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Federal candidates making last pitch for voter support

The countdown to the federal election is nearly over. This week, the eight hopefuls for the Sanich-Gulf Islands riding are continuing their door-knocking and speech-making in last-minute attempts to sway voter support.

The candidates will pitch their platforms to Salt Spring voters this Thursday night, at a meeting to begin at 7:30 pm in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

The eight candidates told *Driftwood* that with less than a week to go before votes are cast, they are concentrating on honing the messages they wish to deliver to

constituents.

Lynn Hunter, candidate for the New Democratic Party, said that during her campaign she visited all of the Gulf Islands and found residents well aware of the issues at hand.

"Gulf Island residents take their part in the political process quite seriously," she said. "All of the people I have met during my visits were well informed and concerned about the effects free trade will have on Canada, and they are very concerned about the possibility of having nuclear-powered subs prowling around the local waters."

She said she feels PC candidate Pat Crofton has a "fundamental misunderstanding" of what nuclear-powered submarines will do to Canada.

"He (Crofton) says that nuclear subs are cost-effective — well, how cost-effective is a nuclear accident along the west coast? How will it be cost-effective to clean up after that?" she said. "I think he is displaying an old-fashioned view of the world with statements like that. Thinking like that gave us the problems we now have with PCBs and logging."

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Meat law changes pondered

A clarifying amendment to a proposed meat inspection bylaw has received approval from the Capital Regional District (CRD) health committee. At least one Gulf Islander, however, does not feel the change addresses problems faced by local lamb producers.

Saturna Island's Jim Campbell, who met with CRD officials late last month to discuss amendment of the bylaw, feels it has been left intentionally ambiguous.

The bylaw to regulate the sale of uninspected meat was first introduced to islanders last spring, when the CRD health department discovered the existing bylaw excluded School District 64 (Gulf Islands), poultry and rabbit from inspection standards.

The proposed bylaw underwent three readings by the CRD before it was pulled and held for further

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Trustee hopefuls on track

Two of three Salt Spring candidates for seats on the Islands Trust spoke to and answered questions from an audience of between 75 and 100 people gathered last Thursday in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

Incumbent Nick Gilbert and John Stepaniuk, who sat on the Trust in the mid-1970s, each delivered a brief address to the crowd, then spent approximately one hour answering questions from the floor.

Absent was candidate Irene Tranter. Her husband Rob attended the meeting and said his wife was bound to a prior commitment in Vancouver. He read a brief statement saying the candidate has sold her business in Ganges, giving her time to devote to the community. She believes the Trust is the most important

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Helicopter service questioned in wake of two-hour transfer

Laurie Noble of Ganges wants to know why it took two hours for her to reach the Victoria General Hospital from Lady Minto by helicopter.

Noble, who was in the early stages of labour, was to be transferred to Victoria by helicopter. She said the helicopter, which had to come from Richmond, took a full hour to reach the pickup point at Lady Minto. After a 20 minute flight to Victoria, it had to land at Royal Jubilee Hospital and transfer her by ambulance to

Victoria General because the latter facility does not have night landing lights for helicopters.

"I was fortunate," she said. "I was in the early stages of labour, but what if it was a heart attack victim or a case of advanced labour? They couldn't wait around for two hours to make it to Victoria General," she said.

Although things worked out fine for Noble and her nine-pound, eight-ounce son Steven Lee, she said she would like to see the system improved.

She would like to see a helicopter service from the Victoria area, because time is usually of the essence in emergency cases.

She said she would also like to see a larger helicopter in use. "There was no room on board the helicopter for my husband," she said. "There was only enough room for the pilot, two paramedics and myself on the stretcher. My husband had to come over on the early ferry the next morning," she said.

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Remembering

Members of the Legion and the community turned out Friday to pause and remember Canada's war dead. Above, David Whittles marches in the parade, while below, an unidentified Beaver deposits a wreath at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park.



Election platforms honed for campaign's final days

Candidates visit Salt Spring on Thursday

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Crofton said he is asking voters who they want to be in charge of the nation's finances. "In 1984 we inherited a mess from the Liberals," he said. "The Progressive Conservatives have made strong inroads to correcting this problem, but we still have a serious national debt to deal with. We need a sound and sensible economic blueprint if we are to continue our social programs, and the free trade deal is the key component to that."

He added: "The real threat to our social programs is not free trade but a stagnant economy which will collapse under the weight of its own debt. The others (NDP and Liberals) have made promises of all kinds, but they aren't saying how they will pay for any of it."

"There is no Wizard of Oz with a money tree. We have a sound economic strategy. Canada needs someone who knows what they are doing."

Reform Party candidate Dr. Bob Slavik said the Reform Party is the only party that would truly represent local constituents in Ottawa.

"Our party stands on the principle of recall of an MP if he or she does not represent the wishes of the constituents," he said. "We want to see a return to a true democracy and equal provincial representation in government. We also support the Triple E senate — elected, equal, and effective."

Slavik said he feels the greatest problem facing Canada is the national debt. "Unless we deal with our national debt our social programs will be threatened," he said.

Kathryn Clout, the Liberal candidate, said her party is the only one that can stop free trade. "If you are against Brian Mulroney and free trade, the Liberal Party is the only one that can stop him," Clout said.

She added that she thinks the PCs will introduce their value-added tax if elected, and that it will burden taxpayers with an additional \$10 billion to \$12 billion annually. "If we are elected, we would squash that tax," she said.

The Communist Party of Canada candidate, Ernie Knott, calls this election the "most important election since confederation." Knott, who has been running for office since 1952, said he and his party are against the PC party and free trade.



Kathryn Clout



Bob Slavik

"Our country faces grave choices which will determine the character of our state, its sovereignty, and security. Our pioneers rejected integration with the United States and instead, at great labour and expense, adopted an independent Canadian national path," he said.

"Our forefathers had a dream of a highly-developed modern state with a strong social service network. Let us continue that dream by defeating the sell-out Torys and by voting for Ernie Knott and the Communist Party alternative. Survival, sovereignty, social justice, and socialism."

Libertarian candidate William Buckler said he would continue to expound on his party's platform of more personal freedoms and lower taxes. "The government confiscates about 50 per cent of the earnings of the average worker and then wastes one half of that," he said. "The Libertarian Party would drastically reduce the size and power of the government."

He proposes a flat rate, 20 per cent tax on all incomes above \$10,000 and an end to mandatory withholding of income tax at the source.

Pat Kelly, the Victoria native who is running as a non-affiliated candidate in this election, says the most important issue in the election is the national debt. Kelly is running his campaign on fiscal responsibility and social compassion.

"I am the only candidate openly committed to saying that Canada is founded on principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law," he said.

Canada, now more than ever, needs principled leaders to address vital national concerns like the federal deficit, spending, free trade, fair taxes, family and life protection, justice reform, parliamentary reform, environmental stewardship and social justice. I believe a vote for me will be the only one that will consistently uphold freedoms for our families and future."

Western Canada Concept Party founder Doug Christie says that voting for any of the top three parties is a waste. "A vote for the NDP, PCs or Liberals is a waste of time. All they do is cater to Ontario and Quebec. They agree on everything except free trade, which is a typical way of avoiding the real issues," he said.

Christie, who called the three main parties "morally bankrupt," is dedicated to the concept of Western Canada as a new nation.

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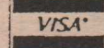
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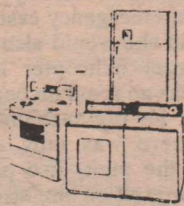
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Like being ill

I entertained a visitor last week. He and I were in the air force together at Patricia Bay Airport at Sidney. He came in on Monday morning and left Tuesday morning.

A one-day visitor is like 24-hour flu. You welcome him and enjoy his company, but before it could possibly pall, he's away.

You realize afterwards that there's no cost to your health; no aftermath.

All-in-all, I would sooner have an old buddy around for 24 hours than 24-hour flu. I think!

What kind of a pig is that?

He called to borrow a saucepan, but he didn't say that. He explained he wanted to borrow a cook-pot. I reckoned I didn't have such a thing, but I offered him a glass ovenware dish.

"No!" he replied. "Not that, never that!" He wanted a cook-pot. I hadn't got one. Until we analyzed the situation and decided that he did want, in fact, a saucepan.

For cook-pot I read an earthenware container that is heated in the oven. We're probably both right, but my right, I reckon, is righter than his.

From "A" to Zed

Perhaps if it had been on any other station I would never have noticed it. Yet, despite our proximity to Websterland, the Canadian alphabet still ends with "zed" and skirts around the American preference for "zee."

It was an advertisement on the Canadian broadcasting system. The announcement came over the national television service and was selling Japanese cars. Are they "Zed cars" or "Zee cars?"

I prefer the former because I have always known it that way. It must be a real puzzler to the unfortunate maker of cars in Tokio. If he even knows!

Switch those lights on!

When I drove through Alaska and the Yukon recently I was surprised by the highway signs requiring headlights to be worn at all times. Day or night, every vehicle is lighted up. The practice is infectious. I discovered that my kid brother is driving into his retirement years with all lights blazing.

Does the practice prevent accidents? Maybe nobody knows the answer for sure.

There's one outfit that reminds drivers to keep their lights on. The Yukon-Alaska Transport hauls ore from the Yukon mines at Faro to the Alaska port of Skagway. The fleet of trucks is always on the move and it is the only transport company I have found that issues a brochure to introduce its operation to the driving public.

There was another first for me. The visitor is advised that all company trucks are equipped with mobile telephone "should you require their use in the event of an emergency or mechanical failure."

Vending machines 'protect'

What does Vancouver Island have that Salt Spring Island doesn't? Condoms in cigarette machines.

A decision has been made to include condoms for sale in approximately one-third of the 400 cigarette machines owned by Ryan Vending which are located throughout Vancouver Island, after a six-month pilot project in a Nanaimo hotel.

"The sales have been slow to date," said Ryan sales manager Glen Jackson. "But all the feedback we have been getting from the hotel management and patrons has been positive."

Jackson said this was more than just a business decision — it was a socially responsible decision. "The public today is more aware of the need for precautionary measures and we are committed to making protection more readily available for both men and women," he said.

He explained that while condoms are available in pharmacies, other retail outlets and in some washroom vending machines, they are not always available at times or locations that are convenient. "This way we can provide an increased convenience for both men and women," he added.

The condoms, which come in a package of six, sell for \$3.50. Jackson said the initial plans are to dispense condoms only in machines used by adults, such as in pubs or lounges. The company will closely monitor the program to see whether all its cigarette machines should be included.

Fulford Vending, which handles most of the machines on Salt Spring Island, says it is not planning on following the Ryan program. Donald Clarkson, owner of Fulford Vending, said he was not too interested in placing condoms in local cigarette machines. "I don't think it would be a very worthwhile venture for us," he said.

SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY NEWS

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Polls for the election of local Island Trust and school board trustees, and the Parks and Recreation Commission referendum, will open at 8 am, Saturday, November 19.

Islanders may cast their ballots until 8 pm at one of three locations: Salt Spring Elementary School, Central Community Hall or the Fulford Harbour Community Hall.

On Monday, November 21, federal election polls will be open between 9 am and 8 pm.

Individuals on the electoral list will have received polling cards indicating their polling station number. Polling divisions one to four will be at Central Community Hall; five, at Greenwoods; six through 10 at Ganges United Church; and 11 and 12 at Fulford Elementary school.

Those who are not on the voters' list, and who need to be sworn in at a polling station, should consult maps (available at candidates' offices) or call 727-2312, to determine their correct polling station.

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Tories must bear brunt

Should the Progressive Conservatives be defeated in this Monday's federal election, and if the blame for that defeat is tied to the public's unwillingness to embrace the free trade agreement espoused by that party, the Tories will have only themselves to blame.

The resistance the public has shown to the free trade deal is, most observers agree, rooted in a reluctance to support an unknown quantity. Most people know next to nothing about the deal itself, and so are loath to cast a vote in its favour.

General ignorance about the terms and benefits of the deal is hardly surprising, though, given the complexity of the written document and, more importantly, the Progressive Conservative government's apparent unwillingness to better inform the public about the agreement.

When we consider that the Tories have had close to three years to sell the concept of free trade to Canadians, and have spent over \$25 million in a free trade public relations campaign, it is shocking to realize how sadly lacking that campaign has been in terms of explaining the agreement to voters. The suspicion lingers that the Tories preferred the voters be left in the dark—until free trade became the central issue in the current campaign, that is.

We are not saying Canadians should have bought the government line—only that the Tories, by their inability to sell their point of view, must bear the brunt of their half-hearted commitment to informing the public. The party cannot complain about resistance from a hesitant, uninformed public it helped to create.

The irony, of course, is that the Tories enter the final stages of the federal election campaign musing about the pressing need to sell the free trade agreement to a sceptical public. After three years, \$25 million and the resources available to a governing party, it makes you wonder.



Support recreation commission

We urge Salt Spring Island residents to support the Parks and Recreation Commission's request for an increased budget, which will be put to voters this Saturday. The referendum call seeks approval of a 1.5 mill rate increase which, if approved, would give the commission a badly-needed budgetary injection of \$48,000. The cost to taxpayers would be a modest \$15 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

For their investment, islanders can expect to see improved recreational facilities and opportunities.

The commission has long recognized the merits of calls from the public for those improvements, but has never enjoyed the financial resources to respond in kind.

The commission has also identified a pressing need to ensure that present facilities and opportunities do not deteriorate in the face of declining financial strength—a real threat if a budget increase is not approved. To continue doing a good job, and to do a better job, the commission needs your vote this Saturday.


Desprez has winner with Phil Ochs portrayal

When Ross Desprez premiered his *Ballad of Phil Ochs* in a club setting in Vancouver earlier this year, the centre seat at a front-and-centre table was taken up by a man with a large binder stuffed with clippings and other memorabilia about his idol, Phil Ochs.

That night, Desprez and *The Ballad* more than met the standards of honesty and accuracy expected by the informed critic; so much so that the man returned to see three more performances, gave its author several clippings of valuable background information, and seized upon the popular and artistic success of the play by attempting to organize a Phil Ochs memorial society.

The 29-year-old Desprez, who brought *The Ballad of Phil Ochs* to Off Centre Stage in Ganges for performances last Friday and

my word
.....
by duncan macdonnell



Saturday evenings, now sees numerous variations of the informed critic knock on his dressing room after each show. His play has struck a chord with people who grew up with the music of the 1960s protest singer, and many are eager to thank Desprez for the sincerity of his portrayal.

If the warm response of audiences has amazed Desprez — and it has — he has been equally surprised by the reaction of

critics, who have been nothing but positive in their assessments of the work. As his wife Mary pointed out last Saturday night, they were hoping for "a few nice reviews" after the play's premiere in Vancouver; what they got, from one writer, was a more-than-favourable comparison to the best works of noted Canadian playwright John Gray.

"We gulped," Mary said. Heady praise, indeed, but hardly undeserved. *The Ballad of*

Phil Ochs is a brilliant work, and on several levels. In a structural sense, for instance, the ploy of having Ochs outline movie plots and scenarios as a way to both underline his fascination with the silver screen and to move the story from point to point, is a touch of scriptwriting genius. The performance of Desprez, meanwhile, is riveting. Whether singing a "duet" with Bob Dylan or mulling over the fate of a friend killed by Chilean authorities, Desprez brings Ochs to life with a startling intensity.

What is even more remarkable about *The Ballad*, though, is that it is an infant work still being honed. Just recently, it was being workshopped by Victoria's Belfry Theatre, with Desprez treating the experience as an opportunity

to learn more about stagecraft. To have the play make it to the stage was reward enough, it seems; to have it earn such high marks from critics and audiences is a bonus he could not have hoped to see. And yet, he continues to introduce improvements and refinements, believing the work can only become better.

Now, prospects for a tour and even wider success appear excellent. *The Ballad* will appear next year at the Winnipeg and Edmonton fringe festivals, and will likely continue from there to appearances in Toronto, Montreal and Atlantic Canada. In fact, Desprez jokes that growing positive reaction to the play may let him realize the fantasy of every unemployed actor: the creation of a long-running job. This play deserves that fate.

Much-needed

sir,

At the time of the local elections (Saturday, November 19), you will be asked if you would approve a tax increase of 15 cents per thousand dollars of assessment, for the purpose of maintaining and improving parks and playing fields, and for expanded recreational opportunities. You may have noted in recent editions of the *Driftwood* that there has only been one increase, of six cents per thousand, in the past 14 years.

The 11 members of the Parks and Recreation Commission contribute many hundreds of hours a year towards meeting their obligations. They are at the point where the one full-time employee and the work contributed by the commission members, is insufficient. The responsibilities of the commission have, meanwhile, been expanding rapidly.

At present the Commissions' facilities accommodate in excess of 1,500 young, and not so young, people each year, but there is a need for more programs for the elderly, pre-school and young children, and teenagers. There is also a need for more suitable recreational space for expansion of playing fields, and to repair and replace aging equipment.

Please support the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Commission in providing much-needed recreational opportunities for all of us on Salt Spring Island. Please vote YES on the referendum this Saturday.

HUGH BORSMAN,
Ganges.

Too much?

Sir,

Once again the Christian church is under attack. It seems the church is constantly criticized for either irrelevance or too much involvement in the material world. (One wonders how unqualified support for the Free Trade Agreement would have been received.)

But why should we be surprised? Our founder was crucified between two thieves on the city garbage dump. Yet his influence changed the world.

Jean Vanier's book *In Weakness, Strength*, concludes with these moving and relevant paragraphs:

"In the world of today human wisdom, left to its own resources, is incapable of finding satisfactory solutions let alone of achieving them. The Christian knows that, among the gifts of the Spirit, that of counsel is given in order to counterbalance, in difficult situations the defects of prudence, personal prudence and prudence in government. The Spirit thus allows us to share in the Wisdom of God Himself, Who enlightens us and guides us in the making of practical decisions.

"If the man of government lives as a friend of God, if he has at heart the maintenance of a true intimacy with Him, if by his interior life he is united to Jesus Christ, then it seems that he can expect the Holy Spirit to help him remain on the path of integrity, justice, prudence and wisdom in government. For, let us not forget it, the Holy Spirit is Master, not only of spiritual but also of material reality ..."

The United Church of Canada has also had the benefit of the

letters

pamphlet complained of by Mr. John Crofton and others. Along with a leaflet on women and poverty; Native people; refugee safety first; jobs and unemployment; food and land; military expenditures, human needs and genuine security, and dignity, not charity.

The most telling comment I have read recently came from one of the leaders of the First Nations: "The Free Trade Agreement will make Indians out of all of us."
MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Ganges.

Thanks, Pat

Sir,

This Saturday we go to the polls to elect the two people who will represent Salt Spring on the Islands Trust for the next two years. But we cannot go forward without acknowledging the tremendous debt of gratitude we all owe to the man who has represented us for the last three years. Pat Byrne is now retiring.

Geology lecturer and former mayor of Canmore, Alberta, Pat has brought the the Trust a fresh viewpoint, a quick, analytical mind and an articulate voice. Nick Gilbert and he have been an excellent complementary force, a good team.

It takes real dedication and a strong faith in the purposes of the Trust to devote three years of one's life to a job which receives little thanks and demands almost full-time input, all for the paltry honorarium of \$135 a month. In spite of a serious health problem, Pat has given us just that dedication and faith. It is good news that he has promised to keep supporting the Trust in any way he can.

With much gratitude and affection, Pat, we thank you.

Now let's give Nick the chance to continue building the solid groundwork for the up-coming Trust Act which, as chairman, he has been so instrumental in proposing. John Stepaniuk will make a strong right-hand man. But we absolutely MUST register our votes. It's important.

BIS WHITBY,
Ganges.

Reminder

Sir,

This letter is a reminder to all parents whose children are and will be actively involved in the Minor and Babe Ruth baseball programs in Ganges, now and in the future.

There is a need for more park facilities as well as the upgrading and development of existing recreational facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission needs all the support it can get regarding the 1.5 mil increase, a \$15 per \$100,000 property assessment.

On November 19, support this referendum and vote YES.

ROGER CHERNENKOFF,
President,
Salt Spring
Minor Baseball.

Banner

Sir,

Thank you for printing Mr. John Crofton's letter in response to a pamphlet distributed in local churches "under orders of the Primate."

Mr. Crofton explains in detail his objections to the pamphlet and, at the same time, offers positive explanation of certain F.T.A. clauses, which have been so cruelly exploited and distorted in the political arena, into which the Church now sees fit to enjoin, all at the expense of the elderly and less-fortunate members of our society.

From what one reads and hears, the church has its hands full keeping its own house in order, both here in Canada and overseas, in their support of regimes whose treatment of their fellow men would appear to be anything but Christian but choose to operate under the Christian banner in order to enlist the church's support.

R. R. SOBELL,
Ganges.

Leadership

Sir,

I am replying to John Crofton's letter about the bulletin prepared by the Ecumenical Forum on Economic Justice and inserted in the pew pamphlets of the Anglican Church. My object is not to defend the specifics of the bulletin on the Free Trade Agreement. I am not qualified to do so. In any case I understand it is only one of a series of articles prepared by the same body on such matters as women and poverty, Native peoples and tax reform.

I should like to take issue with Mr. Crofton's opposition to "the church entering the political arena". How can it avoid doing so? For WE are the church — those of us who believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. It is not an institution outside of ourselves, founded only to concern itself with Sunday worship. Our commitment to Christ means that He must direct every aspect of our lives. If we wish to keep "Church" and our political responsibilities as Canadian citizens separate, we should perhaps go the whole hog and, like the Doukhobors, refuse to vote. That would be easier.

I am having difficulty this time in deciding which way to vote. I should not like to have to do so without praying about it and am glad to accept any help in defining and addressing the issues given by such Christian bodies as the

Ecumenical Forum.

It is incumbent on Christians to be concerned with issues of social and economic justice and to help to put into power those candidates we feel will work for those issues.

Unlike Mr. Crofton I was encouraged to see the church, as it has done from time to time in the past, giving leadership in political matters.

MEG HODGES,
Ganges.

Trojan horse

Sir,

In their frantic attempts to escape defeat at the polls, the Mulronean pack cry "show me," pointing to the Reagan-Mulrone Deal. "Show me," they scream in

chorus — show me where the FTA says that medicare, sovereignty, energy, water, the environment, are surrendered to the USA.

Surely such a surrender is not spelled out in the FTA. How could it possibly be? Americans are aggressive and expansionist, they are not stupid.

The wooden horse had no viewing holes through which the Trojans could inspect the contents of its belly. On the contrary, Ulysses, its clever designer, had spared no effort to disguise it as an innocent horse, a peaceful offering to the Almighty.

Had Ulysses spelled out on the sides of the horse the devastating effect it was to bring to the sovereignty of Troy and the well-being of Trojans, they would have set fire to the horse and the history of the world would have been other than it is.

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VICTORIA — Time to set the record straight. Yes, the provincial government lowered welfare rates for "employable" social assistance recipients by \$50 a month, but that's only half the story.

The other half is that the government, rightly or wrongly, brought in those changes for a reason. It wants employable welfare recipients to work rather than be dependent on public assistance.

While taking \$50 away from welfare clients may be considered a punitive measure, it was accompanied by a number of other, more positive measures the public is largely unaware of.

For instance, the ceiling was raised for the level of income welfare recipients may earn without having anything deducted from their basic allowance.

For instance, welfare recipients undergoing training or looking for work may claim a transportation allowance. Single parents who find work can claim a work transportation allowance of up to \$90 a month for one year, after getting off social assistance.

For instance, single parents who leave income assistance and find employment are eligible for additional day care assistance: up to \$150 a month above the regular day care allowance.

For instance, employable welfare recipients can receive counselling and training in finding employment.

Full medical and dental coverage at no cost is available to single parents on income assistance, whether they are classified as employable or unemployable. All other employable income assistance recipients will get emergency dental and medical coverage when required.

Changes misrepresented

Social Services Minister Claude Richmond says the media have totally misrepresented the latest changes in the welfare system. The cuts, he says, were given very prominent news coverage, while the other changes went virtually unmentioned.

Can't argue with him on that score. Inadvertently or otherwise, the media did go to great length to describe the cuts, interviewing people who are affected by them. Needless to say they were upset. Who wouldn't be if someone took \$50 out of their pockets, no matter what the reason.

But in fairness, the other changes should also have been publicized. If the public at large chooses to be angered by their politicians, it should at least have all the facts on which to base its disenchantment with the government. That wasn't the case here.

Now to the issue at hand. Taking \$50 out of the pockets of many welfare recipients is no way to treat people. I also don't buy the warped logic that the changes will encourage welfare recipients to look for work.

Trying to get people on welfare to look for work is a commendable goal. Nobody likes to get ripped off, and some people are ripping off the welfare system. Richmond says he knows of a 34-year-old man in Kelowna, a single parent with two children, aged four and eight, who is quite determined to stay on welfare.

Guy should be working

"He is perfectly healthy, has several skills and hasn't worked for two years. In fact, he is not looking for work and isn't even registered with Canada Manpower," he says.

Of course that guy should be out working instead of collecting welfare. He makes a good case for the government coming down hard on welfare recipients. The trouble is that a lot of innocent people suffer because a few are ripping off the system.

Most people on welfare would rather work. Unfortunately, jobs are scarce, and taking \$50 away from welfare recipients won't make them any more plentiful.

Advising people how to look for work is a good idea. So is the offer of helping them with transportation and day care costs. But pulling \$50 out of their pockets won't achieve anything other than reinforce the government's reputation for being heartless.

Government figures put the number of people affected by the cuts at 20,000. That means the government will save \$12 million a year, but the NDP and various anti-poverty groups say they suspect that a lot more than 20,000 people are involved.

Richmond points out that the cost of the programs to help welfare recipients find their way back into the job market is \$27 million, but most of the programs are not just for the people the government has robbed of \$50. They would be in place anyway.

All of which means the government deserved the bad publicity it got on the welfare changes, even though the media failed to tell the whole story.

In support

Sir,
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 - LOIS PHILLIPS,
 - CLAUDIA CLARKE,
 - WENDY VINE,
 - BRUCE RUDELL,
 - WILLO STEVENSON,
- Ganges.

Risk loss?

Sir,
The Reform Party is making a great to-do about a Triple E Senate as the panacea for many of the country's ills. A Senate that gave tiny Prince Edward Island, with its roughly 100,000 people, the same number of representatives as B.C., with its over three millions, would not help matters much in terms of more equal representation.

Given the number of candidates the Reform Party intends to run it would be impossible numerically for that Party to form a government. Unless all the polls are wrong it seems highly improbable that the party could expect at best to do more than elect a handful of its candidates. The pursuit of Western Canadian interests is likely to be more effectively carried out by a strong national party, strongly represented in the West, than by a small minority party.

Some Reform supporters assert, that if the Reform Party won no seats but polled a substantial popular vote in B.C., this would send a message to the Conservative Party that Reform Party objectives in B.C. should not be ignored. Next time around, the Conservatives would pay attention.

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Even if this logic were sound, and it is not, it ignores the possible effect on the Conservative Party here of a sizeable vote for the Reform Party. There are at least a half dozen Tory seats in B.C. which would have been lost to the NDP in the 1985 election if even 10 per cent of the Tory vote had gone to a fringe party like the Reform.

Moreover, anyone who favours free trade can only vote Conservative. Conservative seats lost to the NDP can do nothing to advance the announced goals of the Reform Party.

In our constituency of Saanich-and-the-Islands, a strong Reform Party vote could give the riding to

Lynn Hunter, the NDP candidate, and defeat Pat Crofton, who has been one of the most competent and successful MPs this region has ever sent to Ottawa; to have become chairman of the important defence committee in his first term is a very considerable achievement. Those who know him can hardly fail to be impressed by his integrity, his candour and his openness to new ideas.

Would Salt Spring Islanders want to risk losing someone who has proved that he does have some influence on affairs, for a man with no experience, who represents a marginal party?
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Uneven

Sir,
The 1988 simultaneous election campaigns above and below the 49th parallel manifested some of the differences between the cultures of the two nations.

Remarkably, on this side of the border, while indulging in mudslinging, the Mulroneys and Vander Zalms find it necessary to call their rivals "socialists."

Their American counterparts, the Reagans and the Bushes, have it easier; they need not go that far. There, in the land of Abe Lincoln and Joseph MacCarthy, it suffices, it seems, to hurl the word "liberal" at their political opponents.

Mr. Mulroneys, red with envy for the American way, is fighting to "harmonize" matters across the 49th Parallel. It will not be long, if Mulroneys gets his way, that "liberal" will become as dirty a word in Canada as it is in the U.S.

I think this cultural difference between Canada and the U.S. is worth preserving. Let the "playing field" remain uneven, as it is.

HELEN BOYCE,
Ganges.

Vision

Sir,
May I take this opportunity to thank the community for its strong support during my past three terms with the Islands Trust.

Year by year, residents have taken an increasing interest in land use issues, and the result is a vision for the future that is becoming focused and that is enjoying broad support.

I am proud of my community and ask once again for the privilege to serve as your Islands Trust representative. The coming two years will likely prove critical ones, as we assess our plans and policies, and build a model community.

NICK GILBERT,
Ganges.

A right to be

Sir,
After reading the article in your newspaper of October 19, *Proposed Fish Farm Draws Criticism From Opponents*, I would like to make a brief attempt to reassure the people of Salt Spring Island that my intentions to start up a small fish farm in Satellite Channel are to be as compatible and helpful as possible with the concerned uplands

owners and the community as a whole.

I am a small entrepreneur seriously minded about the environment. My plans for this farm are small, about 150 tons at full capacity, starting the first year with a pilot project of 10,000 fish.

You will notice that I have chosen a site which was allowed for fish farming by the CRD studies, a site bordering land where nobody lives, and a site where the water is deep, with good flushing and strong current.

I shall see to it that this farm is kept tidy and sightly, and I sincerely believe that fish farms, too, have a right to be.

HENRY LOISEAU,
Houston, B.C.

Thank you

Sir,
On behalf of the board of directors of the Salt Spring Island Community Society, I would like to thank all those who came and gave their support to the annual craft fair held on November 4-5 in Mahon Hall.

The money raised at this event every year helps the Community Society to carry on its various programs for the benefit of many islanders.

Thanks also go to the craft people who participated in the fair. And a special thanks to the coordinator, Elizabeth Ward, who manages to organize the whole show with tact and skill.

AILSA PEARSE,
Secretary,
Community Society.

Prudent

Sir,
As we come up to the election this Saturday I would like to write your readers regarding my running for re-election as school trustee.

Space doesn't permit me to go into details of my platform though many *Driftwood* readers will have a feeling for my position from past coverage. In summary, I have worked, and would like to continue to work, for the careful and prudent use of our budget to provide a sound and safe education for our children.

I believe we have a good and

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effective school board and that I still have a contribution to make. I don't take being re-elected for granted so I ask, please, for your support with your vote this Saturday.

DAVID EYLES,
Fulford Harbour.

Questions

Sir,
I want to wish Nick Gilbert all the luck in the world with the one democratic aspect of the Islands Trust — the election — just days away. Being a politician must be a difficult and time-consuming task, especially when you are as sincere as you appear to be.

I shall not challenge your commitment to our forests. The problem is that the decision facing voters has little to do with the forest. Many of your most ardent supporters want to strengthen the Trust. I would agree — if it was a democratic organization.

You have had the opportunity to change the Trust and make it more democratic. Your performance as chairman of the Trust and as a local trustee will be judged on Saturday — not by Murray Cyprus, but by all of the people here who aspire, have dreams and desires that you would discount so abruptly.

In your letter of November 2, you say you support a demonstration woodlot on Crown land. My proposal, *Islands Trust Commu-*

ity Tree Farm, was simply to broaden that same program throughout the entire Trust area, provided you could negotiate tenure with the provincial government, to make the Trust the beneficiary of royalties. I suggested that if those royalties were well-managed, they should provide our islands with comprehensive local planning and meet many community needs. Without raising taxes.

The problem is Nick Gilbert has no idea of the inventory, yet he continues to publicly state that the Trust is in dire need of funding. Ask yourself, what benefit did the community receive when he increased the density of Channel Ridge by nearly 100 per cent? The original zoning for

those lands, and the Official Community Plan, are at odds.

About the MB deal: you were quoted on January 6, 1988, as saying your disappointment was "that after working for almost three years to get a settlement with MB, it all came to naught." But the fact is MB didn't just run off and sell its lands; you all had a big meeting in Victoria. At no time during those negotiations did you take the time or trouble to phone and confer with any of your backup support — i.e., Ian Fraser, chairman of the APC, who has worked very hard for your cause.

Comparing your letter to MB's in the February 24 *Driftwood* suggests that someone is not quite telling the whole story. And to the best of my knowledge, MB is not a candidate in the Saturday election.

MURRAY CYPRUS,
Ganges.

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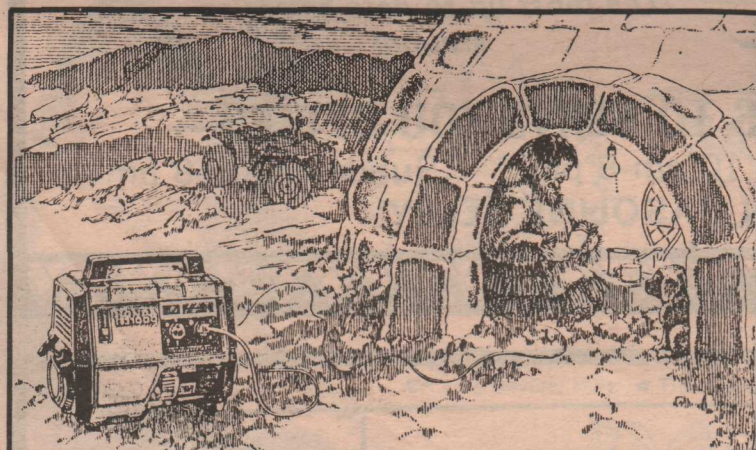
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Newspaper's death was long overdue

Editor's note: Regular readers may recall that last year we carried several reports on Le Matin, a francophone daily newspaper published in Moncton, New Brunswick. The following updates the situation.

By DOUG PENNER

Some readers may recall *Le Matin* was subsidized with the interest from a \$6 million trust fund. The trust fund had been set up with a \$2 million contribution from federal government coffers, and \$4 million ostensibly from the New Brunswick treasury.

Of course, that was only the tip of the welfare iceberg, as a guaranteed loan was also coming down the track for a printing press.

Le Matin was to serve the New Brunswick francophone community of some 250,000 people. The publisher, back in 1986, said the French-language daily would never make a profit because its mandate was to provide news coverage and circulation to all of New Brunswick's francophones.

He was absolutely right. *Le*

guest column

Matin never turned a dollar in the black and the annual \$600,000 trust fund gift was not enough to keep it in business. *Le Matin* closed its doors in June of this year. Some \$1.5 million in trust fund earnings, plus additional grants and \$300,000 of the publisher's money, went down the drain.

The Canadian Community Newspapers Association and other members of the newspaper industry objected to the trust fund and the subsidization of *Le Matin*. The objections were based on the belief a free press must be independent of direct government support.

At the time of *Le Matin*'s inception, a privately-financed French-language daily, *L'Acadie Nouvelle*, had commenced publication. It was felt the subsidized *Le Matin* presented unfair compe-

dition to the fledgling *L'Acadie Nouvelle*.

L'Acadie Nouvelle had just begun to show a small profit.

Within a year, *Le Matin* was in trouble. Earlier this year, the subsidized daily was approaching *L'Acadie Nouvelle* about the possibilities of a merger. It never got off the ground.

Then Conrad Black's Unimedia reportedly tried to buy *Le Matin*. Unimedia wanted access to and a free hand with the \$6 million trust fund, plus a means to reimburse *Le Matin* publisher Senator Jean-Maurice Simard's \$300,000 loss.

Premier Frank McKenna said No. He didn't like the idea of the trust fund falling into the hands of an out-of-province company.

The success of *L'Acadie Nouvelle* proves a French-language publication is needed and desired by Francophones in New Brunswick. It's regrettable the federal and New Brunswick politicians didn't listen to the advice of the newspaper industry representatives. They could well have saved the Canadian taxpayers over \$2 million.

Ask your federal Members of Parliament about the stand they took when the Canadian Community Newspapers Association objected to the subsidization of *Le Matin*. Ask Jake Epp, Jack Murta

and Charley Mayer why they chose not to stand up for the free enterprise system. Ask them whether they intend to continue wasting your tax dollars on similar ventures.

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Clarification

Sir,
I was surprised to read in *Driftwood* of November 9 that the Salt Spring Players began in the early 1970s with a summer festival of plays in Central Hall. The first Players' production was in the spring of 1971 in Mahon Hall and consisted of two performances of the Terence Rattigan play, *Table Number Seven*, and an original musical, *Salt Spring Island Madness*. Each was about one hour long.

Virginia Newman wrote, directed, and produced *Madness*, based largely on Bea Hamilton's book about Salt Spring. The musical had a large cast. I directed and produced the play, which had a cast of nine and starred Doris Andrews, Lou Rumsey, and Tony Rayner. We also took the play to the Drama Festival in Duncan and won nearly all the awards in the "New Group" category.

We had no money, but the Community Arts Council, which had about \$200 for grants in those days, offered \$50 if we went in the hole. However, we split a \$100 profit. It was enough for the Festival fee, the royalty on the Duncan production, and \$19 for a fishboat to take the members of the cast who couldn't stay overnight back to Salt Spring.

The "summer festival of plays" mentioned in the article took place two or three months after our first production.

OLIVE CLAYTON,
Ganges.

Interested

Sir,
I am interested in being a school trustee because I feel I can bring new energy to the board, and a background of experience that will be helpful at this critical time in the planning for the future needs of the school district and the community.

I came to Salt Spring 15 years ago as the manager of the Bank of

Commerce with 10 years banking experience in England and Canada. For the past 13 years I have been the general manager of Maracaibo on Long Harbour, where amongst other things, I have gained experience in planning, development, and construction. I am experienced in reading and preparing financial statements and budgets, and understand fiscal responsibility. My job is flexible and my wife Sally is prepared to back me up so that I can work hard for the district.

I have been involved in the Rotary Club, Sea Scouts, a member of Greenwoods Board executive, and its representative on the sewer committee, Coast Guard auxiliary, transportation committee, and Islands Trust trail needs and Crown land task force.

Sally and I have two children at Fernwood School. I am obviously interested in education. I am particularly interested in encouraging co-operation, self motivation, self discipline and strong work ethics in our young people.

I am interested in exploring ways in which the school and community can work together to provide facilities for the benefit of us all.

This is a good time in the lives of myself and my family for me to participate, and so I ask for your support.

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New clothing store strives to keep shoppers on island



Angie Matthews, Trish Westcott

A chance to work for themselves, and to do so on Salt Spring Island, were the factors that led Trish Westcott and Angie Matthews to open their new sportswear store, Changing Habits, in Ganges.

The store, scheduled to have its grand opening this Saturday, is located in the newly-refurbished former home of Ganges Village Market, next to Mouat's.

Its main features will be casual wear and accessories for women. "We did a lot of research before we went into this," said Westcott. "The market we are aiming at is the 18- to 35 year-old crowd, but anyone from 14 to 60 will look good in our selections."

The women, who both grew up on Salt Spring, feel there is a large-enough local demand for another clothing store catering to women. They added that they also

wanted to do their part to keep business on the island.

"We both grew up here and want to live here," said Westcott. "By opening a business here we feel that we are contributing to the continued growth of the community and offering the women of the island a good selection of clothing so that they won't have to travel off-island to shop."

The idea for the store originated with Westcott while she was taking a course in marketing. "It looked like a good idea," said Trish, "so I got in touch with Angie."

Angie Matthews had just recently completed a two-year course at BCIT, in hospitality and tourism, when Westcott called and asked if she was interested in going into business.

"I told her I would give her two weeks to think it over," said

Westcott. "Three days later I phoned back and asked if she had made a decision yet and she said yes."

The two women then did some serious market research and decided to give the business a shot.

"Owning my own business was my final goal after completing my course," said Matthews. "I didn't want to work for someone else."

The pair decided to specialize in casual wear because it seemed to be the right market for the island. Prices range from \$19 to \$100, with the mid-range around the \$40 to \$50 mark. Some of things they will offer are: jeans, skirts, casual pants, and sweats, plus accessories like belts, earrings and socks.

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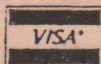
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Court debates legal non-conforming use

Counsel in a case involving an alleged Islands Trust bylaw violation debated last week whether use of a Kings Lane property constituted a legal non-conforming land use.

Even if use of the property as a base for vehicles operated by Hal Wright was legal non-conforming, it was still a permitted use, defence counsel Jonathan Oldroyd said in his final argument to Ganges provincial court.

The case, which began early last spring, charges Lloyd and Cordelia Kinney with permitting Wright to use their Kings Lane property in a manner not permitted in a rural residential zone, contrary to Islands Trust bylaw 123.

Court was told Wright used the property to store vehicles used in

As bylaw violation trial concludes

his Salt Spring Island trucking business and charter service.

Last week, the court heard APC chairman Ian Fraser and Cordelia Kinney testify for the defence, Trust chairman Nick Gilbert speak for the Crown, and lawyers for both sides present their closing arguments. A decision is expected in December.

Oldroyd said the Kinneys and Wrights believe there has been an uninterrupted and continuous use of the property for things like vehicle storage, dating to a time before the present zoning was first put into place. He noted that the Kinneys moved onto the property in 1970, bringing with them a number of motor vehicles

and setting up a backhoe and minor trucking business.

Those factors, he argued, made Wright's use of the land legal non-conforming.

Legal non-conforming land use means an individual is allowed to continue an enterprise which was lawfully started prior to the establishment of a bylaw prohibiting such a use. Oldroyd argued that the Kinneys moved onto the property in 1970, prior to the first zoning enactment, which was adopted in January, 1971.

The Wrights occupied the property with their trucks in 1982.

Meanwhile, Crown Counsel Derek Lister argued that use of the Kinney property does not

represent a continuous business. He said the business changed and expanded when the Wrights took over, describing the establishment of Wrightway Charters in 1987 as a "tremendous" expansion over anything the Kinneys had in place on the property.

Oldroyd also argued that rural residential zoning makes an exception for "public service uses." Oldroyd defined this as "a use providing for the essential servicing of Salt Spring Island with water, sewer, electricity . . . or similar services" where such a use is established by a governmental body or supplied by a company operating under the

jurisdiction of a federal or provincial government.

Oldroyd said "companies furnishing motor vehicle transportation" fall under "public service" and that Wright and his business are licensed by the Motor Carrier Commission of B.C. — in other words, by a governmental body.

Lister told the court a charter bus service is not an essential service.

Lister summarized by indicating a municipality has the duty to protect its residents and to govern land use. He said use of the land in question is illegal and that the Kinneys knew this and should be prosecuted.

Oldroyd said the bylaw is not specific and there is no land adequately zoned on Salt Spring to allow for such a use.

Proposed Trust subdivision bylaw may address more than one issue

A proposed subdivision bylaw amendment will address more issues than those which instigated the change, members of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) learned last week.

The bylaw amendment would increase from five acres to 7.6 acres the parcel size on which a source of potable water must be proven before subdivision. One spin-off of this amendment, says Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, would be an initiative for developers to create smaller, clustered lots.

The Islands Trust initiated the bylaw amendment after hearing a request from the water preservation society. The society expressed two concerns: one, that potable water be proven on subdivisions larger than five acres; and that hook-up to the community water system be made efficient.

As the bylaw presently stands, subdivisions creating parcels over five acres do not need to prove potable water. This has resulted in an excess of 5.01 acre subdivisions, the meeting was told.

Gilbert explained that purchasers of these five-acre lots may find there is no potable water on the land and turn to the community water system. It is much simpler for the water district to service smaller lots, where less pipe can be laid between residences.

The Islands Trust feels the amended bylaw will encourage developers to subdivide land in such a way as to cluster smaller parcels — three one-acre pieces, for example, next to a larger one (say 17 acres)—instead of four 5.01 acre pieces.

A suggestion that developers prove potable water on parcels up to 20 acres was denied, because the developer cannot be expected

to know where the purchaser intends to build, and therefore where a well should be located, Gilbert said.

With the proposed amended bylaw, developers can still subdivide without proving potable water. However, by moving up to

7.6-acre parcels, rather than 5.01, they would be losing out on the number of parcels they could create.

The majority of APC members voted to recommend the Islands Trust accept the bylaw amendment.

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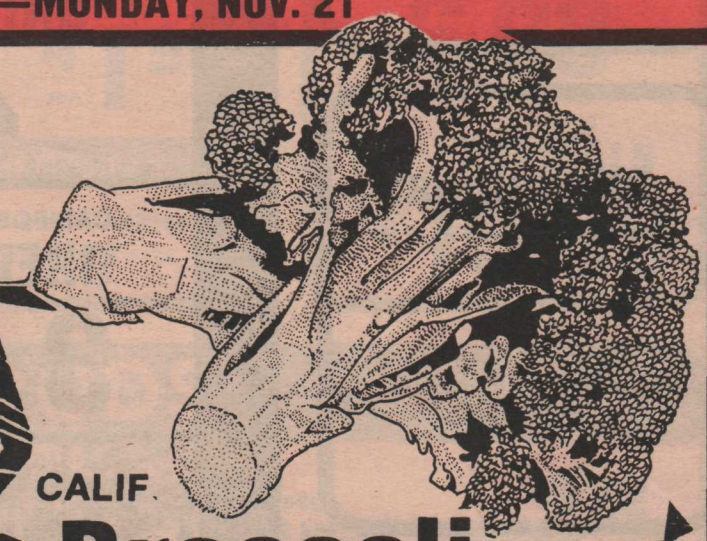
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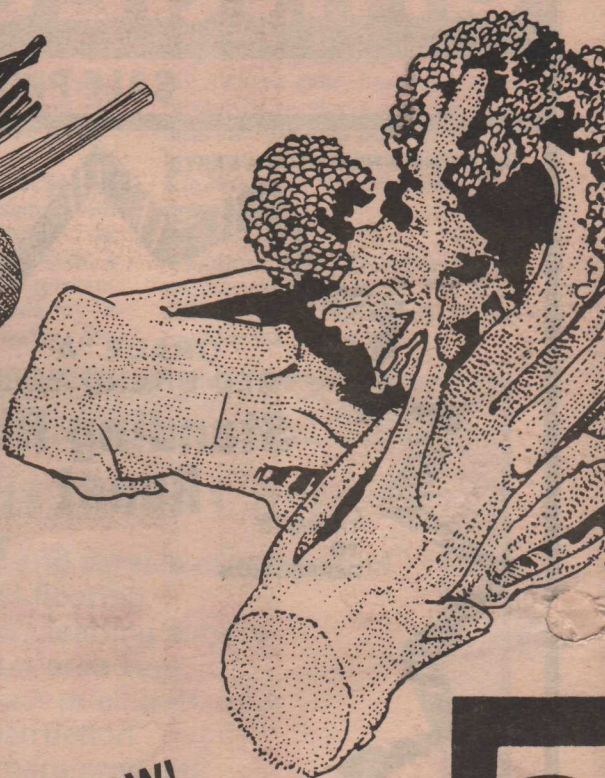
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Time needed for transfer prompts helicopter queries

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If Victoria General Hospital can afford to have a landing pad for a helicopter, she continued, it should have lights for night landings. "Surely the hospital budget could accommodate some night lighting," she said.

Chuck Rowe, a spokesman for Royal Jubilee and Victoria General hospitals, told *Driftwood* that installing landing lights at Victor-

ia General are not in the plans for the near future.

"It would be very expensive to install night lights at the hospital," he said. "We looked into it two years ago and the costs at that time was around \$50,000. We would have to install approach lights for the helicopters and that would involve clearing trees and erecting towers for the lights."

The dispatcher for the Provincial Air Ambulance services told *Driftwood* that a one-hour arrival time for a helicopter coming out at night is not unusual.

"First of all we have to take down all the pertinent information and make the decision as to whether we will send a helicopter from Victoria or Vancouver," he said. "Then we have to phone the crew members at home because

we do not have stand-by crews and we also have to round up the paramedics."

He added that helicopters from Victoria are not night-rated for flying because they are not twin-engine models. "If you live on the islands, you take your chances," he added.

Lynn Klein, spokesman for the provincial air ambulance services, said that helicopter services are used only for extremely serious cases and when the weather allows. "The air ambulance service to the Gulf Islands is a fairly infrequent service," he said. "Normally we will use the water taxi service during the daylight hours or during bad weather. The service is not used very often, maybe twice a month."

Release of study delayed

The steering committee assessing incorporated status for Ganges is delaying release of a consultant's report examining the issue.

The committee, which earlier said it felt the consultant's report missed several key points, is preparing an addendum to address the topics it feels must be included.

Among the points expected to be covered in the addendum are the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation, a discussion of the ways in which an incorporated Ganges would co-exist with the Islands Trust, and an examination of the rationale for incorporation.

Pat James, a member of the Ganges Advisory Group (GAG), which formed the committee studying the incorporation question, said a few copies of the report have been distributed but no more will be released until the addendum is completed. The committee, she said, feels the report is "incomplete and misleading" in its present form.

Earlier, the committee noted that the consultant's report covered only the "bare bones" of what happens when a community incorporates, and did not adequately address issues particular to Ganges.

The committee is aiming to have the addendum completed by early December. It would then distribute copies of its information, and call public meetings to discuss the question.

GAG, made up of representatives of various community groups, has taken no stand on the incorporation issue.

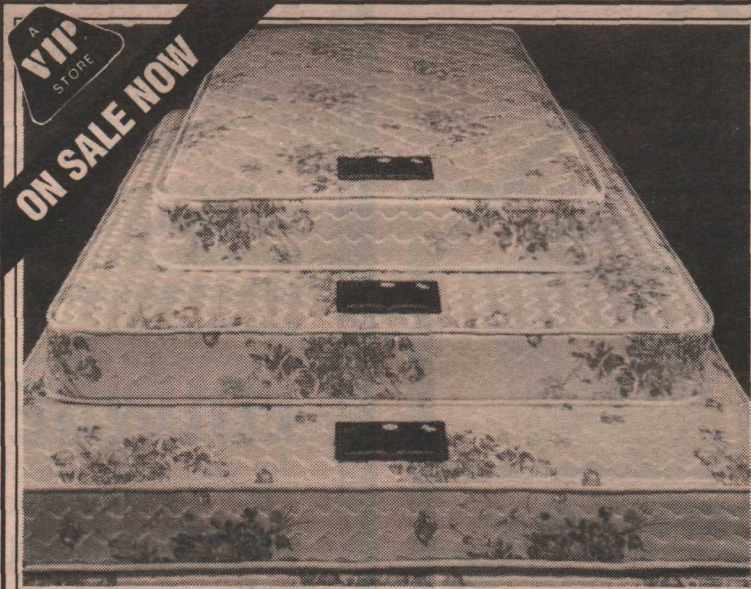


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It seems like every gallery and craft shop in town is joining the annual Salt Spring guilds' sale. This, of course, includes the Fabric Guild, which has organized its own show at "The Inn" (formerly La Fontana). The net result is that you've got not one but two openings to nibble cheese at on Thursday evening.

The Guilds' show at Mahon Hall starts at 8 pm with a fashion show. At this venue you can expect to see lots of pottery, weaving, jewellery, paintings and woodworking. Look for special ceramic work by such well-known artists as Meg Buckley, Tom Graham, Merle Box, Mark Meredith, Gordon Wales and Christine Drake.

Special gifts made of wood will be available from the workshops of Stephen Berry and Connie Addario, as well as from Roger Warren, Peter Cartwright and David Barclay.

Fine silver and exotic costume jewellery made from a variety of materials will be on prominent display.

Familiar names

The Painters' Guild will be well represented, as well as the Weavers' Guild, with familiar names such as Ilse Leader, Evelyn Oldroyd and Donna Vanderwekken. Their offerings will be finely crafted garments to wear, blankets, shawls and scarves to cuddle into, and table accessories to complement your hand-crafted dinner service.

The Fabric Guild sale, just around the corner, will fill out the menu with all those items for which there did not seem to be enough room in Mahon Hall.

Not just a fibres sale, you will be delighted to know that there is the hand-blown glass of Michael Robb and David Borrowman, wood vessels by Bob McKay and glass by Elsie Campbell. Hand-painted sweatshirts by Kathryn Christie and Karen Reiss, in individual designs, will be available as well as dolls and clowns by Ingrid Castro and children's clothing by Linda Wilcox.

Look for Salt Spring Soapworks products and dried flowers by Marcia Jeanne. In silk, whether hand-painted or pieced together, the work of Elaine Potter and Margie Korrison should be a high point.

Looks like great fun

All this looks like great fun and you can even do it on Sunday, when many of the downtown stores will also be open for this special weekend. The tour will include Orcas, Waterfront and Pegasus galleries plus Ewes Three, Ewart and Salt Spring galleries. The times for the guild shows are 10 am to 9 pm on Friday and 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Elsewhere on the arts side of things, if you're in Victoria it is well worth visiting the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, where a large retrospective exhibition of the paintings of Richard Ciccimarra are on display. This Viennese-born artist lived the last 17 years of his life in the capital city, where he became known for his rather psychologically tense and gloomy figurative paintings. His strong formal compositions used a restricted colour pallet, with the exception of some earlier landscape paintings and portraits inspired from his time spent in the tropics.

In terms of expressive power this artist's work is impressive on the whole, if one disregards some conceptual work which falls short on both an intellectual and intuitive plane.

Telecourse on drawing is offered

Salt Spring Island residents wishing to explore a fresh approach to drawing and visual systems will benefit from a course to be offered next January on the Knowledge Network.

Mark and Image, an 11-part telecourse offered jointly by the Emily Carr College of Art and Design (ECCAD) and the Open University, will introduce participants to new ways of drawing for function and expression.

The course, the first of its kind in Canada, will take viewers into a drawing studio to observe students learning to research, analyze and explore objects and ideas, and arrive at a personal visual language. Instructor Tom Hudson is the former dean of instruction at ECCAD and the creator of the award-winning telecourse *Colour: An Introduction*.

Following the introductory half-hour session, each of the 10 one-hour programs will explore themes like the effect of physical action on materials, the language of form, the analysis of natural and manufactured objects, the study of the human figure in light, and drawing for practical demonstration.

Hudson shows reproductions of drawings by traditional and contemporary masters, briefs the class and then works with each student. In this way, the viewer is able to watch the creative process in action. Each segment concludes with an exhibition of the work produced.

Participants will receive a comprehensive course manual, illustrated extensively with diagrams and drawings by Tom Hudson, as well as all materials needed to work on assignments.

Mark and Image may be taken in Ganges for four ECCAD credits or three Open University credits. Enrolments will be accepted until December 19 and course fee is \$210. People wishing to register by phone may call ECCAD at 637-2345 or the Open University at 1-800-663-9711. Registration is limited.



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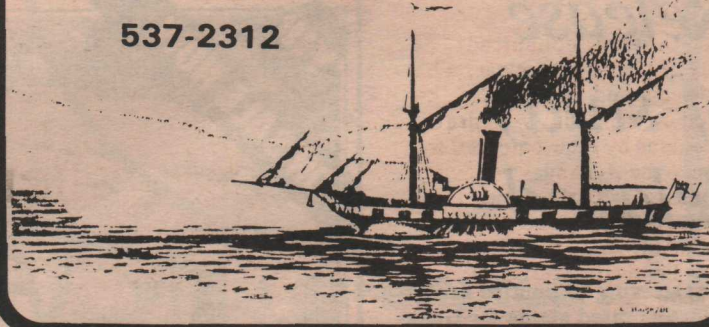
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Festival ends with works by Shepard

The third and final production of Off Centre Stage's "Stars of the Fringe" festival will be presented this Friday and Saturday, November 18-19.

The critically-acclaimed *Savage/Love*, by noted playwright Sam Shepard, will be staged at 8 pm both evenings. Doors open at 7:30 pm.

Less well known than many of Shepard's other works, *Savage/Love* is not a play in the strictest sense of the term. It is a collection of 19 poems described by New York producer-director Joseph Chaikan as "common real or imagined moments in the spell of love."

The theatre consultant at Theatre B.C., Judy Treloar, who both directs and performs in the production, says she was drawn to the poems by their potential for exploring the dynamics of loving relationships. Last June, she began to workshop the poems in preparation for the Victoria Fringe Festival. Assisting her were actor Ned Lemley, actress and acapella singer Cynthia Dynowski, actor Paul Dunphy and musician Derek Boyne.

"The first step was to choose the moments and then to speak from within them," the group says. The actors became five very different couples, ranging from a middle-aged Texan husband and wife to a lesbian couple.

Live music sets up the action throughout the play, introducing each couple with its own theme. Each relationship is developed from its *First Moment*, the performance's opening poem.

As the characters and relationships grow, there are misunderstandings, disputes, reconciliations and compromises dramatized through poems like *Tangled Up*, *How I Look To You*, *Savage*, *Acting* and *Watching The Sleeping Lover*.

Often during this type of stylized production, a line of poetry is heard more than once — but always anew, as the words and their meaning are transformed by the change in speaker, audience and situation.

At the end of the performance, the director, cast and stage manager will head a discussion of the poems, the workshop process and the play itself.

Also following the presentation of *Savage/Love*, the "Stars of the Fringe" festival will wrap up with a November 19 party in the gallery-bistro at Off Centre Stage.

Organizers are already pointing to a repeat of the festival format, noting that interest and support for professional theatre is growing. An enthusiastic response to this year's festival "ensures its development into a full-fledged fringe such as those enjoyed in Vancouver and Victoria," they note.

The board of Off Centre Stage added its wish to thank the Community Arts Council for its support of the festival, and to everyone who helped by attending and volunteering for related tasks.



Iyak's 'Mother Comforting Child'

Local gallery to feature renowned Iyak carvings

Ewart Gallery will feature the work of award-winning Inuit carver Iyak at the opening of its Christmas Show '88.

Iyak carvings, which will be presented on Salt Spring Island for the first time, have been placed worldwide. Iyak has been praised for his "excellence" by prestigious collectors such as the Devonian Institute, which displays his carvings at the University of Calgary. Corporate and private collectors have recognized his pieces as "outstanding" and "second to none."

Born in Inuvik in 1961, Iyak displayed a talent for carving at a young age. Working with the tools and encouragement supplied to him by his parents, he

was producing saleable sculpture by the age of 12. By the time he graduated from high school, he had won the *Golden Hammer* award for his accomplishments in industrial arts.

Today, at 28, Iyak carves with the energy and patience typical of his ancestors. He prefers to carve as a realist, using detail and precision to recall the spirit of the subject. Yet, the "modest understatement" of the Eskimo can be found in his work, for which he uses soapstone, whalebone, muskox horn and caribou antler.

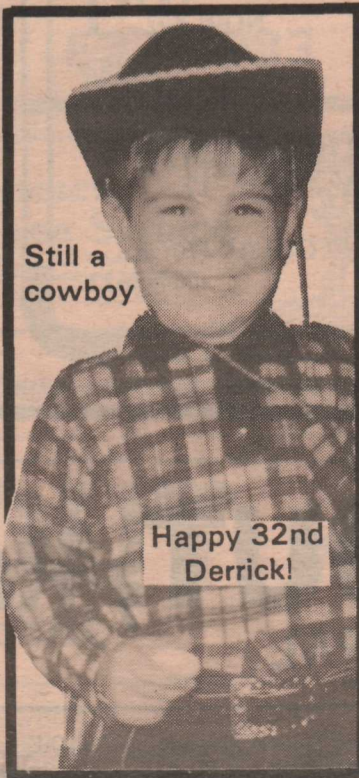
Ewart Gallery has expressed pleasure in being able to make these carvings (which sold out at Expo 86) available to local collectors.

Film looks at South Africa

The film *Winnie and Nelson Mandela*, the last of a series of three South African films presented on Salt Spring by Continuing Education, will be screened at St. George's Hall on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:30 pm. Focusing on Winnie Mandela, the film chronicles the past 30 years of the anti-apartheid movement among South African blacks.

Nearly three years in the making, *Winnie and Nelson Mandela* was a Blue Ribbon Award winner and first prize winner at the 1986 American Film

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The spirit of the Gulf Islands and the magic of man's fascination with the sea has been addressed in a recently-published book, *A Dream of Islands*.

Written and illustrated by Philip Teece and published by Orca Books, *A Dream of Islands* is described as a "lyric narrative" which details a 20-year odyssey among the channels, straits, bays and coves of the southern Gulf Islands.

This area, which is said to offer yachtsmen some of the best sailing on the west coast of North America, is home waters to Teece, who sails mostly single-handed. The book is a personal journal of these expeditions, yet it confronts the timeless questions concerning men "who go down to the sea in ships."

While the book is said to "evoke the spirit" of the Gulf Island region in particular and Teece explores his "own almost obsessive attraction to the island

labyrinth," *A Dream of Islands* should appeal to sailors everywhere.

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New single condemns deal as Valdy battles free trade

Singer-songwriter Valdy joined the fight against Free Trade last week.

The Salt Spring Island resident has funded and released *Living Next To A Candy Store*, a single condemning the trade deal between Canada and the United States.

Accompanying the single is a music video, released last week for distribution to all major national and provincial music video television programs.

The single is the work of Valdy and the Council of Canadians, a major opponent of the free trade deal. Valdy paid for recording and releasing 1,000 copies of the song — which is on his label, Rack On Tour Records — with the understanding that the Council would attempt to reimburse him for his costs.

"If they do, great. If not, that's fine, too," he said.

Valdy told *Driftwood* the release of the single and video was deliberately timed to coincide with the last days of the federal election campaign. "We wanted to peak at the right time, in the final week," he said.

He explained that opponents of the free trade agreement must have a firm strategy if they wish to defeat the deal. "We're going up against the biggest and slickest public relations campaign in the country," he said of the federal government's promotion of the trade deal. "We have to do more than wave placards. We have to play hardball."

Valdy stressed that although debate over the merits of free trade has divided Canadians, "it's not an us-and-them thing. Whichever way it goes, we're all going to have to live and work together afterwards."

Living Next To A Candy Store, which has a harder-edged sound than is normal for Valdy, was written in August and September. It was recorded at Fast Forward Studios in Montreal in September, while Valdy was in the midst of a tour.

"We did a gig in Perth, Ontario, on Wednesday night. Then we drove to Montreal and got into the studio on Thursday and went straight ahead and recorded it in 15 hours. We finished at 3:30 am. I slept on the floor of the studio, got up at 6:30 am and went to Dorval airport for a flight to Newfoundland. I played in St. John's that night, the start of a 15-day tour in Newfoundland."

Produced by Graham Shaw, the record features a quartet of musicians who first played with Valdy at the Perth, Ontario concert. The band is Al Cross on drums, David Woodhead on bass, Graham Shaw on keyboards, guitar and harmonica, and Bobby Cohen on guitar.

The music video, meanwhile, was produced by East In Motion Pictures in Toronto.



Valdy enters free trade debate

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Release of *Living Next To A Candy Store* comes as Valdy is involved in two other projects.

A Classic Collection, a compact disc containing 18 of Valdy's songs is about to be released by A&M Records. The singer-songwriter was given free rein to select the cuts and arrange their sequence on the recording.

Valdy is also planning a Christmas tour that will begin in Duncan and end at Off Centre Stage in Ganges.



Local potters gathered at the home of Maggie Schubart last week to present the Sierra Club with hand-crafted mugs. Attending were (back row, l-r): Harry Pickstone, Tom Graham, Merle Box; (middle row) Maggie Schubart, Mary Burns, Christine Drake; (front) Katie Schlegl, Sierra Club chairman Sue Hiscocks and Mark Meredith.

Members of potters guild combine craft with concern for environment

Members of the Salt Spring Island Potters Guild have combined their craft with their concern for the environment.

At their recent annual general meeting, local potters volunteered to make 10 dozen mugs for presentation to the Sierra Club and for use at meetings and other events. They said the step would let islanders avoid the use of styrofoam cups and enjoy hand-crafted pottery.

The first batch of mugs were presented by eight potters to Sierra Club chairman Sue Hiscocks on November 9.

The mugs will be used for the first time at the annual Christmas arts and craft sale at Mahon Hall, from November 18 to 20, where refreshments will be offered.

Potters who have donated a dozen mugs each are Merle Box, Meg Buckley, Mary Burns, Chris Drake, Tom Graham, Mark Meredith, Katie Schlegl and Maggie Schubart. Promises for delivery after the Christmas rush have been made by Gary Cherneff, Muriel Hale, Kate Nonesuch and Evelyn Batell, Harry Pickstone and Lee Sollitt.

The collection will be kept at

Off Centre Stage and may be reserved, according to number required, by phoning 537-5211. A small deposit will be asked for, and refunded upon return of the mugs.

Fisheries announces two closures

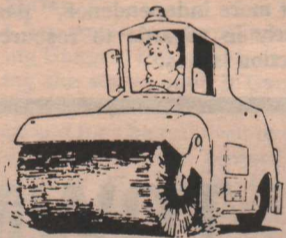
Federal Fisheries has closed two areas in the vicinity of Salt Spring Island to all sport fishing for coho salmon.

In order to conserve stocks returning to Fulford Creek for spawning, sport fishermen may not take coho salmon from Fulford Harbour. The closure, effective yesterday (Tuesday, November 15), includes the area inside or north westerly of a line between fishing boundary signs erected at the Fulford Harbour government dock and the old log dump opposite.

Also effective November 15 is the closure of Cusheon Cove to conserve coho salmon returning to Cusheon Creek. The area closed includes that part of the cove inside or south-westerly of a line between fishing boundary signs erected at the point immediately north of the mouth of Cusheon Creek, and along the shoreline south of Cusheon Creek.

Both closures include the tidal portion of Fulford and Cusheon Creeks, and are in effect until midnight, December 31, 1988.

The steps taken to conserve returning coho salmon still allow for sport fishing of cutthroat trout.



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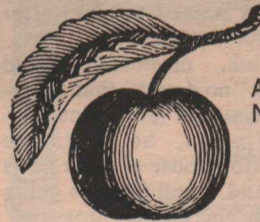
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Islands Trust candidates respond to voter queries

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political body on Salt Spring, he said, and wishes to be involved in its proceedings.

Irene Tranter would offer islanders an independent, objective point of view, he continued, because she represents no particular group or point of view. She would study the background of issues as they arise, he said, and promise fairness for all.

Rob Tranter closed the address by calling on the audience to cast one vote for his wife, and the other for John Stepaniuk.

In the question period that followed, Rob Tranter declined to answer on behalf of his wife. He invited the audience to telephone her with their questions.

Gilbert opened the session by recalling his three previous terms as trustee and his gradual assumption of greater responsibilities with the Trust Council, the assembly of all 26 trustees, of which he is the chairman.

Gilbert noted that the last two years have seen the Trust come under considerable scrutiny from Victoria, and that the coming two years promise significant changes for the Trust.

"We've had a time of staff and budget shortages, and we've come through that," he said. "Now we can plan to move ahead."

Gilbert added: "The Trust offers a unique political opportunity for us to work together and come out with a model community and a model political system that can be picked up by others."

Stepaniuk, a Salt Spring resident since 1949, recalled that he has seen the island suffer through periods of hardship, stagnant economies and poor services. The "discovery" of the islands in the 1960s brought a new type of problem — the pressures of growth and change.

The candidate said he had the good fortune to be involved with the Trust at a time when it was challenged to control its destiny through implementation of a community plan and subdivision by-law. At that time, he said, he discovered that concern over growth could not be distilled: some said it was too fast, others said it was not fast enough.

"That persists to this day," Stepaniuk said, noting that the 'preserve and protect' ethic is not exclusive to the Trust, and that all facets of the community are concerned with the direction the island is taking.

Stepaniuk said he wants to see the Trust play a constructive role in the community, "to pave the way for future stability, and to be an example."

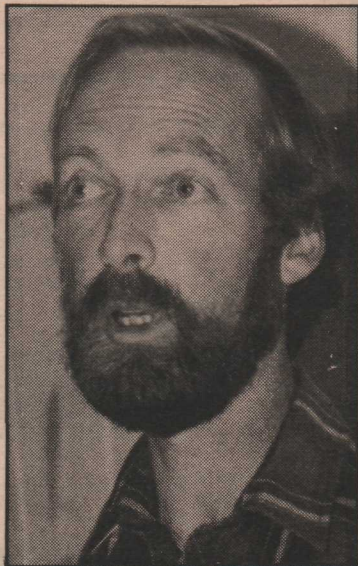
He added: "I believe we can all co-exist, to enjoy the beauty and amenities of the island."

The question period portion of the meeting opened with both candidates being asked to explain their position on the possible incorporation of Ganges.

Gilbert replied that he endorsed any move that would increase local autonomy, but that matters of island-wide community interest need to be addressed in connection with incorporation of Ganges.

Those matters, he continued, include the role of the Islands Trust and the structure of the incorporated area, and the role an incorporated area would play within a strengthened Trust.

"Before we make a decision on incorporation, the island as a



Nick Gilbert



John Stepaniuk

whole should look at the options," he said, arguing that the community plan establishes Ganges as the service centre for the entire island, hence all islanders should have a say in its status.

Gilbert added that 'developing area' status for Ganges might be an appropriate half-way step towards incorporation, since it would establish a council to look after services for the area.

Stepaniuk, meanwhile, said there was "no doubt" that Ganges requires some form of autonomy. Its needs, he said, are different from those of other parts of the island, "and there is going to be ever-increasing pressure" on the village.

However, he added that he would like to see a better definition of incorporation, to show how Ganges would fit into the overall island scheme, and how it would co-exist with the Trust.

Logging also figured prominently in the question period, with the candidates being asked what can be done to encourage sustained-yield operations.

Stepaniuk endorsed long-term management of forest lands, and suggested installing a quota system that would assign logging rights to certain parts of the island at certain times. It would, he said, lessen the impact and "allow the scars to heal in time," and "see if the intent of the loggers is to manage the forests, or just to be there for the ride."

Gilbert endorsed viewing the issue from the point of view of maintaining fragile ecosystems on the island. He suggested methods which do not destroy the forests but respect its ability to regenerate, ensuring shelter for habitat and the health of water supplies. Sustained-yield forestry, he added, gives long-term jobs.


"We can cut at a slower pace, ensuring there are enough trees for local industry," he said. "The essence is sustainable forestry, with sensitivity for the local environment."

The candidates were also questioned about ways the Trust could be strengthened. Stepaniuk said the Trust will have to convince the provincial government that the islands are indeed unique and in need of special protective measures. "The Trust is misunderstood by bureaucrats — they view it as an obstacle," he said. "We have to change that attitude, show it is a benefit to government, not an obstacle."

Gilbert pointed out that changes to the Trust are pending following a ministerial review of its operations, and that it is hoped those changes will include the granting of responsibility for staffing and budgets.

"We've gone hat in hands for years," he said. "Our intention is to get more independence," particularly in regards to resource extraction issues.

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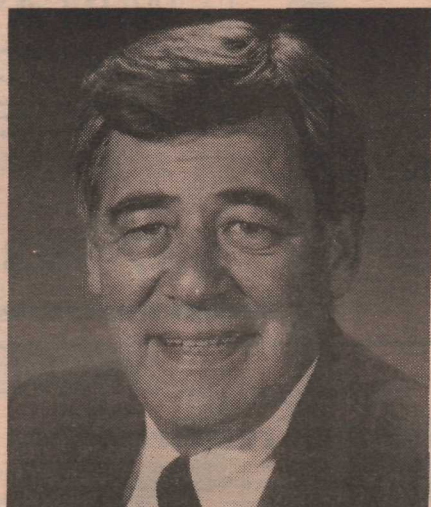

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Candidate stresses unaffiliated stance



Irene Tranter

Irene Tranter, one of three candidates for the two Islands Trust seats to be decided in this Saturday's election, says one of her reasons for running in the election was because she feels she knows what the public wants.

"I felt I've learned a lot from the people of the island who came into my store," she said. "By listening to the public you can gain some insight into what is wrong and how to fix it."

Tranter, who recently sold her Parcels Unlimited and Sears catalogue business in Ganges, said she now has sufficient time to allow her to pursue her interest in local politics. She previously served as a director and vice-chairman of the local Chamber of Commerce.

I think we have to look at the long range plans for the communities and the island to protect the island and the lifestyle we all enjoy.'

A resident of Salt Spring Island since 1979, she said there is a need to update some of the zoning bylaws put in place 14 years ago. "These bylaws worked for the community when they were put in place, but that was quite a while ago and things have changed,"

she said. "Since I've moved here, the population has increased by almost one half and two new schools have opened. I think we have to look at the long range plans for the communities and the island to protect the island and the lifestyle we all enjoy."

Tranter said that, if elected, she would try to keep the lines of communication open with the public. "They have the problems and the answers."

She added that she would like to see some affordable housing for seniors on the island. "Too often, our seniors are forced to move off the island when they cannot maintain their family homes but still want to live independently, and I don't think that is fair," she said.



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Two of three questionnaires returned

Island Watch Society members expressed disappointment last week when one of the three candidates for two Islands Trust seats open on Salt Spring did not respond to a questionnaire prepared by the group.

Irene Tranter declined the request to reply to the questionnaire, which was answered by her fellow hopefuls, Nick Gilbert and John Stepaniuk.

Tranter said she would prefer to talk directly to the electorate to explain her campaign for a Trust seat. She does not believe a questionnaire prepared by an interest group should be used to gauge her position, she added, especially since she felt the document presented to her contained a number of "givens" that could influence the answers.

The Watch Society said it prepared the questionnaire "to understand the philosophies and intent" of the candidates. It never considered using the answers as a basis for endorsing any of the candidates, several members said later, and has declined to endorse anyone.

The six questions from the Watch survey are paraphrased below, along with the replies from Gilbert and Stepaniuk:

• What are the most important local issues facing the Trust in the next two years?

Stepaniuk replied by noting island growth and development (particularly Ganges); a need to update the community plan and subdivision bylaws; transportation (roads and ferries); and management and development of uplands and forests.

Gilbert listed use of the Islands Trust Fund; increased local autonomy within the context of a revised Islands Trust Act; the Trust's ability to influence resource extraction (logging and mining); and a community plan review, particularly in regards to policies relating to residential, commercial and service-industrial users.

• Do you consider the community plan population ceiling of 15,000 to be realistic?

Stepaniuk said it was realistic. "Even if density transfers take place, it will not alter (the)

Watch Society covered six topics

population ratio to (the) allowable area to be subdivided."

Gilbert said the 15,000 figure is based on current zoning, and that it is unrealistic to expect downzonings that would reduce the figure. "The challenge will be to write our bylaws and control planning in such a way as to hold to the 15,000 level. A vital, attractive community can be the result, with major environmental protection and a sustainable economy."

• Should tourism be accepted, encouraged or discouraged? What kinds should be accepted or encouraged?

Stepaniuk said tourism should be accepted, particularly "the kind of tourism and tourists who appreciate the natural beauty and fragile environment of the island."

'Any form of local government must work closely with the Trust and be bound by the same mandate — to preserve and protect.'

Gilbert opted to "quietly encourage appropriate tourism, keeping in mind the Trust policy of welcome without promotion. A foot passenger ferry to Ganges would bring low-impact visitors to enjoy the island and its shops."

• How can we best protect the quality and quantity of water on the island?

Stepaniuk listed conservation and acquisition of watersheds; better communication with the province, Capital Regional District, corporations and individuals; holding strategic parcels of land; and supporting water dis-

tricts and preservation societies.

Gilbert suggested limiting densities to coincide with available water supplies; insisting on low densities in watershed and recharge areas; and careful resource management in watershed and groundwater areas — i.e., wetland protection, selective logging, careful routing of roads, and no mining.

• Do you agree with the proposed mineral reserve status for the Gulf Islands?

Both candidates said yes, with Gilbert noting he initiated the request for such a reserve on Salt Spring.

• Are you in favour of incorporating Ganges, the island, or retaining the status quo? If Ganges or Salt Spring were to incorporate, should they be required to uphold the preserve and protect provisions of the Islands Trust Act governing the whole Trust area?

Stepaniuk said he favoured the status quo, "given that the Trust and the CRD recognize the uniqueness of the village centre, with its benefits and problems. They have to provide specific planning and financial assistance, and effective communications. The Islands Trust Act has to be upheld, whether there is incorporation or not."

Gilbert said he was in favour of "a higher degree of local autonomy. Before a decision is made as to the most appropriate form of local government, the following steps must be taken:

• "The minister of municipal affairs must decide on what changes will be made to the Islands Trust Act, thus defining the role and ability of the Trust to participate in local government.

• "The entire Salt Spring community must be presented with all the alternatives, as listed above, plus the alternative of a 'local community' council to deal with services.

"Incorporation of the island as a whole definitely has merit, particularly as some of the major objections that I identified three

years ago have now been removed. The cost of highway maintenance is now the outstanding factor.

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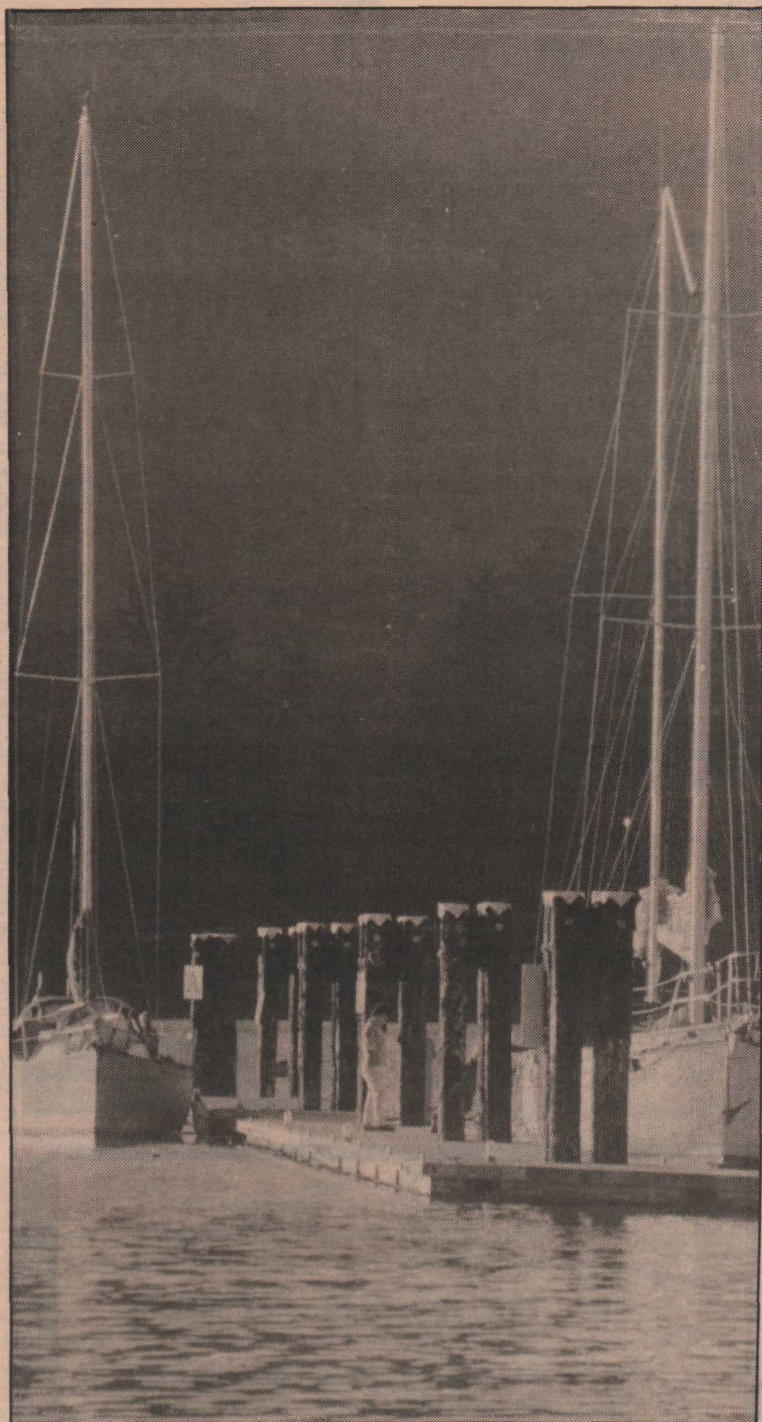
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Salt Spring Island history was made Saturday as a load of local garbage was transferred from the island to Hartland landfill on Vancouver Island.

A spokesman from Advance Operations — a private enterprise which makes garbage containers available for waste disposal — described the use of containers by Ganges Village Market as a pioneer step for the island.

The container filled with garbage was removed from Salt Spring as islanders continue to discuss the problem of waste disposal here.

Advance Operations provides containers with a compacting system; the company then removes the garbage by trucking it to Hartland.

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Fish farm requests rezoning to incorporate existing plant

An application to rezone the area used by a Sansum Narrows fish farm is not an attempt to increase production of that enterprise but to shift its lease area, the president of Mae West Ltd. told the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission last week.

Speaking to APC members on November 10, Dave Monday said approval of the Mae West application would let the anchors of the existing operation be brought within the water lot.

The proposed licence area differs from the existing licenced area for two reasons, he said. First, the original licence area was created by previous user Roy Braithwaite, who investigated the area as a grow-out spot for oysters. When Mae West began looking at the suitability of the site for a salmon farm, the area was defined by site markers placed there by Braithwaite.

As it turned out, Monday indicated, the markers used were magnetic rather than true. Therefore, the area used for engineering studies was offshore from the true licenced area. Instead of being 60 metres offshore, the site is rotated approximately 22 degrees, and sits between 80 and 85 metres from the shoreline.

The existing area used by Mae West also differs from the licenced site due to currents, which have created the need for a more extensive anchoring system.

Mae West needs to encompass its anchors within the water lot to protect itself legally and enable it to set up markers to protect boat traffic, Monday said.

The fish farm, which has been in production for close to two years, will harvest its 1987 brood year fish in January and February of 1989. Monday stressed that the farm continues to aim for a 200 tonne annual production.

He said the company feels this level of production is environmentally sound, and that it would sign a restrictive covenant prohibiting it from expanding beyond this already-approved maximum production level.

Copies of a letter addressed to the Islands Trust from Mae West biologist Tom Cornett were provided to APC members. In the letter, Cornett says the company has held discussions with upland owners Rico Holdings and Lucious Andrew 3rd, who object to the operation in principle but have no specific complaints about the licence area.

APC members said they felt they could not make a recommendation on the application until they have heard from upland owners. Those people will be notified and be given an opportunity to speak against the application at the next commission meeting.

In the meantime, due to time

constraints on Mae West, the APC has recommended the Islands Trust put the application on the list for December's public hearing. The APC will withhold its recommendation until its next meeting.

Several warrants issued during day of court

At least five bench warrants were issued in Ganges provincial court last week. Two were withdrawn when the accused individuals arrived late, but three are still outstanding.

Of the five warrants issued, three were for individuals who failed to appear for impaired driving charges, one was issued to a young offender, and the fifth to a man charged with mischief, theft and possession of stolen property.

According to the Crown Counsel's office in Victoria, names of individuals who fail to appear in

court are registered and handed back to the appropriate police jurisdiction. The names are entered into a Canada-wide police computer system, and if the accused individual is stopped and checked by police for any reason, his or her name will appear.

While there is no specific charge for having a bench warrant issued, the accused individual can be charged with failing to appear in court.

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- Served four years on Saanich Municipal Council before election in 1984 as Progressive Conservative candidate in former constituency of Esquimalt-Saanich, and was during his term chairman of the important defense committee.
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Ambiguous bylaw could result in lawsuit

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study.

Salt Spring's lamb producers met with health department representative Les Potter last July to note problems they would face should the bylaw be approved. Those included lack of a meat inspector on the island, the added cost of shipping carcasses off-island for inspection, and having veterinarian fees attached to the process.

Producers also noted there would be problems calling in a veterinarian to provide inspections in the middle of the night (when slaughter often occurs) or for only one or two lambs.

Inspections pose further difficulties for lamb producers on the Outer Gulf Islands, who do not have immediate access to vets, it was added.

The producers suggested the Gulf Islands be excluded from the bylaw; however, Potter indicated such a step would be deemed "discriminatory" and the entire bylaw would fail to stand up in court.

Potter did suggest the bylaw could be amended to exclude meat sold through "farm gate sales."

Subsequently, the proposed bylaw was amended to include the

following exclusion: "nothing in this bylaw prohibits a person who raises animals from selling the uninspected meat of such animals to individual members of the public for their own use."

Campbell, a Saturna Island representative to the Islands Trust who is not seeking reelection this Saturday, attended an October meeting with CRD health officials to request that the bylaw be amended to include flock or anti-mortem inspection as a viable alternative to problems created by post-mortem inspection.

Campbell and Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, who also attended the October meeting, were told that regulation 2(b), which states "the meat or carcass of an animal" inspected by a veterinarian shall be deemed adequately inspected, would allow a medical health officer "discretion" in permitting flock inspections.

Potter told *Driftwood* that to include a clause allowing flock inspection would undermine the standards currently used in CRD meat inspection. As the process is now, he said, meat undergoes both anti- and post-mortem inspection. If the bylaw stated that flock inspection is adequate, post-mortem inspection could be legally eliminated.

"We feel the bylaw gives the medical health officer the authority to make discretionary decisions, depending on the circumstances," Potter said.

Campbell feels the bylaw should say exactly what the CRD claims it says. He feels Gulf Islanders are being left open to the possibility of a lawsuit down

the road, depending on the interpretation of the bylaw by a future medical health officer, who may not understand circumstances in the Gulf Island.

Campbell feels CRD lawyers, who advised the health committee against incorporating such a clause, are intentionally leaving the bylaw ambiguous.

Campbell said the CRD committee turned down a second request made by himself and Gilbert, leading to even further ambiguity. While the bylaw makes it clear that meat sold through farm-gate sales does not have to undergo inspection, it is not clear how much meat can be sold in this manner.

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