

Taking a break

Const. Trevor Turner of the Ganges RCMP detachment momentarily left Saturday's Sea Capers parade to give his mount a break on the field of Salt Spring Elementary School. This was one of several horse-and-rider combinations entered in the parade.

Foresters offer assistance for islanders' woodlot plans

The assistance of professional foresters has been offered free of charge to Salt Spring Islanders.

The offer was made last weekend by the Canadian Institute of Forestry after some of its members toured the island with their American counterparts.

The visit, part of the annual joint meeting of B.C. and Washington State branches of each nation's professional forestry associations, included stops at several island locations where logging is now underway or where it was recently completed.

Ken Renaud, president of the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association, which hosted the visit, said foresters from both countries were surprised at what they found on Salt Spring Island.

"We went and looked at several parcels of MacMillan-Bloedel land that has been sold to private owners," Renaud said. "Different loggers had worked on different parcels, and they saw different methods used — from a 30 per cent cut on one piece to another parcel where very few trees were taken.

"The Americans were really surprised. They tend to take a longer view of things, and have much tighter standards than we do for roads and drainage systems."

Also of interest to the visiting foresters was an account Renaud gave of the forestland economics at work on Salt Spring. He discussed the "economic hardship" created when a relatively high price paid for land ties up capital and offers a temptation to log the land to recover costs, even when the logging causes a loss of the land's aesthetic appeal.

"The American group was really sensitive to that," he said.

The Canadian contingent later approached Renaud and said they felt there was an enormous opportunity on Salt Spring to create a well-managed forest inventory, but that everything would depend on how it was handled. With that in mind, Renaud said, the foresters offered to play an advisory role.

The availability of advice from professional foresters would be welcome, Renaud said, since it could lead to smaller landowners pooling their timber inventories or becoming eligible for support funding from the federal government. Renaud intends to follow up last weekend's discussions with the group.

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Conflict charge voiced against APC members

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from the community, and noted that each member appointed to serve is representative of a group of people within the community.

"It may be that all the members of the APC will join (the Island Watch Society)," Williams said.

Because Rockcliffe's motion was not part of Monday's APC agenda, it was ruled out of order. Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, who was present at the suggested Rockcliffe should relay his complaints to the local Islands Trust committee.

Rockcliffe said he could not sit on the APC until a decision concerning his call for the resignations had been reached by the Trust. "The APC is too fragile to allow for that process," he said.

In a later interview with *Driftwood*, Rockcliffe said the island needs a comprehensive development plan to handle its rapid growth.

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Changing of the guard approaches

In any discussion of the future of Ganges, the form of government the village should have — incorporate or no? — always leads the discussion, followed closely by a perusal of the effect the chosen form will have on development pace and scope. While we are busy analyzing the twists of the Municipal Act and the turns of building permit totals, however, the human factor seems to be overlooked.

Simply put, the ranks of people who will be responsible for the discussions and decisions that will make the new Ganges are due, in the next few months, to change as much or maybe even more than the face of the community itself might in the same span of time in any given year. New personalities and the perceptions those people hold will soon attempt to tame the political winds swirling about the village.

The most notable post set for change is the one held by Capital Regional District (CRD) director Dr. Hugh Borsman, who is not expected to stand for re-election. Because that office has so long been a liaison between the island community and the provincial government, it — and the person who fills it — will play a crucial role in the development of a municipality for Ganges, if indeed that route is taken.

The Islands Trust? There, too, a change is coming, as Trustee Pat Byrne will not be seeking re-election this year. His replacement will also find a crucial role waiting, since the voice of the Trust must be heard in incorporation discussions.

On a larger scale, the island is also due to lose its current Member of Parliament, the NDP's Jim



Manly, who will not seek to retain his seat in the revamped riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands. The influence a federal representative holds can easily play an important role in lesser local affairs, let alone the contemplation of acquiring municipal status.

To this we toss in the domino theory, which holds that other positions of authority on the island — say, school board seats — might be vacated if the present occupants seek to move into other offices. And if a municipality really is formed shortly, the prospect of open mayoralty

and aldermanic posts could cause a stampede.

We are due for changes in the faces of people wielding authority, and in the strength of the positions they will hold. That, as much as the esoterics of changes in government formats and functions, will have as much to say about the shape of a new Ganges as any interpretation of the Municipal Act.

And if it means the next few months will be filled with subtle jockeying of political positions and attempts to refine power bases, so be it. May we live in interesting times.

'Rambo III' voted best picture — by arms dealers

The western world is very big on fairy stories these days. No less a person than U.S. President Ronald Reagan recently kept us on the edge of our seats while he told Moscow students some of his favourites, like *Minnehaha* and *her Oil Field Reservation*, and *Little Black Riding Hood and the Three Cops*. With a surprising delicacy, he didn't mention the Rambo series of fairy stories, but since they have so clearly influenced the leaders of the free world, I will thumbnail the recently-released *Rambo III*.

First, for background, you must understand that, with insignificant exceptions, the world is divided into two countries. One, Yewsa, has reached the political perfection ordained by God. Its CIA is made up of nice persons who travel the world checking if people are free

enough. If not, they will help them with money and arms, and, if that doesn't work, they may send in the Armed Forces, made up of other nice persons.

Yewsa's great rival is Yewser, an Evil Empire opposite in every respect. There isn't a nice person in its whole KGB, which travels the world fomenting. Its armed forces are made up of mindless but ferocious zombies, led by sadists who invade other countries and force them to worship Lenin, drive Ladas and play sneaky hockey without penalties.

Rambo, played by Sylvester Stallone, who also wrote the few script words possible between explosions, is not your average hunk. Although short, he has so developed his muscles, including those of his head, that he can swell up at will like a sectional blowfish.

andrew gibson

He has allowed his powers of speech to atrophy, the better to growl and mumble incoherently but menacingly. When, like a more or less human Garfield, he glares through half-closed eyes and scowls, the temperature in his vicinity plummets.

Why did he get himself into this deplorable condition? He's patriotic, that's why. While in Vietnam he made himself into the world's greatest combat soldier, but, as we learned in *Rambo I*, when he got back home he found that the people in his town, influenced by subversives, thought that Vietnam was a bust. He tore the town apart, and was sentenced

to a few years on the prison rock-pile.

In *Rambo II*, some Yewsa bureaucrat, for base political reasons, wanted to send a lethal but dumb person on a suicide mission into North Vietnam to make a doomed attempt to rescue prisoners. Enter Rambo who, released from the stone pile, parachuted in, destroyed the North Vietnamese Army plus its Yewser advisers and torturers, and got out in a liberated helicopter with the starving prisoners. Back in Thailand, he refused medals, being still mad at all bureaucrats. Besides, where would he put them?

Now for *Rambo III*. He is still in Thailand, working at a Buddhist temple as a volunteer stonemason monk, wearing not robes but cutoffs, the better to display his pneumatic pectoral muscles. Non-

violence hasn't sunk in, though, because in his spare time the Rev. Rambo makes a few bahts by obliterating adversaries at a local kick-boxing and cudgel show.

He is tracked down by a bureaucrat and a colonel from Yewsa, who want him to save Afghanistan for them. The CIA and the Pentagon, in an effort to bring peace to the country, have been supplying the rebels — or freedom fighters — with arms to the tune of \$10,000 each, but it hasn't been enough. Only Rambo can take on the Yewser army and get the missiles in.

But he refuses, whereupon the colonel takes on the supply job himself, and is immediately captured by the Yewsters, who assign him quarters in the well-equipped torture room deep in

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Shocked

Sir,
 Although shocked to see the senseless cruelty inflicted on the loon at Vesuvius, I was delighted to read that we have several legal methods available to punish and re-educate the villain (should we be able to find the person who fired the shot).
 Unfortunately, neither the herons at Crofton, nor any other local creatures are similarly protected from the daily, insidious villainy of those who profit from an antiquated and unnecessary pulp bleaching process.
 Something is wrong with our system, and should we fail to correct it, we needn't scour our beaches, nor plumb our pockets to find endangered loonies.
BOB TWAITES,
 Ganges.

Skeptics

Sir,
 Everyone is skeptical about a new political party, no matter how poor the performance of the old-line parties. But if you share the disenchantment of so many people with the performance of the Conservatives and likewise feel that the Liberals or the NDP wouldn't be a bit better, then it will be worth your while to find out what the Reform Party of Canada has to offer.
 Since Confederation, virtually every reform party or new political movement has started in the west. There are two good reasons for this: Ontario and Quebec, as the population and power centres of Canada, have always been satisfied with the way legislation (and virtually all economic affairs) are tipped in their favour; and, under our system of representation by

population, the grievances of the western provinces have never been satisfied — and never will be — by any national party which must reflect the interests of its power base.
 There is a respectability to reform movements. Riel and the Metis helped create the province of Manitoba. The progressive, or Farmers, movement held the balance of power in two sessions of parliament. Social Credit in Alberta, and the CCF in Saskatchewan, were reform movements initiated by people in the Depression who desperately demanded reform.

The hinterlands of Canada — the west and the north — are just as desperate for the adoption of some means in our system of government which would protect the regional interests of individual provinces.

An elected, effective senate made up of two senators from each province would provide the means to assure fair treatment to all regional areas in Canada, and counterbalance the inequities that exist with representation and power based solely on population. This is the number one priority of the Reform Party of Canada.

Conservatives and Liberals are, most generally, protest voters. If they are fed up with one party they vote for the other. Their over-riding fear is that if they vote for any new party it will split the free enterprise vote and benefit the NDP.

The reality, however, is that the vote across Canada is already split roughly one-third to each party, so how we vote in Western Canada won't change this drastically — unless of course there are a sufficient number of western voters who see the sense in voting

for the Reform Party of Canada. Because then, even with a very few MPs elected, the Reform Party would hold the balance of power.

Another reality is that in my discussions with people regarding the objectives of the Reform Party of Canada, there are almost as many committed NDPers who are prepared to support the need for a reformed Senate. And they recognize that the federal NDP would do no better than the Liberals or Conservatives in improving the lot of Western Canada.

PAT TIERNAN,
 Ganges.

Striking

Sir,
 In less than 17 years, using current methods, all timber in coastal British Columbia which is considered economic to log will have been logged. This striking fact was determined by U.B.C. research headed by Dr. Peter Pearce.

Continually wasteful logging practices is the main reason why. The *Globe and Mail* recently exposed MacMillan-Bloedel's waste of 27 per cent of its harvest in the Queen Charlotte Islands as an example of logging all over B.C. Preservation takes on a whole new meaning when you realize we only have 17 years left, no matter which way you cut it.

Currently on the block are Sitka spruce in Carmanah Creek on the edge of Pacific Rim Park on Vancouver Island. There are found the biggest and tallest trees known to exist in Canada. Old-growth Sitka spruce are an ecological rarity, and in B.C. they are rapidly being logged out of existence.

MacMillan-Bloedel has now pushed a logging road right into the heart of this valley.

Gulf Islands' residents need to be active about logging problems and practices in B.C., as 50 per cent of these islands is owned by logging companies.

The Sierra Club of Western Canada is asking British Columbians to write to their Members of Parliament, Minister of Environment Tom McMillan, and Premier William Vander Zalm, and ask them to protect Canada's biggest trees by adding Carmanah Creek to Pacific Rim National Park.

This is a good place to start, as only rapid change in provincial forestry will preserve the beauty of the Gulf Islands.

ALICIA VILCHES,
 Secretary,
 Salt Spring Sierra Club.

Enthusiasm

Sir,
 It can and will happen in the Gulf Islands: "Bridging Gaps" is a step closer to reality.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School Parents' Advisory group recently applied for one of five \$2,500 grants being offered by B.C. Tel. The grants were for high school groups wishing to put on workshops or seminars dealing with parenting issues.

Our group developed and submitted a proposal for a day-long conference to be held in the fall of 1988, called "Bridging Gaps".

The idea of the conference was to bring to the Gulf Islands speakers and information not readily available here and of interest to high school students,

their teachers and parents and the community. As the name of the conference suggests, the focus was on bridging gaps.

This proposal can now become a reality. We have just heard that our group is to be awarded one of the five B.C. Tel Effective Parenting Grants.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the over 20 individuals, school principals, parent groups, school trustees, teachers, RCMP, churches and community groups from Salt Spring and the Outer Islands who took the time to write letters of support for our proposal. Their enthusiasm for our idea no doubt played an important part in influencing the awarding of the grant in our favour.

Thank you all.
ANNE HOHMANN,
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On Salt Spring

Reserve receives warden

A new warden has been appointed for the ecological reserve at the southeast end of Salt Spring Island.

Robert Andrew, who lives in the Fulford Harbour area, replaces Paul Kynaston, who resigned as warden earlier this year to protest the provincial government's handling of an application to haul logs across the reserve.

That application, made by Pepper Brook Retreats Ltd. to allow easier transport of timber it is cutting on Mt. Tuam, was later turned down by the provincial government. The rejection came after a group of island residents told the province it would issue a legal challenge to an approval, basing its case on the requirement of the Ecological Reserve Act to leave the area undisturbed.

The reserve, one of two on the island (the other is on Mt. Maxwell), was established by the

provincial government in 1971. It lies on the southeast slope of Mt. Tuam and borders Satellite Channel.

Ecological reserves are designated by provincial order-in-council to preserve unique areas for research purposes. The reserve at the southern end of Salt Spring is considered noteworthy for its pure stands of arbutus, and for its large number of rare

plants. Andrew said his main concern as warden will be to keep a close watch on the logging activity underway on Mt. Tuam, to ensure no encroachment is made on the reserve.

The provincial Fish and Wildlife department is also keeping tabs on the logging operation. It wants to guard against logging debris washing down into the reserve.

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Sir,
On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission and the day camp staff, I would like to extend a warm thank-you to Marianne and Lee McColl, who generously donated \$200 to be used to purchase supplies for the childrens' summer programs.

A portion of the money will be invested in a parachute and other equipment for the Summer Discovery Youth Day Camp. In addition, supplies for the pre-school day camp will be purchased.

SANDI GEIGER,
Ganges.

Attention

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Falconbridge Ltd., filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
Last month Gary Reith of Connor Development Services Ltd. brought to our attention the fact that your company has extensive mineral claims on southern Salt Spring Island, and that some exploratory work is in progress. We appreciate that you have made this effort to have the community informed.

more letters

The Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association views with deep concern the prospect of a substantial mining operation on the island. Residents live here to have a quieter life; visitors come here to find tranquility; and both the ecology and groundwater supplies are vulnerable to ill-conceived development.

We commend your initial effort to have the community informed. If you contemplate further work on the claims, or the possibility of mining, we do urge that you continue to make island residents

fully aware, and maintain a process of consultation which will allow hazards to the present uses and lifestyle of the island to be addressed within the community.

SYDNEY O. WIGEN,
Chairman,
Community Planning Assn.

Applause

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the board of school trustees for Gulf Islands School District, filed with this newspaper for publication.

We wish to applaud your recent

decision to prohibit the serving of alcohol at school-sponsored activities. Alcohol-related problems are unfortunately common on the Gulf Islands (as in the rest of B.C.). Among these problems are major psychological, social and physical disabilities for many users and their families. Other effects of alcohol include substantial costs to taxpayers through the ministries of health, the Attorney-General, and social services and housing.

Congratulations for the leadership you have demonstrated on this issue.

J. E. MacPHAIL,
Non-Medical Drug
Use Committee,
Ganges.

Name of President Ronald Reagan could have been included in credits

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their huge military base inside Afghanistan. There he is given the enthusiastic attention of the unspeakable Yewser general and his chief torturer. Beaten, burned and starved, he refuses to confess, and when the general, foaming at the mouth, roars that he is fed up with being Mr. Nice Guy, we fear the worst.

Back in Thailand, Rambo is incensed to hear that his buddy the colonel is in the hands of the Evil Empire, and soon he is on a one-man rescue mission. Festooned with grenades and explosive arrows for his Rambo-patent crossbow, he leads a high-explosive pack train into Afghanistan, guided by a freedom fighter who astutely concludes that Rambo is out of his tree. Still, Allah works in mysterious ways.

The movie now alternates between the Rambo cavalcade and the torture chamber, where the colonel, suspended from the ceiling by the now apoplectic general, is told that Rambo is on the way. "Thees capitalist peeg theenks maybe he's God?" roars the general. His captive, between blows, one-lines: "He's not God. God would have mercy."

The merciless one has now reached the rebel camp, and soon gains the respect of the Afghans by jumping on any old horse and beating all of them at their national game of sheep-sticking polo. They are even more impressed when he shoots down a few of the helicopters which, led by the enraged general himself, attack the rebel camp.

But the general survives, and Rambo, knowing that he will take out his frustration on the colonel, sets off to the rescue, accompanied

by the guide and a cute 12-year-old boy freedom fighter who has acquired a flawless Brooklyn accent, presumably by listening to the Voice of America.

The Yewser base is enormous, surrounded by a high wall, with watchtowers, searchlights, infrared sensors, barbed wire, guard dogs and battalions of sentries — but the Ramboids slither in faster than you or I could get into a shopping mall. Leaving a trail of corpses and burned out tanks behind them, they go straight to the torture chamber, where the colonel is having electrodes stapled to sensitive parts of his anatomy. Then, freeing him and some heavily veiled women prisoners (ladies are very rare in Rambo pictures — it makes you wonder) they steal a helicopter and get clean away, leaving the Yewser base a smoking ruin and the general in a very disturbed condition.

(Rambo was wounded, but he operated on himself, using a method which any doctor reading this will find ingenious. The bullet went half way through him, so he pushed a knife all the way through, then filled the hole with gunpowder and lit it. That blew the bullet out, and cauterized the wound. The method merits a monograph in *Lancet*.)

Now for the big finish. When the helicopter runs out of gas, the Afghans are sent back to their camp, and Rambo and the colonel — fighting fit in spite of their ordeals — take on the Yewser tanks and helicopters, no doubt dispatched by an alarmed Gorbachev. Using side arms alone, they finish off about half of the force, but then the cross-bow gets

overheated, and they are helpless.

Standing as tall as Rambo's stature allows, they await the end — when, from over the ridges which surround the battle comes pouring the freedom-fighter cavalry. Terrified the Yewser flee. After all, is there a tank or helicopter built which can withstand an annoyed democracy-lover on a good horse? Of course not. Rambo says goodbye to the adoring Afghans, who concede that he fights good for a tourist. Then, in checking his compass, he strides purposefully towards Thailand, where he will work on his scowl until *Rambo IV*, in which he will take on not only Castro and Ortega, but Noriega too.

Waiting for our ears to kick in again, we watched the credits roll, fully five minutes of them, including Best Boy Grips, whoever he is, the Arizona Stunt Horses, the government of Israel, where the film was shot, and the Israeli Weapons House at Holon.

Finally, and most interestingly, a big thank you to various U.S. government agencies and police departments, and to a senator who handled publicity. Is it possible that the Rambo movies are administration propaganda? True, the president wasn't in the credits, but he has been most helpful. Can it be that the Rambos are aimed at the better-dead-than-red North American voting couch vegetables? Do I detect a subliminal message that, come election time, they should vote for the Rambo South and Star Wars party, or, in Canada, for Rambo North and his Atomic Submarines?

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director's report

by hugh borsman

I unfortunately misled the first few callers who were concerned about the revision of the meat inspection bylaw. I indicated that this was an old bylaw which had been modified to include inspection of poultry and rabbits. This was true for School Districts 61, 62 and 63. The Meat Inspection Act was passed on March 21, 1966, and "constituted and established as a livestock slaughter control area (in the above school districts), for the control of slaughtering of all meats and meat products, other than those of domestic rabbits and poultry within the area designated."

Outer Islands CRD director Vern Roddick and myself unfortunately didn't realize that the revision, by adding domestic rabbits and poultry, also broadened the area to include School District 64.

I must say that none of the callers were unduly critical; they all wanted to know what could be done to enable us to comply with the law without undue disruption. They obviously recognized that food inspection is a protection for all of us.

I take issue with a paragraph from the editorial in *Driftwood* on June 15 which stated as follows: "This is a piece of legislation that benefits few and imposes an unwanted and unnecessary restriction on Island tables. It is legislation that considers only one aspect of food contamination and ignores others. It is legislation that is introduced as a whim of administrators, rather than as a proven necessity."

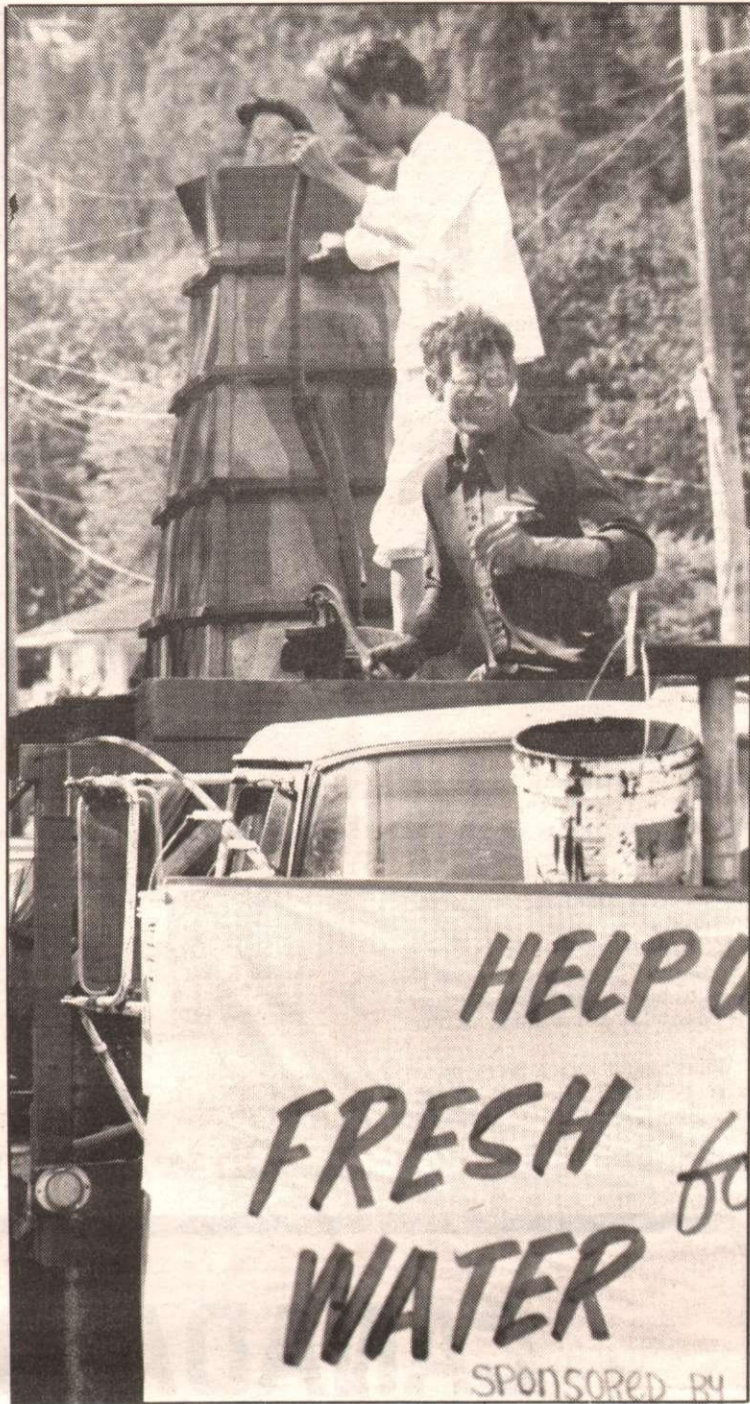
If local farmers kill animals or birds for their own use, no inspection is required. If they give or sell meat to their neighbours who know the circumstances, no one is likely to interfere. However, some of the meat that has not been inspected has been sold to retail or wholesale outlets, and this is clearly not a safe practice.

The addition of domestic rabbits and poultry is because these two items, previously omitted from the list, can be the cause of serious health problems. Poultry can be a particular problem, and we recently have had people hospitalized because of improper handling of poultry.

When the present problem surfaced, we went back to the inspection department of the CRD and asked how this might be modified. It is suggested, pending a study of whether we could provide a small slaughterhouse on the island, that the bylaw be modified. We asked that the bylaw be returned from the minister unsigned and the revision will be discussed and probably passed on June 22. Section 2 will now become Section 2(a). The following paragraph will be 2(b): The meat or carcass of a Sheep or Rabbit which has been inspected by a member of the B. C. Veterinary Medical Association registered under the Veterinarian Act and certified to be fit for human consumption shall be deemed to have been inspected as required in section 2(a).

I have spoken to both of our local veterinarians and they appear willing to participate. This would appear to be a relatively simple solution to the problem.

Director Roddick and myself will be glad to arrange meetings if desired with the chief health inspector or the medical health officer. In the meantime we thank those who have called for their restraint and concern with compliance. You will be kept informed.



Fund-raising focus

Keith McHattie (rear) and Dietrich Luth entered Saturday's Sea Capers parade with this float promoting local effort to raise funds for water-supply system for residents of island in Nicaragua.

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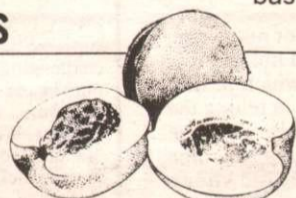
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Mood could be right for 'palace coup' in Victoria

VICTORIA - Remember Scott Wallace, Victoria family doctor, one-time provincial Tory leader, a man who wouldn't tell a lie?

Scotty was also the man who, for a brief moment in B.C. history, held the fate of the Social Credit Party in his hands, could have destroyed it, but failed because his concept of truth wouldn't even let him conceal it.

What's that got to do with the price of tomatoes and the political scene in 1988? A whole lot, but I'll come to that in a moment. First let me refresh your memory of those stormy days that followed the defeat of W.A.C. Bennett and his Social Credit Party.

Act One: Only a small band of Socreds — 11 to be precise — had been returned to Victoria to form the official opposition. Also opposite the NDP government benches sat six Liberals and two Tories, Wallace and Hugh Curtis.

When the realization set in that the NDP had won the election with a margin of less than 39 per cent of the popular vote, there was a lot of talk about the need for merging the free-enterprise vote. The most logical choice would have been the Socreds. After all, they had more seats than the two other opposition parties combined.

Unfortunately, the newly-elected leader of the Socreds was floundering. For most of the first 12 months, the NDP made minced meat of him in the legislature. He was unable to control his own people.

Into that vacuum stepped Wallace, quietly organizing meetings with Socred members, discussing the possibility of forming a united free-enterprise party under the Tory banner. The strategy almost worked. Many of the sitting Socred MLAs, one Bob McLelland included, were ready to bolt the Socred Party and cross the floor to sit as Tories.

All this had, of course, been going on behind the scenes. There were no leaks of the impending coup, until the NDP's Graham Lea, then minister of highways, spilled the beans publicly in the legislature.

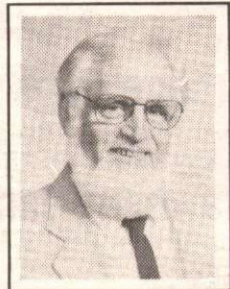
Faced with a flood of questions, Wallace said he would hold a press conference that day, which he did. Reaffirming his belief in telling the truth, Wallace told all. Yes, the meetings had taken place, the interest was there, and God knows what would happen now.

What happened was that the Socreds who had been plotting with Wallace suddenly got cold feet. No, they had no intention of becoming Tories. Another week or two would probably have been enough for Wallace to get all the pieces into place, but now the whole thing became unstuck.

The rest is history. Bill Bennett started cracking the whip, Hugh Curtis became a loyal Socred, so did the Liberals, and Wallace got out of politics.

Act Two: It's 1988. Government fortunes are down. The Socreds have just lost the byelection in Boundary-Similkameen. Many Socreds are blaming the defeat on

capital comment



by hubert beyer

Premier Vander Zalm's leadership. His cabinet and his backbench are restless. They fear a similar defeat in the next general election.

Cabinet ministers have made it abundantly clear that their leader must change his ways, but the premier has said he'd rather quit than change. The irresistible force is about to meet the immovable object, and everybody will be looking for a solution to the problem. Don't discount the possibility of a Scott Wallace solution.

Act Three: There are several people in the Socred cabinet who could organize a palace revolution. Grace McCarthy is the first one to come to mind. She is taking a very dim view of seeing the likely destruction of the party for whose 1975 rebirth she can take most of the credit.

At the same time other Socred

members were ready to join Wallace under the Tory banner. Grace was touring the province, beating the drum for the Social Credit Party, signing up new members at a discount membership fee.

If Grace sounded the bugle right now, calling loyal Socred MLAs to rally around the party's old principles, my prediction is that Vander Zalm wouldn't be left with very many members.

Act Three is, of course, speculation at the moment. Although some Socred members are privately admitting that such a scenario cannot be ruled out, there are no indications that the revolution is already happening. All I'm saying is that it could happen. The fruit is ripe for the picking, and a few people with ambitions to become head picker, are at least thinking about the possibilities.

Keep your eyes and ears open. The longer the premier refuses to listen to his own party, the greater the possibility of a revolt in his own ranks.

What would such a break-away party be called? How about the New Social Credit Party? Think about it. It has definite possibilities.

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Derby?

No, it isn't a demolition derby on water, just the blind rowboat race event at Sea Capers. After seven heats, competition was won by team of Richard Blagborne and Chas Bazzard.

Break-ins under investigation by Ganges RCMP

Ganges RCMP received report of two break-and-enters on Salt Spring Island last week.

The first incident, which took place June 16 on Vesuvius Bay Road, was reported by Helda Embree. Embree said the basement area of her home showed evidence of a break-and-enter.

Police, who believe the culprits were scared off when the residents arrived home, say nothing was taken.

A second incident was reported as having taken place June 19 in the Maracaibo area.

Gerald Bettles of Nose Point reported a break-and-enter to his home. Again, little was taken. However, police say vandalism to the house was incurred.

Police are continuing their investigation into both incidents.

In other police matters, a minor incident of assault took place at last Friday night's teen dance.

Police say the juveniles involved in the incident were dealt with "informally." No charges were laid.

Aside from the one minor

without further incident.

An employee of North Salt Spring Waterworks District reported a case of vandalism to a weather station inside the Tripp Road compound.

Peter Jacquest told police the weather station sustained minor damage, after having rocks thrown at it.

Police believe youths were involved in the incident, which took place between 9 am and 4:30 pm on Saturday, June 18.

Local RCMP received two re-vent, police say the teen dance went "reasonably well," and was ports of theft last week.

Anne Tilford reported the theft of her purse from a vehicle parked outside the post office in Ganges.

The incident took place at approximately 2:15 pm on June 15. Police say the purse contained cash, credit cards and a driver's licence.

In the second incident, John Gossett reported theft of the seat from his bicycle while on the Long Harbour ferry. The seat is valued

at \$60.

Police are investigating.

Employees of Calypso Carpet turned in a wallet found at Upper Ganges Centre last weekend.

Police are making efforts to have the item returned.

Frank Marcotte turned in a motor belonging to a moped or bicycle. Police are attempting to have the motor, which was found on Stewart Road, returned to the owner.



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Large crowd gathered in Centennial Park for tug-of-war competition

Islander to head up duck work

A Salt Spring Island man has been appointed regional director for the wildlife preservation group Ducks Unlimited.

Dwight Brainerd, who took on the volunteer position last month, left Monday for a Ducks Unlimited convention in Winnipeg.

As regional director, Brainerd's area of work involves all of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Ducks Unlimited is dedicated to preserving waterfowl habitat in Canada. The group, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is a privately-funded, non-profit organization.

Ducks Unlimited has spent \$400 million in Canada since its creation in 1938.

Prizes earned by participants in host of Sea Capers events

Following are the results of Sea Capers events as they were available late Monday:

PARADE

- Bicycles — Robert Heaton, first; Brian Lynch; Ian Baker.
- Pedestrians — Trudy Buckley; Darlene Nelkin and Elsie Marshall, Salmon Enhancement.
- Church groups — Fr. Bergin, Roman Catholics.
- Dogs — Haggis Norget; Monica Byron; Rosie Marshall.
- Floats — Old Age Pensioners; Raging Grannies; Island Savings.
- Equestrians — Cheryl Murray; Becky Nemeth; Sylvia Murray.
- Best overall — three way tie, 4h, Harbour's End, Rainbow Crafts.
- Most original — Volunteer Fire Department.

Judges for the event were Ernie and Marjorie Bennett, Lynne Richardson, Nathaniel Renaud, Tom Farmer, Bill Garrick, Rhoda Brooke, Pat James and Harlen Olsen.

Organizers gave special thanks to RCMP Const. Trevor Turner, assistant marshalls Jennifer Lomas and Rod Brownsword, parade registrar Nancy Holcroft, and the traffic control crew of Scotty Innes, Roy Church, Stephen Veness, Nancy Lundy, Lynn Roland and "the anonymous bearded man who took over at Jackson Avenue and Rainbow Road at the end of the parade."

TUG-OF-WAR

- Boys — Chevies, Sharks and Jerks. Special mention to Demolitions, Driftwood, Rads and Bombers.
- Girls — special mention to the Tigers and to Century 21.
- Men — Island Savings.
- Women — Driftwood.
- Mixed — Jellyfish.

SAND SCULPTURE

- Five years and under — Sarah McEwan, first; Garrett Copeland-Price; Melissa Campbell.
- Six to 10 years — Teresa Jacobs; Alain Grange; Oliver Gilbert.
- Eleven to 15 years — Ariana Jacobs; Rachael Morrison; Julie Gilbert.
- Child groups — Erin Baker and Becky Bazzard; Kristy Chalmers and Kenny Fraser; Kenny Martin and Nathaniel Renaud, and San-



Parade featured a number of horses and riders.

- deep Sandhu and Carl.
- Adult groups — Randy, Trudy, Dorothy, Sue and Alan (for *bear necessities*), first place; Davies and Cooke (for *lighthouse*), second place; Stefan and Forrest

Jacob (for *car*), third place.

- Family groups — the Betts (for *Alf*), first place; McKague family (for *large sand castle*), second place; the Clarks (for *Proteus*), third place.

Judging the event were Cy Sloan, Lynne Richardson, Vera Petapiece, Jean Kind, Ruby Alton, Rowena Dixon, Dr. Jack Layng, Jennifer Inderwick, Nan Jenks, Jack Cherry, Lois Phillips and Henry Bade.

The judges later noted that since there were a surprising number of entries of artistic merit worthy of notice but left out of the prize derby, an additional class was created, known as the "award of merit" category. Special certificates were awarded to the entries numbered 62, 66, 73, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 105, 111, 128, 129, 131, 134, 135, 138, 150 and 154.

Entrants with those numbers should apply for their certificates by writing to Sea Capers, Box 484, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

AQUATIC EVENTS

- Blind rowboat race — Richard Blagborne and Chas Bazzard, first; Cole Harvey and Hord Hornby, second. A total of 28 teams were entered — including the naval cadets — and seven heats were needed to decide a winner.
- Walk on water — Rus Murcheson; Erling Jorgenson; Pete McKenzie.
- Log rolling — event cancelled due to lack of time and a limited field of entrants.

Sea Capers organizers note they wish to thank all owners of vessels who loaned life jackets and rowboats.

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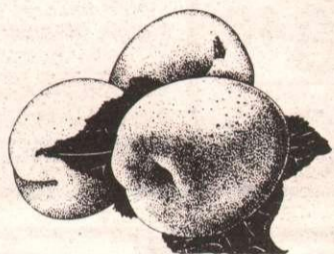
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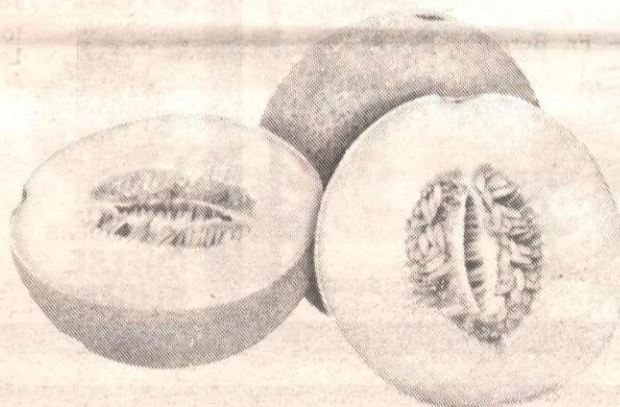
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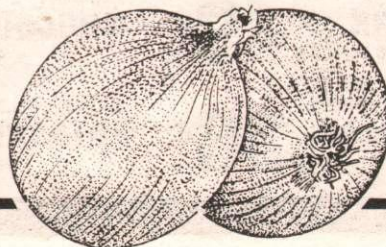
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Lunch Bunch entry: 'neurotic fixation for food'

Sandcastle contest entries 'reflect current concerns'

Where would you expect to find Mr. Artseen on a Sea Capers weekend? At the great Vesuvius Bay sandcastle contest, of course, perusing popular beach culture at its finest.

Bums, busts, babies and builders, a cross section of island flora and fauna — all were gathered in gentle rivalry to construct sculptures which reflect their deepest concerns about life in our times.

As I arrived on the scene, the tide had barely receded; the pace was leisurely. Those who were anxious settled for the rocky upper shore and got right to work. The more confident and experienced teams waited and waded, patiently staking claims on the prime undersea real estate, speculating on the quality of building materials, or doing geological survey with the toe and shovel technique.

Many were obviously experienced in preliminary construction procedures, being well versed in a shovel's capacity to support forearm and humanoid in a relatively secure and passive state, a technique designed to conserve energy until the critical moment of action.

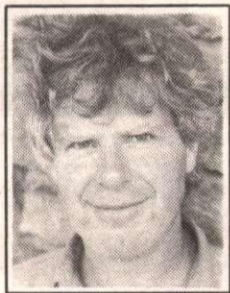
As the sea retreated, activity increased. Shapeless forms were gradually moulded and molded according to plan or intuition.

There emerged a number of fine attempts at bastion and castle-building and there were the usual dragons and crocodiles. Mermaids with large busts, small heads and green hair seemed popular with young ladies emerging from childhood. There was no mistaking prominent concerns here.

Mythology was a source of inspiration for more than one project, the most notable being the grotesque gaping maw of the Greek god Proteus, conceived by the Clarke team. Its surprised countenance foreshadowed a disappointing showing in the awards.

Some highly respected and esteemed educators reminded us of our baser needs, and the great sewer debate, with their dadaesque "Sea Crapper" with toilet

artseen



by gary cherneff

roll and symbolic gull. This is what is known as conceptual art.

Yes, folks, current politics did rear its head, not in the Sea Crapper, but in the *Queen of Isabella*, a ferry boat of rumoured intent which funnels its charges across a loading ramp bisecting the ecological reserve. Chalmers and Fowles receive discredit here.

There was a general reluctance among the workers to articulate the deeper significance of their project. But some insights were evident. "The Lunch Bunch" definitely has a neurotic fixation for food, judging from their monolithic monument to Salt

Spring's epicurean delights. Stephan Jacob candidly admitted

that the 1930s roadster he and his son sculpted was in fact a hidden fantasy of his alter ego.

The most puzzling image was that of the modern TV folk-icon of the leisured middle-class — Alf, a whatsit dog-bear creature of the furry persuasion. But I don't get it! Does Alf possess knowledge? Is he a new-age guru? Maybe I should watch the tube more often. When asked to comment on the significance of their creation, the Betts' team first responded with stunned silence, then guffaws of laughter, and then confided that Alf really does live with them.

Humm! Very curious indeed, and the judges must have also sensed the deepness of their conviction, for sure enough, Alf and his team were the winners.

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LITTLE LEAGUE (8-10): Driftwood vs Butcher Shoppe, Little League; Brown's vs NRS, Hydro. Wednesday, June 29: NRS vs Brown's, Little League; Butcher Shoppe vs Driftwood, Hydro.

COACH PITCH: Monday, June 27: Patterson's vs Brown's; Wednesday, June 29: Brown's vs GI Trucking, Field 2, Ganges.

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MEN'S COMPETITIVE SLOWPITCH: Thursday, June 23: Barflies vs Rebs, Fulford #1. Sun, June 26, 5:30 - Barflies vs Mobile, Fulford #1; Scorpions vs Rebs, Fulford #2. 7:00 pm - Barflies vs Scorpions, Fulford #1; Mobile vs Rebs, Fulford #2. Tuesday, June 28: Islanders vs Mobile, Portlock.

LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Monday, June 27: Leisure Lanes vs Byrons, Fulford; Driftwood vs Ladies, Portlock. Wednesday, June 29: Driftwood vs Byrons, Portlock; Ladies vs Inn, Fulford.

MEN'S FASTPITCH LEAGUE: Thursday, June 23, 6:30: Patterson's vs Vesuvius, Portlock, ump Fulford. Sunday, June 26, 3:00: Vesuvius vs Fulford, Fulford, ump Patterson's.

.22 RIFLE TARGET SHOOTING: Monday night at S.S.I. Rod & Gun Club.

Artistry of Joan Raeside to be showcased on stage

The Community Arts Council (CAC) has established a trust fund in the memory of the late Joan Raeside, who made significant contributions to the cultural life of Salt Spring before her death on June 3, 1988.

Money collected by the fund will be used to raise sufficient funds to establish a "Joan Raeside Theatre," according to Bevis Walters, who is acting as spokesman for the appeal.

Although just beginning, the drive for contributions has already scheduled its first fund-raising event — *An Evening With the Magic of Joan Raeside*, scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, at 8 pm in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

The evening, organized by the

CAC and the *Summer Festival of the Arts*, will feature excerpts from some of the many musical plays Joan Raeside wrote and produced. Among those works were *The Moon is made of Green Cheese*, *The Princess and the Button*, *Red Rose and Snow White*, *Caterer to the King*, *The Wizard of Woozle* and *The Fourth Wise Man*.

"While it would appear that many of her plays were written for children, they contained a unique quality that made them equally entertaining for adults," Walters said.

Joan Raeside also wrote and published several story books for children — i.e., *The Train That Got Lost* and *The Lucky Little Dragon* — plus books of poetry, verse and limericks.

"Her writings had a quality not easily described, which lifted them out of the ordinary and put them in a class of their own," Walters said.

In conjunction with the July 5 fund-raiser at the Activity Centre, Joan Raeside's son, Adrian — the nationally-known, syndicated political cartoonist — has designed a cover for the printed program, and a watercolour poster to promote the event. Members of the audience will be given an opportunity to own the poster, Walters said.

Tickets for *An Evening with the Magic of Joan Raeside* are priced at \$5. They are available at *et cetera*, and will also be on sale each Saturday at the Farmers' Market in Centennial Park.

On consecutive Fridays

Off-island student artists slate displays of 'classroom' works

Two groups of student artists visiting Salt Spring Island will stage public displays of their works in the next 10 days.

The students are people of all ages enrolled in the annual summer learning program sponsored by the Salt Spring Island branch of the Federation of Canadian Artists. Each group numbers about 85 people and spends one week on the island to paint and attend seminars and workshops.

The first group of students arrived last Saturday and will leave this Saturday, the day the second group lands on Salt Spring for its one-week stay. Paintings produced by the visitors can be viewed at two showings: one this Friday, June 24, and the other on the following Friday, July 1. Both shows are in the Catholic Church Hall in Ganges, from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Following the showings, the groups attend an evening banquet at the Harbour House Hotel.

Bob Rennie, a West Vancouver painter who has been co-ordinating the nine-year-old program for the past six years, noted

that this year's crop of students includes visitors from as far away as Australia and well-known teachers from several points in the U.S.

Students are exposed to several styles of painting, from portraits to landscapes, and work in mediums ranging from oils and watercolours to acrylics.

Teachers this year include Alan Wylie from White Rock, Richard Nelson from Hawaii, Jack Reid from Ontario, Linda Doll from San Diego, Carol Orr from Washington State, Judi Betts from Louisiana, Christopher Schink from California, and Mike Svob and Kiff Holland from Vancouver.

"This program has world-wide appeal," Rennie said.

The co-ordinator also noted that the program has expanded this year to offer five classes a week, up one from the four provided in 1987.

Rennie, who will retire as program co-ordinator after the current sessions to devote more time to his painting, said one thing missing this year is the

presence of islander Allan Edwards, who is in hospital in Victoria. Edwards, who helped launch the program and who has been a supportive force ever since, "will be missed this year, just as we know he misses not being here," Rennie said.

The co-ordinator said the program appreciates the hospitality and support it has received from islanders over the years. The property owners who allow students onto their land to paint and the four resorts which host the students were singled out for special thanks.



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Acoustic emphasis expected from festival's opening act

An evening of mainly acoustic music from an artist better known for his more electric sounds will open this year's Salt Spring Island *Summer Festival of the Arts*.

Al Stewart, who burst onto the North American music scene in 1974 with the release of his *Past, Present and Future* album, will team with guitarist Peter White on Saturday, July 2, at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

Tickets for the concert, which begins at 8:30 pm, are priced at \$10 and available at *et cetera*. Advance tickets will be available at a booth in the Farmers' Market in Centennial Park on June 25.

Stewart, whose *Year of the Cat* and *Time passages* albums earned platinum and gold status in the late 1970s, is releasing a new LP (his 12th) this August and will soon embark on a promotional tour with his four-member band. For his visit to Salt Spring, however, the Glasgow-born musician will be accompanied only by the aforementioned White, a member of the larger ensemble.

Raised in the south of England, Stewart began his musical career as a teenager, performing in British rhythm and blues bands before beginning to write folk tunes. Turning to history as an inspiration, he later used the prophecies of 16th Century seer Nostradamus as the basis for his *Past, Present and Future* concept album. That LP featured his first hit, the haunting *Roads to Moscow*.

His interest in history has prompted Stewart to write songs about Turks sacking Constantinople, the occupants of the Palace of Versailles, Warren Harding and Sir Thomas More, and farming bears in Birnam Wood during the reign of King Macbeth. Stewart is not a one-topic artist, however: he also writes and sings about the Basque separatist movement, modern culture and immi-



Al Stewart

gration.

Following *Past, Present and Future* and the LP *Modern Times*, Stewart returned to the top of the charts in 1976 with *Year of the Cat*, which produced the top-five single of the same name, and followed that success with 1978's *Time Passages*.

For the past several years, Stewart has toured extensively in Europe and North America, building a strong following with live performances that have earned high praise from critics.

Said the Calgary *Sun* after a recent visit to the prairie city by Stewart: "One element of his

career that has remained constant is his ability to generate intensely emotional live performances."

The *Sun* also noted that while Stewart's career has seen him shift from solo folk singer to folk-rocker and then to mainstream-pop balladeer, "he now seems to be returning to the articulate, pop-influenced material that characterized his most successful period."

Stewart is adept on acoustic six-string guitar and lead and harmony vocals, while White plays grand piano, synthesizers, lead acoustic and electric six- and 12-string guitars, and accordion.

Month-long schedule of attractions covers full range of performing arts

Although this year's *Summer Festival of the Arts* officially kicks off July 2 with a performance by Al Stewart (see story above), a preview is scheduled for the preceding evening.

On July 1 at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School, Julio Cabrera and Brazil will take to the stage to help launch the month-long presentation of performing arts.

Tickets for the July 1 event are priced at \$6 and available at *et cetera*. Advance tickets for all performances will also be sold June 25 at a booth at the Farmers' Market in Centennial Park.

Now in its third year, the festival will close July 31 with a concert by the Rick Scott Band. In between, on a schedule of Wednesday-to-Sunday performances, will be evenings of poetry, comedy and dance, and music ranging from jazz to popular to classical.

Among the artists to be featured are Paul Horn, classical baritone Ian Geller, musical satirist Nancy White, Jamie Sieber and Charlie Murphy and *Rumors of the Big Wave*, poets Robin Skelton and Susan Musgrave, and local musicians Ray Newman and

Friends, and Chris Kodaly. Theatrical productions will include *You Strike the Woman, You Strike the Rock* by the Vusisizwe Players from South Africa.

A special program for children is also featured on this year's festival agenda. Taking place each Sunday night beginning July 3, the program includes: Graham Walker and the Moon Cats (July 3), Paul Hann (July 10), Kaleidoscope Theatre (July 17); and Snake

in the Grass Moving Theatre (July 24).

Show time for all performances is 8:30 pm, except for the program of evenings for children, which begin at 7 pm. Venues are the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School, and Off Centre Stage.

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Choice of water garden plants helps area become focal point

This fickle weather has certainly given us a week of real ups and downs. One day it feels as if a genuine heat wave is about to develop, and the next finds you scrambling for your raingear and longjohns.

For the farmers looking for a few settled dry days to allow the haying to proceed, it's been a nerve-wracking roller coaster ride, but hopefully in the week ahead we'll see more settled warmer, drier weather, and we can start to enjoy our summer in earnest.

For the past three articles we've been talking about water gardens, and we've finally gotten down to some talk about plants for your pool and surrounding area.

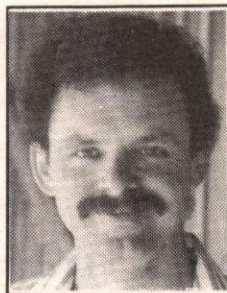
Last time we left off at hardy water lilies, and I'd failed to mention that many of them are fragrant and bloom almost continuously from early June right on through to the end of September, provided they have sunshine and ample soil fertility. Their colours range from white and cream, through yellow and pink, up to the vibrant reds, two-toned and exotic 'sunset' lilies which change their bloom colours on each successive day they open.

For other plants with both floating and emergent foliage, and large, gorgeous blooms, you can always try the exotic lotus. While the unique lotus is hardy, getting it started is quite difficult.

There is another group of water plants which are roughly lumped together as emergents — that is, their stems, leaves and blooms rise above the water level. These are valuable in the general design of the water garden, for they add in the vertical element, extend the blooming season, generate pleasing reflections which brighten up the water's surface, fill in the shadows and, when the wind blows, they add motion to the scene.

For this region there are a few good choices, starting with the April-blooming yellow water iris (*Iris pseudoacorus*), and the later blue water iris. While the yellow iris is a strong grower and will ultimately reach five or more feet in height, the blue is more reserved, stays in a tight clump and grows to only three feet or so in height.

your garden



by **chris schmah**

In late spring *Sagittaria sinensis* shows its delicate papery, pure white, small blossoms, set against the backdrop of elongated bright green leaves. The white blooms on the later-flowering arrowhead are similar in form, but larger. The arrowhead leaves are four or more inches long on stems of two feet or more in height, and the starchy tubers multiply rapidly to create large clumps.

Another summer bloomer is the pink flowering rush, with its long narrow leaves rising four feet or more out of the water, and bearing numerous small pink blooms that are borne in a ball-shaped head, atop long slender stems. While this rush is a real beauty, its relatives, the common rushes which grow wild in local freshwater ponds and lakes, present a nice form, but nondescript flowers. The same sort of assessment goes for the native cattail (*Typha latifolia*) but if your pool is of large enough scale it may happily accommodate both groups of plants.

For marginal plants which like to grow in soil that is sometimes underwater, or is moist for most of the year, there are plenty of good choices. More irises, such as Japanese and Siberian types, are ideal, having clean-looking clumps of grassy foliage and stunningly beautiful blossoms which are available in a range of colours.

For very early spring shows, the marsh marigolds are great, with their rich yellow and golden flowers displayed against the bright green leaves. Many species

of Primulas are at home in the boggy soils around the pool margins, as are Astilbe, Lobelia cardinalis (tall plant with crimson red flowers), forget-me-nots (*myosotis*), creeping Jenny (*Lyssimachia nummularia*), watercress — and who could forget the biggest one of all, the giant elephant's ear with its six foot diameter leaves: *Gunnera manicata*. This one definitely needs a large pool and plenty of space to look good, but once it has found its niche in your garden, no question, it will be a conversation piece.

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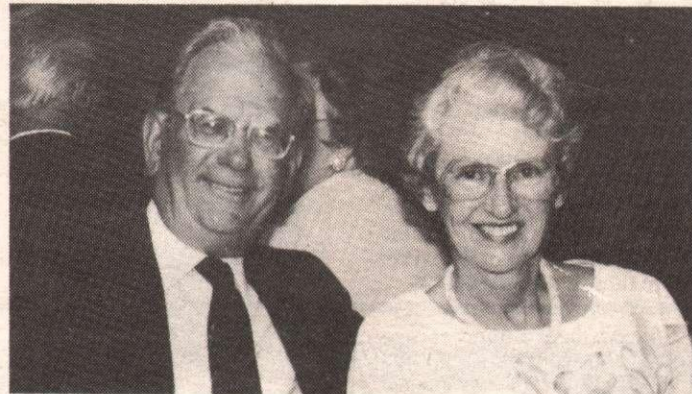


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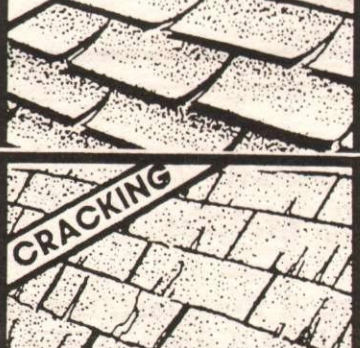
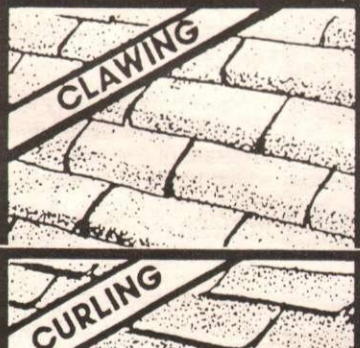
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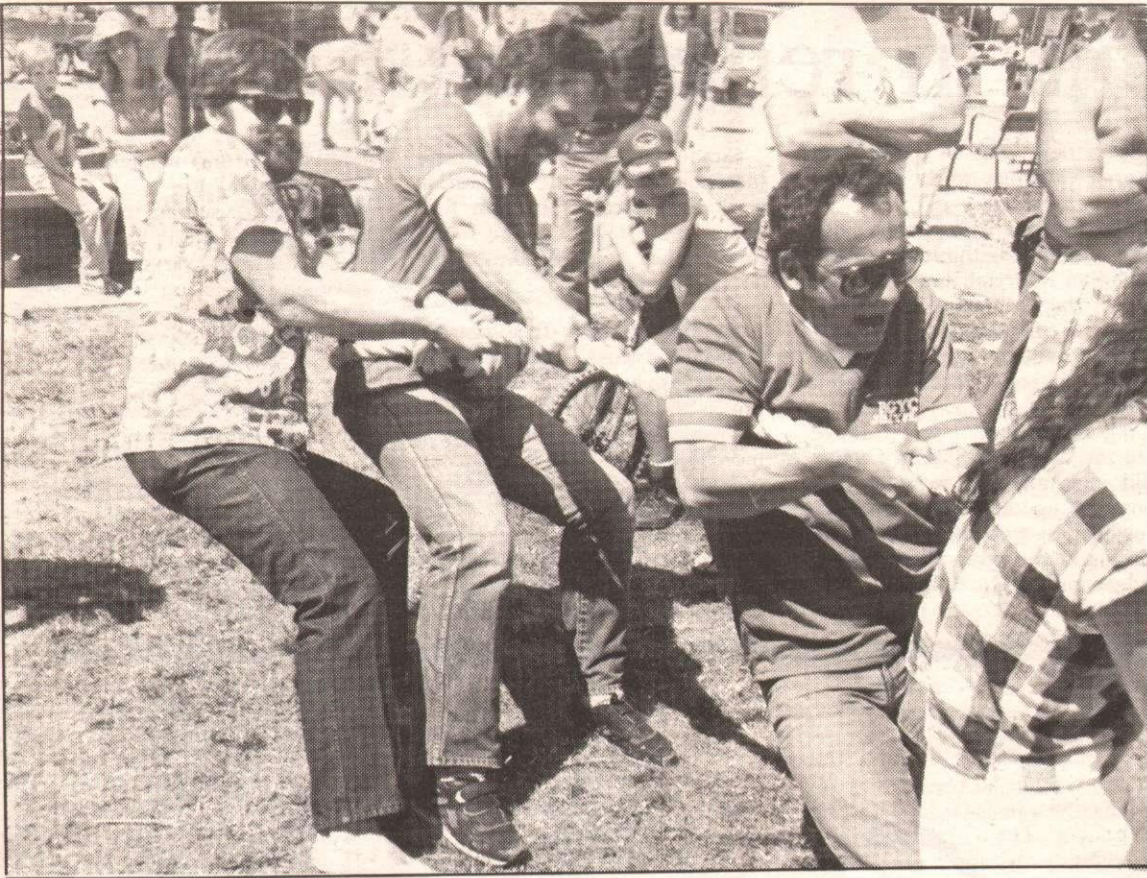
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Rob Portingale (left), Paul Isserlis and Gord Singbeil anchored the end of the Jellyfish tug-of-war team that hauled its way to victory in the mixed category of Saturday tug-of-war competitions held in Centennial Park in conjunction with Sea Capers. More results, Page A10.

Meeting scheduled

'Seniors for Seniors' network aims to offer data bank service

Seniors for Seniors, a private group made up mainly of senior citizens, has been trying for several years to establish a Salt Spring Island network to provide other seniors with information about little-known services available to them.

These services are provided on the island by governments, professionals, volunteers and commercial interests — but few seniors are unaware of them.

Now, a new influx of volunteers this spring has made it possible to begin compiling an inventory of the services available.

The information could cover situations like providing seniors with a list of contractors who specialty is renovations and who are willing to provide free estimates, or identifying physicians who are accepting new patients and are willing to make house

calls, or linking seniors with local support groups.

The information-gathering group, which holds its annual general meeting at Croftonbrook in Ganges on June 22 (at 2 pm), is issuing an appeal to the community to give it information on any and all available services that might be of interest to seniors.

The data collected will be used to set up a bank of information specifically related to seniors, their situations, their needs and their desires. Information might focus on body care, relaxed hiking, pensions, health care and support groups while leaving out data about day care centres or soccer groups.

All of the work on the project to date has been done by volunteers, without financial support. Organizers anticipate that, for the time being, dispensing of information

will be done through the Community Centre.

In time, it is hoped that the group will have a place of its own and a part-time, paid counsellor who can assist and co-ordinate the volunteers taking part in the program. A request for funding has been made to the provincial government.

Organizers are also hoping to prepare and distribute a brochure providing Salt Spring's seniors with an overview of the more relevant categories of services available to them.

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Action promised on parking lot use

The issue of abuse of parking spaces in the Centennial Park parking lot was raised again at last week's Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The instances of Gasoline Alley tenants parking their vehicles in spaces designated for park use has not changed, the commission was told.

"There are still a number of tenants who are not co-operating with (the commission)," commission chairman Phil Hume said.

The commission has received numerous complaints regarding the lack of parking available for park users on the lot between Centennial Park and Gasoline Alley. The spaces on the park side of the shared lot are public property and under the commission's jurisdiction.

At least one Gasoline Alley tenant has denied the issue has anything to do with them.

The commission passed a motion two weeks ago to amend a bylaw which governs use of the parking lot and allow distribution

of parking penalties for abuses of the bylaw.

Discussion at Monday's meeting focused on types of restrictions available to the commission.

In the meantime, *Park Use Only* signs have been painted on the spaces. The commission also intends to post signs which can be seen from car windows.

In the event co-operation is still not achieved, the commission will "consider all options" — including fencing off its portion of the lot.

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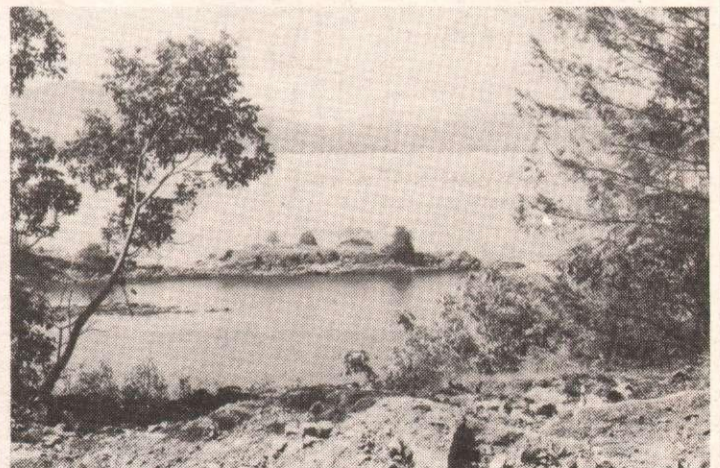
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Sharon Crouse

Store opens in renovated home

A freshly-renovated older house in downtown Ganges is the new home of *Sharon's*, formerly known as *Mark's Linens*.

The shop moved June 1 to the building beside the Ship's Anchor Inn, vacating its former premises in the basement section of Mouat's Mall. Before that, the three-year-old business owned by Sharon and Russ Crouse had been housed at the Home Design Centre.

The store's new location is an 80-year-old house owned by Rita Dodds which recently underwent extensive renovations — including new concrete footings and the raising of one corner of the floor,

plus a new coat of paint and interior finishing work, and new steps and railings.

When it was first constructed, the building was the home of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, then served as the dwelling for the bank manager. It was later owned by a Mrs. Wagg before being purchased by Dodds.

When she made plans to move into the building, Sharon Crouse said she intended to retain its room arrangements and finishes. However, it was later decided to eliminate the individual rooms and completely refurbish the interior.

(Some parts of the house were incorporated into the renovation work: brick from the main fireplace in the former living room, for instance, now decorates the outside front.)

By opening up the interior, Sharon and Russ Crouse realized an increase in floor space amounting to about 3.5 times what they enjoyed previously. The enlarged merchandising area has permitted an expansion of the store's product line, which now includes crafts and gifts and wicker and rattan furniture, along with the linens that used to be the firm's main offering before it evolved its

emphasis from wholesaling to domestic retailing.

"We were selling those items before, but we didn't have enough space to display everything, like we have now," Sharon Crouse said. The change in the name of the business also reflects the expanded product line, she added.

The proprietors of *Sharon's* are pleased with their new home, since it fronts on the main road through Ganges and invites steady walk-in traffic. The site, which was recently rezoned from residential to commercial, also offers ample parking at the rear of the property.

Sharon's

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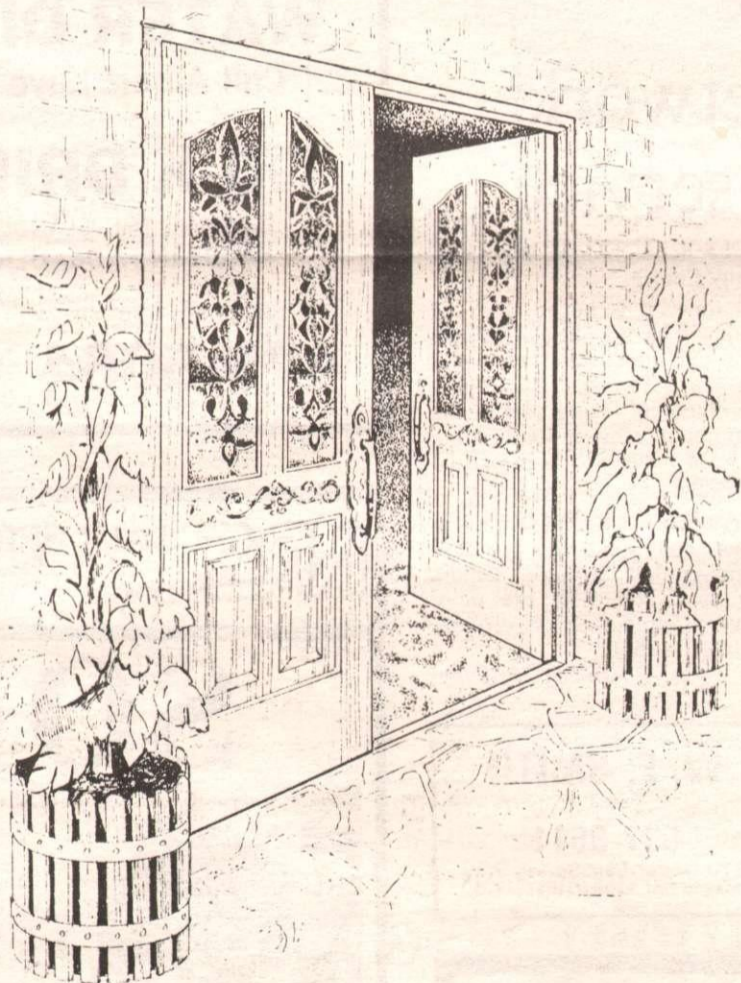
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MacMillan-Bloedel engineers Gordon Eason, left, and Dennis Bendickson beside 'Carmanah Giant.'

World's tallest spruce tree found on Vancouver Island

MacMillan-Bloedel is discussing with government agencies the possible preservation of a site surrounding a giant spruce located on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The tree, which foresters measured as 310 feet tall, is believed to be the tallest standing Sitka spruce on record. It is located near the West Coast Trail, in a stand of spruce and other species in the lower reaches of Carmanah Creek.

The forest company said last week it is talking to government agencies to see if the area around the tree can be declared a

reserve, and about developing a path that will encourage visitors to hike into the area from the West Coast Trail.

MacMillan-Bloedel had been constructing roads in the Carmanah drainage area, but halted work earlier this month to assess claims that the stands of spruce there were unique. The assessment is continuing, and logging plans have been shelved pending the results.

The forest company could not say when the review would be complete, but noted it is already evident that the "Carmanah Giant" deserves special consideration.

Trees feel effects of earlier drought

Pockets of immature fir and cedar trees are dying off in the southern Gulf Islands and lower Vancouver Island.

The dying trees — marked by needles turning red or the shedding of all green needles, beginning at the crown and working down to the base — are suffering the effects of drought conditions over the past three summers, according to a June report from the Canadian Forestry Service.

The report notes that drought conditions weakened the trees, leaving them susceptible to secondary bark beetle attacks.

The affected trees are Grand firs and Western red cedars, which are vulnerable to any sudden climactic change to drier conditions. The more drought-tolerant species — i.e., Douglas fir, arbutus and Garry oak — remain unaffected, as were well-established and mature Grand firs and Western red cedars.

Cathy Cook, a forestry technician with Canadian Pacific Forestry Products in Victoria and a Salt Spring Island landowner, told *Driftwood* the impact of past drought conditions on the affected trees has peaked. Trees which are still healthy should remain so, provided groundwater supplies refreshed by this year's heavier spring rains remain ample.

"Now that the water table is back up, we shouldn't lose any more," she said. "What's gone by now is about it, unless we have another drought."

Cook explained that the effects of past drought conditions did not show up until this year because it takes time for drier conditions to impact the trees. The secondary beetle attacks, she added, did not start until the trees had been weakened by lack of moisture.

"The beetles know when a tree is stressed, and they attack — it's

like survival of the fittest," she said.

Cook also pointed out that when trees become accustomed to a certain water table and conditions change rapidly, they are unable to adjust.

"The water levels hadn't been normal and the trees were used to having more," she said. "The drought pushed them over the edge."

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'Silent majority' decides

Post-graduation celebrations for students only

At the request of the "silent majority" of this year's high school graduating class, unofficial post-graduation festivities will be closed to the general public.

A number of parents who have been helping organize this year's festivities for "what the students want," say it is the first step towards arranging a "safe" post-grad celebration.

Several changes will make this year's event different from the traditional party, which in past years has sometimes turned rowdy.

Observers have noted that most of the problems experienced at the unofficial post-graduation celebrations have evolved from the attendance of under- and over-age non-graduates.

This year, adults attending the event will have a list of invited guests. Because the event will be

held on private property, trespassers will be asked to leave.

A telephone available at the party area will serve two functions: it will provide a communication link in the event of an emergency, and it will be used to request parents to come and collect any young, uninvited guests who turn out.

Other changes will see the access road to the celebration area chained off. Problems have arisen in the past from vehicles parked along the access route. The one recent time when an ambulance had to get through to the party area, for instance, its path was blocked by parked vehicles.

The students will also have transportation from a designated area made available to them.

Speaking on behalf of the parents' group, Mary Ann McColl stressed that it is the silent majority of students who have requested the changes. The Class of '88, she said, is asking the community to respect its wishes, and allow it to celebrate its

graduation with fellow students and friends.

"You don't go to somebody's wedding if you're not invited," McColl noted. "If you care about the grad, go to the ceremony."

Official graduation ceremonies will be held this Saturday, June 25, at 7:30 pm in the gymnasium of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Youth Centre benefit plans to draw teens

Youngsters who are not invited to the unofficial graduation festivities for Gulf Islands Secondary School students will still have the option to celebrate the end of the school year.

Adults are also invited to attend the "Benefit Jam and Strawberry" function, to be held this Saturday, June 25, at 8:30 pm

in the Fulford Hall.

The evening will feature a variety of island musicians participating in jam sessions, as well as regular comedy night performances. The \$6 entry fee for adults (students will be admitted free of charge) will benefit fundraising efforts for a youth centre.

Rosalie Miles, one of the

organizers of the Saturday night event, said the local comedy acts will appeal to everyone. The evening will also feature dancing and a talent contest.

(Miles is still looking for performers — anybody who is interested should contact her at 653-9576.)

While the event provides an alternative to other graduation

festivities, the evening will also put the community one step closer to a Youth Centre.

A bus service — provided voluntarily by Gord Singbeil — will travel throughout the island, picking students up in time for the dance, and then returning them to their homes at the conclusion of the evening.

Stan Roberts second

Reform Party picks candidate to contest Saanich-The Islands

A man with ties to Salt Spring Island lost his bid last weekend to contest the federal Saanich-Gulf Islands riding for the newly-formed Reform Party of Canada.

Stan Roberts, who maintains a home on Deadman Island in Ganges Harbour, lost by 78 votes to 70 to Bob Slavik, a retired military doctor.

Roberts later reportedly blamed his defeat on a letter he wrote to a friend earlier this year which described the majority of the party's leadership as "religious fanatics" and "anti-French."

Roberts could not be reached for further comment.

Earlier this year, Roberts sought the leadership of the Reform Party, but lost to current leader Preston Manning at a founding convention in Winnipeg.

The naming of Slavik as candidate in Saanich-Gulf Islands leaves three parties ready to fight the next federal election in the new riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands, which combines parts of the former Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands and Esquimalt-Saanich ridings.

Tory MP Pat Crofton, the sitting member for Esquimalt-

Saanich, and the NDP's Lynn Hunter have already earned the nod from their parties.

MP Jim Manly (NDP), who currently represents the Gulf Islands, is not seeking re-election.

Sunday's nomination meeting for the Reform Party drew just over 200 people. At a meeting held on the previous weekend in Ganges, the constituency president said the Reform Party had close to 300 members signed up in Saanich-Gulf Islands.

The platform of the Reform

Party includes calls for better representation for western Canada, to be won through installation of an elected Senate and changes to parliamentary procedure that would free MPs from having to vote strictly according to party lines. It says it also opposes the Meech Lake Accord and the planned purchase of nuclear submarines, has condemned current immigration policies as being too lax and Canada's proposed new language laws as being too partial to French Canada, and supports free trade with the U.S.

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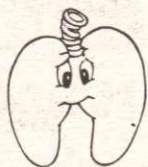
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