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## Good buddies

Pender Island Grade one student Curtis Clarke gives his "buddie" a piggy-back ride after

building him from scratch. The students all made buddies as a class project. See story, Page 16.

## Socreds choose standard-bearers

SIDNEY — A political newcomer surprised even himself by winning the first of two Social Credit nominations at a Saanich-and-the-Islands meeting Sunday.

Veterinarian Terry Huberts, a 14-year party member, defeated Saanich mayor Mel Couvelier and businessman Ray Williams for the first nomination Sunday. Couvelier later stood for the second position, handily defeating Sidney mayor Norma Sealey for the Socred candidacy.

The constituency association decided to hold separate votes for the two nominations. Sealey chose to stay out of the first battle, to avoid going head to head with Couvelier, but the plan backfired when Couvelier narrowly lost to Huberts.

After his win, Huberts said he was surprised to be the first candidate chosen. He had hoped to win a nomination, but didn't expect to take the first berth against such stiff competition.

Couvelier congratulated him on the win, hugging Huberts after the vote was announced.

The meeting attracted 451 voting members to Sidney's Sanscha Hall, including some of the 125 new members signed up by Huberts during his campaign. Four hours later, when the final votes were being counted up at 6 pm, only 387 voting members remained.

In the first ballot, Couvelier led Huberts 216 votes to 210. Butcher shop owner Ray Williams took just 13 votes, but they were enough to force a second ballot. Williams, who campaigned for Couvelier in the recent Socred leadership race, appeared nervous during his speech to the members.

Huberts gained enough votes to secure the nomination, winning 219 to 208 on the second ballot.

Couvelier then faced Sealey for the second position. Sealey was a late entry in the race, announcing her intentions to run only after incumbent Hugh Curtis said he would not seek another term in office.

Couvelier easily took the second nomination, 255 votes to 132.

"I guess I was surprised to see a newcomer come in so strong," Sealey said afterwards.

Huberts, who stressed in his speech the need for political renewal, did not present a platform of issues. "I'm going to start knocking on doors and listening to people," he said after being nominated. He estimates he has already knocked on 1,000 doors during his campaign.

Attorney-General and Oak Bay MLA Brian Smith opened the nominating meeting, warning Island New Democrats to get used to watching the legislature from home.

Smith predicted the Socreds would crack the NDP's Vancouver Island stronghold in this election. 'Zalm Power' is reaching across

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## NDP hopefuls prepared for election call

New Democratic Party candidates in the provincial election have to overcome the momentum generated by Socred nominating meetings being held across the province. But for Saanich-and-the-Islands candidates Carol Pickup and David Vickers, having an early nomination has given them time to prepare for the election.

An NDP campaign office on Salt Spring Island opened just days after the election writ was dropped, and brochures and lawn signs are already being distributed to raise the candidates' profile in the campaign.

Pickup and Vickers are shaking hands and knocking on Salt Spring doors today (Wednesday) and plan to visit other islands during the campaign. "They've been over there all summer

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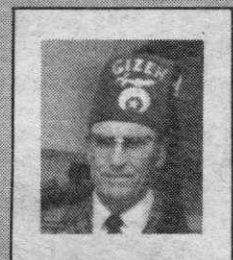
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## Dumping ground fall leaves neighbour upset

By ERIC EGGERTSON

When the Ganges sewer system went into place, North End Road resident Susan Blagborne thought her sewage problems were finally over. But effluent from septic tanks continues to be dumped into open pits near her home.

And when her cat showed up last week coated in raw sewage, Blagborne decided the time for waiting was over, and the time to move the sewage pits from her neighbourhood had arrived.

She is circulating a petition asking for an end to the dumping. So far 35 neighbours have signed the petition.

But the owner of the land, government officials and the sewage disposal company using the pits all say they have no alternative but to continue the dumping.

As long as there are septic tanks on the island, the community will need a dumping site. And Molly Acheson, whose late husband first agreed to the use of a part of the property for dumping,

says the situation probably won't change until her husband's estate is finally settled, possibly next summer.

"It has to be dumped somewhere," she said Tuesday, when

unhappy" having a sewage dump nearby — no matter where it is located — but the present location is as far from residents as any site is likely to be, she said.

"My husband did it as a community service," Acheson

said of his decision to allow dumping on the property. The dumping first began in the 1970s, when a company was allowed to use the land at no cost. In recent years Gulf Islands Septic Ltd. has paid a nominal monthly fee for the use of the land.

Some of Blagborne's complaints, echoed by those who signed the petition, are that the smell of sewage travels on warm days, trucks using the site cause noise and dust, the gate is

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*Doesn't seek re-election*

# 'Just time to leave,' Curtis says

MLA Hugh Curtis said his decision last week to withdraw from politics means he will not be actively involved in the current election campaign — but he will still be available to serve his constituents.

Curtis said last Thursday he would not seek any of two Social Credit nominations in the Saanich-and-the-Islands riding, calling an end to a political career that spanned 25 years.

"However, I am still in office until after the election," he said. "I haven't quit just yet — all I said is that I'm not running again."

Curtis explained that his term as MLA runs until a new government is sworn into office. He said that means he will be available to serve constituents until about October 29, a full week after the October 22 election.

The MLA, first elected to the provincial legislature in 1972, said he expects to keep quite busy between now and the end of his term, but a heavy schedule has nothing to do with his decision to keep a relatively low profile during the election campaign.

"I will not be actively campaigning, because I feel that would be wrong."

As for future plans, Curtis said

he has nothing definite in mind. "I have not been shopping or looking for things but I will receive some propositions, some opportunities, I'm sure. In any event, I'm not about to retire — I don't intend to just stay at home and chop wood."

Curtis, who celebrates his 54th birthday this week, said he feels he has "another 10 years" of productive work ahead of him and that he looks forward to leaving politics.

"I feel very good about leaving. I've made my decision and right now, the opportunity to do something completely different has great appeal to me."

Curtis stressed that his decision to leave was not caused by any friction with Social Credit leader Bill Vander Zalm. "I've enjoyed my limited time with the premier," he said. "We were able to hit it off and I'm extremely impressed with the way he's taken hold of the party."

Then why leave the provincial political scene? "I had," Curtis said, "finally reached the point where I wondered what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."

"The other thing is you don't want to go into an election campaign with anything less than 100 per cent personal enthusiasm, which I didn't have."



Hugh Curtis

# Huberts at top of Social Credit nomination picks

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the province, he said, pledging to stay in provincial politics for years to come.

Curtis, the retiring Saanich and the Islands MLA., was also at the meeting. He told reporters he would support whoever was nominated, but that he has mixed feelings about participating in the campaign.

Couvelier, asked whether he would now drop out of municipal politics, said he would wait and see what happens. He said he would remain in his mayor's post "for the moment," adding he wouldn't want to leave his constituency without a mayor.

# Trust made plank in NDP platform

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campaigning," campaign manager Lesley Bennett said Tuesday.

"Carol and David have been working very hard, and we're confident, very confident, at this point," she said in a telephone interview from one of two campaign offices on the Saanich Peninsula.

"We've been ready for a long time for this election. The writ at this stage for us is only a

formality."

The continuation of the Islands Trust is an issue in the election, Bennett said. Availability and accountability to the islands is another issue.

The NDP have about 1,000 members signed up in the constituency. Organizers will rely on more than 450 volunteers to help canvass the approximately 47,000 voters in the newly expanded two-seat riding.

"We've talked to lots of people in the constituency. People are at this stage of the game making up their minds in the direction of change," she said.

An ad in today's *Driftwood* reads, "New Democrats have earned the Islands' trust," an obvious reference to the NDP stand on continuing the Trust's position as a conservation and preservation body controlling development on the islands.

# Liability questions prompt look for helpline funding

Liability insurance problems won't keep a home helpline program from getting started on Salt Spring Island.

That promise comes from Capital Regional District (CRD) regional director Hugh Borsman, who says he will find the money for liability insurance even if it means approving a grant-in-aid.

"It will get going," he said of the pilot project to supply contact with a hospital to elderly or infirm people living at home. The Salt Spring program is to be a model for a planned system that would eventually cover all of Greater Victoria.

The CRD's hospital and health planning commission provided \$3,500 to start the Salt Spring program, with other start-up costs met by local service clubs.

The helpline program, to be run by a non-profit society, ran into problems when it was found that liability insurance costing \$1,500 would be needed. Without the insurance, members of the society could possibly be found liable if a legal problem arose, Borsman explained.

Borsman said he will ask the planning commission at its October 18 meeting to foot the bill for insurance. "If they can't, I'll provide it out of a grant-in-aid,"

he added, though he wants to avoid that avenue. "I'll keep trying to get the money elsewhere."

The CRD does not have the legal authority to include the non-profit society in its liability self-insurance plan. While that problem could be solved by an amendment to the CRD's letters-patent from the provincial government Borsman is sure that, for now, he'll find the money to launch the helpline program locally.

When the insurance wrangle is worked out, a main computer will be installed at Lady Minto Hospital. Smaller units will be installed in the homes of subscribers to the system. Then, when the users push a button on a remote pendant around their neck, the unit in their home will automatically dial the hospital, alerting the main computer to send help to that address.

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**Speed limit!**

Last week I spent most of the seven days in Victoria. To get to my temporary home I had to drive on a city street which is posted at 30 Km. per hour. Kind of slow, eh? I don't know what makes city police officers tick and I still don't know whether the signs are merely to keep the drivers wary or are really a warning of trouble if you drive faster. So I drove at approximately the posted speed.

Ever tried driving at the posted speed? I mean, anywhere? You get dizzy at the traffic rushing past. Nevertheless, I tried. There I was, heeding the warning and holding close to 30 kilometres on the speedometer.

First time I tried it I was pestered by a taxi driver who caught up with me and kept blasting away in his indignation at finding a sucker who obeyed signs.

Second time I drove that section of road a car passed me on the solid line and sped away into the distance.

And a third time! A small pickup not only passed me on the solid white line, but cut in hard in a brief effort to punish me for my behaviour.

There was no fourth time. Because the fourth time I wasn't in front of a line of traffic. I slowed down in the speed zone, alright and held my breath as another driver passed me in a single-lane traffic section. That taught me all about it. I just followed the traffic and

came through the 30 Km. limit area at the normal traffic rate of 60 Km an hour.

You could be pulled for speeding in a restricted area. But you could get killed obeying the signs!

**Out of luck!**

You see, I got a daughter. As a matter of strict scientific truth, I got two, but only one of them lives in the big city, which is her bad luck as it turns out.

She and her old man came to the island to set up a party for Women's Lib and me on the occasion of our 40th wedding anniversary. It's not everybody lives that long and it's not all married men who go through life with the kind of patience that carries me through nearly half a century. They cooked up a humdinger and stayed the night. That was that and nothing more. Nor less.

Next morning she offs to work in the city and stops in at home on the way. She swears that someone walked out as she walked in. The place had been ransacked and the only thing she knew for sure was gone was her camera. There were fingerprints and photos and all kinds of investigation and in no time flat there were two gentlemen in custody and the stolen camera was located in a pawnbroker's shop in Victoria. The two entrepreneurs who were dealing in other people's trifles had raised half a "C" on the camera and it was

a steal at \$50. By that time, of course, it was a steal at any price.

So my law-abiding daughter wants her camera back. From the police office? No way! She has to pay the pawnbroker for the money he lent on the item before it's hers again. Because right now it belongs to the fellow called "Uncle."

It seems that if you pawn stolen goods, they are the property of the pawnbroker. A camera isn't like a car: you buy a stolen car and you're just out of luck. You buy a stolen camera and your luck's not a heap better; but you set up as a pawnbroker and everything is different. As long as you don't know it's stolen, legally it ain't!

She found that she has the same choice as the thieves: she can either redeem her camera for the price paid of she can forfeit it. By chance the house was insured and she can claim from the insurers for the price of the pledged property. If she didn't have insurance, then she would have to pay the price out of her own pocket because that particular law punishes the property owner for owning property, the way I see it. Or rather, the way I heard it.

It doesn't seem quite right. Also, the way I heard it is that it didn't seem quite right to the investigating fuzzi. He suggested that my son-in-law sit down before he explained the oddness of that law on the sanctity of property.

**Even the bees!**

I've found a reader who is working to ensure that I live for another year! Most of my vocal admirers seem to aim at a briefer tenure. But a friend for life is David Harris, of Fulford and beyond.

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## Retiring MLA left his stamp on Gulf Islands

Hugh A. Curtis, the soft-spoken, unassuming member of the legislature for Saanich and the Islands has been so long a familiar figure on the islands that the scene will not look the same again.

Last week, the islands spokesman and provincial secretary bowed out of the election campaign. In midstream he shook the water from his shoes and announced his withdrawal. The announcement had not been expected and it brought a wide range of reactions.

Among his supporters was consternation. Some felt shock that they had not had prior warning. Most felt that the loss of the candidate who has never been defeated in an election was a severe loss to the constituency. In a quarter-century of public life, Hugh Curtis has accumulated a following of many friends. His staggering record of successes indicates a sustained popularity among supporters.

The opposition candidates cannot fail to welcome his withdrawal. Not the most optimistic New Democratic supporter could fail to welcome

the departure of a figure who never learned the meaning of the word "defeat."

His life in office has been a vivid period of the province's history. It has brought him warm acclaim and bitter hostility in the islands, where emotions tend to ride near the surface.

While many of his island friends have seen his public life as a contribution to the region and to the province, the past quarter-century is a tribute to the man himself. It is 24 years since Alderman Hugh Curtis took his seat on Saanich council. Since that time he has been elected to office — municipal and provincial — 11 times. He was elected chairman of the Capital Regional board by his colleagues six times, establishing a noteworthy total of 17 successful elections. He never lost. These offices were in addition to other responsibilities he undertook without the formal election by his constituents or their representatives.

This is a record of which the retiring member may well be proud. In other words, he's done well by the people of his constituencies and he must

gain a great personal satisfaction in that record.

Curtis came into public affairs with the experience of a few years in business. He leaves the scene with an invaluable experience of public economics, as minister of finance, chairman and vice-chairman of the Treasury Board and chairman of the municipal finance authority.

The withdrawal of the veteran legislator's name from the nomination ballots on Sunday represents a blow to his supporters in Saanich and the Islands. It is a very distinct loss to the people of this province.

Hugh Curtis closes his career as a member of the provincial legislature on a happy note, however. He has never been defeated and he never will be. Furthermore, he leaves the provincial scene with a record that may well be envied by many another legislator. He is probably the most highly esteemed minister in the provincial government and he enjoys the warm support of almost every government member of the recent government and the confidence of everyone else in government.



## No single issue

Thus far, the week-old provincial election campaign has been advertised as a match of style against substance. While that billing may yet make for a colourful page in the history books, it also promises a difficult chore for voters seeking a rational basis for their ballot box choices.

Reducing an election to one phrase, one category of images, makes a voter's choice of candidates much simpler than usual. However, it also reduces the complex ebb and flow of policy positions to a common denominator that somehow serves to define the whole of the philosophical differences being debated.

What's wrong with that? Only the point that elections should never be seen as single-issue campaigns, just as this province's strengths and weaknesses cannot be reduced to a simple catch-phrase.

The challenge facing voters, then, is to somehow sift through the rhetoric by candidates and media that serves only this campaign's billing, and unearth the hard-edged policy statements that will matter long after the advertising slogans die.

## Elections supply us with genuine human drama

When Bill Vander Zalm dropped the election writ last Wednesday afternoon, my mind immediately recalled an evening in a dark, smoke-filled NDP hall in Nanaimo.

It was the aptly-named 'night of the car dealers,' in 1975, when Dave Barrett's NDP administration went down to defeat after just one term in office. Although Dave Stupich managed to hold his Nanaimo seat for the NDP, B.C.-wide returns detailing the party's fall from power soon brought a deep-seated gloom to the hall.

Then, towards the end of the evening, Stupich's challenger strode in to offer his congratulations. Grahame Roberts, a car

dealer who is now Nanaimo's mayor (and who almost ran for the riding's Socred nomination this time around), had failed badly in his bid for Stupich's seat. But you wouldn't know it by a photograph I snapped that night.

The picture shows Stupich gazing sadly into the bottom of a styrofoam cup while Roberts, standing a few feet away and not the least bit inhibited by his surroundings, is flashing a big smile and a 'V for victory' wave. Who had won, and who had lost?

That scene always reminds me of the potential a major election holds to provide images of genuine human drama. And my continuing search for those scen-

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by  
Duncan MacDonnell

es, in subsequent elections, tells me that if politicians can become hooked on the election process — to become junkies for the adrenaline rush that kicks in when a writ is dropped — so can journalists.

An election call brings a jolt of excitement to any newsroom. Part of it is having the best seat in the house for the fight that is being waged, and part has to do with

watching history in the making. But, as shown by the scene in the NDP hall in Nanaimo, the biggest kick is finding a single incident that sums up a campaign better than 10,000 words could ever hope to do.

I've been lucky enough to find those dramatic snapshots in most elections, so my memories of those ballot battles can be based on more than the speeches and promises recorded in history books. I will, for instance, always recall a day in Campbell River in 1979 when Pierre Trudeau received a cold reception to phrases spoken in French, and you could see a sense of doom in his eyes; of a night in Courtenay one year

later when Joe Clark lost his luggage en route to losing the election; of an early-morning trip with a Vancouver Sun reporter to a Howe Street bar, the morning after the last provincial election, when stock brokers in three-piece suits celebrated restraint at tables next to modest-looking office workers drowning their sorrows; and of the day after the last federal election, when I awoke to find that a beaver had dropped my willow tree into the lake.

And, of course, I can never forget that steamy NDP hall in Nanaimo in 1975. That's 11 years ago now, and I'm still looking for a more telling election statement. Maybe this time ...

## Skirmish

Sir,  
Every Gulf Islander has a vivid interest in preventing the kind of dictatorship which would accompany "temporary permits."

The function of legislators is to enact laws which are clear and complete; which permit all those things (and only those things) which they intend to permit; and which prohibit all things which they intend to prohibit.

In cases of lack of clarity, it is the function of the judiciary to determine and interpret what exactly the legislators have said; not necessarily what they meant to say.

In the above situation the law is usually as fair as it can be, and it is the same for everybody. But with "temporary permits," the law is supplé — the trustees can mould it into anything they like.

Once someone is given leave to bend the law, by a temporary permit, the law is no longer fair. You then have some people who break the law and commit no offence while others, in doing the identical act, become guilty of an offence. You then have anarchy.

The people must know what they may do, and what they must not do. Any other regime is intolerable.

Such an anarchic regime as "temporary permits" is repugnant to all who respect the rule of law. The Islands Trust should drop the whole idea at once. If they do not, they risk a fight which will make the recent asphalt plant debacle seem like a minor skirmish.

**COLIN NICHOLSON,**  
Ganges.

## Diversion

Sir,  
On the one hand, you could probably say Expo is a great diversion, with world-class entertainment drawing attention away from our problems; on the other hand you could say it is the world's greatest scam.

Expecting foreign investment when the world economic situation is so bad, is highly unlikely; Canada's deficit is \$30 to \$40 billion alone, and now B.C. has taken on the deficit from Expo.

Taxpayers should at least have been given a running picture of deficit financial structure. Pattison knows the figures, but the government won't release them.

Yet they will claim to pay off the deficit within two years from the lottery fund.

And shouldn't that lottery money be going into kids' sports programs and other programs that benefit the community and employment? Tourism declined in all areas except the Lower Mainland. All these questions remain unanswered.

Some say Expo is more of a world's fair than exposition; there is nothing really technologically new or different there.

I've enjoyed the Folklife area in particular, the NWT pavilion — which I accidentally got to through the store — and some of the outdoor exhibits and music. Pavilion lineups are bizarre. If it really rains I may get to the Spirit Lodge, the most popular show (in the GM pavilion). Isn't the real reason for Expo being the success that it is...the spirit and tolerance and money of the people of B.C.?

**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Ganges.

## Dismayed

Sir,  
I am always dismayed when people like David Clegg use sarcasm and half truths to bash social programs such as UIC and welfare; without offering positive solutions and alternatives (*Driftwood*, September 24).

For the past 25 years various groups have been working for a more just, equitable and efficient way of dispersing funds to the needy. People like Mr. Clegg are going to have to stop worrying themselves silly that a few people may be getting something for nothing.

The fact is, human beings weren't designed to live in a high pressure civilization. That so few fall totally by the wayside in terms of their inability to cope with the stress of employment is a testimony to the amazing adaptability of all of us.

Why isn't Mr. Clegg voicing support for programs which will help people cope with the everyday necessity to make a living, or ones which will help long term welfare recipients allocate funds in a way which could eventually get them off welfare?

Better yet, how about

## letters

government and the private sector working together to create real long term jobs instead of the phony high cost jobs created by megaprojects — many of which result in net job losses or even the export of jobs to other regions or countries.

**DAVID E. SKINNER,**  
Ganges.

## Thank you

Sir,  
The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society would like to thank Perry Booth and the Fall Fair committee for letting us have our successful display at the fall fair.

We are pleased to announce that the sale of memberships raised over \$400 for our projects. This money will be spent on our hatchery and on stream habitat improvements.

Derrick Brazier won the egg-counting contest. There were 3,122 fake salmon eggs in the tray and he guessed 3,050. Paula Wheaton was second with a guess of 3,040 and Ron Nordine third with his guess of 3,265.

We would also like to thank the people who helped out at the booth, especially Jane and Kathy Stack, Michele Layard, Imme McLean, John Elliott and Marina Scott. Next year we'll be back with an even more interesting display.

**KATHY REIMER,**  
**DEBORAH NOSTDAL,**  
**JONATHAN OLDROYD,**  
Ganges.

## Solution

Sir,  
All the foofaraw about the Farmers' Market seems to be leading to a solution markedly similar to a situation a neighbour of mine solved, a number of years ago. When he got fed up with mowing his lawn, he paved it and painted it green.

**D.W. EVANISHEN,**  
Ganges.

## Sighting


Sir,  
Birdwatchers on the southern end of Salt Spring were delighted in making a rare sighting of the twin-bladed mammoth hummingbird recently. This species of hummingbird is the largest in North America and can weigh in excess of one ton. It can be distinguished by its long antenna-like bill and the beautiful blue and white striped markings on its belly. The mammoth hummingbird

makes an annual sojourn to our little island in mid-September and is never seen at any other time. Although its mating habits are still a mystery to us, it seems that part of the process involves hovering above the indigenous cannabis bush (a favourite nesting-spot) and making as much noise as possible.

The specimen sighted was unsuccessful in attracting a mate and was eventually frightened away by the arrival of several police vehicles, who had arrived on the scene presumably to protect it from possible poachers. Alas, we must wait another year for our friend to return again.


**SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,**  
Fulford Harbour.

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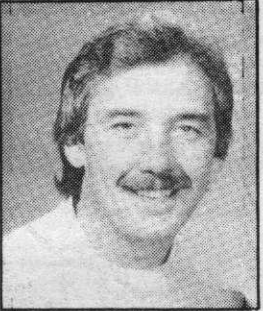


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## Enough!

Sir,  
I've had enough. I've done my community duty by putting up with the noise, dust, odour and inconsiderate hours and days of operation by the Gulf Islands Septic Ltd.'s truck running by my back door to dump their load of sewage just down the back road.

I have quietly put up with this operation, waiting for it all to end once the sewage plant was opened. I have been extremely patient, tolerating up to 20 truck loads per day going by.

But yesterday, September 22, saw the straw that broke this camel's back. My Persian cat, while out hunting mice (or was it rats?), tried to jump across an open ditch that had just had raw sewage dumped into it, and she sank.

She hauled herself out, made her way home, through the house and onto the beds, where she attempted to clean herself. In the process she left sewage on each eiderdown and lumps of sewage on our Iranian carpet. I found her after the children said the cat smelled like sewage. You bet she did!

She reeked. I screamed and cried and swore. I've had it! Get this sewage dump away from here, away from farm and domestic animals, away from residential areas.

Hugh Borsman, Hugh Curtis, the NDP candidates and Ken Austin of the waste management branch all know about this incident, and now you do.

Where else can this sewage go? Did you know our new sewage plant is pumped out once a week and the stuff is deposited in huge open pits on Mrs. Acheson's land?

My cat went to Hot Doggies to be washed, my bedding to the dry

cleaners and the bill for both is going to Hugh Borsman, the CRD director. Will he pay for it? Will this dump be moved? All right community, I need your support as I have given you mine for the past eight years.

**SUSAN BLAGBORNE,**  
Ganges.

## Spellings

Sir,  
As a newcomer I am somewhat diffident in accusing one of your columnists of inadequate research. I refer to Frank Richards' endorsement of the word *gladiola*.

Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778) established the binomial system of nomenclature for biological specimens, and this is still the only correct way to classify them.

The word *gladiolus* is the family name for over 160 different plants. To refer to one of them, you need to have a second name in order to specify it. To refer to them in the plural as a family, then *gladioli* is correct.

Many plants, in addition to their correct names, sometimes acquire a "common" name, which may be misleading as well as inaccurate.

*Gladiola* can only be used as a common name, but in no way can it be correct.

*Webster's Dictionary* is no authority in a case like this.

Dictionaries are only capable of giving the correct spelling or meaning of words. The correct use of the language is the province of those who use the language who may be described as informed or cultivated.

**R.S. HOLCROFT,**  
Ganges.

## more letters

### Full cycle

Sir,

In April this year, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, I visited my sister and her husband Kay who is the brother of my late husband.

One morning at breakfast Kay said: "I think we should go and pay our respects to the Hocking ancestors at Mylor church." Hocking country is the area of England around Falmouth, Polperro, Truro and Mylor.

"And," he went on, "I'll treat you girls to lunch. They do a good brew and pub lunch at Ganges."

Well. You can guess how my ears flapped. "Ganges?" I asked.

My suspicions were confirmed as soon as we got there. The dining room was shaped like the back of an old sailing vessel, and there she was, the grand old lady, in full sail in several large pictures.

I made a note from a framed history on the wall: "Square-rigged sailing ship built of teak in India, 1821; with the Mediterranean fleet for some years. In 1865 fitted as a training ship and moored off Mylor for 33 years."

The building which is now the Ganges pub was the mess and kitchen for the ship. When the ship was taken out of service the building was sold and became a pub.

I chatted with the manageress, asking her whether she had any knowledge of the Canadian connection, as there was no word of it in the framed history I had seen. She said no, she had no idea. It seemed sweet to me how the

wheel had turned full cycle: here I'd settled on Salt Spring and in Cornwall, the old ship had turned up in the heart of Hocking country.

**JOCELYN HOCKING,**  
Ganges.

### Thank you

Sir,

I wish to thank everyone in the community who supported *Dylan — Portrait of a Poet*; those of you who attended the performance, and those of you who said *yes* when asked for assistance in mounting the show here.

Cyril Royston and Ray Jones asked me to also extend their grateful appreciation for your enthusiastic welcome.

This is a very special community and I'm glad I chose to be part of it.

**LYNDA JENSEN,**  
Vesuvius Bay.

### In poverty

Sir,

There has been considerable discussion of late regarding the minimum wage rate in B.C. Our minimum wage of \$3.65 has not been increased since 1980 and is currently the lowest in the country.

Workers earning less than \$600 monthly face real hardships trying to make ends meet. They do not have sufficient income to pay their rent, buy groceries, and adequately support their families. They do not have any disposable income to spend in their communities.

We have come a long way toward improving the conditions of workers in this country. We have abolished child labour. We

have established workers' compensation, employment standards legislation, and legislation to protect us from sexual harassment. Isn't it time we realized that a person's labour cannot be exploited for less than a living wage?

No one should be expected to work for poverty wages. Further discussion on this issue is academic. There are real lives at stake and the time to act is now.

**CAROL PICKUP,**  
NDP candidate,  
Saanich and the Islands.

## Conference

Sir,

The Gulf Islands' Teacher-Librarians' Association is excited to be able to extend an invitation to children ages 10 to 14 to attend a young authors' conference on November 8, 1986 from 1 to 4 pm at Beaver Point Hall.

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The young authors need to bring a story or poem they have written.

Registration forms may be picked up at any Gulf Island school office as well as the school board office. The cost is \$5. Refreshments are included.

Call Susan or Bill Underwood at 537-9391 or Carol Eyles at 653-4558 for further information. Registrations are due October 24, 1986.

**CAROL EYLES,**  
**SUSAN UNDERWOOD,**  
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# Skelly's stumbling won't help chances

VICTORIA — After his ill-fated campaign start, NDP Leader Bob Skelly had better hope that style means very little to the voters of British Columbia.

## capital comment

I've been asked what the big deal was when Skelly stumbled all over himself during his press conference last Wednesday, which followed hard on the heels of Vander Zalm's election call.

So Skelly was nervous and excited. How would you feel on the eve of your first election campaign as opposition leader? Is it really necessary to dwell on that foulup?

Let me just say that I don't enjoy other people's misfortunes. And I'm not in the habit of writing columns about nervous people.

But then, most people don't want to become premier of British Columbia, either.

I believe Skelly's disastrous performance at the press conference is germane to the question of who should lead this province. That's why I'm writing this, even though I don't like it one bit.

I believe that a man who asks to become premier must be able to stay in control of whatever situation arises. He must be able to inspire confidence. He must be a leader.

The man I saw at the press conference was neither in control nor confidence-inspiring. Skelly did not look like a leader. His

*'Here was a man who showed signs of panic. And nothing in his speech could change that impression.'*

voice was trembling, his hands were shaking, and he had to stop reading his prepared speech several times.

Here was a man who showed signs of panic. And nothing in his speech could change that impression.

I couldn't help but compare Skelly's press conference with that of his opponent an hour earlier. Vander Zalm was calm and confident, showing not the slightest sign of stress or nervousness. Like it or not, he looked like a leader.

Having the matter of style disposed of, let's look at the substance of what the two leaders said.

Vander Zalm spoke eloquently of his commitment to open and good government. He spoke of ending "partisan warfare." He said he would lead by example.

It sounded great, but as the old lady in the TV commercial used to say: "Where's the beef?" There was none.

Skelly's speech had no more

by  
**Hubert Beyer**

substance than Vander Zalm's. True, he told reporters that the NDP will fight for jobs, for a decent income for all British Columbians and for better educational opportunities and health care, but I hardly expect the Socreds to fight against those things.

Not that I expected a complete election platform with all specific proposals in place from either of them. I just mention the lack of specifics because Skelly accused Vander Zalm of lacking substance.

When the campaign really gets going, there will be a lot of specific promises by both parties. But you'll have to remember that none of them come with a compulsory implementation order.

As the campaign unfolds, the issues will come to the fore. The major battles will undoubtedly be fought over economic strategy and job creation. But there will be secondary issues.

Asked whether he plans to make his stand on abortion (against) an election issue, Vander Zalm said he didn't but added that his opponents might.

Skelly confirmed Vander Zalm's suspicions, saying the premier had already made it an issue by saying his government would look into the matter.

Another likely issue to surface during the campaign will be the province's minimum wage level, which is the lowest in Canada at \$3.65 an hour.

Nor will the NDP let the Socreds forget the past. They will hammer away at former premier Bill Bennett's restraint program. They will bring up the firing of public servants, the slashing of programs and the dismantling of agencies such as the Rentalsman's office and the Human Rights Commission, following the last election.

And Vander Zalm's promise to end partisan strife notwithstanding, the campaign will not be without mud-slinging. Some of the candidates on either side may not want to go along with the premier's call for a conciliatory approach to politics.

I will forego the temptation at this point of making a prediction regarding the outcome, except to say that the NDP is trailing as the campaign begins.

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# Finish garden jobs before wet weather settles in

The past few days have seen a change in the weather, and into our lives a bit of rain has fallen, but so far it has been light and kindly, allowing us to get accustomed to the wet season ahead of us.

In a couple of weeks, the downpours will no doubt commence and soak the ground that so badly needs it, but for now we still aren't getting enough rain to satisfy most plants' needs. Many wells are dry or near enough so that gardeners are carefully and nervously doling out the water and awaiting the arrival of the monsoons.

With the arrival of October we're that much closer to the rainy season, but before it arrives there's a lot to do, while the weather is still fair and dry.

Cleanup is a major October activity. Rake up all fallen leaves in beds, rockeries and on lawns, as they can smother and kill plants as they get soggy from fall rains. Remove all debris, dead tops, spent flowers and dead plants. Disease-free vegetation should go to the compost, and the pile should be kept moist, get an occasional dusting of compost helper such as *Rot-It*, and it should be turned periodically.

Once the perennials have all been cut back and the beds cleaned, you can apply a top dressing of manure or that great compost you made.

For your rockeries and alpine plants, top dress with a 50/50 mix of fine compost and crushed granite or sharp (coarse) sand. Place an inch or so around the crowns to provide erosion protection, some frost protection and to re-establish the proper soil

level.

For a bit of bright colour in the rockery next spring, try planting a few snowdrops, scillas, muscari, species narcissi, crocus, chionodoxa or species tulips in groups and pockets where something is drab or missing during March, April and May.

This month, you can also plant out started plants of wallflowers, myosotis, pansies, violas, brompton stocks and primulas, for colour accent in the cool seasons ahead. Don't forget to pinch out the tips or growing points of the stocks and wallflowers to encourage branching and more abundant flowers in the spring.

Earlier, I'd mentioned our need for rainfall and you only have to go out into the garden and dig a shallow hole to realize that just a couple of inches down, the soil is bone dry. Well, many deciduous plants — including shrubs and trees — will benefit from this tapering off of available water, as they are thoroughly hardened off and dormant well before the fall frosts arrive.

As a result, cold damage will be minimal for deciduous plants but, for evergreens (coniferous and broad-leaved), the need for water continues. All plants which keep their foliage through the winter should be well-watered throughout October to minimize desiccation and resultant damage and dieback during any cold dry winter weather ahead.

At the end of the month drain all of your water systems that might be damaged by freezing, including hoses, irrigation systems, sprinklers and exposed hose-bibs.

Try to finish all of your bulb

## your garden

by  
**Chris Schmah**

planting this month so that they will have ample time to make good strong root systems for next spring. Hold back with tulip planting until mid-November. October is a good month for dividing and replanting peonies. Make sure to dig a deep hole (18 inches) and mix in a bucketful of well-rotted manure for a vigorous healthy plant. Set the eye just one inch below the soil surface and cover with a light mulching of leaves. You might try interplanting peonies and bulb areas with some spring-blooming perennials such as aubretias, arabis, alyssum saxatile, doricum daisies, primulas, and the June blooming cerastium, also known as snow-in-summer.

You can continue with lawn planting ventures until the middle of October and if you choose to use sod instead of seed, then the safe season goes right through this month into mid-November, provided the ground isn't frozen.

If you have an over-crowded bed of Montbretias, you may safely divide and replant them into an enriched, well-drained soil with some bonemeal added to it.

This task should be undertaken at least every other year, and preferably annually if you have lots of energy, or a small pool. Also, the bottom muck is rich in nutrients and will work wonders

anywhere in the garden where fertilizer is needed.

Soon the fall planting season will be in full swing, as fall rains loosen up compacted soil, make digging easier, and look after the water needs of the freshly-planted stocks.

Now is a good time to do planting, hole preparation, and any bed construction that requires rockwork or railway tie work.

As soon as the first fall frosts have touched your dahlias, begonias, canna lilies, and gladiolus it will be time for lifting them, cleaning them, preparing them for storage and putting them to rest in a well-ventilated frost-free (45 to 65 F) overwintering area.

If you plan to do up any bulbs for forcing for indoor blooming, try to pot up a few every two weeks to give a continuous show

throughout the winter. During the first several weeks remember to keep the pots in a cold location in the dark, so that full rooting can take place before top growth is expected to resume.

If you are going to try to get that poinsettia to bloom for this Christmas, then the rituals should begin as soon as possible. To form those red bracts we all love, the plants requires 14 hours of absolute darkness, not even a half-minute of light (that includes a single lightbulb) and then 10 hours of full bright sun each day. Temperatures should be in the 60 to 70 F range and fertilizer should be given every two weeks at half strength.

In the vegetable garden, finish harvesting this month, taking up

the late potatoes, picking the last tomatoes and squash. Don't let the frost get on the pumpkins or any other squash, as the hard skin will be broken down and rotting will take place in storage during the next couple of weeks. Clean up all spent vegetable matter, turn the soil, lime where needed, and sow down a fall cover crop such as winter wheat or fall rye.

In a sunny bed, you can still sow some corn salad, radish, spinach and you can even try some early peas. Broad beans and early peas can also be sown in a very sheltered bed or in an unheated greenhouse for a very early crop. Cut down the tops of your asparagus as soon as they've yellowed, to control disease and insects, and then you can top dress with an inch or two of compost or seaweed.

Be sure to get your garlic planted soon in a rich, loose, well-drained soil in a sunny location. Space the toes six inches apart, one inch deep and use some additional form of phosphate (bonemeal, rock phosphate or super phosphate). By the time spring growth resumes, the roots will have grown six inches or more and will ensure a bumper crop of tasty, aromatic garlic.

Cut back to the ground level all canes on your blackberries that fruited this year, as they will no longer produce any fruit. Remove all of your unwanted strawberry runners, either discarding them or else using them to fill holes in the existing bed or for making up new beds for next year.

It seems like October's list is never-ending, and there are only 31 days in which to accomplish it all.



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### Major changes

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Above, tank is moved by crew tackling another phase of the project.

Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

### Another constitutional question

# Quebec lake case resolved; impact on St. Mary unlikely

A Quebec Court of Appeal ruling handed down Tuesday is unlikely to provide grounds to overturn a B.C. Supreme Court decision on Salt Spring's St. Mary Lake, or to prompt Canada Shipping Act changes aimed at removing gasoline-powered outboards from the local body of water.

That was the opinion of a lawyer in Transport Canada's Ottawa office moments after the Quebec court upheld the federal government's right to regulate navigation on any body of water in Canada.

The Quebec case — which heard challenges to Ottawa's right to regulate activity at a lake at St. Denis de Brompton, near Montreal — had been cited in recent correspondence about St. Mary Lake between Transport Minister John Crosbie and Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands MP Jim Manly (NDP).

Manly wrote Crosbie in July, after the B.C. Supreme Court ruled that a gasoline outboard ban on St. Mary Lake had been applied for water quality reasons. In overturning the ban, Mr. Justice Gibbs said it went beyond the authority of the enabling legislation, the Canada Shipping Act.

In his letter, Manly noted that the ruling places "a theoretical right to navigation" above concerns for quality of life, and asked Crosbie to introduce changes to

the Canada Shipping Act that would allow a co-operative federal and provincial government effort to limit "the use of lakes and other waterways in accordance with local needs."

Crosbie's reply, dated August 29, said the B.C. Supreme Court decision has been "thoroughly reviewed" by his ministry's legal advisors — who earlier filed, then withdrew, a notice of intent to appeal the ruling — but no changes are currently planned to the Canada Shipping Act.

The reason, Crosbie said, was that his ministry was awaiting the Quebec court ruling on St. Denis de Brompton. Like the St. Mary Lake case, he said, the St. Denis challenge concerned constitutional questions and "therefore ... (it is) considered inappropriate to contemplate any changes to the ... Act until we have the benefit of the Quebec court's decision."

He added: "I wish to assure you that once the Quebec case is resolved, the department will be in a much better position to evaluate such questions."

However, while the case has now been resolved — pending possible appeals by the province of Quebec — there is nothing in the decision that can be applied to St. Mary Lake, a Transport Canada lawyer said.

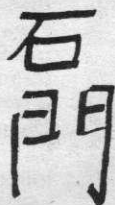
"There's no connection between the two cases," he said. "The legal issues are different."

The Quebec case was about who had jurisdiction over waters in Canada and the judge ruled that the federal government has the jurisdiction — which was recognized in the St. Mary Lake case. In that case (St. Mary Lake), it was ruled that we have the authority but applied the Act for the wrong purpose."

In simplifying the Quebec ruling, the lawyer explained that it says a provincial government has authority over a lake bottom but Ottawa has jurisdiction over any act of navigation taking place on or in the water.

If anything, that stand would uphold an aspect of Mr. Justice Gibbs's ruling on St. Mary Lake. It indicated that while any attempt to regulate lake activity for reasons of water quality would fall within the provincial domain, any such legislation "would have to defer to public rights of navigation which, as such, cannot be impaired save by federal legislation" — which is what prompted Manly's request to Crosbie for co-operative provincial and federal efforts.

Both Manly and Crosbie were unavailable for comment earlier this week, and the Transport Canada lawyer declined to speculate on where that request might stand now.



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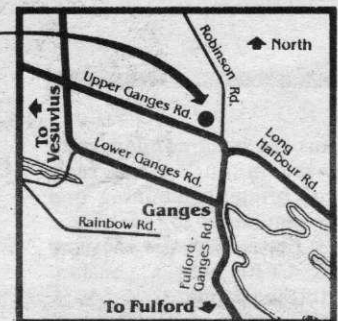
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# Representatives agree on need for direction

Recently I attended the Union of B.C. Municipalities meeting in Vernon, where one day of the four day conference was occupied with suggested changes and amendments to the regional district concept. Also discussed was the developing community concept which I have previously mentioned. After meeting with municipal affairs staff to explore how this might benefit Salt Spring Island, or Ganges Village, I was inclined to feel that it offered little for us locally. After a meeting last Thursday, this may not be correct.

As reported in a recent *Driftwood*, there are a number of problems concerning the village of Ganges where no one body is representative enough to make a decision. Along with the Islands Trust representative we called a meeting of representatives of the many groups that have concerns about the problems of the village. Some fifteen of these groups had representatives at the meeting, and it was a most fruitful and rewarding evening. Literally everyone present had an opportunity to express his or her views, and there was remarkable agreement amongst the group. The following is an attempt to report on the comments made.

Everyone agreed that there was

a need to have a representative group or committee that could speak with some authority on village issues. Several examples of these sorts of issues were given. Providing that this group consisted of nominees from the existing organizations, it would be reasonably democratic. Many, however, felt that such a committee had to be elected, i.e. a sort of village council. How this could be done is a real problem, and no-one had the answer.

The possibility of the incorporation of Ganges as a village was discussed by many of those present. It was felt that this was possibly the only way there could be effective, co-ordinated and controlled development in the village. There was a unanimous resolution that the Chamber of Commerce should immediately start an appropriate investigation of incorporation, and be able to report some progress at a meeting to be called in not more than a month. It must be emphasized that the group was not advocating incorporation; they merely wished to know if it would be a feasible solution.

The local community concept was described briefly. Further work on it will be done by municipal affairs in the next

## director's report

by Hugh Borsman

month or so, but it appeared it might fulfill some of the decision-making requirements in Ganges. For example, the local community could declare a benefiting area and arrange fund raising from local taxes, arranged by the CRD. The elected council or commission would be given considerable authority.

The Islands Trust came in for criticism, but very kindly and constructive criticism. In fact all present declared support for the Trust and applauded its much more understanding and responsive management of problem areas. However, an almost unanimous opinion of those present was that the "preserve and protect" mandate of the Trust was suitable for rural areas, and largely unsuited to urban or village areas.

In addition, the Trust does not have adequate staff to properly service many village problems, including overall planning. Nick Gilbert explained that he would

seek a meeting with municipal affairs to seek further help, and a number of those present agreed to accompany him when an appointment was made.

It was suggested that in dealing with development problems — including parking, etc. — the Trust should be advised by representatives from some of the 14 organizations represented at the meeting. But how about the Advisory Planning Commission? The prevalent opinion appeared to be that this group also was "rural" oriented. This is not surprising, since it is advisory to a rural oriented Islands Trust.

John Stepaniuk, the local Highways department/roads manager, was urged to expedite, if possible, the placement of crosswalks. He explained that the district manager has our proposals and will be reporting back in about a week.

The above information is only a part of what was a thoroughly enjoyable and productive meeting. The decisions were:

- Meet again in not more than one month.

- Ask the Chamber of Commerce to have at least some preliminary information concerning incorporation of the Village.

- Clare Nutting, who was largely responsible for the excellent incorporation study for the island, will supply what information is relevant.

- I was asked to see if a representative of municipal affairs could be present at the next meeting, or before, to further explain about the local community concept and to answer questions.

- I was also asked, along with the Trust, to make specific suggestions as to how the objectives discussed at the meeting can be met prior to the introduction of one of the alternatives.

### Residential Renovation Assistance Programme (RRAP)

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I mentioned this about two months ago, and because I expected response and didn't get it, I enquired last week and discovered all the money allocated for this area has not been allocated. If you would like more information, please phone Michael Bennett at the CRD, 388-4421.

## 25 years in public office

# Curtis enjoyed numerous high points in long career

By FRANK RICHARDS

Hugh Curtis is out.

The man whose name has been a household word among the islands for 20 years has quit the provincial scene.

Last Thursday he announced that his name would not be among the candidates for nomination to carry the Social Credit colours in the October 22 election. The announcement stunned the solid base of his supporters in the constituency. As yet, the retiring MLA and provincial secretary has not indicated his plans for the future. He has only made a positive statement that a further term in office is not included.

As the member of the legislature elected from the islands and Saanich, he has been a prominent public figure here for 14 years. He was already well-known throughout his constituency as the chairman of the Capital Regional board, a post he held for six years. In that office Curtis became a controversial figure on the islands.

**'As mayor of Saanich, he started his career as an undefeated representative in his home community.'**

He was the chief administrator of the region during the early stages of bringing planning and land use regulation to the islands. Through the early stages of island planning Curtis was a constant visitor to the islands.

In later years, when he was serving as minister of municipal

affairs, he was instrumental in changing the Islands Trust legislation whereby the three general trustees were elected by the trust council rather than being named by the government. The assumption of the planning responsibility by the Islands Trust instead of the regional districts was also a measure introduced by the local member.

From an early radio station figure in Victoria to the retired minister of finance and provincial secretary has been a long journey in a short time. His first entry into public affairs was through radio, when he was winner of a national award for public service reporting.

Born in Victoria, he was married there and has raised a family of three children in the area. He was the son of a Victoria alderman, Austen Curtis, and the decision in the early 1960s to enter public life was simply following in his father's footsteps.

Life began in 1962, with his election as Saanich alderman. He served out his two-year term and in 1964 won the mayoralty seat. As mayor of Saanich he started his career as an undefeated representative in his home community.

When the elections of 1965, 1967, 1969 and 1971 came up, so did the mayor of Saanich.

In 1966, the regional district was introduced as a new level of municipal government. Mayor Hugh Curtis became Chairman Curtis at the outset.

Regional government was a new concept in B.C. and met with a varying degree of acceptance. Established to provide for those services which extended beyond municipal boundaries, the regions became catch-alls for other functions. In areas such as the islands, where there was no local government, the regions took on the role of local government to provide funding which was otherwise unobtainable.

This function was destined to become a thorn in the chairman's flesh. The new regional district provided a means whereby joint federal-provincial funds could be

made available to unincorporated communities for the first time when a sewer project was undertaken. This aspect was destined to be argued for the next 20 years.

The first barrier encountered by the new regional government was planning. The provincial government had established a firm ruling that without orderly planning, the islands would be prohibited from any development. The government's decision to freeze all subdivision of property into lots of less than 10 acres represented a blow to every property owner in the islands.

**'The Islands Trust became doubly important to him when he took on the municipal affairs portfolio.'**

The regional board was the instrument whereby planning came into effect and it became the whipping boy when islanders' indignation was expressed.

Chairman Curtis lived through those years of upheaval.

After six years as chairman of the regional board, the Saanich mayor was out. He was not ousted; he never lost an election. He left municipal affairs and entered the provincial legislature as the member for Saanich-and-the-Islands. The switch marked two changes in the pattern of the islands elections: the new member was carrying the Progressive Conservative banner; and it was the first time in more than a decade

that the seat had not been held by a Social Credit candidate.

For the next two years, Conservative Curtis represented the islands. When the 1975 election was called, a new change had been wrought. Curtis had joined the Social Credit benches and was elected under that flag.

By this time he was a natural for the municipal affairs portfolio. As Saanich mayor, a seat he had long relinquished, he had gained note in areas beyond elected office. Two years before his first entry into the legislature he had been named the first chairman of the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia. As such, he had been responsible for overseeing all fund-raising for municipalities in British Columbia. The member of Saanich-and-the-Islands also looked back on his term of office as president of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities during that climax to his municipal functions.

When he was named minister of municipal affairs he brought to his new office a long experience as mayor of Saanich and an invaluable experience as chairman of the regional board during its formative and difficult years. In addition, his awareness of the other side of all matters pertaining to municipal administration, coupled with two years of sorting out bonds and loans for cities and municipalities all over the province, represented a formidable qualification for his new office.

When Curtis first entered the provincial house the government was David Barrett's New Democrat administration. The Islands Trust Act was brought into being during that time when all parties were generally agreed over the need for a close watch on islands development.

The Islands Trust was doubly important to him when he took on the municipal affairs portfolio. The Trust operated in his own constituency and there were a number of features of the act which were grating on many islanders. The biggest thorn in islands flesh was the appointment of general

trustees by the province. Trustees should all be elected, urged many islanders. Curtis agreed. The measure whereby trustees elected their own general trustees was introduced by the islands member.

After three years of municipal affairs, Curtis was appointed provincial secretary for the first time. It was he who gained international approval of Expo 86 as a world's fair, eight years before it was destined to open.

**'Curtis has been an active and a valued member of the government for 14 years.'**

The portfolio was only briefly his. After his re-election in 1979, Curtis was given the finance portfolio. He remained in office as minister of finance until 1986, when the new premier, Bill Vander Zalm, took on finance himself.

Curtis has been an active and a valued member of the government for 14 years. He has been identified with public administration in the islands since 1966. He has left his mark in many areas of island life and activity.

A Social Credit legislator since the fall of the Barrett government, he served for most of his 11 years in ministerial office under the Bill Bennett government. During the Social Credit nomination campaign last summer he was not a supporter of Bill Vander Zalm, but remained a member of the new cabinet and vice chairman of the Treasury Board in the initial Vander Zalm government.



Driftwood photo by Eric Eggertson

Septic sludge caught Susan Blagborne's cat near her home last

week. She wants the open sewage pits moved, and has started a

petition to raise awareness of the problem.

## North End resident seeks end of next-door 'dumping ground'

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sometimes left open — letting farm animals wander at large — birds carry some refuse to neighbouring properties, and the nuisance factor is bringing down property values in the area.

But the petition "is sheer foolishness," says Acheson. "I don't like being bullied. This is nonsense. Mrs. Blagborne is the only person who's complaining."

Once the estate is settled, most of the land will be sold, and the new owner can deal with the matter, Acheson said. She admits she told Susan Blagborne that when the new sewage plant went in, she would see what could be done. But with the estate held up in the courts, the nominal fee paid to her is one of her few sources of income.

There are no easy solutions to the sewage disposal problem, Capital Regional District (CRD) director Hugh Borsman said Friday. "I don't think there's anything that can be done about it," he said, adding he understood Blagborne's concern.

"I think we should be looking at another site," he said. "We don't have an alternative. It's unfortunate."

Borsman promised to pursue the matter, possibly by advertising for the use of another Salt Spring property for the now-small amount of septic effluent.

At the peak of dumping, Blagborne watched the Gulf Islands Septic truck make 15 to 20 trips a day past her window on the way to the dump site a few hundred metres past her home. The traffic has slowed to about six trips a week, but she now wants the dumping ended.

"More than anything, it's a nuisance," she said Tuesday. The site has been tested by health inspectors, but now that the area is fenced, there is little health risk from the sewage.

Blagborne says she probably would have continued to work quietly to have the dump ended, but when she found her sewage-soaked cat curled up on her

bedspread after treading on her Iranian carpet, she got fed up.

"I've had enough of this crap," she said.

After eight years of putting up with the inconvenience, she feels it's time to find a small, isolated portion of land where the occasional dumping of septic refuse won't be a nuisance.

She has written to MLA Hugh Curtis, and has contacted CRD waste management officials and director Borsman. She also sent a bill for carpet cleaning, dry cleaning and pet grooming to the CRD, a protest to the continuing sewage situation.

The company that uses the land for dumping is willing to use another site. But there is no other

site available, Gulf Islands Septic employee Lucille Marcotte said last week.

"Wherever you go, there's going to be people who don't want it there," she said. Without a sewage dump site, the business would have to close down, she added.

Blagborne is hopeful her campaign will lead to the end of the dumping pits near her property. Many neighbours were shocked to hear that raw sewage was left in open pits nearby, she said. Raising the issue will prompt people to look for an alternative.

And if she can put an end to eight years of inconvenience, she said, the publicity and the effort will be worth it.

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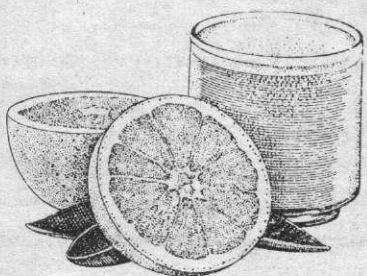
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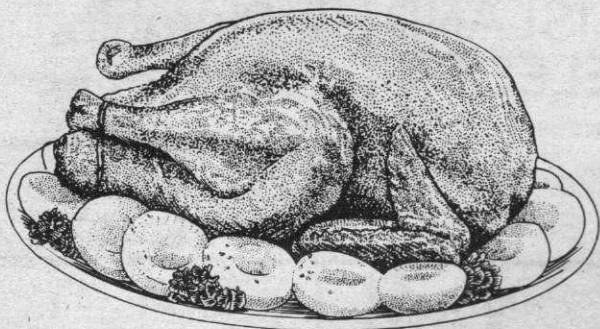
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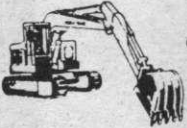


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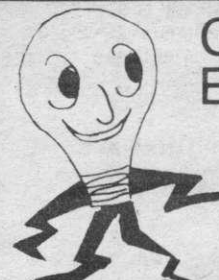
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# Fall fair audience supports switch to two-day schedule

The 1986 version of the Salt Spring fall fair was "the biggest and best" in recent memory, chairman Perry Booth said last week.

In offering that opinion, Booth noted that success of the fair is judged in intangibles, not by an inspection of the balance sheet.

The success of this year's fair, he said, was found in the favourable response earned by the sheep dog trials and by the acceptance given to a shift from a one-day event to a two-day affair.

The sheep dog trials, Booth explained, used to be held earlier in the year but were suspended in the early 1980s when fall fair organizers began working in earnest on the five-year-old Farmer's Institute building that houses the fall fair.

"We got away from them when we took time out to work on the building," he said, "and it usually takes a good while to get something back into the swing of things. So, we were apprehensive about being able to draw both participants and spectators but we did both, so we're happy."

The sheep dog trials helped attract people to the Sunday portion of the fair, which was a substantial change over the normal one-day format. Booth said he was pleased with the fair turnout, which saw about 4,000 people file in on Saturday and another 1,500 to 2,000 show up on Sunday.

There were a few sour notes, however. Booth noted that the two-day format meant the livestock section was held on Saturday, then cleared out to make room for the Sunday sheep dog trials. People who turned up only for the Sunday schedule were disappointed to find that the livestock show — a popular feature — was nowhere to be found.

Then there was the dance held on Saturday night in conjunction with the fair. Booth reports that attendance numbered "100, at the most," which meant organizers took a bit of a financial bath. He said factors contributing against a successful dance were a band unknown to Salt Spring audiences, a ticket price that may have been too high because it included the price of a sandwich,

and his feeling that local audiences "are just danced out."

Booth explained the latter point: "Five years ago, you drew a good crowd to any dance. Lately, a lot of dances haven't been successful. Maybe Salt Spring is just danced out."

Its experience with this year's dance could prompt organizers to go a different route next year, he said. One possibility is to have

**'The most popular draws were the indoor exhibits, the midway, the sheep dog trials, horse show and livestock display.'**

musicians playing on the fair grounds during the day in 1987, closing down at dusk and letting audiences go home to rest up for Sunday's events.

While the fall fair lost money on the dance, the red ink was balanced by a strong showing at the fairground gate. Booth says it's too early to tally up the books but he figures the financial picture will look much the same as it has in the past: that means a gross of perhaps \$15,000 and a net of about \$2,500.

"We're not in this to make money," he said. "Well, we have to make a little bit for the years when the rain falls, but everything is turned back into the property anyway."

Fall fair profits are applied towards outstanding debt on the Farmers' Institute building, which Booth says is "very close" to being paid off now.

The gap between gross and net receipts, he continued, surfaces because the costs for "a multitude of things" — like the ribbons and trophies awarded for prizes — quickly add up while the profit margin on individual money-earners is relatively small.

"For example, the lamb and beef barbecues make hardly anything," he said. "The gross is big but the income is nothing."

Then there is the risk of drawing a return from a variety of events. "This year, for instance, we did great on the gate but we lost on the dance ..."

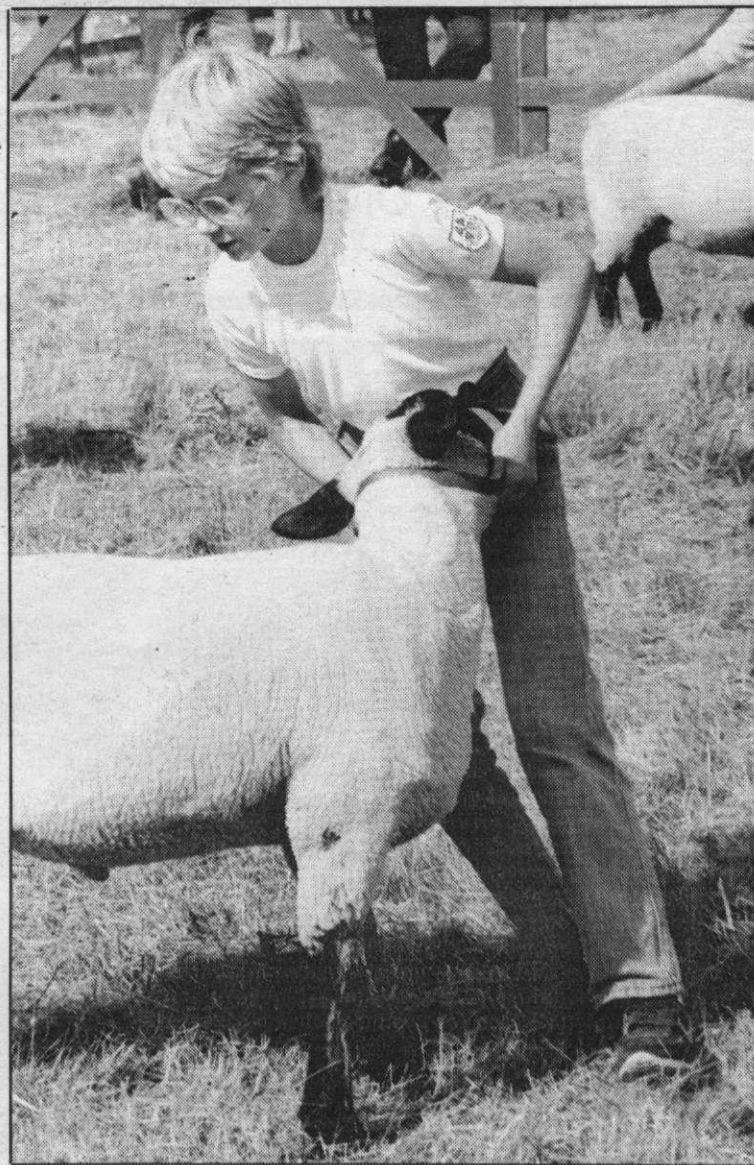
As for participation, Booth said the 1986 version of the fall fair showed normal jumps and drops in exhibition areas. "We had no real declines, but we weren't really up, either."

The most popular draws, he said, were the indoor exhibits, the midway, the sheep dog trials, horse show and livestock display.

Overall, Booth judged the fair a success, calling it "generally satisfying" and noting that he was "quite happy with the whole thing."

Especially pleasing, he noted, was the positive reaction enjoyed by many fair vendors. For example, the organizers of a booth set up to promote local salmonid enhancement efforts were "tickled pink" at the enthusiastic response — and donations — they earned, and the operator of a hot tub stall pointed out that he distributed 800 brochures at the fall fair as compared to 200 handed out over four days at the Pacific National Exhibition.

"And he sold five tubs here," Booth said.



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Exerting some control, Gitta Baker (above) keeps her beast in place during the sheep judging at the Fall Fair. The sheep dog trials drew large crowds (left) to the Farmers' Institute grounds on Rainbow Road.

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Grade one students made buddies from newspapers, cardboard and odds and ends. The Pender kids had fun taking their new friends home to join the family.

## Rope tour, creative friends mark first month of school

**By JANE HAMILTON**  
PENDER ISLAND — School's been in for four weeks now and students from kindergarten through grade eight have been busy either playing soccer, going to Expo, or making "buddies."

Last week Mayne Island students visited for a soccer match and everyone had a "wonderful time," says principal Terry Corcoran. Mind you, the Pender team didn't quite get a chance to really show Mayne what they are made of — the grade fours and fives played against Mayne's team of sevens, eights, and nines

for awhile before Pender's regular team of sixes, sevens and eights came out (not to win, perhaps, but is that really the name of the game?)

People going to Expo last Friday were treated to a unique sight. Pender's twos and threes, joined by a rope, parted crowds and attracted attention in a place where *everything* is geared to drawing stares.

Being noticed wasn't the object of the exercise, though. The rope they hung onto as they navigated the massive crowds was the idea

of grade three teacher Judy Neil who, along with the parent supervisors and Corcoran, was concerned about losing someone.

Corcoran said the rope worked well and it was fun watching the people watch the children — although one grade three pupil said she felt a "bit funny" walking around holding a rope.

The younger children went to the carousel while the older grades visited the Omnimax and Futures theatres, where they were asked such questions as, *Would you like to have a micro-*

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## Expo ship to be launched by Galiano boat-builders

The *Pacific Swift*, Canada's newest tall ship, will be launched from Expo's Old Salt Shipyard at 2 pm on October 11, 1986, climaxed a provincial exhibit in traditional wooden ship building which started on Galiano Island last fall.

The 96-ton vessel is built entirely of B.C. timber, yellow cedar and Douglas fir. At 78 feet on deck — 110 feet overall — she is the largest wooden sailing vessel built in B.C. for many a year.

The *Pacific Swift* is a reconstruction or near-replica of a North American merchant vessel from 200 years ago — also named the *Swift*, and features a poop deck, aft cabin with windows in the transom, decorative carvings and a figurehead. She is similar in many respects to the earliest sailing ships which visited the B.C. coast in the service of exploration and the fur trade, and the project has attracted interest from museum groups and maritime historians from around the world.

A real life on the sea is in store for this vessel. She is being built for the Sail and Life Training Society

(SALTS) of Victoria, a non-profit Christian society now in its 12th year of providing young people with hands-on experience of how sailing used to be. The *Pacific Swift* will join the SALTS fleet which already consists of the *Robertson II* Grand Banks schooner (105 feet) and the *Spirit of Chemainus* brigantine (65 feet). She will be rigged as a square topsail schooner.

Head shipwright for the *Pacific Swift* project is Greg Foster of the Whaler Bay Boat Yard on Galiano Island. Greg has been joined at Expo by his wife Shay and their daughters Megan and Arwen who assist with the shipbuilding as well as meeting the public, answering questions about the project, and helping in the shipyard store. Shay is shipyard hostess and co-ordinator of the volunteer interpretive staff.

This boatbuilding family has launched over 30 traditional boats from their Whaler Bay yard during the last 16 years, ranging in size from 12 to 45 feet.

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**For Rod and Gun Club members**

**Official opening, day-long shoot christens clubhouse**

Retiring MLA Hugh Curtis and his executive assistants, Val Richards and Frank Hudson, were well-received as guests of honour at the official opening of the Rod and Gun clubhouse on Saturday.

A sizeable and enthusiastic crowd enjoyed reminiscences by Allen Steward, a lengthy introduction of Hugh Curtis by Fred Robson (during which time Mr. Curtis humorously feigned boredom and sat down), and the ribbon-cutting ceremony itself. Mr. Curtis explained the partial lottery funding to organizations such as the Rod and Gun in his brief speech.

The new clubhouse is a handsome log structure which replaces the previous one, burned in a fire on Christmas Eve, 1983.

Everyone enjoyed the generous luncheon that followed, and the day continued with raffles and competitive trap shoots.

The dinner and dance with Freeman James was a great success.

**Open House**

La Berengerie hosted an open house on Saturday of the Summer Adventures Program for children and youths held this past season.

Parents, friends and retiring MLA Hugh Curtis and his executive assistants, Val Richards and Frank Hudson, visited the display of arts, crafts and accomplishments of those who took part—almost all the children from preschool age to 16 years on Galiano.

Fourteen classes had been offered, including mask making, storytelling, sailing and kayaking. Letters of appreciation written by some children were displayed, as well as masks, ceramics, sculptures, paintings, course descriptions and ribbons.

Certain soccer diplomas, centered around photos of happy looking stars, had an interesting and heart-warming touch. They read "best defender," "quickest off the mark," "best throw-in," "top goal scorer." This reflected the teamwork philosophy which seemed to be emphasized throughout the course, rather than a competitive philosophy.

Due to popular demand and obvious benefits to the children and youths, a Winter Adventures Program has been established. This "non-profit, unincorporated society" is now officially called the Galiano School of Arts.

The program was available at the open house. First winter semester is from October 18 to December 20 (on weekends) and features Kodaly music with Anne-Marie Kjernisted, Suzuki violin with Kate Whellan, percussion with Bruce Landmark, soccer with Terry Hart, ballet with Betsy Fairbrother, and winter kayaking/nature studies with Ben Miltner.

Fees and schedules may be obtained by calling co-ordinator Akasha Forest at 539-2788, or public relations officer Rosemary Walker at 539-5465. For registrations (before October 10), please call Maggie Lyon at 539-5428.

Congratulations to all the young people who participated in last summer's classes. The open house was a real gift to the community.

**Poetry Reading**

Five poets, members of the B.C. League of Canadian Poets, read selected current works at the Dandelion Gallery on September 27.

Galiano's Dorothy Livesay read from her latest book, *The Self-Completing Tree*, which will be presented in England during a tour beginning October 7. The poems, written over the last six decades include some yet-unpublished pieces which Dorothy said focus mainly on the theme of aging.

The two poems I heard struck a poignant note that elevated Dorothy's poems to a unique, universal and powerful distinction. More on this later.

**Blackberry Festival**

Take the opportunity provided by the Galiano Club's Blackberry Festival to be held on Saturday, October 11 between 2 and 5 pm in the community hall to enjoy a slice of blackberry pie topped with ice cream and blackberry sauce, to meet your friends and stock your freezer with frozen blackberry pies all ready to bake.

At the same time you will be supporting your community club financially. Already-baked pies may also be purchased and could provide the dessert for your Thanksgiving dinner.

— Kathlyn Bengier

**In Brief**

- Partial solar eclipse, Friday, October 3.
- Sturdies Bay government dock wharfing reminds all that there is positively no parking on the end of the dock. Call Mark Matthews at 539-2959 to discuss.
- All political happenings are posted in ads throughout *Driftwood*.
- A Corporeal Mime workshop is scheduled for Sunday, October 26. Vancouver mime teacher Dean Fogal will share his professional skills in this study of body movement. He has trained under Marcel Marceau and Etienne Decroux of Paris. If interested, call Jocelyne Bourque at 539-2157.

**Coming Events**

- Friday, October 3: Podiatrist Dr. Ryan Inglis will see scheduled patients at their appointed time, at Joe Fleming's (Burrill and Sturdies Roads). Call Kathy Bengier at 539-

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5702 for further information.

• Duplicate Bridge will resume for "winter," weekly at 1 pm, Galiano Gulf Club. If interested in joining this group, please call Audrey Cooke at 539-5454.

• Thursday, October 2: Leaders of the weekly prayer time and Bible study, Betty and Hugh Laughlin, would like to say that the 7 pm meetings are held in the Sunday school room (which I called the church hall).

• Saturday, October 4: Helene Rosenthal of the Canadian League of Poets will be reciting her poems at La Berengerie during the

evening, to accompany dinner at 7 pm.

Tacky Tourist night at the Hummingbird-Pub.

• Sunday, October 5: Church service at Saint Margaret's of Scotland, 10:30 am.

Church service at the North End Community Hall, 2 pm, Rev. Pocock officiates.

NDP candidates for Saanich-and-the-Islands, Carol Pickup and David Vickers, will be on Galiano. They will be in the 'village' from 10:30 to 12:30, at the Dandelion Gallery at 11 am, and at the home of Irene and Paul Reecke on Cain Road from 2 to 5 pm. Islanders are invited to coffee at the latter. Call Elizabeth Steward, 539-2405 for further information.

• Monday, October 6: Maureen and Bruce Carruthers' yoga classes begin. Check weekly time schedule.

Life drawing at Sally Laidlaw's home has resumed for the

"winter," 7:30 pm weekly, \$4 per person.

• Wednesday, October 8: Last monthly meeting of the Garden Club this season, 1 pm at the North End Community Hall. Guest speaker is TV's "Western Gardener" David Tarrant, of the UBC Botanical Gardens.

**Next Week**

• Saturday, October 11: Blackberry Festival, 2-5 pm, South Galiano Community Hall. Pie and tea, sale of frozen pies.

• Launching of Greg Foster's *Pacific Swift* sailing ship at Expo '86.



Open for business, the rebuilt Galiano Rod and Gun Club clubhouse was officially opened Saturday by MLA Hugh Curtis. The clubhouse replaces one destroyed by fire in 1983.

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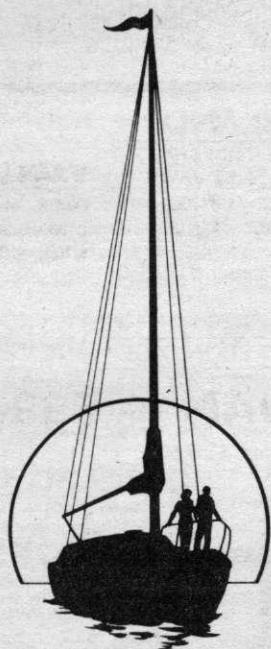
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## Pressure off for Pender Islanders?

# Ferry changes aimed at Tuesday, Thursday runs

Pender Island's ferry service has been changed since a September 11 meeting discussed the proposed schedule for October 14 to June 17.

The 3:30 pm *Mayne Queen* sailing from Swartz Bay will now leave 10 minutes earlier and make its first stop at Otter Bay on five days of the week, instead of two.

Mondays through Fridays, the *Mayne Queen* will take a maxi-

mum of 20 Pender-bound cars directly to Otter Bay before sailing on to the other islands. The boat will leave at 3:20 pm instead of 3:30. There will still be a 6:30 pm boat from Swartz Bay dedicated to Pender.

"I think this will take the pressure off those Tuesday and Thursday mornings," said Eileen Robertson of the Island Transpor-

tation Committee. Robertson believes the committee has made some appreciable gains, although its request for the *Queen of the Islands* to do the morning run, instead of the *Vesuvius Queen*, has been turned down.

However, she remains confident that the ferry corporation will respond if there are major problems with the 7:25 am Monday-to-Friday sailing and the 9:25

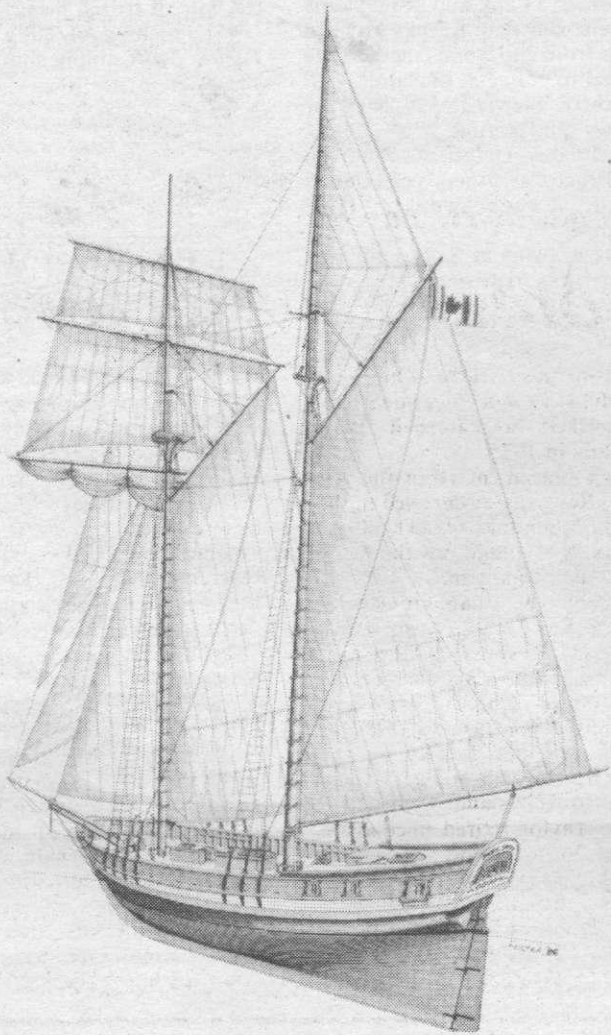
am run from Otter Bay on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"A lot of work has gone into assigning the *Vesuvius* on that run," she said. "Pender has fared well in negotiations. I think the worst is over."

In addition, Robertson noted that for those who expressed interest in day trips from Tsawwassen for visitors, there is a 7 am sailing from Tsawwassen

to Swartz Bay, where people could transfer to a 9 am boat to Otter Bay. The return trip leaves Pender at 5:10 pm. This will be possible on Sundays only.

Robertson says she has an excellent working relationship with the ferry corporation and wants to hear the comments, problems and concerns of island residents. She can be reached at 629-6157.



Artist's conception of 'Pacific Swift'

## SALTS vessel to see service as training ship

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The *Pacific Swift* is the largest vessel Greg and his family have tackled so far. It has also had the most public exposure, and is subject to the most critical deadlines ... to be built and launched at Expo.

"We didn't get started until last fall," Greg says. "In view of the short schedule, we prefabricated the framework on Galiano with the help of two apprentices from the SALT Society, and even pre-assembled the stern section in our vegetable garden.

"All the pieces — carefully numbered — were trucked to the Expo site in late March. The keel was laid in April, and the frames erected by the start of the fair in May."

"Our object has been to plank and deck her in time for launching before the close of Expo, and we're right on schedule. She has gone together beautifully, thanks to the efforts of our enthusiastic eight-man crew which includes Scott Rudolph of Galiano Island."

He said visitors to the Expo site love the smell of the wood, seeing the wood shavings and young workers busy with hand tools, watching a graceful old-fashioned vessel grow in readiness for her

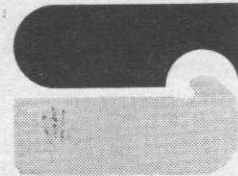
debut with the sea. Kids, he added, love it — "they think she's a pirate ship."

"The SALTS sail training program is the most wholesome program for young people interested in sailing that I know of," Greg said. "It has been an absolute pleasure to help build this offshore vessel for such a fine organization. Our prayers and continuing support will always go with her."

The October 11 launch of the *Pacific Swift* will be just two days before the end of Expo. Taking part in the ceremony will be Lieutenant Governor Rogers; Mrs. Rogers, who will christen the vessel; Expo president Jim Pattison; Admiral Michael Martin, chairman of the Canadian Sail Training Association; SALTS director Martyn Clark; the SALTS board of directors, and the shipwrights.

The vessel will be dedicated by the Rev. James Slater, rector of St. Margaret's Church in Winnipeg, who worked as a member of the building crew for part of the summer.

The public is invited to attend and advised to come early for a good vantage point.



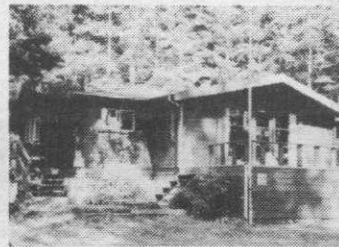
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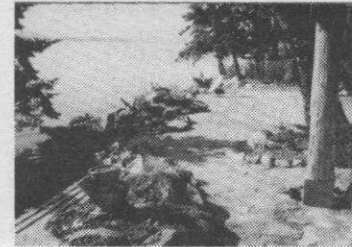


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# Fall fair, wedding highlight island life

## saturna scene

by

**Priscilla Janszen**

*the chapel [of love].* The assembled friends and family enthusiastically joined in the chorus.

The couple, then family, then friends were asked to stand and give their promise to support the commitment of marriage that had just been made and symbolized by the exchange of rings. The bride prevailed in a deliberation between, bridegroom, minister and best woman as to which left hand the ring went on. The woman United Church minister spoke of the value of ever-widening ties of love and commitment.

The bride wore a 100 per cent, white combed dress with matching long underwear, hand-painted in large, multi-coloured polka dots with a carrot. The groom wore a tuxedo.

The wedding party formed a procession and walked back to Breezy Bay with music, banners, sunlight and deeply touched hearts. The three-day wedding was a delight; an experience not to be forgotten. A large banner, reading *Life is perfect*, overhung the ornately decorated pavilion where the bride was toasted and the people at the head table sat.

Over the three days of eating, sharing chores, making music and sharing in the traditions of a family Ukrainian wedding and the planned and unplanned theatrics of the occasion, we all created and experienced a fine celebration. Congratulations, Paula and Calvin.

This year's fall fair, the first one held since 1954, was a marvellous surprise. It was beautiful — there was so much colour, such a sense of caring for the procedures that nurtures us.

The children's section was large and full of art, sculpture, cooking and produce. The needle-craft section had handspun and knitted sweaters, fancy coloured sweaters and elegant sewing.

Four judges came over from Pender to judge the most popular sections. After having lunch, they each toured their sections and talked about why they had made their particular decisions, explaining the standards they were based on. Many people were surprised and delighted by the display.

Lots and lots of people made it a success. Thanks to the garden club as a whole; Tracy Pillsbury for the tea; Jacques Campbell and Ian Rowe for transporting the judges; Karen Muntean for signs; Pat Garth for seeing that the children were as involved as they were; and Louise Perimaki, Priscilla Ewbank, Doris Ackerman, Don McClelland and Rene Hollings for much work. Michael won the children's plaque and Priscilla Ewbank won the cup.

Last weekend was quite a weekend for human events. There was a marriage between Paula Jardine and Calvin Cairns, a fall fair, and Dora Carney's funeral. A celebration of the year's harvest and effort, a celebration of love and commitment, and a farewell to a person who found life a celebration.

The wedding took place at our church. At the service, the bride was preceded by four friends finger-snapping, be-bopping and singing The Supremes' *Going to*



Rev. and Mrs. Taylor

Driftwood photo by Eleanor Harrison

## Pender welcomes new rector

By ELEANOR HARRISON

In August, the Reverend George Taylor took up the position of Rector of the Anglican Parish of the Pender Islands and Saturna Island.

The Reverend Taylor was born on Vancouver Island in the town of Alberni, where he received all his schooling, then joined the RCAF in 1948. He trained as an airman, then as an aircrew candidate, graduating with his commission in 1950.

For the next 25 years, Rev. Taylor served in almost every field of interest of the Air Force, flying in Training Command and Air Transport Command, where he participated in Canada's contribution to the air supply of our forces in Korea. He also flew for 15 years in Maritime Command, flying in Lancaster, Neptune and Argus Aircraft. He

served for three years in Ottawa at Canadian Forces Headquarters. He finished his career in West Germany in 1975.

Upon retirement from the Air Force, Rev. Taylor enrolled in the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, N.S. and joined the Army Militia as a Chaplain.

In 1981, the Chaplain-General recalled Rev. Taylor into active duty as Reserve Chaplain, assigning him to Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ontario. In 1984 he was moved to Canadian Forces Station Holberg, located at San Josef, B.C., north of Port Hardy on Vancouver Island.

Rev. Taylor retired once again on July 26, 1986, and at this time was appointed Rector of Pender Islands and Saturna Parish. Soon after, with his wife Rose, he moved into the Pender Islands Anglican Rectory on Port Washington

Road.

The Taylors have five children and four grandchildren. During their married life they have made 20 major moves, had their furniture in storage twice, had their children educated in five provinces and in West Germany. Reverend and Mrs. Taylor say "they are both happy to put down roots on Pender Island."

On Friday, September 12, a supper was held at the Legion by the Pender Islands church. Guests of honour were Rev. and Mrs. Taylor and members of the clergy from South Vancouver Island.

Following the meal at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's Church, an induction service was held when the symbolic keys of the church were handed over to the new Rector. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W.J. Lunny, Rector of St. Dunstan Church, Gordon Head.

## For coming year

### School planning full range of activities

From Page 16

*chip in your head?* Melissa Helin, a grade five student, and Amanda Tallboy and Stacey McGaghey, both from grade four, told *Driftwood* that "a lot of people said yes."

The whole group made it safely back to the island, and Corcoran called the trip a great success.

Meanwhile, back at home, the grade ones have been busy creating personal buddies complete with eyes, ears, noses, and hair — as well as whole bodies, filled up with newspapers, old rags or sheeps' wool.

Teacher Val Laing sent children home with round cardboard heads they'd drawn faces on and a note telling parents they had a new member in their families. Her students returned with the fully-grown buddies pictured here.

Ray Neil has donated his time and materials to make flower boxes for the school, and zinnias from Principal Corcoran's garden are already gracing one of them. All other floral contributions are welcome.

Magazine subscriptions are for sale again. The fund-raising drive was so successful last year that it will be repeated. Subscriptions to all MacLean Hunter publications

will be available. Some of these are: *Equinox*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *MacLean's*, *Chatelaine*, and *Owl*.

One-third of the subscription money goes to the school. Last year students sold a total of \$3,000 worth of subscriptions, raising \$1,000. The money was used to upgrade the computers, replacing five old machines with four newer ones.

This year Corcoran hopes students will sell subscriptions worth \$4,500 — which would raise \$1,500 for the school. The money raised will go towards novel sets for classrooms, more books for the library, and more software for the computers.

Catalogues and subscriptions are available at the school. All orders should be in by Thanksgiving weekend. Corcoran says the school will match any offer made on subscription prices.

The French program has been expanded to include grade two students this year, and kindergarten pupils will be having introductory sessions. Last year the program went from grade three through grade eight.

Corcoran says wonderful things can be expected at the Christmas and Spring Concerts. Music teacher Judy Neil is spending one period a week with each class,

then combining them for full practices.

Its popularity last year means the extended day program is continuing this year. Students and teachers both put in an extra 18 minutes a day to allow them to leave at 11 am every other Wednesday — or "in time for the ferry to town," as Corcoran puts it.

The arrangement allows students to have their dentist or doctor's appointments, gymnastics, dance, or swimming lessons during the time off, rather than in school periods.

Teachers have been using the time to visit other schools in the district, to evaluate programs, or to bring in district resource people. Corcoran says it helps to offset the isolation of the island school. Last week he and Laing went to Victoria schools.

Two of the short Wednesdays have been put together for October 29 so teachers can hold teacher-parent interviews for the day.

School will be closed on October 24, as well, so teachers can attend a conference. This is the only day out of five possible days Pender teachers could have chosen for professional development purposes.

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# Selects, Lakehill tie

By MALCOLM LEGG

It was a good weekend of soccer for the two teams involving this writer, as the Selects gained a tie and FC picked up another victory.

For the Selects, the tie was their first point of the season and demonstrated continued improvement in the team's play from their season-opener the previous weekend.

The Selects opened slowly, having a lot of problems with their ball control and passing, and midway through the opening half Lakehill capitalized on the sloppy play with the go-ahead goal.

Late in the half the Selects got back on track, led by a hustling Judah Shugar at center, and started to penetrate Lakehill's defence.

The hustle continued early in the second half and created the equalizer. Tony Marshall pushed the ball to mid-fielder Ben Berry, who quickly put Chad Little away on right wing. Chad drove a long shot across the goal, which caught the far corner of the net, to everyone's surprise.

The Selects continued to press but could not capitalize on several good chances and, as the game wore on, it was quite evident it was a match destined to end in a tie.

Once again, a sound defensive effort from the Selects' back wall of Nordine, Mullin, Tranter, Marshall and Clarke, and improved play in attack and mid-field, showed promise for future games.

FC travelled to Victoria to play the Kickers and came up with a solid 3-0 win on a rain-slicked pitch.

The opening half was rather scambly as the Kickers carried the play and a sensational save by goalie Ken Marr ensured the game remained scoreless at the half.

FC came alive in the second half and started to find holes in the Kickers' defence — holes they quickly penetrated to get some good chances.

Finally, FC found the net as Dave Toynbee picked up a free kick from Bruce Caspar inside the 18-yard box and topped the ball to Aaron Minvielle, who slammed the ball home.

The Kickers tried to press but FC's defence held strong and, with only 10 minutes left, Lance Lomax made a brilliant move to break away from the defence, raced in and drilled the insurance marker home.

In the dying moments a Tony Legg corner-kick was soundly drilled home by Allan "Platini" Webb to wrap up the scoring and an excellent victory.

FC's climb to the top of the standings has not gone unnoticed as season tickets are rapidly closing in on the level of Canucks hockey ticket sales and, with BCTV now having a Wednesday sports slot open this winter, (due to no hockey telecasts), FC are close to signing a big TV contract to show a weekly game. The only problem to date seems to revolve around Howie Meeker's knowledge of soccer and not having him scream "take the man."

Special offer this weekend at our 2:15 pm kick-off versus the Elks is your chance to get autographed FC emblems by Mr. Salt Spring Island, Mr. Rob Tranter, who plays right back (limited to first 1,000 to attend game).

Also, take in the Selects — Cowichan match-up at 9 am at Portlock and make it a full day of soccer excitement.

# Lopsided scores mark junior league soccer play

By SID WIGEN

Junior and Senior Intra-Island soccer got off to an exciting start last Saturday at Portlock Park.

In junior league play, Firebirds dominated play, winning 4-0 over the Eagles. Jamie Wilkinson, a rookie, played hard and well for the winning team.

Demons took the Panthers 6-0 in a game noted for terrific scrimmages and a lot of fun.

The Panthers and other teams were playing together for the first time, and are really looking forward to the year.

In the seven-team senior boys league, the Stingers and Hawks played a well-matched game that ended in a 2-2 tie. Hawks dominated the field with good passing combinations among Tim and Tom Hood, Eric Byron and Jordy Koski. Andrew Bell for the Stingers played an excellent

forward game, and the team as a whole showed a strong defensive effort and persistence to gain the tie.

Lazers opened the season with a 5-0 win over the Furies. Both teams were introducing many new players in the senior division.

Kicks won over Hornets by a similar score.

The Sharks, left without an opponent, faced a combined Lazer-Hawk team. The fact that this was an on-the-spot arrangement reflects the overall enthusiastic spirit and good sportsmanship that is a tradition in the league.

Of the three teams in the girls league, only the Blue Bombers saw action, against a pickup squad. Chelsea Byron was in goal, stopping some hard shots.

All girls teams are expected to see action this Saturday.

# Salt Spring overwhelms Lakehill in away game

By KEN BYRON

Salt Spring Islanders Division 6B recorded their second victory in as many soccer games on Saturday.

Playing at Lakehill, the boys took early control of the game over a much larger Lakehill squad. Before the half, Salt Spring had a 3-1 lead.

In the second half, the boys came out even stronger, and Lakehill was no match for the speed of their forward line. The Islanders exhibited a very well disciplined style of soccer, with the midfielders shutting down the Lakehill attack before it could get a good scoring opportunity. When the ball did get through, the defence was lined up to clear it.

The Salt Spring forwards moved the ball very well, creating numerous scoring opportunities.

Between the posts for the Islanders was Bill Hann, who turned in a solid performance.

Threading the needles for the Islanders were Neil Kerrigan (3),

Justin Byron, Clint Helfrich, Tyler Watson and Arjuna George. The final score — Islanders 7, Lakehill 1.

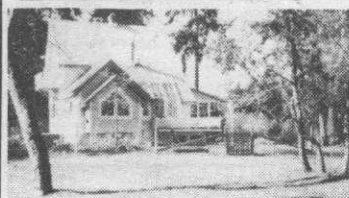
The Wranglers were stopped in their tracks on Sunday by a powerful Lakehill team. The Salt Spring squad was no match as they suffered a humiliating setback at the hands of Lakehill.

However, credit must be given to the boys who showed up to play. Two weeks in a row now, the Wranglers have been unable to field a full team. Although there are 14 boys registered to play, only about eight show up consistently for practice. Great teams are not built on this lack of enthusiasm. When a team plays in the A division and travels to Victoria with 10 players, they are beat before they start.

To the boys who came on Sunday, keep your chin up. To those who didn't, practices are Wednesday and Friday at 5 pm at Portlock Park. See you there!

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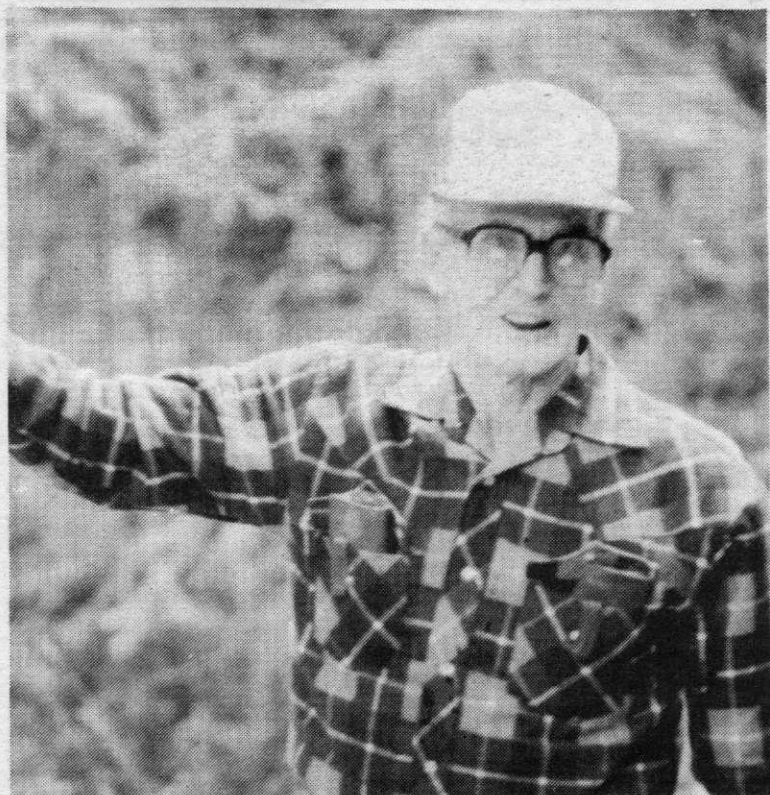
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## Channel Ridge tour eyes potential for tree farm use

A Gulf Islands Woodlands Association group toured Channel Ridge property last Sunday to examine its tree farm potential.

The group, led by Merv Wilkinson, walked portions of the north-end property that will be left untouched once the planned Channel Ridge development opens up residential areas.

The untouched areas are to be owned under strata title by Channel Ridge residents. The Woodlot Association has indicated it would like some of the property to be considered as a possible tree farm, and is studying the tax savings owners would receive.

Wilkinson, who has owned and selectively harvested substantial stands of timber in the Nanaimo area for the past half-century, said two options are open to Channel Ridge property owners: "they can do absolutely nothing,

leaving the land as an asset for the future, or they can manage it like a farmer."

Forested land is a resource for everyone and, as such, must be maintained for all generations, Wilkinson said. He explained that selectively logging the forest is a way to preserve the land while taking advantage of its productivity.

"Like a farmer, you can maintain the productivity of the land, giving yourself revenue and a natural environment," he said. "There's no reason why you can't take a crop out, take some revenue, and not destroy the land. You'll still have something that people will enjoy walking through."

On the tour, Wilkinson pointed out several spots where selective logging could improve the area — i.e., where the trees were grow-

ing too thickly — by removing some of the competition for nutrients in a way that would produce revenue.

He explained that selective logging practices could bring faster growth for the trees and better foraging areas for animals. The degree to which the property could be "opened up" is flexible, he added, noting that almost any combination of natural and managed land is possible.

In saying that, however, Wilkinson noted he feels 10 per cent of the tree crop is the maximum that should be harvested in any one year.

The Gulf Islands' Woodlot Association draw for a cord of wood was won by island resident Conhor Hunt. The draw was made September 21 in conjunction with the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair.



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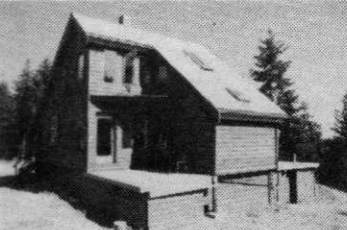
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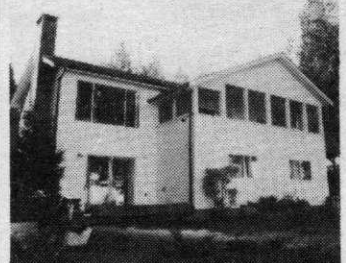
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## golf notes

By PAT DOHERTY

In recent ladies nine-hole section play, low net was a tie between Norah Ray and Alice Brown. Ann Vodden won the putt pot. Next week, they play the Criers.

The best chip was by Pauline Elliott at number three. Shirley Graham also chipped in, at the second hole.

The ladies 18-hole division was rained out. The rain also cancelled the team game at Royal Colwood.

On September 20, teams from Ardmore, Galiano, Pender and Salt Spring played at Ardmore for the White Trophy. Salt Spring was the winner for the second

consecutive year, while Ardmore was runner-up.

Members of the Salt Spring team were: Connie and Fred Broadbent, Mona and Gary Coulter, Tash and Glen Hewitson, Pat and Keith Lavender, Shirley and Gordon Parsons, and Marj Cade and Bob Marshall.

In men's play on Thursday, it was four-ball, best ball. Two teams tied at net 55. Team one was comprised of G. Lampier, A. Botham, F. Broadbent and G. Humphret. Team two included G. Mitchell, T. Butt, G. Oldroyd and R. Walker.

In the final day of Twilight

Delight, Marie Hopkins and Jack Fraser were the winners. First low net was Ada Woodley, Alice Fraser, Lois P.C. and Jack Fraser. Second low net was Flo McLeod, Ann Monro, Bill Elliott and Bill Mills. Next season Randal Walker will be running the twilight show with assistance from the Frasers, Broadbents, Farmers, Lagrows and Marie Hopkins.

The annual kitchen stakes, in which all the staff from the kitchen play their once-a-year game, was held last week. Defending champion Helga was a repeat winner but only after a putt-out after the game.

# S.S.I. Social Credit Group CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

Terry Huberts & Mel Couvelier in attendance  
(time schedule permitting)

**Masonic Hall, Ganges**  
**Friday, Sept. 3 7:30 pm**

Coffee & Donuts

## Vintage cars schedule fall visit to Salt Spring

A procession of vintage cars will tour Salt Spring Island in mid-October.

Ron Morris of the Vintage Car Club of Canada's Vancouver chapter said last week he expects at least 15 of his members to make the planned trip to Salt Spring on October 18 and 19.

Purpose of the trip, he said, is the chapter's annual fall tour. In past years, the tour has usually ventured to points in Washington State but this year the exchange rate for Canadian dollars has prompted members to stick closer to home.

"Tell your Salt Spring people to watch out for old cars on the road," Morris said. He expects members will bring over cars ranging from Model A Fords to 1950s classics but the exact lineup will not be finalized until close to mid-October.

"A lot will depend on the weather," he said. "Some members have two or three vintage cars, and if the weather is good, they make take a real old model over."

There is a chance, he added, that members of the club's Victoria chapter may join in the tour.

The lineup of weekend events is nothing special, Morris said. So far, motor tours from Ganges to Fulford Harbour and from Ganges to the north end of the island

are scheduled, as is a trip to the Ganges fire hall to inspect its display of antique equipment.

Also on the agenda is filling out of a questionnaire to be presented to drivers when they land on Salt Spring. The form will ask questions related to sights and landmarks the vehicles will pass while touring the island.

No time has been set aside for public display of the vehicles. Morris said people interested in viewing the vintage cars should watch the parking lot in front of the fire hall on Saturday, October 18, or at the Seabreeze Motel, where the travellers will be staying while on Salt Spring.

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# down through the years

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### Twenty-five years ago

• Assessment of waterfront properties is expected to rise 25 to 400 per cent under the new Assessment Equalization Act. The increase is intended to reflect "the tremendous increase in value of waterfront property over the previous years."

Under the new scheme, non-waterfront property will show an assessment decrease of approximately five per cent.

• The first golf tournament staged by the newly-formed Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club teed off last week with 31 men and 14 women vying for top honours.

Jack Scott carded an 85 to win the men's division, while Mrs. C. Harrison took first place in the ladies' nine-hole flight with a score of 59.

• A Salt Spring trucker rented out his rig, with a hired driver, for use in fighting a local forest fire. He then retired to a local pub — only to be cashiered by the forest department to help fight the same blaze for a wage of 75 cents per hour.

### Twenty years ago

• A committee investigating the feasibility of village status for Ganges has prepared a sample budget to cover financial requirements of the area. The sample budget came to \$11,300, compared to the current \$23,889 in tax levies. Services would cover fire protection, water mains and library, and include road maintenance and snow removal if necessary.

• Residents of Galiano are upset at the apparent carelessness of hunters. Islanders claim off-island hunters are shooting around homes, yards and churches. Several children were reportedly shot at on their way to the school bus, and other incidents of a similar nature have been reported.

• A automobile has been declared a total loss after an accident on North End Road on Galiano. The

driver lost control, rolled over a rocky bluff and landed on the seashore.

### Fifteen years ago

• After inspecting Salt Spring Elementary School, the fire marshal has expressed concern over its lack of fire protection.

• Houses on Salt Spring Island will be numbered, say Capital Regional District officials, but islanders will have to foot the cost of the project.

### Ten years ago

• The recreation grounds at Central on Salt Spring Islands have been named Portlock Park in honour of Tom Portlock, who worked for several years to make the facility a reality. Portlock died suddenly, shortly after the park was completed.

• Sabot sailors of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club took the first three places in a B.C. schools competition in Port Moody. The championships, held September 18, drew 19 entries.

### Five years ago

• Salt Spring residents will not be voting on the fate of a swimming pool this year. The parks and recreation commission agreed Monday to defer the matter until next year to give more thought to financing the project.

• Music wafting through Centennial Park in Ganges will be one of the attractions next summer, as the parks and recreation commission has decided to allow the Rotary Club to proceed with plans to build a bandshell in the park. Once constructed, the bandshell will be maintained by the commission.

## SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY

★ **G.I.P.S.Y.** - The Gulf Island Program Serving Youth is still accepting applications for the 86/87 academic year. This program is located in a school house behind the Community Centre and accommodates high school students between the ages of 15 and 19 years of age. The basic academic requirements are offered through an individualized program at which the student can work at his/her own speed. The program emphasizes work experience where the student gets "on the job" vocational training—which often leads to future employment. G.I.P.S.Y. also features life skills courses, personal and career counselling, one-to-one tutoring, special interest projects and outdoor recreational adventures. If you are interested in finding out more about this special alternative high school program please call Len or Trish at 537-2851 Mon.-Fri., 9-2:30.

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★ **THE 5c & 10c STORE** hours are from 9 am to 4 pm, Mon. thru Fri. We appreciate kind donations of clothing but do request they be clean and in good condition ("what you would choose for yourself").

★ **SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP:** Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30-9:30 pm, Community Centre Meeting Room. Please call the centre at 537-9212 for more information.

★ **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Tuesday, Oct. 7, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Community Centre Meeting Room. For more information please call the centre.

★ **COUPLES ENRICHMENT WEEKEND** at Booth Bay Resort, Nov. 14-16. Resource couple: Lawrence and Judy Fetter from Victoria. Cost \$125 per couple, pre-registration necessary. Co-sponsored by Cont. Ed., the United Church and the Community Centre.

★ **PARENTS' TIME OUT** - supervised playtime for 2-6 year olds Wed. 104, Fri. 9-12, \$1.50 for first child in family, 50c for additional children. Starts Oct. 1.

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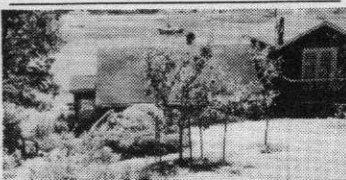
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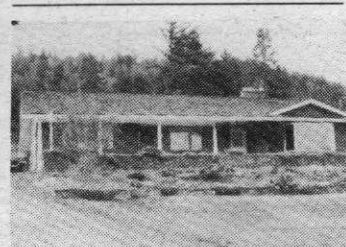


If you are looking for a well maintained home with space for guests yet within minutes of Ganges, consider this. It is .75 acre of private gently sloping property. You can keep fit by walking or rowing to do your shopping. Only \$139,000.

### MAKE AN OFFER

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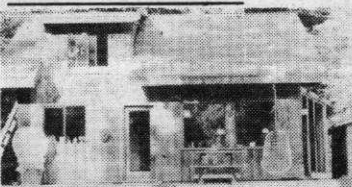
### READY TO BUILD?

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18 acres	\$75,000
12 acres	\$75,000
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6 acres	\$59,500
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Elections  
British Columbia

# How to vote in the Provincial General Election.

## To exercise your right on October 22nd you need to know these basic facts.

### 1 You must be a registered voter.

#### Qualifications:

- 19 years of age or older
- Canadian citizen
- Resident of Canada for the past 12 months
- Resident of British Columbia for the past 6 months
- Resident of the Electoral District

If you have not received your 'YOU ARE REGISTERED' card check at the nearest Registration Centre or contact the Registrar of Voters immediately.

### 2 Where to vote.

In time you will be receiving your 'WHERE TO VOTE' card. Keep this card **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Take this card with you to the poll indicated on the card.

### 3 Special Voting.

Anyone who was a registered voter as of September 24 and who is not able to vote on Election Day or at an Advance Poll may vote during the Special Voting times below at the office of the Returning Officer.  
Special voting October 10, 11, 14, 4-8 p.m. (local time)

### 4 Advance Poll.

If you have a valid reason why you are unable to vote on Election Day, or are unable to enter a polling place unaided, you may vote at an Advance Poll.  
Dates October 15, 16, 17, 18 Hours 1-9 p.m. (Pacific Time).

### 5 Disabled Voting.

Those of you who are disabled in any way may vote at an Advance Poll. Here, special facilities are available to help you exercise your right. If you are assisting a blind person, please inform them that they may vote at an Advance Poll. The information is listed in this announcement.

### 6 Voting if you're away from home on October 22.

If you are unable to vote at the location marked on your 'WHERE TO VOTE' card on Polling Day, please do the following:

- Out of Polling Division – go to the nearest Polling Place and present proper identification
- Out of Electoral District – as above

### 7 What you should take when you go to vote.

You should take your 'WHERE TO VOTE' card. This card will make the voting process quicker.

### 8 How to vote.

Candidate	X
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Once you are in a polling booth you must remember two things.

- Mark only for the candidate of your choice
- Mark the ballot with an X

### 9 For further information,

Contact: Registrar of Voters,  
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B.C. V8V 1X4 Phone: 387-5909  
OR Returning Officer,  
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Phone: 655-3013 or  
toll free 1-800-742-VOTE.



Chief Electoral Office  
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British Columbia

# Survey results needed

Parks and recreation commission members are hoping more Salt Spring Islanders will hand in their parks questionnaires, to ensure the reliability of the survey of local recreation needs.

The commission sent out questionnaires to 800 residents selected randomly from the voters list. So far about 350 replies have been received, but commission chairman Glenn Woodley is hoping for 600 responses.

The commission wants to be sure the responses are a true representation of the wishes of Salt Spring residents. Any residents who haven't returned their questionnaires are asked to complete them and submit them to the commission as soon as possible.

Once survey results have been tabulated, commission members will use them as guidelines for decisions on which recreation facilities should receive the highest priority.

This survey won't be as statistically precise as one done several years ago by a professional company; but it will cost only a fraction of the previous survey. The parks and recreation commission members drew up and mailed the questionnaires themselves to keep costs down.

Instead of the \$11,000 the last

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survey cost, the price for this one will be less than \$1,500, Woodley said Friday.

Using the survey results as a rough guide, the commission will draw up a master recreation plan for the next five years.

One of the key questions concerns money. As property assessments have dropped in the last several years, recreation tax revenue has also declined. There was a \$15,000 drop in the budget this year.

The commission is able to continue services but future development is unlikely unless residents indicate they are willing to pay more taxes for recreation purposes, Woodley said.

Another important issue is the indoor swimming pool some residents are proposing. A pool society has been formed to push the idea. If island residents show they want a pool and are willing to finance it, the recreation commission would be willing to work with a grassroots group, Woodley said.

Volunteers will begin tabulating the results as soon as enough questionnaires are returned. Woodley hopes to have preliminary results available in November, with more detailed analysis coming later.

When the last survey was completed, the commission acted on many of its recommendations, such as the improvements to Portlock Park's tennis courts, track and dressing rooms.

But some of the recommendations were impossible to follow, Woodley said.



Elections  
British Columbia

# Provincial General Election October 22<sup>ND</sup>

## To vote in the Provincial General Election you must be eligible and registered.

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aking sure you are registered is the first step to guarantee your right to vote in the Provincial General Election. Only those who are registered may vote in the Election. To register you must meet the following qualifications.

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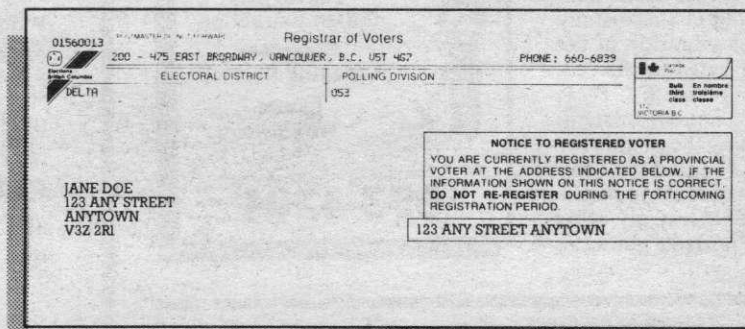
### Qualifications.

- 19 years of age or older
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**2**

### Look for this card.

Look for this card in the mail. If you're not registered please do so as soon as possible.



**3**

### Closing Date.

You must be registered by: October 3, 1986

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### For further information and registration,

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# Memories of vessel strengthened by years

By DOUG NICHOL

How well I remember my childhood fascination with the *Cy Peck* some thirty years ago. In my mind, she was a vessel like no other, and at Swartz Bay the call of "here comes the ferry" sent me scurrying for the car in anticipation of another trip to the island. She held few cars by today's standards, but one rarely missed getting on board. Oh, there were those occasions when her chain was carefully draped over back bumpers and extra blocks were set under wheels. But she always seemed to have just enough room for everyone in line.

The expression "bumper to bumper" might well have been coined on the *Cy Peck*. Vehicles were packed in so tightly sometimes that it was difficult to get out of the car. But you simply had to. Making the trip between Swartz Bay and Fulford without exploring the wonders of the ferry was unthinkable.

On most trips the engine room door was left open, and you could feel the heat, hear the diesel and smell the fumes. It was an off-limits place for passengers, of course, and you could never know it completely. But a child could easily imagine its wonders as you stood in the doorway and peered down the metal stairs. It was an experience never to be missed, and never to be forgotten.

The heavy ropes along the edges of the deck were intriguing too, and kicking them once or twice to see if they would move was an essential activity. And there were hours of fascination to be found in tracing with your eyes the tiny strands of hemp as they curled and twisted around the braided lines. For a child, the ropes were also a perfect footrest when you set on the black bollards, and in the summers at least, many a trip was spent happily perched on this ready-made chair.

It wasn't a very comfortable spot in the winter, however, as anyone who made the voyage year 'round would confirm. I remember one bitterly cold Armistice Day when we were caught in an unseasonable blizzard as we cleared Piers Island, and it took childhood ingenuity to find a cranny on the car deck where one's shivering didn't successfully compete with the vibration of the ferry. I huddled between the cars and the sides of the *Cy Peck*, cradling a cup of hot chocolate in my hands, watching the rings in my cup and the wake behind the boat.

Sometimes I would stand on the mooring lines, and rest my arms and head on the portside gunwale,

watching the forest along the western shore of Fulford Harbour slowly drift past. I'd strain my eyes to see some evidence of Isabella Point Road that led to our place. Ackerman's house was a landmark in those days, a way of measuring progress down the inlet.

Near Fulford, I would scamper across the deck and try to get an early glimpse of the old hand crank gas pump at the store. The gasoline in its glass top bubbled wonderfully when someone filled their tank, and we kids made bets with each other on how much of the amber liquid would be left when the cranking stopped.

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Of the crew members of the ferry, I remember Captain Maude particularly well, though I was never old enough to actually talk with him like my parents did. I remember what an occasion it was to see him on the car deck, his dark blue uniform always impeccably clean and pressed, just like my dad's business suits. He had wonderful silvery hair, and his cap ... well, to have one of those, and the right to wear it, would have been pleasure beyond description.

You could buy imitations for sure, like those worn by the boaters at Vesuvius, with their gold braid and life preserver patches at the

front. But somehow they weren't the real thing. As far as I was concerned, George Maude was the only true captain around.

Much of this is probably more nostalgia than sound memory, and doubtless my feelings for the *Cy Peck* are coloured by the mysteries, the special places, and the good times on board. I know when I saw her some years ago, listing slightly in the shallow water along the muddy shore of the Fraser River near Delta, I felt an incredible sadness and wondered if maybe I had just imagined it all. And reading in a recent *Driftwood* that she had been scuttled in Nanaimo Harbour made me feel as if a chapter in my childhood had somehow been a lie.

To find out that the wheelhouse is destined for the Island helps ease the sadness, though for me it is a bit ironic. The wheelhouse was the only part of the *Cy Peck* I never got to know.

*Doug Nichol teaches geography at Fraser Valley College but confesses that most of his spare time is spent studying local history. A frequent visitor to Salt Spring in the 1950s, he recently completed a five-year term as chairman of Chilliwack's Heritage Advisory Committee.*



*Cy Peck's final stop was Nanaimo Harbour, where it ran aground earlier this year, prompting its owner to scuttle the ship. Vessel's wheelhouse was donated to Salt Spring, where Chamber of Commerce is now studying display possibilities.*

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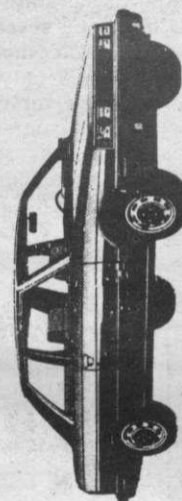
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**Public hearing next step**

**Bylaw would clear way for new Legion hall**

A bylaw to rezone property on Blain Road for a new Royal Canadian Legion hall was given first reading at the September 19 meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting.

First reading sets the stage for a public hearing at the Trust's next meeting, in November.

The Blain Road property is included in the Agricultural Land Reserve but the Legion has obtained clearance for non-agricultural use of the land.

The bylaw in question would create a new zone — *Service Club Zone [SC]* — with uses restricted to social and recreational clubs, lodge halls and private clubs. Buildings and structures would be limited to 25 per cent of the property; no building or structure would be taller than 25 feet; setbacks are 25 feet from the front and rear lot lines, 10 feet from an interior side lot line, and 15 feet of an exterior lot line; and any property designated as a service club zone must be at least half an acre in size.

Approval was granted to subdivide a 57-hectare parcel near Fernwood into five lots.

The land, all contained within the Agricultural Land Reserve, will be divided into parcels of 20, 15, 12.6, eight and 1.4 hectares.

Trust planner Dave Morris noted that the smallest parcel is to be a homesite for the owners upon retirement. The Agricultural Land Commission, he added, requires such sites to be as small as possible and asks that the occupants agree to live in the home for five years.

A request to subdivide land adjoining Ford Lake — just south of Cusheon Lake — was denied at the September 19 Trust meeting.

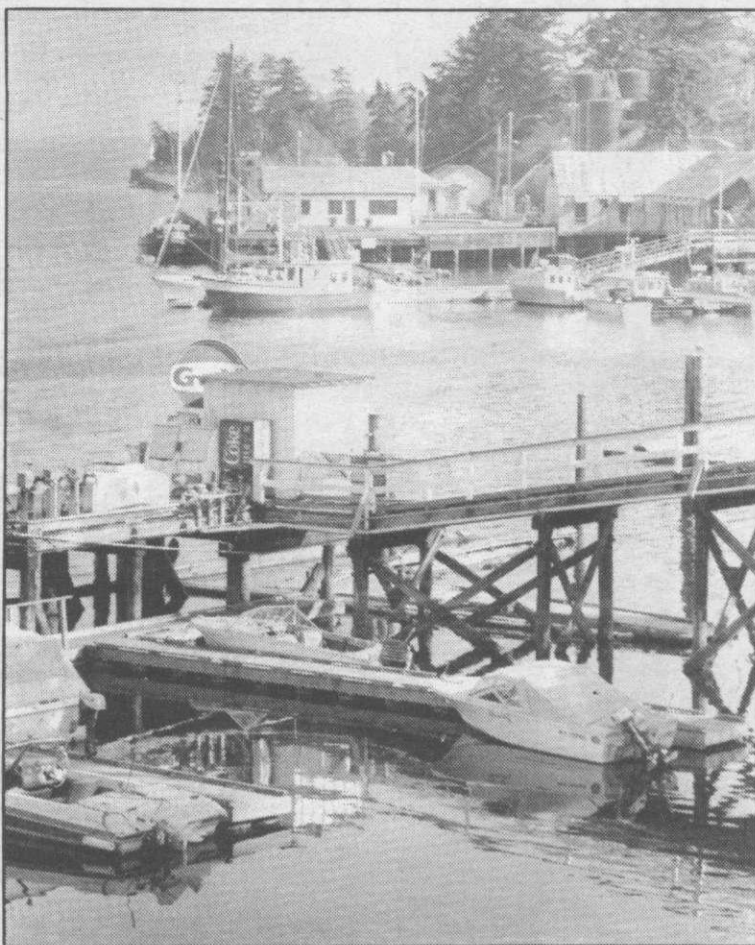
Trustees voted against the subdivision plan, "in its current form," because of concerns over access to the lake and indications that the layout would not allow the land to be used for farming purposes.

A development permit will be issued for the second stage of renovations to the Ganges Pharmacy.

In approving the permit request, trustees noted that the Advisory Design Panel has endorsed plans for the project. They added that although some details of the landscaping plan are still needed, the information is expected shortly.

A request for a development variance permit to accommodate a marina addition was tabled pending review of the project plans by the Advisory Design Panel.

The project would be an office space and employee facilities structure built for B&B Ganges



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The building, to be built on the north side of the float entrance, would require relaxing requirements for a 25-foot setback from the water, and easing regulations governing building heights.

The building is designed as a lighthouse and would be a "considerable" height above the water.

Trustees said they would not be prepared to endorse the variance requests until the building design has been endorsed by the Advisory Design Panel, and until they are satisfied that the opinions of neighbours have been heard.

It was noted that concerns over provision of adequate parking space have been met by the owner's purchase of nearby land.

All current members of the Advisory Design Panel have been appointed to another one-year term. Former member Patricia Morgan has also been named to the panel.

Alternate members to the Advisory Planning Commission have been officially appointed by the

Trust, answering concerns that those members may not have had the authority to vote at meetings.

Those named are: Tom Wright, Rick Rockcliffe, Grace Byrne, Betty Jacobs, Bis Whitby, Russ Lazaruk, Bill Harper and Paul Mackenzie.

Trustees will seek provincial government permission to travel to Seattle to discuss the Wallace Island issue with its owners.

Wallace Island, located off the north-east shore of Salt Spring, is owned in common by a group of Seattle-area shareholders. It has been the subject of controversy, court challenges and frequent delegations to Trust meetings since one faction began investigating subdivision possibilities.

Trustee Nick Gilbert said a meeting with the various owners might bring about a speedy resolution of the controversy. He said he was especially interested in finding a way for the anti-development faction to sell its Wallace Island holdings, if desired, without resorting to subdivision to establish title.

It was indicated that it would be easier for trustees to meet with the ownership groups in Seattle than to have those factions arrange to make representation at a Trust meeting.

A recent rezoning of Hastings House property is in the process of being invalidated.

The rezoning, initially approved by the Trust to allow construction of additional accommodation units, covered land that was later found to be unsuitable for construction because of a rock fault. Another part of the property was then rezoned for the project, and trustees have been waiting since for the Hastings House to initiate a return of the first parcel to its initial zoning status.

Last week, the trust received a letter from architect Jonathan Yardley outlining the area to be downzoned, amendments to the existing development permit to limit accommodation units in the other parcel, and a request for a restrictive covenant in that parcel.

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