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MB drops logging plans

GALIANO — Faced with adverse reaction from Galiano residents MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. (MB) has shelved its logging plans for 1990-1991.

"Due to comments from Galianoites who were not happy with our logging plans we have decided to pull back and it's been suggested we look at selective logging," said MB spokesman Ralph Urban on Tuesday.

Urban said on August 18 his company decided to try selective logging in some of its forest areas on Galiano, to be used in conjunction with clear-cut logging. He says the same volume of timber will be cut as originally intended — about 17,000 cubic metres — although it is not certain where or how many acres will be harvested.

Clear-cut logging has, until now, been MB's sole method of logging on Galiano. Although MB uses selective logging to extract utility poles and for thinning, the company does not use the practice on a large scale. He says the practice is not suitable for certain species and terrain.

"It will be experimental. We'll track the economics and have professionals look at the growth and yield to see if the economics work."



Best exhibit

Flower show chairman Rose Fewings arranges gladiolus display during weekend event at

Ganges. Glads were entered by H.J. Barker and won him the

award for best exhibit in the show. Affair is staged annually

by the Salt Spring Island Garden Club.

District, society file suit over logging

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING — The North Salt Spring Waterworks District and the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society are taking Louis Lindholm and Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. to court for what they call "permanent and irreparable" harm done to seven acres of recently clear-cut water-

shed near St. Mary Lake.

The two organizations are plaintiffs in legal documents filed in B.C. Supreme Court August 14, seeking damages from Lindholm for breach of a March 1986 contract between them, the Islands Trust and Channel Ridge. The agencies were also granted an injunction restraining Lindholm from further tree cut-

ting, moving stumps and timber, burning stumps or slash, road building or operating heavy equipment on watershed lands.

"We're the injured party," says Tom Gossett, secretary of the Water Preservation Society. Supporting the water group's case with written affidavits are Salt Spring Island trustees Nick Gilbert and

John Stepaniuk.

North Salt Spring Waterworks spokesman Mike Larmour says the logging will change the run-off patterns and cause more nutrients to spill into St. Mary Lake. He says "nutrient loading" is the biggest problem in maintaining the lake as a water supply. That was the reason aerators were installed in the lake, he adds.

"Trees are very good at removing nutrients," says Larmour, who points out that the watershed's ability to filter harmful nutrients like phosphorous has been reduced as a result of the clear-cutting.

In his affidavit Stepaniuk cited his 40 years as a farmer on Salt Spring Island. He says the logged area will be subject to erosion and degrade the quality of water in St. Mary Lake.

"The logged area within the watershed lands is on a slope of 30 to 45 per cent grade. The soil is sandy, powdery and dry. It is obvious to me . . . that as soon as the first downpour comes there will be erosion into St. Mary Lake, causing murkiness in the lake."

Gossett says some months ago

Research grants are needed to keep scientists on edge of breakthrough

By SUSAN DICKER

A team of doctors at the Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute believe their research in the field of oncogenes will aid in the quest for a cure for cancer.

At Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, three doctors are combining their areas of expertise to study "retinoblastoma," a rare and hereditary type of cancer that affects newborn babies.

And Dr. Luke Lam, at the Gray Freshwater Biological Institute of the University of Minnesota, is studying the process of "detoxification," trying to determine what food types can best prevent the development of cancer.

In each case, thousands of dollars in research grants are needed to keep these scientists at the edge of a potential breakthrough.

Since 1980, when Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope, the Terry Fox Run has continued to raise money for cancer research. To date, close to \$75 million has been generated to help fund special programs and research projects in the search for a cure for cancer. Last year alone, the annual run raised \$5.8 million across Canada, with 350,000 people participating in 2,400 separate runs.

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Motocross champ

Motocross rider Don Irwin of Salt Spring is recording some impressive wins. B1



Festival photos

Salt Spring Festival of the Arts is officially over. But the memories are not. Photo essay, A16

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THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ended Monday, August 21, 1989.

Days with precipitation: 3.

High temperature: 25 deg. Celsius on August 19.
 Low temperature: 11 deg. Celsius on August 17.
 Total precipitation: 23 mm.

OUTLOOK:
 Sunny with cloudy periods, some precipitation. Improving towards the end of the week. Weekend weather outlook: good.
 Highs near 20, lows 9.

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No evidence of cattle

Independent lake tests show negative results

By SUSAN DICKER
 SALT SPRING — An independent sampling of Maxwell Lake water by a Salt Spring Island group has tested negative for fecal coliforms.
 But according to officials from the Capital Regional District (CRD) health department, the lack of fecal coliforms present in those samples further confirms their concern over water quality in the lake.

tap water. Since then, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District has been using a temporary chlorination system to disinfect the water.)

Before taking the three water samples, the group undertook a visual survey of the lakeshore and surrounding area.

Russell told *Driftwood* the group detected a "normal" amount of animal droppings. He said there was no evidence that cattle from Foxglove Farms had any access to the lake, and were in fact, separated from the area by "good, strong" fences.

"The cattle were well away from the lake and there is not much chance that run-off could carry manure particles from the pasture," he said.

Water samples were taken in zip-lock sandwich bags at three different locations on the lake. Results provided by MB Research showed a total four coliforms (per 100 millilitres of water) and zero fecal coliforms in the first sample, taken about 10 metres toward the centre of the lake, directly in front of the water supply intake.

The second sample, taken near two cabins on the lake, showed a total of two coliforms and zero fecal coliforms; while the third sample, taken from the centre of the lake, showed no evidence of any coliforms.

At the CRD health department in Victoria, Les Potter said all the CRD tests had been completed on Ganges tap water. He said that prior to August 15, five out of six CRD tests had shown the presence of

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Supervisor Jim Russell said the group felt there were several unanswered questions and a general lack of information surrounding the water quality at Maxwell Lake.

Following the directions of MB Research in Sidney, members of the Environment Youth Corps on Salt Spring took three samples from different areas of Maxwell Lake on August 15.

Supervisor Jim Russell said the group felt there were several unanswered questions and a general lack of information surrounding the water quality at Maxwell Lake.

(Several weeks ago, the CRD issued a boil water notice to Salt Spring residents on the Maxwell water system, after officials found traces of fecal coliforms in Ganges

Logging issue goes to court

FROM PAGE A1

Lindholm asked to move his subdivision over the watershed boundary. But at the time the injured parties could not see enough of an argument to change their minds about the original watershed lands.

Lindholm says moving the homesites eastward would have required less clearing to open up the site's panoramic views.

In exchange for the variance, says Lindholm, he was willing to give an additional 18 acres of parkland, adding to the 272 acres of watershed protection land and over 200 acres as common property he is contributing to the community in exchange for development rights in the area.

Gossett says his group is concerned that if left unchecked such cutting could be a precedent "so that others could nibble away at agreements of this sort."

"Our chief concern is seeing that the watershed remains in an undisturbed state," says Gossett.

In defence Lindholm points to a clause in the contract which allows him "to top or cut . . . trees as may be required to provide or retain views for the residential dwelling units constructed upon the development lands."

Gossett, however, says Lindholm had the right to clear only after homes were built on established sites.

In their statement of claim the island's water agencies explain that if trees are removed, or if stumps or soil are disturbed, the land cannot retain and slowly release clean water as a watershed should.

"What we (wanted) was judicious clearing, not clear-cutting," says Gossett.

The claim also charges Lindholm destroyed small plant life and underbrush and destroyed animal habitat.

"The whole purpose of the agreement was to prevent the deterioration of the watershed," says society president Tom Wright. "This only points out that the watershed is not adequately protected."

Lindholm says lakeside resorts with septic tanks "only feet from the water" are a bigger threat to the area's water supply than his development.

But Wright says at present his group has no control over the condition of septic tanks and fields along the lake. Besides, he adds, "two wrongs don't make a right."

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Cycling tourists are here to stay

Under ideal circumstances we could probably pick and choose our tourists. We could install border guards at ferry terminals and turn people away at will if they didn't conform to our vision of the ideal visitor.

But until ideal circumstances present themselves, the islands are faced with dealing with the annual influx of tourists, no matter how they choose to arrive.

According to B.C. Ferries statistics, more than 14,000 bicycles arrived on Salt Spring via the Long Harbour and Fulford Harbour ferries in 1988. That's enough bicycles to line the entire length of Fulford-Ganges Road, two abreast (a fitting analogy, you must agree).

That's also enough visitors to make a healthy contribution to the local economy. One Ganges bicycle shop owner estimates that 50 per cent of visiting cyclists stay at rented accommodation, as opposed to camping. They purchase food from local grocery stores and meals at island restaurants.

While limited as to how much they can carry, two out of three visiting cyclists ask the same shop owner about arts and crafts outlets. While paintings and pottery are probably not common purchases, jewelry and other small items likely are.

If bicyclists have a fault, it's their sloppy road manners. We all know the frustration of arriving at the top of Lee's Hill to encounter a bike or two casually encamped on the pavement, just around the bend where you can't see them until the very last minute.

We've all felt the annoyance of tailing a flock of wobbly bicycles that won't move over to let you pass. And you were in a hurry to catch the ferry, right? — because you were late leaving for it in the first place.

It would be nice to operate a business and decide which customers we were going to serve and which we didn't want. And that's just as feasible as control-



ling tourist by type.

We must accept bicycle-borne visitors but do what we can to ensure that they are educated as to the use of island roads — for their own safety as much as anything else. We should also accept and encourage the annual bicycle race. Granted, the organizers could have done more to give advance warning to residents about the event.

But it's one that is now growing in terms of par-

ticipation. How long before it grows into a big attraction to non-racers?

Let's welcome bicycles with an educational program — brochures, visual displays? — aboard the ferries. Let's welcome them with some strategically placed bicycle racks for their convenience.

And let's welcome them with good island hospitality. That's something that cannot discriminate.

Naturally, the big one really did get clean away

By TONY RICHARDS

Governments that get re-elected rarely do so as a result of faultless administration. The reason that governments are not turfed out more often is simply that the electorate has a poor memory.

That thought occurred to me as I was burning up the k's on the Coquihalla last week. We'd just left Hope and I mentioned to my son that there'd been some scandal over the highway's construction and its cost overruns.

"How much did it cost?" came the immediate reply from a representative sample of the younger and very money-conscious generation. "Ummmm. Can't quite remember," I replied.

But this representative sample of the Canadian electorate quickly left thoughts of politics and scan-

dals behind as we enjoyed the drive through some of British Columbia's spectacular scenery. The Coquihalla takes the visitor to the Interior through some beautiful country, and it does so very quickly.

Traffic seemed surprisingly light for an August afternoon but I'm not complaining. We were in Kamloops in no time and were well on our way to our destination, 100 Mile House. We checked into a motel where the night duty clerk gave us a warm welcome to the Interior city. The morning clerk bid us farewell 12 hours later with a couple of grunts, which I interpreted to mean: "Don't bother visiting Kamloops again for a while, eh?"

Cache — pardon me, Trash — Creek looked unchanged from the

last time I saw it, there being no mounds of Vancouver garbage piled up along the roadsides. It still must boast the highest number of gas stations per capita in B.C.

Again, traffic was light, both on the Trans-Canada from Kamloops and on Highway 97 to 100 Mile. We were in the Cariboo now, an area I always enjoy visiting. Living there, I think, would be something else, though, particularly in winter.

But while it's geography doesn't offer the breathtaking scenery of the mountains or the coast, it is distinctive just the same. And it has some culture too, although Alberta and Texas come to mind first when I think of cowboys and cattle ranching. Nevertheless, it is a region that has its own particular style of dress and its own style of music. That's a lot more

than you can say for the coast.

However, riding horses and listening to country and western were not on our agenda. Trout fishing was. A friend had loaned us the use of a cabin on Sheridan Lake, a few miles east of Lone Butte. There we spent a couple of relatively bug-free days in the sun, with a boat at our disposal too.

We were too late for fishing in Sheridan Lake: the fish had gone deeper and, according to one report, were not at their most flavourful.

So we out one morning with some friends and local fishing guides Terry and Donna Carlyle. They took us on an hour-long trek through 4x4 country to a remote lake beyond Bridge Lake. We had more than half a dozen rainbow trout by lunchtime, the biggest about 3 lbs.

Lunch was delayed slightly by thunder and lightning and a heavy rainstorm, but we were back on the water when the sun came out. By day's end we had 14 fish, having limited out on those over 20 inches in length. (Mine was the biggest, but it got away after wrapping itself in the line — which then tangled on the rod tip — breaking the rod and snapping the line. It was 10 lbs. if it weighed an ounce).

There was other excitement too, like when I chucked a bottle cap over the side. Environmental awareness has extended far and wide and is alive and well in the wilds of the Cariboo. But I've been flicking bottle caps over the sides of boats for decades and old habits are hard to break.

This province has an abundance of great places to visit. If only there was time to take them all in.

letters

Happier at home

Through your column, I would like to appeal to pet owners to think of their pet before taking the animal in a vehicle during the warm summer weather.

Even with the windows open, and the vehicle parked in the shade, the temperature inside a car, a truck, canopy, or even in a trailer or motorhome, can reach 39°C (102°F) in 10 minutes. In 30 minutes, it will reach 49°C (120°F).

Cats and dogs do not sweat the way their owners do. A hot car interferes with an animal's normal cooling process — evaporation through panting. With nothing but overheated air to breathe, an animal can suffer irreparable brain damage or death within a few minutes from heatstroke.

Pets are happier and healthier left at home in hot weather. The SPCA on Salt Spring Island has been receiving calls lately concerning animals in parked vehicles. All these animals have so far survived, but only due to prompt emergency care.

Please remember, on hot days, pets are safer at home.

C.E. WOOLDRIDGE,
Inspector, BCSPCA.

Wonderland

Hurrah! Another first for Pemberton Holmes and Arvid "Big-Sign" Chalmers: a four-foot by eight-foot *For Sale* sign on Rainbow Road that you can see from a quarter of a mile away on Atkins Road.

The other sharks . . . I mean realtors, will be green with envy until they can get their own up-sized or even bigger! What a wonderland for graffiti artists.

I pray that you and all the other big-buck schemers will soon have enough to eat.

KEITH MACHATTIE,
Ganges.

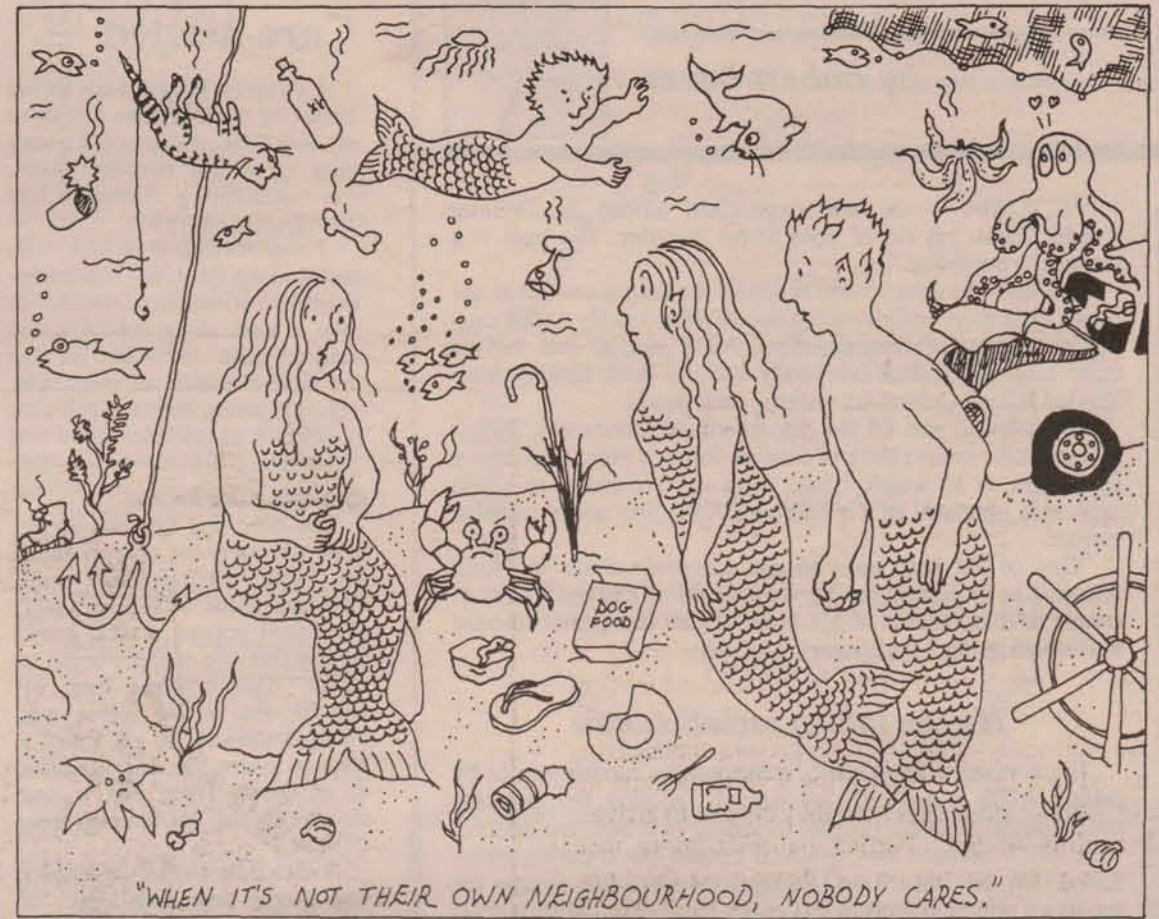
Special place

On the final hour of my stay on Salt Spring Island last week, I was stung by a wasp whilst walking in Ruckle Park. During my drive to the Fulford ferry terminal it was obvious that I was rapidly developing a severe allergic reaction, including a swelling of the face and throat. When I reached the terminal and explained my predicament to the cashier, she quickly called an ambulance. Before its arrival from Ganges, this busy cashier somehow found the time to check on me and reassure me several times whilst I was waiting in my car.

The two ambulance attendants treated me quickly and calmly, and parked and locked my car safely in the compound before driving me to hospital. The fact that I had left my B.C. medical card at home was simply not a problem.

The nurses in the emergency room at the Ganges hospital not only gave me constant and vigilant care, but, realizing that my medication would prevent me from driving that evening, took it upon themselves to phone the ferry terminal to check that my car was safe, and then phoned a nearby bed and breakfast to ensure that I had a place to stay that night.

I had recovered sufficiently to be discharged at 7 p.m. and one of my nurses, who was going off duty at that time, drove me in her car and helped me to the door of the Solvang Bed and Breakfast on Park Drive in Ganges.



The kindness shown by the proprietors, Mrs. Satermo and her daughter Mrs. White, was overwhelming. By this time I was very hungry and was in no condition to walk to a restaurant, and they insisted that I share their evening meal. Later I found a hand-picked rose by my bedside. After a delicious breakfast the next morning Mr. and Mrs. White drove me to the ferry terminal and saw me safely to my car. In it I found a kind note from Shelagh, the cashier who had called the ambulance the previous day.

As a final touch, the new cashier on duty that morning welcomed me and asked how I was — she had heard about me from her husband, who had been one of my ambulance drivers.

The exceptional kindness of all these people turned a potential nightmare into a heartwarming experience, and I thank them all sincerely. Salt Spring Island is truly a very special place.

JACKIE SOMERS,
Victoria.

Raise ensigns

I would like to point out to those who drive the Fulford ferry (it can scarcely be termed "navigate"), and in particular to the person on duty last Tuesday at

5 p.m., who received his or her basic training in demolition derbies, that it is customary to raise battle ensigns before ramming the enemy's dock.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Fulford Harbour.

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by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — A little unsolicited advice for Premier Vander Zalm: get rid of your forest minister. The man is a menace to evolution.

At a time the government needs all the help it can get to appear a little more enlightened, David Parker lets fly with a cannonade against environmentalists, AIDS victims and various other targets that has everybody but the most Neanderthal-minded British Columbian shaking their heads.

The avowed aim of the environmental movement, Parker told the folks in his riding of Skeena during a radio interview a week ago, is to wreak havoc with the economy, to cause economic upheaval in the interest of bringing about political change.

"One of the best ways to get economic chaos in North America is to stymie development. One of the best ways to stymie development is to get an environmental preservationist movement going," Parker said.

He can talk to socialists now

The minister offered some further insight into his psyche by calling AIDS a self-inflicted wound, ignoring the fact that some totally innocent people, including children, are infected with AIDS because they received tainted blood during transfusion. On the other hand, Parker confessed, his distaste for socialism and communism has eased somewhat. At least he is able to talk to them now.

The government's latest offensive on the environment front was the appointment of yet another task force to hammer out a blueprint for sustainable development in the Clayoquot Sound area on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Views would jeopardize project

The task force has representation from the town of Tofino and Ucluelet, the regional district, the environment ministry and two forest companies. Conspicuously absent from the task force is the forest ministry, although forestry is the major industry in the Clayoquot Sound area.

One cabinet minister said privately that Parker was deliberately excluded from the task force because his unbending views would only jeopardize what the government considers a very important pilot project.

It seems the premier is beginning to recognize that his forest minister is doing him more harm than good, although for the life of me I don't know what took him so long. Parker has been an embarrassment to the government from the start. Let me refresh your memory.

Last year, a school class in Parker's riding embarked on its own glasnost project, corresponding with a school class in the Soviet Union. When the kids asked Parker to say a few nice words on tape for their Soviet friends, the minister replied that his aversion to communism wouldn't allow him to do that.

Arrogance superseded only by rudeness

When Parker held public hearings earlier this year into the proposed expansions of a number of tree farm licences, he alienated just about everybody he came in contact with. I received calls and letters from dozens of people who said the minister's arrogance was superseded only by his rudeness.

Meanwhile, his boss is trying desperately to create a new image for his government. During a recent tour of a logging site near Port Alberni, Vander Zalm discovered the ravages of clear-cutting. The particular clear-cut he was shown, was unacceptable, the premier said.

Parker contradicted the premier, saying publicly that the area had been logged according to accepted practices. He must have been called into his master's office for a chat, because shortly after the minister opined that he was "beginning to see the value of a standing tree." The premier, he said, was making a horticulturist out of him yet.

The remission was short-lived. Within a couple of weeks, the new-born horticulturist suffered another massive attack of lingua neanderthalis. And this time, his asinine statements earned him headlines across Canada.

In today's atmosphere of ecological enlightenment, brought about in large measure by the environmental movement Parker so detests, Vander Zalm can ill afford to have this loose cannon around much longer. He has no choice but to shuffle Parker into oblivion.

Care needed

I recently visited Salt Spring Island for the first time. I enjoyed my stay there, and found it a very nice, quiet and relaxing island. I'm considering visiting Salt Spring again next year.

I was staying at a nice little resort along St. Mary Lake. One evening a friend and I decided to take a walk along the lake, and couldn't help notice the garbage we saw — plastic oil containers, cigarette packs, beer and pop cans — thrown in the lake. There was also fishing line thrown out into the weeds along the lake.

The thing that appalled us the most was early the next morning we were awoken by some Canadian geese outside our tent. My friend noticed several geese feeding, but one of them began to choke. With a closer look we noticed one of the geese was trying desperately to get rid of a piece of fishing line that was stuck in its throat. There was a long piece of fishing line hanging from its beak.

It sure makes a person wonder why people have such a lack of respect for nature. People enjoy boating, swimming, fishing, etc., but fail to take time to realize the damage that they are causing. Not just to the lake and wildlife, but also to themselves.

How would you like it if the lake was closed due to the carelessness caused by inconsiderate people. Do you enjoy your lakes? If you truly do, then how about seriously starting to respect them.

We all better treat our lakes, streams, and the rest of the environment with consideration, or we won't be able to enjoy boating, swimming, fishing, or even have beautiful wildlife to view anymore.

Think about it!
D. WHARTON,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Disgraceful

I would like to comment on the disgraceful condition of the crosswalk markings in the Ganges area.

I am referring specifically to the almost-totally obliterated road markings at the hospital (Crofton Road) location; the one provided for retired seniors at Pioneer Village; the crosswalk in front of the Shell Service Station and the one crossing the road in front of Harlan's Chocolates.

As a result of this situation, the safety of the elderly and the disabled is seriously jeopardized. I have left phone messages at the local Victoria Highways Maintenance office several times, but have never received a call back. When I attempted to express my concerns to their head office in Victoria, the receptionist directed me to contact the Ministry of Highways, as she wasn't sure whose responsibility highways markings were.

more letters

At this point, it would appear that someone will have to be killed before something is done to correct this potentially dangerous situation.

On a more positive note, I would strongly suggest that signs be erected at the village limits, ur-

ging motorists to reduce speed and exercise extreme caution in the village limits.

WILLIAM W. BEST,
Chairman,
Salt Spring Handicapped
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Let's go to the Mary for a beer in No Place!

It's all part of the north country scene. The Mary is the local abbreviation for the Beamish Mary local pub in the former coal town of No Place. The drinking establishment was once known as The Robin, but a new management and a new role for the community saw the name changed to commemorate the coal pit which was for many generations the lifeblood of the countryside.

Like many another, the Beamish Mary coal mine was closed in recent years when the government established a policy whereby unprofitable sources of coal were abandoned. Economics called the tune to which the funeral services of many a colliery were set, but the changes in industrial activity have been reflected in the large cities and the small industrial towns. Even in No Place, and the name is for real, the change is great.

They are clean!

Gone are the smoke-blackened homes and the stark, black factories. Red brick, grey stone, cream masonry, gaily painted woodwork all contribute to a new air of bright and spotless pride in the community.

Beamish went one better. The colliery wheels and structures have been transplanted and are now visited by thousands, all eager to see the working of a traditional coal mine. A horizontal shaft has been driven into the side of a hill to enable visitors to see for themselves how the coal miner earns his living.

The exhibition takes the visitor back to the days before the First World War and includes street cars, or "trams," a railway not unlike the old P.G.E. inasmuch as it runs from nowhere to nowhere, and uprooted, rebuilt stores, homes and services. A pre-two-wars Daimler bus also carries visitors through the vast grounds.

The open-air exhibition seeks to show the visitor just what life was like in a small colliery town 75 years ago. A complete row of terraced houses has been uprooted and replanted in the town. Each is occupied by a typical middle-class professional caterer to the town's needs. There is a music teacher next door to a dentist and a lawyer practises in the next house.

This contrasts with the row of miners' cottages in the immediate vicinity of the coal pit. Also rebuilt for the exhibition, the cottages show not only the style of life and living of the miner and his family, but illustrates the sharp contrast with the middle-class, wealthier community.

High cost of keeping clean

Put another nickel in . . . And that isn't all it takes, by any means!

When I was wandering through France I found that my dirty clothes were increasing in volume, while clean replacements were getting scarcer. A pleasant, attractive hotel warned that the washing of clothes was defendu, but could offer no information on available laundry service.

Eventually I broke down and found a laundry. A few shirts, underclothing and socks: the bill was 400 francs, or roughly \$80. Forewarned, I started checking carefully before I gave up my hard-earned dollars for clean laundry. Later I discovered that the cost of cleanliness is international.

I have compiled the comparative costs of laundry in a Paris hotel and in a London hotel. I've translated the prices into dollars to make them more easily understood. First price listed is in London and the second is Paris: Shirt 5.50, 6.00; Silk shirt 7.50, 7.50; Vest or underpants 2.80, 3.20; Pyjamas 5.10, 7.60; Handkerchief 1.20, 1.40; Pantyhose unlisted, 2.40; Panties 2.00; 3.20.

The figure I don't figure is that for pantyhose, more voluminous than panties, they are cheaper to wash. Another surprising difference was the charge for washing nighties. In London a lady may come clean for a mere \$5. The French hotel wants \$8 for the same job. You have been warned!

Telephone calls

Calling from a hotel room is more expensive than using a pay telephone, my friends warned me. When I got my bill I agreed. I had been staying in Scotland when I called a Sassenach friend. I chatted for a few minutes and set aside any further thought of phone costs.

As chance would have it, I checked out in a hurry, paid my bill and fled to the train. When I looked at the receipted bill later I was surprised to learn that my four-minute (or so) call had been billed out to me at almost 60 pounds, or some \$125. It took me several calls and a letter or two before I received a cheque for nearly 60 pounds. Calling is higher in a hotel, but not that high!

Farmers grateful for gas

SALT SPRING — Local RCMP and members of the Farmers' Institute have extended their thanks to the generous person or persons who donated 15 gallons of gasoline to the farmers' organization.

The gasoline — contained in 12 one-gallon plastic bleach bottles plus a five-gallon container — was discovered hidden in the bushes near the outhouses on the institute grounds.

The discovery was made early Monday.

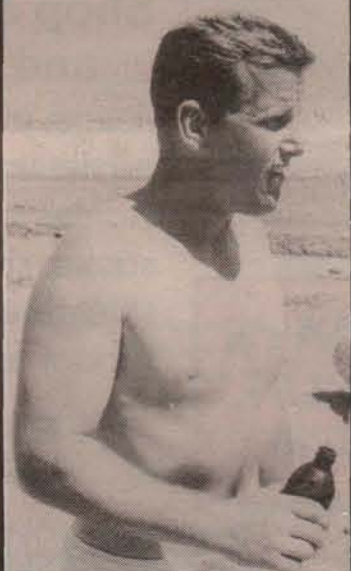
The institute will keep the gasoline for use in its lawnmower, police say.

Local RCMP have also announced a willingness to thank the benevolent donors in person, should they wish to drop in to the detachment.

In other police matters, the owners of a found wallet and found bicycle may claim their goods through identification at the local RCMP office.

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- (b) may add the names of electors omitted from the list;
- (c) may strike from the list the names of persons not entitled to vote or disqualified from voting;
- (d) may correct any other manifest error in the list;
- (e) shall add to the list the name of a person qualified on September 7th to have his/her name entered on the list and for this purpose the court may accept an application as completed under Section 42 of the Municipal Act if delivered to the court at its first sitting.

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Roland clan. Family members were on hand for a reunion Sunday at Fulford. From left are

Cathy, Lou, Ethel, Jo, Leona and their mother, Laura Roland.



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*Dawn opened like a rose upon Olympus
She set a match to clouds and made them glow
Then sauntered down the mountains, touching everything
Like snow.*

We'd climbed high above Appleton Pass in the Olympic Mountains and pitched our tent at 6,000 feet on the dense heather of an alpine meadow. Around us was a nodding white and blue sea of avalanche lilies, lupines and beargrass, but on every side the slopes fell away steeply from our island of colour and, when I closed my eyes, I thought for a moment I was falling headlong through the enormous sky.

Simply by turning I could see the blue-grey smudges of the San Juan Islands, the low cloudbanks over the Pacific Ocean miles and miles away, and the mists rising out of the Hoh River Valley 5,000 feet below us.

We soaked our hats in the water

We got out our water bottles and cooking pans and dropped off the meadow onto the snow finger. We filled them, and then ourselves, to the brim. We splashed water on our hair and arms and soaked our hats in it. I crawled under the canopy of the ice to touch the place where the stream was born and drank it even as it melted.

This, perhaps, was how T.E. Lawrence had felt as he knelt at last to drink after crossing the Devil's Anvil, or Thesiger in the Sudan, or Newby during his "short walk" in the Hindu Kush.

All my heroes.

After a week of walking with extreme care behind R. along knife edge ridges and along trails cut by the Roosevelt elk across open slopes so steep that to stumble was unthinkable, I had almost lost my appetite. The higher we walked the less we wanted and, living "on the edge" as we did, we often had to remind ourselves to eat.

On this evening, the goal of our holiday reached, R. decided we needed to pay attention not just to the view but also to our cuisine. He was the leader, an experienced mountaineer, and not one given to idle comments, but I nevertheless regarded his promise of a "culinary treat" with scepticism. After all, our packs had thinned out considerably on the trails and I was sure mine contained little that could be described as "haute cuisine," in spite of the altitude.

Too high to find food

Besides, the nearest store was an absurd three days north and a mile down and we had camped far too high up to find anything exciting to eat.

The more I considered the situation the more convinced I was that R. had got things backwards. It was not a question of what we might eat, but what might eat us! I'd been awakened the previous night by grunts and rumblings as bears sniffed around our tent and this morning was surprised to see our food sack still intact, hanging in mid-air at the end of a climbing rope.

R. was on his hands and knees now, beginning the complicated procedure which is required before he can light his primus stove, so I left him to it and sat on the edge of the meadow. Immediately I fell into a trance as I gazed at the ivory peaks of Olympus and heard the whistling of the mar-mots on the winds.

The smell was remarkable

A shout awoke me and I walked back to the camp. R. was stirring herbs into the cooking pan and he wore the satisfied expression you see on the faces of all good cooks. My nose twitched. The smell was remarkable. What had he got up to, here at 6,000 feet?

Half an hour later I looked at R. with respect, almost worship. Inside me was a marvellous and entirely unexpected dinner of rotelle pasta cooked to perfection in glacier water and served with a clam cream sauce seasoned with a bouquet garni of oregano, lovage and sage, and — for colour and piquancy — a few fragments of dried red chilis. The pan lids we used as plates were licked, literally, clean.

In strict honesty I will acknowledge that the clams came out of a tin not off the beach, the cream sauce was made from dried skimmed milk flakes, and the herbs were dry, not freshly picked and full of integrity from the garden. But these are not criticisms. Consider where we were!

We sat in the sunset on the heather sharing the last of the Jarlsborg cheese and drank the chocolaty-froth off the mugs of our strong mocha java. Attracted by R.'s cooking, two mountain goats had ambled over. They stared at us hopefully but I explained to them that there was nothing left to eat.

All we had in our packs now was granola and our car was still a mountain range away.

Cancer knows no religion

Cancer knows no religion, says the organizer of the Terry Fox Run at Salt Spring Island.

Damaris Rumsby made the comment in response to a concern expressed recently about the Terry Fox Run being held on a Sunday, and conflicting with church services.

Rumsby said the decision to hold the run on a Sunday was made by Terry Fox himself, before he died of cancer. It was his wish to have the run held on the second Sunday after Labour Day. She said that wish is supported by the Fox family and by the National Run Committee.

Rumsby pointed out that run participants can be accepted at registration for a long enough period that they may attend church first. There are also other ways to participate, such as volunteering to work prior to the event, organizing a fund-raising event in conjunction with the run, pledging a participant or simply by making a donation.

Several events planned with run

SALT SPRING — A horseshoe tournament is among the events being planned in co-ordination with the annual Terry Fox Run here. The tournament, which will raise money for cancer research, will take place September 3 at the Vesuvius Inn. Registration begins at noon.

Meanwhile, run participants are getting themselves ready for the 10-kilometre jaunt by running and jogging — in between rain storms. The ninth annual run will be held Sunday, Sept. 17, beginning and ending at the Ganges schools complex. Registration will be at 9 a.m.

What began as a challenge to local realtors has become the Terry Fox Run T-Shirt Day. Run organizer Damaris Rumsby of *Driftwood* is urging participants to wear a Terry Fox Run t-shirt on Friday, Sept. 15 to promote awareness of the event. Shirts are available at several local stores for \$10 and \$7.

A sailathon for small boats will also be held on run day, beginning at 10 am in Ganges Harbour. It is being organized by Simon and Louise Henson for the junior fleet of the Salt Spring Sailing Club.



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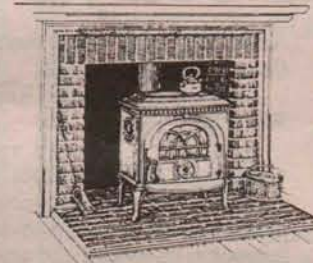
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Scientists rely on research funding to continue

FROM PAGE A1

On Salt Spring, organizers of this year's Terry Fox Run hope the island will raise more than \$18,000 for cancer research. The run is scheduled for September 17, with registration commencing at 9 a.m.

In 1989 one in every four deaths in the country — some 50,000 mortalities — will be caused by cancer.

The Terry Fox Run's provincial director, Brad Brohman, says it is through research that the number of people affected by this disease will be reduced.

Money from the annual Terry Fox run is directed into several programs and research projects. One of these — the Terry Fox Program Project Grant — encourages teamwork, allowing scientists to pool their areas of expertise in cancer research.

One of the projects currently funded by this grant is headed up by Dr. Tony Pawson, whose research in the field of oncogenes at the Molecular and Developmental Biology Division at the Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute is promising exciting breakthroughs.

Every cell in the human body has a number of genes called proto-oncogenes which can be altered into oncogenes. Oncogenes are genes that scientists suspect trigger changes in cells that eventually lead to cancer. When a gene is altered — either spontaneously or through environmental causes — into an on-

cogene, it causes the cell to grow and divide uncontrollably. This results in cancer.

Under normal circumstances, proto-oncogenes form the blueprints for proteins that regulate the way cells grow and divide. However, if a proto-oncogene is accidentally transported away from its home chromosome, or if a gene mutation (which can occur from a carcinogen such as radiation) alters its protein, the cell is tricked into thinking it's being told to divide or travel to another location.

Dr. Pawson and his research team are studying oncogenes and attempting to understand how to antagonize proteins made by oncogenes, and make them revert to normal.

There are several steps to take, however, before information about oncogenes can be used to treat cancer. Oncogenes must be identified, and their proteins and the proteins' functions determined, before ways to inhibit those proteins can be designed.

Pawson says that knowing the genetics indicates why certain things take place. However, it does not indicate how to counteract the situation and change the cells back to normal. To do that, scientists must know what is going on in the cell.

Pawson believes his research could eventually result in "the ability to cure cancer." But until

that time, oncogene research must continue. The Cancer Endocrinology section of the B.C. Cancer Research Centre has recognized this important field of study, and is currently devoting its energy towards establishing an Oncogenic Diagnostic Service, focusing on the cancerous growths of the prostate, breast and cervix.

Other areas of cancer research are also looking for ways to prevent and cure the disease. The Terry Fox Program Project Grant is also funding the team of doctors studying retinoblastoma at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

According to the July edition of the B.C. Cancer Foundation's *Cancer research News*, an American doctor is taking great strides with his research into possible cancer-preventing food types.

Basing his research on the premise that we are constantly faced with potentially cancer-causing substances in our food and environment, and yet do not always develop cancer, Dr. Lam began studying the process of detoxification, or the natural system in our bodies that disarms carcinogens before cancer is initiated.

Lam's research discovered that a substance called limonoids found in green coffee beans could prevent cancer in laboratory animals. Lam is currently studying whether or not these limonoids — also found in oranges, lemons, limes and

grapefruit — do actually initiate the detoxification process.

Lam's research began in January of 1989 and results will not be available until late 1990.

The importance of research was

hit home to Terry Fox when he learned he had a 50 to 70 per cent chance of surviving his cancer through a drug treatment called chemotherapy — the focus of research at that time. Two years earlier, before this treatment was available, his survival chances would have been about 15 per cent.

Here are seven projects that are recipients of Terry Fox funding

The annual Terry Fox Run, which raised some \$5.8 million across Canada last year, sponsors several programs and research projects as scientists across Canada look for a cure for cancer.

Following are seven areas where money raised through the Terry Fox Run is directed:

The Terry Fox Team Development Grant

Recognizing the importance of efforts contributed by research teams, this new grant has been introduced. The program works to bring together teams of specialized researchers to tackle a specific area of cancer research. Applications for this grant are currently under review and will be announced this fall;

The Terry Fox Regional Development Fund

Studies have shown that people who live near centres where cancer research takes place have better cancer survival rates. This grant was established to stimulate cancer

research in areas where there is little or no cancer research;

Terry Fox Cancer Research Workshops

Funds are used to support workshops which enable investigators to discuss common problems and share up-to-date information on specialized aspects of cancer research;

Terry Fox Program Project Grants

Again, teamwork is encouraged in cancer research. This grant was established to allow scientists to pool their research efforts;

The Terry Fox Research Fellowship Program for Physician Scientists

This program allows medical doctors to train in cancer research, providing a link between the bedside and laboratory;

The Terry Fox Equipment Program for New Researchers

This grant assists new researchers to obtain the equipment necessary to carry out their cancer

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The Terry Fox Expansion Award

This award was established to increase the scope of existing cancer research programs.

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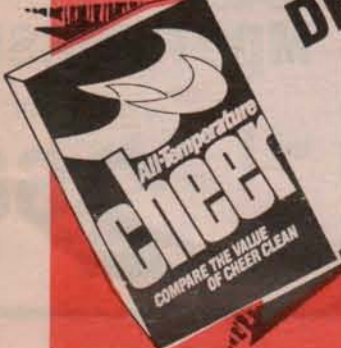
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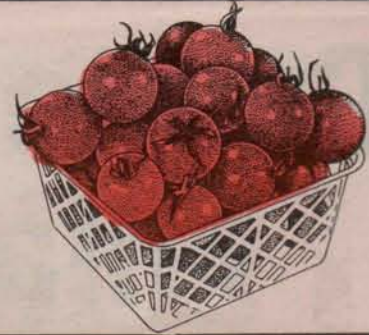
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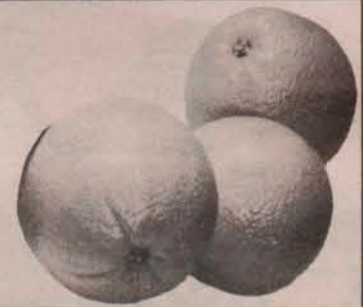
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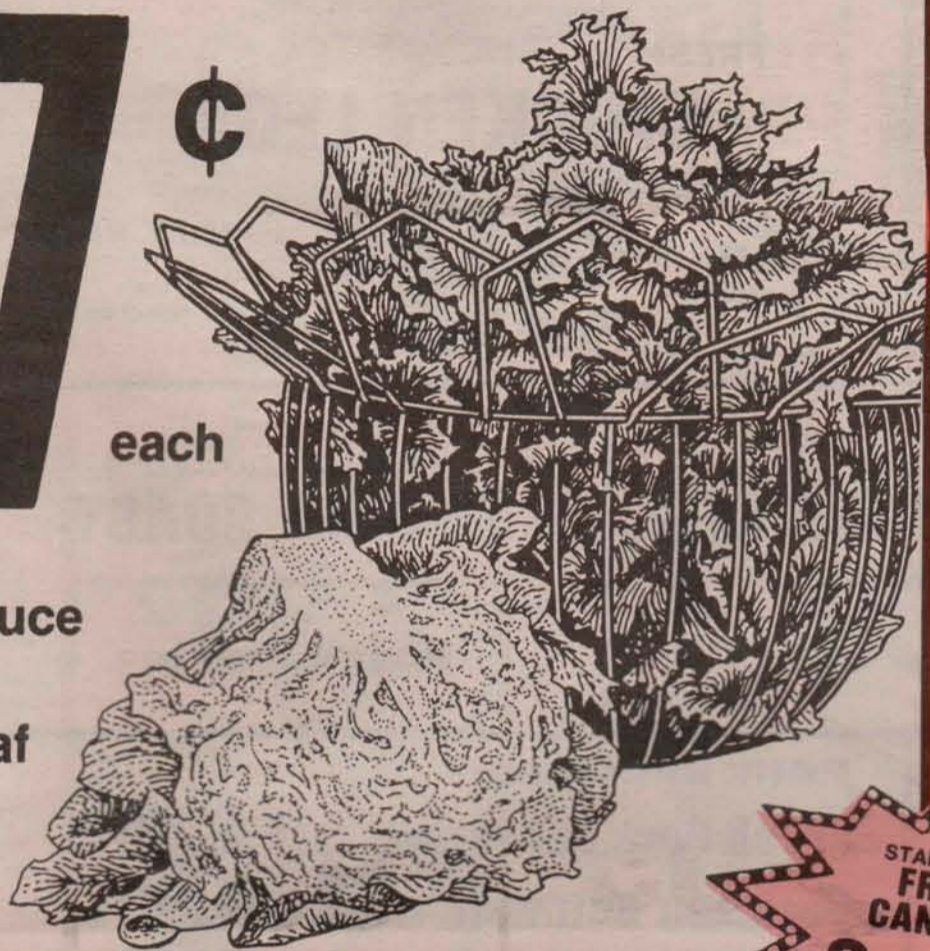
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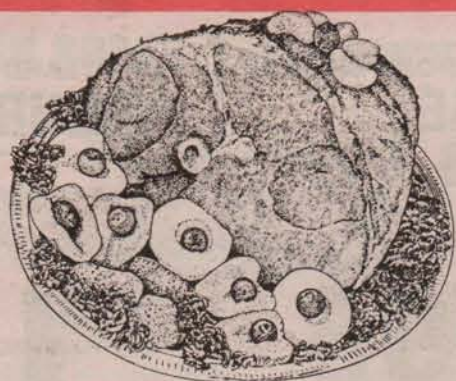


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- Concert in the Park finale, Les Four, 1 pm.
- Annual Terry Fox Run Horseshoe Tournament, noon, Vesuvius Inn.

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- Salt Spring Speakers ITC, 6:30 pm, Harbour House Hotel.

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- Shrine Club Garage Sale, Farmers' Institute, 10 am-2 pm.
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- 'Paradise Lots', Salt Spring Hysterical Society, Off Centre Stage, 8 pm.
- Fall Fair, Farmers' Institute.

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- Terry Fox Run starts 9 am at Salt Spring Elementary.
- Fall Fair, Farmers' Institute.

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- Patricia Brown watercolours, Off Centre Stage Gallery, 1-4 pm.

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- Salt Spring Speakers ITC, 6:30 pm, Harbour House Hotel, demonstration meeting.

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- Square dancing season begins, 7:30 pm, Central Hall.
- Malaspina Printmakers Show, Off Centre Stage Gallery, 1-4 pm, Tues.-Fri. to Sept. 30.

23

- Alive & Well—Take Charge of Your Health, Activity Centre, 11 am-4 pm, S.S.I. Registered Nurses Association.
- Les Four band, Legion.

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- Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary meeting, 2 pm, Upper Hall, Ganges United church.

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- Malaspina Printmakers Show, Off Centre Stage Gallery, 1-4 pm.

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Scenes from the festival

A photo essay

Described as an overwhelming success, the Salt Spring Festival of the arts combined local and international performances.

The photo essay on this page captures the performers as they entertain visitors and islanders during the month-long event.

Beginning at the top, far left corner and continuing clockwise around the page, performers are: Sid Filkow, from Comedy Night; islanders boogying to the reggae sounds of Nicaraguan band Soul Vibes; Paula Swan dancing at the opening performance of Pete and the Sneaks; a Chinese member of the Folk Artists of Shaanix; more from Soul Vibes; Shirley Remington (left) and writer, actor and director Warren Graves of *Amazing Gracie*; Jim Jackson from *Mimic Sole*; and Dan Miller, who performed in the Salt Spring Showcase.

In the centre of the page are: (top) Loreena McKennitt, from Stratford, Ontario, who played to a sold-out house; and Chinese guests from the Folk Artists of Shaanix, seen parading with locals in a truly festive atmosphere.



Photos by David Borrowman.



Festival completes successful fourth year

There was something for all, regardless of taste—Nobile

SALT SPRING — Organizers of the fourth annual Salt Spring Festival of the Arts have described the event as a great success that offered something for everyone.

"One of the big strengths of the festival," according to organizer Trish Nobile, "was that no matter what your taste, there was something for you."

The festival offered a variety of musical performances, featuring rock 'n roll, jazz, Celtic sounds, folk music and the classical strains of the Purcell String Quartet.

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The festival had its poetry readings, dance and comedy; organizers also booked several family shows.

Mimic Sole, which combined the talents of the circus artist/musician and European clown, had children "rolling in the aisles with laughter," says Nobile: "It was probably the best children's show ever staged on the island."

Organizers say Celtic harpist,

singer-composer and story-teller Loreena McKennitt performed brilliantly in one of several sold-out shows.

Also selling out was the festival wrap-up performance by Pied Pumkin, which featured the long-awaited reunion of Rick Scott, Shari Ulrich and Joe Mock.

"It was an excellent performance," Nobile says. "The place was packed... we ended up turning people away."

Also high on Nobile's list of "favourites" was the special cultural exchange provided by the presentation of the Folk Artists of Shaanxi. Although the performers — who appeared on Salt Spring from China — did not speak English, a community potluck set the stage for inter-communication between the group and islanders.

Soul Vibes, a Nicaraguan reggae group which performed for the first time in North America on July 7 at the Activity Centre, was another cultural highlight, Nobile noted: "They were very excited and happy to be here."

Nobile says the festival succeeded in its presentation of local acts (Salt Spring Showcase and Comedy Night), Canadian performances (by individuals representing Alberta and Ontario) and international presentations.

Nobile feels the festival — now in its fourth year — has improved with age, and moved forward in "leaps and bounds" from the first festival.

The festival society is hoping to

receive public input from members of the community who may have ideas and suggestions regarding the festival, or who have contacts with performers.

Nobile says support for the festival can be shown by taking out a \$10 membership in the Festival Society, and by attending local events.

"The festival wouldn't survive without local support," she says.

*Rain Man
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Rain Man

Starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise. Showing at Island Cinema Wednesday till Monday, Aug. 23-28. Rated mature with some very coarse language, occasional suggestive scenes. Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay.

Barry Levinson's comedy-drama about the awkward relationship between a slick hustler and his autistic brother is a beautiful, witty and humane journey through the minds of two disparate individuals.

Hoffman is an autistic man who inherits a fortune; Cruise is the hustler who tries to get his hands on the loot. Cruise has only been left a 1949 Buick in the will, and is surprised to find that the bulk of his father's fortune goes to a brother he never knew he had. He abducts his brother from a mental institution, and the two embark on a cross-country car trip.

Cruise, the hustler, is at first insensitive to anything but the money. Gradually, however, he learns that his brother is a very special person, and a bonding takes place. The two actors deliver the finest performances of their careers in this, one of the finest films ever made.

— Contributed

Joe Garner, Pierre Berton among authors at festival

Authors Joe Garner, Pierre Berton and John Pass were among the writers who attended the annual Festival of the Written Arts at Sechelt recently.

Margot McKague of Salt Spring, who attended the event and the fourth annual Writers in Residence Programs, reported the sessions as beneficial. She said the "in residence" programs are intense five-day workshops in which participants consult, evaluate and give literary first aid on both a collective

basis, and on a one-to-one basis with their instructor.

Programs offered this year were short fiction with Andreas Shroeder, script writing with Pamela Hawthorne, non-fiction writing and the spin-off market with Daniel Wood and creative non-fiction with Myrna Kostach.

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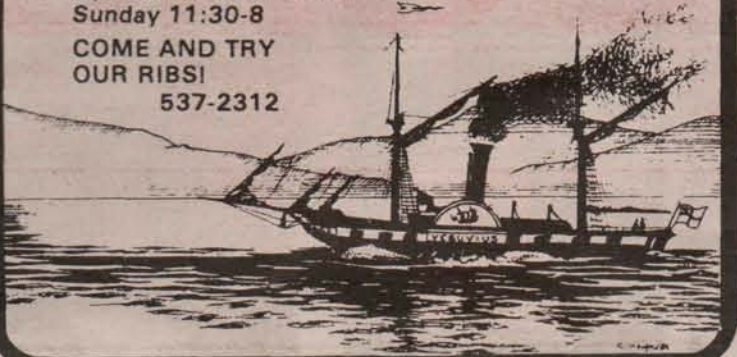
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The Salt Spring production of *The Fantasticks* by ACTIVE P.A.S.S. has drawn rave reviews from sold-out audiences this summer. Above (left to right) Bellomy (played by Ron Brunette), El Gallo (Dan Miller) and Hucklebee (Ralph Miller) plot an ab-

duction, while below, Bellomy consults with his daughter (Sue Bowler). Producers of the musical, which is directed by April Curtis, have decided to hold the production over for the Labour Day weekend.

Double-treat at Off Centre

SALT SPRING — Off Centre Stage will offer a "double treat" for entertainment seekers on the Labour Day long weekend.

After playing to sold-out audiences each weekend this month, the romantic musical fable — *The Fantasticks* — will be held over for the holiday weekend. Performances will be offered Thursday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 3 at Off Centre Stage.

The locally produced musical, which features local talent, has been enthusiastically received by Salt Spring audiences.

To "double the long weekend fun," Off Centre Stage will also present *Sensible Footwear* — a United Kingdom production which arrives on Salt Spring direct from the Edmonton Fringe Festival and Vancouver Comedy Festival — on September 1 and 2.

This three-women English comedy team will "spit it out" from a feminine viewpoint, with song and "stand-up" in a cabaret setting. The *London Times* described this group as "incredibly talented" and "akin to experiencing a rolling pin wrapped in frilly knickers."

For an entertainment-packed weekend full of music, song and comedy, Off Centre Stage is inviting islanders to combine the best of Britain with the best of Salt Spring on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, at 8 p.m.

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Governments to look at aquaculture impacts

A joint program to investigate the potential impacts of aquaculture on fisheries resources will cost the Canadian and B.C. governments \$484,000.

But that's an investment B.C.'s Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans thinks is well worth making to study the interaction between aquaculture and wild fish populations.

Specific research projects include a review of predation by farmed salmon on wild salmon and herring stocks; development of methods to differentiate between escaped farmed fish spawners and wild salmonids; an assessment of the potential for transmission of disease from farmed fish to wild populations; and the impact of fish farms on seabed communities and fish habitat.

Michael Coon, head of Aquaculture Operations for the B.C. Agriculture Ministry, says the three-year study was launched to help address concerns raised by recreational and commercial fishing groups and environmental organizations.

He says individual fish farms have been informed about the study through their organization, the Salmon Farmers Association of B.C.

"We've been aware of genetic interaction and the potential of disease transmission for years. A lot of

general precepts are known but now we want to focus on the details."

Coon says escaped farm fish can often be identified because their flesh is often a different colour than wild fish, a result of antibiotics or pigments added to fish farm feed.

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Dahlia specialist is grand aggregate champ

SALT SPRING — Dahlia specialist William Hoopfer was grand aggregate champion at the Salt Spring Island Garden Club show held over the weekend at the Legion Hall.

The list of other winners, with the points they were awarded, follows: Wm. Hoopfer, 95; Ruth and W. J. Barker, 79; Mary Woods, 43; Rose Fewings, 42; Joy Alderson, 40; Kathleen Rathwell, 39; Freda Carter, 34; Toni Luton, 25; Ron and Nancy Holcroft, 21; Marjorie Percy, 19; Nancy Keith-Murray, 15; Joy and Eric Alderson, 10; H. E. Brabant, 10; Nancy Holcroft, 7; Barbara Van Bodrien, 7; Joyce Hol-

man, 3. Children's dahlia winners, a new section sponsored by Wm. Hoopfer: Robin Voaden and Ian Reid; Floral art (best entry all classes): Joy Alderson; Best Exhibit in show (basket of gladioli): W. J. Barker; Best Exhibit in show of Gladioli and Dahlia: W. J. Barker; Best potted plant in show: M. Percy; Best Geranium in show: Toni Luton; Best cut flowers, category one: Mary Woods; Best cut flowers, category two: M. Percy.

Raffle winners were: Lotus Ruckle, Suzanne Blaize and Jean Voaden.



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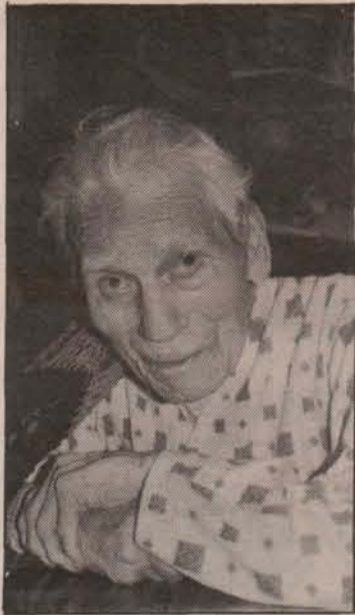
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At Lady Minto

Well-wishers gather for Archie Georgeson's 95th

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING — Over a dozen friends and relatives of Archie Georgeson gathered at Lady Minto Hospital Saturday to celebrate the Galianoite's 95th birthday. Archie's niece Mary Harding says Archie was in good health for his birthday and appreciative of the cakes, candies and letters of con-



Archie Georgeson

gratulations from elected officials. "I'm so thankful to the Lady Minto staff for making the party such a good one. They really went out of their way."

Harding says when she was growing up "Archie was wonderful, the kindest to us all." To her family, Archie Georgeson will always be known as "Uncle Archie." When her father died in 1909 Harding says she began to look upon Archie as a father figure when he came to live with her family and they moved to Mayne Island, where Archie worked as an engineer at Active Pass lightstation.

After returning to Galiano in 1921 he worked as a logger, fisherman and telephone lineman.

"He always liked to play the violin," says Harding. "He always had a boat. He would take people to

Sidney or Ganges," a return trip costing \$5 and \$2, respectively. Archie would often gladly wait all day for his customers while they took care of their business.

Archie was the grandson of Henry "Scotty" Georgeson, the first lighthouse keeper in the Gulf Islands. In 1985 the Georgina Point lighthouse celebrated its 100th anniversary.

That year a celebration was held June 16, attended by Georgesons from Portlock Point lighthouse on Prevost Island, Nanaimo, the Lower Mainland, Ucluelet, Ganges and Galiano Island.

Archie Georgeson has the honour of being the oldest surviving student of the original Galiano school. He recalls working for Scotty Georgeson, a native Shetland Islander who sailed the seven seas before arriving in Canada to seek his fame in the Cariboo Gold Rush, where he met his native bride.

Scotty moved to Galiano Island to pre-empt land and fish and build boats for a living before taking up lighthouse duties at Georgina Point, which continued unabated for 35 years.

Georgesons also manned lighthouses at Saturna's East Point and at Porlier Pass on Galiano's north end. (Matilda Georgeson, Henry's granddaughter, was married to Porlier lightkeeper Frank "Sticks" Allison.)

As he entered his 80s Scotty left some of the strenuous work of the fog alarm to his sons Peter and Archie. Archie recalled in *The Gulf Islanders*, published by the B.C. Archives, that Scotty "was all eyes when he walked in and if he found a little speck of dirt or anything you had to clean everything. Polish the brass and clean this up and clean that up and clean the windows, he ordered."

But such was the life of a lighthouse keeper, Archie mused. "A lighthouse is not a place just to live in. Things are not made just to keep machinery in; they're made to keep clean."

The one part Archie didn't like doing was the steam foghorn. "I

never had any use for it. When the horn would blow it used to scare the daylight out of me at times. But you get used to it after a while."

With its light visible 12 miles on a clear night and its foghorn the Active Pass lighthouse was, in Archie's words, the most important lighthouse on the Canadian coast.

It was the most direct route between Discovery Island at the southern end of Haro Straits to Sand Heads (at the Fraser River's mouth), 10 miles shorter than the treacherous waters between East Point on Saturna Island and Patos Island across the U.S. boundary.

"Of course, today it isn't because ships go a different way. But in them days the ships used to come through here because this was the

only Canadian fog station. Now they go around the bottom end of Saturna Island and they have a fog station besides the one at Patos Island, U.S.A., right across from it, which makes a big difference."

Archie recalls the most exciting thing that happened during his lighthouse days was when the *Princess Adelaide* ran aground on the nearby beach. The Georgeson boys spent all day towing her lifeboats ashore.

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Coliform levels down

SALT SPRING — The presence of fecal coliforms has dropped in some local lakes over the past week.

The fecal coliform count — an indicator of sewage pollution of water and subsequent risk of gastrointestinal disease to swimmers — is provided by the Capital Regional District (CRD) community health services department on a weekly basis.

Figures released August 16 show a drop in the sewage pollution in Cusheon Lake (from 16 to 10 fecal coliform per 100 millilitres of water), St. Mary Lake (from 24 to 24), and Stowe Lake (from 25 to 22).

Counts remain the same at Blackburn Lake (six), Vesuvius Beach (26) and Weston Lake (nine).

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Fair was magical mystery tour for many



Salt Spring's Tone Prosk met old friend Long John Falkner, a Vancouver leather craftsman, during visit to Avalon Fair Sunday.

By TONY RICHARDS
SALT SPRING— You can take off the beads and stash them away for another year. You can put your Roots shirt back on and put away the tie-dyed version. And the sandals? Yeah, put them away too. You can wear your Nikes again because the flashback's over.

And a flashback it was indeed, as the weekend's Avalon Fair, held on the shores of St. Mary Lake under the trees that give Shady Willows Resort its name, took many of us on a magical mystery tour into the past.

Twenty years ago some of those sights we saw on Sunday would have drawn no more than a passing glance. Who didn't have hair at least shoulder-length, a string of beads around the neck and a baggie of pot in one's pocket? In those days you were straight if you didn't. Today if you're not straight, you're gay.

Things have changed but for a moment there on Sunday I had to wonder. I got my hair cut a long time ago and the sandals only come

out when I'm on holiday on a beach somewhere. And the pot? Well, when I think of pot these days I think of a Ringo Starr tune that I always disliked.

But on Sunday I discovered that there are a lot of people who never changed. And there were even kids behaving exactly as I was when I was 19. Amazing.

The long-in-the-tooth hippies and their younger counterparts, however, weren't the only entertainment on tap at the first annual Avalon Fair, nor were they the only people who turned out for the occasion.

A Duncan newspaper publisher crossed the pond to Vesuvius to take it all in and visitors came from the Lower Mainland and Washington state to check it out.

And a steady stream of Salt Spring Islanders wandered in and out.

A vast array of services were offered in the more than 40 booths, psychic readings of various kinds being the most common, followed by crafts such as leather and jewel-

lery. Laser therapy was available to smokers wanting to quit while food offerings ran from vegetarian tacos to bratwurst on a bun.

Entertainment ran almost continuously on the stage. Probably the most popular act on Sunday (and my favourite) were the Chilean musicians and their panpipes. The Island Thyme Dancers, Morris dancers from Victoria, were also something to see.

Fair organizer Mauveen Moore was happy with the event and a turnout that exceeded 2,500 people. She was disappointed that more local craftspeople didn't take advantage of booth space but expressed optimism for next year's version.

Mauveen was also hopeful that the Avalon Fair wouldn't take on a reputation as being a "hippie fair." She doesn't want fairgoers to go back in time but instead "come out of the dark ages."

Which is fine with me. I rather like my hair short and I prefer beer to pot nowadays.



Dave Maguire of Salt Spring takes a look into the future with Yvonne Colasanti, a Vancouver psychic who offers psychometry and channelled readings.



Flashback: Hippies young and old dance to the music

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Erosion ills are costing moorage at sailing club

SALT SPRING — The recent purchase by the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club of one acre of property adjoining the club's marina will allow for future development if the need arises, says commodore Lawrie Neish.

Neish says the club's docking facilities in Ganges Harbour have an erosion problem, caused by a creek that runs down near the road allowance. "The creek washes silt down the hill and it ends up in our moorage. We're gradually losing some moorage."

Negotiations are under way with the Ministry of Highways and other levels of government to get help to correct their problem, says Neish.

He says the club would like to see more younger members. "Quite a few members would like crews." He points out that the average age of club members is 60 years.

Sixty feet of dock is available for the junior fleet of 15 sabots. Neish credits Simon and Louise Henson for making the sabot program a successful one this past year. "It's a tiring job."

Neish says the club would like to continue the sabot program by providing instruction for more advanced sailors.

The club currently has two Laser sailboats and is trying to get another.



Club flies in to Fulford

Fulford Harbour airstrip of Gordon Cudmore's was a busy place Sunday when the Pacific

Flying Club held a fly-in. Fifteen planes flew in for the annual event. Eighty pilots, passengers

and plane buffs met at Drummond Park during the afternoon for a barbecue.

golf notes

By MAXINE WHORLEY

SALT SPRING — In the National Handicap Association provincial finals, a team consisting of Kathy Darling from Salt Spring and a member from Metchosin took runner-up spot. Darling also placed seventh low net overall out of 55 finalists.

In the Vancouver Island Senior Button Match finals, Connie Broadbent and Chris LaGrow were eliminated by a team from Glen Meadows. However, the duo played well in a tough competition to reach the finals.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15 Mildred Mitchell won the medal round with a net 69 in the ladies' 18-hole division. Tied for second spot was Marie Hopkins and Marg Rithaler with net 72. The low gross went to Gloria Lloyd who finished with a 97 and the putt pot went to Marg Rithaler with 28 putts.

In the ladies' nine-hole division, 29 members played Tombstone Day. The winners were Maddy Cooper, Leona Walde and Vi Huska. Cooper posted a gross 48, breaking the 50 mark for nine holes. Best putters of the week were Babs Ross, Marg Fisher, Pat Olding and Maddy Cooper.

The club held a very successful 20th Invitational Tournament on August 12 and 13. One hundred and twenty players participated, representing 28 different clubs from B.C. and the USA. Congratulations go to Phil Ritson of Salt Spring who captured low gross at 159. Angie Roberts of Newlands posted a 180 to take ladies' low gross. Tom Gillies of Salt Spring won men's low net with a 136 and Lois Johnson of Salt Spring took ladies' low net with a 145.

On Thursday, Aug. 17 the men played for the Schwenger Cup, a low net competition. The final result was a tie between Stu Hopkins and Al McLean, each finishing with a net 65. An 18-hole match will be played by these two members to determine the winner. The runner-up for the day was Gordon Parsons with a net 66, followed by Jack Dosco with a net 67. Gary Coulter, Barry Mills and Bob Morgan all posted net 68.



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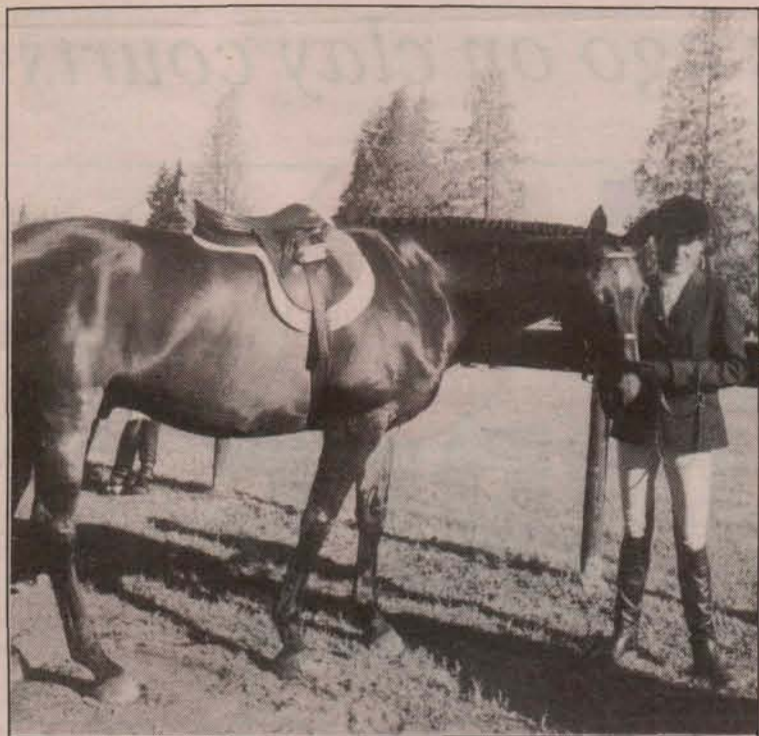
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Showing prize-winning form are Jennifer Lloyd and horse Jay, trained by Salt Spring's Denton Farms. Lloyd won a second in the Hunter Classic event and several other Salt Spring island riders excelled at recent Nanaimo show.

Island riders compete in Molson classic at Nanaimo

Salt Spring riders were consistently good performers at the Molson Canadian Summer Classic held at Nanaimo's Beban Park August 12 and 13.

The riders were coached by Lynne Denton of Denton Farms on Salt Spring Island.

Eliza Potter riding Raz and Erin Larson on Nechako placed consistently in the 2',6" Hunter division. Potter won first place in a Working Hunter Class and Larson recovered from a fall to capture first in her stake class.

Showing in the three-foot Hunter division, Jennifer Lloyd on Vay and Kylie Sharp with her horse Ciona negotiated their courses fluently. Both riders received several ribbons including a second in the Hunter Classic for Lloyd and a fourth for Sharp and Ciona.

Meg Coombes rode Denton Farms' Tory Hill and her horse Karmen in the 3',6" Hunter division. Despite completing her classes at 9 p.m. in near darkness, Coombes won the \$250 Molson Canadian Hunter Classic among other placings.

Fulford Inn sweeps titles in men's fastball action

SALT SPRING — Fulford Inn swept this year's Salt Spring Men's Fastpitch League and play-off titles.

Fulford led the league with a 13-2 record, followed by Vesuvius Inn (8-7), Pattersons (5-10) and Gulf Island Trucking (4-11).

In the recent play-off tournament Fulford beat Gulf Island Trucking in two straight games. Vesuvius Inn advanced to the final after winning two of three games against Pattersons.

In the final Fulford beat last year's champs, Vesuvius Inn, to capture the play-off title.

Fulford Inn was well-represented in tournament kudos with Dan Akerman winning the best pitcher title; Don Brown grabbing best batter; Gordie Lee getting the nod as best infielder; and Bob Akerman earning the most improved kudo.

The tournament's most valuable player was Gary Styles of Vesuvius Inn; Vesuvius' Darren Bell was judged best fielder; GIT's Fred Borland was most sportsmanlike player; and Pattersons was judged most sportsmanlike team.

Fulford Inn also took top honours at an eight-team fastpitch tournament in Duncan earlier this month. Taking all-star honours were Perry Booth (right field); Gordie Lee (third base); Dan Akerman (pitcher); and Pat Akerman (most valuable player).

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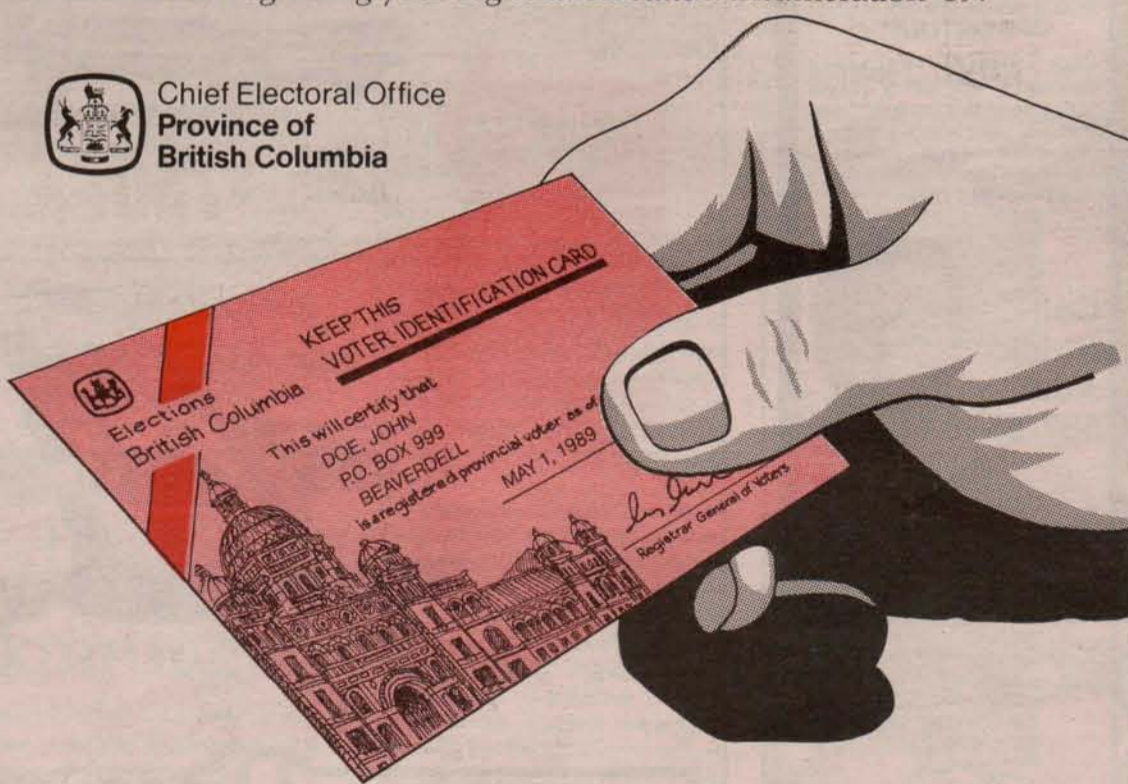
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The annual Gulf Islands Open Tennis Championships, which start this week, continue a tradition that began 63 years ago on the clay courts at the Harbour House Hotel and the Pollocks' home at Beaver Point.

The Gulf Islands Open attracted players from Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria and up-island communities. Well represented, of course, were Salt Spring Island residents. Now entries are restricted to either permanent or temporary residents of the Gulf Islands.

In 1972 the Harbour House Hotel burned down and it was thought all the challenge cups, save one, were lost.

Now, a large silver cup has been returned from former Salt Spring residents in Vancouver. It is the ladies' singles trophy with four names engraved on it — Mary Campbell, 1926; Gladys E. Speed, 1927; and Mary E. Haggart for 1928 and 1929.

In the meantime all missing trophies have been replaced and awarded each year since 1975.

This year the tournament, under the auspices of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Salt Spring Tennis Association, have scheduled the men's singles, ladies' singles, men's doubles and ladies' doubles between August 18 and September 3.



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