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Century mark

William Patterson (left) accepts good wishes from Edward Nicholson of Victoria at reception held Sunday to mark Patterson's 100th birthday. Patterson moved to Salt Spring at the age of five years and operated the general store in Fulford Harbour that bears his name. Story, Page A19.

Inserted

Included in today's edition of *Driftwood* are donor cards and envelopes for the United Way fund-raising campaign on Salt Spring Island.

The inserted material lets recipients choose their payment method: cheque, VISA or Master Card, or automatic bank account withdrawal.

The Salt Spring Island Community Society is a member of the United Way and will receive financial support from the current fund-raising campaign.

Fish plant still operating; inspectors to arrive soon

John Christianson, owner of Salt Spring Island Sea Products, has not shut down his Ganges fish processing plant and said Monday he will remain open until he is formally told to close.

Christianson was ordered last month to install a chlorination system by the federal department of fisheries and oceans after testing of the water used at the plant showed a higher than acceptable level of coliforms.

Failure to comply with the installation order will likely mean a shutdown of the plant, affecting between 15 and 20 employees, Christianson has said.

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Election campaign catches party cold

Saturday's call for a November 21 federal election was made before the Liberal Party could nominate a candidate for the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding.

Other parties in the race, meanwhile, have long had candidates in place and appeared Monday to be ready for the campaign.

Paul McKivett, president of the Liberal party's riding association in Saanich-Gulf Islands, said Monday a nomination meeting has been set for October 11 at Parklands School in Sidney.

Two hopefuls are vying for the

nomination — Katherine Clout, former riding association president in the now-defunct Cowichan-Malahat-Islands riding, and Elmer Wiens, the current membership chairman of the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding association.

McKivett said there is a chance a third candidate will seek the nomination, but that has not been confirmed to date.

The nomination meeting will begin at 6 pm and be open to the public, but only party members will be allowed to vote.

Saanich-Gulf Islands is a new

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Paper best in B.C.

Driftwood was named best newspaper in its circulation class at last weekend's annual convention of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYNA).

The award, handed out for overall excellence, was one of four won this year by the Gulf Islands newspaper. *Driftwood* also took first-place honours for historical writing, colour photograph and spot news photograph.

The historical writing award was handed down for a five-part series published last July and August in connection with the 100th anniversary of the founding of Burgoyne Bay United Church. *Driftwood* is donating the \$100 prize for the writing award to the United Church Women at Burgoyne.

Judge Frank Rutter, editorial page editor of the *Vancouver Sun*,

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Stepaniuk will enter Trust race

John Stepaniuk last week became the first Salt Spring candidate to enter the Islands Trust election campaign.

Stepaniuk, who moved to Salt Spring in 1949, is a former trustee. He was one of Salt Spring's two first-ever trustees when he and Mike Larmour were elected in 1974, shortly after the Trust was created by an Act passed by the provincial government.

Stepaniuk, who retired as the highways ministry's Salt Spring Island roads foreman earlier this year, when the provincial government privatized the region's bridge and road maintenance operations, served one term with the Trust. In 1976, he became roads foreman on Pender and Mayne Islands and, as an off-island resident, declined to seek re-election.

His decision to seek election to the Trust this November was made after he received repeated calls over the past month from islanders urging him to run, Stepaniuk said last week. He

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made the decision, he continued, when he found the callers represented all shades of the political spectrum.

"I had calls from a real cross-section of the population," he said. "There were ordinary folks, Chamber of Commerce members, environmentalists, the recreation commission . . ."

Stepaniuk said the broad base of apparent support convinced him he could serve the community in a constructive way — almost like a mediator who could bring all sides of a debate together.

"I don't know how much I can contribute, but I'll try to give it a good effort," he said.

Salt Spring voters will elect two trustees this November. Incumbent Pat Byrne has decided against seeking re-election, while fellow trustee and Trust chairman Nick Gilbert is expected to seek another term.

Stepaniuk noted he has watched Salt Spring grow from virtual "horse-and-buggy" days to the modern, semi-urban community it is today. While the present rate and state of development are alarming to some, he continued, he believes the island is still essentially rural and can maintain that attribute through "gracious, sensible development."

Towards that end, the former roads foreman said he believes Salt Spring must acquire increased planning expertise and services, and take a co-ordinated approach towards meeting its needs.

"In general, the island is showing signs of moving in two or three different directions right now," he said. While he expects some friction over issues like the possible incorporation of Ganges and commercial development in general, Stepaniuk said he hopes to be able to defuse any "volatile" approaches to those issues.

Stepaniuk also believes a co-ordinated approach can deal with Salt Spring's housing, industrial

site and home occupation pressures and needs, and with jurisdictional overlaps with outside agencies like the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the provincial government.

In the years leading up to formation of the Trust, Stepaniuk was involved with the Community Planning Association and with drafting of the island's first subdivision bylaws and community plan. Those projects, he noted, introduced concepts like the density averaging principles that are again being discussed on Salt Spring. "We talked about them then, so it's really nothing new, but now, with the increase in population and interest in land use, it's more acute."

Stepaniuk, a former vice-president of the local Royal Canadian Legion branch and a Lions Club member, operates a farm in the Cranberry area. He and his wife, Mary, have five sons.



John Stepaniuk

Newspaper collects awards in province-wide competition

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cited the series for the amount of obvious hard work it entailed, and because it was "a virtual social history of the island."

The two photography awards were won by *Driftwood* editor Duncan MacDonnell. The colour shot was of island resident Derrick Lundy relaxing in a boat floating among lily pads, while the spot news photograph was from a St. George's Anglican Church ceremony held to bless animals.

The overall excellence award was based on the newspaper's performance in eight categories, from general impression to typography to news of the community. *Driftwood* took first place in its circulation class, ahead of the *Yukon News* in Whitehorse, and the *Whistler Question*. Last year, the newspaper finished second in the category, which is for tabloid newspapers with a circulation between 3,000 and 7,999 readers.

The judge for the competition said "reading the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* is a pleasure because it did so many things well . . . its weaknesses were few."

DON'T LET WILDFIRES BE



Divers searching for man overboard

Police divers began searching the Active Pass area Monday for the body of a man who they believe may have fallen from the B.C. ferry *Queen of Vancouver* on Saturday evening.

Ganges Detachment RCMP Sergeant Larry Wendel said that divers would be out, but he was not too sure if they would find anything.

"With the whirlpools, strong currents and heavy boat traffic in the area it will be difficult for them," he said. "On top of that, we don't even know for certain if someone did indeed drown."

People camping on Mayne Island reported to police that they heard a man calling for help at about 7:55 pm Saturday. Two coast guard vessels were dispatched to investigate but found nothing.

Later the same evening, when the *Queen of Vancouver* docked in Swartz Bay, ferry workers found an abandoned car.

Sgt. Wendel said police cannot definitely link the two events, but they are going to continue the investigation.

"It could be a coincidence or it could be linked together," he said. "We have not been able to locate the owner of the car. He apparently moved around quite a bit without informing the Motor Vehicle Branch. We do know where he is living but we have had no luck in locating him or his relatives," he said.

Sgt. Wendel said that while witnesses did say they had heard someone calling for help, none could recall seeing the ferry pass by just before that.

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Being remembered

It's always good to be missed. In this age, when those diseases that plague the aging and the aged are constantly debated and so many black jokes centre on remembering one's name, I think I know something worse.

Years ago it was the tale of the man who comes back from an exciting holiday, eager to retail his experiences to the people he works with. They look at him with indifference and explain they didn't even notice he had been away.

Set in today's context, the positions would be reversed. It is the fellow's co-workers would ask him where he had been and his response would be: "I didn't know I'd been away!"

I think I'm that fellow: but thanks for missing me!

Where are we all?

Bill Smith was telling me his own sad tale of mistaken identity. He was playing his music somewhere and he had tentatively arranged with *Driftwood* editor Duncan MacDonnell to take a photograph.

Came the evening and he was chatting with an acquaintance when he saw a man with a camera. The camera was familiar and it was about the time they had suggested, but Duncan was different in some subtle way.

Bill walked up behind him and tapped him on the shoulder.

"It is Duncan, isn't it?" he asked.

A complete stranger turned around.

"No!" he replied, "I think it's Ganges!"

Back to "Blighty"

According to a voice on television from Southampton, in England, the city is "affectionately known as 'Blighty'."

It's a long time. I left Britain in 1948, sailing from Southampton. Previously I had spent some three years in Canada and a year, almost, in France. So I was away for a long time.

I only knew Britain as "Blighty." I am well aware that Southampton is in Britain and, hence, in Blighty.

I never heard it called Blighty affectionately or in disgust or for any other reason.

Things have sure gone to the dogs since I left.

Dry flying

How do you get a float plane off a dry field? Easy! You fly it off! I didn't see this done, but I did watch a movie of the procedure. I won't mention the location because the gimlet eye of the ministry of transport might be dazzled. As we used to say, "No names: no pack-drill!"

The plane was on dry land, sure enough, and it was not the easiest project to haul it to the water and there to get it into the chuck.

The picture was very interesting. The float plane was mounted on a pick-up. Heading into the wind, the motor was running in the plane and the truck started off a level road through the field. There was no apparent hesitation as the speed rose. Quite suddenly truck and plane parted and the plane rose from the ground.

If I hadn't seen the movie myself I wouldn't have believed it possible. Mind you, a dozen other people may well have done it!

Riding election campaign launched without Liberal

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riding, grafted from portions of the Cowichan-Malahat-Islands seat held by Jim Manly (NDP) and the Esquimalt-Saanich seat held by Pat Crofton (PC).

Crofton, seeking election this time in Saanich-Gulf Islands, will be joined in the race by Lynn Hunter of the NDP, Bob Slavic of the Reform Party, and the Liberal nominee.

Crofton won his seat in 1984 with a majority of 7,500 votes. His campaign office said Monday the Tory hopeful expects to open a constituency office in Ganges this week.

Claire Nutting, a local campaign co-ordinator for Crofton, said that while an itinerary has not yet been drafted, he expects Crofton will be campaigning on the Gulf Islands several times.

Hunter, a Prospect Lake resident, is entering her first federal campaign for election. Although the seat is a new one, it includes portions of Cowichan-Malahat-Islands — long an NDP stronghold.

While on Salt Spring recently, Hunter indicated her campaign will focus on environmental issues, which the national media has since said should rank with the free trade agreement as the most dominant factor issue in the current campaign.

Hunter is the Vancouver Island co-ordinator for OXFAM, the world relief organization.

The newest party to throw its hat into the political ring is the Reform Party of Canada, formed



Lynn Hunter



Pat Crofton

last November at a convention in Winnipeg. Its local standard-bearer is Slavic, a Canadian Armed Forces colonel now living in Saanich.

Slavic held the post of senior medical officer before taking early retirement a couple of years ago. While his campaign planning is not completed as of yet, he will be speaking on Mayne Island on October 15 and Galiano Island on October 21.

According to the Salt Spring Island director for the Reform Party, Sabara Humes, some of the reforms her party would put into place if elected would be a reformed, elected Senate, with equal representation from all of the provinces, tougher immigration laws and the use of referendums on special occasions.

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The *Annie Tuck*, a 65-foot vessel owned by Raymond and Pam Vallee, sailed out of Ganges Harbour and headed north to its new home at Maurelle Island, near Bute Inlet.

The ship, built in 1919, has been on Salt Spring for the past 20 years.

Fish plant continues to operate

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John Pynn of the federal fisheries inspection branch in Victoria, which issued the chlorination order, said Monday that inspectors will be back at the plant sometime this week.

"If we find a problem with the water we will take appropriate action," he said.

Christianson resists complying with the chlorination order because he believes responsibility for water quality rests with the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, which pipes the water to his plant from Maxwell Lake.

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Inform first, emote later

The federal election campaign is only a few days old, but already it is unfolding according to expectations: the free trade issue is front and centre in the debate, and will decide who next leads Canada's national government.

But while free trade is being mentioned, its potential ramifications are being couched in vague phrases aimed more at stirring our emotions than at setting out the scope of the choices open to Canadians.

Perhaps this indicates a warm-up phase; an early assessment of the public relations pitfalls before the party leaders decide on the perfect tone and approach to take with the masses.

We hope that's all it is. Just as the voters must decide the merits of the free trade agreement on practical grounds, and not according to pure nationalistic fervour, the party leaders must inform before they inspire.

Polls show few Canadians understand the context, ingredients or implications of free trade; that means the potential for emotional exploitation is high. If the party leaders can resist the temptation to harangue, the debate will be fair and produce a fair result. If not, we cannot know what we're really buying.



Fine starting point for tourism strategy debate

Perhaps the wisest observation on tourism made at the recent Trust Council meeting on Gambier Island was the assessment of North Pender's Peter Campbell, who noted that the industry cannot be criticized on the one hand for

bringing pressures to the islands, and used on the other to justify more stringent controls over activities, like logging, that might deter visitors. His point is that tourism is not an "either-or" issue;

the sooner its proper place in the scheme of local policies is determined, the better the related concerns can be brought into balance. The Trust is unlikely to find a better starting point for its discussions of tourism.

At least one American may follow federal campaign

We were gathered in a conference room in a Vancouver hotel. The speaker, the graphics editor of a large daily newspaper in southern California, was taking scribes from B.C.'s community newspapers through a series of exercises designed to help us sharpen the look of our products.

my word

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by duncan macdonnell



One exercise saw our speaker outline the gist of a story, identify the related graphic components available to the editor, then wait for us to suggest the best way to achieve a creative presentation.

One scenario involved a new coach for a high school football team, we were told. The coach is from out-of-town, our speaker explained, and the only graphic you have to work with is a head-and-shoulders photograph of the candidate. What would you do?

Suggestions ranged from show-

ing the photograph taped to a change room locker in the school, to photographing the entire football team with someone seated in front, with a paper bag over his head. All well and good, our speaker said before introducing the real-life way the problem was handled.

A slide was flashed of the front page of the *Focus* section in each Saturday's *Globe and Mail*. The head-and-shoulders photograph was shown lying on a surface, with one corner curled up.

Underneath was the headline, *Can he win?* Our speaker described it as an original, effective presentation we could all learn from.

Then the whispers started in the audience. People stood up or leaned forward, straining to identify the face in the photograph. Alice Richards, seated beside me, said the football coach looked suspiciously like a well-known politician. I looked again. Sure enough, the photograph was of John Turner.

The catcalls began, all in the

vein of a high school football coaching position being the most appropriate occupation for John Turner — one he was sure to find himself in shortly. Our speaker was, of course, most embarrassed and quick to apologize for the slight on the national leader of the Liberal party. How was he to know?

Several thoughts struck me. The first was that high school football must be big news south of the border (which it is) if the graphics editor of a large daily newspaper, in a large metropolitan area, thinks the Canadian equivalent merits full-blown coverage in this country's national newspaper. Shudders.

A second thought was that John Turner is headed for a rough ride in the pending federal election if he and his campaign chances are so lightly regarded by the press people present in the

room. Journalists are cynical by nature, but before you dismiss the importance of that fact, think of how much influence their colouring of people and events has on the shaping of public attitudes.

I also thought of the time it took us in the room to fix the identity of the man in the photograph but let it pass, not wishing to dwell too much on the reflexes and reaction time of journalists in general.

And the next day, when the call for a federal election was made, I thought of something else. When the campaign concludes at the ballot box on November 21, there will be at least one editor of one large American daily who will recognize John Turner's name. In a small way, John Turner has contributed to enhancing the limited knowledge of Canada held by our neighbours to the south.

Leadership

Sir,
Vague misgivings of years came to a head this year, but too late to be voiced before the Terry Fox run arrangements were complete.
When Terry Fox was alive, he told the press he was a believing and practicing Christian who could not accomplish what he was accomplishing but for the strength he derived from his faith in Jesus Christ.

Since his death, year after year, all across Canada, the Terry Fox run has been organized in his honour to raise money for cancer research. Always on a Sunday and always at a time which conflicts with most church services.

Since you cannot honour a Christian by making a mockery of his faith, or even ignoring it, it follows that, though money has been raised in his name, it has done little for his memory.

It is unimportant that many participants are agnostic; Fox was not.

Churches have failed to protest, and run organizers have failed to ask whether the churches have a position on charitable works as a substitute for worship.

I appeal to *Driftwood*, if it intends to continue to organize this event, to consult with the churches. I appeal to the ministerial association of Salt Spring Island to have a consensus opinion which they can communicate to *Driftwood*, so that the memory of Terry Fox, a Christian, be no longer celebrated as no more than a pagan fundraising exercise.

Compromises which occur to me include:

- Changing the time of Church Services to accommodate the run.
- Changing the starting time of the run to accommodate the churches.
- Holding the run on a Saturday.
- Arranging for some type of brief ecumenical Christian send off to the runners.

Salt Spring Island has the opportunity to lead Canada in showing how Terry Fox should be honoured.

RONALD HOLCROFT,
Ganges.

Support

Sir,
We have now finished our fourth summer in the market supporting the Chilean arpilleristas. The continuing success of this project is due to so many islanders (and visitors) who are inspired to help us communicate the message of these courageous women.

A very special thank you to Sooz Sewing for the striking window display and to Mobile Market, Weston Lake Bed and Breakfast and Hillside Bed and Breakfast for hanging arpilleras and offering information to visitors.

When you start to think Christmas, remember our *Gifts of Peace*. The 1989 arpilleras calendars are already here and new this year are delightful Christmas cards. We also have clothing and crafts from Central American co-operative workshops.

Look for us at the Community Centre and Beaver Pt. Craft Faires, as well as the Peace Festival, or call 537-2346 or 537-9804 any time.

WILLO STEVENSON,
Voice of Women,
Ganges.

Invitation

Sir,
On October 7, from 1 to 3 pm. the Grade Sevens of Fulford School, and their Grades Two and Three buddies, are sponsoring a recycling fair. There will be

letters

different items made by the students from recycled items. We would like to invite interested community members to come.
ANDREW WALDE,
Grade Seven,
Fulford School.

Considered

Sir,
Early this summer, Virginia Newman sent an open letter to *Driftwood*. She expressed concern about the proliferation of plastic packaging and for the limited use of china and metal cutlery in the cafeteria of our Lower Mainland-Gulf Islands vessel.

Special consideration is given to the ordering of paper and disposable cups. We follow strict specific criteria in our specifications that prohibit the use of chlorofluorocarbons, which alter the ozone layer.

We share the concern about our environment.

BILL BOUCHARD,
B.C. Ferry Corporation,
Victoria.

Solution

Sir,
Bravos to Eric Booth for taking the personal initiative of thoroughly investigating the drinking-water problem and suggesting a solution.

His proposal that the community join together to purchase a chlorination system for the fish plant cuts through bureaucratic red-tape; prevents financial losses for a small business and its employees; saves our water from chlorination; and gives us all the opportunity to participate in solving our own problems.

Let's hope such creative thinking is contagious and that more and more of us will be dreaming up such simple and elegant solutions to other community problems as they arise.

P.S. I've made my contribution to Credit Union Account #9777-4; have you made yours yet?
MEG ARTEAGA,
Ganges.

Letdown

Sir,
I would like to compliment *Driftwood* on the excellent coverage they gave in the September issue to the annual Fall Fair — two pictures.

It must be gratifying to the numerous volunteers who spend so much of their time in organizing, staging and cleaning up this entertainment to know that their efforts are so newsworthy.

I am sure the 4,000 to 6,000 persons who attend or participate, plus many

more who cannot or do not attend, would not share your opinion about the news interest of this community, fun-filled event.
MURRAY POYNTZ,
Ganges.

Disappointed

Sir,
As I was unable to attend the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair this year, I was quite disappointed with the coverage given by *Driftwood*, both before and after the event.

When dozens of exhibitors work hard and long to prepare or grow their fine displays, when the business community supports and cherishes with generous prize money and hearty support, surely it should have greater and quicker coverage.
C. W. FARRELL,
Ganges.

Bother

Sir,
Regarding the letter complaining about drivers signalling incorrectly when turning into the GVM parking lot: at least they made the effort. There are too many island drivers who simply can't be bothered signalling at all.
DAN EVANISHEN,
Ganges.

Alternative

Sir,
I would like to support wholeheartedly Eric Booth's fight against chlorinating Lake Maxwell water at its source (*Driftwood*, September 28). My support is based on two main concerns.

• Health concerns — The CRD medical health officer has confirmed that Maxwell Lake water as supplied by North Salt Spring Water District meets health standards for potable water. On the other side, scientific evidence exists that chlorination of domestic drinking water can increase the incidence of intestinal cancer. This increase may be small,

but is any increase justified to remedy a non-existent problem?

I agree that purification procedures (possibly including chlorination) may be needed to protect potable water quality where unquestioned threats to public health exist, but in the case of Maxwell Lake, I think the risks far exceed any possible benefits. The old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" may be poor grammar but it seems very appropriate in this case.

• Financial concerns — A preliminary estimate of \$25,000 to install the chlorinating equipment at Lake Maxwell is probably on the low side. This money would have to be borrowed by NSSWD at perhaps 12 per cent and paid off by all their customers through an increase in water bills. That is just the capital cost. The equipment would require frequent inspection and servicing, in all likelihood necessitating the hiring of additional help by NSSWD and purchasing another vehicle to transport him/her to the lake. A minimum of \$25,000 per year for these operational costs will also have to be added to water bills.

May I therefore urge everyone who does not feel justified in increasing the hazard to health posed by chlorination, and who

objects to paying higher costs for poorer quality water, to sign Mr. Booth's petition. You can find one at several places in Ganges, including et cetera, Embe Bakery, The Mobile Market and Salt Spring Natureworks health food store.

I have put my money where my mouth is and contributed to the fund to help Mr. Christianson install chlorination equipment at the fish plant. I would have preferred the money to go to increased protection of the Maxwell Lake watershed, but that is a long-range problem and the fund addresses a more immediate one. I suspect there may be better ways for him to meet the Fisheries standards at the plant without inflicting chlorinated water on all Maxwell Lake users, but that is another problem.

DONALD STORR,
Ganges.

Prevention

Sir,
I think Eric Booth's recent letter concerning the possible chlorination of water from Maxwell Lake is a thoughtful addition to the present discussion about Salt Spring Island Sea Products' problem.

Needless to say, I am in full agreement with Mr. Booth's position. However, I would not go so far as to assist Mr. Christianson

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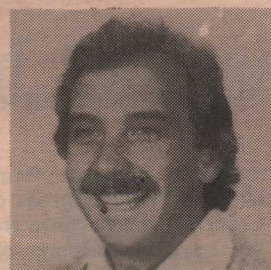
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VICTORIA — The B.C. Wildlife Federation is usually not known for its militancy, but right now the organization is preparing for an all-out war with the provincial government.

What has the federation up in arms is a proposal by private interests to establish an elk game farm on Vancouver Island and indications that the government may approve the request.

The federation fears that farming elk will at best diminish the intrinsic value of one of B.C.'s most magnificent wildlife species, but at worst could wipe out the province's entire stock of wild elk.

So far, the government is playing down the issue. Agriculture Minister John Savage told me he had "talked to some people about it," but had not yet seen any definite plans. He would not say who made the application to harvest elk on a commercial basis.

"You need a plan. Until I see the actual documents of a plan, I won't do anything," Savage said.

But Charlie Cornfield, executive director of the B.C. Wildlife Federation, says a detailed proposal to establish an elk game farm on Vancouver Island has already been submitted to Savage's ministry.

Cornfield also says that Terry Huberts, the so-called minister of state for Vancouver Island and the North Coast, has given the plan his blessing. Unfortunately, Huberts has been avoiding the media like the plague lately and couldn't be reached for comment.

Gearing up to raise hell

Now, if you're familiar with your game farming legislation, you may say that elk farming is against the law in this province. So it is. According to existing legislation, no indigenous species must be commercially harvested. Only three types of animals can be found on game farms — bison, fallow deer and reindeer. None of these are indigenous to British Columbia.

To get around this obstacle, the applicants propose to import elk breeding stock from Oregon. After all, if they're from Oregon, they're not indigenous. But even that would not be allowed under current legislation. It would require approval by cabinet. And so far, according to Savage, cabinet has not yet been asked to give its approval.

The B.C. Wildlife Federation says it has no intentions of waiting quietly for cabinet to deal with the matter. It is gearing up to raise hell now.

"We've been sitting on the government's game farming advisory committee. We've been very rational and co-operative, but this plan scares the hell out of us," says Cornfield.

And well it should, considering the environmental disaster the government would court by allowing the harvesting of elk on a commercial basis, even elk from Oregon.

The danger is that commercially-bred animals are far more susceptible to disease than their wild cousins. If any diseased animal finds its way out of the game farm compound and breeds with a wild animal, there's a potential for complete destruction of the wild stock.

Perhaps Huberts, a veterinarian by profession, could counter that argument, but like I said, he doesn't talk to the media these days.

Legislation expected to follow

Proponents of game farming say the animals are securely corralled and will not break out to breed with their wild cousins, but Cornfield shoots down that argument.

"We have had reports of salmon from Atlantic fish farms showing up here at the west coast. The game farm bison in the north are running around loose, grazing on Crown land. So much for containment," he says.

The government has never left any doubt where it stands on the overall question of game farming. Don Rugg, director of the agriculture ministry's marketing branch, says "from an agricultural standpoint, the minister has always said he would like to see game farming as extensive as possible."

The latest shuffle in cabinet responsibilities reinforces Savage's dedication to the commercial exploitation of wildlife. The responsibility for licensing game farms was recently transferred from the environment ministry to the agriculture ministry. The legislation is soon to follow.

Cornfield says the stakes are high in this issue. The commercial value of one elk, he says, is anywhere from \$4,000 to \$12,000. Most of the value, he adds, is in the antlers.

"And even if there were no danger of disease, once there's a commercial value of that magnitude, we won't be able to keep poachers out of our wild stock."

It seems we are blessed with an administration that knows the price of everything, but the value of nothing.

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financially in equipping his plant with whatever facilities he needs to meet FDFO standards. Surely that is just another element in the cost of doing business and, traditionally, such costs are ultimately borne by the consumer, in any event.

The idea that the Maxwell Lake water system should be "purified" with chlorine, despite the fact that it meets accepted standards for all purposes other than those set for commercial food processing purposes, is clearly ridiculous. Why should the NSSWD "treat" all Maxwell Lake water until such time as its quality drops below accepted health standards for potable water?

I also fully agree that we should ensure that Maxwell Lake is protected from pollution from all sources. I suppose it is only a matter of time, given the grim realities of over-population, watershed neglect, and mounting man-created waste, that Maxwell Lake, also, will succumb, but I would prefer to remain hopeful that the air we breathe and the water we drink will return to their pristine state through watchful, intelligent, management. Surely we must soon learn that prevention is better than treatment.

LOWELL HICKS,
Ganges.

Gradual loss

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society is opposed to the chlorination of the Maxwell Lake water supply.

Chlorination represents a fundamental change in philosophy toward Maxwell Lake, namely treatment of the water instead of protecting the lake at its source. The inevitable result of reliance on treatment will be a gradual loss of protection of the Maxwell Lake watershed, and consequent degradation of its water quality.

Treatment of drinking water is not simple. Very often filtration is required to make chlorination effective, adding greatly to the cost of treatment. In addition health authorities may recommend high levels of chlorination to maintain residual chlorine to the ends of the distribution system.

There are health concerns as well from chlorinating water rich in organic matter. Epidemiological studies in the U.S. and Canada have shown increased gastrointestinal cancer caused by trihalomethanes, a by-product of chlorination.

Maxwell Lake is our island's only large source of good quality potable water. It is used by many islanders as their source of drinking water. With chlorination,

not only will this excellent water lose much of its aesthetics, it will cost more.

The Water Preservation Society suggests there is an alternative to water treatment. First of all, we should press the provincial government to help us acquire the balance of this small but prime watershed. An acquisition of 110 acres, from one land owner, would sew it up for posterity. The Society has tried but cannot do it alone. Help will be needed from every segment of our island population — the North Salt Spring Water District, the businesses in the community, and the general population.

Secondly, in the meantime, the North Salt Spring Water District should consider measures to reduce the occasional incidence of coliform bacteria such as: enlarging the fenced area around the intake at Maxwell Lake, thereby excluding wild or domestic animals that may wander through the area; extending the intake away from shore and into deeper water; and more frequent flushing of mains.

One does not have to travel far from our island to realize how fortunate we are to have such a valuable source of good drinking water in Maxwell Lake. As our last remaining quality water source, shouldn't we be considering every possible option before deciding on chlorination treatment for Maxwell Lake?

TOM GOSSETT,
President,
Water Preservation Society,
Ganges.

Prize catch

Editor's note: The following is reprinted from the *Arrow Lake News*.

Sir,
After reading your informative article on Coliforms in Kuskanax Creek I was inspired to go out and catch one for myself.

As you know it is very difficult to catch coliforms with a hook and line, so I am particularly proud to report that I got a five and a half pounder.

Coliforms fight like the blazes when you hook into one so I always recommend tying your ankle to a tree so as not to be pulled in.

They're wiley buggers and very particular to how the bait is presented. I tie my own flies and have found that a dry fly with toilet paper hackle is the best.

I do understand that other anglers are having success trolling with Pampers at the creek mouths.

I wasn't sure if my catch was a common coliform or the more rare and prized fecal variety, mentioned in your article, since the

color and markings are very similar. Hank Scown was able to identify it as a prize Fecal, however, and has agreed to stuff and mount it for me. We chose a natural coiled position for mounting and with its yellow eyes and needle sharp teeth I feel it will make an interesting conversation piece on the coffee table.

Again I would like to thank you for your informative article and hope you will continue to print sport fishing information for us angling enthusiasts.
ROB PLASKETT,
Angling Enthusiast.

Thank you

Sir,
I would like via your paper to thank all of those who attended the Fall Fair and donated so generously to the Salt Spring Island Auxiliary to the Victoria branch of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and also those who bought the balloons with imprinted logo. (We sold them all.)

Thanks must also be extended to the Flowers and Wine Shoppe Limited who so generously supplied us with helium when our tank ran out, and last but not least, thanks to Leslie Hall and Mark Wooldridge for their assistance during the two-day Fall Fair.

We should also like to remind our Salt Spring members that 1989 memberships will fall due on January 1, 1989, and to watch for our notice in the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* in January.

DAVID B. WOOLDRIDGE,
M.D.,
President, SSI Auxiliary,
B.C.S.P.C.A.,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
On behalf of the first-year students and faculty of the U.B.C. Landscape Architecture program I would like to thank the residents of Salt Spring for welcoming us to the island for our introductory workshop. During this workshop, from August 28 to September 1, the students explored and experienced the Salt Spring landscape from Ruckle Park to downtown Ganges.

We would like to thank the following people for making the workshop a success: the staff of the Harbour House Hotel, Fire Chief Les Wagg, Norm Mackenzie, Bard and Lynda Brown, Bob Hassell, Gwen Ruckle, the Vesuvius Inn and everyone else who was friendly and helpful.

We hope to return soon.
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Ruckle Farm sheep flock carnage mounts

The traps have been set, the guns are loaded and the waiting game continues on Gwen Ruckle's farm as the CRD animal control officers and local farmers are on the look-out for the large black dog that has been attacking Ruckle's sheep over the past two weeks.

So far, Ruckle has lost 21 sheep to the dog, with another 12 seriously injured.

"This is a nerve-wracking experience, to say the least," Ruckle said. "It doesn't make much sense either, this thing is only attacking my sheep when there are lots on the other farms around here."

Efforts to trap the dog have so far been in vain. Five live traps

Shotguns, traps lie in wait for dog's next attack

have been set by the animal control officers, but the dog has so far managed to avoid them. One of the farmers did manage to get a shot at the animal last Wednesday, but the dog was too fast.

"The men thought it was the one of the biggest and fastest dogs they had ever seen," Ruckle added. The dog, described as a large, mostly black animal, is not behaving in a normal fashion.

"It isn't unusual to lose three

or four sheep a year, but this doesn't make sense. Normally dogs do not eat much of the animal when they attack the sheep, but this one does," Ruckle said.

She added that her neighbours, Pat and Ted Akerman have brought a trailer down to her property and are helping her guard her remaining flock of approximately 100 sheep. Along with that, CRD animal control officer Howard Byron has been on

the scene daily hunting for the animal.

It's now down to a waiting game, Ruckle said. "Either we get it first or it will likely get another half dozen sheep."

Ruckle said that she now has all of her remaining sheep and lambs herded into two fields where she is feeding them, and where they can be observed at all times. She said she thinks the dog was probably abandoned in Ruckle

Park sometime in the past summer and that now that it has tasted blood, things can only get worse until it is caught or destroyed. "If it is doing this to sheep, how long before it starts going after children?" she said.

Animal control officer Howard Byron said this is the worst sheep kill he has seen in the past 10 years, and that the bite marks on the sheep indicate a very large animal is responsible.

If an owner can be located for the dog, once it has been caught, they will be responsible for reimbursing Ruckle for her losses, which are now close to \$3,000. If no owner can be located, she will have to apply to the CRD for compensation.

Recreation commission places price tag on referendum request

In order to meet its increasing responsibilities and expenses, the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has decided it must ask taxpayers for an additional annual sum of \$48,000.

Commission members decided at their September 26 meeting to request a 1.5 mill increase to the 1.0 mills the commission already receives. Taxpayers will vote on the requested tax rate increase in a November referendum.

According to Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw 327, the local Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for "the construction, equipping, operation and maintenance of recreational facilities . . . and the organization and conduct of recreational programmes."

After assessing its present budget and funding level, members determined "the present funding level is inadequate and the commission is unable to meet all of its responsibilities."

The areas in which the proposed budget increases would occur are as follows:

- Programme director, facilities management and support services: \$18,000 (including \$3,000 for support services).

It has become increasingly difficult for volunteer commission members to cope with the growing number of recreational activities and participants, which occur alongside a growing responsibility for facility management, the commission says. In light of this, the commission is proposing the establishment of a full-time recreation director, who would oversee current activities and management matters.

The commission feels creation of the position will open up more time for members to devote to policy and planning matters, including the protection and acquis-

ition of park land.

- Operation and maintenance of properties and equipment: \$11,000.

The commission says funding available for maintenance of parks, playing fields, trails and beach accesses is inadequate. It notes that these facilities have deteriorated with the lack of funds, and toilet and garbage services are not being kept up to desired standard.

Furthermore, the commission has recently obtained added responsibilities, including the Ganges seawalk, linear park and wilderness trails. With increased funding, the commission says, it could add to the manpower now devoted to maintaining these facilities.

- Equipment replacement and additions: \$6,000.

The commission has created a five-year plan to replace mainten-

ance equipment and provide new facilities. It says new floats, benches, garbage facilities and toilets are required at existing beaches; and that maintenance equipment needs replacing as a result of normal wear.

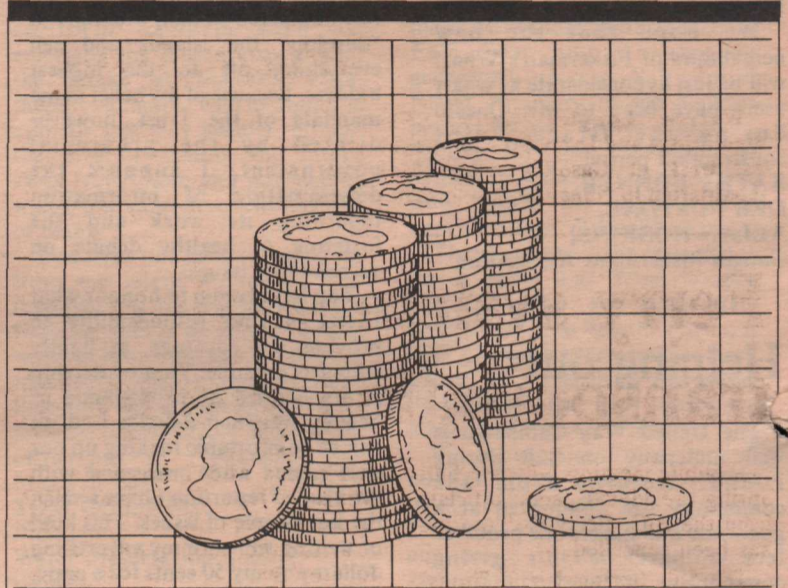
The plan also includes rebuilding soccer fields, providing practice fields and improving baseball facilities.

- New programs development: \$3,000.

The commission intends to provide continued support for island sports and recreation organizations.

- Parks and field acquisition: \$10,000.

Much of the recreational activity on Salt Spring takes place on private land — either under lease or gratuitously. The commission feels that as property development occurs on the island, private land will become less available.



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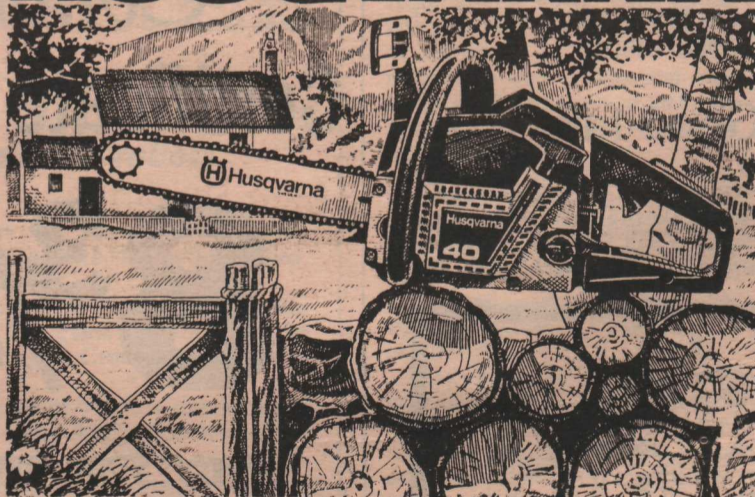
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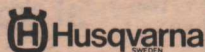
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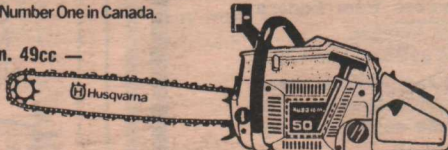
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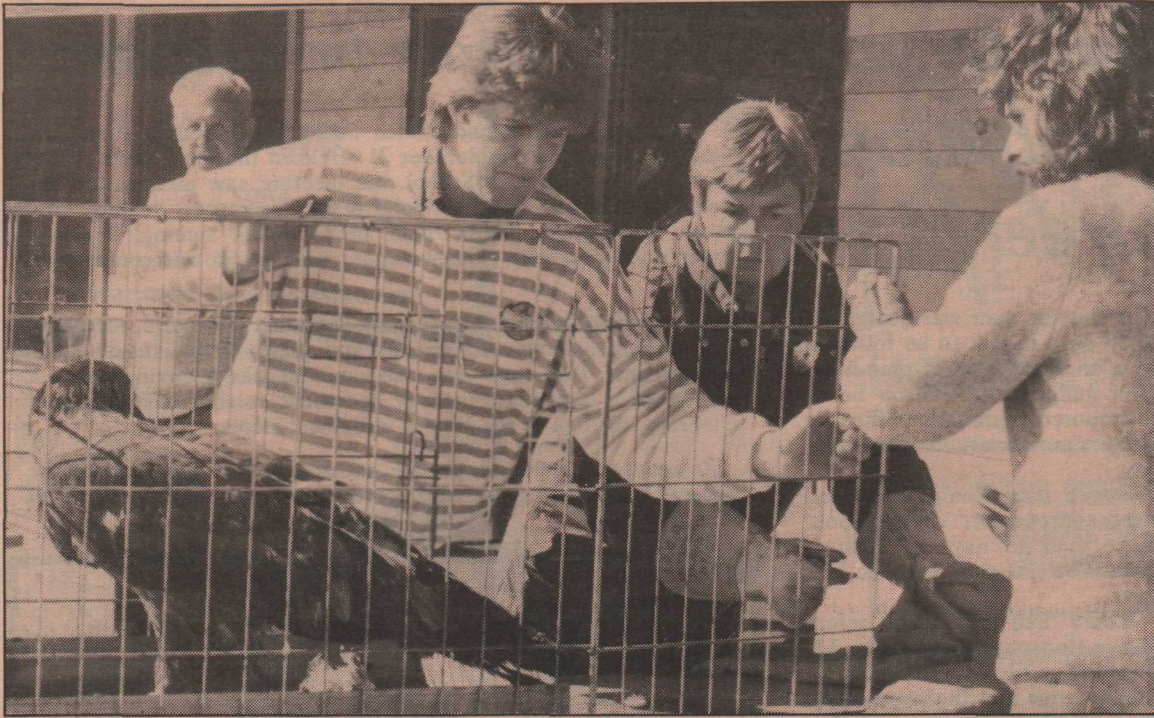
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health born this year, and left for wildlife rehabilitation. Wooldridge set out to catch eagle after reports that it was seeking handouts. She believes bird was raised by humans.

Ferry system session cancelled; transportation group 'frustrated'

A public meeting between Salt Spring residents and officials from the B.C. Ferry Corporation has been cancelled.

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee, which arranged the October 19 meeting, said Monday the Ferry Corporation has withdrawn from the planned session, saying it does not have enough information to present to the public at this time.

The meeting had been arranged to discuss the rumoured Isabella Point ferry terminal, plus other local concerns ranging from inter-island travel arrangements, extended service on the Vesuvius and Fulford Harbour routes, schedules and long- and short-term plans for Fulford Harbour.

Organizers had invited MLAs Terry Huberts and Mel Couvelier,

Highways and Transportation Minister Neil Vant, and NDP transportation critic Dale Lovick to attend the meeting with "about four or five" corporation representatives, Transportation Committee chairman Dan Evanishen said Monday.

Evanishen said he was disappointed that the meeting was cancelled, and noted that his members wasted a good deal of time and effort arranging the session. He added that the committee has been trying since late last year to arrange a public meeting between islanders and ferry corporation representatives, and has been frustrated by lack of progress.

"Salt Spring Islanders are vitally concerned about any changes B.C. Ferries plans for the island," he said. "Any small

changes have enormous repercussions not only for residents, but also for tourists and anyone doing business on the island. Our efforts to get information directly to the island have been constantly frustrated."

The committee has now written to the four MLAs invited to the meeting — Huberts, Couvelier, Vant and Lovick — asking them to help in securing a meeting. It has also written to B.C. Ferries, saying cancellation of the meeting has caused the corporation to lose "what little credibility you had on the island."

The committee notes that its members will continue to explore avenues in an effort to "obtain some measure of accountability from (the) corporation, which has such a tremendous effect on our lives."

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Jail term, probation ordered

A Ganges man was sentenced to 30 days in jail, to be followed by a one-year term of probation, after Judge R.E. Hudson heard the report of a probation officer in Ganges provincial court last Monday.

Steven Paul Konig, 18, of no fixed address, has already spent more than 45 days at William Head Correctional Centre in Victoria.

Konig had appeared before Judge Hudson on September 13, pleading guilty to an August 10 break, enter and theft at Luigi's Restaurant in Ganges. Judge Hudson asked for a pre-sentence report before handing down his decision. Probation officer Neil Pearce provided the court with the report on September 26.

Based on the information provided by Pearce, Judge Hudson sentenced Konig to a further month in jail plus one year's probation. Terms of the probation include reporting to a probation officer, seeking and maintaining suitable employment, abstaining from alcohol until February 1, abstaining from non-prescription drugs, attending alcohol counselling sessions, and submitting to breath or urine samples upon demand by RCMP (based on reasonable and probable grounds).

Judge Hudson said any breach of the probation order would likely result in "further loss of liberty."

The judge told the court it is of "paramount importance" that individuals are deterred from the type of behaviour shown by Konig. He said the merchants and residents of Salt Spring Island are entitled to a degree of protection.

Watch hears first reports

Members of the Island Watch Society gathered at their first general meeting on September 21. Held in the band room of the Gulf Islands Secondary School, the meeting saw members of the board of directors give a series of task force reports dealing with: local government, public land preservation, mining, forestry, emergency programs, transportation, membership and communications.

In a question period following presentation of reports, members voiced concern about maintaining water quality in the island's lakes and streams. Directors were also asked to take a broad approach and produce a general strategy document voicing environmental concerns, instead of reacting to individual crises.

In general, members expressed satisfaction with the direction the society was moving in, and gave board members a show of confidence.

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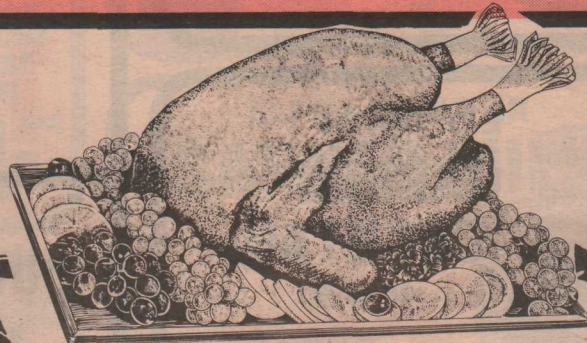
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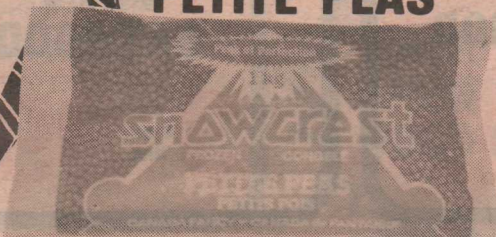
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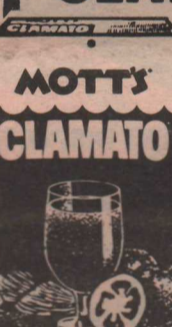
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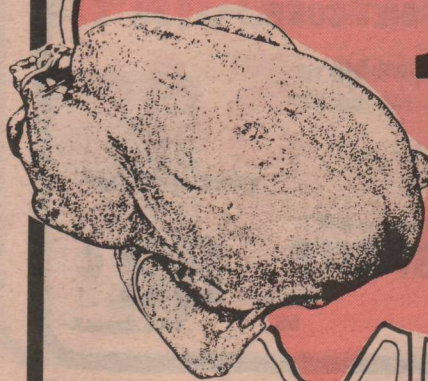


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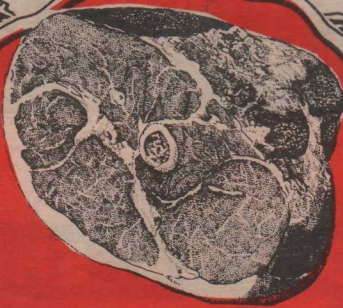


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Love of sea fuels noted painter's craft

By REG ASHWELL

Pegasus Gallery in Ganges is hosting a show of paintings by David Barker, one of the most successful resident artists in New Zealand and a painter of international renown.

Barker, who has been painting scenes of B.C.'s rugged coastline and is currently visiting on Salt Spring, was born in Chichester, England, in 1941. He moved to New Zealand with his family at the age of 10.

In his new home, Barker became friends with a neighbour, Ron Holland. The two boys played together on the beach and in the dinghies moored nearby. In later years, both were to become famous as yacht builders and designers. While Holland went on to design Maxis and Admiral's Cup yachts, Barker designed and built three highly-regarded catamarans.

First came his art, however. From his architect father, Barker learned the skills of perspective drawing. He then became fascinated by the play of light on water and learned how to paint the sea in all of its moods.

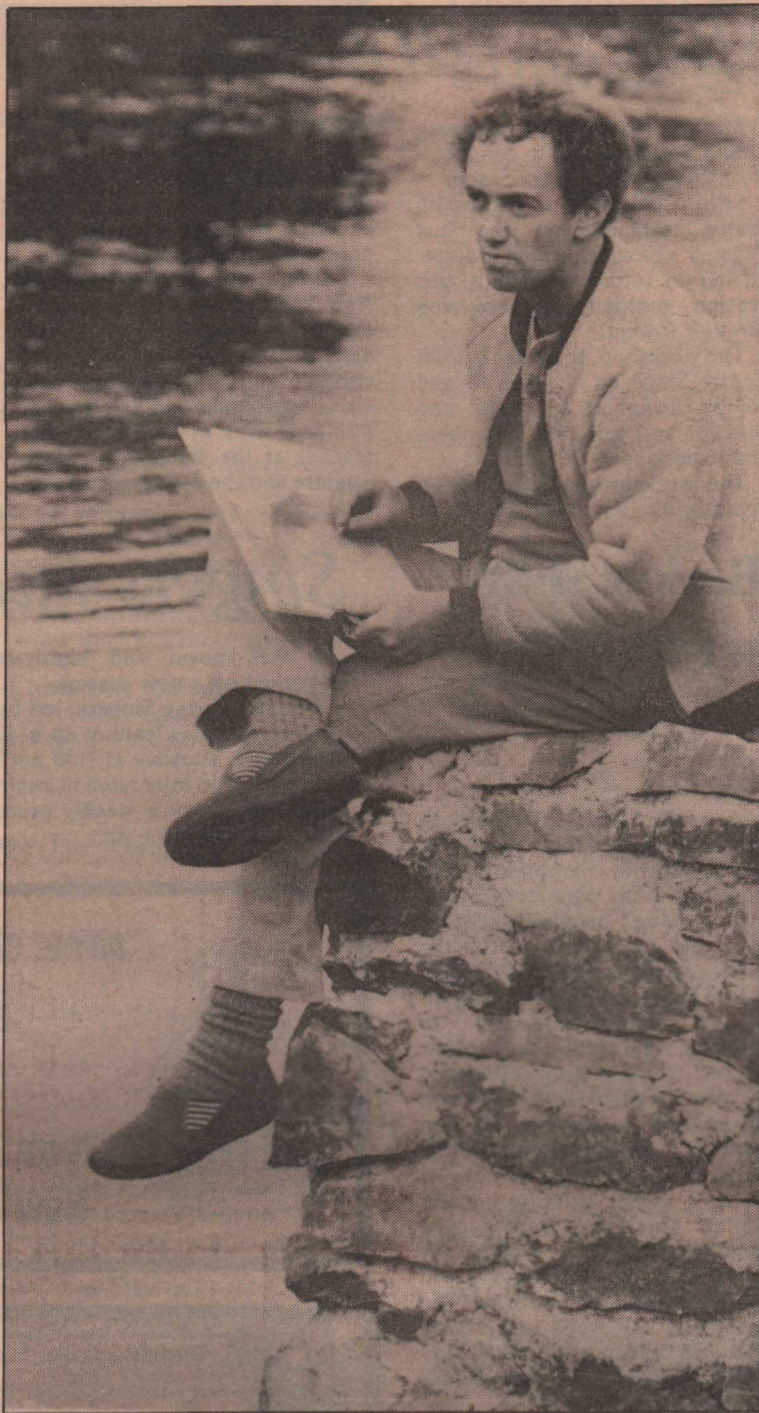
In 1964, Barker graduated from Auckland's Elam Art School and received his diploma of fine arts. He then received a grant to attend the University of Hawaii's East West Centre, where he spent three years and earned his master's degree in fine arts and learned how to be self-directed, to plan ahead, and to be professional about his creative energies.

Between 1970 and 1984, Barker constructed his catamarans. One, *Sundancer*, was described by the prestigious *Nautical Quarterly* as Barker's "largest work of art to date."

Sundreamer, the third of the three boats, has been sailed thousands of miles across the South Seas and is now kept in a marina in Auckland, near Barker's home there, while the artist and his wife Tanya spend time at their home and studio on Decourcy Island, near Nanaimo. Barker has given up designing and building catamarans to concentrate on his art.

A prolific painter, Barker is one of those rare artists who work

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David Barker at work near the sea



Scene from a Barker work

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by gary cherneff



Do you remember the first week of school after the long summer holidays? You were often required to report to the class on your activities. I can't remember describing a lot of detail. Reflecting on past events at that age seemed less important than getting on with new adventures. But it wasn't a bad idea to do a bit of show and tell.

My experience this summer was a change from previous ones. To begin with I have settled into a new and larger studio space for my pottery. I reasoned, from a practical standpoint, that it seemed terribly inefficient to keep four kilns, three pottery wheels, two clay extruders, a slab roller and tons of room all to myself. I can only use each piece of equipment sporadically, so why not capitalize on my investment.

Admitting a new person into your studio on a day-to-day basis is a big step for any artist. It requires some submission to inevitable compromises, and a commitment to organizing time and work. The business of art gradually has to share time with learning the art of business. So you begin by introspectively examining all your possible motives.

Exploitation seemed attractive

Besides the "efficient use of capital" argument, "exploitation of labour" seemed an attractive proposition. Hmm? Let's see, I could have them pricing, packing, sanding, waxing, selling at the market, glazing, painting, grinding and, oh yes, washing the floor. I could then concentrate on my hard-earned throwing skills and decorating. This, theoretically, of course, will produce greater income given a reasonable training period and the right staff.

Well, I thought there must be more to life than just making money, a dangerous thought for any initiate of capitalism.

Sure enough, once open, the door admitted a creeping case of altruism. Whispering relentlessly it implored that by hiring someone with an interest and enthusiasm you will be perpetuating a direct and primal link between man, resources and tools, which at times seems to escape us in our high tech world. I get to be an oral communicator of simple technology, a passer-down of knowledge, a story-teller and a teacher. How could I possibly pass up the opportunity to have such a captive audience?

The next question is, who do you hire? This was quickly narrowed down by acquiring a *Challenge 88* grant to employ a student. I hired, full time, one young fellow who was in his third year of industrial design at Manchester Polytechnic. Part time, a Grade 11 GISS art student was taken on, bring a strong interest in graphic design with her.

Cash flow questions posed

Business being business, the spectre of cash flow reared its ugly head. What do I pay them with until their production is marketed? That's what banks are for, so with overdraft protection arranged I entered my think tank to devise and design wonderful ceramic works which would be readily saleable and for which skills of manufacture would be easily acquired.

The college student proved exceptionally adept at handbuilding, mold and tool making and he introduced several innovative short cuts. The high school student was able to utilize her graphic skills to great advantage and was also invaluable in direct retail sales at the Saturday market. Without a doubt we all made lots of mistakes but we were also productive. Our conversations ranged from music and art to politics and philosophy. We solved many of the world's problems and discovered lots more. And if there was a generation gap at the beginning, there was less of one at the end.

Off Centre Stage slates workshop

Marla Levenstein is returning to Salt Spring Island to conduct a workshop at Off Centre Stage.

Levenstein held a successful drama workshop at the last Women's Festival, which prompted her to return to hold a new session entitled *Rediscovering through Drama*.

The workshop, to be held at Off Centre Stage on October 15 and 16, is designed for men and women, and for both beginners and experienced thespians.

The workshop is billed as an opportunity for participants to

explore their imagination, spontaneity and playfulness through improvisation, story-telling, music, movement and art. The exercise aims to uncover each person's gift of creativity.

Levenstein, originally from New York City, is a graduate of the theatre program at the University of Victoria. She has taught children and adults in San Francisco, Vancouver and Salt Spring. She now lives in Vancouver and teaches at the Vancouver Youth Theatre and the Jewish Community Centre.



Marla Levenstein

Barker show set to open at gallery

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from recall. He has an ability to memorize scenes and recall the details at will. He does not do paintings from photographs, he says, although people sometimes think he does, because of the detail and resolution he achieves.

Barker has developed a personal and independent style of painting, and refused to allow himself to be unduly influenced by other masters of the medium, either past or present. He can work in most mediums, but his staple is acrylic on paper.

(On a recent painting expedition to Antarctica, Barker used pastels instead of acrylics because, he said, oils and acrylics will not dry in such temperatures. The hazardous six-week expedition was undertaken with round-the-world yacht skipper Skip Novak and six other men.)

Since 1960, Barker has enjoyed successful shows in locales around the world — including Auckland, Helsinki, Hobart, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Moscow, New York, Toronto, Tokyo and Wellington.

In 1982, in a folio published by David Bateman in Auckland, Barker wrote about his life and his art. The book, largely autobiographical and illustrated with Barker's paintings, was limited to 500 copies and priced at \$600. It quickly sold out.

Singers launch season

A well-known and highly-regarded Salt Spring choir has embarked on a new season.

The Salt Spring Singers, led by Joy Johnsen, has started weekly practice sessions leading up to its annual appearances. The group meets each Tuesday at 7:30 pm in Ganges United Church.

New singers interested in joining the choir are welcome. They are invited to attend a weekly practice or to telephone Joy Johnsen (537-2112) around 6 pm.

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by chris schmah



For gardeners, this time of year is known as a season for preparation and, for many, one of the most vital and timely rituals of the weeks ahead is the planting of fall bulbs. The fall planting of bulbs must also be viewed partly as an act of faith, for several months of patient waiting and hoping must pass before the bulbs push from the ground with their reassuring rewards of bright spring flowers.

Every garden centre, nursery, department store, home order catalogue and bulb peddler is just loaded with bulbs of every variety and description, promising you a spring showing to match that of the vibrant colour photographs which accompany every little frail bulb or warty piece of root.

At this point a good measure of trust and faith is required, for it is often hard to believe that the seemingly lifeless item which you are about to buy will ever live up to your expectations or the image in the photo, but, believe you will, for you've just been hooked by the bulb-planter's virus. One look at the picture tag, and you become a driven junkie, filling up bags and bags of bulbs to fuel your horticultural dreams, and if you're anything like me, you then leave them hanging around the woodshed or barn until they become your greatest nightmare.

Somewhere around the end of November you finally relent and plant them out in their final resting places. Against all odds they, too, will probably put on a splendid show in the months that follow, just to spite you.

Proper care for bulbs

On the more serious side, bulbs as a group of plants are tolerant, forgiving and rewarding both for the neophyte and the seasoned, experienced gardeners.

There are many things which you can and should do to properly care for your bulbs, but the first thing you should realize is that, in the case of bulbs, quality counts. The floral show for 1989 is already predetermined, and stored away in miniaturized form, inside that small bulb you buy, and no amount of work is going to change that fact. Selecting bulbs of top size categories generally ensures you of the best possible showing, well worth the slightly higher cost.

While there are several exceptions to the rule, most bulbs like to grow in a rich, well-drained soil which has been worked to a foot or more in depth, and has had some bonemeal added in. Most often we recommend that you use a tablespoon of bonemeal for each large bulb and half that for the smaller ones. The provision of this phosphate-rich fertilizer will help to promote rapid rooting and optimal blooming for years to come.

For areas where you want to plant drifts of colour, or have naturalized plantings, dig over and enrich the entire soil area, as you hope to be leaving them there untouched for several years, and will want to do a proper job the first time around.

Sunshine essential for growth

As most bulbs prefer a near-neutral pH, add roughly four ounces of dolomitic lime to each square yard of soil surface, and at the same time you might want to incorporate a few shovelfuls of manure, compost or rotted seaweed. Adding organic matter to the soil helps to improve moisture retention, adds nutrients and improves the drainage of superfluous water. For bulbs, which are dormant for months at a time, wet soils will quickly lead to the development of basal rots, root rots and other terminal diseases. There are several exceptions to this rule, and in the next article we will cover those bulbs which will tolerate wet or seasonally-flooded soils.

For most bulbs, sunshine is essential for good growth and blooming, and exceptions to the rule will be dealt with next time, but overall, several hours of sun per day will ensure floral results.

With respect to general weather conditions, cooler, moister springs will allow the bulbs to store up extra energy and make more abundant blooms for next year. If, on the other hand, the spring is hot and dry, the bulbs will stay smaller, and divide into more offsets and young sister bulbs, most often resulting in fewer flowers.

With respect to the perennial question of how deep one should plant the bulbs, the two main rules of thumb refer to planting them so that their tops are set at a depth equal to one and a half times the bulb's height, or alternatively, their bottoms should be set three times as deep as the bulbs are wide. From this assessment common sense should be used to temper the divergent suggestions, as the truth lies somewhere in between.

Club invokes option to buy island acres

GALIANO ISLAND — Another step towards a local medical clinic was taken when the Lions Club recently exercised an option to purchase the 10-acre Fiesta site on Burrill Road, off Bellhouse Point.

The plan accepted by the Lions will see the club purchase the property from Farmhouse Inn Ltd., then sell two of the 10 acres to the Health Care Society for construction of a clinic and helipad.

A three-man acquisition committee was named by the Lions: Wally Duncan, Bill Shead and Fred Robson.

"The only time a turtle is making progress is when he is sticking his neck out, and that is what we decided to do for the sake of a good project," Robson said.

The purchase agreement is subject to perc tests and removal of the property from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

Robson said the Lions plan to continue using the property for their annual Fiesta. "We were in a situation where we had to make a decision fairly fast," he said. "If we don't buy the property, it will be put on the market."

Volunteer plan set

The Parks and Recreation Commission is considering providing aid to the two volunteers looking after the Ganges Creek Linear Park.

Kathy Reimer of the Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society and commission member Ian Fraser have voluntarily taken on maintenance of the park. They have been using their own time and equipment to look after the area.

The commission is examining alternative maintenance methods, the result of which may depend on a successful November referendum call for increased tax dollars.

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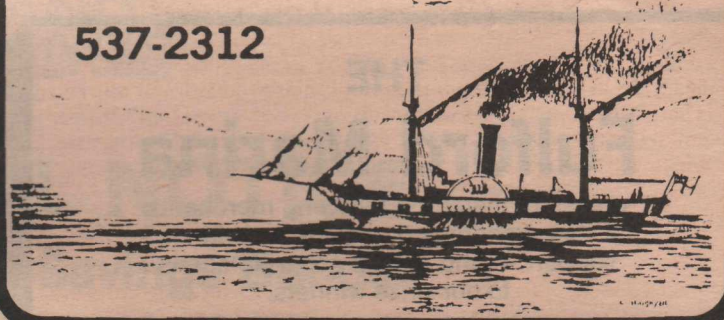
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Land-use bylaw case hears from defence

A charge of violating an Islands Trust land-use bylaw heard another full day of testimony in Ganges provincial court last Monday.

Lloyd and Cordelia Kinney have been charged with violating Islands Trust bylaw 123, by allowing non-conforming use of land zoned for rural-residential purposes. The Kinneys own a Kings Lane property where vehicles belonging to Hal Wright Trucking were stored.

Wright took the stand last Monday (September 26) to testify in defence of Lloyd and Cordelia Kinney. Wright, who was in the witness box for close to three hours, described numerous steps he took to try to accommodate complaints made by his neighbours concerning storage of the vehicles. Wright has since sold his business and moved from the island.

Wright told the court he received his first complaint in the summer of 1985, after sandblasting was conducted on the property. Wright said the individual who performed the task assured Wright he had sandblasted in residential areas before, and that it would not be offensive.

Witnesses for the Crown who testified earlier in the case noted complaints were voiced about the noise level and duration of the sandblasting.

Wright said he decided not to undertake that type of work on the property again. He later spent money on sound-suppression equipment for his trucks; gravelled a parking area farther back into the property; and worked towards cutting off the "warm-up" time needed for his trucks.

"I did what I felt I could do in a

neighbourly way," he said.

When Wright moved to the Kinney's property in 1982 he owned a total of five vehicles, including a dump-truck and several tractor-trailer combinations. A charter bus had been added to his fleet by the time charges were laid in August, 1987.

Wright said he chose the location for its proximity to town and the Long Harbour ferry terminal, as well as for its space and easy access. He said he had no reason to believe it was not legal to park his vehicles there, understanding his occupation was to be governed only by motor carrier and business regulations.

When he first became aware a conflict may exist, Wright said, he attempted to find another piece of property. He also voluntarily participated in a task force set up to find a solution to industrial zoning problems on the island.

Wright told the court he was "ready and willing" to make an offer on another piece of property, but could not find land that was suitably zoned. He said it became apparent that his land-use requirement had not been addressed by the community plan. An application to rezone the Kinney property was withdrawn, Wright said, because it was not felt the present land-use was breaking the law, and that such a move would be "hopeless."

Although Wright told the court he never engaged in business on the property (because the trucks did not make money while they were parked), Crown Counsel Derek Lister attempted to establish that business was conducted on the land.

Under cross-examination,

Wright agreed graveling the property for parking and undertaking sandblasting on the land could be labelled business expenses. Wright said the business phone number was the same as the residential number; they were able to use some telephone and office space expenses as tax write-offs; and on-call employees picked up keys for the trucks at the residence.

Wright also agreed the trucks were a capital asset, indicating that if they sat on the property unused, they would be a depreciating asset.

Lister commented on Wright's desire to enjoy rural peace and quiet, suggesting that others on Kings Lane may also be looking for the benefits of a rural-

residential area.

The day-long trial also heard from a former Kings Lane resident who testified the Kinneys used the land for commercial purposes before the Wrights moved in. Elvie Hislop told the court she lived near the Kinneys for the 10 years prior to 1982 when the Wrights began renting the land.

Hislop said Lloyd Kinney, who installed septic tanks at that time, stored a number of items on the land, including "at least" two trucks (pickups), numerous pipes and an old backhoe. She said he would "come and go" in the backhoe and occasionally move the trucks. Hislop also told the court that a home two doors west

of her house had a dump-truck, cat, backhoe and storage tanks on the property.

"I had no reason to react to the Wrights (when they moved in) ... they were just making a living," Hislop said.

Under cross-examination, Hislop indicated she moved from the area 1.5 years before charges were laid against the Kinneys. She also agreed there is a difference between meeting a pick-up truck and a semi-truck on Kings Lane.

The trial is to continue on November 7.

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Three generations of William Patterson's family were on hand Sunday to help mark his 100th birthday. Standing are (l-r) Gladys Campbell, John Campbell, Patricia Campbell, Valerie Campbell, Suzanne Campbell, Nancy Patterson, Bob Patterson, Dan Fraser, Elaine Fraser, Sarah Fraser and Bruce Patterson. Seated with William Patterson is family friend Irene Sileck.

William Patterson celebrates attainment of 100th birthday

Family and a crowd of friends gathered last Sunday at the Masonic Hall in Ganges to help William Downie Patterson mark his 100th birthday.

Patterson, whose name graces the general store in Fulford Harbour still operated by his family, received well-wishers throughout the afternoon.

Born in 1888 while his family was en route to Canada from Cripple Creek, Colorado, William Patterson settled in Nanaimo. At the age of five, his father died and his mother married Edward Lee and moved the family to his Burgoyne Valley homestead.

At the age of 16 years, Patterson left home to work as a quartermaster on the *Iroquois*, a steamer plying Gulf Islands waters. He later worked in a grocery store in Vancouver, as a railway supply clerk for the CPR, as a streetcar conductor in Victoria and Vancouver, and as a member of a provincial police force, stationed in Campbell River.

But Patterson was destined to return to Salt Spring. In 1915, after his sister Mary was married to Henry Ruckle, William took over the general store operated at Beaver Point by Captain Good on the Ruckle property. He later opened a second store in Fulford Harbour, and operated both until CPR ships stopped calling at Beaver Point, forcing closure of his first store.

William Patterson retired from the Fulford Valley store at the age of 89 years. Until four months ago, grandson Bruce Patterson said Sunday, he continued to live independently in Fulford, then broke his hip and moved to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

William and his wife, Emily,

had one son, Robert. He and his wife, Nancy, had three children: Gladys Campbell, Bruce Patterson and Elaine Fraser.

Gladys Campbell and her husband, John, attended Sunday's event from their home in Delta, along with their children, Valerie, Patricia and Suzanne.

Elaine Fraser and her husband Dan, who live in Fulford, attended with daughter Sarah.

In total, about 70 people attended the afternoon celebration. The event saw numerous cards of good wishes presented, plus

telegrams from Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and local MP Jim Manly.



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Ideal weather conditions enhance Intra-Island play



Sasha Prendergast takes control of the ball from Amy Lundstrom.

By SYD WIGEN

Play in the Intra-Island soccer league took place last Saturday at Portlock Park in ideal weather conditions.

A number of players in the junior division — five- to seven-year-olds — are gaining their first experience on the field, and it's a good time for new players to be registered.

Eagles and Firebirds played a close match, with Paul Cagna of the Firebirds showing a lot of hustle. Three goals by Noah led the Wildcats to a 5-2 win over the Panthers; Rupert Oldroyd and Nathan Fraser replied for the Panthers.

Four games were played in the senior division, as two teams — Hornets and Arsenal — went off-island to play at Galiano. Aaron Little netted four goals for the Stingers, and David Fiander one, in a strong game against the Furies. Fury netminder Sasha Prendergast was tested often and posted some outstanding saves.

Dundee and Sharks tied 4-4 in what one coach referred to as a "jolly good match." Richard Ingle scored all four goals for his side.

Rangers, although coming out on the short end of a 2-0 score, had reason to be proud of their play against the experienced Lasers. Billy Beck showed lots of hustle on the field, and Jason Blomly was excellent in goal.

Players and coaches on the Hawks and United teams showed good sportsmanship in playing their game without a referee. The teams were tied 1-1 at half time before goals by Adrian, Morgan and Tyler gave the Hawks a 5-1 win. Justin Morris scored the lone United goal.

Some teams in both the junior and senior division are still lacking uniforms. Parents from last year: please check for the missing garments. They are much-needed, and are expensive for the league to replace.

Determined team effort helps Islanders top Cowichan 2-1

The 1988-89 soccer season opened on a winning note for Salt Spring's Division Four squad, the Islanders. Playing on Vancouver Island, they edged Cowichan Overwaitea 2-1 with a strong effort that started from the opening whistle.

The teams were well-matched, with neither being able to break down the other's defensive wall, leading to a scoreless first half.

In the second half, Salt Spring abandoned a sitting-back game and pressed to the attack. The effort paid off quickly, as the forwards forced a corner kick that was taken by right winger Chris Collette. His perfect shot to the six-yard line was converted by left winger Brent Schwagly.

The Islanders increased their advantage to 2-0 moments later, when newcomer Sheridan Finne-

more fed a pass to Collette, who blasted the ball into the net from his right wing position.

Cowichan replied by launching a comeback effort that applied steady pressure on the Salt Spring defence. Goalkeeper Justin Byron stopped numerous scoring attempts, only to lose his shutout with barely three minutes remaining.

Shirley Anderson takes title in division medal round play

By ANN LOUISE McALLISTER

Golfers in the ladies' 18-hole division played a medal round on September 27. Winner of the event was Shirley Anderson, with a net 72. She was followed by Marjorie Russell at net 73. The putt pot was taken by Libby Noble with 28.

The final ladies' team match of the year was played at Royal Colwood Golf Club, with Salt Spring losing by a small margin of three points.

In the nine-hole ladies' division on September 28, low gross honours went to Mary Alice Burford, while low net was awarded to Vivian Storr. Flo McLeod won the putt pot with 16 and the closest to the pin on number two was Gerry Layard. Longest drive on number nine was won by Vi Austin.

Eclectic, for the past year, was won by Barbara Nemeth. Jean Williams had the most birdies, and Gerry Layard posted the most chip-ins.

A pot-luck luncheon was held at the home of Mary Alice Burford.

In men's play, golfers took part in round 14 of the ringer and best ball competition on September 29. Low, with 68, was Walt Turnbull, followed by Gord Par-

sons with 69. Next, at 70, were Tom Butt, Gary Coulter, Jack Dosco, Randal Walker and Jack Mitchell. Herb Monro and Jack Javorski had scores of 71, while Ian Brown, Eric Bracher, Fred Broadbent and Stan Stewart posted rounds of 72.

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Selects notch first victory with strong offensive effort

SELECTS 5, PENINSULA 3
By MALCOLM LEGG

Salt Spring Selects won their first game of the new season last weekend, behind a strong team performance highlighted by several individual standouts.

Selects knew from the opening kickoff that they were in for a tough game, since the Salt Spring side had but nine players. The other two arrived when the game was 15 minutes old.

Being short-handed at the start did not hurt, however, as the Selects moved into a 1-0 lead on Corbin Scott's breakaway marker.

With the momentum provided by the goal, and the arrival of two more players, Salt Spring moved to the attack. Juda Shugar quickly connected after taking a fine pass from Chad Little.

Peninsula replied shortly before half time to cut the score to 2-1, but the Selects finished the game early in the second half by notching three goals to Peninsula's one. All the scoring came in a 15-minute span.

Second-half markers for the Selects came from Charlie Hume, Corbin Scott and Mark Nordine.

Unlike their game the previous week, the Selects this time came up with a solid team effort. Their play was especially strong considering they played the game without substitutes.

Mark and Chad played solid games in goal, and the defence of Rod Shoolbraid, Chris Mullin, Andrew (B.J.) Aust and Ben Clarke played brilliantly in front of the goal.

Justin and Corbin Scott and

Colin Walde looked confident in midfield, creating many nice plays. Forwards Juda Shugar and Charlie (Ryan) Hume were a constant threat.

Special mention goes to Ben and Rod on defence. Both played solid games, with Ben contributing one of his best efforts as a Select — proving that if you're willing to work at your game, it will improve.

Roderick was simply brilliant, with solid clearances, first-time tackling and great support for the forwards. He was the man-of-the-match.

Also notable was the play of Corbin Scott, who notched two goals and an assist, and of Charlie Hume, who contributed a goal and two assists.

Sure touch around net leads way in Ajax win

AJAX 5, JUAN de FUCA 1

A good effort and excellent play from the whole Salt Spring Division Five team resulted in a 5-1 victory over Juan de Fuca in Victoria last Saturday.

Perfect weather conditions and a good pitch at the Juan de Fuca recreation centre let Salt Spring show consistent and near-perfect passing skills, leading to a sure touch around the net.

Tom Hood opened the scoring early. Taking a pass from Graham Kaye, he dribbled past the defence and beat the goalie.

Juan de Fuca tied the score a few moments later, but not before newly-acquired Ajax goalie Andrew Coster made a fantastic save on the first shot.

For the rest of the first half, Ajax had many chances but didn't add to the score.

In the second half, Tom Hood notched another quick goal to put Salt Spring ahead to stay. After accepting a pass from Kevin Walde, he dribbled past the Juan

de Fuca defence and fired the ball over the keeper's head.

Graham Kaye then put Ajax up by two with a perfect shot from the 18-yard line.

The final two goals were scored by Kevin Walde. Both came from passes by centre-halfback Aidon Morris that left Walde with tap-ins past the goalie.

Outstanding performers for Ajax were Kevin Walde, who played inside left on the forward line. His persistent effort was rewarded with two goals and an assist. He missed several other chances because of good goal-tending.

David Carey also played an outstanding game. The defence-man allowed no Juan de Fuca players to get behind him, and three times stopped the ball from entering his net after the goaltender was down and out of the play.

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"Why doth the spider spin her artificial web thick in one place and thin in another? And now useth one, and then another knot, except she had an imaginary kind of deliberation, forethought and conclusion?"

— De Montaigne

With the assault on our ears by the deathbed repentances of the Tories, and with B.C. in governmental chaos, some kind of escape mechanism is necessary. What better to take our minds off the antics of our leaders than the antics of other species? I thought about cute gentle creatures, like pandas or koalas, but one must not take too drastic a mental leap. Spiders? Yes — that's more like it.

To recap basic knowledge, we all know about one Miss Muffet, who had to flee her nutritious all-dairy breakfast when a spider threatened to bite her on the tuffet. Robert Bruce, on the other hand, stayed calm. Perhaps his tuffet was encased in armour. Impressed by the persistence of the spider, he learned how to bake bannock without burning it, regained his strength, and beat the English. This is an ambivalent record. Are spiders admirable or scary? Both — we must admire them for their ingenuity and patience while deploring their dietary habits. But the latter, while unsightly, need only terrify other tiny creatures.

Only once have I been discomfited by a spider. When in a Saigon restaurant, all appetites were destroyed by the sight of a huge hairy spider on a tether strolling past the table. One of our number fled, and refused to go ashore again until we got back to Liverpool. The proprietor explained that it kept the insects down, and suggested that no home was complete without one. My recollection is that it had a saucer-sized body and fork-sized legs, but I may have a magnifying memory. Since meeting this Draculoid all other spiders seemed benign, and I retained a moderate interest in them. I rescued them from bathtubs, marvelled at their webs, and even read books about them — Fabre's classic, of course, and as much as my brain could handle of Comstock's learned tome on the subject, a must for entomologists, but hard to curl up with.

Human characteristics attributed

The most readable book on this (and five other natural history subjects) was written by a rather mysterious Englishman, John Crompton, who also answered to the name J.B.C. Lamburn. A much-travelled Empire administration type, he was an amateur with the wonderful ability to take his readers on beguiling and often hilarious journeys with spiders, snakes, wasps and other creatures. This was about 40 years ago, and the books have been long out of print, but they were remembered and are now available again.

The Spider begins with a beautiful Greek legend: "At Colophon in Lydia dwelt Idmon, a dyer in purple, and his daughter, Arachne, a weaver of fine fabrics and tapestry ... " She was so good at this that Athene, no mean weaver herself, became jealous, drove Arachne to suicide, and then, relenting (slightly) brought her back to life as a spider. A pretty story, and perhaps the only pretty thing about the reincarnated Arachne.

I must first state with embarrassment that spiders require essentially only one pronoun: *she*. The male, although his function is ... ahem ... necessary, is a pitiful thing, although one must admire his devotion to duty considering that his inamorata is an ogress more likely to see him as supper than as suitor. But then, he has been living a solitary life, and is no doubt in the grip of cabin fever, when all females are gorgeous. Besides, he has learned to protect himself in various ways. While pretending to caress her he may tie her up, and make a nonchalant getaway before she gets loose. Or he may dance for her — at a safe distance — and, if he is seductive enough, she will swoon with passion. He knows that her amorous stupor will give way after the nuptials to a ferocious appetite — for him. Exit, to the strains of *So Long, it's been good to know ya'*.

Difficult wives

Lady spiders clearly make difficult wives, but as mothers they are exemplary, often carrying hundreds of their young on their backs for months, and stopping to pick them up if dislodged in the heat of battle. At last the warm sunny morning comes when each of her children climbs up a blade of grass, unfurls a wisp of silk, and sails away to grow up and start another reign of terror elsewhere.

There are perhaps a hundred thousand species of spiders, and almost all can produce silk. Some use it only as a cushion for eggs, or to seal a trap door, or for some other purpose than the webs that we see on dewy mornings. The beautiful orb web is made by Aranea, and she is a little factory, able, with her 600 glands, to make five different kinds of silk, plus the glue to assemble her snare. Other webs seem shapeless, like the ones that dot the fields on late summer mornings, but they are cunningly contrived, too. True, the house spider is a bit messy about hers, but she can't afford to make a production a foot across for the admiration of a person wielding a whisk. Others use their ropes and glue for lassoes, but controversy rages about the best technique for spider gauchos. Some hold it in a coil, hurling it when the prey gets within range, but others whirl it overhead for 15 minutes or so, after which they get a breather while changing the glue tip. Others, disdain entanglement, run down their prey, like cheetahs, or leap on them from ambush, while others imitate something good to eat — we have all seen the beautiful flower centre which develops legs and fangs on the approach of appropriate groceries.

Natural history is one of life's most durable pleasures, and there is no better way to kindle an interest than John Crompton's witty and non-technical books — specially the one about spiders which, unlike Siberian tigers or the Emperor penguins, can be studied in our own gardens. They are available, through bookstores, from the Western Producer of Saskatoon, a most un-bookish sounding outfit, but the source of many excellent publications.

Language sessions attended

Two Gulf Islands residents were among delegates who attended the northwest regional Esperanto congress held last weekend at White Rock.

David Massy of Ganges and Alice Maier of Galiano were among the 30 people from B.C., Washington State and Oregon to participate in the three-day event. The meeting takes place each year to give Esperantists in the northwest an opportunity to use their language, renew friendships and hear about new developments in teaching and learning Esperanto.

Maier, 98, has been closely associated with the Esperanto movement throughout her life. At the congress, she took part in discussions and shared her memories of past international conferences — many of which go back to the early days of the Esperanto movement, when delegates arrived at meetings in horse-drawn buggies.

This year's congress offered lectures, discussions, films and folk dancing. They were designed to give delegates the opportunity to speak Esperanto together.

Esperanto is recognized by the United Nations as an international language and is in current use around the world. Supporters note that linguists value Esperanto as a way of learning another language, that it can be learned in a fraction of the time normally needed to acquire a second language, and that scientists are using it as a computer language and expect to be able to produce high-quality translations of technical and scientific texts.

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Hydro outlines resource-stretching plans

A three-pronged strategy has been put in place to stretch B.C.'s energy resources into the next century.

B.C. Hydro chairman Larry Bell, speaking last week at an informal session with Salt Spring's community leaders, indicated the strategy will allow the Crown corporation to hold off constructing any new hydroelectric generating facilities until the 21st Century.

Hydro, the chairman said, has undergone a marked shift in emphasis from a power plant construction company to one focused on supply of service to customers.

In the next decade, Bell continued, Hydro expects to meet projected customer demand with a blend of three elements: co-ordination of supplies with other agencies, conservation of existing hydroelectric resources, and co-generation of power.

Hydro is currently negotiating with TransAlta, the Alberta energy utility, and the Bonneyville Power Association, a consortium of U.S. electrical utilities operating in the Pacific Northwest, to share surplus power supplies in times of need. Those arrangements would put at Hydro's disposal the equivalent of three-quarters of the energy that would be supplied by its proposed Site C project on the Peace River, Bell said.

Also included in the co-operative scheme would be surplus power provided by Kemano Completion, the expanded Alcan generating system being put in place on the Kemano River in northwest B.C.

Energy conservation measures also promise huge resource savings, Bell said, noting that the equivalent of one-half of the power envisioned in the Site C project can be recovered by the year 2000 if consumers cut back to the level of real need.

"Energy conservation means doing without," he said. "Ten to 20 per cent of the population is ecologically committed to the concept; the rest have to be convinced."

Hydro is attempting to "bribe" consumers to be more energy-efficient through subsidy deals

and other programs like one recently implemented on the Queen Charlotte Islands, where the corporation offered \$50 to householders for second refrigerators in use. The results of the test program, if applied across B.C., would mean 18,000 second refrigerators taken out of service, Bell said.

Conservation, he continued, also means educating the public about the savings found when energy-efficient products are used. An educated public will create a greater demand for those products, bringing their price into line with that charged for inefficient products.

Hydro, the chairman said, is also trying to convince industry to install upgraded energy-efficient components — like the new generation of motors — in their plants. If reason and offers of help to bridge the financial gap do not work, Bell said, the Crown corporation is prepared to place notice of its offers on file with the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) — so the next time the company concerned protests about a proposed Hydro rate increase, the corporation can show that the firm is unwilling to conserve its energy demands.

"We're prepared to bribe or embarrass" the public in the interest of conserving energy, Bell said.

The third prong in Hydro's energy management strategy is co-generation. A non-traditional energy source, it usually involves industrial installations meeting part of their power needs by recycling waste heat. As an example, Bell noted Hydro is trying to help

sawmills in Williams Lake erect a plant that would produce energy from the sawdust and wood waste products that are now consumed by beehive burners, which do little more than send flyash and smoke into the environment.

In some cases, Bell said, co-generation projects can translate into co-ordination of resources, if the plant produces surplus energy that can be taken onto Hydro's provincial grid.

Bell's visit to Ganges was part of an ongoing tour the chairman is

making throughout the province. Two weeks ago, he visited the Kootenay region; last week, the Vancouver Island area was on his itinerary; next week, he travels to northern B.C.

The visits, Bell said, are intended to give the public a chance to speak face-to-face with Hydro's senior management. "I've been chewed out a few times, but it's been very positive," he said, adding that his intention is to show the public that Hydro has adopted a policy of open commu-

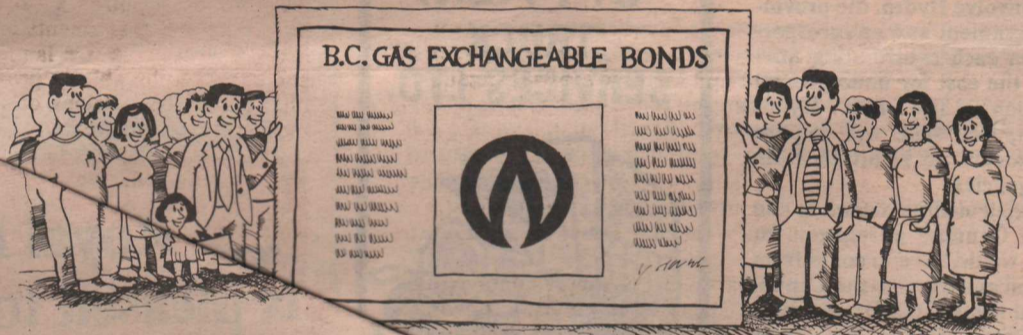
nication with the public, and to show the corporation's employees that they must be as forthright as possible with their customers.

"The focus is on customer service, and a key tenet of that is open communications," he said.

Tom Toynbee told Bell he believed the meeting indicated the corporation is striving to build and maintain a better relationship with the public. "I hope this means *glasnost* is going to take place within Hydro," Toynbee said.

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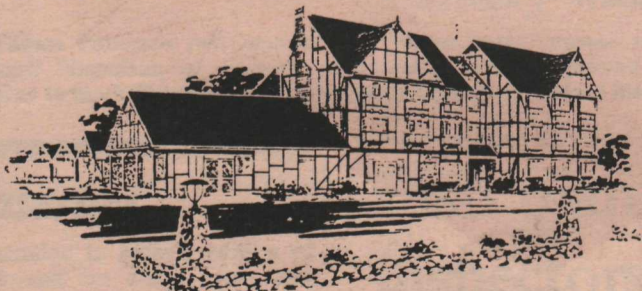
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Islanders pass on concerns to Hydro

Earthquake safety, energy-efficient schools and underground wiring were among the main topics of conversation in a meeting held last week in Ganges between the chairman of B.C. Hydro and Salt Spring Island's community leaders.

Larry Bell met last Wednesday afternoon with Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall, businessman Tom Toynbee, Advisory Planning Commission (APC) chairman Ian Fraser, North Salt Spring Waterworks District superintendent Mike Larmour, Chamber of Commerce representative Spencer Marr, and Lions Club president Barry Urquhart.

In a question-and-answer session held following an address, Bell was told by Marshall that the local school district would be interested in working with Hydro to find ways to reduce energy consumption in schools.

Bell replied that there is no reason the Crown corporation couldn't invest capital in school facilities if it would receive energy savings in return. "It's something we intend to look at," he said.

In response to a question from Toynbee about Hydro cost-sharing in underground installation of power lines, Bell said the company will announce this week an independent, \$1 million assistance program for such work.

An older assistance program used to involve Hydro, the provincial government and an incorporated area each contributing one-third of the cost for underground installations. The new Hydro program, Bell said, will require no approvals or referrals from other agencies.

The chairman said that in the case of Ganges, a request for funding would have to come from an official agency, like the Capital Regional District (CRD). Application forms are to be made available some time in October, and Hydro's board of directors will decide on fund disbursements in January.

Bell was also questioned about the ability of Hydro's dams and other installations to withstand the major earthquake geologists and other scientists are now forecasting for the West Coast. Hydro's two dams on Campbell River, Island —

and a plant at Jordan River — are being rebuilt to current quake-proof standards. The John Hart upgrading is nearing completion, and work will soon begin at Jordan River.

Bell also noted that the head of Hydro's dam safety department is one of B.C.'s leading experts on earthquakes and chairs a related committee working under the provincial body responsible for emergency preparation.

In response to a question from Ian Fraser about the impact of a free trade deal on sale of hydro-electricity to American markets, Bell said the industry is essentially in a free trade mode today and does not expect to be affected by a Canada-U.S. agreement.

Fraser also asked about the impact on export sales posed by environmental controls applied in response to acid rain, and the future of geothermal power resources. In response to the first question, Bell said more stringent controls on power plants would require a greater capital outlay by the owners of U.S. plants, but that outlay would not be represented in the marketplace: "We compete with the price of oil, not capital costs (of plants)," he said.

Police confiscate plants from Salt Spring home

Local RCMP seized approximately 13 pounds of marijuana — worth an estimated \$30,000 — from a Ganges residence last week.

Police, who are not releasing the name of the property owner, conducted a search of the property September 28. They found 10 plants enclosed in a greenhouse, and a further seven plants being dried.

Charges under the Narcotics Control Act are pending against the property owner.

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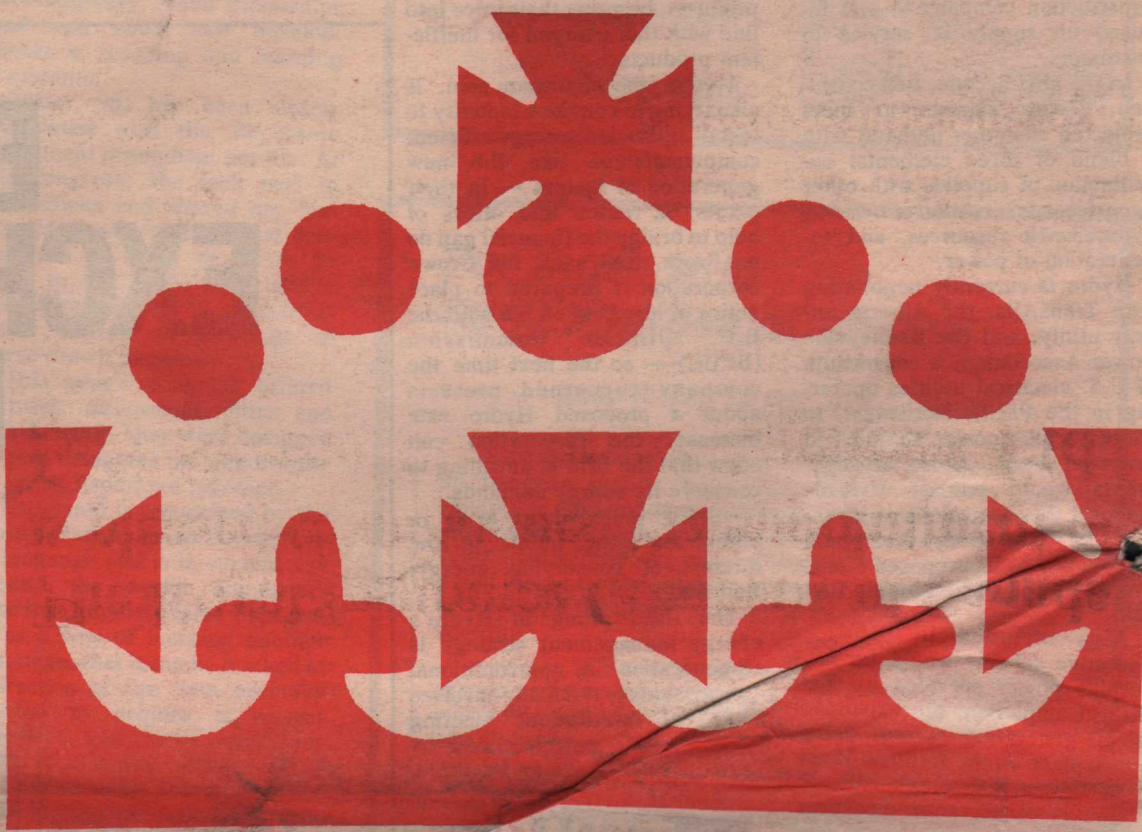
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