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Humoured

Defence minister Perrin Beatty (Sid Filkow) is interviewed by Jack Webster (Arvid Chalmers) during skit presented last weekend by Salt Spring Hysterical Society before sold-out house at Off Centre Stage. Troupe held two shows of all-new material for island audiences.

Soil from gas station investigated

Concerns about the possibility of contaminated soils being dumped near Cusheon lake are being investigated by the provincial environment ministry.

The soil, which came from the Petro-Canada station in Ganges, whose fuel storage tanks are being replaced, is being examined by the ministry to see if there are any signs of lead or petroleum products.

Ministry spokesman Barry Patten said his department has collected soil samples for testing. "It doesn't look like it's contaminated, but we're running tests just to be sure," he said.

About 34 truckloads of soil were removed from the gas station last week and dumped near Cusheon Lake. Two other truckloads of soil were taken to the dump on Blackburn Road.

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Eight candidates seek federal seat

The field of federal election candidates in the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding doubled at Monday's filing deadline, boosting the count of hopefuls to eight.

Added to the list on Monday were representatives of the Communist, Western Canada Concept (WCC) and Libertarian parties, and one "generic" candidate who has no affiliation with any party but who has asked not to be listed as an independent.

The field of candidates almost reached nine: a representative of the Rhinoceros Party arrived at the returning office 15 minutes after the deadline had passed for the filing of nomination papers.

Ernie Knott (Communist), Doug Christie (WCC), William Buckler (Libertarian) and 'generic' candidate Pat Kelly join Reform Party hopeful Bob Slavik, Lynn Hunter of the NDP, Progressive Conservative Pat Crofton and Liberal Kathryn Clout in the race for the Saanich-Gulf Islands seat.

With the exception of Buckler, who lives in Vesuvius, all of the candidates make their homes in the lower Vancouver Island area.

Crofton and Hunter, meanwhile, visited Salt Spring last Friday and Saturday, respectively, to officially open campaign offices in Ganges.

Crofton, who sat in the last session of the House as MP for the now-defunct riding of Esquimalt-Saanich, kicked off the Salt

Spring phase of his campaign on Friday by opening his office next to the Ganges Village Market store.

Hunter followed suit the next day, opening the NDP campaign office in the old Legion Hall building on Hereford. Hunter was accompanied by Jim Manly, MP in the last House session for Cowichan-Malahat-Islands, which is also now defunct. Manly declined to seek re-election when the riding boundaries were altered.

Crofton, whose family name has deep roots on Salt Spring, said Friday he was glad to be "back home," and that he hoped

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Fall back

The opportunity for an extra 60 minutes of sleep arrives this weekend, when clocks are turned back one hour.

The official end to daylight saving time occurs at 2 am Sunday, October 30. Islanders are advised to turn their clocks back before retiring on Saturday night.

Setting the clocks back will change the time of the sunset from approximately 6 pm to 5pm, and the sunrise from 7:50 am to 6:50 am.

Mining company reassesses plans in wake of Salt Spring opposition

Falconbridge Minerals Ltd. is "reassessing everything" connected with its proposals for Salt Spring Island following public rejection of mining activity at an October 15 workshop staged by the company in Ganges.

The workshop, called by Falconbridge to explain its proposals and hear public concerns, was halted in mid-session when the audience said it would support no mining activity on the island.

Following receipt of that message, company representative Richard Moore indicated Falconbridge would publish coupons in *Driftwood* to gauge the widest-possible public response to mining activity, and use two 'open house' sessions in early November to solicit additional feedback.

Last Friday, Moore said Falconbridge has put even those steps on hold while it reconsiders the responses gathered to date.

"We're just thinking about it (the feedback) and deciding what to do next," he said. While

islanders might think it would be simple for Falconbridge to act on their comments, the inter-company process is quite complicated and will take some time to be followed, he said.

While Moore indicated respect for the comments made by islanders at the October 15 meeting, he expressed disappointment that residents did not want to hear the company's proposals or give its

representatives an opportunity to rebut arguments against mining.

"It takes two sides to have a dialogue," Moore said. "We were never given the opportunity to explain our proposal or debate the issues that were raised."

Moore suggested the movement against his company "whipped up an anti-mining frenzy" that created an impossible

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Supplement included

Then and Now, a special publication tracing the economic development of Salt Spring Island, is included with this week's edition of *Driftwood*.

The 40-page special section, in the making at *Driftwood* since mid-summer, examines growth in the sectors that form the community's economic base — i.e., the tourism, transportation, real estate, construction and service industries.

Driftwood has ordered 10,000 copies of *Then and Now* to be printed. Copies not inserted in this week's edition will be available for outside distribution.



Installation of new tanks at Petro-Canada took place last week.

Replacement of gas tanks accompanied by a check of soil

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Dumping of the soil near Cusheon Lake prompted fears that fish in the lake were dying, but Kathy Reimer of the local Salmon Enhancement group said Monday reports of contamination were "greatly exaggerated."

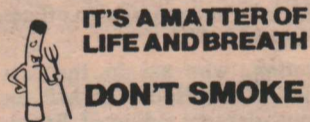
Reimer continued: "We are keeping our eyes on the lake and the creek below the dump and everything is fine. The creek is full of happy, healthy salmon."

However, if anyone finds dead fish, Reimer says they should call her at 537-2232. "We have qualified people on hand who can tell if the fish are dying from natural causes or from poison in the water system," she explained.

Strick Aust, property manager

for Gasoline Alley, where the Petro-Canada station is housed, said the tanks were not leaking but were replaced because of age. "The tanks were in perfect condition," he said. "The reason we had them checked out was because there was a strong odour of gas when the tanks were being filled. We had them checked and found out that two of the tanks were not vented properly, so we decided to replace them all with long-lasting fiberglass tanks and install proper venting mechanisms at the same time," he said. The tanks, two of which had

been in the ground for 25 years, were made of steel. Regulations which came into effect after they had been installed said fuel tanks in a tidal area had to be changed after 10 years. The new tanks, which do not suffer corrosive effects like the steel tanks, should last between 25 and 50 years.



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to be frank

by richards



Spinning fall

Ever seen so many spiders? It has been the most spiderful fall in years around my house. At one time there were eight active spider webs spun between the eaves and the deck.

There were the neat, geometrical webs of the experts and the more casual, irregular pattern of the functionally-motivated fly-catcher.

Every plant had its own colony of insect-hunters and a trip to the garden left me with spiders on my face. But no egg!

Hirsute or macho?

Is the hairy male the macho man? If that should be the case, it would appear the Canadian francophone is more macho than the rest of the Canadians.

I worked it all out. My electric razor fritzed out on my face. One of its many gadgets broke down and left me with a beard. To my brother's horror, I bought a new one. Same make; same efficiency. That theory may or may not be an accurate method of assessing the de-whiskering device.

In the package was a list of places to send or take the razor should it require repairs. I read it with interest when I realized that there was a message in the medium.

Starting in the far east, a Nova Scotian has a choice of three service centres. If you live in New Brunswick you have a choice of five centres. Prince Edward Island is, of course, only a little shaver in the Canadian book, so there is one centre to serve all the province.

In Newfoundland there are three, but Newfies probably keep their hair on to protect them from the chill blast of Atlantic storms.

And so to Quebec. Of the 118 centres listed for Quebec, 56 bear the same commercial identity and another 30 all share the one name. In Ontario, the only province rivalling Quebec in terms of population, there are 34 centres, of which three stores are branches of the two great shaving repairers of Quebec.

The rest are blah! Manitoba supports two centres and Saskatchewan has six. On the slopes of the Rockies, the wind takes care of many a whisker and Alberta needs only five depots.

In British Columbia, where the rain forests bring out the whiskers, 16 centres suffice.

In summary, the users of this brand of hair remover should consider moving, perhaps, to the nation's shaving capital, Quebec. That happy province offers 118 centres to compare with 75 all across the rest of Canada. Now this is contrary to the voting pattern, the employment statistics or the average income picture.

The only resemblance lies in the French-English pattern in la Belle Province. So, if whiskers are macho, then we ain't in the contest! We're outnumbered!

Falconbridge reviews plan

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environment for full discussion and debate of its proposals.

"Residents wouldn't listen to or even accept the possibility that something different could be done," he said.

Meanwhile, Moore is unsure what would happen to the company's mineral rights in the Mt. Bruce area — where its mine would have been located — if it does decide against proceeding with its proposal.

The mineral rights come with both expiry dates and assessment credits. To retain rights to the area, the company has to either spend a certain amount of money working the claim in a given time frame, or pay money to the government in lieu of making that investment. Should it do neither, the claims would lapse and be open to anyone who wishes to re-stake the territory.

Mining topic meeting set

A public information meeting has been scheduled to update the community on mining issues.

The meeting, which will follow a format similar to the gathering held October 14 at Beaver Point Hall prior to a meeting with Falconbridge Minerals Ltd., is slated for November 5 in the Activity Centre in Ganges. Although details are still being arranged, the Saturday meeting is tentatively set for sometime in the afternoon.

Organizers feel it is important the community have the opportunity to field questions and hear the issues discussed by elected officials.

The meeting will feature several speakers and possibly offer a short slide presentation.

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Events planned for Hallowe'en

Salt Spring's volunteer firemen will once again host bonfires and fireworks displays this Hallowe'en.

In Fulford Harbour, the fire and fireworks will be held at Drummond Park; in Ganges, the venue is the parking lot next to the former GVM grocery store. In both locations, festivities get underway at 7 pm, with fireworks beginning at about 7:30 pm.

A supply of fireworks costing approximately \$1,500 will be fired off on Hallowe'en.

Afterwards, hot dogs and hot chocolate supplied by the firemen will be available for children at the Ganges and Fulford fire halls.

Fire Chief Les Wagg advised children to exercise caution near the bonfires, since some Hallowe'en costumes may be flammable, and asked that motorists be careful since an abundance of children will be on area roads.

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And where did free trade go?

As John Turner's electoral ambitions stumbled last week amid rumours of back-room disunity within the Liberal Party, serious damage was done to the hopes thoughtful Canadians had for a campaign based on the proposed free trade agreement between this nation and the United States.

Remember free trade? The real and imagined implications of the sweeping agreement negotiated by the Progressive Conservative government was to have been the central theme of the campaign leading up to balloting on November 21. At stake, we were told, was either Canada's ticket to economic prosperity in a North American marketplace thrown wide open, or its unfettered status as a sovereign nation.

We have yet to see this most pressing of issues receive the promised — and required — sharp national focus that only our major media outlets can provide. Instead, attention has been diverted by the plight of Liberal Leader John Turner: each day it seems, a fresh opinion poll documents one more slide towards his presumed political obscurity — a slide no doubt aided by the rush of our national media outlets to expound upon and analyze Mr. Turner's problems.

True, Mr. Turner's internal party problems are newsworthy — especially during a national election campaign, when the question of leadership ability must be broached. However, while our major media outlets are correct in devoting some energy to that question, they should not be doing so at the expense of the free trade issue, which is infinitely more important to the future of Canada.



Tell us the one about a time warp

Politics, it is said, is as much timing as anything else. Pity the poor Rhinoceros Party, then, for its inability to read the position of the hands on the clock.

On Monday, a Rhino Party candidate was 15 minutes too late in filing nomination papers for the Saanich-Gulf Islands electoral race, thereby denying this riding a healthy dose of comic relief in the federal campaign now running full speed ahead.

The Rhino Party has been accused of many

things — chiefly irreverence and questionable taste in humour — but being behind the times is not one of its sins. Surely, a collection of such (reportedly) progressive thinkers would be far enough ahead of the times to file nomination papers by the appointed deadline.

Unless the party is much further ahead than we've been led to believe. After all, this coming Sunday is the appointed time to turn the clocks back one full hour. Now, you don't suppose....

Flattery, bribery make up election platforms

By KEVIN MCCARTHY

The extravagant spending of Canadian taxpayers' money in the form of pre-election spending promises, constitutes nothing more than vote-buying or bribery. Directed at clouding the cold light of reason and truthful evaluation, our opinions are influenced at the crucial moment when our votes are to be solicited.

Democratically-elected governments are a mirror reflection of the voters who elect them. It has been a historical constant that selfishness, an attitude encouraged by bribery, is one of the greatest single destroyers of freedom. People become prisoners of their own passions and lose the sensitivity to empathize with the problems and perplexities of others.

Being that bribery destroys faith and state and promotes selfishness, the giving of office to those who use bribes means the giving of permission to plunder the property of the subject people. Bribery is the beginning and the root of all illegality and tyranny, the source and fountain of every sort of disturbance, sedition and scapegoating, the most vast of evils, and the greatest of calamities. "No position is given justly to the briber." Both the briber and the bribed are corrupt; induced to wrong by bribes, they have caused disintegration, ruin and have become morally debased.

Our government is more than the sum of all the interests; it is the paramount interest, the public interest. It must be the efficient,

guest column

effective agent of a responsible citizenry, not the shelter of the incompetent and the corrupt. "More important than winning the election is governing the nation." That is the test of a political party ... the acid final test.

Freedom and truth are social values; neither can be put in a jar and labeled specimen. Both have a life essence which requires constant nurturing. As an intangible living process, they

cannot be possessed, for to possess is to destroy, leaving only a shell of that which once lived.

Humans are no different. The spirit of the free person cannot be a shut-in who draws the blinds and hides in the seclusion of personal interest and power. The ensuing result is regression, corruption and death.

The free, unselfish person has a natural concern for the protection of human rights and the welfare of all humanity. The free person takes a vow to combat injustice, deceit and corruption wherever and whenever it appears. The unselfish person loves democracy and hates corruption.

With freedom and democracy come responsibilities, and the willingness to adhere to certain

values and principles. This election, more than any other in recent Canadian history, challenges all Canadians to take heart. Let us demand that those who wish to represent us demonstrate their integrity. Let politicians know that their words do not fall on slumbering ears, but that we are alert, vital, critical and ready to analyze what they say. Question them on their records. If they speak lies, we shall know it; if they appeal to our greed and vanity, we shall repudiate them. We will not, like children, be misled by flattery and the bribery of pre-election spending promises.

Kevin McCarthy is a former Ganges resident living in Saskatchewan.

P-p-p-protest

Sir,
Over the past phew years we have been perpetually protected, by a persistent group of pernicious politicians (under various pseudonyms), from such perils as, sewers, subdivisions, logging, trucking, fish farming, mining, mini-storage and yes, even pizza.

I perceive that we can plan on these prima donnas continuing to preserve us from all that is personified by those most dreaded "p"-words — peace, progress and prosperity.

Perhaps it's time we sent these persimmon sucking pinkos packing, and then, possibly we can develop Mt. Bruce for parking.
EDWARD ARMSTRONG,
Ganges.

Don't kill

Sir,
Angry I am
As I shed a tear
And oh so hurt
For death so near

Across the water
Two evenings before
Rifle fire
The count was four

And now today
From across the way
Lies the seal
In Burgoyne Bay

If one must eat
Then something must die
But to kill for pleasure
I ask why

The holes were three
From belly to tail
For a deadly shot
You did fail

So I tell you
Practise you need
And when you kill it,
On it you should feed

For twenty-six year
lived in the Yukon
Whatever I killed
My family lived on

And then some nut
With nothing to do
Would kill for fun
Just like you

The meat from seal
I like to eat
A hell of a lot better
Than store-bought meat

So my friend
If killing fever you got
Then bring me the meat
Before it rot

From me my friend
You have nothing to fear
But please, one shot,
Around the ear

My creator
Gave us meat
Not for slaughter
But to eat

LUCKY HAYES,
Burgoyne Bay.

Quality

Sir,
Danny Evanishen gets top marks for offering a free movie to islanders (thanks, Danny). But let us also give him a 10 for understatement in his recent letter to *Driftwood* about the anniversary of Island Cinema.

The giveaway phrase is "just breaking even." Put otherwise, this means Danny subsidizes the island by showing good movies. If attendance doesn't pick up, we could lose Island Cinema altogether.

What is remarkable about yon Evanishen is that at a time of

dwindling receipts he offered a free movie and helped us celebrate the anniversary of cinema on the island. He had other obvious options: he could have complained bitterly, blamed society at large for lack of business, or applied to government for a grant of several million dollars. But this has never been Danny's style. He has just gone on quietly showing movies to as many people as possible, while slowly mastering the secret of perfectly-annealed popcorn.

Then there is Cinema Club which shows alternate film on Monday nights (or film on alternate Monday nights, if you prefer; or even less frequently, given the turkey we screened on the 17th) which was begun by Danny 10 years ago and where he remains the prime mover. (The title of manager goes out to he who carries out Danny's instructions). By the time you subtract gas costs, Danny earns just about zip for this effort.

No point telling people to go to the movies if they don't want to. But for sheer quality effort by a local guy on behalf of local people you can't beat Island Cinema and Cinema Club. Both pay dividends in a community sense, apart from the pleasure of seeing good film.
J. D. BORROWMAN,
Vesuvius.

Water woe

Sir,
Belatedly I would like to answer salvoes from some heavy artillery. I refer to letters from Eric Booth (*Driftwood*, September 28), Tom Gossett (*Driftwood*, October 5) and Donald Storr (*Driftwood*, October 5). Eric, from his own experience, is concerned about possible carcinogens. Tom Gossett, as the guiding light of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, is very knowledgeable. Donald Storr, I'm sure, has forgotten more about water quality and water management than I will ever know.

When I first became exposed to medical matters there were still some residual objections to vaccination for smallpox. This disease had killed hundreds of thousands of people over many years. It is true that vaccination was often painful, produced abscesses slow to heal, left scars, and occasionally there were major complications, including deaths. But vaccination eventually eliminated smallpox.

To a lesser extent some parents were slow to have their children protected against communicable diseases. There were some disadvantages but in the years when poliomyelitis was attracting great public concern, and attracting great donations of money, more children in Canada were dying of chicken pox, than polio.

letters

In more recent times, it has taken years to persuade parents to protect their young children against measles. Many of you will recall the tremendous opposition to chlorination of the water supply, despite the hundreds of thousands who died from drinking contaminated water. I still recall deaths from bovine tuberculosis associated with the ingestion of unpasteurized milk.

What does this have to do with Maxwell Lake water? There have been repeated reports over several years of high coliform counts from this source. Counts have been as high as a hundred while the present Canadian standard is 10. Somehow these reports did not come to our attention, not even to the attention of the North Salt Spring Water District (NSSWD). Whether these counts were non-specific, or whether they included possible pathogens, particularly fecal coliforms, we do not know. That is what the CRD Health Department is now investigating. If fecal coliforms are found, the chief medical officer will almost certainly order disinfection of Maxwell Lake water, and I can't believe that any number of you would not insist on this protection.

All three of the correspondents refer to the possible carcinogenic effect of trihalomethanes, which are a by-product of water chlorination. This relationship has been shown in laboratory animals. There has been no confirmed case of bowel cancer in humans that was shown to be associated with the consumption of chlorinated water. This is the information from the public health authorities, but of course the relationship between trihalomethanes and carcinoma may be difficult to prove. The risk from contaminated water, on the other hand is very well known, and deaths are not unusual.

It should be noted that in his letter to the NSSWD, Dr. Kendall, the region's chief medical officer, recommended "disinfection." Chlorination is the cheapest and most widely used, but only one way of disinfecting water. Ozonation is very effective. Combining ammonia with chlorine (chloramination) reduces

trihalomethanes. Pre-chlorination filtering may reduce the formation of trihalomethanes. Furthermore the acceptable level in Canada for trihalomethanes is 350 parts per billion, while we expect that local levels would be under 50.

I don't argue with Tom Gossett that a major thrust is protection of the water source, but short of a giant tennis bubble, or even with it, there are no guarantees. I raise this

topic for only one reason. I would not like to see us go back to debating some of these health matters that have withstood the test of time. If any sample shows fecal coliforms, no one can say this is an isolated incident, and the health officer would not find that risk acceptable. Let us hope that this month's intensive investigation and continued follow-ups find no fecal coliforms or other unacceptable contaminants.
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Sir,
Just last night I was listening to the news and was shocked to hear that Falconbridge wants to mine on Salt Spring Island.

In 1987, with an organization called Youth Corps, I visited Bonao in the Dominican Republic, where Falconbridge has a mine. I had a chance to talk to the union leaders.

This is what they told me: In 1966, Falconbridge started testing in the Dominican Republic. In 1969-70 they started production. In 1978-79 the union was organized, Sutrafado.

Relations between company and union have always been poor. There have been struggles to get rights for workers. In 1985 Falconbridge refused to pay any benefits to the workers. By law, 10 per cent of profits must be returned to workers. Every year they strike but they have never seen these profits. Falconbridge claims to be losing money. The workers' wage in July 1987 was one peso, 85 centavos per hour, which exchanges now into 56 cents Canadian. Last year the peso was a bit stronger.

Nickle mining in Bonao has been devastating to the agriculture. In a "campo" or village near by, contamination of the people is high because of the pollution.

There is much more I could say about Falconbridge in the Dominican Republic but more so I hope to encourage people to take a stand against this company.

BEA NORD-LETH,
Vancouver.

Go ahead

Sir,
It annoys me that everyone on Salt Spring believes there is unanimous opposition to Falconbridge opening a mine on our island. I for one am in complete support of the creation of a mine — especially an open-pit mine — near Fulford Harbour.

We should all be in favour of allowing Falconbridge to build an open-pit mine — exercising every environmental safeguard — for the following reasons:

- It will create jobs in B.C. and help our provincial economy and government;

- It will promote tourism as lots of people would like to take guided tours of a beautiful, well-run open-pit mine in operation;

- After the ore has been removed and the mine is closed, we can continue to promote tourism by creating a Butchart-type gardens within its exquisitely-sculpted confines (can you imagine the impact this would have for our island? And I'm sure that we can persuade Falconbridge to give us free help with the layout); and

- Another part of the immense pit could be used, after the mine is closed, as our garbage dump. Our garbage problems would be solved in one fell swoop.

Let's not be persuaded by all those rabid conservationists and environmental do-gooders (who

themselves use copper, gold and silver despite being on welfare), and show an unselfish dedication to preserving our civilization and advanced way of life.

To all thinking Salt Springers, please join me in creating a Falconbridge support group — Stop Useless Controversy on Fighting Falconbridge.

RICHARD KRIEGER,
Ganges.

Faith

Sir,
Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the B.C. Ferry Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.

It is with a great deal of appreciation that I write this letter to commend you, your officers and staff for the courtesies afforded me and my wife on Sunday, October 2, 1988.

My wife had a seriously broken ankle and was in excruciating pain as we were departing on the 12:30 pm Fulford sailing for Swartz Bay. As I was anxious to have my wife in the care of an orthopedic surgeon as soon as possible the 1 pm sailing from Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen would have been ideal, even though somewhat impossible. Nevertheless I asked the ticket agent if he thought it would be possible. From that moment forward we were treated most humanely and courteously in every respect.

The ticket agent asked me to draw my plight to the attention of the mate on deck. I did, and he said he would speak to me upon departure, but arranged to place me in the first lane to unload. Shortly afterwards he notified me that they were "holding" (I repeat, holding) the big ferry for us. We presented our through passes and were asked to drive straight onto the 1 pm sailing for Tsawwassen.

As we approached the loading ramp we were met by the Chief Officer who indicated lane one had been kept vacant for us and he asked us to drive up to the other end.

The kindness and consideration did not stop here.

more letters

As soon as we sailed, the Chief Officer approached our car to state that "his boys would be around and if we needed anything at all, all we needed to do was ask." In fact, shortly after, a member of the crew approached us and asked if we would like anything. My wife and I both thought a coffee would be great. Soon two large coffees were delivered which we were not permitted to pay for because they were compliments of the Chief Officer.

We were the first car off the ferry after having received a big wave and good luck sign from Officer and crew. My wife was in University Hospital emergency by 3:15 pm, has undergone surgery and will be fine.

Please convey my sincerest appreciation to all concerned for the gentle, humane, thoughtful consideration we received at a time of considerable distress.

The above actions have renewed my faith in my fellow man.
R. J. DURANTE,
Vancouver.

Backward

Sir,
Today, a new highway sign appeared on Cranberry road, just at the Blackburn Road junction: "Carry chains or good winter tires beyond this point."

I thought it was interesting that a warning like this hadn't been necessary on my road up to now, due to the excellent maintenance by our highway crew.

Does this sign mean that now, the highway maintenance is privatized and the only way it can make money is to skimp on salt and sand and the number of employees on the road? During my two winters living up here, the road has been sanded every night for our safety in early morning driving and the snow (yes, we get beautiful snow up here, regularly) cleared within hours of falling.

Privatizing any government services was, is and will always be a ridiculous, backward idea.

MARIE BEAUDOIN,
Ganges.

Excellent

Sir,
Having recently docked at the new marina in Fulford Harbour we want to compliment the

owners, and community, on having such an excellent facility.

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Born again

Sir,
I have noted of late the absence of any letters with any thought-provoking content with regard to the way that life works, so I would submit a poem by a rancher from Montana. This fellow's name is Wallace McRae and he wrote it in 1980.

"—What does reincarnation mean?"

A cowpoke ast his friend.
His pal replied, "It happens when
Yer life has reached its end.
They comb yer hair, and warsh yer neck
And clean yer fingernails,
And lay you in a padded box
Away from life's travails.

The Box and you goes in the hole

That's been dug into the ground
Reincarnation starts in when
Yore planted 'neath a mound.
The clods melt down, just like yer box,

And you who is inside.
And then yore just beginning on
Yer transformation ride.

In a while the grass 'll grow
Upon yer rendered mound.
Till some day on yer moldered grave

A lonely flower is found.
And say a hoss should wander by

And graze upon this flower
That once wuz you, but now's become
Yer vegetative bower.

The posey that the hoss done ate
Up, with his other feed
Makes bones, and fat, and muscle
Essential to the steed.
But some is left that he can't use
And so it passes through,
And finally lays upon the ground.

This thing that once wuz you.
Then say, by chance, I wanders by

And sees this upon the ground,
And I ponders, and I wonders at
This object that I found.
I thinks of reincarnation,
Of life, and death, and such,
And come away concludin':
Slim, You ain't changed, all that much."

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

Public service

Sir,
The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to acknowledge the very special project undertaken by a group of youths in Portlock Park last summer.

These youths, who blocked up and filled in a recently-drilled well in the park, deserve recognition for their lack of respect for public property, and for their inconsiderate attitude towards the many volunteers and parties involved in drilling this costly well.

For their information, this well was intended to provide additional water to improve the quality of the

fields for the soccer and baseball leagues.

We would appreciate hearing from any citizen who might have observed these youths "playing" around the well heads last summer so that we might honour them accordingly.

PHIL HUME,
Parks and Recreation
Commission,
Ganges.

No boundaries

Sir,
Reviewing reports on free trade such as Judge Bowker's document, I have read nothing about military or defence implications. However, I now have before me the summary of the June, 1987, Canadian Task Force report suggesting that Canada and the U.S. should create a common defence economic market and eliminate national boundaries in the area of defence.

This task force was composed of senior officials from the departments of national defence, external affairs and international trade.

With Americans testing chemical and biological warfare in Suffield, Alberta, and nuclear ships in our harbours already, it's frightening to think what lies ahead if free trade comes.

MARG SIMONS,
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Prof. R. MICHAEL M'GONIGLE, Professor, Natural Resources Management Program S.F.U., Project Supervisor of a major Survey done in 1987 entitled *"To Preserve and Protect,"* an institutional analysis of the Islands Trust.

Prof. JULIA GARDNER, of the School of Community and Regional Planning at U.B.C., who organized a brief student survey of Island issues and concerns in September last.

A SPEAKER from the citizens committee exploring possible incorporation of Ganges as a district municipality.

Mr. CLAIR NUTTING, Vice Chairman A.P.C.; Project Leader of the May 1985 report *"The probable consequences of the Incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a district municipality."*

Some of the topics to be covered:

"The impact of incorporation of all or part of Salt Spring Island on residents and lifestyle." • "Current structure of the various levels of Gulf Islands Government" • "The structure of Municipalities" • "Innovative government for a special area"

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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Water situation under review

The following items are updated for your information.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

The minister of environment has not yet approved the Capital Regions' solid waste plan. This is one reason why we have made no decision locally. The other reason is that the local solid waste committee is still struggling to find a less-expensive alternative to the present landfill.

The Capital Regional board has a proposed program to intensify recycling efforts in the region. This effort will concentrate in the core area for possibly most of the next year, at which time the electoral areas, including the Outer Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island, will be assisted.

In the meantime our recycling efforts remain with the Community Society. All of us are deeply indebted to them for what is a tedious responsibility. Their recycling committee is naturally impatient for some decisions to be made and unfortunately these are not yet forthcoming. As a stop-gap measure the CRD will provide some financial assistance so their invaluable work can be continued.

MEAT INSPECTION BYLAW

The Islands Trust, in the persons of Jim Campbell from Saturna, and Nick Gilbert, met with the chief medical officer and some members of the health committee last week. There were some useful suggestions made, chiefly in clarifying the intent of the bylaw.

While gate sales will be excluded from the Act, and animal inspection by a veterinarian approved, rather than inspection immediately following slaughter by a licenced inspector, it is reasonably certain the regional board will require all meat sold to, or sold by, a retail or wholesale outlet, to have been inspected. This will apply throughout the whole region. The final decision will be made in November after the CRD lawyer has studied the revisions, and after the health committee meets on November 2.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Prior to the election in November, I will again make a plea for your acceptance of a bylaw that will increase the tax money available to the Parks and Recreation Commission. You have my assurance that the commission is composed of a very

director's report

by hugh borsman

competent, conscientious, and responsible group of people.

The proposed increase is from the present 10.8 cents per thousand to 25.8 cents per thousand. You have not been asked for an increase in tax money for many years, certainly not in my 10 years with the commission. In the meantime the demands on the commissions' time and money have increased dramatically. The commission makes every attempt to have the user pay, but this is often not possible.

Please watch for articles in *Driftwood* describing some of the problems. Also please address your questions to all or any of the following: Phil Hume, John Woodward, Edith Sacker, Clare Allan, Rob Dunn, Kelly Booth, Matt Flanagan, Neville Smith, Ian Fraser, Laurie Neish, and/or myself.

WATER PROBLEMS

The situation regarding Maxwell Lake water has been described in a letter to the editor. It will be another week or so before that issue is resolved.

Due only partly to public concerns regarding the total availability of potable water on Salt Spring Island, a meeting has been arranged for November 7. Two representatives of each of the 10 Island water boards have been invited, in addition to the two Islands Trust representatives, Tom Gossett, chairman of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society, and Mike Larmour, superintendent of the North Salt Spring Water District. Each board will be describing its own situation, particularly water availability, water quality, estimated demands in the future, and any particular problems faced by the water district.

FORUM ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Islands Watch Society is sponsoring an all-day forum on possibilities for local government, on Saturday, October 29, from 9 am. to 5 pm. Some outstanding speakers will be present, and it should be a very worthwhile program.

I have been assured that it will be apolitical, and there will be an opportunity for free discussion.

Sentence handed down

A Ganges man who pleaded guilty to sexual assault was sentenced last week in Victoria provincial court.

On October 18, Judge A.E. Filmer sentenced Phillip McCutcheon to three years probation. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge when he appeared in court in Victoria on August 8.

In order to meet terms of the probation, McCutcheon must participate in a life skills program and complete 150 hours of community work.



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Island meeting set for federal hopefuls

A public forum with the riding's federal election candidates has been arranged for November 17.

Sponsored and organized by the Community Planning Association, the meeting is set for 7:30 pm in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

Format for the meeting will see the candidates draw lots to decide the sequence of speakers. Each will have five minutes to address the audience, then a two-minute rebuttal.

The meeting will close after questions from the floor.

Eight candidates vie for Saanich-Islands seat

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to have the continued support of island residents.

When asked what effects free trade might have on the Gulf Islands, Crofton said he believed the only direct impact would be an eventual increase in the number of jobs available to young people.

"The way it has been in the past, a lot of the young people growing up on the island would have to leave to find work," he said. "But with the free trade agreement we would see more jobs develop on the islands as a direct spin-off of the number of jobs increased on the mainland, through the resource-based industries."

Hunter, meanwhile, said Saturday she feared the free trade deal would bring further damage to the environment of the region.

"The United States has some very good environmental laws in place which are not enforced," she said. "If this deal goes through I'm afraid there would be a harmonization of our laws with the States, and the environment and the people would both suffer for it."

Crofton said Friday he supports the acquisition of nuclear submarines for Canada, as set out by defence minister Perrin Beatty. "It would allow Canada to patrol the Arctic waters using state-of-the-art equipment," he said of the submarines, adding that they would also permit Canada to maintain its sovereignty over the north.

He continued: "The \$8 billion (cost) would be paid out over 27 years. That would mean payments of \$300 million annually, or three per cent of the annual defence budget."

Crofton said he hoped to see four of the nuclear-powered subs based on the west coast, while the remainder would be stationed in Atlantic Canada.

Hunter attacked the spending of \$8 billion for the subs. "We think it is money poorly spent, as well as being in violation of a non-proliferation treaty that we have already signed with the United Nations," she said. "If the NDP is elected we would cancel the purchase and use the money to fund environmental cleanup and social services."

Hunter said she expects the Saanich-Gulf Islands election to be a close race. "I think this riding is up for grabs," she said.

Free trade speech tour considered

Salt Spring's John Wilcox may take to the road again to promote opposition to the free trade agreement between Canada and the U.S.

Wilcox, who earlier this year spent five months on a cross-Canada journey to focus attention on the deal, said Monday he may be lining up a series of speaking engagements in B.C. and Alberta with ex-judge Marjorie Bowker, who has written a critical analysis of the agreement's legal implications.

Last week, Wilcox was in Ottawa to speak at the annual meeting of the Council of Canadians. The group, which supported Wilcox on his cross-Canada trip, also stands opposed to the free trade agreement.

Wilcox found a Salt Spring connection at the council's annual meeting. It heard a recording of *Living Next Door To The Candy Store*, an anti-free trade song written and performed by Valdy. Wilcox said the Council of Canadians bankrolled release of the song, and is now preparing to produce an accompanying musical video.

The council, he continued, has also produced and released a 16-minute documentary film about the free trade agreement called *Canada For Canadians*, which is being shown over the CBC in Eastern Canada and may be picked up in B.C. by Rogers Cable.

Wilcox said one reason he is considering a return to the road is his feeling that coverage of the federal election campaign is ignoring the free trade issue in favour of focusing on the style of the party leaders.

"The basic issues aren't getting out there," he said.

"People are talking about the issues and are very concerned about the effects free trade will have on themselves and Canada. I think it's going to be close."

Both Crofton and Hunter will be back on Salt Spring at least once more before an all-candidates meeting set for November 17. Crofton will be campaigning here in the first week of November and Hunter will be on November 13.

Dates arranged

Two meetings have been scheduled for Salt Spring Island by the Reform Party of Canada.

The party's candidate in Saanich-Gulf Islands, Bob Slavik, is to speak in Ganges on Saturday, October 29, and in Fulford on Thursday, November 4.

The Ganges meeting will be held at 2 pm in the auditorium of Salt Spring Elementary School. The Fulford meeting is set for 7:30 pm in the Fulford Community Hall.

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Harvesting in closed area to be checked by Fisheries

Reports of contaminated clams being harvested from a Salt Spring Island beach are under investigation by the Nanaimo office of fisheries and oceans.

The reports first surfaced late last week, when residents of the Walker Hook area noted several instances of boats arriving late at night. They later found indications of digging activity on the beach, which is posted as off-limits to harvesting.

Area residents who contacted Driftwood noted a large number

of clams appeared to have been taken, raising concerns that the tainted shellfish was destined for the commercial market.

Jack Broome of federal fisheries' Nanaimo office said Walker Hook is closed to harvesting because the beach lies within an area of high fecal coliform counts, likely due to seepage from septic fields.

Told about reports of harvesting from the beach, Broome said his office will send a patrol boat to

the area and keep a watch for diggers.

"The low tides are coming around midnight now, which makes it kind of tough, but we'll get an officer and a patrol boat over and see what we can do," he said. "We'll try to confirm if it (digging) is going on."

Broome said the investigation would be aided if area residents could keep watch and note descriptions of diggers and boats, if possible.

Central Hall attacked by gun-toting vandals

Central Hall sustained an undetermined amount of damage last weekend when vandals shot pellets at the building.

Two of the building's double-glazed windows were broken in the assault, which Central Hall committee members believe took place during the night of October 15.

Committee president Bevis Walters said the group is appealing to the offender to refrain from shooting a pellet gun in the hall's vicinity.

Walters said local RCMP are investigating the offence. In the meantime, the Central Hall committee is examining its insurance policy and attempting to determine how it will pay for the damage.

The committee runs Central Hall as an inexpensive place for local groups to hold meetings. Unexpected expenses such as this, Walters said, do not help that process.

Woodlands association to chart difference course

A five-member task force has been struck to decide the form and objectives to be followed by the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association.

The task force, appointed October 17 at the association's annual general meeting, includes: design consultant Mike Schubart; accountant Jim Fogarty; architect Ken Renaud; land developer Murray Cyprus; and Chris Schmah, a former forester who now operates Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies.

Renaud, who stepped down as president of the two-year-old organization at the meeting, said Friday no successor was named to his post. The task force will search for candidates once it decides the course the association will follow, he indicated.

The annual general meeting, attended by a dozen people, felt the association should remain an independent body instead of allying itself under the wing of the Farmers' Institute, as had been suggested, Renaud said. The task force will now determine what form the organization will take, he added.

The thrust voiced at the meeting, Renaud said, was to create a stronger association founded on solid business principles. Support was evident for formulating a business plan and shaping the organization as "a credible, non-partisan group" that could lobby government and act as a focus for concerns and initiatives.

"The thought was that we should create a financially capable and responsible organization and chew on two or three projects through the next year," Renaud said.

Among the initiatives to be considered is a suggestion by Cyprus that the association

manage all Crown lands on Salt Spring and throughout most of the Islands Trust area, which would allow revenues to remain in the community.

New ferry in service

Ferry passengers travelling between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay will do so on the M.V. Quinsam for at least the next five months.

The Quinsam, sister ship to the Quinista — a more familiar vessel in Gulf Island waters — has replaced the Bowen Queen, which is now serving the Outer Islands run.

Refitting of ferry vessels is typically undertaken by the B.C. Ferry Corporation at this time of year, causing a shuffle in ferries.

According to corporation spokesman Erin Caldwell, the Quinsam has the largest carrying capacity of the three vessels — it is able to handle a total of 70 vehicles and 400 passengers.

The Bowen Queen can carry 70 vehicles and 394 passengers. The Quinista (presently serving Gabriola Islanders) can hold 50 cars and 300 passengers.

Although the Quinsam has a greater carrying capacity than the Bowen Queen, it is a slower ship.

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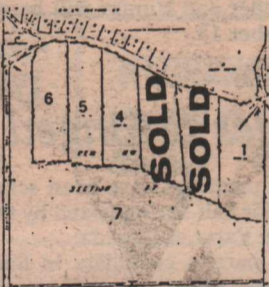
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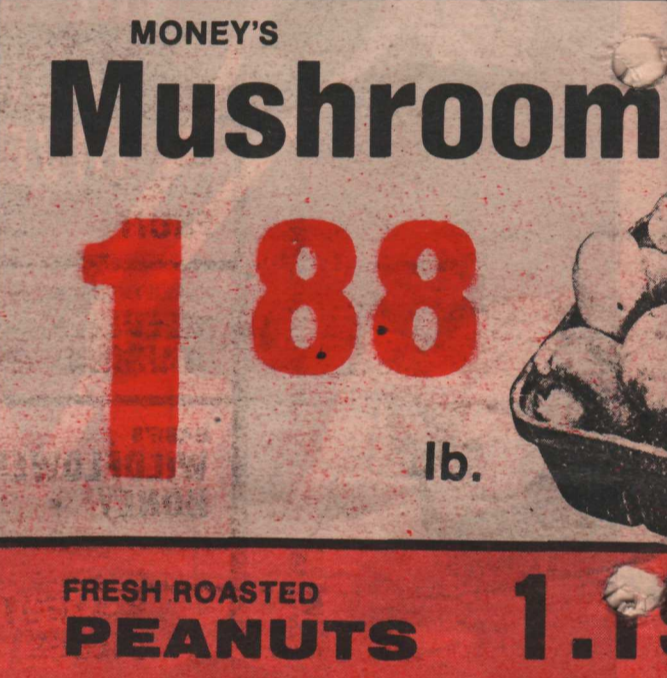
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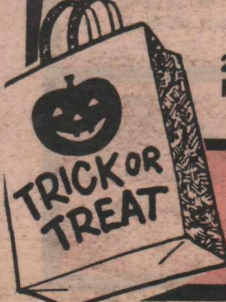
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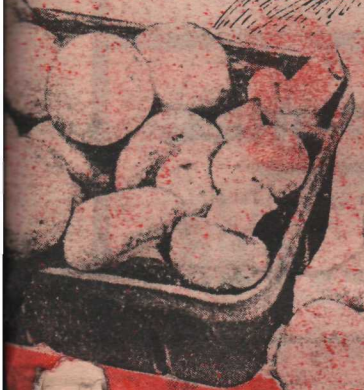
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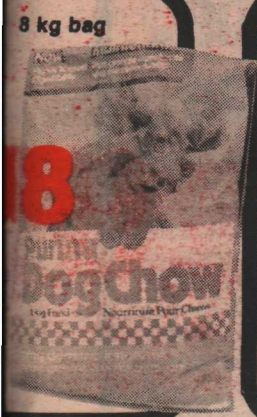
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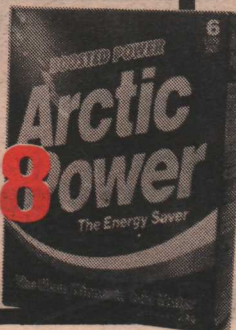
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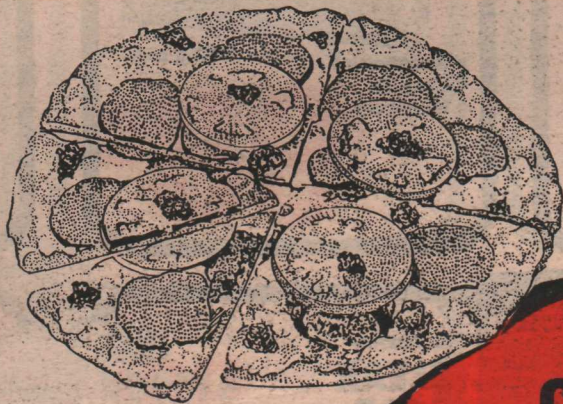
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- European Summer Sausage** **1.10** 100 g

Foreign study option opened

Interculture Canada, the country's largest international student exchange organization, is now selecting the group of students who will study abroad next year for a full school term.

The non-profit organization, which specializes in intercultural learning, is in its final month of student recruitment across Canada. Students aged 15 to 18 years who are interested in the exchange program are urged to apply now for one of more than 200 home and study stays available in any of 32 countries.

Only a few placements remain in popular winter departure destinations like Brazil, Australia and Japan; however, Interculture Canada is pushing to fill numerous summer departure placements.

Students in the program live with a carefully-selected host family and complete a full year of studies in the language of the host country.

All-inclusive participation fees are comparable to the amount spent on an adolescent over an 11-month period.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Interculture Canada volunteer Anne McAlpine (479-0347 or, toll-free, 1-800-361-1879) in Victoria.



Members of the GISS CounterAttack program are (back row, l-r) Kirra Korrison, Charlie Hume, Jason Taylor, Catrina Roach, Julianna Isfer, Joanna Hargreaves, Lisa Koski. (Front, l-r) Malindi Curtis, Kristine Pickell, Lisa Codd. Missing from photograph is Joe Cocker.

High school students undertake several CounterAttack initiatives

A group of Gulf Island Secondary School students is taking steps in an effort to combat drinking and driving in the community.

While the CounterAttack program at the secondary school is still in its formative stages, the group has several projects on the go.

This weekend, four members of the group will attend a youth leadership conference in Nanaimo. The event will be followed on November 1 with a local presentation to students and the community by former Washington State Trooper Mike Buckingham.

Buckingham, who suffered third degree burns to his face and body in an accident caused by an impaired driver, is "living proof" of the consequences of drinking and driving.

Buckingham's presentation involves a frank description of the accident he was involved in and the effect it has had on his life. His disfigured appearance brings a reality to his words and the combined effect on the audience is described as powerful and moving.

Jason Taylor, a member of the GISS CounterAttack group, has heard Buckingham speak on Vancouver Island. Taylor said the

audience was so moved by the presentation, it was difficult for individuals to even formulate questions.

"He's living proof," Taylor said, "All you have to do is look at the guy . . . (and yet) he doesn't feel sorry for himself."

Buckingham is scheduled to speak to students in Grades Eight, Nine and Ten from 9:25 am to 10:25 am on November 1, then follow with a presentation for Grades 11 and 12 students from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Both events will take place in the high school auditorium and each will be open to parents and other community members.

The cost of bringing Buckingham to Salt Spring Island has been divided between the Rotary Club and the school board.

The high school is sponsoring CounterAttack members Malindi

Curtis, Lisa Codd, Charlie Hume and Lisa Koski in their participation at the Nanaimo youth leadership conference. Students from all over Vancouver Island will be attending the conference in order to learn leadership qualities and tips on initiating school-based programs.

The CounterAttack group, which has set up a bulletin board featuring drinking and driving facts in the school hallway, is also encouraging students to participate in a driving education program, being funded in part by the Rotary Club. There are still some openings available — interested students should contact Mrs. Woodley at the GISS office.

CounterAttack members say they intend to do their best to get the message across: drinking and driving causes unnecessary death.

Watch pets on Hallowe'en

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) has issued a Hallowe'en warning.

The society is reminding pet owners — especially dog owners — that fireworks and animals do not mix. Most animals are frightened by sudden loud noises or bright flashes of light.

Each year, pets run away during fireworks displays, attempting to find a hiding spot. Sometimes, the SPCA warns, they do not come back.

The society recommends leaving pets inside if anyone in the neighbourhood is using fireworks.



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When I was little, the arrival of the Eaton's fall catalogue was really exciting. In those years there were no malls to drift through to fantasize about having all those colourful clothes and tools and sugar plums that you knew would enrich your life. You had the privilege of doing that right in your own home, holding the obligation and impulse to buy at arm's length.

In my cowboy years, the shoe department and toys were the most interesting, and as I look back on it my growing obsession with the ladies' lingerie section announced the arrival of puberty. As I grew through my teens the hardware and automotive section took more of my attention, although my left thumb still remained firmly entrenched in the undergarments department. Having no sisters in the family certainly left me under-educated in this respect.

Of course, the fall catalogue was the most coveted because Christmas was coming and so was colder weather. We all looked forward to being cosy in new warm boots and jackets and after scrutinizing the sale items in the catalogue, plans were made for a Saturday morning excursion to the downtown Vancouver department stores.

I did eventually leave ladies' wear behind but I've never lost my passion for catalogues. So when I received the Daniel Smith catalogue of art supplies from Seattle, I was understandably delighted. First of all, it is in colour, and lists 19,000 products over its 200-plus pages. Secondly it contains a wealth of information of value to beginners, amateurs, and professionals.

The paper section alone is worth the price. For instance, have you heard of banana paper, from the Philippines? This paper has a warm sandy texture and a woody smell and can be used for drawing, collage and stationery. How about French marble papers, which are most familiar in the bookbinders craft? Daniel Smith has handmade papers from India, made from cotton, jute and sugar cane fibres. There are bark papers from Mexico and even genuine papyrus from Egypt.

There is a full eight-page section on Oriental papers. The catalogue states: "Unlike papers made in the west using cotton or pulp fibres, Japanese papers are made from 'fibres.' These come from the inner white bark of young gampi, kozo and mitsumata trees and yield thin strong papers ... Handmade Japanese papers are generally neutral pH because no acidic additives are used in the papermaking process."

Depending on the individual qualities, these papers can be used for sumi painting, woodblock printing, etching chine colle and collage. Partly because of increasing difficulty in obtaining raw materials, handmade paper-making is becoming a dying art in Japan.

There is much more in the catalogue. There are metallic watercolours that don't tarnish, Sumi Painting supplies; and brushes, both western style and oriental, including Hake brushes and Take Fude, a brush made from the finely divided end of a piece of bamboo.

Fabric painting supplies are also well represented as are print-making materials, dyes, inks, copper and zinc plates, etching presses, rollers and even Battleship Linoleum — it all seems to be there.

Well, I listed some of the more exotic items but the old standards are also available, sometimes in shapes or sizes you haven't seen before. For your very own catalogue, contact Daniel Smith, 4130 - 1st Ave. South, Seattle, Washington, WA 98134.

Screening launches African film series

The first in a series of three documentary films about South Africa will be screened tonight (Wednesday, October 26) in the hall of St. George's Church in Ganges.

The award-winning *Witness to Apartheid*, filmed in 1985 during the state of emergency in South Africa, begins at 7:30 pm and will be followed by a discussion period.

The film program has been arranged by the Ganges office of Continuing Education. It is co-sponsored by *Voice of Women*, the Anglican Church parish, Off Centre Stage, Usha Rautenback and Our Lady of Grace church.

The other two films in the series are *Girls Apart*, to be shown November 9, and *Winnie and Nelson Mandela*, scheduled for November 23.

Paper-making course offered

A papermaking workshop by award-winning artist and teacher Sharyn Yuen will be held on Pender Island at the end of October.

The workshop, set for October 30-31, is sponsored by the Pender Island Art Group and the Emily Carr College of Art and Design's outreach program. It is intended for adult beginners and those wishing to broaden their knowledge of papermaking.

Local co-ordinator for the workshop is Jan Ede of the Pender Island Art Group, who can supply registration and location details (call: 629-6352).

Instructor Yuen operates Kalki Handmade Papers in Vancouver, a studio for producing custom 100 per cent cotton, linen and rag papers, and owner of Paper-Ya, a retail store of imported papers and paper goods.

The 1973 recipient of a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Victoria, Yuen studied papermaking with David Caruthers in Montreal and at the Banff Centre School of Fine Arts.

In 1986, she won a Canada Council grant for a three-month research and documentation project in Japan and China, where she studied Oriental papermaking techniques.

Yuen has exhibited and taught widely in the medium of paper, and undertaken a variety of commissions from clients like Paramount Pictures and Canadian Airlines.

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Local man connected with limited edition retrospective

A Salt Spring Island man has won the right to market a book being produced by noted West Coast Indian artist Roy Henry Vickers.

Murray Ritchie holds the non-B.C. rights to distribute *Solstice*, a book of 104 Vickers serigraphs that will sell for \$3,000 and be limited to 1,000 copies. Vickers' company, Eagle Dancer Enterprises, is marketing the book in B.C., while Ritchie will be responsible for sales in U.S., Europe and eastern Canada.

Ritchie and Vickers first became acquainted earlier this year when the Salt Spring man received a contract to market the Native Indian artworks left from Expo 86 — a \$1 million collection of prints, jewelry and carvings that included several pieces by Vickers.

Ritchie is awed by *Solstice*, which is bound in salmon leather and carries an inlaid gold-silver medallion on the cover. The book offers a retrospective of Vickers' work, which gained growing public acclaim after one of his paintings, *A Meeting of Chiefs*, was presented to Queen Elizabeth II by the provincial government in 1987 at the Commonwealth Heads of Government conference held in Vancouver.

Since then, the values of works by Vickers has skyrocketed. Today, one of his limited-edition prints can sell for as much as \$5,000.

Ritchie said *Solstice* continues Vickers' tradition of quality. Printed on rag paper ordered from Italy, it will be hand-bound, sold in sturdy maple boxes and contain a limited-edition print suitable for framing. Several hundred copies of *Solstice* have already been pre-sold.

Vickers owns and operates Eagle Aerie Gallery in Tofino, a traditional northwest coast Indian longhouse.

Born in 1942 to British and Native Indian parents, Vickers grew up in the ancient Tsimshian village of Kitkatla and later moved to Hazelton, then Victoria. He studied at the Gitanmaax School of Northwest Indian Art at Ksan.

Initially, Vickers created works around traditional Indian images. In recent years, however, he has incorporated landscapes with Indian symbols, evolving his art



'Guardian of the Pass' by Roy Vickers

towards more contemporary designs. His works are known for clean lines, brilliant colours and uncomplicated forms.

Vickers believes in limiting the editions of his works. His paintings are done mainly in acrylics and gouache — opaque colours ground in water thickened with gum and honey — and limited to 50 silkscreen prints. He produces

14 or 15 works a year and, Ritchie notes, most are sold out before they are ready for market.

Vickers includes Emily Carr and Henry Hunt among his influences, as well as two 18th-century Japanese artists, Katsushika Hokusai and Ando Hiroshige, masters of woodblock techniques.

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Weaving work to be offered at pre-Christmas craft sale

The works of two talented Salt Spring weavers will be featured at a pre-Christmas show and sale of works produced by members of local craft guilds.

Items by Bunty Gonzales and Rosemarie Wallbank will be included in the show, set for November 18-20 at Mahon Hall in Ganges.

Gonzales, known for beautifully-woven pine needle baskets, became interested in weaving at a conference in Spokane in 1979. She uses Ponderosa pine needles found dried on the trees, not gathered from the ground. They are washed and dried, then stored

in bags until needed.

Weaving begins with a small ring covered with raffia (which comes mainly from Madagascar), into the centre of which is woven a lace-like design to form the base of the basket. Sides and shape are formed by weaving the pine needles together with the raffia.

Each basket enjoys a different design and shape. Some have covers, some are shallow to be displayed on a wall.

Wallbank arrived on Salt Spring this year from Ottawa, where she held a senior management position with the federal government. She emigrated to

Canada from Britain, where she had earned an honours graduate in history from Birmingham University.

Introduced to weaving in Ottawa in 1973, Wallbank began studying in 1980 for her master weaver accreditation, as well as a St. Lawrence College diploma in fibre arts. She is now past the half-way point in those studies.

Since moving to Salt Spring, Wallbank and her husband have started building a home designed to accommodate her three looms, spinning wheels and weaving supplies. She is hoping to set up a fibre arts studio.

Oscar-winning playwright's work to open Off Centre Stage festival

The first presentation of Off Centre Stage's *Stars of the Fringe* mini-festival will be seen November 4 and 5 in Ganges.

The curtain rises each night at 8 pm for *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, an off-Broadway hit by Oscar-winning playwright John Patrick Shanley, of *Moonstruck* fame.

Directed by Michael Wener, this tense and highly-charged play is about a chance meeting between two emotionally-battered people in a bar in the South Bronx of New York City, and the impossible love story that follows.

Starring in the production are UVic graduate Kathleen Barr, and Peter Outerbridge, also of UVic.

The play sees the two characters introduce themselves and their troubled lives. The dialogue, while at times abrasive and vulgar, is undeniably authentic. After an initial barrage, playwright Shanley creates some

amusing moments and winds up making a statement about the need for love and honesty, and a hope in the way things might be.

Of the play, UVic's *Martlet* said: "Kathleen Barr puts forward a superb performance in her role as the guilt-filled Roberta, making her way along the impassioned tightrope with skill and class. Peter Outerbridge keeps up such a high level of emotion and tension that nothing could be

construed as less than full value in his performance."

Following *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, Off Centre Stage will present two more top productions from the recent Vancouver and Victoria fringe festivals: *The Ballad of Phil Ochs*, by performer-playwright Ross Desprez of Victoria, on November 11 and 12; and *Savage Love*, by Sam Shepard, on November 18 and 19.

Jazz Society fund-raiser set

A fund-raising project for the Salt Spring Island Jazz Society has been scheduled for November 5.

The Harvest Ball, set for 7 pm at Mahon Hall, will feature the music of *Second Wind* — and the society's second annual 'box lunch auction,' conducted this

year by Ann Lyon of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society.

Tickets are \$7.50 each and available at *et cetera*. Proceeds will be used to help stage the society's annual summer jazz festival, and put towards funding for young musicians in the community.

Author to hold island reading

Vancouver writer Daphne Marlatt will discuss "the silencing of women" in a November 3 address in Ganges.

The talk, to be held at the Community Centre at 8 pm, will be followed by a discussion period.

Marlatt is the 1988-89 holder of the Wynn Woodward Endowed Chair of Women's Studies at Simon Fraser University. The chair has a mandate to "provide information and stimulate community discussions around the province on women's issues and achievements."

Previous occupants were Dr. Sue Penhold and MLA Rosemary Brown.

Marlatt is a poet, novelist and editor. Her books include *Tough to my Tongue*, *Ana Historic*, and *Double Negative*. She is also an organizer of West Word, an annual summer writing school for women.

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Noted Irish harpist, singer slates Salt Spring concert

An entertainer whose last performance on Salt Spring sold out almost before the concert was announced is returning to Ganges this Friday night.

Irish-born singer and harpist Mary O'Hara will perform in the Activity Centre on October 28, beginning at 8 pm.

O'Hara, who has recorded 19 albums, authored three best-selling books, and has several TV series in England, Ireland and Australia, has captivated audiences all over the world.

O'Hara's performance in Mahon Hall two years ago sold out quickly and attracted numerous off-islanders.

The media has described her performance as "pure as poetry" and "exhilarating," her voice as "crystal clear" and her music as "haunting" and "magical." The *New Zealand Times* said: "There is a magic and balm for the spirit of her serene art. It would be good for the noisy distracted and confused world to pause and listen to such songs as Mary O'Hara sings."

Born in 1935 in western Ireland, O'Hara first received recognition for her talents at the age of eight, winning two first place

prizes at an annual music and drama competition. She learned to play the harp at 16 and one year later made her first radio broadcast. Since that time, O'Hara has regularly appeared on television and radio, and travels on concert tours all over the world.

O'Hara has learned a "skillful

manipulation of the Celtic harp." Her music has revitalized many harping techniques used by the ancient Bards. She "shows her mastery and understanding of traditional songs" and brings to her audience a mixture of traditional and modern music.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and available at *et cetera*.

book review

by peggy whittaker



"On the last stroke of twelve, the cupboard door in the next room opened ... I was aware that there was a presence in the adjoining room. I will not say a person, a living soul, but a presence ... Then at this moment from somewhere below in the building there came the sound of a prolonged and piercing cry, a cry as of a soul passing in agony."

The presence comes closer, and with a feeling of desperation you realize that no matter how dark the night is, or how long you hold your breath in an effort to keep silent, it will seek you out as inevitably and unerringly as death itself. It is, of course, the annual walk upon this earth of the ghost known as ...

Stop there! For unprepared mortal readers of *Driftwood* shall not be privy to this knowledge until All Hallow's Eve, when the door between the two worlds opens and spirits pass through freely to walk on this earth once again.

If, however, your connections in the spirit world are few, and no demonic visitor appears on your doorstep on October 31 to bestow upon you knowledge from beyond, you are fortunate to have access to another source of otherworldly wisdom: enter *13 Canadian Ghost Stories*, published by Western Producer Prairie Books (Saskatoon) and edited by Ganges resident Ted Stone.

Along with Stephen Leacock's chilling story of the ghost of Buggam Grange, excerpted above, are a variety of stories that include native Indian and Inuit tales, Robertson Davies' *Conversations with the Little Table*, in which a petulant William Lyon Mackenzie King makes contact with the author through a piece of furniture, an extraordinary out-of-body experience that takes place in North Vancouver, and the heartwarming *Shoeless Joe Jackson Comes to Iowa*, where we see Shoeless Joe being given the chance to play left field again (posthumously, of course) by a current-day baseball devotee.

Editor Ted Stone — author, storyteller and syndicated columnist — has vacationed on Salt Spring for years but just recently made the big move to Ganges from Manitoba, and he, his wife Pat Pidlaski and their three daughters are now full-time residents.

"I don't believe in ghosts ... unless I'm listening to a ghost story," said Stone last week. It was his own and other people's obvious attraction to ghost stories that in the summer of 1986 got him thinking about compiling a collection of them.

There followed a year of sifting through libraries and otherwise hunting down tales, during which time he decided to narrow his selection down to Canadian ghost stories, which he doesn't think have ever been compiled and published before.

Although Stone says he has never had a ghostly experience himself — other than of the "things that go bump in the night" variety — and claims to know nothing about the paranormal (and isn't sure he wants to), he says he has "a more questioning feeling about ghosts ... and all the unknowns we face" since researching the book.

He does emphasize, however, that you don't have to believe in ghosts to be afraid of them, or to enjoy a good ghost story. "The joy of the book is in the stories," he said, and with good reason. All the tales selected — the aboriginal ones are his favourite — whether they are scary, thought-provoking, heartwarming or simply mind-expanding, are the kind you can't put down once you've started them. ("Take it from me," said the haggard-faced, baggy-eyed book reviewer who was up till 2 am last night finishing the 13th story.)

The fact that my copy of the book had one page missing and one page repeated twice, and that our line went mysteriously dead — if you'll pardon the expression — in the middle of my telephone interview with Stone only added to my gleefully titillated feeling of suspense that was generated by reading the book.

So as you await with dread the eve of Samhain — now called All Saint's Day, but originally the ancient Celtic New Year day on which spirits passed from one world to another — shutter your windows, curl up by a good fire, and consider yourselves lucky that Stone didn't include in the collection the stories of the Ganges ghosts that he came across.

Till next time, dear reader ...

Concert for hurricane relief scheduled for Fulford School

Funds for the relief of Mexican victims of Hurricane Gilbert will be raised November 5 at a concert for children to be held in the gymnasium of Fulford Elementary School.

The *Children Helping Children Hurricane Relief Concert* will feature performer Fran Avni and include a Mexican supper. Admission is \$2, and the concert is set to run from 3 pm to 5:30 pm.


Proceeds will be directed to help rebuild a school on Isla Mujeres, off the east coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, that was destroyed when Hurricane Gilbert visited the island.

Avni, from Montreal, recently

released her fourth album of songs for children, *Artichokes and Brusselsprouts*. A seasoned performer, Anvi has charismatic qualities that click with children of all ages. She is teamed with songwriter Jackie Cytrynbaum, who has a background in early childhood education.

Avni has recorded for the National Film Board of Canada and CBS's *Sesame Street*. Her musical styles include jazz, classical and bluegrass, with a march, reggae and a bit of 1950s bop tossed in for good measure. Lyrics encourage participation by children in simple activities.





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Market price paid for gold linked to fate of U.S. dollar

By DONALD DONY

The problem with trying to forecast the price of gold is that it says so much more about other things than other things say about gold. The world's opinions of economic and political developments are reflected in the price of gold, and often the reasons for significant price changes become apparent only long after the event.

During the first half of September, there was a distinct change in the gold market. Viewed in dollar terms, the bull trend that started in early 1985, when the U.S. dollar itself peaked in value, has now been broken. In other leading world currencies, the rally from support levels earlier this year has proven to be feeble.

The problem with gold is that it does best during crises. From 1970, when the price of gold broke away from \$35, to present, there have been nine distinct phases in the bullion market.

The first phase lasted until mid-



1973 and was essentially a period of catching up; the gold price was low in real terms because it had been fixed since 1934.

The second phase reflected the first inflationary spike of the 1970s, following the first oil shock.

The third phase was attributable to several factors: International Monetary Fund (IMF) gold auctions, a reaction to the previous rise, and the worldwide recession caused by the higher oil prices. The gold price bottomed at \$100 an

ounce in 1976.

The fourth and fifth phases merged into one bull market that took the price to a peak of \$850 an ounce by January 1980.

The sixth phase was a bear market, reflecting the election of governments committed to conquering inflation.

That phase was reversed by the banking crises and the problems in Latin America. Within nine months, the price of gold had jumped from under \$300 an ounce to a high of \$511.

The eighth phase, which took prices back to a low of \$284 an ounce was, like the third, a reflection of the dollar bull market. In turn, the ninth phase was largely a function of the dollar's subsequent decline.

Until the gold market begins to focus on some new factor, the price of gold is expected to move sideways in international terms. In other words, take a view of the dollar and the dollar price of gold is likely to move the other way. The gold market is saying that the U.S. presidential election is not going to disrupt those balances and, perhaps, that the peace treaties being negotiated around the world are going to be meaningful. It may be also saying that inflation is not going to become a major issue.

Savings plan available for university tuitions

By J. BARRY MILLS

A recent Statistics Canada Study shows that tuition fees at Canadian Universities have generally doubled, and in some cases tripled, over the past 10 years.

Annual tuition for attending a four year bachelor of commerce program at five of the largest universities in Canada currently averages about \$1,430 per year. The cost of residence, meals, and books, easily bring total costs to well over \$5,000, to say nothing of transportation, clothing and other miscellaneous expenses. This means that the cost of a four year degree could be over \$20,000.

Should inflation run at five per cent a year with education costs increasing at the same rate, in the year 2008, it will cost an average of \$56,000 to attend university for four years.

That is a great deal of money, especially when few students will be able to earn it themselves. It must also be remembered that these costs will be substantially higher for the student who wishes to pursue a career in medicine, law, dentistry or another profession. Recognizing this problem, and following changes in the tax rules relating to income splitting and interest accrual, the government introduced the registered education savings plan, a tax sheltered vehicle with similarities to RRSPs and RRIFs.

The Registered Education Savings Plan is an effective way for parents — and, very often, grandparents — to utilize significant tax benefits to save for

and provide for the higher education of children, grandchildren or other beneficiaries.

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For example, a \$10,000 contribution invested for the full 21 year allowable period, at 10 per cent compounded, would result in an accumulation of \$74,000. By contrast, the same amount invested outside the plan, assuming a 45 per cent personal tax rate would accumulate to only \$31,000.

At termination, the original \$10,000 would be returned to the contributor (on a tax-free basis) and the balance of \$64,000 would be available to the student for educational expenses.

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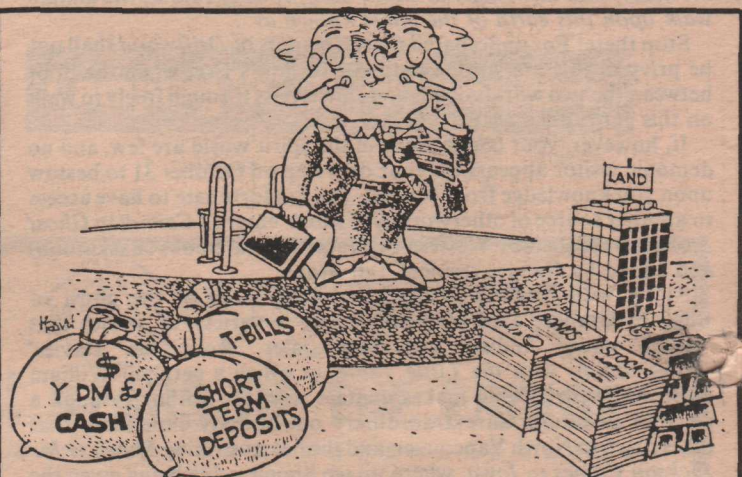


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Mother Nature did not even create brambles solely to annoy; she also gave us their blackberries to eat. Pliny

There are many connoisseurs, not all of whom sit in my first grade class, who will say that nothing can surpass the experience of eating blackberries straight off the vine. It is both an awakening of taste and a way of marking the season.

People who have not answered a school bell for half a century recollect the innocence of their own distant childhoods, when the blackberry bushes hang heavily with fruit in the cool morning air at autumn's advent.

For poets, the taste and smells of autumn echo in the memory and are the material of odes. The lush, almost fermenting alder leaves lie in drifts along abandoned trails. There is a sweet crush of arbutus underfoot and, best of all, the crimson feast of blackberries in the immortal light of golden fall.

For the prosaic, however, grazing on blackberry bushes in autumn sweetens the return to school and work, and makes more palatable the unwanted promise the fruit brings of nights full with the shadow of shambling winter, of the imminence of clinging fogs, of rains, and then the cold.

It's going to be a long year before the next blackberries ripen so people of all ages stand in worship before coruscations of fruit along our country roads, with their backs to the occasional car that passes, intent, their arms raised like priests before the multitude, upon this traditional harvest.

Shoots colonize roadsides

While all blackberries are good, some people have their favourite kind and religiously visit the same patch every year.

On the islands the thorny Himalayan blackberry has gone wild and exuberantly colonizes the roadsides with great arching shoots, each with a bristling armament of thorns. A torn shirt sleeve or a few drops of blood is the tribute the Himalayans exact from those who would plunder them.

The indigenous Pacific blackberry has low training stems and smaller berries that are very sweet when ripe. This fruit was dried and preserved in cakes by the native peoples of south-western B.C. Others prefer the large, tart Olallies, the seedier Evergreens or the hardy Cascades.

The ancient Europeans loved blackberries as much as we do. Apicius, the father of Western cookery, wrote that you should preserve blackberries for winter by mixing some of their juice with reduced new wine and then immersing the whole berries in this thick, sweet mixture. The jars of blackberries were stored in cool, dark cupboards until the cook remembered them on the feast days of Saturn, when snow lay on the stone pavements of Londinium and the Scots crept over the Wall of Hadrian like ghosts.

Pliny raved about the many uses of blackberries outside the kitchen. The astringent properties of the leaves and fruit helped to heal injuries of the skin, and were particularly effective as a mouth medicine. Blackberries helped cure the bites of serpents and the stings of spiders, even those of the malevolent scorpion. Mixed with honey they were administered to those afflicted with cholera, or, on a more mundane level, with heart-burn.

The novelist Petronius simply advised people to take the gifts the gods offered and be satisfied. Enlightened persons gather fruit from brambles, he said, while others stand about with empty stomachs, complaining about all the thorns.

Truly special recipe

A gift I would like to share with you this week is a truly special recipe for the enjoyment of one of my favourite foods. Blackberries Gillian is named after the person who makes this dessert for young John and me every September.

BLACKBERRIES GILLIAN

- 1 C graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 C brown sugar
- cinnamon
- 1/2 C melted butter
- 2 C blackberries
- 1 T blackcurrant liqueur
- 1 C white sugar
- 2 T lemon juice
- 2 egg whites
- 1 C whipping cream

Make a crumb mixture by combining graham crackers, brown sugar, a sprinkle of cinnamon and the melted butter. Spread this over a nine-inch spring form pan, reserving half a cup for the topping. Set aside.

Now puree 2 cups of freshly picked Himalayans. Pour into a deep mixing bowl with a splash of blackcurrant liqueur and add sugar, egg whites and lemon juice. Beat at medium speed until frothy then let her rip until the blackberry puree has doubled in volume. This should take about 10 minutes.

In a separate bowl beat whipping cream until the peaks begin to stiffen. Fold into the blackberry mixture then spread evenly over the prepared crumb base. Top with the remainder of the crumb mixture. Cover and freeze for eight hours. Before serving defrost in the refrigerator for a few minutes.

Evanescant, unsubstantial and teasing, this dessert literally melts on the tongue. Its delicate colour is the crimson of a rosy fingered dawn. Needless to say a single experience only increases the desire to taste it again and again and the more you eat of Blackberries Gillian the hungrier you shall become.

Waters closed to sports fishermen

Sports fishing in Fulford Harbour and Cusheon Cove has been prohibited by the federal department of fisheries and oceans.

The closures, in effect as of October 15 and until December 31, are aimed at conserving coho salmon returning to Fulford and Cusheon creeks to spawn. Closures also apply to the tidal portions of Fulford and Cusheon creeks.

The area of Fulford Harbour now off limits to sports fishermen includes the waters west of a line drawn from the fishing boundary signs erected at the Fulford Harbour government wharf and extending to the old log dump opposite.

The portion of Cusheon Cove now closed to sports fishermen is the area southwest of a line drawn between fishing boundary signs erected at the point immediately north of the mouth of Cusheon Creek and along the shoreline of Salt Spring, south of the creek.

Federal fisheries will revise the limits of the Cowichan Bay sanctuary by moving the boundary signs to form a line from Skinner Point to the Cowichan Bay government wharf.

The revision, to come into effect November 15 and remain in force until further notice, changes the area of water closed to sports fishermen.

The new sanctuary limits include the portion of Cowichan Bay and the tidal portion of the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers lying westwards of a straight line drawn from the boundary signs at Skinner Point to the government wharf.

Federal fisheries reminds anglers that it is illegal to catch or attempt to catch fish by snagging or with snares.

The reminder, its Duncan office says, is aimed specifically at those persons attempting to snag chum salmon in the approaches to Cowichan Bay.

B.C.'s sport fishing regulations note that snagging is defined as attempting to catch or catching a fish with a hook in any manner

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Different game formation produces pleasant result

FC 2, CASTAWAYS 0

By ALAN WEBB

FC finally put one up in the win column. The team's record now stands at one win, three draws and two losses.

Ordinarily, FC records its initial win in its first game, but this year the victory has been elusive. In some games, the strain of winlessness, combined with some eccentric officiating, has produced a certain loss of grace on our part. Although we never resorted to the type of flagrant brutality that we have endured from opposing sides, we did indulge in rather too much colourful language. Sunday's game put an end to all that; everything is now just fine, thank you very much.

Both sides enjoyed the level of competence in officiating one would expect at the Division Three level. Not that a referee has decided any of our previous matches, but they have certainly influenced the manner in which all the games were played.

The quality of refereeing in the first five matches has been such that the games of both teams have deteriorated until the match became less a game and more a battle (complete with broken limbs and players, coaches and fans on both sides resorting to ill-humoured confrontation).

But enough of that; last Sunday was perfect.

FC experimented with a new formation for this week's game and it bore some impressive results. Previously, Salt Spring has used a more defensive-oriented three-three-four system (three frontrunners, three midfielders and four at the back). Our reasoning has always been that we were better suited to the style of game where we defend first, attack second. And who could argue with our success? But as we've seen this year, success has been hard to come by, so it's throw caution to the wind and let's attack.

Caution to the wind, in this case, means pushing a midfielder onto the front line. That left Carlo Legg and Jack Braak (and Michael Brown in relief) with the unenviable task of supporting the forwards on offence and the defenders on defence. This can be a lot to ask of three men at a time — but asking it of two can sometimes be seen as bordering on the perverse.

However, both men (or, rather, all three) acquitted themselves well in their new roles and seemed to relish all the extra work — and space — created for them.

Up front, FC started with Mike Brown, Marty Legg, David Toynbee and Darren Strong. Ken Duke and Johnny Villadsen enjoyed strong games in rotation with the starting four.

Salt Spring's first marker was a textbook English-style, cross-to-the-far-post goal. Darren Strong, who was outstanding throughout the game, turned his defender, neatly took the ball to the endline and crossed a perfect ball to Michael Brown at the far post.

Brown directed a powerful header into the net for a 1-0 FC lead.

Castaways managed to find only two slender chances in the first half — one a low shot that narrowly missed the post, and the other a cracking shot from 35 yards that Ken Marr managed to tip magnificently off the crossbar.

In the second half, Michael Brown and Marty Legg combined to send David Toynbee in alone, and he calmly upped the FC lead to 2-0.

The remainder of the match was a succession of opportunities created by a suddenly confident, happy team. Any pressure a

skilful Castaways side could muster was thwarted by the sure-tackling Jack Andrews, Hank Braak, Steven Legg, Arnie Hengstler and Lance Lomax.

At the final whistle, Salt Spring left the field jovial and somewhat relieved. The post-game handshaking between the two teams was good-natured and genuinely sportsmanlike — a spectacle fans had yet to witness until this week. At the end, players from both teams also congratulated the referee on a first-rate performance, testimony that the game was competitive, skilful, hard-fought, fair and — most of all — fun.

Selects rally to post win over Peninsula

SELECTS 3, PENINSULA 2

By MALCOLM LEGG

The character of many a good soccer team is revealed under adverse conditions, something the Selects exhibited rather well last Sunday in a 3-2, come-from-behind win over Peninsula.

The Selects probably took Peninsula a little too lightly at the start of the match, due to a 5-3 win in the last encounter between the two teams, and Peninsula took full advantage by pushing to the attack.

Peninsula pressure paid off as the usually-steady Selects defence made mistakes. One was accidentally kicking the ball into their own net.

Salt Spring fought back slowly. Late in the half, Juda Shugar intercepted a back-pass and drilled home the equalizer. It looked like the boys were back on track.

Only minutes later, however, Peninsula took a corner kick that Chad Little tried to clear. He directed the clearance off the

head of a Selects player and into the Salt Spring goal.

Down 2-1 at the half, and having scored all three goals, the Selects could have been deflated. Instead, they came out flying and tied the score at the five-minute mark when Corbin Scott finished off a passing play with Shugar and Hume.

With momentum back on their side, Salt Spring continued applying pressure. Chances by Hume, Scott, Chad Little and Shugar slipped away, but the Selects kept coming.

With less than 15 minutes to play, Little dropped a corner-kick into the box, which was partially cleared by the goalkeeper. Shugar neatly headed the ball back in front, and Scott finished the play for the winners.

Selects proved to themselves that falling behind can be overcome through hard work and the determination to stick to their game plan. No better example of that was the play of Shugar, whose inspirational play paced the comeback.



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Improved skills evident in games

By SYD WIGEN

Sixteen teams and some 160 players saw action in Intra Island Soccer League games last Saturday.

All three games in the junior division showed improved passing, as coaches encouraged better team play.

Wildcats topped Demons 2-0 in an evenly-matched game. Forrest Jacob on defence helped keep Demons off the scoreboard.

Firebirds and Cougars played to the same 2-0 score, with Mark Sloan scoring his first goal in the league. In an even closer contest between Panthers and Eagles, Mandu scored the only goal.

In the senior division, Aaron Little scored another hat trick to lead Furies to a 7-0 win over Arsenal. Goalie Peter Sloan twice robbed Greg Stringer on break-aways.

The forward line of Anthony, Jason and Tom led Rangers to a 3-0 win.

When a team is outclassed by a more experienced side, sometimes a single goal is a moral

victory. Such was the case when Sharks dumped United 7-1. United's late and lone tally rewarded the team.

Similarly, in the Hornets-Hawks match, Tyler Roberts salvaged some pride for the Hawks after the side was down 3-0. For the Hornets, Peter Lock was strong on defence and Grant Fuhr, just up from the junior ranks, showed great improvement.

Lazers controlled the field position for three quarters of their game against the Stingers, but were unable to score on Sasha Pendergast. Stingers rallied for two goals in the late stages.

Many thanks to Matt Flanagan for his clinic for coaches and would-be coaches. Also to the parents who are helping in the league or on individual teams. Additional support is always welcome, and it is well rewarded when one sees the great number of boys and girls enjoying the experience of soccer.

golf report

By ANN LOUISE McALLISTER

October 18 saw rain, rain and more rain. Marj Cade, captain of the ladies' 18-hole division, cancelled golf for the day and arrived equipped with silver cleaner and polishing cloths. Members who turned up spent the day cleaning trophies for the upcoming awards dinner and dance.

On October 20, the men played a two-man best ball. Low at net 58 was the duo of Jack Godwin and Henri Jefferies. Next, at 60, came Cedric Walker and Reg Winstone. Third, at 62, were Frank Cunningham and Art Botham. Five pairs finished with scores of 64.

Winner of the 1988 best ball games was Walt Turnball, with a 610 total for 10 games. Steve Marleau was second at 614, and Fred Broadbent finished third at 619.

The prize presentation dinner and dance is set for Saturday, October 29. Sign-up sheets are posted on the notice board.

Members are reminded to save Ganges Village Market cash register tapes for the juniors. Deposit the tapes in a box, if it is available, or turn them in at the pro shop.

down the gutter

The 1988-89 YBC season is underway again. Welcome, youth bowlers.

High scorers to date are:
Smurf/Pee Wees: Jennifer Keating, 96; Jeremy Keating, 152; Joshua Marshall, 143; Michael Reynolds, 132.

Bantams: Christy Bergsma, 183; Claire Marks, 148; Stephen Marcotte, 135.

Juniors: Amy Schwagly, 203; Eric Taylor, 222; Clinton Helfrich, 290.

Seniors: Lisa Jorgenson, 257; Candice Miller, 300.

YBC members have started their annual chocolate fund sales. Please help support Salt Spring's Youth Bowlers.

Trail and Nature Club sets November agenda

The Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club has released its program of activities for November. Unless otherwise noted, all plants begin with a meeting at 10 AM at Centennial Park in Ganges.

NOVEMBER 1

- Hike, Reginald Hill, with Ruby Alton. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Regular walk, Beddis Road, with Dick Pattinson.
- Interest walk, Salt Spring Centre, to visit the organic seed farm. With Vera Larsen.

NOVEMBER 8

- Hike, Channel Ridge, with Val Keys.
- Interest walk, Wildwood Tree Farm, Yellow Point, with Nancy Holcroft. Take 9 am ferry from Vesuvius.

NOVEMBER 15

- Hike, Saanich Penninsula, with John Lloyd. Take 9:30 am ferry from Fulford.
- Regular walk, Maracaibo area, with Edna Gatt.
- Easy walk, Fulford area, with Joyce and Harry Pickstone. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.

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NOVEMBER 22

- Hike, Mt. Bruce, with Bob Robertson. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.
- Regular walk, leader's choice, with Nancy Keith-Murray.
- Easy walk, Mountain Road, with Edna Watson. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 am.

NOVEMBER 29

- Hike, Nose Point, with Vera Petapiece.
- Regular walk, Central area, with Jean Brindamour.

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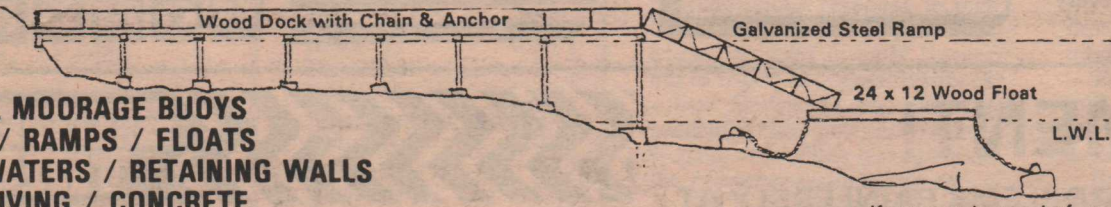
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Transit system offered

If more than 145 islanders have their way, Salt Spring Island may soon have a regular bus transit and charter service.

Some 145 people signed a petition addressed to the motor carrier commission, requesting that the agency issue a transit-charter licence to local bus driver Judy Kelly.

"We agree," the petition reads, "that through granting of the above licencing authority, a much-needed public demand for an economical, viable alternative to private vehicle transportation on Salt Spring will be satisfied."

The petition, along with Kelly's application, was submitted to the motor carrier commission in Victoria two weeks ago. Kelly expects it will be another four weeks before she hears a reply from the commission.

If her application is successful, Kelly hopes to purchase an Airporter-type bus and provide a three-day transit service to islanders. Kelly says she would split the island into three zones — providing service to the north end on Tuesdays, central Salt Spring on Wednesdays, and the south end on Thursdays.

On Mondays and Fridays, she said, she hopes to organize charters — providing bus trips into Victoria, for example.

Kelly feels the service is a must for elderly people who suffer a loss of independence because they must rely on neighbours for transportation into town. But she noted it is not just the older people on the island who would benefit from provision of bus service to town — young people, who are not yet legally able to drive, share the need.

Kelly foresees the possibility of busing young people into Victoria for skating or swimming excursions, as well as on trips between points on Salt Spring.

Kelly says everyone she has spoken to has responded favourably to the proposal. She also said she is prepared for the possibility of making several trips in an empty bus until islanders get used to the idea.

Land bid draws objection

A majority of Advisory Planning Commission (APC) members have voted to recommend against a Section 996 subdivision on LePage Road.

Rolf and Maria Dammel, owners of the property, have applied to the Islands Trust to subdivide a six-acre portion of the land under Section 996 of the Municipal Act, which allows subdivision for relatives.

Because the land is in the Agricultural Land Reserve, the application must be approved for removal from the reserve by the Agricultural Land Commission.

After reviewing the application at their October 13 meeting, APC members agreed by a vote of six



Work bee

Members of the Salmon Enhancement Society gathered at the mouth of Cusheon Creek October 17 to clear the area and allow for passage of fish. Here, five of the 18 workers clear driftwood from the channel. Others cleaned the fish ladder below the old dam.

Fund-raiser scheduled for Beaver Point school

Donations are still being accepted for an auction sale to help raise money needed to keep Beaver Point's Little Red Schoolhouse from closing its doors.

The money would be used to upgrade the facilities to meet changes made in Provincial Child Care Facilities Regulations, which say the Beaver Point Pre-school must have hot and cold running water and two toilets.

(The school was later exempted from requirements for indoor washrooms, as new outdoor washrooms had been built and since adding them to the existing structure would disfigure the historical building.)

The Little Red Schoolhouse, which opened its doors to students for the first time on September 30, 1885, is the oldest school on Salt Spring Island. It was in operation continuously from 1885 until 1951 — a 67-year span that made it the second-longest continuously used school in B.C.

After closing in 1951, the school was left in its original state for 27 years until a grant for restoration work was obtained from the Provincial Heritage Conservation Branch in 1979.

For the past nine years the

school has been used as a pre-school for children in the Beaver Point area. Last November, the trustees in charge of the school were informed by the local health officer that they had two years in which to install electricity and hot and cold running water at the school.

Anne Hohmann told *Driftwood* that preliminary estimates for installing the needed facilities were between \$3,000 and \$4,000. "We already have a well on the property which services the Beaver Point Hall, which we should be able to use," she said.

According to Hohmann, "a whole lot of stuff" has already been collected for the auction, but organizers are still looking for more. "People have been very generous," she said. "I think this will be a great auction — it looks like we have something for everyone here."

The auction is set for Saturday, November 5, at the Beaver Point Hall. A preview of the goods will take place from 7 pm to 8 pm, with the auction starting at 8 pm.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the cause can arrange for pickup by calling Anne Hohmann at 653-9419, or Rajesh Kreisler at 653-9526.

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