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Flipping pancakes and serving up sausages last Saturday at Centennial Park in Ganges were Hank Knutson (centre) and other members of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. Proceeds from the \$3-a-plate

breakfasts will be used to help fund the club's annual Christmas Cruise for disabled children, to take place this year between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen on December 5.

Free trade agreement prompts job concerns

Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands MP Jim Manly said last week that although complete details of the free trade pact are not yet available, he has grave concerns about the agreement reached between Canada and the United States.

Manly, speaking last Thursday at a meeting held in Gulf Islands Secondary School, said his concerns are shared by millions of Canadians who want to know how the agreement will affect their lives and jobs.

"Canadian and U.S. negotiat-

ors reached a free trade agreement Saturday (October 3) night," he said. "It was reached at the last moment, which I'm not always certain is the best way. Nevertheless, that seems to be a hallmark of Canadian relations. It's the way we tend to do things — lock people up in a room, and at 3 am, when they walk out, they're ready to agree to anything."

Manly said that although there are conflicting reports about the

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Pool group picks Brinkworthy site

It's official — Brinkworthy Estates is the proposed site of Salt Spring's leisure pool.

Pool committee members chose Brinkworthy as the "best possible site" for the pool at a meeting held here late last week, Glenn Woodley, chairman of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, said Tuesday.

Woodley noted that the pool site won't cost the community anything. The property has been donated by Brinkworthy Estates, a firm owned by a number of Salt Spring businessmen.

"There are some things to be worked out yet," noted Woodley, "and we intend to pursue them during the coming year. The site is in the ALR (Agricultural Land Reserve)."

There is one condition attached to use of the land, Woodley added. Brinkworthy Estates has asked that residents of the housing development have some access to the pool during "slow hours."

Property owned by Brinkworthy Estates was one of at least two possible sites for the proposed indoor swimming pool. Committee members gave serious consideration to Mouat Park as a pool site, but bowed to pressure from various community groups opposed to use of the park.

Salt Spring residents are expected to vote on the \$1.3 million swimming pool proposal in a referendum slated for November 21.

Islanders present list of ferry link concerns

Improved service on the B.C. Ferry Corporation's Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay run and the immediate establishment of a second ferry link with Vancouver Island topped the list of demands made by more than 100 Salt Spring residents at a public meeting held October 6 in Central Hall.

The meeting, called by Salt Spring's transportation committee to give islanders an opportunity to voice their feelings on the current level of ferry service, was attended by Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Terry Huberts. Though invited, none of the ferry corporation's top executives attended the meeting. Bob Anderson, a Salt Spring resident, occupied a seat at the head table on behalf of the corporation, but stated clearly that he was not prepared to debate ferry policy.

Salt Spring residents were unanimous in their desire for a ferry link between Vesuvius Bay and Vancouver Island while work progresses on the corporation's fire-damaged dock at Crofton. They also requested that a faster and more reliable vessel be placed on the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay run to handle the large volume of traffic using that route.

Anderson and Huberts asked residents to communicate the changes they would like to see made in current ferry services. Although some individuals attending the meeting indicated they would like to see a bus running between Crofton and Duncan while the water taxi is operating — and others asked that commuter tickets from the Crofton run be accepted on the

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New paper location

Driftwood moved its office last week, and one of the many tasks undertaken was hanging of sign. Page 8.

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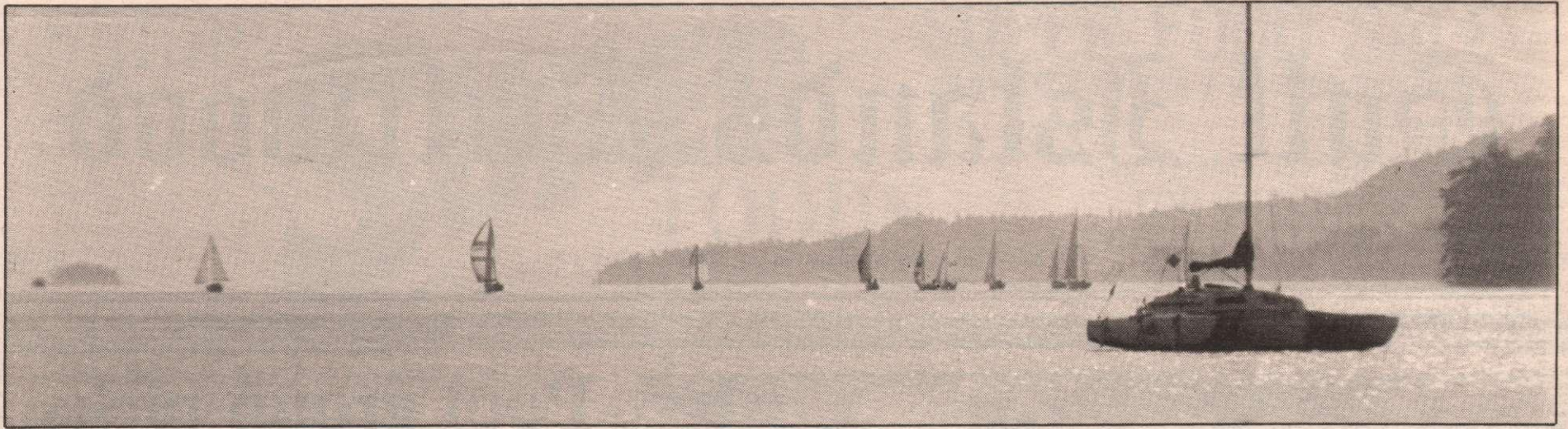
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Economic alternative

The LETS system is offering Salt Spring residents a way to bypass the official monetary system. Page 25.



Sail away

Combination of summer-like sunshine and winds in keeping with winter weather led flotilla of boaters into Ganges Harbour last weekend to enjoy near-perfect sailing conditions.

Heronry locations sought for study of dioxin effects

The discovery of dioxins in heron eggs found near the Crofton pulp and paper mill has prompted the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) to launch a long-term study of the effect the chemical has on the birds.

Before it can begin the study, however, the CWS says its must pinpoint the location of heron colonies on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland. And to do that, it's asking the public to pass along the locations of any known heron colonies within the proposed study area.

CWS biologist Philip Whitehead told *Driftwood* last week that the discovery of dioxins in the Crofton heron eggs, coupled with the fact that none of the 60 pairs of adult birds there fledged any young this year, raises questions about the possible link between dioxins and their effect on eggs.

To study the question, CWS proposes monitoring suitable "clean" and "dirty" heron colonies, classified according to their proximity to forest industry operations. The study would count the young birds each colony is producing, the "burden of dioxin" — if any — each bird is carrying, and the impact the chemical may have on the young.

"The first part of the study will look at the productivity of clean and dirty colonies," Whitehead said. "The question is, is there a difference between clean and dirty colonies in the number of young produced. It should take us three to four years to answer that."

The second phase of the study

would involve following up discovery of high dioxin levels in herons by looking for the effect the chemical has had on areas like embryo and skeletal growth. However, that part of the study would not be launched until and unless the first phase "turned up something dramatic," Whitehead said.

To begin the study, the CWS must find suitable clean and dirty heron nesting sites. Of the latter, Whitehead said he hopes to find colonies near wood-processing operations in Campbell River, Port Alberni, Powell River, Port Mellon and Squamish.

"If we can find a half-dozen in the right spot, that's all we would need," he said.

Complicating the search for

suitable colonies is the fact that nesting sites are periodically abandoned and new ones formed.

"The exact number and locations are continually changing," Whitehead said, noting that at one time there were about 85 known heron colonies in the proposed study area. Today, there are about 25 known sites.

"I suspect that the locations of most of the 'lost' colonies are known to someone. My problem is making contact with that someone," Whitehead said.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a heron colony that was active last spring is asked to call the CWS at 946-8546 or write to Heron Search, Canadian Wildlife Service, Box 340, Delta, B.C. V4K 3Y3.

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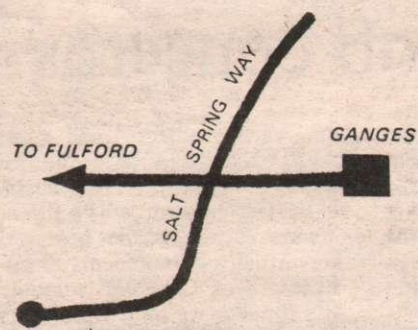
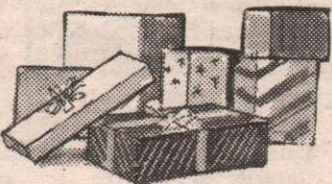
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Press for ferry changes — MLA

Government officials must put more pressure on the B.C. Ferry Corporation to upgrade Salt Spring Island's ferry service, local residents told Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Terry Huberts at a meeting held October 6 in Central Hall.

Speaker after speaker urged Huberts and fellow MLA Mel Couvelier — who was unable to attend the meeting organized by Salt Spring's transportation committee — to take a more active role in obtaining improved ferry service for Salt Spring.

Those attending the meeting indicated they want the ferry corporation to place a larger, faster and more reliable vessel on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route. They also want the corporation to provide alternative ferry service between Vesuvius Bay and Vancouver Island while the fire-damaged Crofton dock is being repaired.

"Mr. Huberts should put pressure on the ferry corporation," said Michael Murray, owner-operator of ACE Courier.

"Service between Fulford and Swartz Bay is not adequate. Stores and businesses rely on the ferries, and we need a boat that will keep some kind of schedule."

"Every day, I have to arrive at the ferry landing 45 minutes before sailing time, and even then, I frequently have to wait over an hour. Sometimes I'm

'We're the ones being made to suffer.'

carrying perishables, too. You (the provincial government) have to put pressure on the ferry corporation. Come on; you're the bosses."

"We're the ones being made to suffer," said another resident unhappy over the fact that Salt Spring has no ferry service after 9 pm. "Is it the way we vote? It seems the Sacred government has

plenty of money to cover any other mistakes they make. Why can't something be done here? But no. We have to be on that 9 o'clock boat or we turn into a pumpkin."

Jack Cherry, president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, said Huberts would have to act on the requests of islanders. "Mr. Huberts is our MLA. The ferry corporation won't listen, the ministry of transport won't listen, but he's got to listen because he wants our votes."

Joan Ingram, former chairman of the transportation committee, said she felt Salt Spring needed government support in its battle with the ferry corporation.

"I've been naive in feeling that dealing with the corporation is the route to take," she said. "They always say on matters relating to money that it has to go before the legislature. It's time to call on our representatives. I'm frustrated, disappointed because we've got nowhere in our dealings with the corporation. It took three years to get a larger vessel on the Long



Dock burned July 24

Harbour run, and even then, it was through Hugh Curtis (former Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA) that we got it. Help has got to come from government."

Huberts defended his efforts at the meeting, claiming that he has been actively lobbying the corporation to improve its Salt Spring service.

"We have been working hard

on this," said Huberts. I've been in touch with the B.C. Ferry Corporation a lot. But it takes time. I'm not trying to defend the corporation, but I'm trying to explain the frustrations I have. They've got to go through a lot of study and discussion. But I have been in touch with them lots of times, and I'm going to do what I can to make sure that it (the Crofton dock) is fixed by Christmas rather than March.

"I recognize your concerns, and I'm willing to represent you. I understand. Believe me, I don't like having to stay here overnight, when my family is at home, just because there is no late ferry off the island.

Huberts urged every islander to write him, care of the Legislature, on the issue of ferry service.

"Write me," he said. "The more letters you write, the more ammunition I have, the more powerful I'll be in dealing with the ferry corporation."

Huberts indicated he would take islanders' concerns to the ferry corporation once again.

At public meeting

Salt Spring residents seek ferry service explanations

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Mill Bay-Brentwood Bay route — all indicated they felt these measures were inadequate.

"A water taxi is not an interim solution," said Bev Unger, secretary of the transportation committee.

The possibility of establishing a Vesuvius-Chemainus ferry was again brought up. However, Anderson noted that not all corporation vessels can use the Chemainus dock. The *Salt Spring Queen* the vessel formerly operating between Crofton and Vesuvius — can berth at the Vesuvius dock, but would have to be modified (at a cost of \$25,000) to fit the Chemainus wharf.

Anderson added that the Vesuvius-Chemainus trip would take 55 minutes, compared to the 21-minute crossing between Crofton and Vesuvius.

"We (BCFC) have no boat that fits the dock, or has the speed to make it worthwhile," he said.

Residents indicated, however, that they would prefer slow but steady ferry service between Vesuvius and Vancouver Island to no service at all. It was also pointed out that the current water taxi operation between Crofton and Vesuvius is costing the ferry corporation \$600 per day — which means the corporation has already spent nearly twice the amount needed to modify the *Salt Spring Queen* to fit BCFC's dock at Chemainus.

To many businessmen, the lack of a direct ferry link with the Cowichan Valley has been much more than an inconvenience, as Foxglove Farms owner Tom Gossett pointed out.

"The loss of the (Crofton) ferry has been a disaster for our business," noted Gossett. "Most of our supply links are in the Duncan area, which means we've had to send our trucks through Fulford and over the Malahat. It's an expensive way, time-consuming, and puts a lot of wear



MLA Terry Huberts

and tear on the trucks. It's also a dangerous proposition."

Gossett added that he has been unable to obtain some specialized veterinary and machinery repair services due to loss of the Crofton-Vesuvius ferry service.

"It seems the corporation views these ferries as a convenience, while we view them as a necessity," he concluded.

John Wellingham, principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, pointed out that loss of the Crofton ferry has had a direct impact on education here. He explained that GISS volleyball teams are now unable to attend league games in the Cowichan district. Similarly, students have not been able to go skating or swimming in Duncan — part of the school's regular program.

Courier services and other commuters voiced similar complaints about the loss of service between Crofton and Salt Spring.

Residents attending the meeting also demanded that a faster vessel be placed on the Fulford-Swartz Bay route. At present, that run is being serviced by the 60-vehicle *Quintisa* and the 36-vehicle *Salt Spring Queen*. Although the ferry corporation says those vessels are capable of maintaining a schedule and providing adequate service, islanders say otherwise.

"We need a boat capable of maintaining a schedule," stressed Michael Murray, owner-operator of ACE Courier. "The *Quintisa* is not adequate."

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Islanders' concerns answered by echoes

Shortly after the B. C. Ferry Corporation's Crofton dock was knocked out of commission by a July 24 fire, *Driftwood* observed that islanders would soon learn their ranking in the coastal ferry service pecking order. Depending on how quickly — and how well — the resulting transportation snarls were resolved, we argued, islanders would see how high or how low their concerns ranked on the corporation's agenda.

Judging by the outcome of a public meeting held on Salt Spring Island last Tuesday night, we can only conclude that local ferry service concerns

have been placed in the corporation's round file — the one that is emptied each night.

The most damning evidence against the ferry corporation was news that an outlay of \$25,000 would have allowed regular ferry service to be conducted between Vesuvius Bay and Chemainus on Vancouver Island. Instead, for \$600 a day, the corporation installed a passenger-only water taxi service which to date has cost taxpayers close to \$50,000. And the meter is still running — the grand total will be at least triple what modifications to the Chemainus dock would have cost.

That decision amounts to more than a flagrant misuse of public money, however. By refusing to sanction a Vesuvius-Chemainus ferry link, the corporation compounded the pressures on the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay link, allowing a further, more serious deterioration of ferry service to islanders.

There's more.

It was bad enough that islanders waited a full two months before tenders for dock repairs were even called by the corporation. It was far worse to be told last Tuesday that all effort is being made to complete repairs by December 25 so islanders will have a Christmas present. Is our ferry link now considered a gift?

Unfortunately, the answer to that and other questions relating to Salt Spring's so-called ferry service remain unanswered. That's because the corporation, after bungling affairs so badly, did not have the courtesy to send an official representative to last Tuesday's meeting, if only to offer its rationale for giving us this state of affairs. The questions and concerns voiced last week by islanders remain as before — sounds answered by echoes.

Perhaps a round of incensed shouting is in order. As hard as it was to believe, MLA Terry Huberts told last week's meeting that local anger related to ferry service was news to him, that he had no idea so many people depended on the link still under repair. The message, it appears, has not sunk in — or made its way from one MLA's basket to another.

If there is to be an end to this nonsense, islanders must make their displeasures known — again, only louder. And the chief point we have to make is that the Crofton dock travesty is, by all evidence available at hand, symptomatic of a greater illness — that being the indifference which greets our ferry service concerns in the corporation's boardroom.

But let's not hold our breath waiting for a reply.



Old office habits die hard, even in new location

In a span of just over 24 hours last week, we moved the entire *Driftwood* operation from one building to another. The transfer itself was a big enough job — but the toughest part will be settling into strange surroundings.

By that, I don't mean arranging furniture and deciding where the coffee machine should go. Those are important-enough tasks, true, but they pale in comparison with locating the bathroom and discovering where the in-out baskets have been stashed.

Put it this way. When you have to remember where the front desk is before you can walk towards it, you're in deep trouble. Put an-

other way, how can we concentrate on news-gathering when search parties have to be sent out to find the telephone directories?

Okay, it's not quite that bad. Our new office — we're at 126 Upper Ganges Road, next to Ross and Ganges and across the street from the Harbour House Hotel — is much more modern and spacious than the old. Once we've settled in, it will be at least as well organized as before (probably more so, if that's possible) and certainly more comfortable.

Once we're settled in. The key will be to become perfectly familiar with the new surroundings, to

my word

by

duncan macdonnell

the point where we can find the front desk or composing room on instinct alone. Once or twice in the first few days I started out for the front desk, only to find that my feet fell into time-worn patterns and carried me to a back office instead.

More space is another barrier

to be overcome. In the old office, crowded conditions meant there were only so many places where items could be stored — or lost — and we knew all of them because we passed each one several times in any given day. Here, there are offices I haven't been able to find yet, and I have no idea what's hidden in them.

Don't get me wrong. Compared to the problems we lived with — and overcame — in the old office, our new difficulties are nice ones to have, and all of them will certainly sort themselves out in due time. It's just that a newspaper operation has to be meticulously organized to be effective

(where *are* those pencils?), and it's going to be a few days or weeks yet before some of us are back on the right track.

(Have no fear about the front office, however. Cathrine McFadyen had it purring smoothly again within hours of us moving in.)

So, give us the benefit of the doubt if you wander into the office and spot someone bumping into a wall that should have been a door, or dumping coffee grounds into the filing cabinet that sits where the garbage can used to be. We're not skewed or partaking in mood-altering substances; we're just trying to adjust to a new era at *Driftwood*.

Angling

Sir,
As a regular passenger travelling the B. C. Ferry route between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen, I recently had the opportunity to observe a rather unusual type of fishing vessel and the angling techniques of two of its occupants who were avidly engaged in the sport of salt water fishing.

On Monday, September 28, at approximately 5:05 pm, the *Queen of Nanaimo* was performing its usual docking procedures at Village Bay on Mayne Island. At the same time an empty *Vesuvius Queen* was seen idling just off the entrance to the bay, waiting for the *Mayne Queen* to vacate its berth.

Now, you might think that there's nothing particularly unusual about all this, and I'd have to admit you'd be absolutely correct, but what piqued my curiosity were the two crew members enjoying a leisurely spot of fishing off the port side of the *Vesuvius Queen*. What I want to know is, did they catch anything, and were they using B. C. Ferry approved fishing gear?
JUDY KELLY,
Ganges.

Disappointed

Sir,
At Central Hall on Tuesday October 6, the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee held a public meeting to hear the islanders' viewpoint as to the "efficiency" of the B. C. Ferries that serve this island.

Over 120 islanders turned out, but I was disappointed that our CRD rep, Dr. Hugh Borsman did not attend. Nor did Art Lloyd, who was recently appointed to the B. C. Ferries board of directors. The latter's excuse was he must remain neutral. He maintains that he represents B. C. as a whole. The point is taken, but there is no excuse for not attending as a humble resident of Salt Spring, and as for his contention that the ferries are doing a good job, I can only say he is like the ostrich who buries his head in the sand to escape problems. He should withdraw it now and then and look around. Maybe he is content with the Tsawwassen run which is never on time; the Fulford-Swartz Bay run which constantly breaks down, and the non-existent run between Vesuvius and Crofton.

As was expected, promises were made by Mr. Bob Anderson on behalf of the ferries and by Terry

As was expected, promises were made by Bob Anderson on behalf of the ferries and by Terry Huberts, our MLA. Terry came across as a sincere person and he has issued us a challenge to

Letters

Driftwood welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest.

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Tell your friends to tell their friends. It's the squeaky gate that gets the oil.
BRYAN SMITH,
Ganges.

New status

Sir,
On behalf of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts I would like to let everyone know that we have received our charitable status from the federal government. Now fundraising can begin in earnest for the second phase of our purpose as a society — to establish an arts centre on Salt Spring.

I'd also like to remind everyone that, as part of our ongoing festival activities, Garnet Rogers will be returning for a concert on Saturday, October 24 at the Activity Centre. You may remember he appeared with Archie Fisher in our first season. We've had many request to bring him back. You can get your tickets at et cetera. Performance time is 8 pm.
LYNDA JENSEN,
Vesuvius.

Glaring

Sir,
I asked before and I'll ask again right now: "Who is fooling whom?"

In last week's *Driftwood* there is a glaring mistake in the tax levies with regard to the proposed swimming pool.

Glenn Woodley states that Municipal Affairs requirements will add four or five cents per thousand dollars of property value to the tax levy of 73 cents per thousand, bringing the total to 77 or 78 cents per thousand.

Simple mathematics based on the tax base of \$310 million and the municipal figure of \$261 thousand per year results in a tax levy of 84.2 cents per thousand of property value.

Will Glenn Woodley or the Pool Society please explain this discrepancy?

Some weeks ago the Pool Society was advocating the pool complete with a spa and a sauna; now this is changed to just a plain pool, but the price has gone up. Are we getting close to the truth?

I urge all property owners to check their tax assessment forms, then apply the tax rate for the pool and see just how prohibitive the whole thing is going to be.
J. BENNETT,
Ganges, B.C.

Restraints

Sir,
In recent years many of your readers have come to know and enjoy the Gulf Islands, areas of exceptional beauty and ecological interest situated between our two largest cities, Vancouver and Victoria. Therefore, the knowledge that the Galiano Island wilderness is facing speedy annihilation from clear-cut

letters

logging should arouse great concern, especially as MacMillan-Bloedel (now Noranda Inc. of Ontario) own 69 per cent of Galiano.

Trees are essential components of the ecological system—absorbing, as they do, the carbon dioxide from the air and emitting precious oxygen in the process of photosynthesis. Their removal by clear-cut logging is creating much anxiety, not only in this regard, but also in regard to potential damage to the watershed. Water is a precious commodity on the Gulf Islands; most residents being dependent upon wells, especially on Galiano Island where there is a scarcity of lakes.

Then there is the aesthetic appeal of woodland areas. The government is spending generously to increase the tourist trade and many of the advertisements cite the Gulf Islands as unique attractions. The bare, logged-over areas which appall island residents will certainly not have much appeal for visitors.

Is there not some way to protect these lovely, irreplaceable islands? We realize that logging is essential to B. C.'s economy, but surely some restraints are necessary.
JOAN PATERSON,
Galiano Island.

Wasteful

Sir,
On October 3, the Vancouver Sun ran a wonderfully gutsy editorial deploring the environment ministry for allowing Vancouver's garbage to be trucked to the village of Cache Creek for the next 20 years, calling the plan "outrageous" and "disgusting" and "wrong, wrong, wrong because it means making (people) suffer the consequences of the bad habits of (others)..."

Since Salt Spring Island may be involved in one of these ridiculous plans to send garbage somewhere out of sight of the short-sighted, there's a lot for us to think about. Humans are well under way toward trashing the entire planet. Soon it will be difficult to find enough clean sand for certain people to stick their heads into.

Isn't it obvious that each of us must be personally responsible for the garbage we generate? Instead of spending our money transporting stinkpiles, why not use it to put the jobless to work in recycling programs and in teaching all of us how to minimize the amount and the effect of the waste we produce?
RON STURM,
Fulford Harbour.

Toxicity

Sir,
Your coverage of the dioxin scare in the heronry at Crofton is to be highly commended. It is not only wildlife that suffers from what is generally known as "the most toxic chemical on earth," a by product from pulp mill manufacture.

Every country in the world has stopped making this chemical, popularly known as Agent Orange (used by the Americans to defoliate much of Viet Nam), except New Zealand. Its very presence at Crofton mill is enough

to scare the wits out of us. I quote from a new book published in England, *Green Britain or Industrial Wasteland*: "Dioxin is known to be a most potent initiator of cancer."

To site a pulp mill near a concentration of human population is a phenomena which, during a trip around the world that lasted a year, my wife and I only saw in the United States and Canada. Before choosing to live on the wondrous Salt Spring Island, we pondered whether it was wise to be so near a pulp mill with its smells and poisonous wastes going into the atmosphere and the sea. Finally we opted for a site as far away from Crofton as we could get — Scott Point.

I hope *Driftwood* will continue to report on the Crofton mill with its noises, smells and poisonous wastes. Thank you.
ANTHONY NETBOY,
Ganges.

Ancestry

Sir,
Regarding Headlines Theatre's show, *Our Footprints (No XYA)*, why would a Vancouver theatre company write a play about ancestral land?

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Generosity

Sir,
On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, The Royal Canadian Legion and the people of the province of B.C., I wish to record grateful thanks to all the thoughtful and generous islanders who offered their blood at the recent Blood Donor Clinic held in Ganges.

In all, 139 citizens offered to donate. For various reasons including age, recent aspirin intake, colds, missing a recent meal, etc., 32 people were unable to give blood. Still, 107 units of blood were collected. All 139 donors deserve our recognition as "those who loved their fellow man".

Thanks are also due to members

of Branch 92 of the Legion, of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and others of the community who put in a long, hard day as volunteers to make the clinic possible.

In 1986 Salt Spring Island contributed 123 units of blood. At previous Ganges clinics, donations have been as high as 149 units. Over that period our population has been increasing by leaps and bounds, as has the cost of running Blood Donor Clinics in rural communities. Obviously, there is a point at which simple economics makes such clinics impractical. We are dangerously near that point, and it is becoming increasingly

difficult to convince the Red Cross that a sufficient number of Salt Spring Islanders are willing to perform this small but vital service to the community.

On the other hand, the percentage of us who would refuse to accept a blood transfusion for ourselves or a loved one in critical need is infinitesimal.

If we are able to arrange a Blood Donor Clinic for 1988, I urge every eligible donor to ponder this simple equation.

ARTHUR GALE,
Co-ordinator,
1987 Blood Donor Clinic,
Salt Spring Island.

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Slide show

Sir,
We would like to announce to your readers that there will be a Pool Society benefit slide show on Thursday, October 15. The show is entitled *The Pacific Northwest: A Natural and Cultural History Overview*. The westernmost Aleutian Islands, Pribilof Islands, SW and SE Alaska, and the Queen Charlotte Islands will be featured. Join us at Central Hall at 8 pm.
SABINA LEADER MENSE,
DENNIS MENSE,
Ganges.

Outraged

Sir,
I am outraged by the federal government's decision at the recent Francophone conference to vote against the resolution supporting Palestinian independence.

The Canadian position is fundamentally immoral and proves that the Conservative government is insincere about its professed concern for human rights.

The Yankee aided Zionist oppression of the Palestinian people is certainly one of the most despicable human rights violations in the second half of the twentieth century.

CHRIS LITTLER,
Ganges.

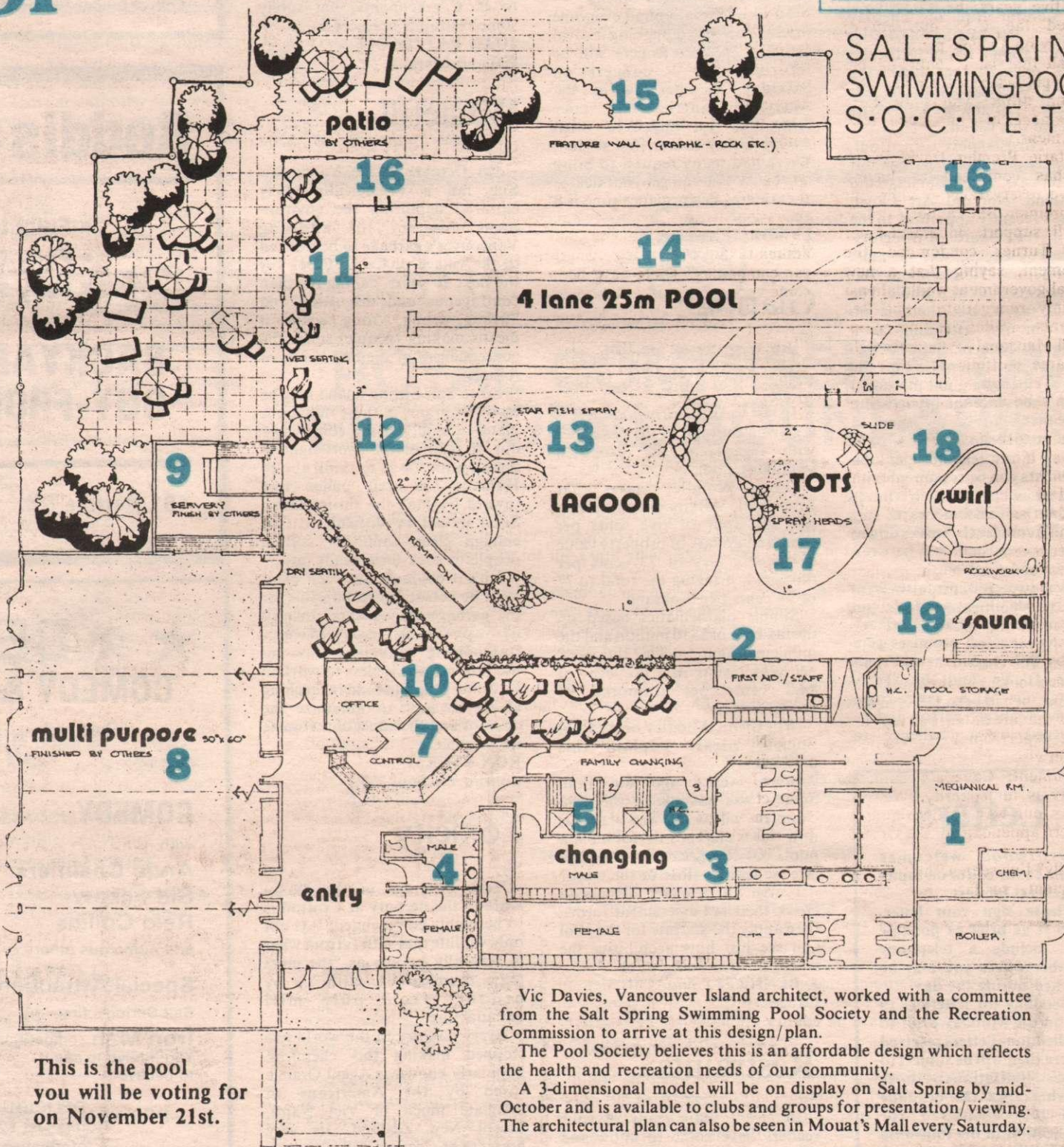
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- 3 Change facilities for 223 people with lockers & required number of toilets & showers.
- 4 Public washrooms.
- 5 Family change rooms (so grandma can take her grandsons & Dads can take daughters, and be at ease while not offending.)
- 6 Handicapped change area.
- 7 Pay here to go in—temporary food service.
- 8 Multi-purpose room to be finished at a later date—for aerobics, dance classes, gymnastics, fitness centre, seniors' activities & meeting rooms.
- 9 Future kitchen for operators of pool concession.
- 10 Poolside cafe—dry seating for spectators & concession patrons—slightly elevated from pool deck—no charge.
- 11 Wet seating for pool patrons.
- 12 Ramp access for wheelchairs—double handrail for safety.
- 13 Starfish spray—legs are pool tiles—fountain uses pool water—body is fibreglass half-sphere.
- 14 Main Tank - holds approx. 75,000 gal. - maximum bathing load 250-300 people - depth ranges from 3' at one end to 7' at the other - four 25 metre, 6' lanes can accommodate laps, competitions and lessons
- 15 Feature wall—to be designed & installed by local artists—may include graphics, stonework, fabric sculpture, woodcarving etc.
- 16 Ladders into main tank.
- 17 Shallow (1'-2') teaching & play area for both tots & adults—with spray heads & tot slide.
- 18 Swirlpool with shallow step access for physiotherapy - 18 person/1600 gal. capacity - contains ozonated water (less foamy & less irritating to lungs & eyes) - people can walk down the middle - corners for conversation
- 19 Sauna—includes window to pool area for ease of supervision.



This is the pool you will be voting for on November 21st.

Vic Davies, Vancouver Island architect, worked with a committee from the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society and the Recreation Commission to arrive at this design/plan.

The Pool Society believes this is an affordable design which reflects the health and recreation needs of our community.

A 3-dimensional model will be on display on Salt Spring by mid-October and is available to clubs and groups for presentation/viewing. The architectural plan can also be seen in Mout's Mall every Saturday.

NEXT WEEK: "THE SITE"

Differing opinions on free trade deal

VICTORIA — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney says the free trade deal is the stuff nation-building is made of. NDP Leader Ed Broadbent says the agreement is tantamount to Canada's application for membership in the United States.

capital comment

by hubert beyer

Former Liberal Finance Minister Donald Macdonald says free trade will open the doors to hundreds of thousands of new jobs and create enormous economic wealth. James Laver, professor of economics at York University, says no new jobs will be created by the agreement, but Canada's energy sovereignty is now up for grabs.

Leading movers and shakers of U.S. industry and commerce hail the deal as the second coming. Canadian nationalist Mel Hurtig insists that we've auctioned off our hearts and souls.

Economist Laver told *The Journal* the other day the Canadian government "has decapitated itself" in agreeing to the free trade arrangement. With the ceiling of foreign ownership monitoring raised to \$150 million over the next five years, he said, we've handed the U.S. our energy industry on a silver platter.

If all that isn't confusing enough, politicians of similar persuasion differ widely in their assessment of the free trade agreement.

Ontario Premier David Peterson has confessed to having "grave reservations," while our own premier, Bill Vander Zalm, is in full support. Liberal Leader John Turner condemned the agreement, saying that a new Liberal government would almost certainly renegotiate some key elements, while the aforementioned Macdonald, who once held the same portfolio as Turner in the Trudeau government, couldn't be more supportive of the deal.

Whom to believe and what to believe? If neither politicians nor economists can agree on whether the deal will turn out to be Canada's salvation or ruin, how can the average Canadian assess the situation?

By following their gut instinct, that's how. By forgetting all about the political rhetoric and the guesswork of so-called experts. Never mind the newspeak. Clearing the cobwebs from one's mind and looking at the issue with common sense should provide results that are at least as reliable as the expert opinions, solicited or otherwise.

Argument: Canada's cultural identity is in jeopardy. We are well on our way to becoming a northern appendage of the United States.

Really? I've seen nothing in the agreement, so far, that would

strip us poor Canadians of our cultural heritage. In fact, the cultural industry is expressly exempted from the provisions of the free trade agreement. If, in spite of that, our precious identity feels threatened, maybe there isn't much to start with.

Argument: The United States will swallow Canada, economically speaking. We will be absorbed by big U.S. business. Yankee know-how and entrepreneurial spirit will mount a massive assault on Canada, taking over everything in its path. Political union will eventually follow the economic takeover.

I'd be interested to find out just how that might be done. Most of Canada's land is owned by the Crown. Unless the premiers have plans of actually selling the land to the Yankees, and throwing our parliamentary and judicial sovereignty in with the deal, I find that argument difficult to accept.

As for the spectre of Canadian companies being taken over by U.S. business, there is nothing wrong with foreign ownership, provided we keep a stake in the operation. And why not think positive? What's wrong with Canadians taking over a few American companies? There have been some very successful ventures by Canadian business into the U.S. industry.

Broadbent laments the arrival of — horror of horrors — a continental energy policy, covering everything from oil and gas to water.

What's wrong with a continental energy policy? What's wrong with including one's friend and neighbor in the future exploitation and development of energy?

But most important, the loosening of trade restrictions has been historically beneficial, while trade barriers have a certifiably disastrous track record. Many of the dire predictions now offered by the skeptics were voiced in previous trade negotiations. The Auto-pact was to ruin Canada's economy. The NDP wasn't going to have anything to do with it at the time. Now they can't imagine life without it.

Like I said, we should trust our instinct and common sense. The free trade agreement will probably fall short of creating the 350,000 jobs the prime minister expects, but it'll be good for Canada.

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Recognition

Sir,
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I am very pleased that the B. C. Ferry Corporation has recognized Art's ability and I am sure that his positive attitude will help that corporation to provide better service for all of us.
RON McQUIGGAN,
Ganges.

Benefits

Sir,
If a swimming pool were available on Salt Spring Island, the clients of the Salt Spring Island Community Society would benefit in the following ways:

- For those leading stressful lives, a pool increases opportunities for healthy relaxation.
- For handicapped adults, swimming allows a sense of freedom and independence not usually experienced.
- A pool is a good source of shared family activity which promotes family cohesion through enjoyment.
- A pool is an excellent resource for teens, which develops new skills and a sense of confidence.
- Single parents would utilize any leisure pool activities which would contribute to the development of their children and support to the parents themselves by creating periods of time to exercise.
- Swimming promotes longevity for all age groups and is especially

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appropriate for older people who may experience some limitations due to health problems such as arthritis.

• Currently, in order to enjoy the activities offered with a swimming pool, all of our client groups must travel off island; therefore, this is infrequent. If a pool were established here, our clients would participate often.

BARBARA JORDAN-KNOX,
Director,
Community Society.

Our first meeting will be held Thursday, October 15 at 7 pm in Room 20 of Gulf Islands Secondary School. Guest speaker is Randy Stetson, an executive member of Saanich CPE, who recently attended the INFOX-CHANGE conference sponsored by B. C. Parents for French. She will bring us up-to-date on the current status of French in B.C. schools, according to the ministry of education. A brief business meeting and election of officers will follow.

Don't forget, it's time to renew your annual CPF membership *s'il vous plait!* A warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in French for our children.

BARBARA KOSKI,
Canadian Parents for French,
Gulf Islands chapter.

Reconvened

Sir,
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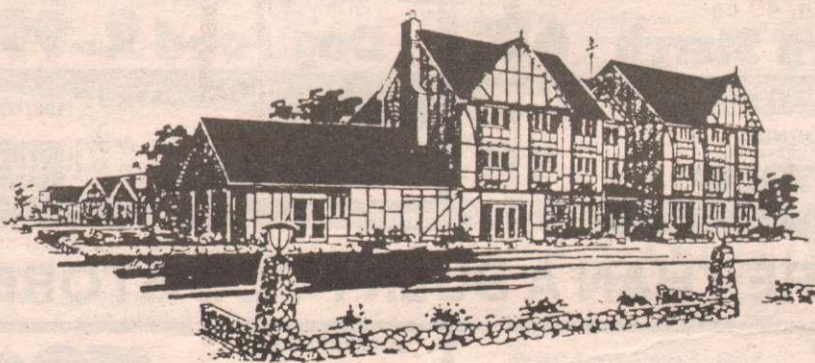
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But no one is certain

Fallout from free trade agreement could be net loss in Canadian jobs

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agreement and its likely impact on Canadian industries, "there is general agreement that in the short run, jobs will be lost — up to a half million jobs. The Progressive Conservative government believes, however, that more will be created than lost. But it's indicative of this government's attitude. It doesn't know how many jobs will be lost, doesn't know how many will be created."

Manly, quoting from a copy of the agreement released by U.S. officials, said he is concerned the deal could destroy many Canadian industries and deal a serious blow to Canadian culture.

The New Democratic Party MLA added that although the U.S. recognizes Canada's cultural identity, under the agreement Canada must alter "a number of practices that discriminate" against U.S. firms. For example, Canada's government must change its policy of charging U.S. periodicals a higher rate of postage than Canadian publications.

"As a result," said Manly, "it will be more difficult for Canadian magazines to continue publishing. The agreement says that although the U.S. recognizes Canada's right to its own cultural identity, any measures put in place by the Canadian government must not impede the profits American firms could expect to receive."

The free trade agreement has been praised by officials in the Canadian oil and gas industry. However, Manly feels it will only give American firms greater access to Canadian resources.

"What this means is that if the premier of B.C. wants to export more hydro (electricity) to California, there can no longer be a national energy board at the federal level to ask if . . . if exporting hydro or gas is in the best interest of the Canadian people," he said. "This, to me, is a worrisome aspect."

The agreement will also do away with most of the powers held by Investment Canada, the agency designed to review proposed takeovers of Canadian firms by U.S. companies.

"At present, any American



MP Jim Manly

takeover of a company valued at over \$5 million must be reviewed to see if it is in Canada's interest," said Manly. "Free trade will raise that \$5 million maximum to \$150 million. As a result, any takeovers of firms valued at less than \$150 million won't be subject to review."

"That bothers me. All through the '70s, we were talking about how we, as Canadians, could gain more control over our economy. First, we had the Foreign Investment Review Agency to review take-overs, but the present government replaced that with something called Investment Canada, which was much weaker. Now, even that will be gone."

The Auto Pact may also be affected, according to Manly. He noted that once the free trade agreement is signed, U.S. firms might not be required to meet performance requirements set by government.

"Certain segments of the economy are going to be hurt," he continued. "The Canadian wine industry is going to be one of them. For years, the wine industry has worked hard to produce a decent Canadian product, but has

depended on a protective pricing structure. With free trade, the market will be inundated with cheap American wines. It will destroy the wine industry in the Okanagan and the Niagara Peninsula."

"It will also have a massive impact on the poultry and egg business, which has also depended on protective pricing. Premier Vander Zalm has stated that the availability of cheap American products will mean a \$300 saving each year for every B.C. family. But at what price in terms of jobs?"

Manly noted that it is unlikely Canada will refuse to sign the agreement. He went on to say that while some have suggested Canada would be in a worse situation if it now refused to sign the agreement, it might still be the best action to take.

"Once you contract to hold a wedding, the invitations are out, the preacher is lined up, and the caterers have been hired," he remarked. "Then, if the bride or the groom is a no-show on wedding day, it a major embarrassment to all involved. The Americans are more aware of their trading relationship with us

now, which makes it even more difficult for us to back out. Yet we still might want to weigh the options carefully. Perhaps it would be better to back out and cut our losses. Even on wedding day, after all, if it's not the match you want to make, perhaps it's better not to go through with it."

"Getting into bed with the Americans, it has been said, is like getting into bed with an elephant. Everything's fine until the elephant rolls over."

Manly called on the Tory government to make the free trade agreement an election issue. He said the only way Canadians will have a say in the issue is if the federal government calls an election — something Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is not required to do until 1989.

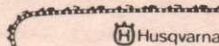
"How can you stop free trade? Get him (Mulroney) to call an election," said the New Democrat MP. "Let him call an election before he ratifies this deal. The Mulroney government has absolutely no mandate from the people for this. He did not include it in his election platform, and has no right to negotiate the future of Canada — no right to make this sell-out of Canadian resources."

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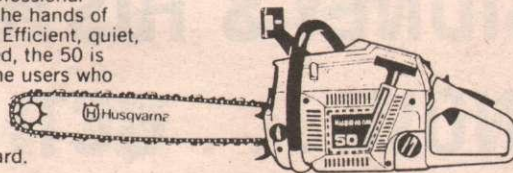
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Schools set days aside for teachers

School District 64 has released a list of school non-instructional days planned for the next three months.

Non-instructional days give teaching and other school staff the opportunity to upgrade their skills and learn the latest professional techniques. They are designed to ensure staff members are kept abreast of the latest developments in education.

All district schools will be closed October 23 for a full day of non-instructional activities.

Individual schools have also planned a series of professional development days between now and December. Teachers at Gulf Islands Secondary, for example, spent a half day September 8 in planning, and a full day October 2 on computer inservice.

The complete list of school non-instructional days is as follows:

- Fernwood Elementary School: November 10 (for Literature Based Program inservice).
- Salt Spring Elementary: November 18 (for new programs inservice).
- Mayne Island School: November 18 (for parent-teacher interviews).
- Pender Island School: October 22 (a half day for PITA conference).
- Galiano Elementary School: November 25 (for parent-teacher conferences).

Schools not listed have already held their non-instructional day sessions.



Paving proceeds

Warmed by a bright October sun, crews apply layer of paving to recently-completed Ganges road extension linking Jackson Avenue with Seaview Avenue. Paving work, done last week, extended along Seaview to intersection with Fulford-Ganges Road. Work was to be followed shortly by signage and some landscaping.

Job-Trac projects launched on island

Salt Spring Island's Job-Trac program is off and running.

The program, funded by \$250,000 from the provincial government and \$15,000 in local contributions, has hired its crew of 19 workers and launched the first of 14 local projects aimed at improving the island's cultural, recreational and tourism amenities.

As of late last week, one crew had completed repairs and renovations to the Bittancourt heritage house on the Farmers' Institute grounds while the second group of workers was in the midst of work on the Ganges Creek linear park.

One crew is expected to begin improvements at Centennial Park in Ganges this week.

The Job-Trac program, co-ordinated locally by the Chamber of Commerce, will be in operation for the next six months. Projects slated to be undertaken include construction of hiking trails and boat-launching ramps, building of new toilet facilities at Drummond and Centennial Parks, upgrading of the Off Centre Stage theatrical premises, improvements to the Farmers' Institute building and grounds and enhancement of the public swimming area at Stowell Lake.

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Trustees meet with Huberts

Members of School District 64's board of trustees are expected to meet sometime in November with Saanich-and-the-Islands MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts.

The meeting — requested by local trustees — will be organized by Huberts, who attended the board's regular meeting Thursday on Saturna. Board members hope the meeting will give local MLAs a better understanding of problems faced by the district, as well as an idea of its future needs.

Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall noted Friday that Thursday's visit from Huberts was the first time an MLA has attended a board meeting on the Outer Islands. Marshall added that Huberts said he will try to set up a meeting here between the board and Education Minister Tony Brummet.

Huberts' pledge came after district officials made a brief presentation dealing with education needs in the Gulf Islands. It was noted the the Gulf Islands school district is the fastest-growing in B.C., and that it desperately needs additional provincial funding to upgrade its facilities.

"It was great to have Terry Huberts on Saturna," David Eyles, chairman of the board, said Friday. "He (Huberts) seemed to empathize with us."



Winter work

You wouldn't know it by the weather, but winter has officially arrived. For local mariners like Kit Gillett, above, advent of October means repairs and refurbishing of boats. Gillett was at work at Harbour's End marina, helping to upgrade ship owned by a friend.

Terms, openings set for school board posts

A total of five seats on School District 64's board of trustees will be up for grabs in local elections this fall.

Terms of office have expired for Salt Spring trustees Ian Fraser, Charles Hingston and Grace Byrne. On the Outer Islands, the seats now held by Lorraine Campbell (Saturna) and Jeanine Dodds (Mayne) will also be open to nominations.

Tom Moore has been appointed returning officer for the elections. Nomination day is October 26,

with an election — if necessary — set for November 21.

Beginning in 1990, school board elections will be held every three years in B.C. To phase into this system, the terms of office for those elected this fall will be three years.

Next year, the terms of office for newly-elected trustees will be for two years. No school board elections will be held in 1989, but voters will go to the polls in 1990 to elect an entire school board.



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Source of Crofton noise narrowed

A group of Salt Spring Island residents concerned about noise from the Crofton pulp and paper mill believes the cause of their complaints has been located.

After visiting the B.C. Forest Products mill last Friday for a first-hand look at the operation and a discussion with plant officials, the group said two new vacuum pumps installed there last June appear to be responsible for the increased level of noise from the plant.

The mill tour followed complaints from the northwest portion of Salt Spring that sound from the Crofton mill had become

Tour of mill turns up "probable" culprit

louder in recent months, and that the increased noise level was keeping people awake at night.

According to the residents who participated in last Friday's tour, mill management has now promised to help control the noise.

An acoustical engineer will soon be called in to investigate and evaluate both the source of the noise and the areas on Salt Spring affected.

"They (mill management) have

promised to co-operate in attempts to control the noise, which I would think means they will control the source," said a spokesman for the residents, when asked if the next step will be changes at the mill aimed at curbing the noise.

The spokesman said the meeting with mill managers was cordial and that the tour of the plant confirmed it is the source of the noise bothering Salt Spring

residents.

"So far, so good," he said. "They (mill management) have recognized that the problem comes from the mill, which they were not sure about before. They

will investigate, and we'll see where we go from there."

While members of the tour group are certain the new vacuum pumps are the cause of the increased noise level, their belief remains conjecture at this point, the spokesman added. It remains for the acoustical engineer to confirm the pumps as the source and suggest remedial action.

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School expenditures scheduled by trustees

Establishment of a computer laboratory at Salt Spring Elementary School and the upgrading of school libraries top this year's list of non-shareable capital expenditures planned by School District 64.

The district has received approval from the provincial education ministry to spend \$180,000 to upgrade local facilities and purchase additional equipment. The funds, raised through local taxation, will be spent during the coming months on a variety of projects planned by local trustees.

The installation of new computers at Salt Spring Elementary — Phase II of district 64's computer program — is expected to cost between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

After making a commitment last spring to upgrade local libraries, trustees now propose to spend \$30,000 for new books and other resource materials. Another \$10,000 to \$15,000 will likely be spent upgrading school furniture and equipment.

The list of planned expenditures also includes funding for special education, music and band equipment, elementary ma-

thematics, renovations to the board office and equipment, lockers at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), custodial equipment and GISS shop equipment.

The board hopes to spend between \$10,000 and \$15,000 renovating the Dods house.

Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall said Friday that while the list of capital expenditures is not "definitive, it does give an accurate indication of how the money will be spent."

Board chairman David Eyles is pleased that the district will be able to create a new computer lab in Salt Spring Elementary and upgrade school libraries. However, Eyles said he feels "frustrated" because provincial budget restrictions make it necessary for the board to use non-shareable capital for what might be considered regular maintenance.

"We should be getting adequate funding for facilities and equipment, but instead this (non-shareable capital) is having to go in part toward things like fixing up shop equipment in the secondary school," he stated.



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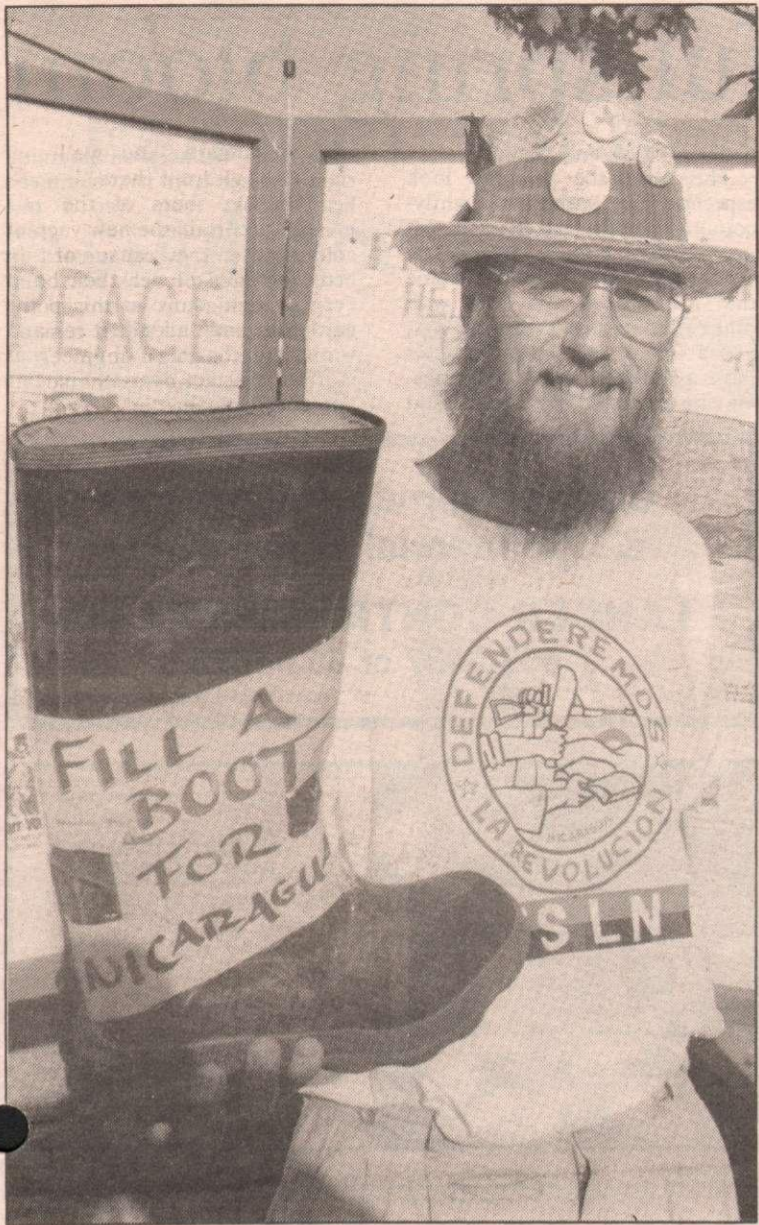
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Tools for Peace member Murray Reiss with the boot he hopes Salt Spring residents will fill with cash donations for Nicaragua. The money will be used by the organization to purchase items such as rubber boots and farm tools which are desperately needed in the Central American country.

Amnesty International slates discussion, video presentation

A video feature on long-term prisoners of conscience will be shown at the Salt Spring Elementary School library on October 21.

The screening, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island chapter of Amnesty International, will mark *Amnesty International Week* and spotlight "cases of cruel and inhuman treatment of prisoners whose chief offence has been the expression of their beliefs," local organizers say.

The 45-minute video, to be shown at 7:30 pm, will be followed by a discussion. Dessert and beverages will be available, as will copies of a new Paul Horn record, *Inside Russia*, dedicated to Amnesty International.

Amnesty International's local chapter — known as Group 72 — has had first-hand knowledge of prisoners of conscience and the help they can receive from the organization. In June, following a letter-writing campaign, its adopted prisoner of conscience, Valery Tyurichev, was released from a Soviet psychiatric hospital where he had been incarcerated since 1981.

Group 72, which will soon be assigned a new prisoner of conscience, says Tyurichev's term of imprisonment was short compared to those served by others.

"Levko Lukyanenko, a Ukrainian lawyer, (is) now serving his 25th year in prison solely for expressing his political views," the group notes. "Recep Marsli is in his sixth year of a 36-year sentence. His main crime was publishing books about the Kurdish minority in Turkey. A Roman

Catholic bishop has been kept under house arrest in China for almost 30 years."

Among prisoners of conscience to be featured in the October 21 video presentation is Lu Hsiu-Lien, a lawyer and writer who addressed a Human Rights Day rally in Taiwan in 1980. That act, Amnesty International says, later drew her a 12-year term of imprisonment for sedition.

Faced with the prospect of years in jail, she later said, "all my desire for life was destroyed — they made me believe there was no way I could survive."

When she was released earlier this year, Lu Hsiu-Lien said she would like to let "all of the Amnesty International people know that the telephone calls and letters you write are by no means in vain."

Amnesty International notes that the years of imprisonment suffered by political prisoners often means ill health, physical hardship, torture and the threat of death.

This year's *Amnesty International Week* runs from October 19 to 24.

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Plant fall bulbs for colourful spring bloom

We certainly are enjoying an extended gardening season, as our summer just keeps on going. This isn't even a legitimate Indian Summer, for as I've been led to understand, you have to experience a killing frost, and then see the return of better temperatures and sun. In our case, the great weather has simply gone on in one fabulous, unbroken stretch of balmy summer.

As the shadows lengthen and the sun's intensity weakens somewhat, the landscape changes form. The deciduous trees and shrubs shed their leaves and the sunlight penetrates the scaffolds of branches to brighten up the formerly shady spots in the yard. The wonderful weather and the ongoing transformation of the garden invite us to get out there to observe and to enjoy its ever-changing character. These factors also make it a good time for doing the jobs and chores out in the garden that will need some attention before the big freeze and the rains get here, which leads around to the thrust of this article — more things to do in October, as if you needed them.

Without question, the most rewarding thing to do in October is planting of fall bulbs for glorious spring blooms. Don't forget the bonemeal, and don't bother to plant those tulips until next month. If you have an overcrowded lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria*) bed, or if you want to split some of them up for use in a new bed, then this is a good month for lifting and dividing them.

(Ironically, they are not usually sold in garden centres at this time of year. Spring is when they are normally available).

They like a soil that is fairly high in organic matter content and holds moisture well, but at the same time drains well, too. A partially shaded location, filtered sun or high crown cover will give the best results.

Almost the same story applies to those fiery-coloured, tough summer bloomers, *Montbretia*,

your garden

by *chris schmah*

(not usually for sale at this time of year either). While loving the same soil, they will also tolerate sandier or higher clay-containing soils. The *montbretias* love full sun, but will still flower under light shading conditions.

Keep up with your glad lifting and once (if ever) we get our first frost, you should start with the job of digging and storing your dahlias, tuberous begonias, canna lilies, calla lilies and other tender bulbs.

'The wonderful weather and the ongoing transformation of the garden invite us to get out there to observe and to enjoy its ever-changing character.'

Since there will be so much unnecessary top growth and storage space is limited, cut all of the foliage and stems back to eight inches or so. As the plants and soil dry off, clean them up and remove any dead foliage and dead roots along with the soil. The dahlias should have three or four inches of stems left attached to the tubers, to avoid any risk of damage, and then they should all be stored in dry sawdust or peat moss, in boxes,

bags or flats, well labelled, and in a dry, 45 to 50 degree F location.

All of the tender plants — such as geraniums, fuchsias, fibrous begonias, gazanias, all impatiens, ice plants, heliotrope, trailing verbenas, etc. — will have to be cut back, dug up and brought into a frost-free location that is well-ventilated and as sunny as possible.

Their root volume can be reduced by quite a bit to allow you to store them in flats, smaller pots, boxes, etc., and they will need less water than usual, but they will still need a weekly going-over to prune off any dead or withering foliage and stems. Discard any plants that become badly diseased or insect-infested.

The same sort of tidy-up and toss-out rules should apply out in the annual beds and baskets, to keep a neat, clean appearance. Perennials should have the spent blooms and stalks cut off, and another weeding should be undertaken. Almost all spring and summer-blooming perennials may be lifted, divided and replanted, using some bonemeal and compost to improve growth and flowing for next year. Some perennials such as fall-blooming anemones and chrysanthemums are better off if left until spring before division.

Regardless of all this, a good raking and a light cultivation should be followed with an application of dolomite lime, and then a topdressing of compost, mulch or manures. In your rockeries and alpine beds, substitute granite chips or very coarse sand and apply it right around the plant crowns, to improve drainage and to help prevent freezing and rotting of their sensitive crowns.

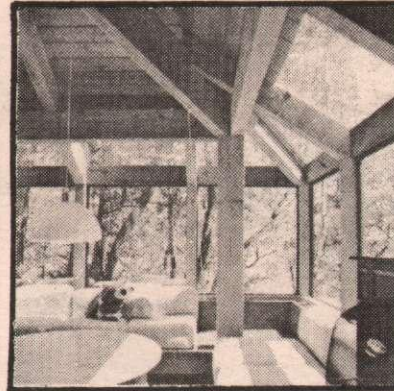
With all of that done, you can get down to the fun of doing some fall planting, since it is time to plant Aubretias, Arabis, Alyssum Saxitale, wallflowers, Sweet Williams, brompton stocks, English daisies (*Bellis*) forget-me-nots, (look great when planted with tall tulips). Canterbury bells campanulas, Foxgloves, winter

pansies, violas and primulas.

This year, the primulas look especially nice, with their brightly-coloured blooms backed up by rich green foliage. There are several strains that are bicolors, some that are shaded and bled with pinks running into cream throats, and a few of the yellow varieties have a delicate, sweet fragrance. Having started up with their floral

show, they will keep on blooming right through until next summer's heat knocks them into a rest period. Primulas make great colour accents when massed in beds, planters or deck pots, and even a single plant warms up the garden through all of the fall and winter months ahead of us — that is if we ever get over having this gorgeous summer.

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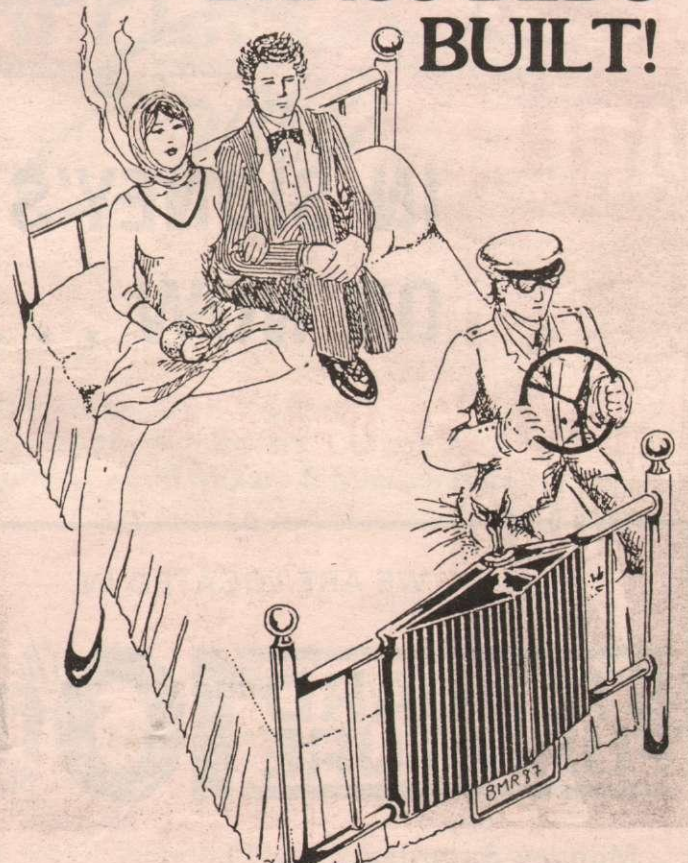


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Head-on collision

A Salt Spring FC player (dark jersey) and one of the Victoria Vantreights go after the ball during league play at Portlock Park on Sunday. Salt Spring FC, led by a fine goal-tending performance by Ken Marr, surprised the Vantreights and posted a 2-0 victory. Soccer action continues this weekend at Portlock Park.

Golfers hold 'shoot'

Members of the ladies' 18-hole golf division held a turkey shoot on October 6. Low gross honours were won by Ann Monro and Jean Hopkins at 90, while Libby Noble won the low net with a score of 61. Runner-up was Phyllis Henderson at 62. Dolly Whorley won the putt pot with 29.

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Water taxi adds crossings to allow inter-school games

The water taxi service currently operating between Vesuvius Bay and Crofton on Vancouver Island has altered its schedule for the convenience of school sports teams.

Effective Monday (October 19), Gulf Islands Water Taxi — the firm hired by B.C. Ferry Corporation officials to provide the service — will offer a 2 pm sailing weekdays from Vesuvius. The water taxi will leave Crofton on the return trip to Salt Spring at 2:30 pm.

Establishment of a 2 pm sailing from Vesuvius brings the number of weekday round trips being offered by the water taxi service to seven. In addition to its 2 pm sailing on weekdays, the water taxi also leaves Vesuvius daily at 7 am, 8 am and 9 am, and at 4 pm, 5 pm and 6 pm. Sailings leave Crofton at 7:30 am, 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

The round-trip sailing originating in Vesuvius at 2 pm will not be offered on weekends.

Ferry Corporation spokesman Betty Nicholson said the additional sailings were initiated to allow Salt Spring students to attend school events (such as volleyball games) in the Cowichan Valley.

Gulf Islands Secondary School principal John Wellingham brought this matter to the atten-

tion of ferry corporation officials at the October 6 meeting sponsored by Salt Spring's transportation committee. Wellingham noted that loss of the Crofton ferry made it impossible for the school's six volleyball teams to

attend sports meets in the Cowichan district.

"Now, the students will be able to go over on the 2 pm water taxi, and come back on the 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm sailing from Crofton," noted Nicholson.



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Garnet Rogers slates Salt Spring Island appearance

'Other' Rogers musician making a name for himself

Garnet Rogers is returning to Salt Spring Island.

Rogers, who enthralled audiences at the island's first *Summer Festival of the Arts* in 1986, will appear Saturday, October 24, at 8 pm in the Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School. Tickets are \$8 and available at *et cetera*.

The brother and sideman of the late Stan Rogers, who died in a 1983 plane crash, Garnet has since made a name for himself with critics and audiences. Two solo albums and a collaborative work with Archie Fisher — with whom Rogers last appeared on Salt Spring — have, with extensive club and folk festival appearances, earned Garnet wide acclaim.

His last album, *The Outside Track*, was released in 1986 to loud and sustained applause. It prompted one critic, after noting that Garnet was unfairly forced to live in the shadow of his more-famous brother, to call it "not only one of the year's best releases (but) an album which rivals some of Stan's finest works."

The family connection prompted another reviewer to write: "As time passes, there seems less reason to compare Garnet Rogers to his late brother Stan, the raw-boned balladeer who chronicled the casual heroism of our coastal fishermen and hinterland

visionaries. In his own way, Stan was compiling a people's history of Canada, set to music. Garnet, meanwhile, is less obsessed with grand themes though no less attentive to evocative folk textures and musical feeling."

Garnet plays six- and 12-string acoustic guitars, electric guitar, mandolin, flute and violin. His voice is a strong baritone described as "both powerful and subtle," and his choice of material is a blend of traditional and contemporary folk and blues tun-

es, plus some "hard-driving" numbers.

Once dubbed "Canada's greatest song-finder," Garnet emphasizes the works of Canadian artists, listing selections by Connie Kaldor, Doug McArthur, David Wiffen and Bob Frank in his repertoire.

The October 24 concert at the Activity Centre will be a fundraiser for the *Summer Festival of the Arts*, which recently earned charitable status. Call 537-4167 for further information.

Waterfall to play

A concert featuring the original music of Linda Waterfall will be held October 27 at Off Centre Stage. Show time is 8 pm.

Waterfall, on tour to promote her new album — *Body English*, released by Flying Fish Records — has been performing for over 10 years. *Body English* is her fifth album.

A press release describes Waterfall as "an incredible guitarist and pianist, as well as . . . an innovative composer and songwriter."

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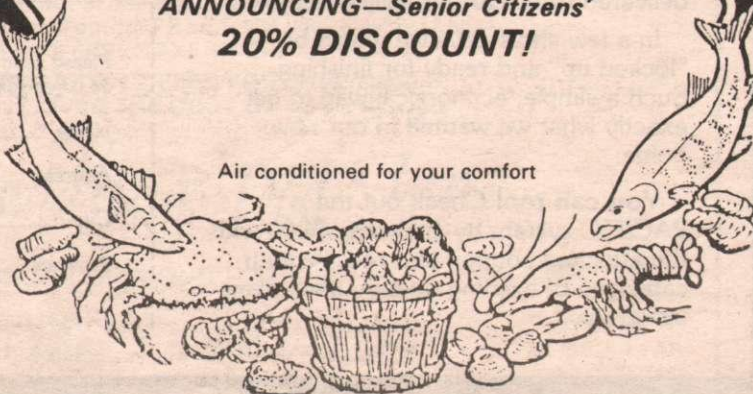
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Honourable teapot reveals cultural obsessions

And a one, and a two, and a three: "I'm a little tea-pot, short and stout, this is my handle, this is my spout".

This announcement is coming to you from the high mountain passes of the Himalayas where I sit in meditation over the meaning of life and the meaning of tea or, more precisely, the meaning of tradition and traditional arts.

Influences are forces and the most profound influences in all of our lives are the routines, rituals and traditions we learn as children. It is not an understatement that our personalities are largely determined by the age of 10; paradoxically, the age where we begin to want to make our own decisions and where we become more self-conscious.

But the game is pretty well over by then, except for the obligatory rebellions which can last up to 15 or 20 years before the truth dawns on us.

So imagine yourself at age 30, subsiding into the ritual of life with your cup of tea. Kakuzo Okakura in *The Book of Tea* says that "the tea plant, a native of southern China ... was highly prized for possessing the virtues of relieving fatigue, delighting the soul, strengthening the will and repairing the eyesight".

All of which is true, right? Depending on your culture, you can have cake tea which is boiled, powdered tea which is whipped or leaf-tea which is steeped. Or these days, try tea surrogates of the herbal variety. My favourites of all are "Mu" tea and black Chinese tea.

All this aside, the enduring symbol of this multi-cultural beverage is the tea-pot, which following tradition has not changed much over the last thousand years. This is a case of function dictating form.

So what is the function we are talking about? First you're going to ask — does it pour without dripping? Assuming we need a spout to even approach solving that problem, we can say that this has been an issue with potters ever since furniture polish has been in existence. The little brown tea-pot all associate with English tea is remarkably inefficient at preventing furniture splashes.

The Japanese characteristically

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make a liability into a virtue by celebrating the awkwardness and naivety of the humble and imprecise folk utensil. We, in the west, our senses honed by the lineal precision of machine technology, insist on things working right. The Germans, to this end, came up with the idea of putting a very small suction hole on the underside of the spout, just back of the tip. When the vessel is righted after pouring the vacuum created by the receding liquid sucks the drip back into the spout. Clever, heh — and

revealing of cultural obsessions.

Let's have a look at the handles. Often this is the area where the greatest design flaws occur. There are only three places a potter can stick his handle — at the back, over the lid, and on the side. The English tend to stick it on the backside so that the weight of the tea-pot promotes a dislocation of the wrist, particularly on squat forms. The Chinese have the nagging habit of putting overhead handles on tall family tea-pots, which results in similar injuries plus second degree burns to the fingertips of both hands as one simultaneously attempts to hoist the underside with the left hand while preventing the lid from slipping with the right. Lids should not do that.

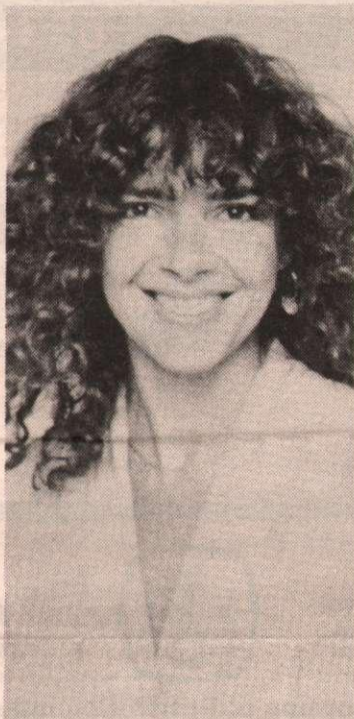
The winner is the tea-pot with the handle on the side, which does require some dexterity and reinforcement with the other hand — again, watch the lid.

For the retention of heat, the most practical shape for the tea-pot is one with a narrow mouth. Of course, this is often at odds with an overhead handle which impedes the charging and discharging of the tea concoction. If the opening is too wide or the spout too high, the liquid will spill over the lip of the pot. Dreary — very dreary.

As you can see the world is not perfect and tea is a good vehicle for meditation on that subject.

However, for the potter, the tea-pot is the ultimate design challenge. Not only should it work

to somebody's satisfaction, it should also have sculptural integrity. Spout, handle, lid and body should have some harmonious relationship. The tea-pot as a metaphor for human body, I'm sure, has not escaped the readers out there. Indeed, in recent times, function has been entirely abandoned to the impulse to use this relationship and others to create a work of art with all the mystical allusions which spring from personal and cultural rituals. How could any artist ignore the opportunity to make a mark, draw a picture or alter the plastic form? So how about it Salt Spring Potters Guild? I challenge you to set up an exhibition of tea-pots. Is there a gallery out there with some imagination?



Ann Mortifee

Mortifee to appear in concert

Singer Ann Mortifee will appear at the Activity Centre in Ganges on Wednesday, October 21.

Mortifee, whose last appearance on Salt Spring was marred by adverse weather conditions, has included Ganges on a tour of Vancouver Island locales that is serving as a prelude to a PBS (Channel 9) special being filmed in the Eastern U.S. later this month.

Mortifee will visit Salt Spring with a group of five studio musicians from Vancouver. She is expected to perform both new and older original works.

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Aquaculture position paper defines broad Trust stance

A position paper on aquaculture, adopted in September by the Islands Trust, recommends that each member island adopt an individual response to fish farm ventures proposed for their areas.

The paper, endorsed by the Trust Council at its meeting on Denman Island in early September, says the Trust islands are "diverse in coastal conditions and community standards and needs," meaning that no one approach to aquaculture would suit all islands.

In noting that each island should set its own aquaculture regulations, the position paper offers general recommendations which it says may be directly transferable to some situations and require substantial amendments to be suitable to others.

The recommendations say each Trust committee should:

- include in its official community plan broad objectives and policies on the types and character of aquaculture development acceptable within the planning area;
- establish separate zones for different types of aquaculture by distinguishing between fish culture and other forms of aquaculture — i.e., molluscs and plants — in the definitions and water zones included in zoning bylaws;
- zone aquaculture processing separately from rearing operations;
- include accessory uses — i.e., buildings and wharves — in bylaws regulating land-use for aquaculture operations;
- zone upland uses associated with aquaculture — i.e., offices and maintenance areas — separ-

- ately from rearing operations;
- refrain from zoning areas as suitable for aquaculture in advance of applications;
- be cautious about using development permit area designations for aquaculture sites, since they may be inappropriate and limit flexibility to address public concerns; and
- refrain from issuing temporary commercial and industrial permits for aquaculture ventures.

In setting forth its recommendations, the paper points out the "many matters of public concern regarding aquaculture" do not rest with the Trust but fall within the jurisdiction of federal and provincial government agencies.

'The Islands Trust is not opposed to aquaculture developments.'

It also warns trustees against drafting regulations which the courts may consider to be beyond the Trust's authority or which might be difficult or impossible to enforce — i.e., restrictions on numbers of employees or prohibition of nuisances such as noise and odour.

"Inclusion of these regulations may lead to false expectations on the part of residents that the bylaw will protect them in a way it cannot," the paper says.

The nine-page position paper notes that applications for aquaculture ventures have increased sharply in the Trust area in recent years, and that public concern over potential marine environ-

ment and land-use impacts have followed suit. The Trust, it says, is concerned that current plans and bylaws do not adequately address those concerns or the needs of a "rapidly changing and expanding industry."

It adds: "The Islands Trust is not opposed to aquaculture developments. It does, however, support a cautious approach in management of future growth in this relatively new industry within the Trust area, in order that public concerns and the needs of the aquaculture industry can both be addressed and that developments can proceed in a manner consistent with the 'preserve and protect' mandate of the Trust."

Included in the paper are sections offering background on the aquaculture industry, definitions of different types of aquaculture ventures, the Trust's regulatory objectives — i.e., protection of marine life and the ecology — and the jurisdictional role other agencies play in aquaculture regulation.

The paper concludes that its purpose is to assist local Trust committees in developing "an appropriate and effective approach to planning and regulation" of aquaculture ventures.

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Order in Council No. 690

The Lieutenant Governor-In-Council has amended the mandate of the Commissioner. Part of the amendment provides that the Commissioner is to recommend the appropriate number of single member electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly.

In order to assist the Commissioner in carrying out his mandate, public input is necessary. To assist the public hearing process, the Commissioner intends to make a preliminary ruling as a guide prior to commencing public hearings as to the appropriate number of single member electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly.

The preliminary ruling will not be final. No decision on a recommendation as to the appropriate number of single member electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly will be made until public hearings have been held throughout the Province and the interim report is published by the Commissioner.

In order to assist the Commissioner in making the preliminary ruling, written submissions are invited and are requested to be submitted to the office of the Commissioner by November 16, 1987. Forward written briefs to:

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Public hearings will be held in Victoria, British Columbia on November 23 and 24, 1987, solely on the issue of the appropriate number of single member electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly. These hearings will commence at 10:00 a.m. at the Chateau Victoria Hotel, Parrot Room, 740 Burdett Avenue, Victoria, B.C. Any persons wishing to make an oral submission are asked to give advance notice to the Commission office at 660-4169.

A schedule of public hearings to be held in locations throughout the Province will be advertised after the preliminary ruling has been made. At these public hearings the Commissioner will hear submissions on all aspects of the mandate including the appropriate number of single member electoral districts and the boundaries for all electoral districts in the Province.

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