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International adoption

*Gift of a child
matches none other*

By SUSAN LUNDY
Driftwood Staff

Maureen Gix's story is replete with the emotion, drama, and amazing detail contained in any mother's account of her child's birth.

She vividly recalls plans and dreams, the agony of waiting, and the momentous instant when her eyes first touched her daughter's face.

And although the Salt Spring woman's account begins with a pregnancy — several pregnancies — her birth story does not involve Lamaze classes and strange food cravings, nor does it include a frenzied ride to the hospital, blowing, breathing and pushing.

Her birth story culminates at a Seattle airport. It embraces a crowd of people; a voice shouting, "Run! Run to your baby!" and a mother's eyes so full of joyous tears that she can hardly see the tiny, black face in the bundle delicately clenched by the woman standing at Gate Eight.

And that, in part, is how baby Emily was born to Maureen and Chris Gix.

"No gift in this world compares to the gift of a child through adoption," Maureen Gix says. And two years after the Christmas that Emily entered their lives, the Gixes are still celebrating the process of international adoption that brought them their greatest present ever.

Maureen, a nurse in the special care nursery at Victoria General Hospital, and Chris, an x-ray technician at the same hospital, married on Salt Spring in 1988. Eventually they recognized a desire to parent together and they eventually conceived. Then, they were devastated by a miscarriage:

"It was such a wanted pregnancy," Maureen Gix recalls. "We were so full of joy and happiness — and then we were right at the other end. But it made us realize how much we wanted to parent."

After several other miscarriages, it became apparent Gix was unable to carry a child. The couple

turned to Hope Service, an open (where the mother remains a part of the adopted child's life) adoption agency based in Abbotsford, and after a series of psychological tests, seminars and role playing events, determined that yes, they definitely wanted to adopt a child.

Maureen Gix was attending a child health conference in Vancouver when she discovered the Adoptive Parents Association of B.C. She called and was invited to a Thursday night meeting which was focusing on adopting interracially from the United States.

She entered the room and was thunderstruck by the sight.



Chris Gix

"There were all these little chocolate kisses and their white parents. These children were so beautiful and I suddenly realized a child is a child is a child. The colour of their skin is irrelevant. They all have the same needs and they all develop the same way."

This crucial discovery led the Gixes to the Open Door — a non-profit adoption agency in Georgia. The Open Door involves a group of people who believe that if a woman decides to carry a baby and place it in an adoptive home, then she needs counselling and support in very practical ways. The agency also spends time getting to know potential adoptive parents who become more "than a



JOYFUL UNION: Now two-years-old, Emily Gix was the greatest Christmas present Maureen and Chris Gix ever received. And because they

are so happy with the experience of parenting Emily, the couple is looking at adopting a second black child in the spring.

Photo by Susan Lundy

piece of paper."

Adoptive parents prepare a "life book" which includes wedding pictures, the story of them as a couple and a "dear birth mother" letter.

"This is a really difficult letter to write," Maureen Gix says. "You have to be honest and you become very vulnerable — laying open a range of emotions. You include your feelings about her as a woman bearing a child to give to us."

From this, the birth mother chooses her child's adoptive parents.

The adoptive parents pay about \$8,500. The money covers the birth mother's pre-natal care and counselling, delivery in an approved hospital, the baby's hospital care, court work, immigration and the baby's air flight.

"We couldn't give money to the mother, but we could ensure the protection of her body. It is one thing we can do to thank her."

The Gixes decided to wait for a child from Hope Services until November 1, 1992. On that day, they called the Open Door and said they were ready.

Emily was born November 5, but because she was premature, she was hospitalized and the Gixes were not informed of her arrival until two weeks later. And then began their most amazing birth story.

Maureen Gix received the call

10 minutes before a class was due at her home.

"I was crying on this end of the phone and she was crying on the other end. I still have the piece of paper that I scribbled down 'four pounds and 12 ounces.' The writing is all shaky.

"My first thought was that I had to let my husband know. All I could do was blubber on the phone."

"We couldn't give money to the mother, but we could ensure the protection of her body. It is one thing we can do to thank her."

Then her class began to arrive.

"There I was standing in full health, tears running down my face, saying 'I just had a baby!'"

Emily was ready to travel the second week of December, but by this time Christmas activity had flooded the airlines.

"We desperately wanted to have our baby in our house for Christmas and we worked hard with the flight coordinator to arrange it."

Finally all was organized. Emily

would arrive with an Open Door grandmother at the Seattle airport December 19. The couple, along with Maureen Gix's mother, travelled to Seattle the night before Emily was due. The latter, who came to figure prominently in this birth story, was openly apprehensive about adopting a coloured child, Maureen Gix recalls.

After a restless night, they arrived at the airport one hour early. When the time came they went to what they thought was the correct gate and looked for the obvious — a white grandmother with a black baby.

"We waited and waited. What if they didn't come?"

Maureen Gix's mother was sent to another gate and the Gixes waited at the luggage area. Finally the PA system called them to Gate Eight.

"We hopped on a train. It could not go fast enough and, of course, Gate Eight was at the very end of the airport."

As they got closer an excited woman appeared, encouraging them to hurry. "Run! Run to your baby!" she urged them.

A crowd had gathered. People on the plane knew that baby Emily was going to a new home and they were eager to see the union of parent and child.

"I remember Chris saying something about my mother stand-

GIX ADOPTION C5

Adoptive parents benefit from exposure to new cultures

Two island couples who have adopted internationally say the experience has introduced them to the music, food and festivities of a new culture.

And furthermore, having encountered no racist antagonisms on Salt Spring, they feel the island is an excellent place to raise children of different nationalities.

Simon and Louise Henson, who "became a family" with Peruvian baby Angeline on May 11, 1990 (see related story on C5), are eager to join their daughter in learning about and understanding her Peruvian background.

They celebrate Peruvian holidays, eat South American food, play music inherent in Angeline's culture, and have items from

Peru throughout their home.

"One of our main goals is to make it (Angeline's culture) come alive," says Louise Henson. "We are learning Spanish . . . and we try to meet as many South American people as possible."

Henson says that as someone who grew up with racism in her family, adopting a child of a different colour has been "the ultimate way to transcend that value. I look at people of colour differently now. I'm more sensitive and encompassing."

The same holds true for Henson's father, she says. "A few little cuddles in grandpa's arms, and she (Angeline) has become the light of his life."

Chris and Maureen Gix say the adoption of black baby Emily from Georgia in 1992 has brought them a new awareness of black culture and history and, on a much more practical level, how to look after a black child's hair.

"We are much richer culturally," Maureen Gix says.

Interaction with other black people is really important to Emily, Gix notes. At two-years-old, Emily is very aware of the difference in her skin colour and "gravitates" toward other black people.

"We want her to see herself as part of a flow in the world: as a person of worth and not colour. We have to go out of our way to ensure Emily understands she is not black

and different, but black and unique."

Gix says she has never had a negative comment about Emily's colour on Salt Spring — she believes Salt Spring is more tolerant of differences than other places — but does not delude herself that those comments will never occur.

"Our goal is to teach Emily to go to school and when the children say 'ha, ha, you're black,' she'll turn around and say 'don't you wish you were.'"

The Hensons also realize they must prepare Angeline from the often cruel ridicule of other children.

"We hope to help her build a strong sense of self esteem for everything, including her colour," Louise Henson says.

Clean, clinical: Happy Winter Break

It's this great season of Winter Break. It's the time of year when we all wish each other a Merry Winter Break. We send Winter Break cards to each other and we exchange Winter Break presents.

We remember the deathless verse that tells us "Winter Break comes once a year." And fond memories surge into our winter-brains of past Winter Breaks and past Winter Break turkeys.

Some of us older citizens might even recall the evil days of Pre-Winter Break, when we hung our stockings out for gifts from the fictitious and absurd Santa Break.

Nice and clean and clinical, isn't it?

My problem is that I suffer severe attacks of nostalgia. While we rejoice at the elimination of those things of the past I suffer the abominable abdominal pains that come from their loss.

I used to enjoy those wicked days and the wicked ways of an old-fashioned Christmas. I cannot accept that Mr. Dickens might have improved his works had he referred to the Ghost of Winter Breaks Past.

There was a time when I was passionately attached to the beloved Saint Nicholas, whether he came in the guise of Santa Claus or Pere Noel or Father Christmas. And some of those ancient verses wouldn't even scan.

"Old Father Christmas;
Do you know what he did?
He upset the cradle
And out fell the kid!
The kid began to bubble;
He hit him with a shovel...
and O-U-T spells 'Out!'"

So ran one of the dozens of children's elimination games. But try to set it up in these enlightened times:

"Old Father Winter Break..."
I've given up trying to adapt nostalgia to grim reality. It gets me nowhere and I keep humming those old Winter Break carols, like "Good Queen Wenceslas," and "I'm Dreaming of a White Winter Break!"

Now, I've blown it! It's more than likely that Father Christmas has become Mother Winterbreak.

Better, far better, we go back to tradition. And confusion take the addle-pates who see further than their noses, but not far enough from their thumbs!

I shall enjoy a Christmas

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turkey, attend a Christmas service, receive Christmas cards, which I no longer send, and happily bawl out Christmas carols when there is nobody around to hear.

I shall continue to deplore the elimination of Christianity from Christmas and the loss of any one of those aspects of Christmas which have been so long a part of my life.

I might even give away a Christmas present or two and I might even get two or three.

If you want a Winter Break, enjoy it! You may never know what you are missing! For mine, I shall have a merry Christmas!

I shall also enjoy a pork pie for breakfast on Christmas morning. The breakfast pork pie is a custom in my family. Maybe it only goes back to my grandparents. Perhaps my forebears were eating wild board pie in the middle

ages. I'm not so sure my family goes back that far.

The other day I was talking about pork pies for Christmas with Gary Lundy. He recalled the pork pie as a French custom and identified it as a "tortiere." He tells me that the pie was commonly eaten upon the family's return home from Midnight Mass.

Further north, my family postponed the pie until breakfast time. Indeed, as a small boy I was not permitted to attend church at midnight and the French ruling might have left me without pie.

For years I have made my own pork pies; sometimes excellent and other times unfit to eat. Now I have at least one daughter devoted to the preparation of the perfect pork pie.

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DEC. 24: Christmas Eve, candle light service, Ganges United Church, 7:30pm.
JAN. 19: Fabric Guild Potluck, 670 Walker Hook Rd., 6:30pm.

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
- Stamp Collectors all ages, Seniors For Seniors, 10am.
- Cancer Support Group, Croftonbrook 10am.-12 noon (every 3rd Wednesday).
- GISS Parents Group, School Library, 7:30pm (2nd Wednesday of the month).
- Narcotics Anonymous, Alano Club, Rainbow Rd. 7-8pm.
- Core-Inn Committee Meetings, Core-Inn on McPhillips, 4:30-6pm.
- Special Olympics Bowling, Bowling Alley, 10am-11am.
- Yoga level II, Ganges United Church, 9:15-11:15.
- Except 2nd, O.A.P.O. Br. #32, Looney tea & video, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.

EVERY THURSDAY

- Every 1st, 3rd & 5th, building fund-bingo, Meaden Hall, 7pm.
- Salt Spring Weavers & Spinners Guild, 10:30-2pm.
- Seniors for Seniors lunches, 11:30 & 12:30, by reservation.
- Scottish Dancing, New Anglican Church Hall, 7-9pm.
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club, Central Hall, 7-9pm.
- Gut Support Group, rm S208, High School, 7pm. (every last Thurs. not in Dec.)

EVERY FRIDAY

- Smiles Cafe, Ganges United Church, 12-1pm.
- Kids Klub, Community Gospel Chapel, 6-11 yrs., 3:15-5:00pm.

EVERY SATURDAY

- Narcotics Anonymous, Community Centre, Fulford Ganges Rd., 7-8pm.
- Book Sale, downstairs at library, 10am-12:30pm.
- Steak dinners and dancing, Legion, 6:00pm.

EVERY MONDAY

- 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 Mon. ea. mo.).
- Adult 22 rifle shooting, SSI Rod & Gun Club, 7-9pm.
- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 12 noon.
- Taoist Tai Chi, for Seniors, Lower Central Hall, 10am.
- 8-12 year olds roller hockey, Portlock Park, 11am-2pm.
- Story time for preschoolers, Public Library, 9:30-10am.
- OAPO #32 carpet bowling, Lower Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- French Conversation Group, Seniors for Seniors, 10:15-11:30am (except last Monday of mo.)

EVERY TUESDAY

- Duplicate Bridge, Meaden Hall at the Legion, 7pm.
- Chess Club meeting, new High School, rm 204, 7pm-10pm.
- 8-12 year olds soccer, Portlock Park, 11am-2pm.
- Breast Cancer Support Group, Church, Drake Rd. 7pm, (every 2nd & 4th Tues).
- Seniors choir practices, Seniors for Seniors, 10:30am.
- Yoga level 1, Ganges United Church, 9:30-11:00.
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Grade 11

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Grade 12:

Zoe Bennett, Amber Cartwright, Katherine Emmings, Nicki Esau, Alicia Gopp.

Winners announced

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on December 12 were as follows: Jane McAllister and Peter Jacquest; Joan Conlan and Gordon Hutton; Mona Coulter and Jenny MacDonnell; Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon.

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Jacquest; Bunny Jordan and Jim Bradford.

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On May 11, Simon, Louise and Angeline Henson celebrate Family Day: the day baby Angeline, dressed in white lace, was brought through a set of gates in Peru and presented to her adoptive parents.

"I burst into tears," Louise Henson recalls. "Then she was handed to me and I know that I just glowed."

When the Hensons decided to adopt a child in 1989, they were not eligible for a provincial adoption. At 41 and 47, their ages were prohibitive, and they had only been married six months. Through the Adoptive Parents Association of B.C. they became familiar with the countries from which they were eligible for a private adoption. Among these were Peru, Haiti, Mexico, China, Thailand, Brazil and India.

Peruvian culture appealed to them and the ground for adoption had already been broken by a number of families in Vancouver. They spoke with parents of Peruvian children and "fell in love with the kids."

A "package" described the steps to take and the Hensons "set the bureaucracy in motion" in the fall of 1989.

A collection of personal information had to be sent to their Peruvian lawyer. This involved a home study, undertaken by a private social worker, medical reports, character witnesses and psychological assessments.

They indicated their preference for a newborn, baby girl and "waited for the call."

That call came in April, 1990. They learned Angeline had been born and they needed to be in Peru within two weeks.

Then began their mad dash to make final arrangements here. They discovered workers at the Peruvian consulate in Vancouver took "long lunch hours" and the day of their flight, saw Louise Henson rushing via taxi to the consulate, having the final papers signed and rushing back to the airport with less than an hour to spare.

On the airplane, Louise Henson recalls desperately reading a parenting resource book and thinking "I'm not ready for this — I don't even know how to change a diaper."

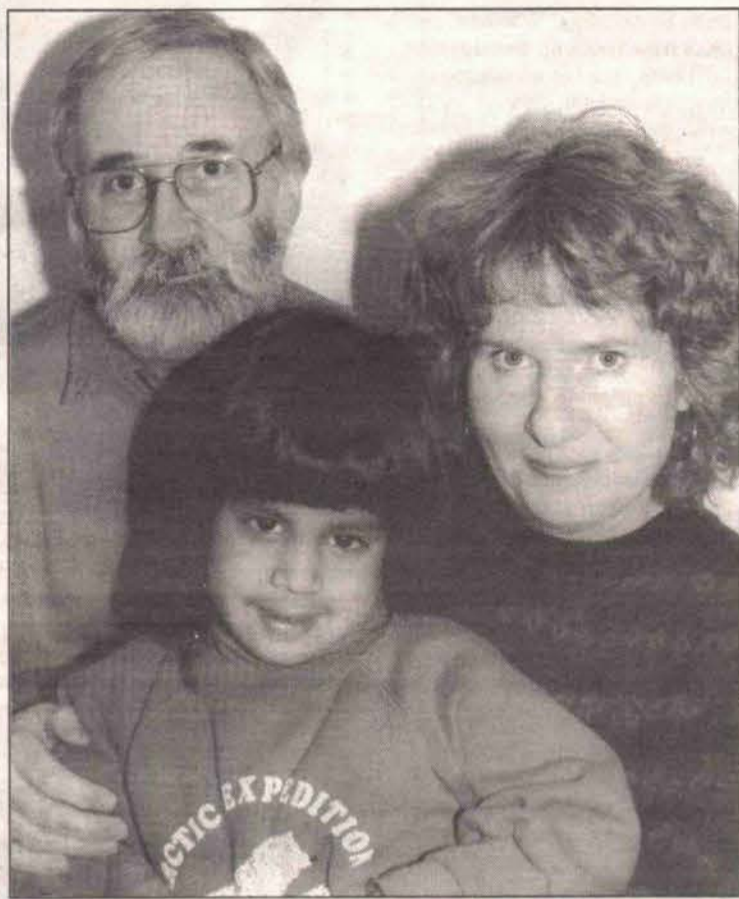
They arrived in Lima, Peru at 6 a.m. and the same day — May 11 — they were united with Angeline.

Then followed another several weeks (three for Simon Henson and seven for Louise Henson) of "bureaucracy" — more interviews, tests and examinations, more paper work, more legal wrangling.

Louise Henson then endured a 22-hour flight from Lima to Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria, followed by a ferry ride.

"I remember getting off the plane and there was Simon, beaming from ear to ear."

International adoptions from



CELEBRATING UNIQUENESS: Simon, Louise and Angeline Henson are happy with the process of international adoption that brought them together in May, 1990. Photo by Susan Lundy

Peru are different now, Louise Henson says. They are government controlled. In fact, the motion is set to standardize international adoptions throughout the world, preventing corruption and abuse of the system.

Henson has a "sense" that a number of people are now looking toward international adoptions. It can take eight to 10 years to complete a government adoption — and many couples don't find out

they are unable to have children until well into their relationship.

She also believes the cost of international adoption, which varies from situation to situation, is not prohibitive: international adoptions "are in reach of anyone who makes it a priority," she says.

And in the meantime, the Hensons will celebrate three birthdays in their family, and join together on May 11 for a very special family day.

GIX ADOPTION

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ing by the Coke machine, holding a baby," Maureen recalls. "But everything was blurry. I couldn't see a thing."

Those moments that the new grandma spent with baby Emily sealed the bond between them, Maureen Gix says. "She kept telling me to dry my eyes and look at the baby."

On the way back to the hotel, Gix was overcome by a sense of vulnerability. This special care nursery nurse, who has changed a thousand diapers and dealt with children in the most extreme situations, was unsure what to do first.

"Once we got to the hotel — all the girls at the counter knew what was happening — we took all her clothes off and peered at this little doll."

The Gixes have retained some contact with Emily's birth mother through the Open Door and have received one letter from her to Emily.

"It was very simple and from her heart. We wish we had more to help Emily understand that she has two loving families. We would love for Emily to some day meet her sisters."

However, Emily may soon have an adopted sibling on Salt Spring.

"We have had so much fun parenting Emily, we don't want to not do it again," Maureen Gix says.

The couple called the Open Door in August, indicating they were considering another adoption, and were told they could have a baby girl "yesterday." They are looking toward their second adoption next spring and are now "eating a lot of spaghetti" and growing "number two fund."

Maureen Gix can't say enough about the adoption experience.

"Our emotional attachment to Emily was instant. I wouldn't have felt any different if I had given birth to her. There is this overwhelming feeling of love. And it brings back what it has cost this birth mother to give us her child. What an incredible gift."

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Teens launch bulletin board with emphasis on young users

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring's cyberspace community has a new node.

NeXus is the creation of 14-year-old Travis Beals and partner Joel Carter, who is also 14. Beals has been tapping on a computer keyboard since he was four years old and logging on to other people's bulletin boards for the past five or six years.

Home-schooled himself, last year he started a private bulletin board which served a group of home schoolers. NeXus is his first venture into a larger system which is open to the public. "It's something that interested me," he explained.

NeXus is set up on a Macintosh but can be accessed by both Macintosh computers and DOS-based computers using Windows. Two telephone lines, each connected to a 14.4 modem, lead into the NeXus version of cyberspace.

In two weeks, NeXus has attracted 30 to 50 explorers, Beals said.

For all who call in, the first month is free. Beals asks those who stay on-line to pay \$4 a month in order to help defray the cost of the telephone lines and long-distance charges to connect with other bulletin boards. He estimates he needs 20 users to cover his operating costs.

There are also hardware costs. The latest addition to the system was a 500-megabyte hard drive to allow storage of more messages and files.

To encourage new users, Beals has organized a special promotion revolving around the popular game, Magic: The Gathering. For the 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th and 50th callers, he has booster packs of the cards required to play the game.

If someone wins who does not play the game, Beals offers an additional free month of membership on NeXus.

At the moment, Beals is trying to attract teenage members to the

bulletin board, although he stresses that all ages are welcome.

He notes teenagers tend to have more time to spend on the board, posting messages and participating in conferences. Conferences now carried by NeXus are geared to younger users and include Star Trek, Deep Space Nine, OneNet Friends and Teen Talk Dating.

However, Beals said he will consider requests from any users to carry conferences relating to his or her interests.

The bulletin board uses First Class Software, an easy-to-use, graphical interface in which pictures or icons on the screen represent the various functions. For example, a mail box denotes electronic mail, a globe leads into the international OneNet conferences, files are available by clicking on a file folder and a newspaper icon leads into the "hot news" of the day. To help new users, Beals has created a small manual explaining the system and the commands.

Games are a large part of NeXus. In the Games Room are computer versions of chess and Diplomacy as well as a discussion group on Magic: The Gathering. Also planned are two role-playing games.

The system is connected to two networks, the FishNet of B.C. bulletin boards using First Class software and the international OneNet, another group of bulletin boards which use First Class software.

Every night a long-distance call connects NeXus with a bulletin board system in Vancouver so messages can be exchanged between systems. It is possible to send a message around the world via OneNet, Beals said.

His system uses the same software and is linked to the same First Class conferences as RavenNet, the bulletin board system started last spring by Mark Classen. Beals admits there is some overlap in users of both systems — and in the users who sign

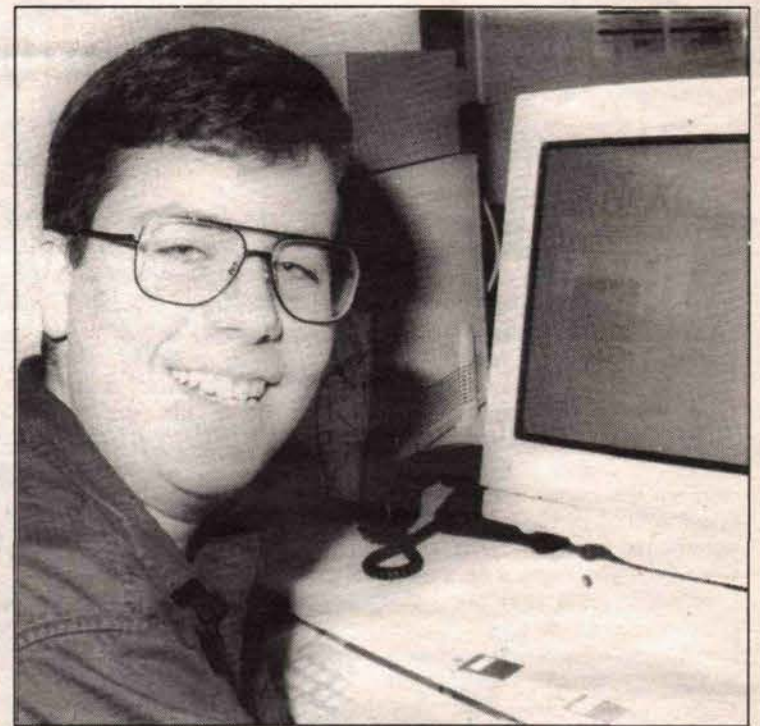
on to Stonehenge, Warren Grant's DOS-based bulletin board system.

"There is a bit of competition for users and the time of users to write messages," Beals remarked. "Each bulletin board is sort of for a different interest group."

For Beals, NeXus is a fascinating hobby. He is enjoying making the system work and participating in discussions with other system operators.

"Through OneNet you can communicate with people across the world who share your interests," he observed.

He hopes to find more people on Salt Spring interested in connecting their computers and modems with NeXus. Disks with the required software are available at Galaxy Collectables in Gasline Alley. NeXus can be reached by calling 653-9871.



CONNECTED: Travis Beals has his new bulletin board, NeXus, ready for callers. The board features an easy-to-use graphical interface and can connect to either Macintosh or DOS-based computers.

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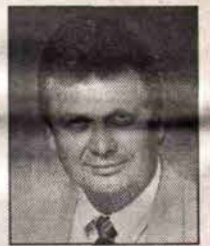


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Based on reports from travelers and the experiences of authors Paula Begoun, Stephanie Bell and Elizabeth Janda, this romantic travel guide ferrets out a long list of possible smooching stops.

Two places on Salt Spring earned the highest rating of four kisses. These were the endless views of Mount Maxwell, open to all, and the

Gulf Islands rated highly for kissing

exclusive and expensive elegance of the Hastings House Restaurant.

Mount Maxwell Park moved the authors to rapture.

"If you do nothing else on this island," they suggest, "you must witness the breathtaking panorama from up here and kiss passionately for at least a moment or two. ... Kissing isn't really mandatory but you'll find it very hard not to indulge, the sensory stimulation is that potent."

Hastings House, either as hotel or restaurant, was praised for its outstanding food, atmosphere and meticulous service. In contrast to the free views from Mount Maxwell Park, the price was described as "expensive to unbelievably expensive."

Earning three kisses were the breakfasts and accommodations at Beachhouse Bed and Breakfast and the Old Farmhouse Bed and

Breakfast. The wooden chalets and spa tubs at Salt Springs Seaside Island Resorts also earned three kisses as did the Welcome Aboard Sailing Charters.

Two-and-a-half smooches went to Sky Valley Place Bed and Breakfast, the Solimar resort cabin and three restaurants, Alfresco and Bouzoukis in Grace Point Square and House Piccolo in Ganges.

The Sunday tours of artists' stu-

dios earned two kisses as did Weston Lake Inn, Mallard's Mill Bed and Breakfast and Cranberry Ridge Bed and Breakfast. A kiss and a half went to Blencathra House Bed and Breakfast.

Other romantic spots earning kissing mention included Stone House Farm Resort on Saturna, Oceanwood County Inn and Fernhill Lodge Restaurant on Mayne, Galiano Lodge, Laidlaw's Bed and Breakfast and Woodstone Country Inn on Galiano and Cliffside Inn On-The-Sea on North Pender.



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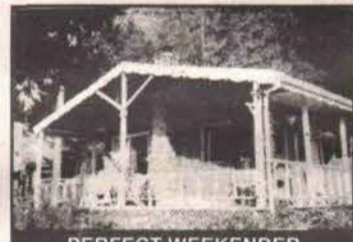
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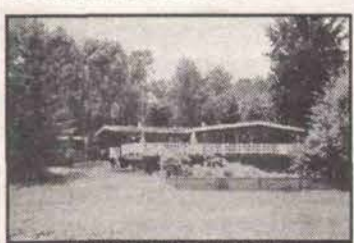
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December 10, 1964

• Shooting two tame deer, one a doe out of season and the other less than one year of age, cost a Richmond man a heavy fine and confiscation of his rifle and his hunting licence. John Tuffnail was fined \$175 following a trial in the Legion Hall.

Tuffnail and a companion, Edward Chernish of Richmond, both pleaded not guilty. Bruce Campbell testified that he heard shots outside his residence November 1. He saw a car about 80 yards away and heard the shouts of two men. The car drove off in the direction of Fulford, Campbell followed and found the 8 a.m. ferry had left Fulford for Swartz Bay. Campbell then discovered a dead doe 150 yards from his home and later discovered the second dead deer.

Cartridges found at the scene, which were identified as coming from the Richmond men's guns, and an admission by Tuffnail to RCMP that he had shot at some deer on Salt Spring, clinched the case. Chernish received a warning from the magistrate.

• A new solarium was to be added to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. The solarium was to include a lounge with facilities for games, television and a small library. The estimated cost of the addition was \$5,000 to \$6,000. Two-thirds of the cost was to be covered by private donations and one-third by a government grant.

Twenty-five years ago

December 11, 1969

• Salt Spring students who acted as extras when the movie *Explosion* was filmed on Salt Spring then discovered they could not see the film. The film was showing at a Victoria theatre and a group of young people went to see it. However, due to some partial nudity, the film was rated restricted and the young people were not allowed in the theatre. Adults who saw the film reported that Salt Spring was barely recognizable. The restricted scenes were filmed in Vancouver.

• Incumbent school board chairman George Heinekey and a newcomer, Ione Guthrie, topped the polls in the school board election. Also elected from Salt Spring were Harold Hoffman and George Lampier. Mayne Islanders elected Mrs. E. Ross and Saturna voters chose Thomas Davidson, ousting veteran trustee James Campbell, who had served on the board for 12 years. One of the election issues was the school and dormitory at Ganges. Davidson cited concern over disciplinary problems in the

DOWN THE YEARS

dormitory as a factor in his victory.

• Fares increased for flyers from the Gulf Islands to Victoria or Vancouver. Victoria Flying Services Ltd. raised the single fare to \$10, with a 48-hour return rate of \$15.

Twenty years ago

December 11, 1974

• A grant of \$22,251 from the provincial government was approved to add two tennis courts, a soccer field and do track and drainage work at the Lions recreation complex at Central.

• A 14-year-old was arrested by RCMP in connection with five recent burglaries in Ganges. Property was stolen from Embe Bakery, Mod 'n' Lavender, Ganges Boat Yard and other stores. Police report most of the property was recovered but money taken in the break-ins has not been recovered.

• Gulf Islands teachers achieved a 16.3 per cent pay increase at the end of negotiations for the coming year. The contract also included an extended health benefit with 50 per cent of the cost covered by the school district.

• Four Saanich Peninsula residents were charged with the death of a calf and theft of meat from a South Pender farm. George Henshaw discovered the slain animal the morning of November 7.

Fifteen years ago

December 12, 1979

• Jim Campbell of Saturna, the Outer Islands director to the Capital Regional District board, was chosen again as chairman of the board. During his eight years on the CRD, he had served as chairman for six. On the board for the first time was Salt Spring Island director Yvette Valcourt.

• CRD director Yvette Valcourt sent telegrams to the building inspection department and to the regional health officer directing them to stop issuing building and sewage holding tank permits in the Ganges area until the pollution control board had reached a decision on the proposed sewer system for Ganges. Although Valcourt said she recognized she could not direct regional district staff, she said the telegrams were intended as a strong protest. In response to Valcourt's actions, CRD chairman Campbell sent her a letter advising her that she could not direct CRD staff. Campbell also planned to meet with Valcourt and explain her role as a CRD director.

Ten years ago

December 12, 1984

• Tentative approval was given by the Islands Trust to a subdivision on South Pender Island which could double the population of the island. The 46-lot subdivision was to be developed on 470 acres and was to include a 300-acre park dedication.

• The Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission (APC) recommended the Salt Spring Trust Committee not proceed with the Fulford Harbour community plan. Problems with the plan were identified at a November 28 community meeting at which speaker expressed concern over over-regulation. One comment was that the plan covered too large an area, since the watershed and Isabella Point were included along with the Fulford village core. Although APC members recommended against adopting the plan, they suggested elements of it could be used in the future.

Five years ago

December 13, 1989


• A Salt Spring woman was charged with trafficking in marijuana after Ganges RCMP seized between \$50,000 and \$100,000 worth of pot from a Fulford area residence. The seizure followed a routine vehicle check, which unearthed a small amount of cocaine and marijuana. A subsequent residential search led to discovery of a hydroponic growing operation and approximately 16 pounds of marijuana.

• A huge party was planned for Jarrod Booth, an eight-year-old cancer patient who was amassing a collection of Christmas cards expected to reach almost 10,000 cards by the December 16 party. At least 2,000 cards were expected to be presented at the party.

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Bearing gifts

Christmas is for kids and so are the bears. Cec Webb, left, was among Ganges liquor store customers who paid \$10 for two bears — one to keep and one for Santa's Workshop. Meanwhile, workshop volunteers Judy Willett and Bob Appleton display some of the toys the workshop has collected this year to go out with Christmas food hampers to needy islanders.

Photos by Tony Richards

Auction raises \$3,000 in funds

A Greenwoods art auction raised more than \$3,000 for the island's intermediate care facility. Greenwoods board vice-chairman, Ken Strike, said the art auction was a "grand success."

"We get a fantastic amount of support in the community," Strike said. "There are volunteers, people who donate money every year and people who come in and visit residents."

The number and range of items donated was large, some 14 artists took part and the auction was run by Arvid Chalmers. The art auction concluded an art exhibit which took place December 2 and 3. The money raised by the auction and raffle will go towards making the intermediate care facility "more like a home." The provincial government gives money for operating costs of the facility but the society has been raising extra money over the years for programs and expenses not covered by the provincial government.

A raffle was also held during the art event, and raffle winners were: Gwen Olson who won a two-hour cruise for ten people from Pauline Herberg; Pearl Graham who won a Ruckle lamb; and Debbie Cairns who won a Gordon Wales casserole dish.

Strike said the event was so successful there are sure to be others held in the year.

Robley is 4-H president

New officers have been elected by the Salt Spring 4-H Club.

New president is Christy Robley, vice-president is Lisa Baker, secretary is Lee Anne Shouldice, treasurer is Karen Stone and reporters are Arla Hillis and Laura Stone.

New members are welcome. More information is available from Barb Gerlitz at 537-5631.

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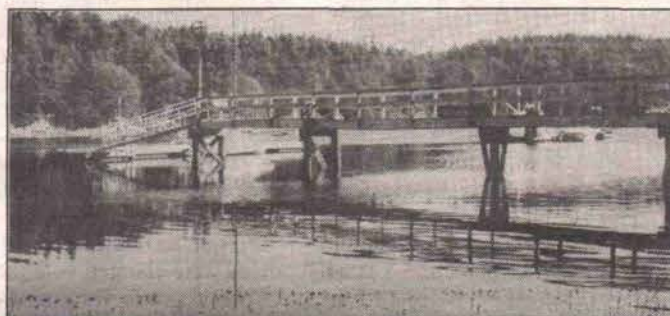
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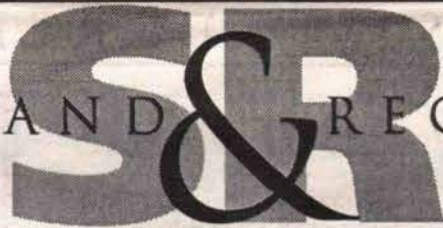
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"The hardest part is stopping"

Ski club hits the hills

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

Stopping on any slope might be the most difficult task for a novice skier. But wanting to stop skiing is harder for people who catch downhill fever.

Israel Nazariedoz is a Mexican exchange student at Gulf Islands Secondary School who joined the new ski and snowboard club and immersed himself in a classic Canadian sport with a trip to Mt. Washington on December 10 and 11.

"I have never seen so much snow," he said. After a few pointers from more experienced club members, he was able to appreciate it for more than aesthetic reasons.

"Skiing was really great," he said. "The hardest part was stopping. But after a few fall-downs I learned how to stop."

It was not only Nazariedoz's inaugural meeting with snow, it was the school club's first outing since being formed this fall.

Members Chris Huntley, Tara Campbell and Bejay Mills said the trip was a real success.

The only injury was suffered by Chris Leier, who somehow managed to damage his thumb. Dubbed "the walking disaster" by clubmates, they will be making special arrangements for his safety on the next trip.

"We'll have to take him up wrapped in rubber," joked Campbell.

Snowboarder Mills also had a few problems trying to dive into a snowbank. Everyone else hit luscious powder, but his faulty aim or bad luck sent him more than once into solid ice.

Besides multiplying the fun factor, travelling in a large group dramatically cut individual costs. Each person will pay about \$32 for travel and accommodation costs, when a solo skier would pay \$18.25 for a ferry ticket alone.

With annual ski trips no longer a part of life at GISS, Huntley and Campbell thought forming a recreational group would make skiing possible for at least some people.

"We really wanted to do something for kids who like skiing and snowboarding," said Huntley.

The club idea was immediately popular, with more than 40 people signing up. Unfortunately, only 20 can be accommodated at one time.

Teachers Mike Austin and Neill Armitage are the club's sponsor teachers. Parents Duart Campbell, Liane and Greg Watson also joined students on the Mt. Washington trip.

Huntley feels students enjoy being involved in the decision-making and organizing of trips, gaining some ownership of the process.

Everyone camped out in condominium #15, which turned out to be the longest hike to the lodge and lifts, but they didn't mind. It was also an ideal spot to create a

toboggan jump, confirming that staying overnight on Mt. Washington beats taking a motel in nearby Courtenay.

"You've got the whole mountain to play on," said Huntley.

While the club's short name is the "ski club," 11 of the 20 members are actually snowboarders.

Mills said he skied while liv-

"Some are really good skiers and snowboarders, and there are some who are just starting out," said Huntley.

Other club members are Dave and Jeff Walsh, Jesse Hlady, Alain Grange, Sebastian Goebel, Nick Bardon, Aaron McCartie, Bronwen Hogan, Dave and Chris Leier, Sonnen Sloan, Emma Yardley, Melissa Filion, Jenny Newall and Segovia Smith.

Raising funds for future ski trips is the club's other main activity. Donations from Thrifty Foods helped members raise funds from a hamburger sale in November, and further money raisers are being planned.

Longer trips, organized around professional development days, are in the works. At the same time, Huntley notes places like Whistler are probably too expensive even with the cost-cutting benefits of group travel.

They may return to Mt. Washington, which demands minimal travel time while allowing maximum runs on the mountain. "Mt. Washington probably has some of the best snow in B.C. anyway," said Mills.

And wherever the group decides to go next, Nazariedoz will definitely be there.

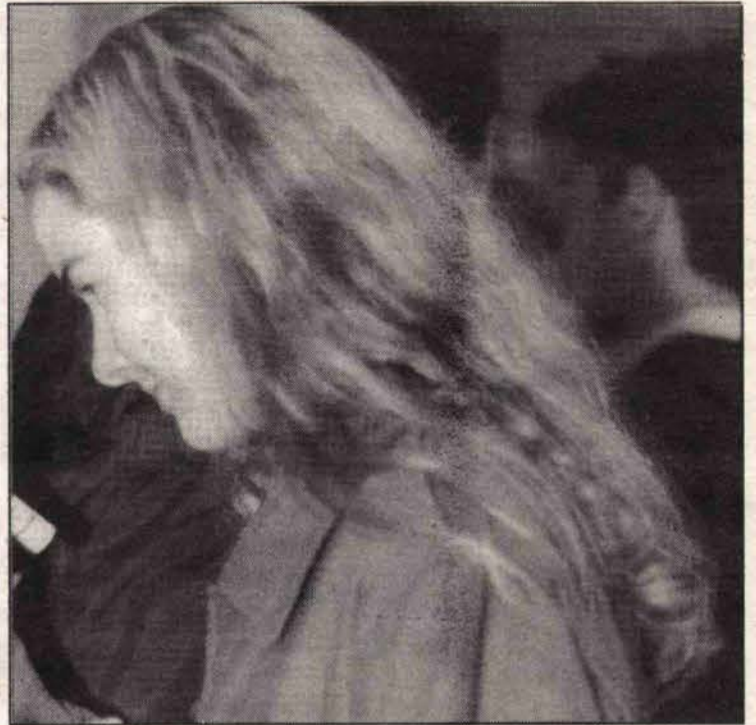
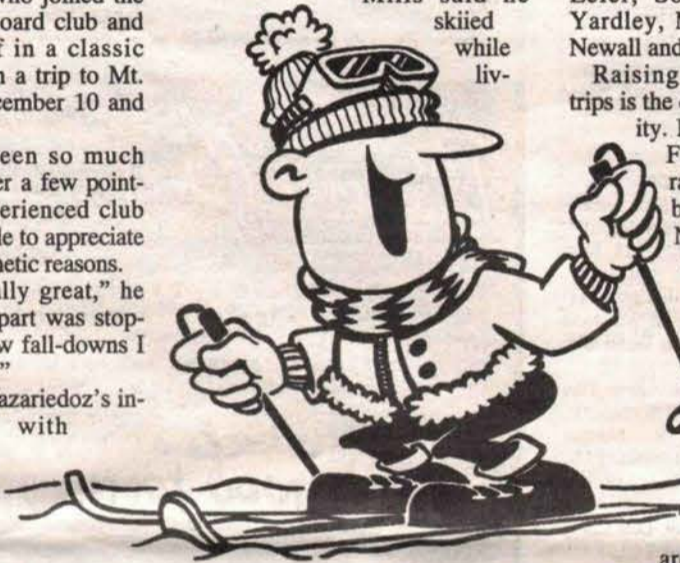
ing in Alberta but tried snowboarding three years ago. "I have never skied since," he said.

Campbell, on the other hand, is a loyal skier, who learned the sport with her parents.

"I don't think I would ever switch."

The club even has a telemark skier in Anna Squire.

But the club is not just for experts.



DREAMING OF SNOW: GISS recreational ski and snowboard club member Emma Yardley draws mountains in the school cafeteria prior to a club meeting. When club members are not on the slopes, they are fundraising and planning for their next trip.

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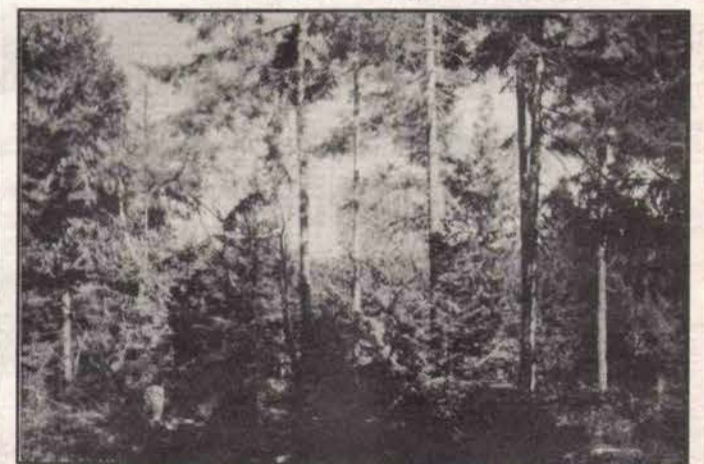
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'No names' tie mighty Scorpions

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

Gulf Island Scorpions / Gulf Islands School Staff 1

December 12 may go down in the annals of history as the day one of the most amazing upsets in Salt Spring soccer: a bunch of no names almost upset the mighty Scorpions boy's team.

Imagine if the province's number three team, the Scorpions, had fallen to defeat to the rag-tag team of staff, employees and friends — a team that had never even played one minute of soccer together.

The fact that the Scorpions did manage to salvage a tie saved total disgrace when one considers that the staff team played most of the game with 10 men and had no substitutes.

But, how could this happen? This is the team filled with speed, talent and led by "Mr. Vain" himself — Eric Byron? Was it a fluke? Did the Scorpions underestimate the mighty staffers? Or was the staff team that good?

These will be questions debated for long hours across the Christmas break, but certain details cannot be overlooked, mostly that the result was a shock.

The staffers started the game with only 10 men and after 10 minutes realized Doug "Codger" Pearson (also the Scorpions coach) would not be able to contribute due to an old injury. It should be noted as the game wore on, his contribution as a referee became very questionable.

Pearson's absence meant the staffers were down to nine, but not for long, as Jack Barclay streaked onto the field and immediately made his presence felt. He first timed a Graham Tweddle cross past a bewildered Scorpions' goalie for Staffers' goal and a hush throughout the large crowd of spectators.

The Scorpions tried to rally, but the staff defence of Mike Austin, Dave Morgan, Mark Nordine and this writer held firm.

Finally, Harrison Jason slipped a close-in shot home for the equalizer. But Staffers still claim the goal came two minutes after the half was over — a claim which fell on deaf ears of referee Pearson (we should never have let their coach officiate).

The Scorpions continued their relentless pressure in the second half, but Staffers' goalie Jim Pryor

was simply brilliant. One would never have known he had not played for years as he thwarted every and all the Scorpions' chances.

With Pryor's brilliance in the back, the Staffers offence, led by Corbin Scott, Barclay, Tweddle, Tony Mason and Eric McMahon, tried a late rally and almost did the impossible — unseat the number three team in B.C.

With the final whistle the Staffers should have collapsed from fatigue, but instead, the result gave them an uplifting glow that comes when one achieves a miracle, and with only 10 men.

Eric McMahon and his team of staffers have now gone into hiding for some secret training sessions (no, not with a physiotherapist) and plan a re-match against the Scorpions.

And who knows what may lay ahead — victories over F.C.? Maybe even a chance to meet a real powerhouse — the Old Boys? Stay tuned!

HIGH ROLLERS

By RUTH HUME
Driftwood Contributor

Tuesday morning Golden Agers: Isabelle Richardson 223, Audrey Illingsworth 202, Cliff Jory 232, Mike Elrington 224, John Richardson 202, 214/603.

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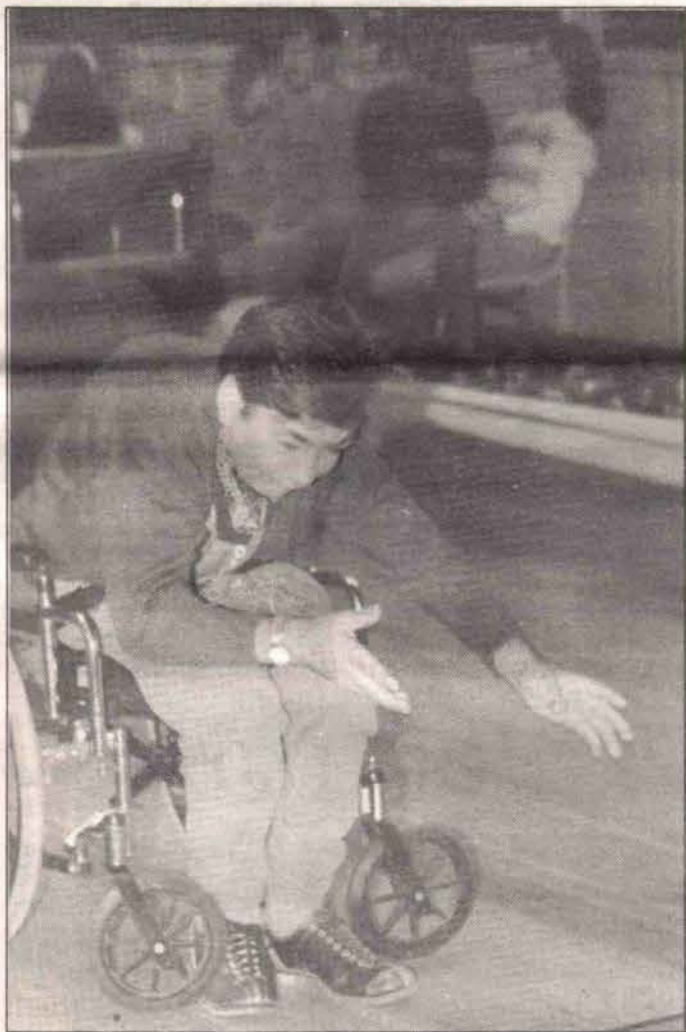
Friday afternoon Golden Agers: Dan Goodman 204, 213, Elizabeth Socher 200, Jack Godwin 222, 226/629, Deke Noonan 223, Nell Herbert 210, Ken Robinson 247.

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Wednesday evening: Brian Hartley 260, Maddy Cooper 231, 285, 239, Lois Coroy 248, 250, John Sutherland 240, Rene Sutherland 239, Lucille Marcotte 242.

Golf Ladies: Connie Hardy 222, 240/659, Lorraine Toller 201, Marge Cade 224.

Ladies Wednesday afternoon: Linda Ramer 202, 203, Shirley Bunyan 209, 242, Dee Kinney 215, Mary Walker 210, Margaret Farup 211, Sylvia Ryles 217, 206.

Pee Wees: Kara Huser 106, Jacque Harkema 118, Stephen Severn 100/109/108, Daniel Draper 106, Alyssa Dares 103, Steven Hansen 113, James Severn 132/166.



Down the middle

Dominic George sends a ball on its way during Special Olympics five-pin bowling action. The league meets every Wednesday at Kings Lane Recreation.

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By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Contributor

Christmas comes but once a year and for the Slugs it arrived a week early, which wasn't a moment too soon.

The Slugs won back to back games this week for the first time since the beginning of October and took a huge monkey off their collective backs in the process.

The first match saw the Slugs travel to Sidney to take on Squid Roe, a team that defeated us 7-4 in our only previous meeting this season. This game started off quickly — for the Roe. Less than a minute into the match Deadstop, no doubt feeling that Christmas giving spirit, passed the puck right out in front of his net and onto the stick of an opposition player, who wasted little time giving his team the lead.

But instead of getting discouraged, the Slugs got even, and then some. Just four minutes after Deadstop's gaff, Andy Naumann put the Slugs on the scoreboard after collecting a nice pass from linemate Dan Akerman and slipping it under a sliding goalie. Then, just 30 seconds later Naumann was at it again, only this time he one-timed a pass from his centreman, Paddy Akerman, while Dan Akerman held a defenceman at bay.

This gave the Slugs a huge boost of confidence and the whole team started taking it to the Roe at every opportunity. This paid off in spades for the team 12 minutes into the match when Pete Huser buried a beautiful pass from Todd McIntyre to give us a two goal cushion. Less than one minute after Huser's goal, Naumann

Slugs win — not one, but two!

swooped down with his linemates and after collecting a picture perfect pass from linemate Paddy Akerman, and using Danny Akerman as a screen in front, Naumann snapped one high over the netminder's shoulder and the Slugs were definitely on a roll.

Next it was McIntyre's turn, and he demonstrated to both clubs how tenacity can work to your advantage. First he took the puck over the Roe blueline and into their endzone, only to be poke checked by two converging defencemen. But this did not deter him. Before the opposition had a chance to clear the puck, McIntyre relieved them of its possession, turned and fired it at their net. The play worked, as the netminder was caught off guard and missed it completely.

Into the second period the Slugs continued their attack on the Roe and defenceman Claude Deschamp added an unassisted marker to put us up 6-1. Even with this comfortable lead the boys didn't let up. Three minutes after Deschamps' goal Danny Akerman recorded his first of the night.

Paddy Akerman took the puck deep into the corner and then fed a great pass out in front to brother Danny who was parked in front of the net like he was waiting for a bus. Danny, not one to look a gift horse in the mouth, quickly snapped the puck into the net. But he wasn't finished yet, for an encore he helped out his linemate

"Smokin" Naumann pick up his fourth goal of the night — equaling his seasons output in one game.

With the score 8-1 the Slugs got cocky and sloppy and the Roe quickly sent a wake up call. With just 19 seconds remaining in the second frame the Roe quickly lifted a rebound over a sprawling Mark Hughes, while Deadstop looked on.

Entering the final period the Slugs began to look like their old selves: slow, sloppy, and uncoordinated. The Roe took advantage of it immediately. Just 52 seconds

The Slugs game plan was simple — it had to be for us to understand it.

into the period they swooped down on Hughes who kicked out a couple of shots, only to have the opposition finally beat him. Fortunately for the Slugs, dangerous Danny Akerman and handy Andy Naumann came to the rescue at about the half way point of the period. Naumann moved the puck into the opponents end of the rink and then fed Akerman a great pass which he flipped over the goalie's glove. The Roe continued to put up a good effort and managed to add two more goals before the end of the match. But the final clincher was Paddy Akerman's goal from Paul Sinclair at the 17:50 mark which sealed it for the Roe. It seemed only fitting that Paddy should get the last marker after

collecting five assists in the game.

While we were understandably very happy with the win, we knew that we would not be really happy until we defeated the Mill Bay Jets, our final opponent of 1994, and a team which defeated us 3-2 in the dying seconds of our last match, a month ago.

The Slugs game plan was simple — it had to be for us to understand it. Just keep the shifts short and move the puck out of our end as quickly as possible. For some inexplicable reason we managed to carry out the plan and were rewarded early on when McIntyre won a face-off in the Jets' endzone and fed the puck directly back to Deschamps on the point. Deschamps got away a quick, low drive which hand-cuffed the netminder and gave us the early lead.

This did not last very long unfortunately. At the nine-minute mark the Jets tied the match after winning the face-off in the Slugs' zone and getting the puck back to the pointman who picked a corner on a screened Hughes.

This didn't slow down the Slugs. Just two minutes later McIntyre put the team back in the lead after taking on the tape pass from linemate Huser and snapping one home.

This, fortunately for the Slugs, was just the warm up act for McIntyre. Four minutes later "Mac Attack" swatted in a floating rebound to put us up by a pair.

Into the middle frame, the Slugs kept the roll going. First it was

McIntyre who scored, collecting a hat trick on the evening, at the five minute mark after being set up by linemate later Dan Akerman did likewise, after being set up by brother Paddy and Huser.

The Slugs entered the final frame up 5-1 and were quite confident of a win, always a dangerous mistake with this club. First Deadstop got a penalty for tripping, which the team managed to kill off, and then Dan Akerman got the gate for having too many bald spots, and the Slugs actually did something very unusual for them. They scored short handed, something for which Danny gladly accepted an assist on. But then things got a little dicey for the club. Deadstop, by this point, was playing like Rudolph the red nosed reindeer with a bulb blown, and McIntyre was slowed down after stepping on a Jets' defenceman's stick, doing a triple axle and landing on his back.

Add to that the fact that the referee had begun to feel sorry for the Jets and awarded them a goal which had clearly not gone in the net and you have the recipe for disaster. Fortunately, the troops rallied and even though the Jets did get another goal, it was all academic as the Slugs held on to win it by a final score of 6-3.

After the game the players could not have been happier if they had just attended a valium convention. Winning two games in a row following a run of one win the previous 11 games is just the ticket to warm the cockles of our hockey hearts. Now, if we could just have Pavel Bure turn up in our Christmas stocking, everything would be perfect.

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NO MATCH: Gulf Islands Secondary School's junior boys' basketball team was no match for the senior team, the Scorpions, Saturday during a three-day tournament. At left, Ian Baker, left, tries to block Andy Vickers while above, Ryan Smith looks for a teammate to pass to.

Photos by Tony Richards

Men's teams beat students

Older legs proved superior in last weekend's "alumni" basketball tournament held at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Two men's teams beat both school boys' teams, while the senior boys beat the juniors.

Final game winner on Saturday afternoon was a squad billing itself as "1981 GISS graduates," although only three of nine members were actually in that class. Some had not played basketball for quite some time, said team

member and tournament organizer Arnie Hengstler.

Although the scores were not important in the fun event, he said the 1981s beat the Salt Spring men's team "by about six or seven points."

"It was probably the best game of the tournament," he said.

Winning team members were Hengstler, Bill Hann, Rob Holmes, Jerry Keller, Kevin Klein, Amos Lundy, J.C. Tremblay, Kerry Walker and Steve Weatherby.

Senior boys team coach Myles Wilson said the games were close between his boys and the older guys.

"Everyone had lots of fun, which was the whole idea," he said.

The Salt Spring men's team was comprised of players who meet twice a week to play recreational basketball.

Hengstler hopes to hold a similar tournament next year, with even more GISS alumni teams getting involved.

Hawaii may be on basketball itinerary

Gulf Islands Secondary School basketball players could be swishing baskets in the sun by this time next year.

The senior boys team has been invited to a tournament in Hawaii on the third weekend of December in 1995, coach Myles Wilson said Monday.

"It would be a lifetime opportunity," he said.

The chance came about because NRS Salt Spring Realty agent Robert Campsall has been vacationing in Hawaii and learned a Duncan school team was playing there. Wilson is also an NRS agent and Campsall's son Mike is on the senior boys team.

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Old Boys' Christmas wishes include new appendages

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

In December one usually finds an Old Boy sitting in a cosy chair by a warm fire, hot rum in hand and eagerly awaiting the next edition of TSN's Soccer Saturday.

This December has been no different as wet weather and soggy fields have left the lads inactive — a state in which they find themselves whether on the field or off.

With mid-December now reached, the old geezers get their Christmas break until mid-January. It is a time to reflect on the fall season and prepare for more soccer in spring (this usually means lots of physiotherapy sessions, imbibing bottles of Geritol and restocking A535 and Advil).

For this writer, the break means a time to review the season so far and prepare a Christmas wish list for the lads.

The Old Boys record of 4 wins, 5 losses and 1 tie, is not too bad, considering the number of knee injuries (another sign of old age creeping in). The lads' ever-changing line-up has caused some inconsistency, but the strain of thinking while playing has also contributed to some of our problems.

Goal-keeping has not been a problem, as Tim "Wendell" Sturup has shown fearlessness and great agility, even as the Old Boys defence often leaves him all alone against opposing forwards. Due to Sturup's work schedule, Santa could bring him a little extra sleep for each game so he is more prepared for his defence.

Speaking of defencemen, one could say they, at times this year, have been like a giant sieve. If they were a fisherman's net, the

holes would be too big to catch any fish. This is not to say they have not had some strong games, but overall they lack the speed to catch a slug (any similarity to the Hockey Slug is purely coincidental).

Santa can really help this bunch, so for Cal Mackay, a motor assisted knee brace for more speed; for Graham Tweddle, a right foot that works; for Gary McNutt, an English name so he plays like a real defender; for Bill Lea, more knee pads to cover any area of skin still showing; for Bob Crossland, a good heart so at 57 he can keep going, and going, and going; for Paul Sinclair, more gray hair as he plays too much like an under 30s player and makes the rest of us look bad; and for this writer, a healthy knee so that I can go out there and make a fool of myself just like them.

Then there is our mid-field, which has changed enough to confuse a chameleon. Certainly, a healthy group would help the lads generate some consistency.

Santa will bring this group the following: Doug "Codger" Pearson, a new ankle; Antonio Alonso, a new other ankle; Tony Clair, a new back; Lindsay McQueen, a new knee; Darryl Lister, new any and all body parts; Jack Braak, a new group of healthy mid-fielders; Drew Lindsay, a goal compass to help him direct his shots; and Dave Abley, glue to help him keep his check.

Lastly and leastly is our forward line, which has improved over last season, primarily through the addition of speedster Chris Cottrell. Maybe their guiding light will lead this dim lot in the New



OLD BOY FORM: Soccer player Graham Tweddle uses unique form to reach the ball in a match played earlier this season on Salt

Spring. Old Boys' scribe, Malcolm Legg, has wished a new right foot for Tweddle in his list of Christmas gifts for the team. Photo by Tony Richards

Year.

Santa has goodies for this bunch also: Chris Cottrell, a book "How to Share the Wealth"; Henry Braak, a book "How to Pass When the Coach is Open"; Alvaro Sanchez, a book "How to Believe You Really Can Score"; and Siegfried Karl, a book "How to Score After Reaching 45."

And guess what, Santa has not left the fans out either as the Old Geezers have some great Xmas gift ideas.

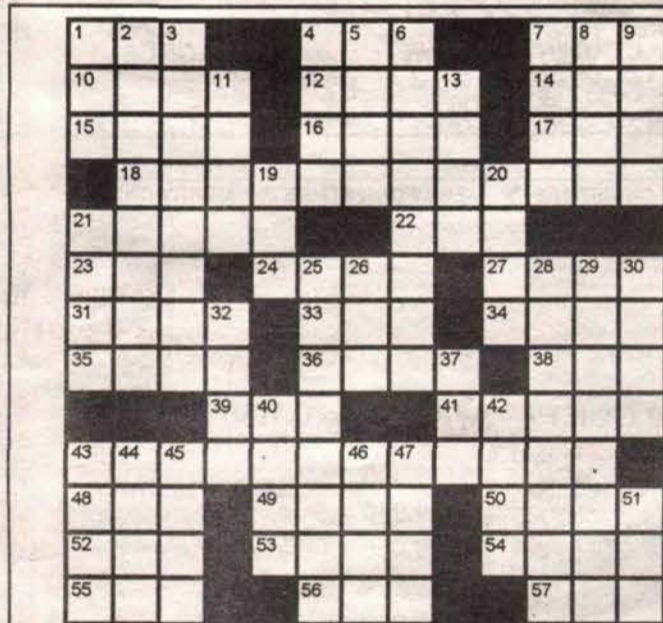
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Players' production a success

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Staff

The hard work and expertise of island newcomer David Clothier made possible the marvelous coalescing of talent islanders saw in the Galiano Players' production of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Into the Woods."

A very long and difficult score, the cast, most of whom "hit the boards" for the first time with this production, worked well together and gave sincere and entertaining performances. No familiar catchy tunes from "Into the Woods" remained with this audience member as he left the hall for his trip home. Sondheim's music seemed always to be only an equal partner, or at times even taking second place to James Lapine's clever and often very funny lyrics.

We laughed at the funny lines, we giggled at the technical glitches (there were very few), and we thought of the message all this fusing of familiar fairy tale magic was meant to convey. Was there a message here for us? Was director Clothier trying to tell a community divided by ecological and development issues that there is a way out? Could it be that through cooperation and a pooling of ideas and talents, that there is a way "out of the woods" for us?

Space denies that all who contributed to the success of this excellent production receive credit here, so while complimenting the sincerity of an excellent cast, mention must also be made of those who worked on the sets, did the make-up, created the sound and lighting effects and created the costumes.

It was obvious to the audience that all involved worked to make "the play, the thing." Effective musical accompaniment on the electric piano was provided by Helen Hall, a visitor to the island from the Fraser Valley.

Recycled Christmas gift sale

The Galiano Club's youth activities and facility fund along with this island's recycling group benefited from last week's "Recycled Gift Sale."

Each received about \$380. Organizers of the event were Deborah McKecknie and Bonnie Robson.

Fifty gift bags, the contents of a very large stocking, were distributed free to those youngsters attending the sale with their parents. Some of the contents of the bags were donated by local merchants. These were combined with suitable recycled toys and other goodies and assembled by the Galiano Club's Shirlene Raines.

Akasha Forest and others arranged and priced the donated articles into the wee hours of the morning before the sale.

Santa arrives on schedule

The Bellingham J.C.'s Santa

GALIANO NOTES

arrived here at Montague Harbour right on schedule Saturday, December 10.

This was the J.C.'s 44th islands visit, the second for Roy Abbott (Santa). Stacey Moore as Rudolph helped organize the flow of youngsters for their talk with Santa. A young pirate in short sleeves was proof of the momentary lessening of December's chilly winds.

New Years fishing derby

Entries are now welcome at \$5 a person for the 1995 New Years Day Fishing Derby, all proceeds going to the Health Care Centre. Some prizes have been donated, but others are welcome. Phone derby organizer Mel Frith at 539-3171 if you wish to contribute. Fishermen without boats who wish to participate must first register. Mel will find a spot in a boat for you.

Remembrance for a friend

The late Joe Boria was eulogized at a gathering of his friends and acquaintances in the North Hall on Saturday, December 17. Organized by Michelle Crocker, former North Galiano resident, and Penalykt Band member and her Galiano helpers led by Val Sebellus, about 50 people attended from all over the island, from Kuper Island and from Chemainus.

Personal recollections of this gentle man were numerous. Woody Coward of Deacon Lane in North Galiano, long a neighbour of Boria, told of coming home after some time off-island to find a note by the telephone. "Dad, Joe phoned, the blackberries are ready." The result was the blackberries were picked, made into wine and as fate would have

it, used in a toast to the dead man's memory.

On a table at the front of the hall, lit by a Christmas tree in a hall decorated for the holiday season, stood the Galiano School Sports Day Cup (Boria had won the cup two years running while a student here). His picture stood by the cup.

Burial took place on Kuper Island on Tuesday, December 13 at a Roman Catholic service attended by family and friends.

Ladies service guild distribute funds

The Galiano Ladies Service Club made its 1994 monetary awards to worthy groups recently — two thirds of the money they raised during the year went to island groups and individuals and one third to off-island charities. Recipients of funds on Galiano were the school, the Health Care Centre and the Youth Activities Program of the Galiano Club.

In addition, funds to be used as a music scholarship, were donated to a student of local piano teacher Barbara Landmark.

Help at Christmas and throughout the year has also been offered by the group to needy Galiano folk. In addition, a potted plant has been placed in Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital as usual this Christmas season.

Off-island recipients of help are the Salvation Army, the Queen Alexandra Children's Hospital, Transition House and the Cancer Palliative Care Hospice, all in the Victoria area. On the mainland, funds went to Vancouver Central City Mission.

The Ladies Service Guild has been active on Galiano for many years. Although they are 24 in number, they are getting on in years and would appreciate the help of younger members. They are justly proud of their achievements. Lisa Anthony is the current president.

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06 DEATHS

McDIARMID, PETER ALEXANDER, passed away at home at the age of 69. Peter served with the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War and worked for the C.N.R. for 34 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Catherine, sons Ted (Windsor, N.S.), Lorne (Cammore, Alta.), Ian (Thornton, Ont.), and daughters Allison Callard (London, Ont.) and Paula D'Auria (Oakville, Ont) and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at St. Marks Anglican Church on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 1:30 pm. Rt. Rev. Barry Valentine officiating. At Peter's request, memorial donations may be made to either the Library, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. or the Library, St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. 51

BROWN: TED passed away December 9, 1994 in the Greenwood Intermediate care home at the age of 89 years. A graveside service was held December 16, 1994 at St. Mark's Anglican Cemetery with Rev. Barry Valentine officiating. Haywards-Ganges. 51

DECEASED: MACDONALD, Lenore Mary (nee Todd) December 12, 1994 at home with her family. She leaves behind her husband Kenneth, Daughters: Bonnie, Beth, Cathy; Granddaughter Lucy and son-in-law Colin; Brother David and his sons Stephen, David and Niece Barbara Todd. Her cancer, diagnosed by Dr Peter Rowell, proved inoperable. Lady Minto Hospital staff under Margaret Pickard assisted most kindly over a lengthy period. Palliative care by Doctor and Nurses and workers of Salt Spring Home Support Services provided invaluable care and consideration daily to all the family. Lenore's friends were so kind. Cremation by Haywards Funeral Services. 51

08 CARD OF THANKS

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TO DR. CROSSLAND, the nurses and staff of Lady Minto Hospital, all the caring people, my friends and my family - many, many thanks for all your cards, flowers and phone calls. Happy Christmas to all Jean Brindamour. 51

09 CELEBRATIONS



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10 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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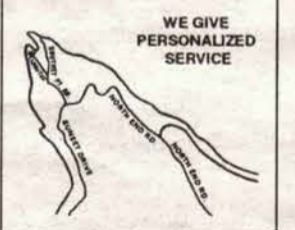
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