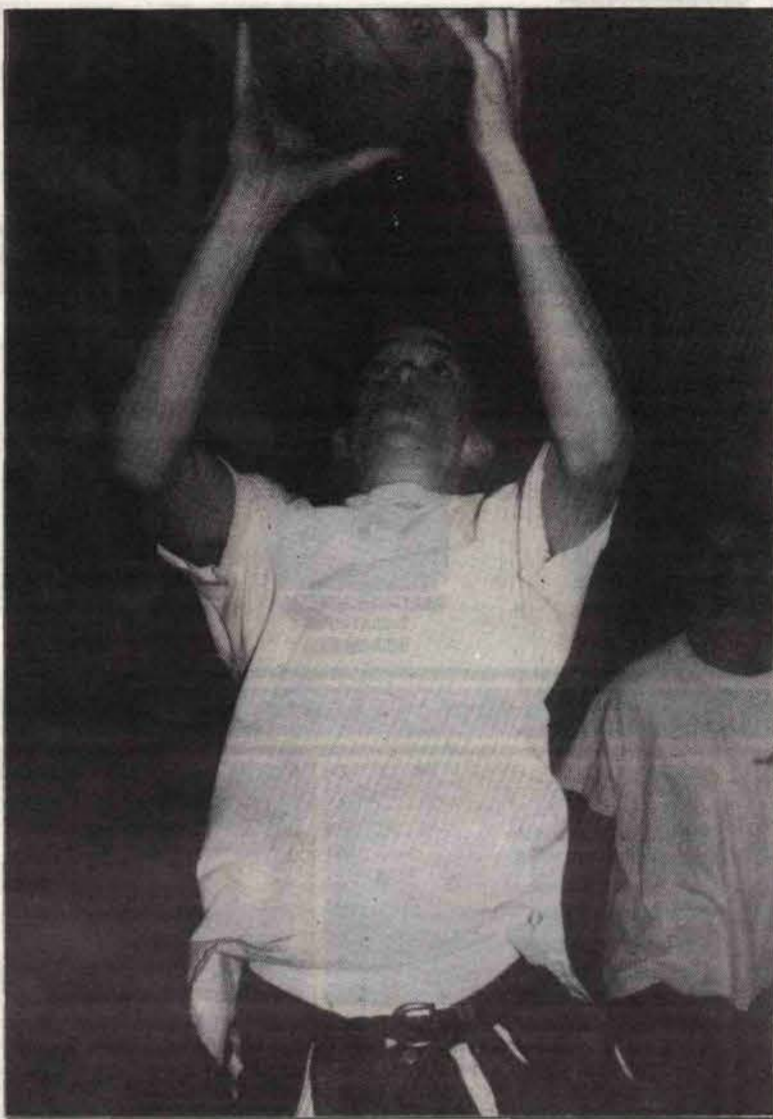
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Edwards places third in Mount Vernon marathon

John Edwards has been on the run. The Salt Spring Island runner placed third last week in the annual Mt. Vernon, Wash., half marathon. His time was 82 minutes. A member of the Salt Spring Track and Field Club, Edwards' next race is the Olympia Marathon in Washington state.

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AIR-TIME CONCENTRATION: Junior Scorpion Ryan Leroy Smith focuses on the ball during rebound practice last week. The team is preparing for an invitational tournament this weekend in Ganges. Photo by Graeme Thompson

Scorpions promise good basketball

Salt Spring's premier basketball team is hosting an invitational tournament on the weekend to limber up for the island championships and then provincial championships in the spring.

"So far this year, we're undefeated in league play," Junior Scorpions coach Myles Wilson said Friday while the squad was practising rebounds and lay-ups in the high school gym.

"There will be really good basketball this weekend and we'd like to see some community support."

Parents and high school students often come out to games, Wilson said, and the local RCMP has put together a team to give the junior boys some practice. He promises good basketball.

Team captain Chris Jason said the team had improved a lot in the last year because they have "worked hard together."

"At last we're going to the B.C. (provincial championships)," he said.

This particular squad has been

working together for three years now, he said. They practised regularly once a week all summer and nine of them went to the University of Victoria Vikings summer basketball camp.

And as Grade 10 students, the team is not competing against others who are older, larger and more experienced. Four of the team are taller than six feet and one — Nigel Ramer — is six foot four.

So far this year, the junior boys' team has managed to win five league games and lose none. In the 13 games they've played this season they have only lost three. The mid-island final tournament is on Salt Spring February 18 and 19.

The tournament this weekend will help the team improve by pitting them against teams which are better than those in its own league. Salt Spring's first game is at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The next game is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, and if they win that, the final will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. All games are in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym.



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Slugs' newest problem is not Deadstop-related

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Something is definitely wrong in Slugland. The team faces a problem which no one ever considered we would have to face. That problem is winning. We just keep on doing it. If this keeps up, what will we have to talk about?

For too many years the players on this team have become accustomed to telling anyone who would listen about the "what if's" of a Slug hockey game. What if Danny hadn't fanned on that shot or what if Todd hadn't hit the goalpost or what if Deadstop had missed the boat. But those problems seem to be gone, at least temporarily, and now the boys are having a hard time adjusting. If this keeps up, there won't be anything to write about.

But this (the winning) is keeping up, as the Slugs went undefeated again last weekend, with a tie and a win over the opposition. Saturday night saw the team travel to Lake Cowichan to take on the Whalers. Before we got there we knew it would be a long night, as only eight skaters and a goalie bothered to show up at the ferry.

The opposition, on the other hand, seemed to have nearly every able-bodied adult male in the Cowichan Valley on their bench, but we were the first ones on the scoreboard. Just minutes into the match, Andy Nauman picked up a pass in the slot and moved in on the goalie. Using his winger as a decoy, he waited until the goalie committed himself to the winger and then buried a nice wrist shot to the corner.

Unfortunately, it didn't take the Whalers very long to come back and do the same when Deadstop was caught napping on the blueline. This did not faze the boys, however, as they usually assume him to be asleep on his feet most of the time anyway.

It was the Slugs who struck again for the go-ahead goal on a nice effort from Paddy Akerman, who worked the puck around and got away a low, hard shot which eluded the netminder. By this point things were beginning to heat up between the clubs as the refereeing, or lack of it, was allowing things to get a little out of hand.

The Whalers used this to their advantage. With the Slugs begin-

slug trail

ning to get flustered, they struck for two fast goals to take the lead for the first time.

Paul Sinclair showed us once again how it is done with a beautiful end-to-end rush which culminated in a goal on a hard drive which just blew past the netminder. Not long after that Darren O'Neil extended his goal-a-game streak to put us back in the lead — temporarily.

It was about this time that Todd McIntyre won an all-expenses-paid trip to the showers for taking exception to a Whaler defenceman rubbing his stick across Todd's nose like Aladdin rubbed his lamp. The only difference between the two was the disposition of the genie which emerged.

After the smoke cleared from this infraction, the Whalers quickly tied the match up when Deadstop could not clear the front of the net. The opposition took the lead again on a similar play when a Whaler winger tapped in a rebound from the side of the net.

It was shortly after the fifth goal by the Whaler that Deadstop not only woke up, but cured a chronic back problem which four chiropractors in two provinces had failed to do. The Whalers were once again on the attack, and as usual they were coming in on the weak (read Deadstop's) side. Just as the winger figured he was in the clear once more, Deadstop stuck out his foot and took the puck off

the winger. His next move, however, was classic, but should not be repeated unless you are a professional: he stepped on the puck. Not a very bright manoeuvre at the best of times, let alone when you are skating backwards. It was not a pretty sight. A 200-pound airborne mass which was defying gravity, if only briefly.

But it was when he landed that two things were discovered. First, the Lake Cowichan arena is most likely earthquake-proof following this seismic test, and secondly Deadstop's back hadn't felt this good in years.

By this point, however, time was becoming a factor, as there wasn't much of it left. Knowing this, the Slugs really began to turn it on and managed to keep the play in the Whaler endzone for some time before Pete Huser tied the match with one of his patented bullet drives. But that was as close as we got as the Whalers netminder held off our repeated attempts to score the winner.

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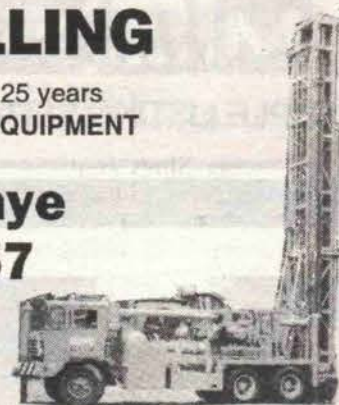
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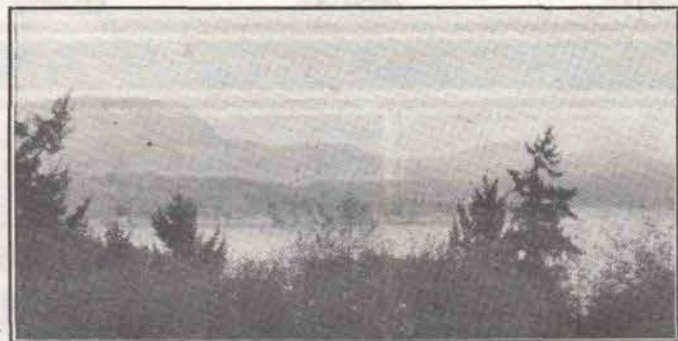
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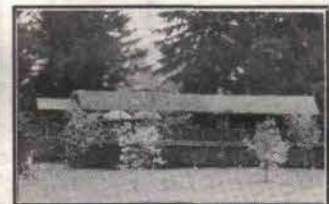
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Rubbing McIntyre's nose like rubbing Aladdin's lamp

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Salt Spring Slugs continued their winning streak with a 9-7 win Sunday over Sidney's Squid Roe. This was a club which we had both handily defeated and been handily humbled by in our only two meetings to date.

The Slugs started this one off in grand fashion. Todd McIntyre, or Rudolph the red-nosed centreman as we were now calling him (see *Slug Trail, Page B8*) quickly put us on the scoreboard just two minutes into the match with a wicked drive from just inside the blueline. He was quickly followed by Andy Nauman, who used the exact same play he had used on the previous evening to put us up by two.

The Squids came back with one of their own after that, but Danny Akerman quickly restored our two-goal margin on a nice play from the corner, with a little help from Rudolph.

Next to get into the act was Pete Huser who went in on a breakaway and put it away behind the hapless goaltender, who was seeing more rubber than a Goodyear factory. The Slugs continued to take the play to the opposition and once again it paid off. Paddy Akerman potted his first of the evening, following some tenacious forechecking.

The Squids managed one more before the end of the frame to make it 5-2 but we were feeling quite confident by this point that this game was going to be a goal scoring feast for us.

Wrong. At the start of the second period we faced a completely different team. They forechecked and backchecked, and their goaltender all of a sudden became very hot. It was something we were not prepared for. Within a couple of minutes the Squids had put one in the net after skating past Deadstop like he was some kind of statue. He may have been feeling a lot better, but he still played the same.

Try as the Slugs might, they just could not get anything going in the second frame. The only thing that kept us in the game at this point was the goaltending of Mark Hughes, who made a number of fine saves. The Squids added one more marker before the frame was up and we headed into the third period with a precarious one-goal lead.

At the start of the third it seemed as if the Slugs had awoken from their slumber. First Paddy Akerman started up where he had left off in the first period with a nice shot which beat the goalie. Then Todd (the red-nosed) McIntyre went in and with the assistance of his able-bodied wingers, Huser and Danny Akerman, popped in his second of the game. But the Squids stormed back with two quick goals of their own to make it 7-6.

At this point we realized that this could become the type of game

where the last shot on net could win it, so we grabbed McIntyre on the bench, rubbed his nose and threw him out on the ice.

Our scheme worked. McIntyre picked up the puck, roared down the ice and buried a shot over the goalie's glove hand to restore our two-goal cushion.

But as soon as he came off the ice, the Squids scored again and it

took Paul Sinclair to feed a perfect pass to Danny Akerman for the final marker of the game. The score at the final buzzer was 9-7 for the good guys.

While things are obviously clicking along for the Slugs right now, it is hard to say how much longer this can continue. After all, if McIntyre's nose is like Aladdin's lamp, you only get three wishes.

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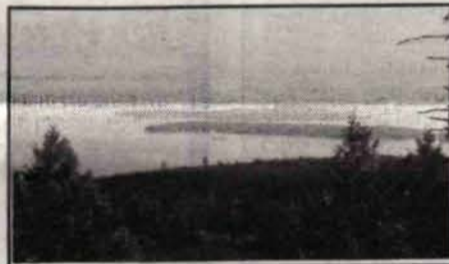
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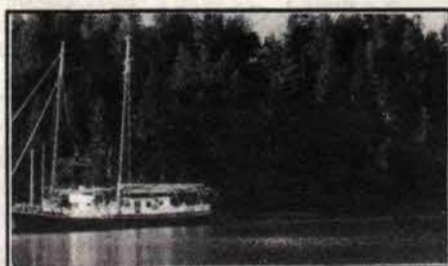
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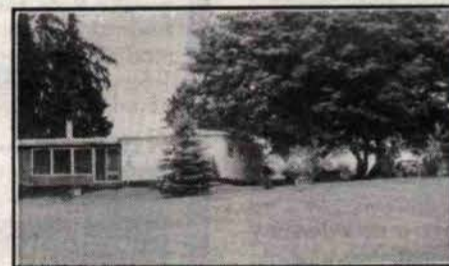
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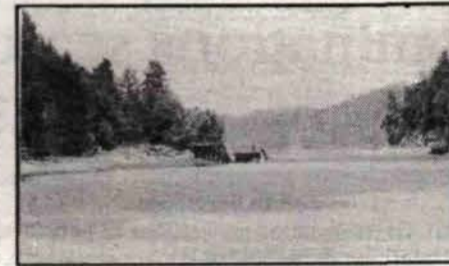
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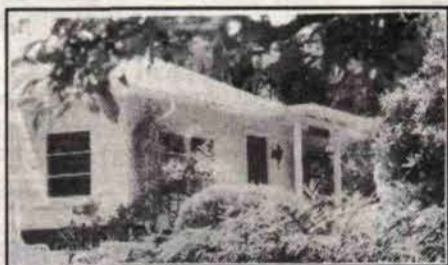
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bridge tricks

Gulf Islands Duplicate Bridge Club winners on January 10 were, North/South: Don Nemeth and Noel Fowles, Rosemary and Bill Hook, Fred Struve and Peter Jaquest. East/West: Althea Morrisette and Wanda Pietrzak, Joan Conlan and Conhor Hunt, Ian Chisholm and Brian Dawson.

On January 11, North/South: Gordon Hutton and Irene Hawksworth tied with Donna Taylor and Dawny Scarfe in first place, Fred Struve and Peter Jaquest. East/West: June Knowles and Norm McConnell, Lois Johnson and Bill Buckler, Joan Conlan and Trevor Taylor.

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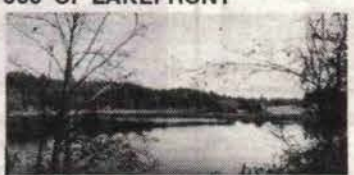
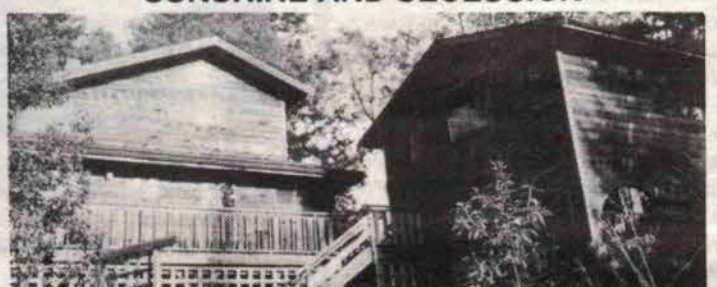

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The search is on for nominations for the Order of British Columbia (OBC), the province's highest award.

The OBC is awarded annually to 12 people who have excelled in any field, benefiting the people of B.C. or elsewhere, the minister responsible for the award said last week.

Robin Blencoe said candidates are individuals who have made "remarkable contributions in community service, sports, the arts, labour, business, research and the professions."

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Islanders feel effects of ferry fares on tourism

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

According to news reports British Columbia Ferry Corporation is running into a "sea of red ink." Prime reason for their losses is said to be the southern Gulf Island routes. Further raises in fares are likely, it is also reported.

As users of the ferries to Tsawwassen and to Swartz Bay, we wonder why our two routes are being singled out as the funnel responsible for draining the company coffers.

Have our Gulf Island runs ever made money for B.C. Ferries and should they really be expected to do so?

Granted, we now require larger ships and these must be paid for, but the costs of new vessels are doubtless amortized over a number of years — as are, we hope, the costs for the new super ferries now entering service on the main lines.

A feeling is abroad here that the readying of the recently announced Victoria-Seattle luxury vessel and its improved docking facilities may improve the government's image and also be popular with Victoria's merchants and the hospitality industry generally, but is it really necessary for the people of the province as a whole?

Where is the money for these conversions actually coming from, they ask.

Some Galianoites argue that B.C. Ferries' 1993 fare structure to

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the islands did not help the economy here. It had, in fact, a negative effect.

Visitors from the mainland were hit with a \$42 fare from Tsawwassen (one car, two persons) and arrived on the island a bit in shock. They often did not realize it would cost them less to go home again (\$20).

But the damage was done, and it was sometimes reflected in their attitudes and in purchases made, or more likely not made, while on the island.

Their displeasure was not felt by the ferry authority and the government who set the rates, but by islanders trying to eke out a living here.

Now, we understand, with winter discount fares in effect, it is cheaper to travel from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay and back than it is to go from the mainland terminal to Galiano and back — about half the distance, and on ships which offer much inferior service.

We wouldn't know about these cheaper "slow season fares," however, as we can't use them here. Many islanders don't use the ferries as often as did — they are now just too expensive.

Logging up and down the road

Travellers up and down Porlier Pass Drive will have noticed several small sites where logging is taking place.

At the North Community Hall trees were removed recently as they threatened the safety of parked cars, hydro lines and the hall building itself. Two truckloads were taken away as marketable timber.

At Cook Road, householders are marketing selected trees from the part of their property adjacent to Porlier Pass Drive, and further south, around the North Galiano No. 1 fire hall, more logging has begun. This is being done by a local logger for the owners of the land, Barbara Coward and Steve Garrod. The couple bought District lot 81 from MacMillan Bloedel shortly after the company put their Galiano holdings on the market about two years ago.

It is perhaps not generally known that the land on which North Galiano's No. 1 fire hall sits does not belong to the community. The lease for the use of this 25-metre-square portion of District

Lot 81 was arranged with MacMillan Bloedel by former president Hart Scarrow about 1982. This small area was one of a very few pieces along the main road where the land was relatively level and not already in private hands.

Lot 81 has very little road frontage and the piece on which the fire hall sits is separated from the rest of the 120-acre lot by a cliff accessible only "by mountain goats."

The 115 or so acres beyond the cliff is difficult to get to. Monastee Road is the closest access road, but it ends on private land and the department of highways insists on any new road meeting legal standards — paved and with a gentler

grade (this will require blasting). The cost of all this, which must be borne by the folk concerned, makes its completion highly unlikely.

Coward and Garrod are logging the portion of their lot near the fire hall in order to enable them to put in a mobile home so that they can enjoy their recently purchased wilderness acreage.

A new lease for the area on which the fire hall sits is currently being worked out with the community association.

Annual meeting

The Galiano Ratepayers will hold their annual meeting and election of officers at the Galiano Activity Centre on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Mild weather helps islanders burn off Christmas pounds

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Life on Saturna is humming along as islanders are making the most of the mild weather. Gardeners are being drawn out of doors and wishing the days were longer. The temperature is perfect for strenuous work or play. Locals can be seen everywhere, digging, chopping, cycling, and jogging, burning off those extra Christmas pounds.

Social life during the winter is reminiscent of days 10 years ago (or even 15 so I am told), when everyone knew everyone else and any gathering took on the atmosphere of an extended family house party.

This January several such events are planned, including the Lions' Burns Night dinner on the 22nd. Tickets are still available at both stores. The traditional roast beef and haggis will be followed with an evening of dancing to live music. A raffle will be held for a night at Victoria's Empress Hotel, valued at \$350. Get your tickets soon so you won't miss this enjoyable evening and come out to sup-

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port a worthy cause.

On Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. George Taylor will lead the regular Sunday service at St. Christopher's Church followed by the annual

to the top two players of the evening and points are compiled for an annual award. Everyone is invited to drop in and join the fun and help raise money for Timmy's Telethon.

Congratulations to Harvey Janszen and Pam Johnson who are planning a wedding at St. Christopher's Anglican church.

On February 11 at 8 p.m. the Vancouver Wind Trio will perform at the Community Hall. This is the second performance offered by the Saturna Concerts Society. If you do not have your season tickets yet call Anne Popperwell before the concert to arrange for your admission.

Line dancing is coming to Saturna on Saturday, February 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. A sign-up list will be posted at the Narvaez Bay Trading Company for this afternoon workshop. The cost is \$10 per person.

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general meeting. Coffee, tea, and sticky buns will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, January 29 is Lions crib night. This is a family night of cards and fun. Prizes are awarded

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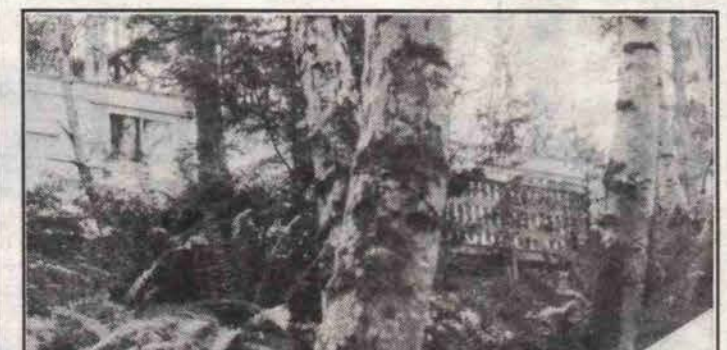
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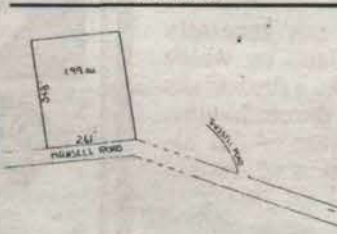
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