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Search continues for missing diver

A search of the Active Pass area for a diver missing since Friday has failed to turn up the diver or any reason for his disappearance.

"We don't know what happened, and we won't know until we find him," Pender Island RCMP

Corp. Ray Thorogood said Tuesday. Searchers have been combing the water and shoreline looking for Drew Dzuren, a Victoria man who failed to resurface after diving in Active Pass Friday.

Dzuren, 26, was diving for a

company checking hydro cables under the pass. He went down for a short solo dive just before noon Friday. When he didn't come back up, the search and rescue centre was alerted.

The search was called off late that afternoon, but RCMP, Coast

Guard and friends of the diver have continued to look for a sign of him. Divers searched underwater, and a helicopter scanned the area from above.

Dzuren's wife made a public plea for help searching the shore on the weekend.

Liberals join campaign for riding seats

A fifth — and probably final — candidate is contesting the Saanich-and-the Islands riding in the October 22 provincial election.

Sidney businessman Clive Tanner was named last week to carry Liberal Party colours in the election. He joins NDP candidates David Vickers and Carol Pickup, and Social Credit hopefuls Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts, in the race to elect two representatives to the provincial legislature.

Indications are the field will grow no larger. With two weeks left until voting day, it appears unlikely that the Conservatives or any other party would now offer a candidate.

Tanner, the owner of Tanner's Books and Gifts in Sidney, was

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named Liberal Party standard-bearer at a September 30 meeting of the Saanich-and-the Islands constituency association.

The party is fielding one candidate only because it feels that will focus the Liberal vote and draw third-party votes from residents who will first cast ballots for either an NDP or Social Credit candidate.

Tanner, 52, described himself last week as the only Saanich-and-the Islands candidate with elected legislative experience. He served as minister of health and welfare in the non-partisan Yukon assembly from 1970 to 1974. During that time, medicare was introduced to the territory.

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Newspaper earns provincial awards

Driftwood has again been judged the best community newspaper in its class in B.C.

The award, announced last week by the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYCNA), recognizes *Driftwood* for all-around excellence.

Individual BYCNA awards were also made to two *Driftwood* staff members: Dennis Parker was named best community newspaper cartoonist, and editor Duncan MacDonnell was honoured by the B.C. Automobile Association for efforts to promote awareness of impaired driving.

In addition, former staff reporter Anne Williams received a \$500 scholarship for her series of articles on the Islands Trust, published earlier this year by *Driftwood*.

Williams, a University of Victoria student whose parents live in the Beaver Point area, spent a four-month term as a *Driftwood* reporter in 1985 as part of the university's creative writing program.

Driftwood also came close in two other categories. The newspaper's series of advertisements for Ken Byron Excavating finished a close second in judging for best original ad design (the judges called it "a witty campaign") and reporter Eric Eggertson's article on dog-sled racing for the *Yukon News* placed second in competition for the best local sports story award.

The first-place award given to *Driftwood* marks the second year in succession — and fourth time overall — that it has been selected best newspaper in its type and circulation class in B.C. Judging awards points in a wide range of categories, from writing to advertising design to photography.

Driftwood received 79 of a possible 100 points in the competition, placing it eight points ahead of the second-place finisher, the *Grand Forks Gazette*. The judges said *Driftwood* "looked good in all areas and it was an easy winner."

The cartoonist award given Dennis Parker is the second won by *Driftwood* in two years. The plaque, sponsored by Salt Spring resident and noted editorial cartoonist Adrian Raeside, went to Jim Dickinson in 1985 — the first year it was awarded.

Parker won the award for his cartoon showing RCMP members preparing to launch a rowboat in pursuit of motorboats defying the electric-motor-only ban on St. Mary Lake.

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Tony Richards displays plaque for newspaper's latest first-place win in B. C. competitions. On the wall behind him are provincial and national honours granted to *Driftwood* over the years.

Deadlines advanced

Monday's Thanksgiving holiday means advancement of *Driftwood's* classified advertisement deadline.

Classified ads must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, not 5 pm Monday, as is usual. All other deadlines remain the same.

The holiday Monday will not alter the normal *Driftwood* publication or distribution schedule.

Cruise ship line ponders adjustment

Georgia Strait cruises proved popular with American tourists aboard the M.V. Columbia this summer, leaving open the possibility of the cruise ship's return to Ganges next year.

The weekly cruises through Washington State and B.C. waters — with stops in Vancouver, Victoria and Ganges — "went extremely well," a company spokesman said last week following the final cruise of the season.

thought it would," Steve Richards, vice-president of operations for Great Pacific Cruise Lines said Wednesday.

However, the company received some complaints about the lack of activities for passengers landing in Ganges late Monday afternoons and leaving early the next morning. There are plans to change the schedule to daytime stops next summer.

But the company could also choose to drop Ganges from its

run, switching to a place like Nanaimo, Richards warned. Ganges was included on the sailings because of Salt Spring Island's mix of rural living and shops, so company officials are reluctant to drop such a pleasant stop.

Richards admits Ganges was "probably the worst stop" in the seven-day cruises. The timing of the Ganges visit could hardly be worse. The ship docks after 4

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Provincial newspaper convention

Driftwood judged best in its class

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The B.C. Motorist Award given to MacDonnell is a new one this year, honouring "journalistic excellence and ... efforts to influence public attitudes toward the drinking driver." It was awarded for a series of *Williams Lake Tribune* news articles and editorials promoting a drinking-driving counter-attack program launched by local hotel operators, taxi companies and RCMP.

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards expressed delight over winning the best all-round newspaper award. "Being recognized by our peers in this fashion is very satisfying. Our goal has always been to produce a good newspaper. When others in the industry judge the paper as such, it is one indication that our efforts to meet that goal are successful."

Richards said seeing recognition going to individual staff members was equally satisfying. "It takes award-winning individuals to put

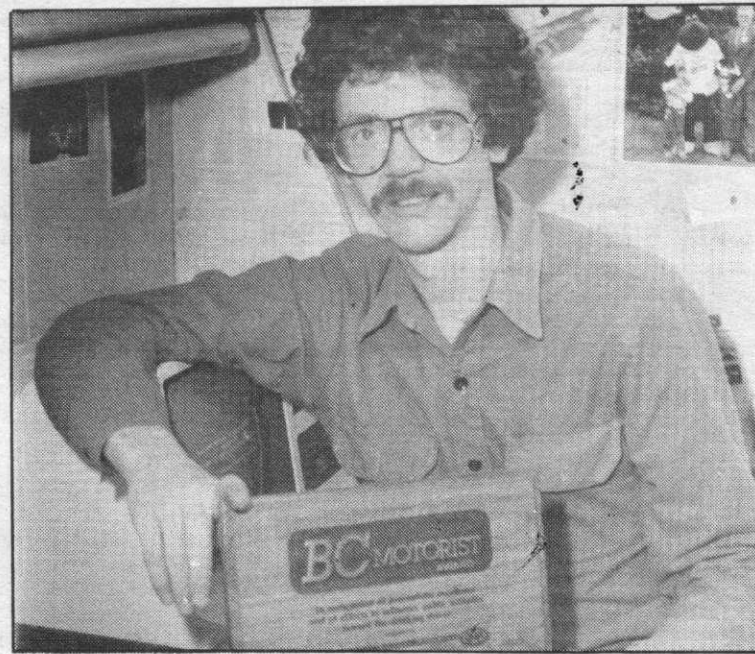
together an award-winning newspaper," he said.

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards was named president of the BCYCNA at its annual convention held last week in Richmond.

Richards, who was BCYCNA vice-president for the past year, is the second member of his family to head the organization. His father, Frank Richards, was BCYCNA president from 1976 to 1978.

Tony Richards, who takes over the president's chair from *North Shore News* publisher Peter Speck, said he was looking forward to the challenge of heading the organization, which represents more than 80 community newspapers in B.C. and the Yukon. He plans to visit every member paper during his term in office.

The summer meeting of the association will be held on Salt Spring Island next June.



Duncan MacDonnell

Clive Tanner to carry Liberal election hopes

From Page 1

The former president of the Yukon Liberal Party, Tanner has served party associations in Oak Bay, the federal Victoria riding and the provincial Saanich-and-the Islands riding.

His campaign for election, Tanner said, can be summed up by one phrase: *Another seat, another choice.* He said it means supporters of either of the two major parties can elect both a member of the party they support — and an alternative.

"We're saying the people of Saanich-and-the Islands would be better served by splitting the vote," Tanner said. "We're saying here is one good alternative, and that the House would be a better place with third-party representation."

A Liberal presence in the House would be able to offer a constructive approach to issues, he continued. Tanner said too many valid policy alternatives are ignored by Social Credit or NDP members simply because the suggestion was made by the other party.

"A third party would look closely at those ideas," he said.

The Liberal Party has "a huge platform," Tanner added. Its "agenda for progress" covers 32



Clive Tanner

type-written pages, he said, and downplays rigid policy stands in favour of "a subjective, pragmatic look at the issues."

As for campaign logistics, Tanner said he will concentrate on contacting voters by telephone, instead of by the traditional door-knocking route. He is also eager to take part in all-candidates meetings — if there are any — and has kept his campaign schedule flexible to allow attendance at those sessions.

All-candidates meeting slated for high school

A public meeting has been arranged on Salt Spring for the five Saanich-and-the Islands candidates in the October 22 provincial elections.

Organized by the Community Planning Association (CPA), the all-candidates meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 17, in the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium in Ganges, beginning at 7:30 pm.

The meeting will be moderated by island resident Clare Nutting.

Of the five candidates to speak next Friday, two will be elected to the provincial legislature. The Saanich-and-the Islands riding had sent one member to Victoria in past years, but an electoral commission has increased that number to two, beginning with this provincial election.

Susan Bradford, who is organizing the meeting for the CPA, received confirmation Tuesday that all five candidates will attend. David Vickers and Carol Pickup of the NDP were the first to confirm their attendance, followed by Liberal hopeful Clive Tanner. Social Credit candidates Terry Huberts and Mel Couvelier confirmed at about noon Tuesday, after having to wait a few days to clear up possible scheduling conflicts.

Police report

A Vancouver cyclist was left stranded while cycling on Mayne Island Saturday.

The cyclist left a brown men's CCM five-speed bike with a white front carrier at the end of Montreux Road. When he returned, the bike was missing.

RCMP ask that if anyone picked up the bike, they contact the Pender Island detachment.

A dinghy was reported stolen from Dinner Bay on Mayne Island.

Between September 21 and October 2 a steel cable holding the two-metre white fiberglass dinghy to a buoy was cut, and the boat taken.

A boat was found floating around Browning Harbour on the morning of September 24. Anyone who has lost a 10-foot white fiberglass boat should contact the RCMP on Pender for more information.

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Returning office sets polling places, dates

Residents of the Outer Gulf Islands will have to travel to either Sidney or Salt Spring to cast advance ballots for the October 22 provincial election.

Advance polls for the Saanich-and-the Islands riding have been arranged for the United Church Hall in Ganges and Sanscha Hall in Sidney. Ballots can be cast from 1 pm to 9 pm next Wednesday to Saturday, October 15 to 18.

A spokesman for the riding's returning officer said no advance polling stations will be set up on Galiano, Mayne, North Pender or South Pender islands.

"It's a question of economics," said the spokesman, who declined to be named. "It was felt that there was no merit in putting polling stations out there for the number of people who would use them.

"Outer Islands people will have to go to Salt Spring or to Sidney, whichever is most convenient."

The United Church Hall in Ganges is located at 111 Hereford Avenue, across from the Legion Hall. Sanscha Hall in Sidney is at 2243 Beacon Avenue.

Sanscha Hall will also be the site for 'early voting,' which takes

place from 4 pm to 8 pm on October 10, 11 and 14 — this Friday, Saturday and Tuesday. The returning office spokesman said early voting is designed for people who will be out of the electoral district on election day, or when advance polls are opened.

The returning office spokesman pointed out that advance and early voting is open only to those persons who are registered on the voter's list. Anyone not registered must wait until election day, October 22, and cast a ballot under Section 80 rules, which require an oath to be sworn.

The Saanich-and-the Islands returning office has arranged polling stations for the October 22 vote. They are as follows:

- Pender Island — Pender Island School;
- Saturna Island — Saturna Island Community Hall;
- Mayne Island — Mayne Island Agricultural Hall;
- Galiano Island — Activity Centre and North Galiano Community Hall;
- Salt Spring Island — Fulford Community Hall and Salt Spring Elementary School.

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. . . by Richards

Aren't we glad!

The colloquial term for glads is glads. It doesn't fit into the printed setting too readily so I have, for many years, used the word *gladiolus*. I have avoided the word, *gladioluses* because I tend to lisp over the hisses. *Gladiolas*, sanctioned by Mr. Webster but scorned by Mr. Holcroft, is the easiest way to make the flowers plural.

When Mr. von Linne, two centuries ago, devised his method of categorizing plants, he was addressing the grower, the cultivator, the world of professional botanists. If I were growing and exhibiting glads, I would offer them in their complete Latin uniform. But I'm not. I'm not growing them and I'm not exhibiting them. And I'm glad!

I'm very grateful to R.S. Holcroft for his assistance in the matter of glads. I have to hang my head, for I have never laid claim to being informed or cultivated. I have made my living as best I might, but I must confess that it never occurred to me to identify every bloom by its full Latin name.

It's like having a car. Had I a vintage Rolls Royce, I would more likely refer to it as a Rolls than as a "Rolls Royce, 40-5- Phantom II, divided limousine."

Like I say, I'm grateful, but overwhelmed. But rather than lay claim to any erudition that is not properly mine, I'll stick to glads and enjoy my dictionary just as happy as some readers enjoy their Linnaean literature.

Vote early and often!

With the provincial election only three weeks off, it is looming larger and larger in the voter's eye. Last week New Democrats David Vickers and Carol Pickup were in Ganges and they had a reminder which bears repeating.

Many voters in Saanich and the Islands, they told me, are still unaware of the style of the election. Many

voters do not yet realize that they will be called upon to vote for two new candidates and not merely one.

You get to vote twice this year. Two "X's" will be required on the ballot for the two people you wish to represent you in the provincial legislature.

Wines and things!

I have never visited South Africa. At the end of the second war a number of us, when I was still living in England, declined a proposal to move, as a group, to that well-favoured land. We declined on the grounds that the political climate was too uncertain and that the clouds of unrest were already gathering.

The economics of the nation are beyond my simple mind. Had I an easy answer to the problems plaguing South Africans of various colours, I might be an international hero. I haven't and I ain't.

Despite my uncertainties, I refrained from drinking the wine of South Africa because I felt that I was offering tacit approval of a deplorable social disorder were I to do so.

Recently the wines of South Africa were taken from the shelves of the liquor store when local terrorists claimed to have poisoned them in a vigilante-style of punishment for any person with the temerity to hold views contrary to their own.

I can no longer conscientiously avoid South African products for the reasons stated. When it was a voluntary gesture, it satisfied my misgivings. When a form of terrorism is applied to force me to take such measures, then it is no longer a matter of conscience, but I believe I am the victim of blackmail. And I believe it to be a particularly evil kind, because the perpetrators lurk in the dark corners of society, fearful of the light and crowing with the empty delight of having forced their specious views on others and, perhaps, better men.

When those products return, then I shall feel free of conscience to enjoy them.



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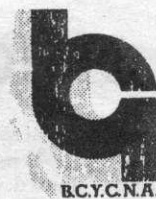
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Crown corporation unduly influencing opinions?

That the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is performing a valuable service to the nation is simply not arguable. That it performs that service in the best possible manner in every phase of its operation would be extremely arguable.

The news service of the nation's own communications system provides a wide range of information on this country, employing an extensive and skillful staff in the collection and dissemination of reports on every aspect of living in Canada and being a Canadian.

Critics of the national service, however, have expressed concern on many occasions that it has steadily moved away from objective reports on Canada, Canadians and Canadiana to highly subjective opinions on what is happening in those areas.

Honest, interpretative opinions on the nation's affairs are invaluable. However, when they are offered without an objective summary of the factors prompting the opinion, they are in danger of losing their focus. At this point, the information hovers between news and propaganda.

The chasm into which both national television reporter and news service might readily slide is the point where the nation's news service carefully lays the stage for its news presentations.

A case in point: In British Columbia, the CBC recently invited the leaders of political parties to a public debate on television. One must assume that the proposal was made in good faith, to provide the politicians with a forum from which to speak and on which to counter the views of those of differing opinions, while encouraging those viewers who might be interested to see, hear and make comparisons.

One leader, Premier Bill Vander Zalm, said he was not prepared to take advantage of the invitations, and his critics were not slow to express regret and indignation that he would decline.

The debate question became the subject of a debate within itself. In a period of high unemployment, forestry industry threats, an all-time low in many other areas of provincial endeavour, the debate issue joined with provincial concerns to outrank those matters which might have been debated. There is an illogical aspect to the controversy, but the administration of the province is rarely logical.

When publishers of B.C.'s community newspapers heard an address by Premier Bill Vander Zalm last week at the newspaper convention in Richmond, several were invited by the CBC to offer a snap editorial impression of the new premier and the prospects ahead.

The only opinions to meet the high standards of the news service were those select few which — surprise — agreed with the views already expressed by the national corporation. None of the other comments were aired, leading the viewing public to believe that a group of newspaper publishers had expressed the opinion that the most important matter facing British Columbia today is the proffered debate between leaders.

Maybe, and a long, long maybe, that view is justified. Maybe the possibility of a debate is, in fact, as important as the nation's own news service would have us believe. But it should not be important enough to merit careful editing out of

any opinion taking a contrary view.

However important the question of a debate on provincial affairs might be, it cannot justify juggling with the news to create a false impression. No news agency, and least of all a government news agency, can afford to coerce the viewing public into channels sought for any reason by that agency. That such a condition could be possible is a deep and grave reflection on the manner in which the entire handling of news by the Crown corporation takes place. It is a sad indictment of the supervision of news services by that agency and it is a glaring exposure of inadequate ministerial awareness.

There are three reasons for concern over this small incident in news coverage.

Firstly, however important it might be in itself, the debate issue is far from being the major factor in the coming election and is being artificially promoted in order to ensure the corporation's standing in the world of "yellow press/video journalism."

Secondly, the national news service must not

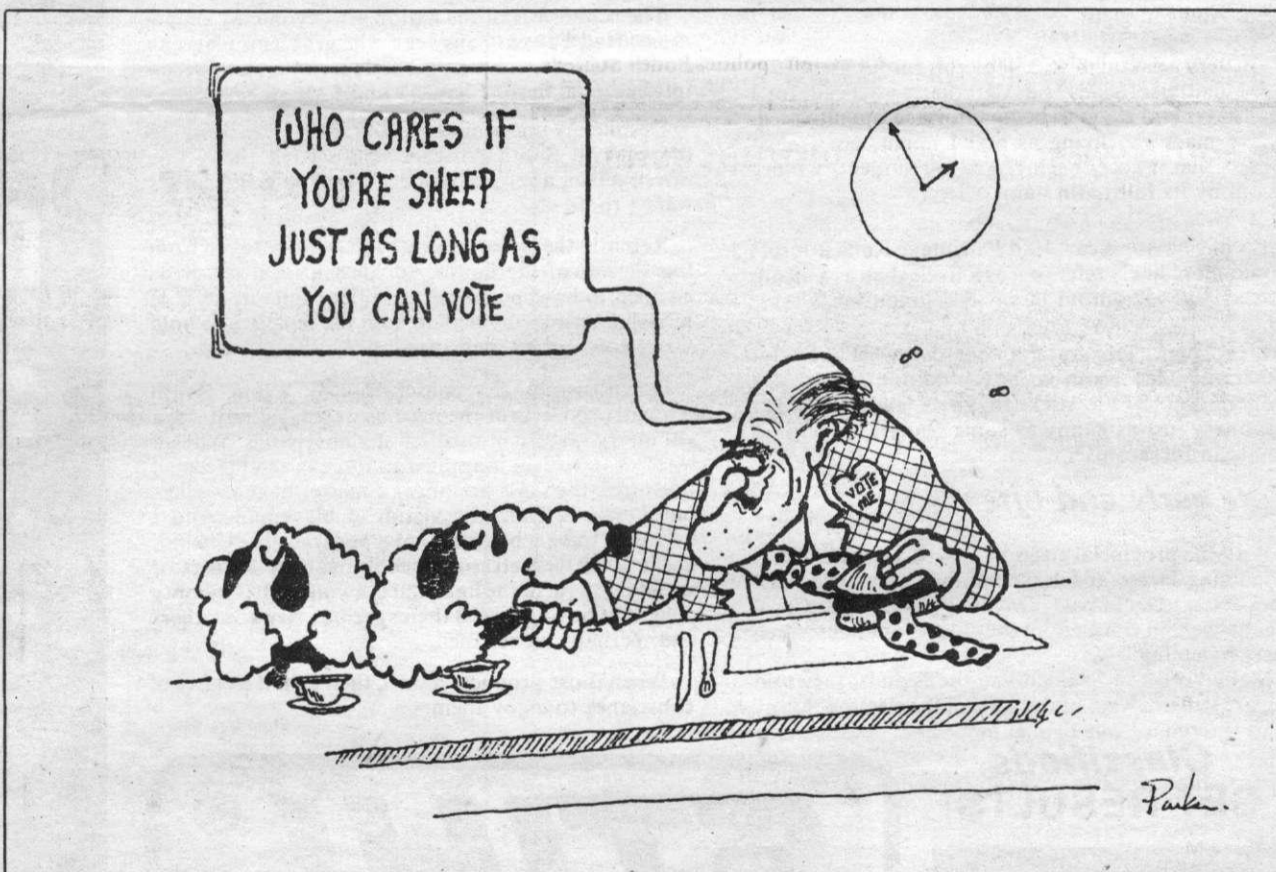
attempt, nor must it appear to attempt, to act as a persuasive force in the formulation of public opinion during a provincial election campaign.

Thirdly, and most important, perhaps, is the contention of this newspaper that whenever the government-aided broadcasting corporation is identified as manipulating news of provincial affairs that condition must carry the connotation, or the implication, that the federal government is sponsoring the attempt.

The CBC is a valuable part of the Canadian cultural scene but it must be administered from the bottom to the top with scrupulous care lest it appear to be abusing its powers. It must provide us with a balanced, fair and honest picture of the provincial, national and international affairs of the day.

If this cannot be achieved, then we would have no alternative but to, albeit reluctantly, advocate the severance of the news services from the corporation's responsibilities.

The CBC must be, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion.



letters

Bravo

Sir,

Bravo to all the volunteers who worked so hard for Saturday's Health Fair. Thank you for all the valuable information and time taken to answer questions.

SUSAN NOAKES,
Ganges.

Hurrah

Sir,

Hurrah for sanctions and Mr. Hubert Beyer, your correspondent. (September 21 edition.) Let's have more sanctions: sanctions against Russia for their massacres

Afghanistan; against Israel for their treatment of the native Arabs; sanctions against both Victoria and Ottawa to protest their treatment of our native Indians in the Queen Charlottes, Skeena and elsewhere.

Think, too, of the good to Canada that sanctions will do in South Africa where, in due course, so many blacks will begin to suffer hunger for lack of work. They will then need relief of some sort, which is where Mr. Mulroney will be able to jump in, send our wheat surplus to feed them, as we do to other parts of Africa.

Let us show the world we care,

and display our moral fibre. Let's have more sanctions. Drink B.C. wine, not African.

ASHTON ROSS-SMITH,
Pender Island.

Need help

Sir,

These poor cyclists need help. Ganges Hill is a monster!

A few solutions: 1) A t-bar or a rope tow like the skiers use; 2) A person stationed at the bakery, who would tie a length of rope onto each vehicle going up; 3) A horde of Vander Zalm's welfare shovellers to level the beast.

D.W. EVANISHIEN,
Ganges.

Not again

Sir,
Please — not again.
First we get, masquerading as deep thought, Bob Stanfield's lack of ability as a quarterback. Then Joe Clark's luggage mishaps become vitally important. Now Hubert Beyer gets all Olympian and sad-dutyish about Bob Skelly behaving occasionally like a human being.
It's stuff like this that elects glib second-raters.
ANDREW GIBSON,
Ganges.

Co-ordinate

Sir,
Your article, *Projects cloud traffic changes*, (September 10, 1986) illustrates a problem quite common to many communities and urban centres in North America. It is referred to at times as townscape, cityscape, community design, etc., particularly the lack of it.
The people of Ganges, indeed the whole island, have a unique opportunity to develop a rational, functional and, above all, humane plan for effecting changes in their community. They already have one great advantage: the problem has been recognized and defined.
While you are at it, try and deal not only with co-ordinating the 'bits and pieces all over the place' and the layout of traffic patterns but also with some other aspects, such as parking, landscaping, street furnishing, signage, facade designs, "main street" and others which relate to the function and aesthetics of a community.
Another big plus in your favour is the involvement of three professional architects who, by nature of their training and expertise, are highly qualified

people to be the project leaders and assist in shaping the best possible plan. They will need much input and involvement on the part of the people who work, live and play in Ganges.

I visited Salt Spring Island last August and I can envisage a most attractive centre that will delight many visitors and also provide great pleasure, comfort and pride to the island residents as well.

Good luck!
JOHN G. NORGET,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Solution

Sir,
Thank you, John Bennett, for your help in solving the mystery of the exclusive Salt Spring creature, the luau. Next year, I intend to take your advice and bring my shotgun and my friends and their shotguns, and shoot and shoot and shoot.

In the meantime, will the next luau object if I shoot at flying pigeons that are made out of clay?
NELLIE ARRAT,
Fulford Harbour.

No choices

Sir,
I must comment on Hubert Beyer's closing phrase in his October 1 column, in which he states: "Enjoy the finest manifestation of democracy—free elections by free people."
In North America, the word *democracy* is tossed about in a superior manner by columnists and politicians alike but on closer examination, is it not a charade? In Canadian politics, the Socreds,

more letters

Conservatives and Liberals are virtually identical, all believing basically in unrestrained capitalism and conservative values, with the NDP a hairsbreadth to the left and moving ever closer to the others in order to pick up votes.

Where are the choices? People with radical or alternative ideas are completely shut out by the establishment-owned mainstream media and can only be heard or read, usually by like-minded individuals, on co-operative radio stations or journals.

A democratic society would be open to viable political alternatives to the corporate-controlled, centrist parties, up-front platforms by all parties, nation-wide referendums on major issues by all persons over the age of 16, and would require a politically-unbiased and informed populace.
RICK LAING,
Ganges.

Forthright

Sir,
Thank you, Mr. Skinner, for your forthright response to my letter of September 24.

I agree with you that using sarcasm and bashing government programs is non-productive without offering alternatives. I had penned two letters to *Driftwood* that week as my perspective was too lengthy for a single letter. The second letter was a parallel of your suggestion for alternatives.

I asked *Driftwood* to publish the second letter in the following issue. It did not make it. Mayhaps it will still surface in their office.

In brief I believe a simple guaranteed income for all to be far more cost effective and profitable to the community. The Protestant work ethic is dead. Our technology is making fewer jobs, not more. It's time to change our attitudes.

Our country is wealthy enough to pay off the deficit and still guarantee an income for all. We need only to have a better form of distributing the wealth.

I believe this form of change to be inevitable and resistance to it futile.

Thank you, Mr. Skinner, for caring enough to challenge my sarcasm, and I welcome other alternative suggestions to these wasteful government agencies.

DAVID CLEGG,
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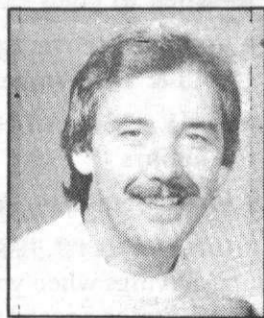


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Invitation

Sir,

This is an open invitation to all island women (north end, south end, older, middling, younger, working mothers, artists, gardeners ...) to join together to keep the Gulf Islands Women's Place alive.

Next Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm, there will be a dessert-potluck-general meeting with the following agenda:

- ratifying the newly-formed constitution and its objectives and procedures;
- reviewing the history of the Women's Place;
- financial report;
- election of a board of directors; and
- entertainment (music, drama, poetry, dance) and dessert.

This gathering is especially important as it marks the beginning of a new phase for the Women's Place. Right now you, the women of Salt Spring, have the chance to choose whether the centre continues to be available for workshops, services, festivals, meetings, informal gatherings or larger social events.

We need you at this meeting. If you have never been a part of the Women's Place, but believe a centre is worthwhile, come and offer suggestions. If you have been active in the past, come and reflect your thoughts of what worked and what would be exciting for future planning.

You, Island women, have a unique chance this coming Tuesday to make a place for yourselves. Please rally together for a shaping of island activity.

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,
Women's Place,
Salt Spring Island
Salt Spring Island
Community Centre.

Bearing

Sir,

Before the controversy over the Centennial Park bylaw fades off into oblivion, I would like to relate an experience of some years ago which bears on the subject.

I was on the Salt Spring Planning Association at the time. We were being asked to judge the value of a proposed bylaw having to do, I believe, with the regulation of business activities on residential properties — for example, should potentially disruptive activities such as welding be permitted, etc.

Two distinct opinions emerged. One was that we should have a bylaw on the books to be enforced selectively to keep the more flagrant abuses in check. The other, which I espoused, was that the world did not need more laws which were not intended to be enforced, that having such laws made lawbreakers of us all and tended to engender a disrespect for

more letters

the law.

After considerable discussion a vote was called. The result: 14 to one in favour of the bylaw. I was, of course, the only dissenter.

The position I took at that time I have seen espoused in the *Driftwood* for several weeks now, presented as arguments in opposition to the Centennial Park bylaw. I have seen no one support the bylaw, aside from the CRD Director, and he for his own reasons, but not the ones I encountered at the Planning Association.

The point is this. It is the people we have not heard from who support the bylaw exactly as written, precisely for the reason that they feel comfortable having something on the books in case they need it. The "silent majority" exists and those of us who disagree with it had better learn to live with it because, as near as I can tell, we are outnumbered 14 to one.

SAM LIGHTMAN,
Fulford Harbour.

Embroided

Sir,

Once again we in this part of the world are embroiled in an election campaign, and once again the electorate will consider the grave issues facing this province and logically and dispassionately choose the party that is best equipped to lead this complex region.

Some of the issues that concern us this time around are unemployment, health care, education, labour strife, government accountability, equality for women and Indian land claims. In addition to these issues, we have the one important over-riding issue that would seem to be concerning most British Columbians today, public speaking.

Apparently it is the consensus of the majority of voters that Bob Skelly's press conference jitters are reason enough to return the Socreds and Bill Vander Zalm to power. This is the same Mr. Vander Zalm whose verbal flatulence has appalled British Columbians (and Quebecers) for over a decade. It must also be noted that the former leader of Social Credit, and the premier of our province for nearly 11 years, was as inept a public speaker as can be remembered on this side of the 49th parallel.

Unfortunately we voters will get little opportunity to view the speaking prowess of Socred candidates. Apparently Mr. Vander Zalm (and Mr. Poole and Mr. Lampert, et al) have issued a gag order to Socred hopefuls lest they should debate the socialists and pick up any bad speaking habits.

However, it is encouraging to note that we are making progress. In years past, elections were won or lost on the colour of a political leader's undergarments. It's this kind of progress that leaves me ... in despair.
ALAN WEBB,
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Gambling proposal laced with pitfalls

VICTORIA — I hope Premier Vander Zalm saw the recent U.S. Public Television production about Atlantic City's experience with gambling.

The program was a sobering account of how a city lost its bet on what it hoped would be a bright economic future.

Legalized gambling was to pull Atlantic City out of its economic doldrums, but the only ones who hit the jackpot were the casino operators.

The gambling fever failed to spread its benefits to the city at large. The expected economic boom never came.

But Vander Zalm seems convinced that British Columbia can succeed where Atlantic City failed. He's taken the first step towards adding the floating crap game to the province's economic diversification program.

Starting next summer, two ships plying the waters between Victoria and Seattle will have gambling casinos — slot machines, roulette, blackjack and all.

One of the vessels is the *Princess Marguerite*, which has been a major economic factor in the Victoria tourism industry, bringing thousands of visitors to

'The only way full-scale gambling can be kept honest is for the government to run the casinos.'

the capital city every year. She will be joined on the Victoria-Seattle run by the B.C. Ferry Corp. vessel *Princess of Vancouver*, to be modified at a cost of \$3.5 million.

Both ships will have gambling casinos, and proceeds will go to the B.C. Steamship Corporation, the Crown agency which operates the vessels.

Reaction to the floating casino gamble has been mixed. Hotel operators are ecstatic because the second vessel to be added to the run will dock in Victoria overnight, leaving all those Yankee gamblers to look for a place to stay.

Some merchants are afraid, however, that the passengers will part with most of their disposable tourist dollars in the casinos, before they even arrive here.

But for better or worse, British

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

Columbia's first two casinos will be open for business next summer. And from all indicators, that's only the start.

True to the promise he made during the leadership campaign, Premier Vander Zalm intends to take the gamble a step further. You can expect casinos in a number of locations during the next few years.

The first land-bound casino will probably be in the resort town of Whistler, a hundred miles north of Vancouver. Other towns will undoubtedly be interested.

The prospect of having casinos all over the province is not without danger, the greatest of which is how to keep organized crime from getting control of them.

Those in favor of legalized gambling usually point to Monte Carlo as a good example of how casinos should be operated. But there's no assurance B.C. won't follow the example of Las Vegas, where the mob is unquestionably in control.

The only way full-scale gambling can be kept honest is for the government to run the casinos, perhaps through a Crown corporation. A gaming commission overseeing casinos operated by private entrepreneurs won't do it.

If private enterprise is in control of casinos, the profits will only serve to line the pockets of their owners, and little of the loot will find its way into the tax base of the communities.

And that's where the rub will be. Totally committed to free enterprise, the Socreds will find it difficult to go into the casino business. They will be tempted into believing that they can confine their role to overseeing and controlling casinos, rather than operating them.

I'm not against gambling. There is merit in trying to keep in this province the millions of dollars spent every year in Reno and Las Vegas by British Columbians. It is also quite possible that a lot of Americans will come here in search of the elusive jackpot because they won't have to pay tax on their winnings.

But it would be foolhardy for the government to rush into uncharted terrain before examining all possible pitfalls. I don't think the premier has done that. And if he says it will be just like Monte Carlo, we should ask him what assurance we've got that it won't be like Vegas.

In the final analysis, the possible benefits might not be worth the gamble.

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Guest column:

Well-planned fish farms should be encouraged

By CHRIS HATFIELD

I would like to correct a number of misleading impressions contained in your latest articles on salmon farming in the Salt Spring Island area.

As you know, our company, Salt Spring Aquafarms Ltd., is building a small salmon and oyster farm near Yeo Point on the south end of the island. We presently have two full-time employees on site and anticipate hiring two or three more by the new year. Our mariculture operation is being designed and developed by members of our environmental consulting company, Hatfield Consultants Limited, which has specialized over the last 12 years in environmental impact and pollution control studies. Over the last three years, we have designed four salmon farms in South America, one of which is now operating and three of which are presently under construction. We are also involved with the industry in B.C.

Our conclusion, based on our experience with mariculture to date, is that it is a good type of activity for the Gulf Islands and should be encouraged in a well-planned, well-researched way.

I did not at any time, as reported in *Driftwood* say that environmental or other concerns raised about salmon farms on the island were "unfounded" (in fact, I was not even asked the question).

Environmental impact concerns caused by salmon farms were important, and if poorly managed, could be serious. I do not believe, however, that some concerns related to competition with the wild fishery, chemical in the fish food, etc., will cause problems.

Salmon farm impacts can be compared to those of sheep or cattle operations. Too many operations in a confined area can result in negative environmental impacts. They do produce some



waste. Most people on Salt Spring Island know the real or potential problems caused by too many animals in limited areas. Sheep and cattle farm operations, for example, can have serious impacts on trout streams.

The comparison between waste from salmon farms and human sewage made in your article is unfortunate. We are going to be raising oysters within 100 meters of our salmon farm. I have had delicious meals of oysters and mussels which were grown within a few metres of salmon farms in Chile. I don't think I would relish eating such shellfish raised within a few metres of a sewage outfall.

There is a strong case for polyculture of marine animals as well as for land crops and livestock. We expect that the small amount of waste produced by our salmon farm will be easily assimilated and broken down by ocean organisms within close proximity to our pens and the enriched plankton eaten by our oysters. The solution to waste producing problems, I believe, is not to ban farms completely, but as

with land farms, to space the facilities so the environment can easily assimilate their waste.

There are obviously many areas in the islands where salmon farming operations should be excluded altogether because of conflicts with residential aesthetic or recreational values (sheep farms are not permitted in some areas, either, for the same reasons).

It will take a number of years until the appropriate spacing for salmon farms is fully known. Until more studies are done, rather than exclude all future salmon farming from the Gulf Islands for one year, I believe the conservative spacing criterion of half a mile between farms, recommended by the department of fisheries and oceans and the provincial fisheries branch, is adequate for environmental impact purposes. Other criteria which take into account possible conflicts with recreational use, aesthetics, residential use, etc., could be determined from the public hearing process in much the same way as other zoning changes are made.

In my view, there are more locations in the islands which

would be quite appropriate for salmon farming zoning. If applications were reviewed on a site by site basis, I think these areas would become apparent and could then be zoned for mariculture. Factors such as local ocean currents, water temperatures and depths, size of the planned farm, proposed feeding methods, and local flora and fauna could be taken into account. If suitability were uncertain at some sites, the applicant could be required to carry out more environmental monitoring and assessment work before a decision were made. This has become a normal practice

within other industrial sectors (e.g., mining) for which potential pollution is a serious concern.

We are looking forward to site visits of Island people to our salmon farm when we are actually in operation. This, obviously, would be impractical on a day to day basis (since we would never get any work done); however, we plan to have an annual one-day open house in the future in which all islanders will be welcome. In the meantime, we would be pleased to talk to Trust members or their committees regarding the pros and cons of salmon farming in the islands.

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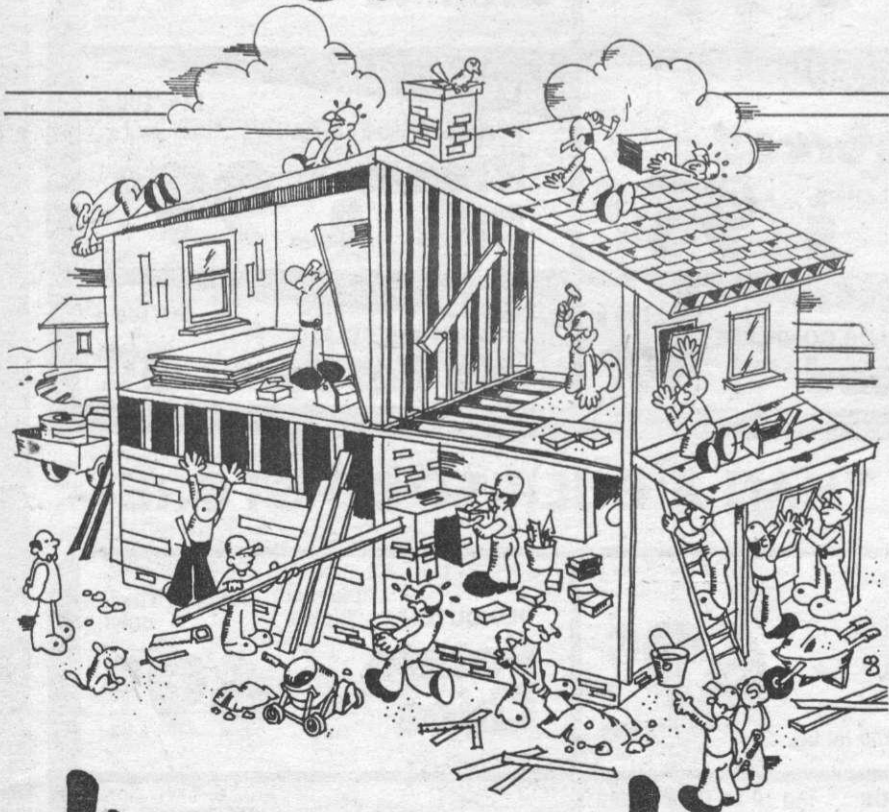
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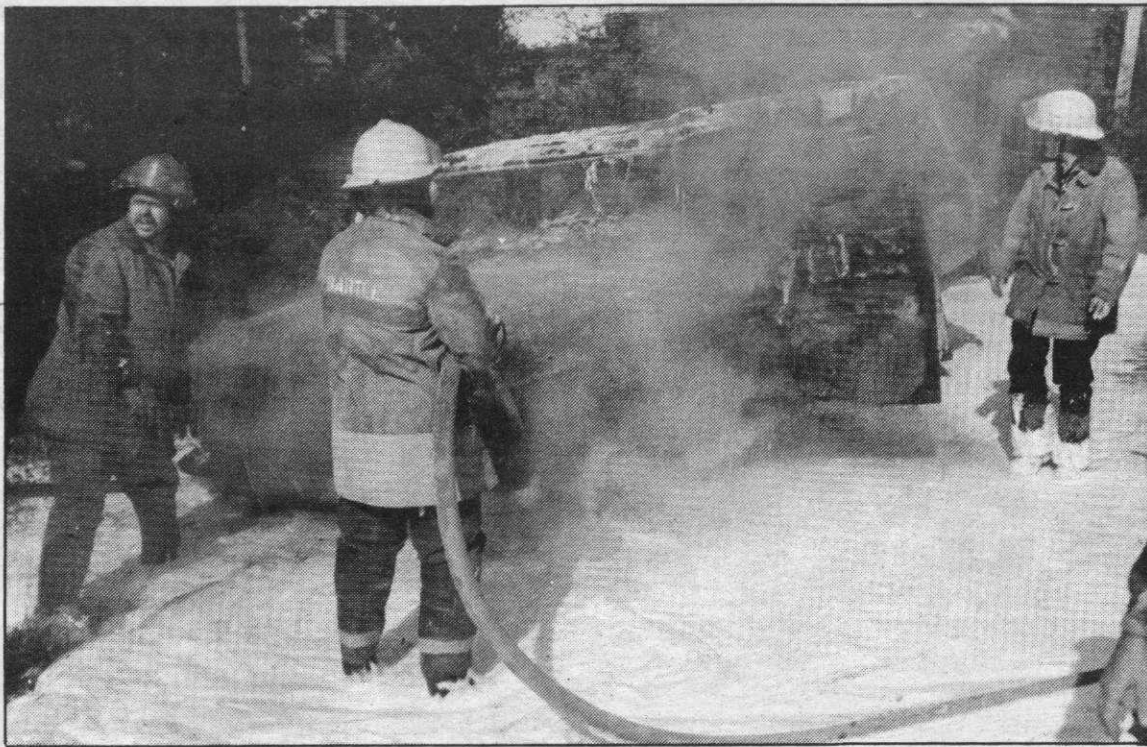
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Chamber's incorporation stand to be defined at special meeting

A Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce committee is expected to be formed this week to study possible incorporation of Ganges.

A meeting, set for the Harbour House Hotel this Thursday (October 9) at 7:30, will ask chamber members to exchange views on incorporation and name a three-member committee to define a stand on the issue.

At a recent public meeting in Ganges, the chamber was asked by representatives of various local organizations to investigate the incorporation question and report its findings in not less than three weeks.

Arvid Chalmers, who will chair this Thursday's meeting, said last week it will hear the views of chamber members and of Clare Nutting, who earlier completed a study of incorporation for all of Salt Spring.

"I'm sure he (Nutting) can give us some insight on the downtown core possibilities," Chalmers said, adding that a significant aspect of the incorporation question is defining the area it will affect.

"Where is the downtown, and what are the ramifications? I can see four definitions," Chalmers said. He explained that the community plan, sewage system coverage area, Ganges Centre Association and the post office

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"We could end up with four scenarios," Chalmers continued. The ramifications of incorporating according to any of the above four general boundaries would be examined.

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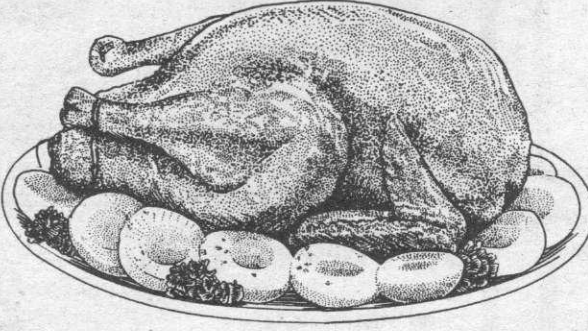
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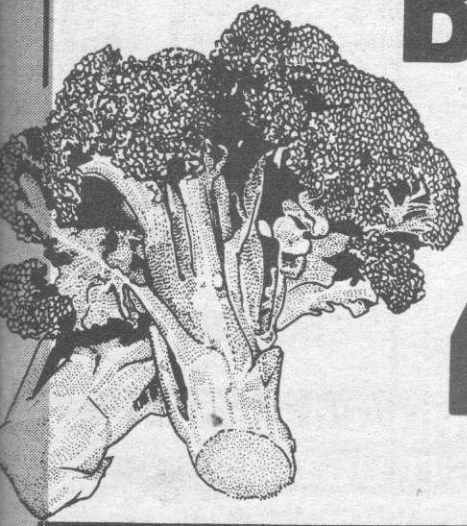
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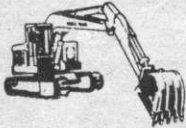


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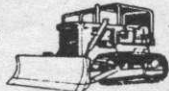
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Cruise ship visits enjoyed by visitors

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p.m., leaving little time for shopping before the shipboard dinner. Then the passengers are let loose on the island, with no public transport and few mid-week tourist events.

The timing of Columbia visits was "very awkward" agrees Ganges retailer Tom Toynbee, a partner in Mouat's Mall and store. "It was neither a shopping trip nor a tour stop," he said Thursday.

Tours of the island offered by French immersion class organizer Irene Wright gave some of the American visitors a good chance to see the island. Columbia passengers were taken on tours that followed themes such as visits to local pubs, historical sites or art galleries. Proceeds from the tours went towards a class trip for the French immersion students.

Despite problems with the evening stop-over, Toynbee is hopeful a midday schedule next summer will offer visitors more activities.

And the economic benefits to Salt Spring businesses would be greater.

Some shops and galleries extended their hours slightly to attract the Columbia visitors this summer, but with a maximum of 76 people off-loading, the expense of staying open late wasn't

worthwhile for most stores.

The cruise ship's regular visits brought back memories of Canadian Pacific's Princess line, that made routine stops in Ganges until the 1950s.

Toynbee was pleased with the excursions. "It was a very worthwhile experiment. It created a real focus of interest for people on the island and for visitors, too."

The cruise ship visitors also got a good chance to see the island. There will be return visits from some American tourists who saw the Gulf Islands for the first time, Toynbee predicts.

One couple returned a month after their stopover to buy a house.

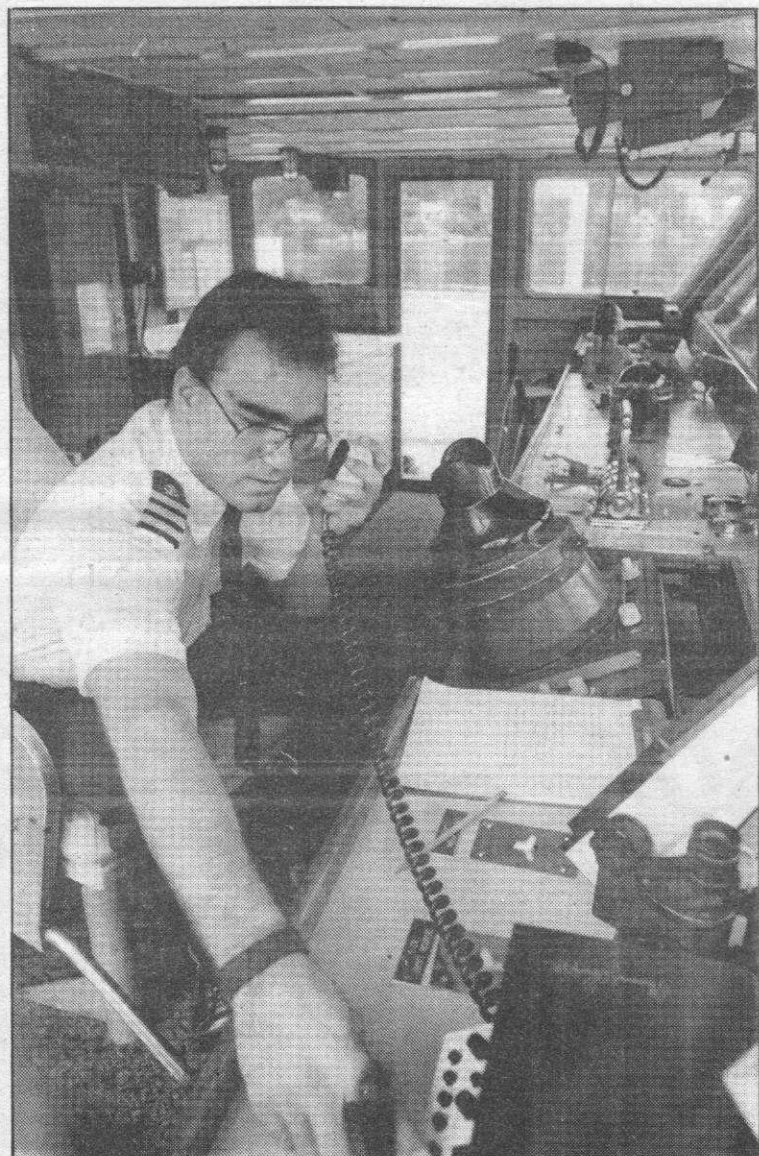
"They like coming here. People liked Ganges, but the time of arrival was very awkward. There's just not a lot going on at night."

Great Pacific plans to expand the number of cruises next year. And officials are considering including a few longer cruises to Alaska in the Columbia's schedule.

If the cruises continue to be as popular, the company might even add another ship, Richards said.

Most Columbia passengers are from California or the East Coast. They pay \$1,365 to \$1,470 for the seven-day trip from Seattle.

A frequent sight in Ganges Harbour, the M.V. Columbia (below) could be back next summer. A singalong (above) is one way the passengers entertained themselves while here. Chief Mate Ken Gaito (left) checks weather conditions.



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The most splendid shows are to be had in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region of southern Ontario and Quebec during September and October, when the maples, oaks, birches and aspens are aflame with hues of brilliant yellows, oranges, crimsons, scarlet reds and glowing pinks; a colourful palette too rich and full to describe. It's the only time of year that I really miss Ontario, and for those of you who have also experienced this marvellous performance, it no doubt remains etched in your memories too. Well, that's enough nostalgic palaver, but it's the beautiful truth.

No doubt you have all heard the technical reasons for the creation of these fall colours, but for many, the more important issue is how to get some vivid autumn splendour into the garden. The great majority of fall colour is provided by trees and shrubs with only a handful of vines and perennials making a show at this time of year.

Annuals are virtually devoid of any fall displays, as they are too busy blooming their little hearts out right until the fall frosts kill them. The only exception is *Kochia scoparia*, also known as Mexican fire bush or burning bush — a most appropriate name, as in fall with the first frost it transforms from a lush green, three-foot-high ball of foliage into a flaming red fireball. To grow it, sow seed out in spring, in a sunny, well-drained situation.

For vines, there are a few showpieces, including American bittersweet (*Celastrus scandens*), grown for the bright yellow and red seed capsules that persist long after the leaves have fallen; *Actinidia arguta*, which is a rarely-

your garden

seen member of the kiwi vine clan; *Amelopsis* (blue berry climber), an even rarer vine that turns scarlet at this time of year; many members of the grape genus (*Vitis*), which give golden yellows and less often, some deep reds; and finally, the most used and widely known fiery scarlet and orange red vines, the virginia creeper genus, *Parthenocissus*.

'There are dozens of shrubs with rich fall coloration, including a few that are natives or have naturalized on the islands.'

All of the species in the *Parthenocissus* genus have fabulous fall colours, possess clinging tendrils with self-attaching discs or pads on the ends, will grow and colour up in sun or shade, will grow quickly to cover a fence, wall, building, tree and even serve as a ground cover. They all look great with their foliage intermingled with hedging plants, shrubs, vines and ground covers, that will provide a deep green foliage for accent and contrast.

The silvertine creeper (*P. henryanua*) is a somewhat rare species that has silver veining on a deep green leaf with a purple underside and purplish shoot tips. Walls or fences provide the best backdrops for this beauty, as the fall colour changes to a rich red.

The famed virginia creeper (*P. quinquefolia* — five leaflets) is the fastest grower that will cover almost anything, and give a spectacular colour display at this time of year.

Boston ivy (*P. tricuspidata* — three lobed leaf) is a more

controlled grower that gives an even, dense cover, clinging tightly to walls, rocks, tree trunks and fences. The leaves may be either three-lobed on older plants, or be made up of three leaflets (on younger plants and shoots) and all will turn that familiar intense red in October.

For the perennials, only two genus speak for their group with an autumn show of reddish tinges and rusty red foliages. These are the rockery plants *Saxifraga Rosacea*, *S. umbrosa*, and *Sedum sieboldii*, all noteworthy but nowhere near the show that the trees and shrubs put on in the fall.

There are dozens of shrubs with rich fall coloration, including a few that are natives or have naturalized on the islands. This fall, the ocean spray (*Holodiscus discolor*) is clothed in hues of reddish pinks, yellow and amber, a delightful treat. Bird-dispersed seedlings of rock cotoneaster *Cotoneaster horizontalis*, will soon turn reddish-orange and scarlet, and after losing their leaves, the red berries will remain.

Naturalized sumacs (*Rhus typhina*) are turning vacant lots and hedgerows into vibrant displays of golden yellow, oranges and scarlet red. Roadsides are starting to get hints of colour from seedlings of serviceberry or shadbush (*Amelanchier laevis*) that will soon be bedecked with leaves of deep pink, orange and red with golden yellow accents.

We even get a splash of free colour from the blueberry patch. As fall approaches, the leaves take on bright oranges and reds with tinges or purple, a very beautiful bonus.

the colour of the autumn displays, but regardless, this four-to-six-foot-high shrub puts on a spectacular performance.

Next week we'll cover the remainder of autumn's colourful shrubs and those kings of fall colour, the trees. Until then, happy gardening.

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New, old faces welcomed to island ambulance unit

The Salt Spring Ambulance Service has welcomed a new unit chief.

Gerald Parrott arrives on Salt Spring with 16 years of experience in full-time ambulance work, including duty with private ambulance services in Vancouver and Richmond.

Since the provincial government took over all ambulance services in 1974, Parrott has served with units in Langley, Abbotsford and Kelowna.

While in Kelowna for the past five and a half years, Parrott served as unit chief and completed a one-year training program to qualify as an advanced life support emergency medical assistant (EMA) Level III paramedic.

Along with his training and experience, Parrott brings to Salt Spring his wife Dawn, son Jimmy and daughter Charlene. Dawn Parrott has worked part-time at the ambulance stations in Abbotsford, Mission and Westbank and is a qualified Level I EMA and will be a welcome addition to the island's part-time crew list, the ambulance service says.

The Parrotts say they look forward to continuing their interests in scouting, guiding, church activities, fishing and boating on Salt Spring.

The second full-time position with the Salt Spring ambulance service is held by Cliff Leblanc, who returns to Salt Spring after spending the last year and a half in Victoria.

Leblanc was licensed as a trauma attendant (EMA Level III) in January, 1983. That standing, combined with experience gained in 16 years of ambulance work, will make him a valuable member of the local crew, the service says.

With his return to Salt Spring, Leblanc will be resuming his role as an industrial first aid instructor. First class began last night — Tuesday, October 7.



Ready for the worst, ambulance attendants Cliff LeBlanc (left) and Gerald Parrott are the new full-

time ambulance crew on Salt Spring.

Salt Spring's ambulance service has two full-time and nine part-time employees. It responds to approximately 550 calls a year.

All part-time employees hold industrial first aid certification and are trained to Level I EMA standards. The crews man two ambulances on a 24-hour basis and respond to calls both on and off Salt Spring, using water taxis for emergencies off-island.

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Retiring MLA undertook variety of island projects

Last week, we looked at the record of public service of MLA Hugh Curtis, who said recently he will not seek re-election in the October 22 provincial election. This week, we recap some of the projects Curtis was involved with during his lengthy term as Saanich-and-the Islands MLA.

By FRANK RICHARDS

What were the highlights of the long and successful political career of Hugh Curtis?

Looking back down the years, the provincial secretary has marked up a number of successful projects undertaken during his term of office. While some of these listed are nearer to the heart of Saanich than the islands, they represent some of the hundreds of projects and developments which have taken place under the aegis of the minister who was also MLA in the constituency.

Curtis withdrew from public life last week when he declined to seek nomination in his constituency.

The listing offered here is not in chronological order. It is a quick summary of those matters which have been a vital part of his representation of the people of the constituency.

The court was re-established at Sidney upon Curtis' representations and in the Saanich Peninsula he was instrumental in the construction of the new water line as well as offering his strong support for the continuing expansion of the Saanich Peninsula Hospital, where many island patients have been treated.

The Islands Trust was particularly his concern and major changes were brought about in the manner of naming general trustees as well as the transfer of the planning function in the islands from the regional districts to the Islands Trust.

The acquisition of the Elk-Beaver Lake park was one of Curtis' accomplishments when he supported the Capital Regional District sewer and parks program.

Two beautification projects have been undertaken during the Curtis regime; that of the Gorge Waterway, and the rehabilitation of the Colquitz River.

The health clinics at Mayne and Pender Islands were both developed with the warm support of the minister.

Parking lot at Sturdies Bay has been established with his support.

Recreation projects throughout the constituency have enjoyed his help and support. The golf clubs at Pender, Galiano and Salt Spring Islands have been assisted under his direction, as were the Saanich projects at the Parkes Arena and the Les Passmore Senior Citizens' Centre.

The Fulford Tennis courts and Drummond Park have been promoted by Curtis and the Centennial Park beautification program at Ganges was also supported by the MLA.

The list goes on. Galiano Summer School was promoted by Curtis, as were the Galiano activity centre and the Porlier Pass Community Hall. Any project to renovate a community hall was certain of support.

He upgraded the Mayne Island Museum and was there when the Mayne Island Communications centre was undertaken.

When Portlock Park was in trouble, it enjoyed assistance from Curtis.

Hugh Curtis also worked hard for the retention of the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry service when it was

threatened with closure after extensive damage had crippled the Vesuvius wharf.

An islands member could never be far removed from ferry problems and Curtis was among the prime movers to scotch the tentative moves towards the elimination of the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen service. His voice was also among those raised in opposition of long-standing pressures to move the ferry terminal from Fulford to Isabella Point.

Hugh Curtis has given his

support over many years for the protection of St. Mary Lake and the safeguarding of potable water for Salt Spring Island.

Probably the longest-drawn-out project in his career was the Ganges sewer, which had already been projected a quarter-century ago, when Curtis first entered public life.

If he is asked for a list of accomplishments, Curtis would probably cite Clanton Road on Galiano and the crown acquisition of park land on Sidney Island.

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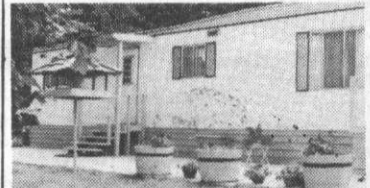
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Junior teams learning lessons

By SID WIGEN

All 14 teams of the Intra-Island leagues saw action at Portlock Park on Saturday. With near ideal weather and field conditions, players and fans enjoyed a lot of exciting play.

The four teams of the junior boys league are rapidly coming together and benefiting from coaching and experience.

Panthers and Eagles played to a 2-2 tie in a well-balanced game with lots of end-to-end play. Adrian Hingston scored both goals for the Panthers.

In another close contest,

Demons took Firebirds 1-0. Craig Enser was a standout for the Firebirds.

In the girls league Cardinals and Fillies played to a one-all tie. Cheryl Tyson and Laurie Blakely played strongly, as did Tia Stephenson in goal for the Cards. Natasha Eyles for the Fillies scored her first-ever goal in the league.

Blue Bombers took on a much stronger Stingers team from the senior boys league, and played good quality soccer in spite of being shut out. Shawn Blakely scored five goals for the winners in a 7-0 game.

In the other three games of the senior boys league, two goals by David Carey and one by Harrison Jason were sufficient for the Kicks to take the Lazars 3-1. Eric Baker scored for the Lazars.

Furies took the Hornets by a similar score in an exciting contest. Chris Blagborne and Mike Dafeo played well for the winners.

Hawks dominated the field in a 2-0 game against the Sharks, with goals by Tom Hood and Jordy Koski. Jacob Burton played a great game in goal for the Sharks, and Pip Bazzard had a strong two-way game on the field.



Driftwood photo by Eric Eggertson

Salt Spring Wranglers defender (left) grimaces after heading the ball out of danger during Division

1A game against Saanich Peninsula Sunday. The Wranglers played well, but lost 4-2.

Experienced Saanich squad drops Salt Spring Islanders

By KEN BYRON

In Division six soccer action this week, the Islanders received their first setback of the season.

Up against an obviously more experienced Saanich squad, the Islanders at times appeared quite disorganized. This led to two first half goals for Saanich, who led 2-0 at half time.

In the second half, the Islanders settled in to play a disciplined game of their own. Although they didn't get on the scoreboard, they succeeded in shutting down the opposition's offense.

Outstanding players for the Islanders this week were Kemal Morris at centre fullback and Jeff Neilson and Peter Erickson on the halfback line. The end result was in

favour of Saanich Peninsula Motorola, 3-0 over Salt Spring Islanders.

In Division 1A, the Wranglers came up with perhaps their best team effort of the season. Playing without stalwarts Mike Brown and Todd Tamboline, the Wranglers came up with a solid team effort on Sunday as they showed much more confidence in passing and moving the ball up the field.

The boys used their wingers to carry the ball and created many scoring opportunities which they just failed to convert. Although Peninsula Strikers came out on the top end of a 4-2 score, the result was not indicative of the play of the Wranglers.

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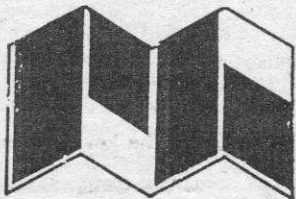


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First match of season

Strikers fall short despite strong performance

The Salt Spring Strikers finally got to play their first game of the season. Although the home team's effort was intense throughout the match, they had to concede a hard fought 3-2 victory to a strong Gorge United team. The Gorge

victory was largely due to the sparkling performance by their goalie, who broke up many of the Strikers' scoring attempts.

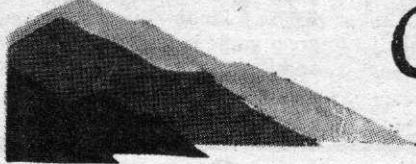
Darrin McRae was strong on the forward line, scoring at the six minute mark on a breakaway.

Gorge countered to end the first half with both squads deadlocked at one goal apiece.

Twelve minutes into the second half Darrin McRae tallied his second goal, only to have Gorge break quickly down field from the

kick-off and put a long, high shot over Strikers' goalie Rhonan Heitzman. Then, with about 15 minutes left, Gorge closed out the scoring with a marker similar to their second one, which went high over Rhonan's head.

Strikers' defensive core of David Mouat, Aaron McCarthy and Ryan Davies displayed a fine effort. With the same strong effort from the local boys, they should win their share of games before the season is out.

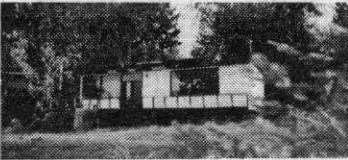


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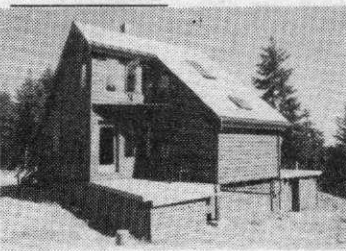
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Defensive efforts highlight play in FC, Selects games

Salt Spring F.C. 0, Elks 0.
Salt Spring Selects 0, Cowichan 1.

By MALCOLM LEGG

Sunday's soccer action was highlighted by two excellent defensive efforts by both F.C. and the Selects.

Usually, low-scoring defensive games create the image of boring, slow soccer games — but these two games were quite the opposite.

The men's match pitted two undefeated teams battling to stay undefeated and at the top of the league standings. An overflow crowd jammed the stands to witness which team would prevail from this tumultuous battle.

The game see-sawed up and down the pitch with both teams having several good scoring chances, but neither team seemed capable of beating the good goalies at either end.

After 90 minutes of hard-fought action the score had not changed and the two teams were still undefeated, but there was no doubt that the spectators had been treated to a first class soccer match.

For F.C. it was an overall strong team performance, highlighted by the premier appearance of Arne Hengstler who added a scoring threat to an already impressive line-up.

The team now travels to Victoria next Sunday for a three game road trip with their opening match against Victoria West. Good results on the road could see the team take an excellent shot at league honours.

The Selects played in a similar game against Cowichan Maxwells, their old arch-rivals, with the only difference being that the home team dropped a 1-0 decision.

Both teams were evenly matched and both defences looked unbeatable against every attack.

The opening half was carried by the Selects, who had several glorious scoring chances late in the half, especially by Justin Scott in mid-field.

The second half was evenly played and the game appeared headed for a tie, when with only 20 minutes left Cowichan picked up a throw-in around the edge of the 18 yard box and put in the game's lone goal.

The Selects put on a late charge, creating some good pressure on the Cowichan net, but the boys could not finish off some good chances.

The Selects hope to get some returns on their fine play to date with a 10 am game at home on Sunday against Bays United.

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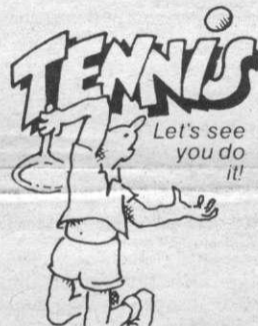
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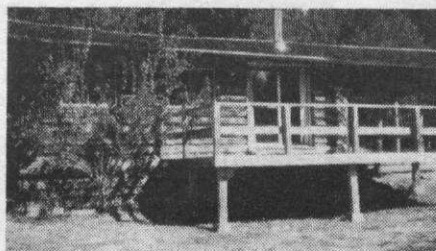


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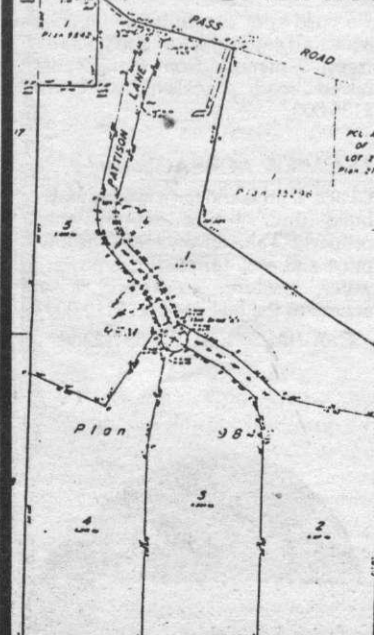
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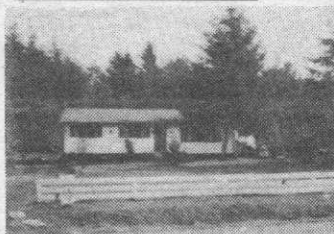
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The high rollers for the week ending October 4 were:

For the ladies: Julie Bedford, 752 (189, 319, 244); Carol Kaye, 743 (214, 261, 268).

For the men: John Cottingham, 814 (274, 240, 300); Terry Jenkins, 791 (289, 268, 234); Steve Marleau, 789 (170, 316, 303), 745 (307, 216, 222); Bill Harper, 749 (291, 239, 219); Mike Reynolds, 740 (250, 207, 283); Darren Cottingham, 739 (211, 224, 304); Henry Schwagly, 716 (293, 195, 228); Ken Collins, 712 (317, 185, 210).

300 games: Julie Bedford, 319; Ken Collins, 317; Steve Marleau, 316, 307, 303, 301; Tracie Gilson, 311; Darren Cottingham, 304; Ruby Webster, 302; John Cottingham, 300.

Pins Over Average: Bill Harper, 203; Nona Brack, 191; Dora Reynolds, 153; Margaret Ritchie, 141; Graham Cartwright, 140.

Canadian Five Pin Bowlers' Association membership cards are in for those who wish to be a member.

Golden Age High Rollers

Monday Morning: Geoff Baker, 261, 240; Margaret Ritchie, 243; Ruth Bedford, 232; Jean Haines, 223.

Tuesday Morning: Bill Harper, 291, 239, 219; Edie Gear, 279; Cliff Iory, 221; Rusty Hopper, 216.

Tuesday Afternoon: Margaret Baker, 245, 205; Marie Ashley, 208, 200; Dorothy Sloan, 208; Flo Kavanagh, 201; Lucy Moore, 200.

Friday Morning: Nan Jenks, 221; Lydia Purser, 209; Edie Gear, 207, 204.

Friday Afternoon: Tracie Gilson, 311; Geoff Baker, 227, 207; Nellie Herbert, 214, 207; Gene Graham, 213; Ed Allan, 200.

Over 700: Bill Harper, 749.

Over 600: Geoff Baker, 689; Edie Gear, 639; Margaret Baker, 629; Nellie Herbert, 610.

Youth Bowling Council

Pee Wees: Kira Baines, 82; Kaija McKague, 126; Graham McKague, 112; Dylan Lundy, 99; Ian Baker, 97.

Bantams: Amy Schwagly, 144; Cheryl David, 128; Laurie Blakeway, 119; Clinton Helfrich, 240; David Collette, 222.

Juniors: Lisa Jorgenson, 231; Earl Blakewell, 167; Jay Pinchin, 113.

golf notes

By PAT DOHERTY

In recent ladies nine-hole play, the section played criers. The winner was Fran Rudd, the putt pot winner was taken by Anne Vodden, and Marguerite Mehary was nearest the pin on number three.

In the ladies 18-hole division, members who hadn't won prizes competed for the criers trophy. Dorothy Sneddon was the winner with a net 69 and Edna Reddington runner-up with a net 71. For the non-criers, it was Marj Cade at net 69, followed by Jean Cunningham at net 70. Ada Woodley took the putt pot with 29.

In men's play they ran the twelfth and last ringer and best ball. Keith Lavender with a net 64 was the winner of the honey pot — again. The ringer standings are: (net) Tom Butt, 23; Cedric Walker and Nestor Wilkie, 24; (gross) Art Botham, Eric Bracher and Bryan King, 33. The best ball standings are Tom Butt, 493; Fred Broadbent, 496; Cedric Walker, 501; and Bill Elliott, 502.



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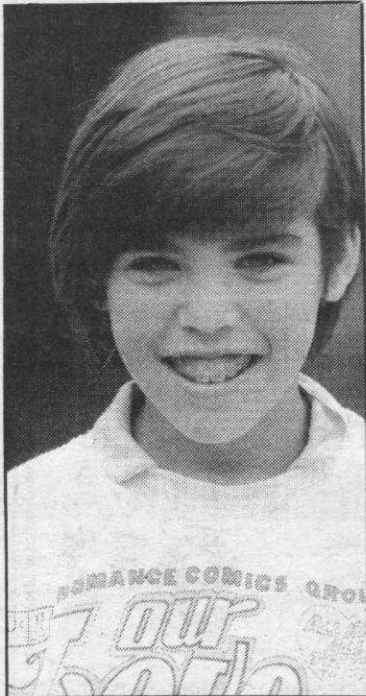


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Series of 'pig week' events prove to be fun, interesting



Miranda Swift

By MIRANDA SWIFT
Pig week at Fulford School (September 29 to October 3) unveiled a series of events which proved to be both fun and interesting.

On Monday, the library was filled with kids colouring and drawing all kinds of different pigs.

Tuesday, grade six and seven students tried their hand at pig Latin, and they found it harder than they expected to write — and understand.

Pigtail day on Wednesday was an ultimate success with kids dreaming up many different ways to put pigtails in their hair. Awards went out at the end of the day and the intermediate class found that you can fit 30 pigtails on one head.

Also on Wednesday, Mikela Broadhead, Mandy Byron and Megan Nicholson put on a great performance of *The Three Little Pigs*, to the delight of all the people who watched.

Piggyback races on Thursday were great fun for kids of all ages, and everyone was a winner.

The kids pigged out on Friday on hot pigs (a hot pig is a hot dog) cookies and juice.

The last event of the week was a meeting with Kathy Spooner, a pig item collector. She told Ms. Underwood's class all about her favourite pigs, her oldest pigs, and much much more.

The brains behind this incredible week were those of the students' council: Kevin Huebert, president; Michael Bucklake and Ben Yardley, Grade six representatives; Graham Kaye, Grade five representative; and Eric Byron, Grade four representative.

Editor's note: Miranda Swift is a Grade seven student at Fulford Elementary School, who wrote the above article for her journalism class.

Going hog wild, Fulford Elementary students show off some pig props for pig week. (Left to right) Wolfgang Brocklebank, Ben Yardley, Kevin Huebert, Graham Kaya and Eric Byron laugh at Michael Becklake's pig nose (centre).

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Couvelier, Huberts expecting tight race

People are tired of hearing about issues, Social Credit candidate Mel Couvelier says of the election campaign being fought in Saanich-and-the-Islands.

Couvelier, who with Terry Huberts is contesting the riding's two seats for the Social Credit Party, said Monday people instinctively know the party will make dramatic changes to its style of governing.

"We had thought there would be a lot of potential issues emerge," such as land claims, education and health care, he said. "I get the feeling people are not interested in listening to politicians talking about these imponderables."

Voters will have to choose someone to make decisions for them and cap taxes. "The bottom line is no one wants to pay more taxes," said Couvelier, the mayor of Saanich.

Huberts, whose first entry into politics was his successful attempt at the Social Credit nomination, feels his inexperience may be an asset in the campaign.

"It's probably a plus, because I'm willing to sit with them and see what they want before repre-

senting them. I want them to know I'm an honest person and will represent them well, said Huberts, a veterinarian and former University of Victoria board member.

As a political newcomer, Huberts said he would take responsibility for constituency concerns, leaving Couvelier free to enter cabinet, if he were chosen. He said he would work with an NDP MLA if the two-seat riding were split, but feels the riding would be better represented by two Socreds.

Both candidates recognize they will have a tough job overcoming the headstart by the NDP candidates. The margin of victory in Saanich-and-the Islands has narrowed considerably in recent elections.

But the response they've received while campaigning leaves them optimistic. "The message I got was good vibes all around," Couvelier said of a weekend trip to Salt Spring Island. They spent Saturday shaking hands at the Farmer's Market, the Health Fair and Greenwoods. Before voting day they plan to visit the other Gulf Islands and return to Salt Spring.

The Islands Trust must remain intact, Huberts said. But if the



Couvelier, left, and Huberts, right, visited Salt Spring on weekend

Trust needed some tinkering, islanders should be open to finding a way of improving it.

Couvelier agreed the Trust serves a useful purpose. He is in favour of consolidating the planning and development powers under one umbrella — either the Trust or the Capital Regional District. "I think the splitting of duties is inconsistent with sound decisions being made," he said.

The new style of government shown by Bill Vander Zalm will include full and open discussion, and will involve people in the communities, Couvelier said. The party isn't putting forth firm policies on some issues because they want to get grassroots participation in decisions.

The two men will be knocking on doors for the rest of the campaign. "This riding will be the toughest (race) in the province," Couvelier said.

'Islands overgoverned'

While he has no immediate plans to make changes to the Islands Trust Act, Premier Bill Vander Zalm last week referred back to his earlier policies of centralizing local administrations.

When he addressed the Vancouver convention of community newspaper publishers last week, the premier was asked whether he would pursue the course already launched while he held the portfolio of municipal affairs.

At that time, the premier had proposed the combining of municipal and school administrations in order to reduce the

volume of government administrations.

On Thursday evening Vander Zalm looked quickly at the various administrations in the islands. They are among the most overgoverned areas in the province, he suggested.

"There are the Islands Trust, regional districts, the provincial government, the federal government, school boards and hospital boards," he told the meeting.

While he was not offering any outline of his future plans in the direction of the Islands Trust, he told the meeting that the Islands Trust is in no danger.

"I am not prepared to commit myself that it will never change," he added.

In response to a reminder from the newspaper association president, Peter Speck of the North Shore News, the premier agreed that he is looking for a reduction in bureaucracy.

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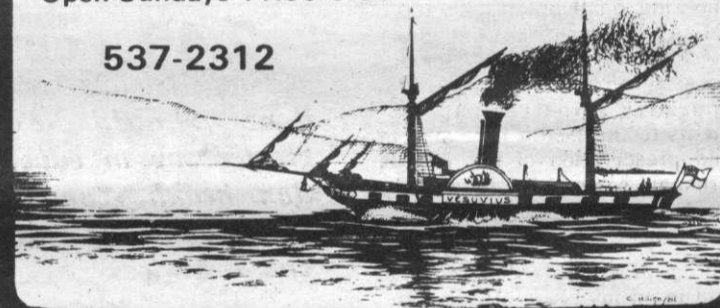
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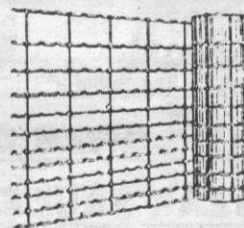


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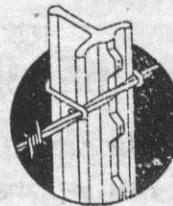


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