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## Thumbs down to mining plan

Unless there is strong support for a mine on Salt Spring, the company interested in pursuing its local mineral exploration rights will drop the plan.

That was the message delivered Saturday by Richard Moore, regional exploration manager for Falconbridge Minerals, which holds rights near Mt. Bruce at the south end of Salt Spring.

Moore was speaking at a workshop held by the company to explain its plans and solicit local comments. The message he heard from local residents was one of unanimous opposition to a mine on the island.

Moore later told *Driftwood* that Falconbridge is "reacting" to the meeting and considering its next step.

"Falconbridge is sensitive to the values and concerns of Salt Spring Island residents," Moore

said, adding his company "would not proceed with the exploration program unless there is visible support for the notion that an environmentally sound mine might be the outcome."

The company said Monday it has postponed plans to hold open houses early next month, until it can "properly assess the concerns" expressed by community leaders at Saturday's meeting.

The unanimous opposition faced by Falconbridge representatives cut short the day-long meeting in which the company hoped to address and resolve island concerns regarding its exploration program.

"We don't want a mine," one individual at the meeting offered. "It's as simple as that. Why talk about concerns?"

The group of approximately 25 invited guests, plus numerous interested parties, allowed Moore to outline Falconbridge's exploration agenda, before announcing unanimous opposition to the plan.

That opposition had been strengthened Friday night at an information meeting held at the Beaver Point Hall. A broad cross-section of islanders voiced unanimous disapproval of the prospect of a mining operation, and resolved to deliver a firm *No* message at the workshop session the following day.

Moore said Saturday that Falconbridge had been exploring mineral claims in the Mt. Bruce area since 1984. He said the chance of a mine being developed there was one in a thousand, and stressed that any operation would be environmentally sensitive. Moore said Monday he was not prepared for the depth of feeling opposing the plan.

When company representatives offered a chance for questioning, Island Trustee Pat Byrne explained that a caucus of the

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## Questions raised over enumeration

Correct maps, areas too large for single enumerators to handle and some confusion as to what happens to the ballot boxes are just some of the problems plaguing the people doing the enumerating on Salt Spring Island.

Rachel MacDonald is the enumerator for the Vesuvius area. She told *Driftwood* she is concerned about the problems which have arisen during her attempts at enumerating.

"I don't know where they got these maps that we are supposed to use, but they are useless," she said. "There are roads marked on the maps which don't exist, and other roads like North Beach Road and Channel Ridge aren't even shown on the maps. It's very distressing."

The map in question covers the entire Vesuvius area and measures about one inch high by three inches long. "You need a magnifying glass just to read it," she said.

MacDonald said she took her concerns to the returning officer for Saanich-Gulf Islands, Barbara Craven of Victoria, but it had little impact. "She has had about 20 years experience as a returning officer in urban centres, but not in a rural environment. Quite frankly I don't think she has a clue about how to handle the islands. She thought the street addresses were the same as the mailing addresses."

There are 12 enumerators on Salt Spring Island, and MacDon-

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Cougar was tracked, shot near Vesuvius

## Cougar stunned by truck; finished off by hounds, gun

While visiting Salt Spring last week, Floyd Travis of Nanaimo had an experience he won't soon forget.

Travis was driving west on Vesuvius Bay Road on October 13 at about 7:45 pm when a six-and-a-half foot cougar jumped in front of his pickup truck. Unable to stop in time, Travis hit the cougar, which then limped off into the underbrush.

Travis was not hurt, but his 1976 Ford pickup sustained \$450 worth of damage to the front end.

Police attended and called provincial Fish and Wildlife officers in Duncan, who in turn notified Pat and Ted Akerman of Fulford to attend the scene and track the cat with their hounds. About two hours later the Akermans located the injured cougar and shot the animal.

Ted Akerman said the cat was male, between two and three years of age, and weighed about 110 pounds.

The animal was later taken by Ken Broadland of the Duncan Fish and Wildlife office for further studies. An examination of the animal found a lamb's nose and some wool in its stomach.

Broadland said it was possible the cougar may have attacked the sheep flock at Ruckle Farm — which recently sustained losses blamed on a large, black dog — but a connection was impossible to confirm.

It is believed the cougar had just recently arrived on Salt Spring from Vancouver Island. The last cat killed on Salt Spring was near Burgoyne Bay about one year ago.

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## Truck-motorcycle crash kills Salt Spring youth

A Salt Spring Island youth was killed instantly on Monday when his motorcycle collided with a truck on the Pat Bay Highway.

Gabriel Rae, a 17-year-old employee of Guilbault Electric, had recently moved to Salt Spring from Courtenay.

The accident occurred at 7 am at the intersection of Claremont Road and the Pat Bay Highway. Saanich police said Rae collided with a pick-up truck and was thrown into the southbound lane, where he was struck again by another vehicle.

The accident is still under investigation.

# Liberal party chooses Clout to seek Saanich-Islands seat

## Tory, NDP hopefuls schedule Salt Spring visits

Following are notes from the four camps involved in the Saanich-Gulf Islands campaign leading up to the November 21 federal election:

The riding's Liberals last week chose Kathryn Clout to represent the party in the federal election. Clout, chosen at a nomination meeting held last Tuesday in Sidney, defeated Elmer Wiens for the honour.

In her speech to the meeting, Clout condemned the proposed free trade agreement, dismissed the Tories' record of economic recovery as being the result of a worldwide recovery, and reminded her audience of the upper-level scandals that beset the Mulroney administration.

The immediate past-president of the Liberal Association in the now-defunct riding of Cowichan-Malahat-Islands, Clout has also served on the executive of the B.C. Liberal Party.

Clout, 36, graduated with honours from Bishops University and with a law degree from UBC. A practising lawyer in the Duncan area for the past six years, she specializes in family.

NDP candidate Lynn Hunter was in Ganges last Saturday to observe proceedings at the workshop called by Falconbridge Minerals Ltd. to discuss its exploration plans with islanders.

Hunter, who did not address the meeting, told *Driftwood* later that she was "most impressed with the citizens of Salt Spring, who seemed to be speaking with one voice."

Hunter agreed that residents are right to oppose a mine, calling the industry "inappropriate to the islands." The Gulf Islands, she added, should serve as a refuge from that type of industry.

The candidate has scheduled visits to various Gulf Islands stops this week. She visits Galiano with retiring MP Jim Manly on Friday, October 21, and Salt Spring this Saturday, October 22.



**Kathryn Clout**

Conservative candidate Pat Crofton also visits Salt Spring later this week, to officially open his campaign office next to the new Ganges Village Market store.

Crofton will be in Ganges this Friday (October 21) to open the office, and intends to spend the remainder of the day in small, informal meetings with voters.

The candidate, a native son of Salt Spring who sat in the last session of the House as MP for the former riding of Esquimalt-Saanich, will be present at the office opening from 10 am to noon.

Crofton has a local touch to his nomination papers, meanwhile. The documents were signed by island residents Frank Leigh-Spencer, Dick Toynbee, Zenon Kropinski, Myrtle Gunderson, Patricia Morgan and her 90-year-old mother Violet Thompson.

Reform Party hopeful Bob Slavik takes his campaign to Galiano Island this Saturday, October 22. Slavik has scheduled a 1:30 pm meeting in the island's community hall.

Slavik has pledged "to honour the principle of recall and . . . vote on issues as directed by electors ahead of my personal opinion," should Saanich-Gulf Islands electors choose him as their federal representative.

In a prepared statement, Slavik expressed concern about the concentration of power — political, financial and industrial — in Ontario and Quebec. He said he stands for a more equitable system of government through which other regions of Canada, such as Pacific, Prairie, Maritime and Northern areas, can "attain their own legitimate self-determined aims."

Slavik, 54, is a retired Canadian Armed Forces medical officer with 29 years of service. He and his wife and their four children — now adults — have lived in the Saanich-Gulf Islands constituency for the past eight years.

The Reform Party of Canada is fielding candidates in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, B.C., the Yukon and Northwest Territories. It advocates a "united Canada, unified through equitable representation . . . in Parliament by all its varied regions."

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### Enumeration period ends this Thursday

Enumeration for the November 21 federal election began last week and concludes tomorrow (Thursday, October 20).

An official from the Ottawa office of Elections Canada said last week enumeration in "rural" areas — like the Gulf Islands portion of the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding — will be done by telephone.

A provision of the federal enumeration procedure allows rural-area voters to cast ballots on election day even if they are not signed up during the current drive, the official noted. Those people may vote on November 21 provided they are "vouched for" by a qualified voter from the same polling district.

Anyone can vote in the federal election provided they are a Canadian citizen, 18 years of age or older as of November 21, and a resident of Canada on the day enumeration begins.

**to be frank**

by richards



**That's the way it was**

Everyone who joined the air force, in the days when the jet engine was a dream and 1,000 feet per minute was an impressive climb, was required to know the procedure for starting an engine.

Big engines required more than one man on the propellor. Small engines had been the norm. The mechanic would grasp the propellor, exchange a code message with the pilot or whoever was in the cockpit and then swing the propellor. With luck the engine would catch and roar into life as the mechanic swung himself clear of the spinning blades.

The larger engines, in emergency, could be started with a sleeve and a rope. The sleeve was fitted over a propellor blade and three men grasped the rope and pulled. Too often there was no result and I remember during the first war winter in France, we had airplanes that never did start while sub-zero weather prevailed.

I still remember the pattern of exchange. The mechanic would call to ensure that the ignition was switched off. He would then call, "Sucking in!" This was for the purpose of moving the motor and ensuring there was fuel in the cylinders. He then called, "Contact!" and the man at the controls switched the ignition on. The theory was that the engine would fire up immediately. It sometimes did.

The odd thing is that I never saw the instructions written and for nearly five decades it never made sense. The routine was, "Switches off: Sucking in: Contact!"

But why "switches" when there was only one engine? I read it the other day, almost half a century after the beginning of the Second War, and the penny dropped. The first direction sounded the same, but it was differently expressed. The call was simply, "Switch is off!"

And I presume the same precautions are still taken in respect of smaller planes with smaller engines ... and flat batteries.

**Program of protests**

Each morning I listen with bated breath for the newest complaints. My morning radio fills me in with unfailing accuracy. If you haven't heard it, you're just luckier than me.

I listen to Sunday's sobs, Monday's moans, Tuesday's tears, Wednesday's woes, Thursday's threats, Friday's fears and Saturday's sadness.

It's a good start to each day's tears.

**You know what I mean!**

Can't stand the man!  
He's a real boor constrictor!

**Changes proposed for bylaw**

After meeting with various concerned groups, the Capital Regional District (CRD) has proposed three additions to its meat inspection bylaw.

The bylaw, created to prohibit the sale of uninspected meat, has met with opposition from lamb producers in the Gulf Islands. Producers, who described inspection procedures as awkward and costly due to lack of access to a meat inspector on the island, have told CRD officials they could not survive implementation of the bylaw.

The CRD, which anticipates enactment of the bylaw this November, introduced the following proposed procedures:

- Meat sold through farm gate sales considered as private transactions will not be subject to inspection. A CRD solicitor described a farm gate sale as a "private sale to a neighbour or acquaintance."

On the other hand, selling meat to the public at a restaurant or retail outlet "is clearly an act falling within the terms of the bylaw, as, I would think, would be advertising in a newspaper or elsewhere," the solicitor indicated.

- Meat that requires inspection will not involve paperwork, but a clip-on tag system. Tags will be made available to veterinarians (at a cost) who are interested in performing the inspection service.

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**Emphatic no to mining proposal delivered to Falconbridge reps**

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majority of invited guests had gathered earlier in the week and unanimously agreed they did not want a mine — even a small one — on Salt Spring Island.

"I feel Falconbridge should know that up front," Byrne said.

Byrne also described the previous night's meeting at the Beaver Point Hall. Instead of the 15 to 20 individuals expected, over 100 people attended the meeting, he said, noting that everyone there also opposed the plan.

Several of the invited guests told Saturday's meeting with Moore that they were representing groups in complete opposition to the plans.

"We are an undiscovered park, not an undiscovered mine," came one comment.

Ian Fraser, representing the school board and the Advisory Planning Commission (APC), told Moore he is not opposed to mining as a resource industry, but that he feels it is inappropriate for the Gulf Islands.

Fraser said he "strongly re-

commends" Falconbridge reconsider pursuing even mineral exploration here, indicating it would take a long time for the company to live down the "black mark" it would receive.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's director to the Capital Regional District, said there was no question the community is opposed to the Falconbridge plan.

"There may be a few advantages," Borsman said, "but they are by far outweighed by the disadvantages."

Among the benefits described by Moore were employment opportunities — clerical, technical and mining — and an increased tax base. The latter would lead to further advantages, he noted, providing the community with options for items such as a swimming pool.

Members of Saturday's audience acknowledged their appreciation to Falconbridge for coming to the public with its plans at an early stage.

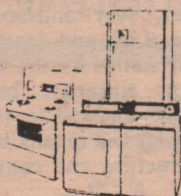
Should the company go ahead with mining, Moore had said

earlier, it planned to keep close contact with the public.

Moore told the group he feels Falconbridge will respect his advice, should it appear an "overwhelming majority" of the community is against the Falconbridge plan. While members of the meeting indicated their views were representative of the community and should be considered a gauge of public opinion, Moore said Falconbridge would attempt to poll islanders to assure the majority response is negative.

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## 'No' strategy paid dividend

If, as promised last Saturday in Ganges, Falconbridge Minerals decides to respect local wishes by scuttling an exploration program that might bring a mine to the south end of Salt Spring Island, the company will earn high marks for its corporate relations.

However, as much as Salt Spring residents could cheer Falconbridge for apparently listening to the clear "no mining" message delivered by islanders last Saturday, it should reserve an equal round of applause for the rational approach taken to the issue by opponents of the company's plans.

At a public information and strategy session held at the Beaver Point Hall last Friday night, one of the widest-possible cross-sections of Salt Spring citizens debated various stratagems that could be used to convince the mining company of the folly of its ways. To its credit, the group decided against an overt protest and in favour of a counter-attack based on reason and the weight of public sentiment.

The strategy had two strengths: it maintained broad-based support (people who have never waved a placard might have dropped out if that route had been chosen), and it gave Falconbridge no opportunity to dismiss Saturday's coalition of concerned islanders as a tiny-but-vocal crowd of complainers. In short, the tactics told Falconbridge that the people they met had legitimacy and consensus on their side.

Salt Spring has gained a reputation elsewhere as being a fractious and emotionally-charge community. While we may still display those traits in internal matters, they fade in the face of the unifying effect of an external threat. Falconbridge officials should remember that when it comes time to keep its promise made last week.



## Positive economic indicators

In 1984, when Canadians last went to the polls in a federal election, the collection of ballots cost the public purse \$96.5 million. The 1988 vote, by comparison, comes with an estimated price tag of \$112 million.

Without adjusting the relative value of a 1984 dollar against that of one spent in 1988, the

difference is a 16 per cent increase in costs for 1988. Viewed another way but in equally-simplistic terms, it's an inflation rate of a modest four per cent a year.

Somehow, we doubt that this positive economic indicator will receive much mention in the current run-up to November 21.

## Ancient Chinese philosopher able to predict victory?

An odd little tome fell into my hands last week while I perused the shelves of a favourite bookstore. Written in China about 2,500 years ago by a philosopher named Sun Tzu, *The Art Of War* is a guide to battlefield leadership and combat tactics.


The thought of reading a primer for real fighting men was not what intrigued me, however. It was the blurb on the back cover that told me *The Art of War* is now required reading in many leading American business schools and was cited in Oliver Stone's movie, *Wall Street*, as "a guide to those who strive for success."

Not having a corporation to manage or, at the very least, a smattering of stocks and bonds to mould into fighting trim, I hesitated before plunking down my \$9.95. What finally convinced me

**my word**

.....

**by duncan macdonnell**



to take this book home was the thought that it was likely applicable to the war currently being waged for our votes and, if so, it just might give me a glimpse of how victory will be determined.

According to Sun Tzu, success in combat for territory (and votes?) is governed by five factors: the moral law, heaven, earth, the commander, and method and discipline.

The *moral law* causes the people (party members) to be in

complete accord with the ruler. *Heaven* signifies night and day, cold and heat, time and seasons. *Earth* is distances, danger (a Tory in East Vancouver) and security, the chances of life and death. *The commander* stands for the virtues of wisdom, sincerity, benevolence, courage and strictness. *Method and discipline* means administrative structure and control of logistics.

Sun Tzu maintained he could predict victory or defeat simply by

deciding which side in a struggle had the edge in each of the above five categories, and in two others: which army was the strongest, and which had the better-trained officers and men. Today, he would be a pollster.

Or perhaps a politician. After outlining his five factors, then adding two more variables, Sun Tzu offers five additional "essentials for victory." They are:

- He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight.
- He will win who knows how to handle both superior and inferior forces.
- He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout its ranks.
- He will win who, prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared.
- He will win who has military

capacity and is not interfered with by the sovereign.

I found it relatively easy to apply the above factors to the parties and personalities involved in the current federal campaign. Just for fun, you might also wish to take out your pencils and papers, fashion scorecards and truthfully consider which of the parties seeking your support has the greatest strength in the same categories. Call it handicapping.

That done, contemplate the words of warning Sun Tzu had for the general who drains himself in a long, losing cause: "When your weapons are dulled, your ardour dampened, your strength exhausted and your treasure spent, other chieftains will spring up to take advantage of your extremity. Then no man, however wise, will be able to avert the consequences that must ensue."

## Unanimous

Sir,  
As a silent witness I attended Falconbridge's exploration program planning workshop with the leaders of key Salt Spring Island interest groups last Saturday.

The power of the simple, firm, unanimous word *no* by the people who represent the resident of Salt Spring, effectively halted the workshop process — for the moment.

There is no need for discussion, emotional concerns voiced or protest theatre when the effective concordance of the two-letter word *no* leaves no ambiguity for interpretation. And yet, Falconbridge will proceed with their agenda to poll our island community for the individual voice.

Please leave no ambiguity for interpretation — united we stand, loud and clear.

**KATHLEEN HORSDAL,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## Strengthen

Sir,  
The erosion of our island lifestyle accelerates with the threat of mining on Salt Spring. Time is running out. Many of us who form the silent majority have sat back in quiet consternation while the opportunists pillage and destroy.

The Islands Trust has no authority other than to make recommendations to the provincial government. The Trust needs the backing of every islander in its efforts to protect and preserve our unique natural environment. We can demonstrate our support by joining the Islands Watch Society, which already boasts a membership of close to 500.

Let us take action before it is too late, by joining forces with the Islands Watch Society, whose mission is to support the aims of the Islands Trust.

**ELIZABETH M. POOLE,**  
Ganges.

## Try again

Sir,  
I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is the seniors' housing questionnaire had a rather disappointing response. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to fill out and return your questionnaires. Your thoughtful comments were most appreciated.

The good news is you have a second chance. I will leave a number of questionnaires at the library this week and hope you will pick one up. If you would rather just write a note with your ideas or concerns about seniors' housing on Salt Spring, that's fine too. June Perry, chairman of the library board, has kindly given us permission to leave our questionnaire box there again for your convenience.

**SUE MOUAT,**  
Ganges.

## No need

Sir,  
How about a mine? No thanks, was the resounding reply at the meeting held in the Harbour House Hotel Saturday morning. It was attended by representatives of most, if not all, of the groups that concern themselves with how the island should be developed.

## letters

I gather the consensus is that we have enough. We don't need the profits or the pollution of such an operation. Fair enough.

And how is the plan to heroically ship all of our garbage off-island coming along?

**KEITH MacHATTIE,**  
Ganges.

P.S. — For the as-yet uninformed people of the global village representing themselves here on Salt Spring Island, we are forming a local chapter of the Yes-No-Maybe society, which will have its first meeting on October 32 at the amphitheatre in the cement plant. Topic of discussion will be: Recycling old values and the Pallisade Mentality.

## Modifications

Sir,  
According to last week's *Driftwood*, Nick Gilbert is 100 per cent in favour of the James Island development proposal, which will see 175 home sites over 700 acres.

Using that same ratio, last year's proposal which MB made to Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne for the 4800 acre MB property on Salt Spring — 1,000 home sites, over 20 years, with the balance of the 3,800 acres being dedicated to the public — now seems both fair and conservative.

Since James Island was logged extensively in the 1970s, we find it

hard to accept that this density proposal would be acceptable on the basis that it somehow protected James Island's pristine condition. Perhaps Nick would be kind enough to explain these decisions.

Nick Gilbert has stated on numerous occasions that the Islands Trust suffers from a serious lack of funding. To overcome that need, he states that he would raise those funds by raising our taxes. We suggest that the Islands Trust has the opportunity to become self-sufficient without raising out taxes. What is required in order to achieve a strong and independent Trust is a shift off the preserve and protect pedestal toward proper

management through comprehensive local planning.

Nick Gilbert is the chairman of the Islands Trust and, to the best of our knowledge, as such he has never made any attempt to modify or correct the obvious and inherent inadequacies of the present Trust system, or their present representation arrangements. By not attempting to change, Nick Gilbert above all, should realize that the Trust will never be strengthened.

Salt Spring Island is a growing community and as such we require some essential long-range planning. Who will the community choose to represent and co-ordinate those tasks? We suggest that the real issues for the coming Trust elections are very straightforward — just ask Hal Wright.  
**MURRAY CYPRUS,**  
Ganges.

**CUTTING THROUGH THE MAZE...**

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## Curious

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"Why," continued Alice to herself, "I inquired about this very same office space two months ago and again last month. It was when I was hunting for an election office for the White Queen, also known as Lynn Hunter. "No," the White Rabbit had told me. "It won't be rented to anyone for the time being ... so much to be done; it's not habitable ... maybe you can find somewhere else." And that, of course, is what I did."

Not a day later, the White Rabbit, panting after her, said to Alice, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I'm so upset. Alice, you did ask for the office first, but then, someone got through to the Cheshire Cat. Forgive me. I'm late." And off he hopped.

The Cheshire Cat purred and, to everyone's amazement, soon nothing remained but the grin.

But Alice didn't mind. She took a long draught from her Drink Me bottle which she then rinsed out and left at the Recycling Depot. She felt herself growing bigger and stronger and taller and taller. "Well, at least there's more to me than a silly grin," she thought.  
**IRENE WRIGHT,**  
 Gulf Islands N.D.P. Club.

## New blend

Sir,  
 A hardware store not being the usual place to find this product, it might be useful to point out to those who are supportive of Nicaragua, supportive of OXFAM, interested in superb coffee, or any combination of the above that Nicaraguan coffee is,

through the good offices of John Lomas, available at Gulfstream. It is distributed under the Bridgehead label by OXFAM, the humanitarian organization which seeks to improve the conditions of people ravaged by war, partly by finding markets for their products.

The American administration's economic assault on that poor country has been interfering with Canadians' ability to buy whatever coffee they want, but other means of getting it here have now been found by OXFAM.

It is the very finest Arabica, untouched by the hands of Juan Valdez. Some piquancy may be added to the flavour by considering that, as my wife and I observed at the Honduran border, the pickers had to have armed protection against the assaults of the contras.

**ANDREW GIBSON,**  
 Ganges.

## Update

Sir,  
 I would like to clarify some aspects of the maintenance of the new linear park along Ganges Creek.

We do not have Provincial Parks permission to do any work in the area from the CRD fence to the new bypass, so if this part looks messy it is not the Creek Committee's fault. We are only allowed to maintain the path along the creek. We have asked for permission several times to cut the grass but have been turned down.

We are hoping that our local Parks and Recreation Commission will take over this piece from the province, and then we will gladly keep the grass trimmed.

The Salmon Enhancement Society paid for the creek backhoe

work (\$550) and the creek committee raised another \$500 for materials as part of the Job Trac project. I purchased four dozen ivy plants with my own money, and planted them, and Salmon Enhancement bought another four dozen. They are alive and well along the chain link fence and hopefully will cover it by next spring. (The Job Trac Crew planted some as well.)

We have been offered some more trees and shrubs but will wait until the rainy season to transplant them, and we have raised enough money for a load of bark mulch to landscape around the plants.

Ian Fraser, Mike McCormick, Challenge '88 students, John Howard Society workers and I have cut the grass, raked the paths and stained the bridges. We have had to rent or borrow equipment to do this. We will soon be able to borrow equipment from Parks and Recreation.

Hopefully all the problems with the park will be solved in the near future. I would like to invite all the people who have complained (and have not volunteered to work yet) to contribute some money toward the project or roll up their sleeves and help the next time there is a work bee in the park.

**KATHY REIMER,**  
 Ganges Creek Committee.

## Protection

Sir,  
 It will be more than interesting to follow the course of Falconbridge's foray for minerals into the heart of South Salt Spring Island.

From all reports, we can expect to be charmed off our feet and, possibly, out of rational thought. The softening up process has

already begun.

Once the Falconbridge public relations consultants have systematically fanned out over this island, encouraging our goodwill and acceptance, using the most successful sociological techniques, we can expect the multinational's hard hats to descend upon us like a tonne of ore, diamond drills whirling!

Mind you, we are told we will hardly notice a thing. Yet, I deeply resent being processed like a piece of cheddar cheese.

Perhaps I can save Falconbridge some computer time by saying clearly, now, that I do not want a mine on Salt Spring Island, on Galiano, on Mayne, on Saturna, or the Penders, or any of the Gulf Islands, and you can interpret that any way you like.

I hear that some public meetings may be held. But, I am growing weary of these *fait accompli*, carefully-structured, sessions offered by companies like Falconbridge, where so-called dialogue is clearly one-way and

where the powerful listen, smiling, minds set, trying only to retain maximum goodwill and their advantage.

I believe that the Gulf Islands, and especially Salt Spring Island, cannot withstand the continuing onslaught of multinational groups seeking to extract every last piece of natural resource we have. Our forests have become the victims of greed; the air and water are becoming lethally polluted and now the earth is to be gutted so that another multinational can increase its stocks of gold, copper and silver and its bottom line.

Can this pillaging of these once incredibly blessed islands ever be stopped? Will our politicians finally listen and do something to help us when we say, "No more! No mines!"

There comes a time when, after all legal and political means have been exhausted, we are left with no recourse but to protect ourselves any way we can. It seems to me that Salt Spring Islanders should consider, seriously, learning something of the art of non-violent protest. Continuing frustration may well lead us to that.

**LOWELL HICKS,**  
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In the event a Poll is necessary, the Poll will be open on the 19th day of November, 1988, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

- SALT SPRING ISLAND** Salt Spring Elementary School  
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**THOMAS F. MOORE**  
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more letters

Pottage

Sir,  
The entire west coast of Vancouver, which harbours one of the richest and most magnificent forests in the world, is in mortal danger. From whom? The government of British Columbia and its ministers of forests, lands and others. These forests have been sold for a mess of pottage to MacMillan-Bloedel, B.C. Forest Products, and other companies. Ironically, the forests belong to all the people of the province and their children and grandchildren, not to the ministers who so grandly give away "tree-cutting licenses."

From the standpoint of conservationists, Canada is a third world country, like Brazil, that is selling off its irreplaceable natural resources. With the logging of the giant trees goes the loss of great natural beauty, the wildlife that inhabit them, and the lands of the Indians who were robbed of them.

Word is getting around in international conservation circles that something is wrong in Canada. How can so civilized a nation be so foolish as to sell off its forests and their waters, their beauty, and their ambience? Why, they ask, doesn't Canada take stock from its neighbour, the United States? There, conservationists in the last 40 years persuaded Congress to pass the remarkable Wilderness Bill, which could save the forests of Vancouver Island from all logging and marauding.

Why doesn't Canada have a national forest system, as the U.S. does, whereby lands in the public domain are managed for perpetual and wise use?

Why doesn't Canada have a scenic rivers system which is dedicated to preserving such beautiful rivers as are found in British Columbia? Why does Canada have so-called national parks that are subject to exploitation at the whims of a minister or a premier who obviously never sets foot in a primeval forest?

One could go on and on to show that in the U.S., conservationists fought hard and long but succeeded in creating national parks that can't be logged or have boundaries changed, wilderness where no human interference is permitted, as in Redwoods National Park, and so on. Canada has none of this.

The only thing that can possibly save Vancouver Island's natural treasures — and there is still time — is a massive popular protest resulting in the election of legislators who will be forced to listen to the conservationists. That is what happened in the United States.

ANTHONY NETBOY,  
Ganges.

Gratitude

Sir,  
The Auxiliary to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital wishes to express their gratitude to the residents of Salt Spring Island for

the generous support in donations of clothing, toys, kitchen gadgets, etc., which make it possible to use the money from the Thrift Shop sales for much-needed hospital equipment.

M. CUTTELL,  
Ganges.

Urgent

Sir,  
I would like to address this letter to every single person on Salt Spring who can read and write. On Saturday morning every major group on the island unanimously said *no* to Falconbridge. No doubt this history-making event will be fully reported on the front page, so I will not elaborate here.

But please note: after the meeting, Richard Moore, Falconbridge's representative, said that if they had *overwhelming* opposition from individuals they would drop their proposal. Only *if*. We must demonstrate that opposition overwhelmingly. This means you.

Please write to William James, president and chief executive officer, Falconbridge Ltd., 40th Floor, Commerce Court West, Toronto, Ontario, M5L 1B4 (FAX No. 416-364-8986), and say *no* to any exploration on the Gulf Islands. Your letter should be short and preferably handwritten.

Copies should be sent to Dave Parker, minister of mines, MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts, and Rita Johnston, minister of municipal affairs, all at Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.


If you think this is costly consider what will happen to your property values should a mine come to Salt Spring.

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BIS WHITBY,  
Ganges.

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## Fine, suspension handed out for leaving scene of accident

A Salt Spring Island man says he will appeal what he terms a 'stiff' penalty handed to him in Ganges provincial court last week.

Jay Small, 38, of Vesuvius Bay Road, pleaded guilty to failing to remain at the scene of an accident. Crown Counsel Derek Lister told the court Small was driving a friend's Mercedes when he side-swiped a parked pick-up truck.

A witness to the accident watched the Mercedes leave the scene and followed Small to a residence. The witness watched Small park the Mercedes, get into another car and drive to the Vesuvius Inn.

Court was told the police were notified and attended at the Inn, where Small admitted he should have stayed at the scene of the accident.

Small told the court he went to the Vesuvius Inn to inform the owner of the Mercedes about the accident.

While Lister described Small's action as a "deliberate attempt to avoid the consequences" of the incident, Small said he was not trying to hide the Mercedes in any way — he parked it right on the roadside.

Judge Denroche told Small that if he'd left a message for the pick-up owner he would not have had to appear in court. He fined Small \$200 and suspended his driver's licence for six months.

According to local RCMP, an offence of this nature typically carries a penalty in the area of a \$100 fine.

A Nanaimo man will pay \$150 after pleading guilty to driving without due care and attention.

Terry Lloyd Pridge, 35, pleaded guilty to the charge after being involved in a single-vehicle accident on July 24. Pridge, who works as a logger on Salt Spring, was driving south on Fulford-Ganges Road when he over-corrected to avoid a ditch and flipped his truck.

Pridge was taken to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for injuries, while a passenger remained at the accident scene.

Crown Counsel Derek Lister told the court Pridge had no previous record.

A Vancouver youth was fined \$100 for the illegal possession of a firearm.

The charge was laid after local RCMP found the youth in possession of a rifle in Mouat's Park last summer.

The youth, who pleaded guilty to the charge, told the court he had lost his hunting licence along with his wallet.

Judge Denroche told the youth that if he was going to carry weapons, he must learn the importance of doing so legally, and according to specific regulations.

After hearing the circumstances surrounding a dangerous driving charge, Judge Denroche described a Vancouver man's driving skills as "disgraceful" and fined him \$250.

Judge Denroche also suspend-

ed 28-year-old Garry Newmeyers' drivers' licence for six months.

Newmeyers, who appeared in Ganges provincial court October 11, pleaded guilty to an incident which took place last January 31.

Crown Counsel Derek Lister told the court the offence began at approximately 11:50 pm when Newmeyers travelled across a double solid line on Lower Ganges Road to pass a vehicle.

Moments later, the speed of the accused's vehicle was clocked by police radar at 93 kilometres per hour in a 50 kilometre zone.

RCMP Constable Garry Styles followed the speeding vehicle, which stopped at the side of the road. When Styles approached, the driver was nowhere in sight.

After circling the block and returning to the location, Styles saw the vehicle pulling out. He activated emergency lights and followed the vehicle into the Harbour House Hotel parking lot.

According to the testimony of a driver leaving the parking lot, Lister said, Newmeyers was driving very fast, and forced her car off to the side of the road.

When Styles found the vehicle in the parking lot, the driver had again disappeared. Styles had the vehicle towed from the area.

The accused appeared at the RCMP detachment the following day. He told police he evaded them because he owed \$50 and felt there was a warrant out for his arrest.

Defence counsel P. Burns described the incident as a case involving lack of judgement. He told the court alcohol was not involved, but that Newmeyers should have exercised better judgement, because others in the parking lot may have been drinking.

He said the outstanding \$50 bill

was due to a fishing offence. Newmeyers was concerned that if police found him, he would spend the weekend in jail.

Burns also described a sequence of personal trauma suffered by Newmeyers in the past year.

Judge Denroche said it is hard to believe someone could display such driving habits without being impaired: "It's disgraceful for someone sober to drive like that," he said.

A Salt Spring Island man will serve 14 days in Nanaimo Correctional Centre after pleading guilty to a charge of impaired driving.

Former Ganges resident Charles Jeffrey Sinclair, 37, entered the plea last week in Ganges provincial court, when he appeared before Judge Denroche.

The Crown withdrew a related charge of taking a vehicle without the consent of its owner.

Because the impaired driving charge was Sinclair's third, Judge Denroche had the option of sentencing the accused to a three-month period of incarceration. However, Judge Denroche said he was persuaded Sinclair is making every effort to ensure the offence is not repeated.

The charge was laid last April 1 at 11:50 pm, when local RCMP received a call to attend the Fulford fire hall. Two witnesses, who had pursued a vehicle they believed stolen, were in the bushes searching for the driver.

Court was told that when police arrived at the scene, the witnesses had found and detained the accused. Sinclair had driven to the area in a vehicle belonging to Danny Reynolds, which had been parked at the Vesuvius Inn.

## Body found at Vesuvius

The body of a 24-year-old Salt Spring Island resident was discovered last week in the Vesuvius Bay area.

The body of Lincoln Terrance Ingram was found October 11 at 12:40 pm on a wooded slope near the Vesuvius Bay ferry terminal.

Local RCMP, who are continuing their investigation into the death, said foul play is not suspected.

No further details were available.



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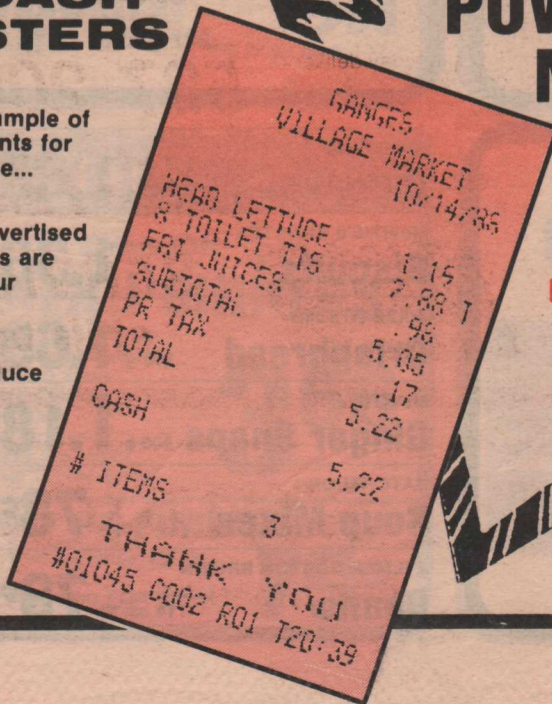
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**capital comment**

by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — If nothing else, Bud Smith is candid. During a recent charter conference at the University of British Columbia, the new attorney general addressed an audience of what he called "the finest legal minds in North America" and gave them an earful.

The target of his criticism was the judiciary and its ever-increasing power under the provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

To the layman, Smith made a good case against the legal myopia and arrogance that has crept into our judicial system with the charter. His critique could not have been lost on the audience, which was studded with judges and lawyers.

What bothers Smith, and should bother us all, is the gradual erosion of legislative prerogative by the courts. With the arrival of the charter, appointed judges gained the right to overturn decisions made by elected parliaments.

"Just a few years ago, matters of social and economic policy were regarded as the exclusive domain of legislators. The will of the people as expressed through elections, provided the basis for major social and economic policy decisions," Smith said.

"Political give and take resolved conflicting views. The resulting decisions, laws, regulations and policies were compromises, that great Canadian art form," he said.

That's changed. Now, if judges feel that someone's rights under the charter have been infringed, they can wipe out any decision, any law, any regulation or policy that led to the infringement.

The result of this, Smith says, is that Canadians are no longer able to determine their social and economic future by virtue of

**Appeared to be good thing**

their free vote. There's a great deal of merit to that argument.

Take Smith's example of the recent controversy over doctors' billing numbers. Earlier this year, the B.C. Court of Appeal decided that the provincial government did not have the right to restrict the issuance of billing numbers, necessary for doctors to practice in this province. The effect of the decision was that any doctor who meets the professional criteria can now practice in British Columbia.

On the surface, that would appear to be a good thing. It certainly seems fair, which, I suppose, is why the court decided in the doctors' favour in the first place. But there are other considerations which the court did not have to deal with.

Before the court's decision, there were 6,000 doctors in B.C., all paid through the Medical Services Plan which is, of course, financed by us, the taxpayers. Since the judgement was handed down, that number has increased to 7,000 doctors. Smith estimates that each additional doctor costs the taxpayers \$250,000 a year. That figure includes hospital services and prescription drugs.

When the government decided to restrict billing numbers, it believed that there were enough doctors in B.C. When the court struck down the restrictive law, it only looked at whether or not the decision reflected the spirit of the charter.

Smith argued that the billing number issue had been debated at length in every constituency prior to the 1986 election. In other words, the matter had been an election issue, and since the voters returned the government to power, they had endorsed its position on billing numbers.

**Considered a little shaky**

Therefore, Smith said, the court had gone against the will of the people when it eliminated billing number restrictions.

It's not a bad argument, but it does have some flaws. It is in the interest of the public to have some protection against bad government decisions. If Canada had its present charter in the 1940s, there would not have been second-class citizens in this country. The Japanese would not have been put into containment camps; the Chinese would have had the right to vote.

Still, to a nation which has been governed since birth by common law, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms can be somewhat troublesome. The difference, in simple terms, is this: whereas before our basic rights consisted of everything not specifically excluded, our basic rights are now specified under the charter. Anything not specified by the charter, such as property rights, can be considered a little shaky.

The Americans are used to living under a charter. They have defined their basic rights ever since they brought in the constitution. But Americans are also used to intensively debating any constitutional controversy. We not only tend to meekly accept court decisions, we accept the worst judicial appointment without a word of protest.

Smith predicts that will change. As the courts assume more and more power Canadians, he says, will want to examine the people exercising that power. Twenty years down the road, judicial appointees will be grilled and occasionally rejected, just as in the United States.

"Welcome to the world of politics," he told the judges at the conference.

**Logistics of voter count questioned**

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ald said she has spoken to four of them. "They are all pretty upset," she said. "I don't think you will see them doing this again at the next election."

One of the problems MacDonald has encountered is that enumerators are supposed to post a preliminary voters' list at their homes. "That would be fine if the enumerators lived in the areas that they were enumerating but I live up near Ferwood and am enumerating in Vesuvius," she said. "But that isn't the worst of it — the enumerator doing the north end of the island lives down on Isabella Point Road. That means that voters have to travel all the way from one end of the island to the other just to see if they are on the list."

The problem with the ballot boxes, according to MacDonald, is that there is no provision to safely store them after the night of the election. "I spoke to Mrs. Craven Monday and she said we may have to take them home with us after the balloting," she said. "I told her that I would not be the district returning officer for my area if that was the case."

Returning officer Barbara Craven, when told about MacDonald's complaints, said she was "sorry (MacDonald) is disappointed, but I think her comments are a little off base. This is the first time we have given our enumerators maps. They were supplied by the provincial government, so I don't know what else we can do. Maybe the job was a little bigger than she realized."

Craven said she has received no complaints from any of her other enumerators. "Everybody has been raving about them," (the maps), she said. "We don't have to give them maps, we just thought it would make their job easier."

Craven added that part of the problem on Salt Spring is that street addresses and mailing addresses are not the same. "It can make for a lot confusion," she said.

Craven invited anyone on the islands who has inquiries or complaints to call her, collect, at 727-2312.

"Just because people live out on the islands does not mean they should get second class service. They can call me about any problems they may have and I will do my best to help them," she said.

With regards to the ballot boxes, Craven said that it is not a problem if returning officers have to take them home for the night. "I told Mrs. MacDonald that I would try to contact the RCMP in Ganges to see if the boxes could be stored there for the night," she said. "I was just trying to be convenient to them. All the Outer Island DRO's will be taking them home with them. I just haven't had the time to contact the police to see if that is all right to store them there for the night. I think this woman is causing a lot of unnecessary trouble."

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**artseen**

by gary cherneff



It's been a while since I trooped around some of the galleries of Ganges. Much to my delight, there are some pleasant surprises worth having a look at.

Let's begin with the Pegasus Gallery, in the mall, where a shopper can often find special works of Native art and sculpture as well as glass, ceramics and jewellery. The graphic art, for my taste, is most often unchallenging and at times my inclination is to believe that the Pacific salmon fleet overwinters on its walls. But hurray, see the excellent landscapes (or islandscapes) of David Barker.

Barker's language is form and colour interfacing with a realistic intertidal zone. Here, immovable landforms prod and jut into the supplicant sea. Barker has a formidable technique in creating the illusion of depth. In water, the effects are as luscious and seductive as the landforms are hard and intransigent. He has the ability to make us believe we can actually feel the elements of his illusions. Barker understands the geometric foundations of composition and in only a few minor instances does he allow sentiment to mar exceptionally fine realist landscape.

On, then, to the Gulf Jewels Gallery, whose proprietor, Bruce Pearson, is well known for his fine work in silver, gold and gems. This gallery is small but offers a carefully-selected range of paintings, drawings, objects d'art and crafts. Notable on the walls are works by Diana Dean and Suzanne Gagnon, whose exquisite coloured pencil drawings make me wonder why she does not do much more.

The presently-featured artist here is Lari Robson. For the last 20 years Robson has reserved special rice bowls from each firing of his kiln. We have an opportunity here, to immerse ourselves in this artist's particular sensibility; to enquire as to why this bowl, rather than another, was coveted. With considerate examination we can see another way of seeing balance, form, colour and texture.

**Appeals to our intellect**

Last but not least, at Off Centre Stage, is a show of recent work by Lynda Laushway. Laushway is a printmaker who works within the complicated discipline of photo etching. She is also an environmental activist whose concern for those issues is incorporated into her work.

Her show of 14 pieces, consisting of black and white photographs, colour photo etchings and colour monoprints should be viewed as one integrated work in itself, which has individual elements — rather like an installation, a performance of a film.

Most of the work revolves around the image of a female figure in fetal or semi-fetal position among uprooted forest and slash. In the black and white work, the figure is bare and cold, denuded of her shelter. In the colour photo etchings, the temperature and perhaps the anger rises.

Laushway appeals to our intellect in the former and then, in the latter, batters us emotionally with her expressionistic colour work. I read green for forest in one, red for blood in another and finally, in the last, cold dead grey tones of landscape splashed with crimson, the earth torn asunder.

Well, that's what I see, but I'm not sure about a few things. While the black and white images lend support to the colour climax, this much repetition smacks of rote teaching methods. If one is going to illustrate the decline of our environment, does not the issue instead deserve to be treated in depth and with greater rigour? And as for the three large colour monoprints, although their role in this show is clear, I don't believe that as a grouping they are able to successfully stand alone. They are a graphically weak, didactic restatement of the far more gutsy colour photo etchings. The meat of the show lies in these later pieces which, in combination with but one of the black and white photographs, ring as a complete sentence pared down to its essential poetic elements.

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**South Africa film series scheduled**

Three documentary films on life in South Africa will be screened on Salt Spring over the next month.

Organized by the island's Continuing Education office, the film series is being co-sponsored by Voice of Women, the Anglican Church parish, Off Centre Stage, Usha Rautenback and Our Lady of Grace church.

The films, to be shown in the hall of St. George's Church in Ganges, include *Witness to Apartheid* (October 26), *Girls Apart* (November 9) and *Winnie and Nelson Mandela* (November 23).

Screenings, to begin at 7:30 pm on each of the three dates, will be followed by a discussion period.

The first film in the series, *Witness to Apartheid*, will be offered next Wednesday. A 58-minute colour film directed by Sharon Sopher, it won a red ribbon award at the 1986 American Film and Video Festival.

*Witness to Apartheid*, shot during the 1985 state of emergency in South Africa, presents the testimony of witnesses to the violence and repression in the townships.

A release describing the movie notes: "These witnesses include black adults and children — as young as 14 years old — who have been tortured in detention or simply, like a black taxi driver, attacked in the street. Doctors — black and white — who treat their injuries speak out for the first time and interpret the graphic evidence of torture."

Director Sopher and the film crew, invited to make the film by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the South African Council of Churches, were arrested while filming in the townships of South Africa.

In a review of the film, *The Economist* magazine said it was "likely to create an uproar by its harrowing look behind the scenes of apartheid."

The *New York Times* added: "To see these things is to know why South African blacks cannot be content, now, with piecemeal reforms."

The Continuing Education office notes it will cost about \$400 to bring the three documentary films to Salt Spring. Accordingly, it will ask for donations at the door rather than a set registration fee.

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# Three top productions set for 'best of fringe' festival

## Off Centre Stage hosts Vancouver, Victoria plays

The best of both the Vancouver and Victoria fringe festivals will be presented in Ganges over three weekends in November.

Salt Spring's first "stars of the fringe" festival opens at Off Centre Stage November 4 and 5 with a production of the off-Broadway hit, *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*.

The festival continues November 11-12 with *The Ballad of Phil Ochs*, and concludes November 18-19 with *Savage Love*.

Oscar-winning playwright John Patrick Stanley's *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, described as "a timely and unusual love story," cleaned up at Vancouver's Jessie Awards in 1986 and was considered by organizers to be the centerpiece of the Victoria Fringe Festival.

According to critics, the "jewel" of the 1988 Vancouver Fringe Festival, was *The Ballad of Phil Ochs*. Written and performed by Ross Desprez of Victoria, it offers "the boundless energy of the 1960s, the poetry of protest and the music of a troubled genius."

Critics said the script and performance by Desprez are "spellbinding." When the show was featured at this year's Victoria Fringe Festival, it was described as one of the two most artistically successful productions staged.

The other was *Savage Love*, based on 19 poems written by playwright Sam Sheppard. With its tightly-repeating patterns of dialogue, *Savage Love* was considered "a showcase for fine acting and insightful direction."

Victoria's fringe festival was launched in 1987, while Vancouver's was born in 1980. The Victoria version ran for five days this year, while Vancouver's offered 350 shows in 1986.

Both are modelled after the Edmonton Fringe Festival which, in turn, is based on the first-ever fringe festival, held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the 1940s.

The festival concept is to allow artists to "do their own thing at their own risk, with the maximum of help and the minimum of interference" from organizers, Off Centre Stage explains.

It adds: "The essential quality of the Fringe was its spontaneity and complete artistic freedom. Any form of quality control was either by the artists themselves or their public, in a direct, immediate one-to-one relationship."

Both the Edinburgh and Edmonton festivals are considered to have been instrumental in bringing the newest directions in theatre and performance art into the limelight for the first time.

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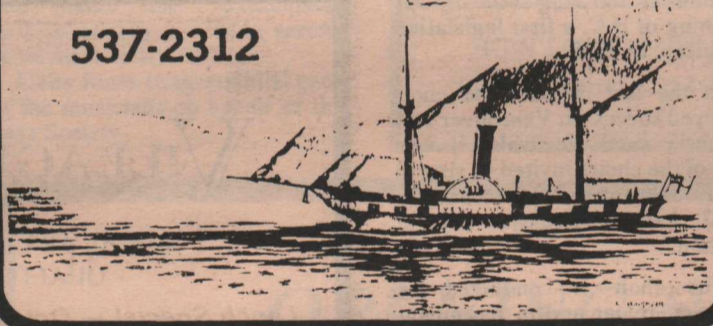
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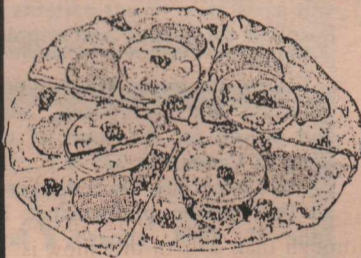
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# Festival organizers seeking bigger, better summer event

An improved *Summer Festival of the Arts* is promised for Salt Spring in 1989, thanks in part to training given to the event's co-ordinator.

Trish Nobile returned to Salt Spring recently after taking a three-week arts administration and management course at the Banff Centre.

The program covered fields like fund-raising efforts, marketing, communication skills, arts and the law, policy-making decisions, financing and budgeting. Nobile said the information she gathered should allow better organization of the annual festival, which was launched two years ago with the long-term goal of raising funds for a year-round performing arts venue and training centre on the island.

Nobile, who was able to attend the course with the help of a scholarship from the Banff Centre and grants from the Community Arts Council and the *Summer Festival of the Arts*, said the program was also valuable because it allowed her to make contacts in the arts field.

As an example, she noted that among the well-known and high-powered arts community representatives she met during the course was a person responsible for Canada Council funding for festivals like Salt Spring's effort.

A request for grant funding is now expected to be sent to the Canada Council representative. If approved, it would require that the local festival provide a broad representation of artistic talent from each of Canada's regions.

Nobile said goals for the festival include making it more professionally-organized, broadening its base of support in the community, and taking it to the point where it can financially afford to take the risk of booking more expensive talent.

Like the first festival held in 1987, the 1988 version broke even on the balance sheet. However, because the event was launched with the help of an interest-free loan provided by noted Canadian painter and Salt Spring resident Allan Edwards, the festival has a nest egg to use to present its 1989 lineup.

That makes it unusual when compared to similar festivals, Nobile said, because others depend on large grants to cover expenses. The Salt Spring festival has been staged with the additional financial help of the Community Arts Council and a small grant from the provincial cultural services grant.

This year's festival drew about 3,000 people to its 25 events, which ranged from theatre to dance to classical and popular music. Nobile said few complaints were voiced about the 1988 festival's content or format, with most observers feeling it was better than the first one.

The Salt Spring community,



**Trish Nobile**

she said, will continue to be the core of the festival. "Our aim is to please the island residents, not necessarily to gear everything to tourists," she said.

The island influence extends

also to the festival lineup, which this year saw half a dozen local residents included among the performers, and the staging of a juried art show featuring the works of local artists.

"We've always extended an invitation for local participation," Nobile said, "but I've been surprised that we don't have more people prepared to perform. I want to get the message out there that this is our festival, and I'd like to get more local people as performers and more local people to become members of the Festival Society. I'd like to hold awareness events to get more membership."

Islanders should realize, she continued, that the festival is not just "a frivolous good time in the summer, held for the tourists." The long-term goal of a performing arts centre, if reached, would mean residents would not have to travel off-island for the bulk of their cultural stimulation.

The benefit of a better-organized festival, Nobile said, is greater financial success of the event and the subsequent attainment of the arts centre goal.

## Aaron Male Voice Choir slates Salt Spring concert

The Aaron Male Voice Choir, formed in 1893, will visit Salt Spring on Sunday, October 30, for a 2:30 pm concert at Ganges United Church.

The choir's visit is sponsored by the Madrona Club, Daughters of the Nile of Salt Spring, who raise money to provide comforts and assistance to out-patients of hospitals for burned and crippled children.

Taking its name from a poet musician who composed, sang and played for the court of the King of Corinth in 625 B.C., the Aaron Male Voice Choir delivered its first public performance on June 21, 1894, aboard a boat

travelling along Victoria Arm in through the Gorge.

By 1896, the group had become the ceremonial choir of Victoria. It assisted during the visits of dignitaries and sang at the official opening of B.C.'s first legislative building, in 1898.

In the last decade, the choir enjoyed success at Vancouver and Victoria music festivals. It was one of the choirs invited to sing in Vancouver for the Queen and, in 1973, had a successful tour of Britain.

The choir is conducted by Harold Treloar and is accompanied by Ursula Thomas.

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Music prodigies Caitlin Hayes (left), Tia Stevenson and Amber Cartwright were honoured by the Salt Spring Jazz Society for their musical ability and enthusiasm. Missing from the photograph is Kevin

Walde, who was also presented with a \$50 scholarship. A student was selected for the awards from each school on Salt Spring.

## Funds forwarded to music students

Four Salt Spring Island students have been recognized for their outstanding musical abilities. Each was presented with a \$50 scholarship last Friday.

Caitlin Hayes, Tia Stevenson, Amber Cartwright and Kevin Walde were acknowledged by the Salt Spring Island Jazz Society for their musical abilities and the effort each has devoted to improving those skills.

On behalf of the Jazz Society, Libby Jones presented each student with a \$50 scholarship.

The Jazz Society is a non-profit organization which aims to promote music (not jazz alone) on Salt Spring. The \$200 presented to the students represented the profit made at the society's August Jazz Festival. The society is planning further fund-raising events this year, such as the Harvest Dance scheduled for November 12.

One student from each school on Salt Spring was selected for the scholarship. Representing the high school, Caitlin Hayes was chosen for her exceptional abilities as a pianist.

Kevin Walde, chosen from Fulford Elementary, has been

playing the saxophone for over a year. He is considered a hard working and deserving musician.

Fernwood School's selection, Amber Cartwright, plays the flute, recorder and ukulele, and sings in a choir. She has been described as a most promising and dedicated student.

Tia Stevenson, of Salt Spring Elementary, sings and plays flute and piano. She "participates enthusiastically in a wide variety of musical activities."

Libby Jones congratulated each of the musicians on behalf of the Jazz Society.

## Women's League reports discussed

The Salt Spring Island chapter of the Catholic Women's League held its most recent regular monthly meeting following Mass in Our Lady of Grace church on October 12.

President Valerie Gyves read a report by on the past diocesan convention prepared by Margaret Beardon, provincial CWL president-elect. It outlined needs, recommendations and resolutions. The next diocesan convention is set for June, 1989, in Port Alberni.

League members attended a tea at Ursula McEwan's home to present Jean Anderson and Bea Small with CWL paperweights in appreciation for their years of devotion and time spent on behalf of the league.

Fordene Kauanagh, reporting for Ruth Liston, said the September sale of bulbs from Holland

was a great success. Proceeds from the sale were directed to Pro Life.

Letters of appreciation to the CWL were read from Bill and Doris DeLong, and from the Annie Spencer family, for the receptions held after the recent funerals.

Members were reminded of the baked goods, attic treasures and book sales set for October 29 between 10 am and 2 pm in the hall of Our Lady of Grace church. Any items to be donated should be left after any mass, or in the church hall after 1 pm on Friday, October 28.

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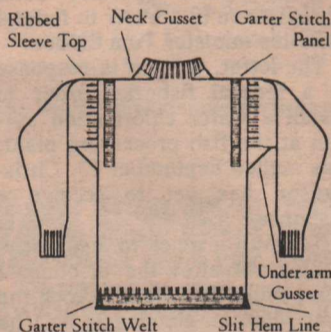
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# Proposed fish farm draws criticism from opponents

A fish farm proposed for Satellite Channel has received negative responses from members of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC).

At its meeting last Thursday, the APC passed a motion to inform the Houston, B.C., applicant of its negative consensus and to provide him with the opportunity to speak to the application, should he desire.

The APC reached the consensus after hearing several Musgrave Landing property owners speak to the application.

The size of the proposed fish farm, which would be located on floats in the channel, is the equivalent of three football fields in length, and one football field in width. It is six times the size of a fish farm presently operating on Salt Spring. The applicant needs rezoning of the foreshore to allow the operation.

Islands Trust planner Dave Morris told the APC he had discussed the application with various bodies, including federal fisheries, the ministry of Crown lands, and the B.C. Wildlife Association, and so far, no objec-

tions have been raised.

Morris noted, however, that a uniform objection to the farm exists among upland property owners.

First to speak to the issue was Bob Makaroff, whose property is directly across from the location of the proposed farm. He told the APC it is important to strive to keep "inappropriate" industry out of the "last prime area (on Salt Spring) that can be kept with integrity."

He humorously noted that his property would be ideal for auto body crushing: vehicles could be driven to the top of the hill and disposed of over the cliff.

"Most people don't get to see what the area (Musgrave Landing) is like," he said. "It is ideal for what the island is all about: serenity and the absence of industrial activity and noise."

Tom Gilbert, who owns property approximately 500 feet from the proposed floating farm area, emphasized the "industrial" aspects of the plant. Such a plant would be powered by diesel generators, he said; it would be noisy and involve a great deal of

associated water traffic. He noted that wildlife in the area — especially blue herons and otters — would be killed off.

Bob Andrew, an ecological reserve warden, spoke on the environmental effects the farm would have on the area. Each speaker, including Andrew, offered nothing negative about the existing fish farm on Salt Spring, describing its size and isolated location as appropriate. Andrew said, however, that the immediate effects of this larger-scale farm would include noise and a "far-reaching" smell should the nets not be cleaned immediately.

His chief concern, he said, is the potential pollution problem and the proposed farm's proximity to the ecological reserve. Currents in the area would travel directly from the farm over to the reserve, carrying with them any chemicals used at the farm.

Andrew said the onus is on the owner to prove the farm will not hurt the ecological reserve. Speaking also on behalf of the Sierra Club, Andrews said that body is firmly opposed to the proposal.

## Plant still in operation; owner waits for action

"You cannot correct the problem by eliminating the one affected by it," was a statement made by Salt Spring Island Sea Products plant operator John Christianson in a letter to federal fisheries minister Tom Siddon.

The letter, written in response to a federal fisheries order to install a water chlorination system at the fish processing plant, was mailed September 23. Christianson has yet to receive a response.

"I don't expect to hear anything until after the election. I don't think they want to rock the boat while an election is on" he said. "Maybe I should have sent copies of it to the opposition parties."

Christianson was given until October 1 to install a chlorination system in his plant after tests found the water used at the plant had a higher than acceptable level of coliforms. After that date his registration to process fish was to be lifted.

As yet, however, nothing as happened.

Christianson has so far refused to comply with the order, saying the problem is not with his plant

but with the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, which pipes the water to the plant from Maxwell Lake.

"It seems odd to us that of all the parties affected, only the Department of Fisheries is concerned," he said in his letter to Siddon. "The same water causing the problem at the fish plant is piped into every home and restaurant in the Ganges area and the schools located in Ganges. If the restaurants can use the water and our children can drink it, why is it not good enough to process our fish?"

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After Thanksgiving we plunge toward the solstice. On the rare bright days the old year has left to give our islands, the falling sun will freeze the landscape in silhouettes of light and shade.

On the Ruckle Farm at Beaver Point the wild, Nootka rosehips already shine with a brilliant, almost translucent red. Soon alders will shed their leaves in drifts and reach empty fingers into the windswept November sky. The bark on the western red cedars glows one last time at sunset and is then consumed by jealous, cold shadows that creep like a malevolence out of silent places in the forest.

This is the season of the oldest festivals, when people traditionally killed off the livestock they could not afford to feed during the long months before the next equinox, and consoled themselves with a temporary abundance of food and drink that was all the more precious for its transience. A time of mulled, spiced wines made from the recent harvest and beers brewed with the summer's store of aromatic honey.

The elements common to the spiced wines I make are wine, honey and a little pepper. Simply dissolve honey in white or red wine over a low heat. Then pour the honeyed wine into a deep pan, season with ground peppercorns and simmer uncovered for two hours, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon. To this basic recipe, spices, herbs and dried fruits like chopped dates may be added.

To your favourite recipe for mulled wine with the familiar spices — cinnamon, nutmeg and cardamon — try adding a little saffron or costmary, or perhaps a tiny pinch of myrrh. As for the herbs, oregano, juniper, coriander, parsley seed, mint, rue, absinthium and sweet thyme all can be successfully used, in judicious quantities.

The old name for these holiday drinks was *piperata*, peppered wines, and they appeal in two ways to the modern palate. Firstly, they make a marvellous accompaniment to green salads at the start of a seasonal feast; secondly, *piperata* are delightful to sip with friends on cold winter evenings.

As the poet Martial said: "By your drinking of it, the wine will be made good."

One of my favourite recipes for mulled wine is White Wine Spiced with Coriander.

1 lb. clear honey 4 crushed juniper berries  
3½ quarts white wine 4 crushed coriander seeds  
1 t freshly ground pepper a couple of dates, chopped finely

In a deep pan dissolve the honey and combine with medium or dry white wine. Season with pepper, juniper and coriander. If you can use the fresh, green coriander seeds the taste of the wine will remind you a little of dry gin. Simmer very gently for two or three hours, stirring from time to time with a wooden spoon. Pour into tulip glasses and serve hot.

This popular recipe will delight and satisfy a party of 10 and is a natural end to an autumn afternoon of woodcutting or oystering. When the cold winds begin to blow down mainland inlets and leap across Georgia Strait, I find that a hot drink works better than a chestful of clothes.

Every time I brew beer flavoured with absinthium I think of Hemingway's description of absinthe in *For Whom the Bell Tolls*:

"There was very little of it left and one cup of it took the place of the evening papers, of all the old evenings in cafes, of all the chestnut trees that would be in bloom now in this month ..."

My recipe for absinthe beer certainly does not pack the wallop of the infamous absinthe liqueur that got Robert Jordan and Toulouse-Lautrec blotto. I simply pick a few leaves from my artemisia absinthium plant, and use them to spice wine or to flavour beer. This perennial herb grows cheerfully on my deck in all weathers and its long, obtuse leaves are much more beautiful than its common name, wormwood, would suggest.

### ABSINTHE BEER

2 lbs. liquid clover honey top fermenting yeast  
5 gallons good well water 1 T. crushed absinthe (wormwood)  
English lager mix

Into a five-gallon crock empty a tin of lager mix containing hops and malt only. Add four quarts of very hot water and stir to dissolve using a long wooden spoon. Add the honey. Stir well. Now fill the brewing vat with cold water, stirring constantly until all the ingredients are dissolved. Tie the crushed absinthium in a cheesecloth bag and toss into the wort. Put one teaspoon of yeast into a half glassful of lukewarm water. After 15 or 20 minutes add this to the wort also. Stir, cover securely and store in a consistently cool place for seven or eight days. Then remove the absinthe, bottle and allow to age for at least three months.

The taste of this beer is antique, Alexandrine, thought-provoking and subtle.

It annoys me that people write encomiums in praise of wines but then make supercilious references to beers, as if only cavemen or linebackers could drink them. I agree that the fulsome language of certain authorities would receive outraged stares (or worse) if spoken publicly about the draft beer in my local Inn at Fulford Harbour. But all those references to body and presence, bouquet and aroma suggest to me that wine writers have more than drinking in mind!

On the other hand, a beer simply made, with the four natural ingredients of water, hops, malt and yeast (and perhaps some honey and juniper or absinthium) can delight every bit as much as a noble wine, and, best of all, will cost considerably less.

## Local run totals near B.C. lead

Depending on which measurement scale you wish to endorse, Salt Spring was either first or second in B.C. in a community-by-community tabulation of proceeds from the September 18 Terry Fox Run.

The island raised about \$18,000 in the run and related activities. However, using money collected from the run only and counting only the amount turned in to date, the provincial Terry Fox Run office has given Salt Spring credit for a \$15,000 contribution.

Based on an estimated 150 run participants, that level gave Salt Spring a per-entrant figure of \$100.

The \$100 total, meanwhile, leaves the island in second spot behind Parksville, where an estimated 130 participants raised \$15,000.

However, run co-ordinator Brad Brohman noted that the Parksville total was aided by \$11,500 collected by four cyclists who travelled from the mid-island city to Courtenay and back.

"You people on Salt Spring did the best, per-participant, when it's counted straight across, but I have to count those four guys," Brohman said.

He added that on a per-capita basis across an entire community, no area of B.C. could match the total raised on Salt Spring. However, Brohman said a straight per-capita count is misleading, pointing out that it means artificially low figures for larger centres.

Brohman also said he expects Salt Spring to move into top spot in the provincial rankings once all contributions have been collected and counted.

This year, 430 runs were held across B.C., drawing 100,000 participants and an estimated \$500,000 in funds for cancer research projects. Of that total, \$300,000 had been collected to the end of last week.

Contributions to the Terry Fox Run must be deposited by tomorrow (October 21). Participants and their sponsors can do so on Salt Spring at special accounts opened at the Bank of Montreal and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce branches in Ganges.

## Official visit

Accompanied by several members of Miriam Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Queen Violet Humphreys recently paid an official visit to the local Madrona Club.

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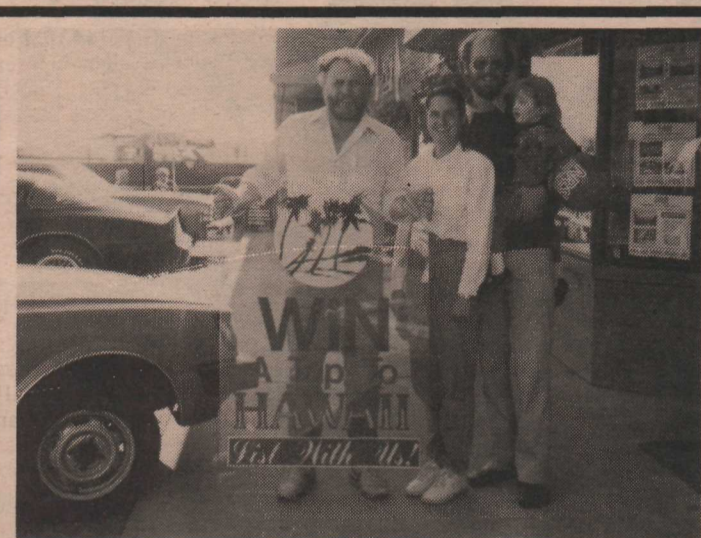
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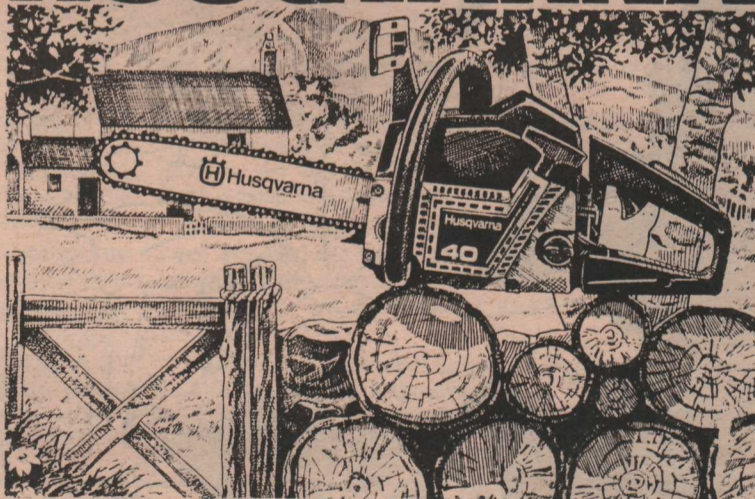
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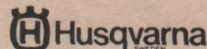
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