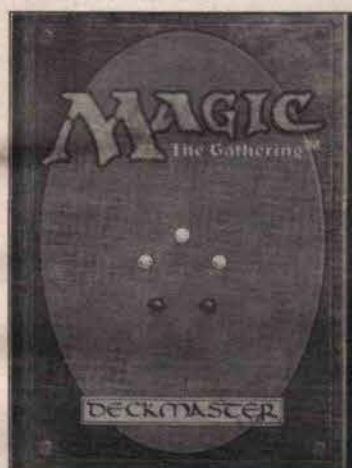
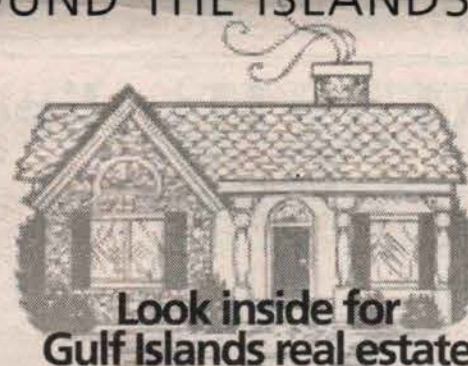


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SECTION B Wednesday, January 4, 1995



Mayhem IN DOMINIA

Magic players guide novice wizard through battles, spells and counterspells.

Dominia devotees 'addicted'

The realm of Dominia draws players back again and again to play a game which has been described by its devotees as an addiction. Since it was introduced at the 1993 GenCon in Milwaukee — the world's largest game players' convention — Magic: The Gathering has become an international phenomenon.

Magic can be played anywhere two or more players can sit down with their decks of cards. The cards themselves have become highly collectible, with the rarest of them worth up to \$200 each.

Unlike a standard card game, in which everyone plays with the same deck, Magic players each create their own decks. A magic deck is composed of cards to cast offensive and defensive spells plus the energy cards required to power the spells.

Each would-be wizard creates his own deck.

For example, Travis Beals, 14, limits his deck to 65 cards. Since the player can only use a few cards at any one time, he feels a smaller deck increases the chance that the most effective cards will be drawn during the game.

"There are a few combinations of cards that are very, very lethal," he observes. Tournament players usually limit their decks to 60 cards.

Brother Cameron Beals, 10, plays with an 83-card deck. He doubles each of the cards he wants to play, in the hope that he will draw the required card at the right time in the game.

To build their decks, players draw on their entire card collection. Travis estimated he owns 275 cards and Cameron claims 550 cards. Two other players, 13-year-old Joe Cunliffe and 12-year-old Keanu Meyers, have approximately 750 cards and 850 cards respectively.

Certain rare or powerful cards are sought eagerly by players anxious to improve their decks.

The cards are colour coded — white, blue, green, black and red — with each group of spells requiring energy of the matching colour.

In play, each player starts with seven cards in hand, drawn from the top of the deck. Another card is drawn at each round of play. Players can pass if they have no cards they wish to play but they cannot hold more than seven cards in their hand at any one time.

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Welcome to the battlefield of the wizards — the once lovely land of Dominia.

Now its glades are blackened by fireballs, its cliff walls scarred by dragon's claws, its skies full of elemental spirits and the strength of its lands drained to unleash spells.

Dominia is the setting for Magic: The Gathering, a game which has conquered hosts of players from around the world. Entering the world of Magic was easy — all I needed was a borrowed deck of cards and a group of players willing to guide a stumbling novice through the maze of rules. My guides were Rodger Beals, his sons Cameron, 10, and Travis, 14, and their friends, Keanu Meyers, 12, and Joe Cunliffe, 13.

Exiting "alive" was more difficult. Only two players kept enough of their 20 "life points" to survive the magical melee of the hour-long game.

Essentially a card-based strategy game, Magic is dressed up with fantasy art cards and mythical creatures. Upon entering the game, each player becomes a wizard who battles other wizards for supremacy on Dominia. In these battles, spells and counter-spells are cast, magical defences erected and fearsome creatures summoned to wreck havoc upon the land and the opposing wizards.

Were there such a land as Dominia, a few of these battles would be enough to reduce it to a wasteland. During last Thursday's game, this novice wizard encountered a flash fire, a giant spider, a dragon whelp, a bevy of "elemental blasts," a dragon-like crawl worm and an earthquake. Fortunately, all this havoc exists only in the imaginations of the players. For the first few rounds, the players laid out "mana" or energy cards, so those would be available when the time came to cast a spell. Mana is drawn from Dominia itself, so these cards bear images of forest glades, islands and plains. When used, such cards are said to be "tapped" and, in most cases, their energy cannot be reused until a complete round of play has passed.

On Rodger Beals' advice, I set out a giant spider which had materialized among the cards in my hand. In one more turn, I could

direct the spider to attack one of my fellow players, prompting a wave of threats from around the table.

"You can't necessarily believe these people when they say they can kill it," Rodger Beals remarked.

I should have believed Joe. Ignoring his threats, I slid my spider card to his side of the table. He squished the eight-legged horror with something called a "terror" spell.

Keanu then drew on all his mana to send an "air elemental" aloft — a move blocked by Joe with a "power sink" spell.

Then, in quick succession, Cameron produced a dragon whelp, Travis set out a card protecting himself against all black spells and Keanu produced another dragon whelp.

Joe flung out a "blue elemental blast" to wipe out Keanu's dragon whelp. Keanu countered with a

"spellblast" card to nullify Joe's blast, Joe flung out a second blue elemental blast against the whelp, Rodger Beals stepped in with a "red elemental blast" to wipe out the second blue elemental blast

and Joe — finally — ended the conflict and killed the whelp with a "terror" card.

At that point, Joe decided he might have overreacted to Keanu's dragon whelp. "I shouldn't have wasted all those cards."

The series of moves illustrated some of the flexibility of Magic. Some spells must be made in turn, others can be cast by any players at any point in the game. Players can voluntarily move to help other players — such as when Rodger Beals nullified Joe's second attack on Keanu's whelp.

Travis was the first casualty of the game, losing two "life points" to an attack by Cam's whelp. Next on the injured list was Joe, who lost five points to Keanu's spell. Joe sent an air elemental against Rodger Beals, costing him four points.

Cam continued to go after Travis with a whelp and then with a fireball, cutting his brother down to seven life points.

Alarmed by the carnage, I summoned up a crawl worm, only to lose the deadly dragon-like creature to a controlling spell cast by

Joe. Joe then turned the worm on Rodger Beals, costing him another four life points.

There was logic to these attacks. Each of the playing wizards was at a specific rung on a game ladder.

To move up the ladder, the wizard had to eliminate the player on the next rung. Therefore, Cameron was after Travis, Keanu was after Joe and Joe was after Rodger Beals. Travis might have been attacking Keanu, had he not been busy defending himself against Cameron.

To protect his own position, Rodger Beals aided Keanu's attacks on Joe. When Joe blocked Keanu's fireball spell with a blue elemental blast, Rodger Beals played a spell blast card to nullify Joe's card. The fireball landed, costing Joe six life points.

Rodger Beals then cast another spell, costing Joe an additional two life points. Cameron continued to attack Travis with the dragon whelp. Travis lost three more points but turned the loss back on his brother with an eye-for-an-eye spell, which cost Cameron three points.

Down to four points, Travis tried to use a cloning spell to clone Joe's air elemental but that spell was countered by a red elemental blast unleashed by Cameron. With no usable cards in his hand to stop Cameron, Travis appealed to other players to help, promising future favours in return.

Keanu stepped in with a spell which drained Cameron's mana, limiting his ability to attack Travis. Meanwhile, Rodger Beals and Joe exchanged fireballs, cutting Rodger Beals down to two life points and Joe down to five.

Cameron squeezed in another two-point attack on Travis before Travis loosed a fireball at the dragon whelp, killing the creature.

I discovered a spell which allowed me to regain control of my crawl worm. Joe would have blocked me with a spellblast but was blocked in turn by Keanu, who played a power sink card against his spellblast.

I welcomed my crawl worm back to my little stack of cards. Leaving the worm card out as a visible deterrent, I watched the rest of the mayhem.

Despite a wall of swords erected by Travis, Cameron was able to send out a fireball which eliminat-



COMING AT YOU: Players never know what will materialize out of the air at them when dealing their cards in Magic: The Gathering. This card allows an otherwise earthbound figure to fly.

Mary Harding a 'gentle translator' of community life

So long ago that I find difficulty in recalling the exact year, a young woman from Galiano came into my office at the Sidney Review and explained that she had been urged to write for that newspaper as a correspondent for Galiano. She was aware that the newspaper had no correspondent there and would she do?

It was Mary Backlund's introduction to the newspaper world. From that time she wrote for the Sidney Review, Driftwood and the dailies in Victoria and Vancouver. Only major change she made was to change her name to Mary Harding when she married Roy, also of Galiano.

In the decades that I worked with Mary Harding I never knew her to express a negative opinion of anyone. She always wore that same smile, the smile that carried her through life, her passport to living.

Never aggressive, always anxious to avoid hurting her neighbours, Mary Harding was an asset to both newspapers whose offices I have directed. In her retirement those characteristics of good neighbourliness travelled with her wherever she went.

She never worked for me or my papers. She didn't work for herself. She worked devotedly for Galiano.

The greatest event of her journalistic career was her election to the presidency of the B.C. branch of the Canadian Women's Press Club.

Mary Harding, who died late

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FRANK RICHARDS



last month, was the last of her kind and the last of that long line of "stringers" who tied small communities together by reporting the little, human activities that are life in the rural Canadian community. She wrote her reports in simplicity and sincerity.

And how else could she have done it? For she was a gentle, uncomplicated translator of community life.

Catch me if you can!

I reckon I'm caught if the sign means anything and I don't think it does!

"Run! Run! Run! Catch me if you can!"

You can't catch me...I'm the Gingerbread Man!

The Gingerbread Man has been captured, tried and slain by the government of British Columbia.

British Columbia's own ships no longer recognize that evil character from ancient wicked stories, the Gingerbread Man. Our own ferry vessels offer for patrons' delectation the newest arrival on the stage of Nospeak, "The Gingerbread Person."

Official approval of the introduction of a new species of enthusiastic government supporters has not yet been granted, but in the meantime I would suggest a new form of that nursery rhyme to honour both the arrival of a new nursery rhyme character and to recognize this government's firm stand on fictional characters.

"Run! Run! Run! A-sweating and a-cursin'!"

You can't catch me: I'm The Gingerbread Person!"

I trust that "Our children's children will adore us! (And for the purpose of this patriotic verse, for "our" read "this great government's")

And they'll sing in grateful chorus,

"Well done, our Potty Party of the West!"

And, Oh Shucks! There's no charge for the use of this composition!

Double-died villains

In general, it is not customary to die more than once unless you happen to be a cat. It could be that a cat-burglar might also die two or nine times, but there aren't many

cat-burglars around any more.

I heard an airborne news story about a fellow who was twice electrocuted and I figured this was really a news story, because if he was once killed by electricity how come he was around to die again?

It works well south of the line, where electrocution is a disease that is caught by criminals who are sentenced that way. But they never, never come back!

That was long ago

In June of 1918 the Sidney Review published a report of an unfortunate rogue in Niagara, Ontario, who landed in jail after an unidentified crime.

The story catches my eye, because some 40 years later I was to be editor of that newspaper, although at the time of the

announcement, and of the sentence, I was but three months old and I had never been exposed to newspapers anywhere. I have been clearing up my desk and this copy of the Sidney newspaper was laying open and inviting me to read it.

The aspect that caught my eye was simply the bald statement of the news report: "Because he had eight sacks of flour and 52 cases of pork and beans hidden in a stable, Mr. Robert Wright was sentenced to two-and-a-half years' imprisonment."

And that's all.

Did he steal them? Was he hoarding, contrary to some emergency provision in the current wartime measures? We shall probably never know. It might be a case of better half a story than no report. But why bother with so odd a statement?

Trail and Nature Club activities set

Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club has announced its hikes and walks for January. The schedule is as follows:

January 10

• Walk with Orpha Olm around Weston Lake. Meet 10:15 a.m. at Drummond Park.

• Hike Cobble Hill with Bill Harrington. Car pool at Portlock Park in time for 10 a.m. Vesuvius ferry. Pub visit may be required. Bring proof of age.

January 11

Potluck Dinner at 6 p.m. This is for club members only. Bring a casserole, salad or desert, plus \$3.

January 17

• Walk Arnell Park with Ann McCalman.

• Hike Cranberry Outlet with Dennis Seward. Both events meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

January 24

• Walk Channel Ridge with Val Keyes.

• Hike Shepherd Hills with Lees Holland. Both events meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

January 26

Annual general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church hall. Membership dues of \$14 for the

year 1995 will be accepted January 11 and 26.

January 31

• Walk with Elda Soder. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. for details.

• Hike with Carin Perugini. Meet at Beaver Point Hall at 10:15 a.m.

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- 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.
- Recreation and target archery, Fuford Hall, 4-5:30 & 6:30-8:00.

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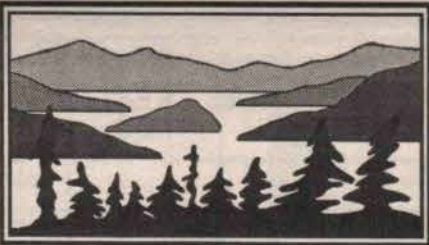
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Already living on green grass

By ALEX MITCHELL
Driftwood Contributor

Recently, my lady of 47 years fell and broke her hip and wrist. The breaks were both on the right side which gave credibility to Murphy's Law. Life changed. Simple physical functions had top priority and options were re-evaluated.

Support was immediate and exquisite. Salt Spring indeed came through. There were Lady Minto to Cowichan specialists by way of ambulance and caring paramedics; Pharmasave with its supply of hitherto unknown artifacts, wheel-chair, commode on wheels (what! no two holer?) and walker, which Spoke Folk fitted with a bicycle horn shaped as a crocodile head (she kept running over people!).

There were neighbours, flowers, physiotherapist visits, cards, well wishers and Bevan, offering for the first time, to make a house call to style her hair.

We live in a virtual paradise and sometimes forget this in our frenetic scrabbles to raise funds, designate blame and push our own concerns. We yearn for that green and magic land on the other side of the hill. Believe me, we are already on the other side of that hill.

The prognosis is good. Avril is learning to walk. Her cast comes off soon and she will play the piano again after intensive therapy.

When I was a kid, an accident of this nature was a death sentence. Now over 90 per cent make a complete recovery. In Salt Spring I feel that 100 per cent would be nearer the mark.

I like this place!

Seniors for Seniors: Program for January 1995

- Chess — every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
- French conversation class — every Monday at 10:15 a.m.
- Blood Pressure Clinic — Monday, January 30, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Stamp Club — every Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
- Caregivers Support Group — every Wednesday 11 a.m.
- Council Meeting — Wednesday, January 11 at 1 p.m.
- Bake Sale — Thursday, January 5, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Luncheon — every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Games — every Friday, 2 p.m.



Lambing underway

These two little lambs came into the world at a rather cool time of year, born as they were early on Boxing Day. They are the first lambs of the season at Cheviot Hills Farm.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

OAPO officers shuffled after years of intrigue

By RON MILTON
Driftwood Contributor

The "Young at Heart" celebrated the Christmas season with an annual Christmas dinner held again at Meaden Hall.

Accompaniment to the carol singing was provided by Murray Anderson on piano and organ.

As an extra celebration this year, it was "party-time" at Central Hall on our regular social afternoon. An amusing monologue presented by Mary Williamson, in the style of Joyce Grenville, added to the enjoyable afternoon.

The November elections for the OAPO Branch 32 left the slate of officers much the same, producing only one new volunteer member, Netta Wilson. A vacancy remains on the board.

After the shuffle, the slate of officers for 1995 is: president, Elvie Hislop; first vice, Ora Lang; second vice, Margaret Pilon; secretary, Nadine Sims; treasurer, Nels

Vodden; directors, Dorothy Sloan, Jessie Wagg, Irene Atkins, Mary MacGregor and Netta Wilson. All took positions by acclamation.

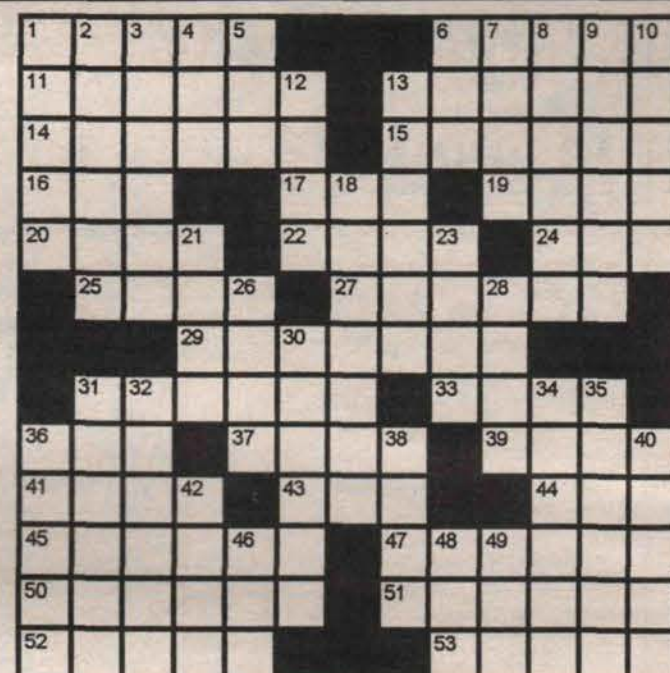
The past year was both challenging and interesting, despite soap opera intrigue.

We started the year with a new, well publicized name "The Young at Heart," and an official address and mail box.

Taoist Tai Chi for seniors commenced and has become an ongoing, well attended program.

Entertainment each month was of a high standard and varied. In January we saw Scottish country dancing. A St. Patrick's sing-along was held the following month. We enjoyed the singing of Betty Rothwell and the monologues by Jim at our strawberry tea. There was also Oktoberfest, skits and the Christmas bazaar and bus trip.

In addition, we hold a small term deposit for a rainy day contingency fund.



ACROSS

- Sprinkle
- Primary organ
- Summary
- Where two streets meet
- Blank space
- Smooth in music
- Moslem officer
- Belgian watering place
- Convey slyly
- Christmas time
- Syrian town
- Mineral-bearing earth
- Volcanic scoria
- Herb of the parsley family
- Autumn crocus
- James or Elizabeth
- In good health
- Dad's mate
- So be it
- Put on hold
- Circular objects
- Organ of vision
- Mal de

- Set in order
- Stringent
- Heraldic color silver

- Emaciated
- Active people
- ___ Park, Colorado

DOWN

- Spread out
- Ear part
- Order to return
- Triangular shield
- Be victorious
- Weed remover
- CGS units
- Type of computer
- Beat a retreat
- Figure of speech
- Waist band
- Public outcry
- Saddle horse
- Not difficult
- Declare openly
- Festive celebration
- De novo
- Apply warm lotions to
- Bullfighter on foot
- Winding path
- Sorrow over
- Rib in architecture
- Single-celled organism
- Promontory
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- Gang ending
- Printer's measures
- Piece out
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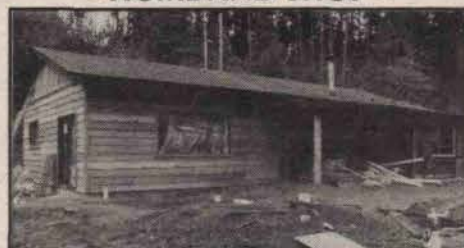


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Urquhart and Welcome Wagon greet newcomers to Salt Spring

If Salt Spring has a reputation as a friendly place, islander Jill Urquhart can take some of the credit.

In December, she became the island's new Welcome Wagon hostess, after a year as the assistant hostess. She welcomes some 18 families each month to the island.

Welcome Wagon began in Memphis, Tennessee in 1928 and crossed the Canadian border in 1930, Urquhart said. The idea was to ensure new families moving into the area would be given a warm welcome and greeted personally by a member of the community.

There are three different kinds of welcome baskets, Urquhart said: one for families new to the island; one for new babies; one for new brides. Each family — a family can be a single person or a household of newcomers — receives a telephone call from Urquhart, who then arranges a friendly visit to the residence. Urquhart brings a basket full of small but useful goodies donated by local businesses as well as brochures and information about island services.

And she answers any questions people may have: where the hospital is; what the library hours are; what do people do with garbage; where is the recycling depot. At different times of the year she tells people

about community events, like Sea Capers or Light-Up or the Festival of the Arts.

"I like to make sure they know what's going on here," she said. "I want to give them a sense of the community that we have here."

The baskets contain an assortment of goods from local businesses — some 50 participate in the Welcome Wagon — which range from candles and cookie cutters to a local telephone directory and local newspaper. There is also an envelope with gift vouchers and discount coupons.

In the past year, Urquhart said she has seen roads and hills on the island she never knew existed in her 12 years here. She visits people in their yurts, their half-finished houses and apartments.

She finds out about new members of the community from all sources: word of mouth, neighbours, the newspaper. Last week's Driftwood featured a story on the island's new postmistress, which was spotted by Urquhart. That will be another newcomer to welcome.

"I've had nothing but wonderful experiences," Urquhart said of her new full-time job. "On the island, I feel as if I'm just part of an extended family. I'm passing that feeling on to new people."

That's what the Welcome Wagon is all about.



WELCOME TRADITION: Salt Spring's new Welcome Wagon hostess Jill Urquhart carries on a tradition which has been going on across the country for nearly 65 years. Urquhart finds out about new arrivals on the island from a variety of sources, including word of mouth and the local newspaper.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

HEALTH SENSE

Following is the first installment of a new column written for the Driftwood by island naturopathic physician Peter Bennett. The column, called Health Sense, will appear every other week and focus on alternative methods of dealing with common health problems.

By **PETER BENNETT**
Driftwood Contributor

Current medical opinion on screening for prostate cancer has tended to recommend a regular prostate examination and a examination of the blood to check for PSA (prostate specific antigen).

A recent report published in the September 14 Journal of the American Medical Association takes another look at the common belief that regular screening is an appropriate way to protect patients from the risk of prostate cancer.

The conclusion of the article states that many individuals who test positive for the cancer would never have experienced any problems from the disease if they were left alone. To compound the dilemma of choices, those men who opt for the treatment, experience symptoms of impotence and incontinence. When the lead researcher, Murry Kahn, calculated the risk and benefits for widespread screening, they discovered that treatment and screening only marginally extend a man's life.

The bottom line is this: one has to decide how cancer phobic one is and how much one dislikes conventional medical treatment.

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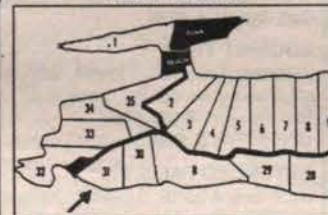
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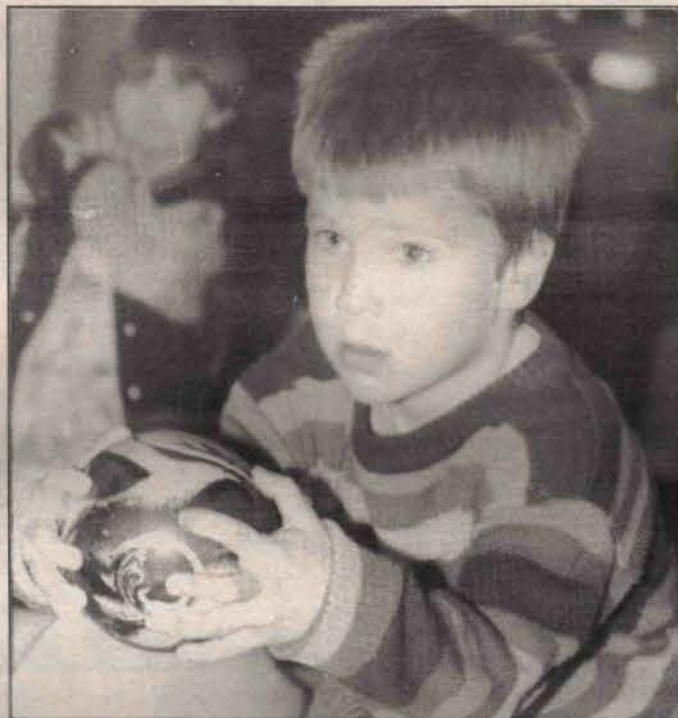
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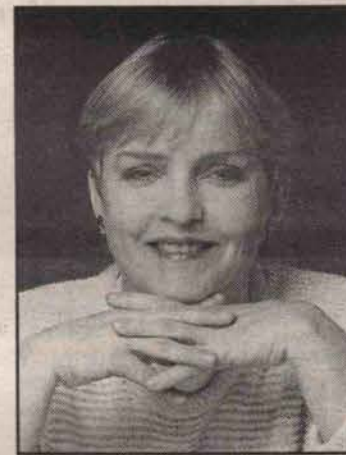
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Get set...



Straight Shooter
Bowling strategist Jesse Hume, age five-and-one-half, perfects his aim and fire bowling technique at Kings Lane Recreation. The youngster is just one of many island children who take to the bowling lanes once every week. Unable to control the ball with the typical one-arm swing used by adults, these children develop their very own bowling styles. (See related story and more pictures on Page B8.)

Photos by Gail Sjoberg.

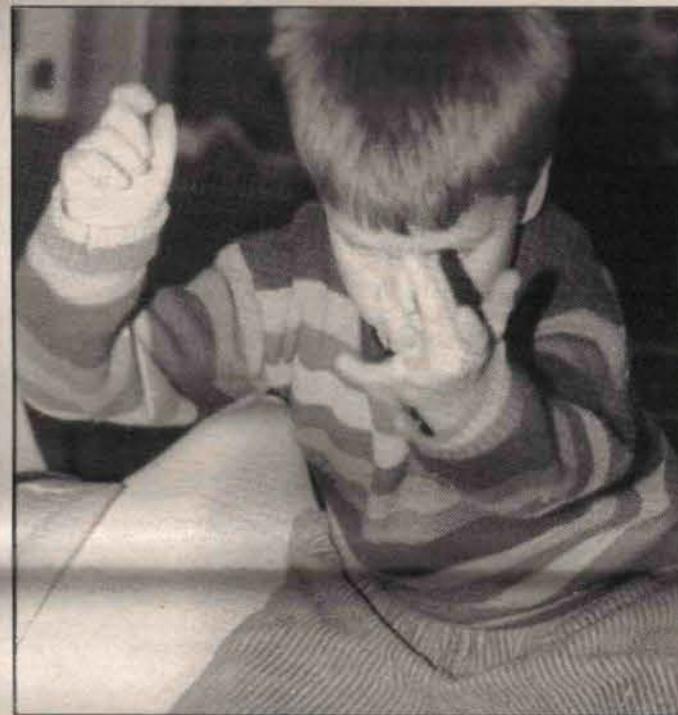


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MAGIC: Wizards seeking supremacy in new strategy card game

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ed Travis' two remaining life points, taking him out of the game.

Joe unleashed an air elemental against Rodger Beals to take him out of the game.

Cameron, bereft of a target now that Travis was gone, turned his dragon whelp on me. I tried to block with a "fog" spell and was counterspelled by Cameron.

I lost four life points — a situation which challenged my hitherto non-violent strategy.

(Up to that point, my fellow players had

refrained from attack. Perhaps they felt it was unsporting to assault a wizard who didn't know the difference between a basalt monolith and an air elemental. Or perhaps my low status — bottom rung on the game ladder — eliminated any incentive to attack.)

Cameron's move made it clear that this was war — albeit a small, kitchen table sized war. It was kill or be killed. I pumped up my craw worm with a giant growth spell and sicced the beast on Cameron. Unable to block, the scurvy scoundrel lost nine life points.

Keanu followed up with a rock hydra sent against Cameron, costing him a further five life points.

I played a restorative card to give myself another life point, bringing my total to 17.

Cameron was still in the game with three life points. Joe had five.

Keanu then cast the final card of the game, a devastating earthquake which wiped out both craw worm and rock hydra and cost every wizard seven life points.

When the table stopped it's figurative

shaking, Cameron and Joe were gone. Keanu was down to 13 points and I was down to 10. (Fortunately, we stopped before Keanu could challenge my play and wipe out my wizard.)

Keanu pointed out the only damage he had received in the game was the seven points he inflicted on himself by playing the earthquake card. A decisive victory cost him just over a third of his life force — and rent asunder what was left of the charred and broken land of Dominia.

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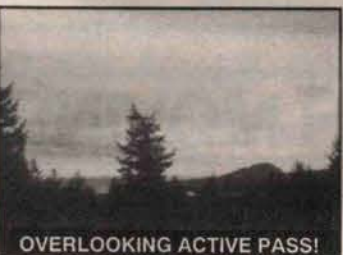
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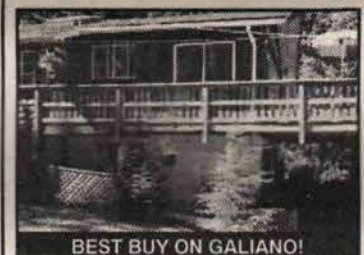
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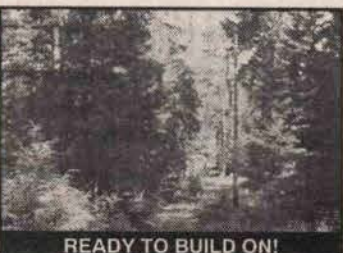
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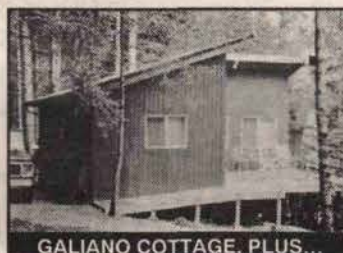
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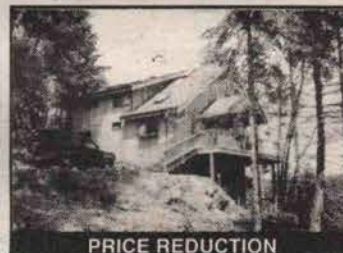
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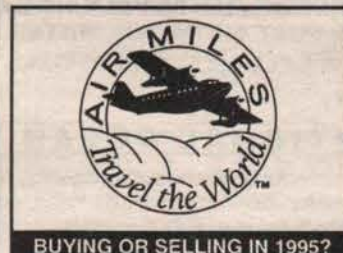
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Bowling

WITH STYLE

By GAIL SJUBERG
Driftwood Staff

For a study in contrasts, Thursday afternoon at Kings Lane bowling alley provides two distinct dramas.

Children move in a swirling, chattering eddy between friends, parents and siblings around the two score tables and blue and orange plastic seats.

But all is calm ashore on the lanes' wooden approaches, where aim and concentration are funnelled along with the five-pin bowling balls.

For a few moments, at least, it's a serious business for the bowler who crouches poised at the line, makes that exquisite two-arms-between-the-legs swing and unleashes the ball towards its destination. He jumps up and scoots back from the line, summoning hope and waiting in the indifferent hands of a few laws of physics.

Three pins topple. A grin of pleasure sends the boy skipping to retrieve his second ball.

Thursday after school at Kings Lane belongs to the Smurfs and PeeWees, ranging from three to eight years old.

Anyone who has ever tried bowling knows it is not as easy as logic purports. The lanes seem as wide as a semi-trailer. The pins are huddled close together, and everyone knows how to roll a ball. But the set-up is subject to illusion, and strange things happen between points A and B.

On the other hand, turning the awkward into the sublime is just natural for some youngsters.

Jessica Harkema is only four years old, and plays in the Smurf division. As soon as she was old enough to absorb the goings-on in the hectic bowling alley, she was watching sisters Jacquie and Valerie and their friends at play.

Her mother Sandy Harkema says that a year ago at the lanes, "she just walked up to that line, went 'one two three' and bowled." Jessica was obviously learning by osmosis.

Jacquie, now eight, initiated the family to the game when she accompanied a friend to the lanes during a "buddy bowl" event.

Young bowlers all use the famous two-handed throw.

"They just can't lift up that



ON TARGET: Jacquie Harkema appears to use a special "point at the pins" strategy in directing the bowling ball down the lane.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

heavy ball yet with one hand," says Kings Lane proprietor Ruth Hume. "We wait totally for strength to develop. We really take our time with them."

Elaine Huser's children Kara and Christian are also in the youth league.

"They are basically just learning the first few steps," she says, rather than being aware of developing a personal style. Keeping the ball out of the dreaded gutter is their main concern.

Besides enjoying the games'

challenges, parents say children thrive on socializing with friends, "rewards" such as badges and having names published in High Rollers, and special events offered by Kings Lane.

Between 40 and 50 children aged three to 14 bowl on Wednesday and Thursdays after school and on Saturday afternoon, says Hume. Supportive parents help make it all happen.

"It has just been growing by leaps and bounds," she says.



HEAD SCRATCH: Despite a perfected bowling technique, things don't always go as planned. Jesse Hume adopts the "scratch the head" stance to determine what went wrong.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg



BITE YOUR TONGUE: This special "tongue technique" is employed by youthful bowler Daniel Draper. He is one of many island youngsters who take to the lanes every week.

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Toques mark unseasonal game

Forty-four golfers braved freezing temperatures and slippery greens for the January 1 Sock and Toque Tournament.

But silly hats and hilarity made it all worthwhile.

Jackie Vibe organized the tournament and reported the results on

Monday. Weather was a tricky factor for the golfers, she said, with balls taking "some funny bounces."

Gordon English and Pat Lavender won prizes for their imaginative headgear. English's toque was "bright pink with all kinds of do-dads on it," said Vibe.

Lavender was dubbed "Dapper Pat" for the hat that made her look like an English rider.

There were also several winners for golfing prowess in the 14-hole scramble event.

For the ladies, Marie Hopkins was closest to the pin winner on hole number two; Marj Cade was closest on number 9.

Kp winners for the men were John Mulski on number two and Art Botham on the ninth hole.

Low gross champion was the team consisting of Pat and Keith Lavender and Art and Eileen Botham, with a gross 49.

Second low gross honours, with a score of 50, went to Bob Wanless, Lois Johnson and Mona and Gary Coulter.

First low net winners were Sandy and Gordon English and Vic and Vi Austin with a 39.5 score.

Second place for low net went to the team of John Matheson, Josie Alexsich, Dick Rudd and Glenn Hewitson. Their score was 40.5.

Hal Stone, Jackie Vibe, Mae Pike and Reg Winston made up the third place low net team with a 40 7/8s tally.

A warming chili lunch was served after the tournament. With golf club restaurant renovations still underway, owners Al and Helen Higgs catered the event from their Chemainus facilities.



NEW YEAR'S GOLF: Bert McCann was among several dozen golfers who enjoyed a brisk but sunny day on the links Sunday for the Salt Spring Golf Club's annual sock and toque tournament.

Photo by Tony Richards

UVic volleyball players will take on GISS team

Even university-level volleyball players need a country retreat once in a while.

The University of Victoria women's volleyball team is staying on the island and training at Gulf Islands Secondary School's gymnasium from January 4 to 6.

The women practice daily at the gym, with a three-on-three tournament with GISS girls volleyball players set for January 6 at 4:30 p.m. Spectators are welcome to attend.

Century 21 Islands Realty Ltd. is hosting the team. Manager Neil Congo is providing lodging for some players and Lisa Lloyd is the other host.

Team member Grace Graham is a former island resident and GISS graduate. She thought Salt Spring would be an ideal spot for the women to regroup for the second half of their volleyball season. They compete until early March.

Graham is in third year at

UVIC, majoring in psychology and English.

Century 21's Patti Speed encourages islanders to catch some university volleyball at the school.

"Everyone is welcome to come out and watch the tournament on December 6," she said.

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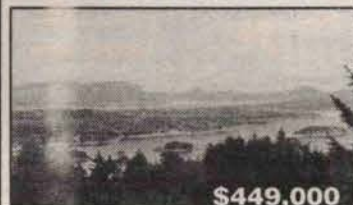
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Family, friends join celebration of Campbells' 50 married years

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Jim and Lorraine Campbell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary among family and friends December 29. The Campbells have been full time residents of Saturna since 1945. They have been very active in community affairs and are especially well known for their contributions to the Saturna Lamb Barbecue.

Jim and Lorraine met at University of British Columbia where they were both students in the Faculty of Agriculture. They graduated in 1942 and Jim joined the navy. Lorraine continued her studies and completed her masters degree.

They were married in December 1944 while Jim was on leave from the navy. The couple honeymooned on Saturna Island. Jim returned to the navy and was sent to the east coast of Canada. He served until the end of World War II.

In 1945 Jim and Lorraine moved to Saturna to farm and raise a family. According to Jim, the rest is history and "a matter of disputed record."

Four children were raised here — Jimmy, Tom, Nan, and Jacques. As well as farming, the family rented cottages on the beach and played host to visitors from far and wide many of whom have become close family friends.

Jim and Lorraine have served the community as school trustees. (Lorraine is our current representative.) They have been active in the Community Club, the Women's Service Club, the bridge club, the local church, the OAPO, and the Islands Trust, as well as being the backbone of the Saturna Lamb Barbecue committee for many years. Lorraine recently received the Governor General's

SATURNA NOTES

award for community service.

A "surprise" party was organized by daughter Jacques Campbell and family friend Susanne Middleditch. Tom and his wife Margaret from London joined their three sons Andrew, James and Ian for the event. Nan and David came from Ottawa with their daughter Mary Grace. Granddaughter Faedra Campbell came from Salt Spring Island.

Also on hand were Jim's sister Mary and her husband Gerald McKinnon from Parksville and his brother Charles and his wife Dorothy, and their son Charles and daughters Joan and Janet. Lorraine's sisters Nan Talling and Dougal Mordan along with Heather and Andrew Mordan also joined the celebration.

The guest who travelled the farthest was Bobby Fisher from Houston, Texas. Bobby and her husband Woody were one time Saturna residents. They also lived on Samuel Island, Tumbo Island, Galiano, and Salt Spring Island where, Jim recalls, Woody started the Driftwood newspaper.

Some other guests whose names will be familiar to long term Saturna residents were Eileen, Anthony, Tom, and Angela Pulchny. Dorothy Kennedy and Robin Robinson and her family, as well as the Butterfields.

A lavish buffet was prepared for family and friends. The whole community was invited. Roast beef, mutton, caribou, antelope, and ham was served on buns with vegetable trays, crackers and a variety of cheeses. Tobin Sokes

entertained at the piano during dinner. He was later joined by John Wiznuk and Ron Wall.

After dinner Ian Middleditch, a long time family friend shared the job of MC with Robin Robinson of Edmonton, a guest who returned often to Saturna Beach. (Robin's son was the original owner of Whoppiding.) The couple was toasted and serenaded and a slide show of the life of the Campbells was shared. Jim Butterfield prepared and read a poem remembering Jim and Lorraine's life history. After dinner dancing was provided by Duncan Curtis to music from the era where the Campbells began their life, and progressing on down through the years.

It was a night of family and friends honouring the lifelong commitment of two distinguished Saturna residents. Jim quipped that he is delighted that Lorraine has been able to put up with him for so long. Their mutual commitment to life and love and family is to be congratulated.

Quiet Christmas?

Most islanders had a quiet Christmas this year. Barb and Pat Ropars were no exception until Christmas night. They must have thought Santa Claus was arriving late and flustered when they heard the crash on their roof. Gusto wind brought down a one-hundred-foot cedar tree on top of their house.

Damage to the roof was limited. The house remained habitable, but Barb's trampoline was almost totally destroyed and power to the workshop and outbuildings was lost. The yard is covered in wreckage from the fallen tree. That will certainly be a big new year's project for the Ropars.

New graduation requirements won't mean changes for this year's grads

By NEIL ARMITAGE
Counsellor Coordinator

Over the next six months, you will likely be hearing and reading about changes occurring in graduation requirements for students in British Columbia high schools. For students who are presently in Grade 11 or 12, these changes will not have a direct impact. For the next five years, they will still be able to qualify for graduation on the basis of the criteria we are presently using. After that time, all students will have to qualify under the new requirements.

Scholarships, Scholarships

Gibson's Photography is sponsoring a competition for high school students to paint a new design for the mount it provides with class pictures. The three main prizes are \$500, \$200, and \$100.

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January 13, 1995.

EF Educational Tours provides scholarships in the form of 10-day overseas tours for one high school student from each province in Canada. Deadline is January 31, 1995.

As always, photocopies of the necessary application documents are available from Teresa Laing in the counselling centre.

Another source of information for those exploring post-secondary training opportunities is the Open Learning Agency. Its toll-free number is 1-800-663-9711.

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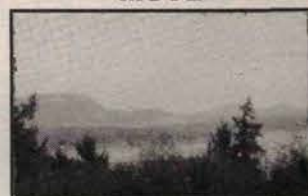
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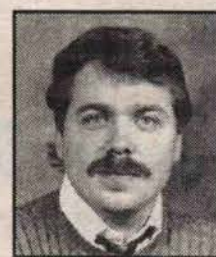


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06 DEATHS

MOULTON, EVA FERN: July 9, 1915 to December 15, 1994. Predeceased by her husband Stan and son George; she is survived by her daughter, Marge Underwood and her sons, Fred, Bob and David; 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; sisters - Myrtle King of Mission, Ivy Sallee of Camrose, Louise Davis of Kamloops; brothers Truman Green of Sidney and Irving Green of Rondell. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. We would like to express our thanks to our family and friends who have supported us in our time of sorrow. 1

DONALD G. JORDEN, of Charlesworth Road, Salt Spring Island on December 28, 1994, age 77 years. He leaves to mourn his loving wife Eva, sons Michael (Susan), and Geoffrey (Nancy), 4 grandchildren, Brothers Leslie (Laverne) and Arthur (Phyllis) and families; also much loved uncle, Jan Newman, B.E.M. of Broadclyst, Devon. Don served with the R.A.F. 1937 to 1947 and on discharge emigrated to Nelson, BC. Three years of his service was spent at 34 S.F.T.S. Medicine Hat, Alberta. It was at this time, Don and Eva were wed in 1943. Don had specified cremation and no services. Flowers gratefully declined in favor of donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC or the G.I. Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. 1

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Government shelved harbour park plans

Thirty years ago

January 7, 1965

Plans for development of a park at Long Harbour were shelved by the provincial Department of Recreation and Conservation, according to a letter received by the Chamber of Commerce committee on parks. The cost of the park and questions as to whether the facility was needed were given as the reasons for canceling the project. The letter promised "a close watch will be kept on public use at this site during the tourist season next summer and if conditions warrant it, further development will be considered."

Twenty-five years ago

January 15, 1970

Salt Spring could accommodate half a million people, based on normal patterns of suburban development, a planning meeting heard January 12. Architect and planner Henry Schubart cited the figures as a demonstration of what could happen if development of the island was not planned. The usual density in suburban areas is four families per acre — a density which would bring 500,000 people to Salt Spring. If density reached one family per acre, Schubart predicted 120,000 people could live on the island. He asked residents to consider what controls they were willing to accept on their own properties in order to have controls on development throughout the island.

The Salt Spring Island Rotary Club had raised 80 per cent of the cost to purchase a heart machine for Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. The newly formed Rotary Club decided to purchase the machine as the club's first community project. Some donations were received in memory of two island residents:

DOWN THE YEARS

Edna Hawkes of Scott Point and Dr. O.L. Stanton, who died January 2.

Twenty years ago

January 15, 1975

An small adventure greeted students returning to school after the Christmas holidays when a school bus slid off the road and came to rest against nearby trees. Road conditions were blamed for the accident.

A section of the road had been rebuilt during the summer and local fill used. The fill was mushy, Charles Baltzer said, and when the bus wheel rolled on to the fill, the wheel sank into the road. No one was hurt in the accident and damage to the bus was slight. A wrecker, a crane and a backhoe were employed to bring the bus back on to the road.

The Gulf Islands Teachers Association was seeking legal advice on the position of a teacher who authorizes hospital treatment for a student and the school board discussed the issue at their January meeting. Responsibility for a student who may be injured at school and is sent to the hospital usually falls on a teacher, who signs the required forms. Legally, the doctor and hospital must have the authority of a parent or guardian to treat the student. By signing the required forms, the teacher could be legally liable for authorizing the treatment. Neither the Hospital Act nor the Schools Act had any provision for such a situation.

The first baby of the new year was Clinton Leo, born on January 3 at Lady Minto Hospital

to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helfrich. The baby weighed in at five pounds, 14 ounces.

Fifteen years ago

January 9, 1980

Approximately 20 Salt Spring Islanders dashed or tentatively waded into the water at Vesuvius Bay New Year's Day during the annual polar bear swim. Peter Small stayed in the water the longest, Allison Albhouse, 14, took the prize as the person who braved the cold for the longest period. The best style award went to Les Greenway.

Ten years ago

January 2, 1985

A "daffy dozen" was the term used to describe the 12 people who went swimming at Vesuvius Bay during the annual New Year's Day polar bear swim. The six annual event took place in a bay ringed with snow from a late December snowfall. Eldest swimmers were Gloria O'Hara and Geoff Swift. The youngest were Leaf Jason and Kati Mouat. Wayne Simons won a prize for the wildest costume. First in and last out was Barb Ryan.

The body of a 23-year-old man, George Wilson of Calgary, was found hanging from the flagpole in Centennial Park on December 24. Wilson, also known as George Edwards, was on Salt Spring visiting friends. On December 26, Wilson's friends gathered in the park, lit a candle in memory of him and cut down the flagpole. The flag on the other pole in the park was lowered to half-mast. Coroner Morris Chernoff of Duncan was to hold an inquiry into Wilson's death.

Five years ago

January 3, 1989

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STREW	HEART
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YULE	HAMA ORE
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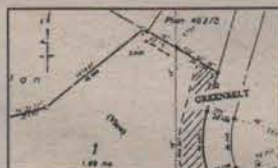


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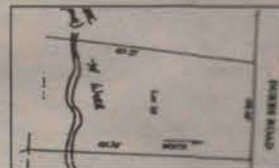
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• Sunny 1 ac. close to town
• Vendor motivated, mtg. assum.
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• Shade, sun & stream
• 2 ac. easy access
• Power to lot line, well in place
• \$131,500 MLS/NRS

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• 1.25 acres some arable areas
• Renovated home with in-law suite
• Living & deck areas enjoy beautiful views
• \$259,000 MLS/NRS



MARVELOUS WATERFRONT
• Top quality residence, beautifully appointed
• Deep water dock, year round moorage
• Fully landscaped lot, easy care
• \$910,000 MLS/NRS



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• New character cottage & roomy log barn
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• Housesite prepared, on water system
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• Excellent workmanship
• Expansive oceanviews
• 4 bedrooms
• 3 bathrooms
• \$549,000 MLS/NRS



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• 4 bedrooms - 3 bathrooms
• 2 barns + outbuildings
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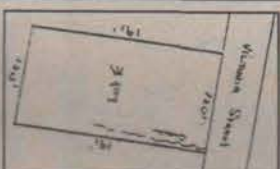


BOLD OCEANVIEW
• 3 bedrooms
• 2 fireplaces
• 2.23 private sunny acres
• Municipal water
• \$359,000 MLS/NRS

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• Excellent location
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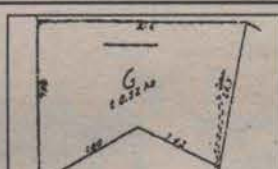


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• Ocean access nearby
• Cleared • Level
• Seasonal creek
• Perc test was done in 1990
• \$79,000 MLS/NRS



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• Over 7 acres - beautiful trees
• Stone fireplace - rustic charm
• Large workshop & studio
• \$249,000 MLS/NRS

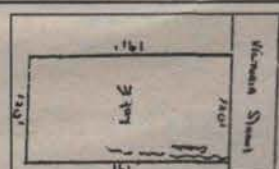
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• 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 5 appliances
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• Level and cleared
• Seasonal creek
• Perc test was done in 1990
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