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Ceremony to honour war dead

By JIM BLACK

Seventy years ago this week, the war that was supposed to end all wars ground to a halt. People danced in the streets, soldiers were jubilant that they would soon go home and at home families cried for loved ones they would never see again.

Except for a handful of elderly citizens — including at least two on Salt Spring — most people alive today have no way of knowing the feelings generated by the end of the First World War.

Each year on November 11, at the eleventh hour, First World War veterans like Donald New and Bill Dodds join their Second World War counterparts and citizens who lost friends and relatives in those conflicts. They gather to pay homage to the people who gave their lives to preserve the freedoms their ancestors had fought so hard to attain.

New, a former Galiano resident now living on Salt Spring, and Dodds, a long-time Salt Spring resident, both saw action in the First World War. Both also fought in the infamous battle of Vimy Ridge, where close to a quarter of a million soldiers from France, England and Canada lost their lives to claim the hill German forces had held and fortified for two years. Many believed the ridge was impregnable.

It was in the early morning hours of Easter Monday in 1917 that four divisions of the Canadian Corps set out from their trenches to attack the ridge. No one expected them to be able to accomplish — in one day, yet — what both France and England had been unable to do. Part of the reason was because the Canadian forces were considered to be nothing more than a civilian army with a sad lack of adequate military training.

But by noon the same day, the Canadian contingent had captured most of the ridge and the headlines of every newspaper around the world. *Canadians Sweep Vimy Ridge*, was the headline of the *London Morning Post*. The *New York Times* wrote: "In Canada's history, one of the great days, a day of glory to furnish inspiration to her sons for generations."

Still, 5,000 Canadian troops would never see their homeland again, and another 5,000 troops were severely injured. Neither the newspapers back home nor the letters the troops sent back told the real story of what life was like in trenches filled with mud, lice and millions of rats.

"It was absolutely terrible at Vimy," said Dodds. "We were up to our knees in mud all the time and at one point we went three days and nights without any food."

Dodds operated a Lewis gun for the 8th Battalion (the Little Black Devils from Winnipeg), part of the 1st Division that attacked the right flank of Vimy's defence. In the ensuing battle he watched men on either side of him killed by enemy fire, and he too was finally struck, grazed in the neck by enemy bullets. After the battle, he spent three weeks in a military hospital recovering from his wounds.

Donald New arrived in Canada in August, 1913, from his native England. After the outbreak of the First World War he signed up with the 72nd Battalion (the Seaforth Highlanders of Vancouver). Shortly after arriving in France he switched to the Corps of Engineers, stringing wires and hooking up field phones on the battlefield. He remembers the terrible conditions the soldiers faced. "If you weren't there, there is no way of describing the conditions the troops had to endure," he said.

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Bill Dodds in 1917

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Donald New in 1917

Mine proposal fight continues

Islanders must continue to work to ensure a mining operation is not established on Salt Spring, the audience of a Saturday meeting was told in Ganges.

Approximately 60 people braved pouring rain and strong winds to attend the panel discussion, called to discuss the concept of mineral reserves on Salt Spring.

The concept was introduced in the wake of a proposal by Falconbridge Minerals to establish a mine on Salt Spring.

Saturday's meeting, held at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School, featured a four-party panel of local residents opposed to mining on Salt Spring Island. The panel consisted of Jim Fogarty, Tony Bruce, Tim Collins and Kathy Scarfo.

After a brief presentation by Bruce, the audience was given a short slide presentation on the two different types of mines — open pit and underground — and what each could possibly look like if established on the island.

Bruce said the objective of the group was to stop Falconbridge before the company can start test drilling to see what it might find.

"It is like Pandora's box — once you open it you can't close it," said Bruce, referring to what might happen if Falconbridge is allowed to drill test holes.

"I have been involved in mining all over the world and I have never seen a mining company not open a mine where it looked like there was a good indication of an ore body," he said.

Bruce went on to say even that even if a Salt Spring operation was to be an underground mine, there would still be crushing and treatment plants on the surface.

If Falconbridge decided a surface mine were best suited for its Salt Spring site, it would likely mean a large-scale operation which could remove the mountain

over a 20 to 30 year period, Bruce said.

Either way, he continued, the operation would also need a harbour for an ore loading facility.

Dr. Bill Bacon, who spoke from the audience, told the gathering that Mt. Bruce and Mt. Tuam are geologically similar to the Buttle Lake mine which opened 30 years ago northwest of Campbell River on Vancouver Island.

The Buttle Lake mine was originally supposed to remain a small operation processing about 300 tons of ore per day, he said. Thirty years later it is still operating and covers an area 3/4 of a mile wide by one mile long. It processes 3,300 tons of ore daily and plans are in the works to further expand the operation, Dr. Bacon said.

Islands Trust chairman and Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert told the meeting that he and fellow

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Deadlines advanced

The November 11 Remembrance Day holiday has forced changes to *Driftwood* advertising deadlines and office schedule.

Our office will be closed this Friday. The deadline for display advertising — normally 4:30 pm on Fridays — will now be 4:30 pm on Thursday, November 10.

Our office opens again on Monday. The deadline for classified advertising remains 2 pm on Monday, and the deadline for *Too Late to Classify* entries remains noon on Tuesday.

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Decision about island claim expected within one month

Falconbridge Minerals will decide a course of action on its Salt Spring Island claims in about one month, a company spokesman said last week.

"Right now, everything is dead stop," Richard Moore said, explaining that the company is "re-evaluating everything and planning nothing."

The company had been investigating the mineral potential of claims it holds in the Mt. Bruce area of south Salt Spring. An October meeting in Ganges, called by Falconbridge to discuss the possible extraction of those minerals, ended abruptly when the audience — made up of represen-

tatives from a wide range of local groups — emphatically rejected mining as an option.

Falconbridge later promised resource extraction would not proceed if it was satisfied the majority of islanders opposed such development. It also noted its feeling that the company was not given a full opportunity to explain its proposal in detail.

Moore said last Friday that Falconbridge has made no decision to date in regards to its Salt Spring claims, and does not expect to make any decision for about one month. In the meantime, he continued, "everything is on hold" and no

steps of any kind are contemplated or being put into place.

The main question facing the company, Moore said, is the effect of "just walking away" from its claims on Salt Spring.

Mineral claims will lapse if they do not receive a certain amount of investment over a prescribed time period. If the claims lapse, they are then open to anyone else who wishes to stake the area.

Earlier, Moore said Falconbridge was unlikely to attempt selling its mineral rights on Salt Spring, since the exercise would consume more time, energy and money than would be warranted by the return.

Concept of mineral reserves outlined at Saturday meeting

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trustee Pat Byrne had been in contact with the vice-president in charge of exploration for Falconbridge to tell him the community is against the mining proposal.

"There is no way a mine can contribute to the positive aspects of island life," Gilbert said. "The island is dependent on tourism for much of its income. Through this, a lot of home-grown artists have developed their talents here. A mine could ruin all of this."

"The mine would introduce short-term gains and a long-term loss to the residents," Gilbert added.

The trustee went on to say that a mining operation would add to the already-growing problem of ground water pollution on the island, and would generate air and noise pollution.

"Falconbridge is in a unique position where they

could get some tremendous positive publicity out of this by not opening a mine here, and instead turning the mineral rights over to a community organization," Gilbert said.

"But there could be major opposition to our wishes from the mining community in general, because this has never been done before and the mining community in general probably would not like to see a precedent like this take place."

A proposal for mineral reserves on all lands on Salt Spring Island not yet staked was sent to various government agencies this week. But nothing can be done — at this time — about the properties which have already been claimed, the meeting was told.

Shortly before closing the meeting, Bruce told the crowd that at present, less than seven per cent of the province is excluded from mineral exploration.

School board trustees endorse stand taken by anti-mine forces

School board trustees voted last Wednesday to support the Islands Trust in its opposition to Falconbridge Mining's proposal to operate on Salt Spring Island.

The motion was passed despite objections raised by Saturna Island trustee Lorraine Campbell and Pender Island trustee Joy Ridley. Campbell and Ridley objected to the motion on the grounds they do not consider themselves familiar with the issue. They also said the board should wait for a request of support, before "jumping on the band wagon" and offering it.

In passing the motion, introduced by Ian Fraser and seconded by Charles Hingston, the school board has agreed to "support the Islands Trust in its opposition to

the Falconbridge mine proposal as being contrary to the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect" the Gulf Islands.

In addressing her objections, Ridley noted that chairman of the board David Eyles was not invited to participate in the Falconbridge mining discussion. The only information the board has on the issue, she said, has been gleaned from media reports.

Ridley described the motion as "putting the cart before the horse" and jumping into an arena the trustees were not invited to be a part of.

Grace Byrne noted that Ian Fraser was invited to the Falconbridge mining discussion and attended as a representative of both the Advisory Planning Com-

mission (APC) and the school board.


Campbell however, said, a motion of support was not within the board's mandate at this point.

"The environment is everyone's business," Fraser said, adding that it would be irresponsible of the board not to take a stand on something as essential as the effect of the environment on the community.

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My kids was edgercated good. Part of their upbringing came through stereo and records and I still recall one program which was broadcast, appropriately enough, at meal times.

The ditty centred on two little magic words, "please" and "thank you."

The lines that intrigued me were:

"When you say, 'Pass the burrer', say 'Please pass the burrer'."

Politeness is still more important than clarity of pronunciation, but the memory lingers on.

This cooking bit

She was charming and ready to needle me a little. She had gained the impression, she said, that I was finding a greater respect for the household duties once performed by Women's Lib.

I hid my indignation and just swallowed once!

How could I fight? It takes me until dinner to cook my lunch!

These mixed-up terms

That's another problem that haunts me. What do I eat at midday? Is it dinner? Or is it lunch? And do I have dinner for supper or supper for dinner? And what about the real gourmandizers who have four meals a day?

Breakfast is easy because it has only one name. But that midday meal is the toughie. Do I pack a lunch for dinner? It's easy once you get to the restaurant. There it is, in coloured ink on coloured paper: "Luncheon Menu" and "Dinner Menu." Couldn't be easier until you come to say it.

Me? I have breakfast for breakfast when I have any breakfast. I have lunch for dinner and I have dinner for supper. On rare occasions I finish off with supper for nightmares, but not very often. Why is life so difficult?

More about switches

The islands are populated with former air force personnel. I still hear from a variety of sources about magneto switches and their ups and downs. When I recalled the old directions for starting an engine I started more than an engine. The memories surged back from an air force past into many an island present.

Tom Wright remembered the routine of starting up the engine. Roy Vale made it very clear that the signal from cockpit to mechanic was, "Switches off!" Each magneto was separately switched and each engine had two. The extra spark proved better performance as well as serving as a "Fail-safe" device should a magneto break down.

F.C. Stibbard enlarged on the subject. He explained that he graduated on an ancient biplane and had flown various airplanes in his career. The position of the switch was significant, he recalled. The British system called for a switch which was down for "on" and up for "off." This universal practice was opposite from the North American routine, where a pull down on the switch by a youngster would turn the power off. Although I don't recall finding English household switches mounted in the North American manner, my caller reports that a change is being made.

Pilot Stibbard is one of the few pilots around who flew a Vickers Virginia, four-engined biplane. It was introduced into the Royal Air Force about 1916 and boasted, the pilot reports, of a maximum speed under optimum conditions of 68 miles per hour.

Pool plan gets cool reception

A proposal to use proceeds from the sale of rezoned Stewart Road properties to aid construction of a community swimming pool has received guarded response from a member of Salt Spring's Swimming Pool Society.

The proposal, put forward by landowner Murray Cyprus, would see owners of 776 acres of former MacMillan-Bloedel lands east of Stewart Road rezone their lands from Uplands and Forests to Rural, creating 153 five-acre lots.

The rezoning would mean an increase of about 115 lots over the density level now permitted.

Cyprus, who owns 446 acres of the land in question, said he and the other three area property owners would be prepared to donate to the society 10 per cent of the lots created by a rezoning. The lots would be developed over an eight-year span.

Cyprus said the society could sell its lots for about \$50,000 each and, with interest, bank about \$850,000 to be used towards the capital costs of constructing a community swimming pool.

Lois Phillips, secretary of the Swimming Pool Society, said Sunday she has mixed feelings about the proposal.

Terming the offer "a moral question," Phillips said her main concern is that it would be tied to a rezoning request.

"I have to ask myself whether I believe in density increases," she said. "Of course I want a pool, but I don't want to go against the grain of the community plan."

Phillips also pointed out that the question of a community swimming pool, which was defeated in a referendum held last November, hinges on more than the capital cost factor addressed in the Cyprus offer.

"This, by itself, won't be a solution because a pool is a very complex question," she said, explaining that society members still do not know all the reasons the proposal was defeated last year. Operating costs, location and tax load were just a few of the factors, she noted.

"There are possibilities there (in the Cyprus offer) but it's not the solution," she said.

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Advance polls

Advanced polls for the November 21 federal election will be held in Ganges on November 12, 14 and 15 at the Ganges United Church. On each of the three days, polls will be open from noon to 8 pm.

Anyone leaving the islands before the dates for the advance polls, and who does not expect to be back before election day, can still cast their ballots by voting in the office of the returning officer at 4218 Commerce Circle, in Victoria.

Barbara Craven, the District Returning Officer, said anyone wishing to vote at her office in Victoria before or after the advance polls should call (collect) 727-2312.

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Use of polls has no value

What pollsters are calling one of the most amazing turnarounds in the brief history of their calling — the sudden surge of the Liberal Party to the top of the heap — is not reason enough to continue releasing to the public an almost daily glut of opinion sampling done during election campaigns.

Do poll results contribute anything at all to the enlightenment of a nation during an election campaign? Of course not. Their chief purpose is to gauge the public's perception of a campaign's effectiveness, and to allow the image-makers to react accordingly — to dress a wolf in sheep's clothing, if need be, or vice versa.

The embracing of public opinion polls to fine-tune product marketing techniques during an election campaign is bad enough, but it is hardly the only sin committed through their use.

The reversal of John Turner's fortunes notwithstanding, the release of polling results during election campaigns poses a significant danger because it has been shown that they tend to be self-perpetuating. What pollsters pick up, over time, is not the true picture of public sentiment, but a parroting of the results of the most recent survey.

Another, equally significant danger of polling results is that they create a strong perception of winners and underdogs. Despite myths to the contrary, the public prefers to back a sure winner. If a poll result convinces just one undecided voter to support the leading candidate only because he or she is shown to be ahead of the pack, a serious disservice is done to the democratic process.

In the current federal race, we have seen yet



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another dark side to poll results. Rather than concentrate on presenting the differences in policy platforms espoused by candidates, the media has been seduced by neat, no-work packages of polling figures, using them as a platform to launch analysis after analysis of a campaign's effectiveness or ineffectiveness. Don't tell us who is or is not leading, and why: tell us what the candidates are saying, and what it means for the

future of Canada.

As far as ordinary citizens should be concerned, the disadvantages of polling results far outweigh the benefits to the public good, particularly during an election campaign. The real value of the results — which is nil — combined with the opportunity to stage-manage the foisting of a sad bill of goods on the public, is enough to warrant banning release of the findings.

Free Trade information is there for the taking

With less than two weeks remaining before we cast ballots in the federal election, and with the proposed free trade deal between Canada and the U.S. at the top of the issues list, this appears to be a good time to point out where the last-minute, undecided voter can shop for further information.

The best bet, of course, is to browse through the campaign offices of the local candidates. On Salt Spring, that means the NDP office in the old Legion building on Hereford Avenue, and Progressive Conservative headquarters next to Ganges Village Market on Lower Ganges Road.

Let's start with the Tories. Their office has a copy of the text of the complete Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which is available for perusal but not for distribution. Also on hand is *Evaluating The Fine Print: The*

my word

by duncan macdonnell



Free Trade Agreement and Western Canada, published out of Calgary by the Canada West Foundation and based on four years of research on the issue. And then there is *Let's Get It Straight*, a photocopied page from the *Toronto Globe & Mail* containing an article by Simon Reesman, who led the Canadian team that negotiated the deal. A summary of the main points of the deal, it makes for easy reading.

Now to the NDP office. There, you'll find a wealth of material, ranging from pamphlets to book-

lets to photocopied excerpts from newspaper articles. You'll find *On Guard For Thee*, the full text of ex-judge Marjorie Bowker's review of the FTA, plus a synopsis of that review. There is *What's The Big Deal?*, a booklet of material originally published in the *Montreal Gazette*, and *The Facts On Free Trade — Canada: Don't Trade It Away*, a thick book from the Canadian Union of Public Employees, and *Selling Canada's Environment Short: The Environmental Case Against Free Trade*, put together by a

coalition of environmental groups from all across Canada. Also available is *Free Trade: What's In It For Business*, a pamphlet put out by the Community Business and Professional Association of Canada, and several other photocopies of various pamphlets and newspaper articles.

If you don't like dropping into a campaign office, you might want to contact John Wilcox, alias Johnny Canuck, who has a storehouse of material outlining the negative aspects of the deal, or Bill Best, another local resident, who has produced a synopsis of the synopsis of the Marjorie Bowker report.

Then again, you might just want to visit a bookstore like Tanner's in Sidney, which is operated by Liberal Party supporter Clive Tanner but stocked with material covering all sides of the issue. Along with some of the publications listed above (i.e., the

Bowker Report), the store stocks *Canada Not For Sale: The Case Against Free Trade*, a collection of articles from well-known Canadians and introduced by Mel Hurtig. Also on hand is *The Facts On Free Trade*, edited by Ed Finn and Duncan Cameron, copies of the agreement itself, and *Free Trade: The Inside Story*, a pro-trade book written by John Crispo that Tanner reports is selling well.

Coming in later this week is a new book, written by a private citizen in support of the deal and being published in Ontario.

Tanner reports that he had four or five other books available on the topic, but they've sold out in recent weeks. The hottest seller, he adds, is the photocopied Bowker synopsis, which has topped the 600 mark in sales.

There you have it. Happy reading.

At what cost?

Sir,
MacMillan-Bloedel spent earnest money to consider a clustered density proposal at the Islands Trust and Woodlands Association's request. The proposal was aimed at removing the development rights from all their lands to one or two good-access, low-impact locations. The large remainder of the land was to be downzoned to preserve its low value for long-term forest land use.

Economics dictated the number of units required to absorb the added costs of site servicing, to include a water reservoir and golf course "greens," and to resolve sewage treatment. The development concept was to include preservation and extension of existing walking trails. We were preparing for public meetings and hearings in January.

MacMillan-Bloedel's premature last-minute offer to the Trust, requesting their support of the concept only, was forced by a local realtor's short-term offer to purchase in December. Selling before the year-end involved a significant capital gains tax saving to MB and, indeed, "a bird in the hand worth two in the bush," especially on Salt Spring.

A few islanders ended up with all the MB land at the expense of the community. What was the cost? More five-acre lots and an uncertain future for our forest lands.

RENAUD, MRAIC,
Ganges.

No complaints

Sir,
In a recent *Driftwood*, Marie Beaudoin complains about the highways crew placing a sign reading *Carry chains or good winter tires beyond this point*.

These signs are routinely erected every fall in places where roads become dangerous in wintertime.

Salt Spring Island roads are ploughed when necessary, but ploughing does not hinder the formation of black ice, hence the warning.

These signs are not placed to harass motorists.

They are placed to warn them, and most people are grateful for them, and for being so well looked after.

We have very good crews looking after us, and Ms. Beaudoin's suggestion that things have deteriorated since privatization is an unwarranted slur.

I have frequent contact with the Highways Department and have always found them pleasant, helpful and obliging. This is continuing under the new management.

BEVIS WALTERS,
Ganges.

Serious?

Sir,
I am still shaking my head over Richard Krieger's recent letter.

At first I laughed, thinking he was being sarcastic and that he should join the Comedy Night Troupe. But after reading it a couple of times, and discussing it with friends, I began to realize he might be serious.

Mr. Krieger, have you ever been to Helena, Montana? The town is slowly being eaten by the open pit mine.

As for creating a Butchart-type garden after the mine closes down, give me a break! You don't plant a few bushes and flowers and have an instant tourist attraction. The Butchart Gardens started out as a limestone quarry, and opened in 1904 as a sunken garden. It has taken 84 years to bring the gardens up to what they are today. So, now

more letters

we have the mine closed, created a garden-type attraction; you suggest a garbage dump. What should we charge to view that attraction?

I can't believe your comment about environmentalists using copper, gold and silver despite being on welfare. Where do you get off saying something like that? There is no shame in being on welfare, just your perception of it, and being on welfare doesn't mean a person cannot care about our environment, and not all environmentalists are on welfare.

I wonder what would happen if a company like Falconbridge said: "Hey, Richard Krieger's backyard is full of gold and silver; let's mine it."

So, let me see if I have this right. You are in favour of an open pit mine — if it's near Fulford (don't you live near Long Harbour?) You think all conservationists are rabid and all environmentalists are on welfare. Well, everyone is entitled to their opinion, and my opinion of your opinion is unprintable.

If I am wrong and Mr. Krieger was trying to be humorous, I suggest he try again.

SANDY MACDONALD,
Fulford Harbour.

Not too late

Sir,
Driftwood deserves to be complimented for the fine new format of its classified section.

No more hunting for trades under *For Sale*, *Notices under Used Cars*, *Coming Events*, etc.

The nicest part of it is that those poor departed souls who have met their demise will no longer be listed beside, or under *Too Late to Classify*.

A. PAUL,
Fulford Harbour.

Just a chance

Sir,
Free trade, you ask? What BS. Mr. Mulroney. Our American neighbours have demonstrated their intent — look at Grenada, El Salvador and Nicaragua. Canadians have always risen to the cause of freedom.

If you want us to compete on the world market, just give us the opportunity to export — openly, to all, and Canada will win.

MURRAY CYPRUS,
Ganges.

Support

Sir,
Even if I were not an active member of Parents for Playgrounds, working in co-ordination with the Parks and Recreation Commission, I would still hope the people of Salt Spring would support the commission by voting yes for the November 19 referendum.

Even if I were not a parent whose children play in the parks, use the soccer fields and benefit from the summer recreation programs, I would still hope the Salt Spring community would vote yes for the coming referendum.

Even if I were not a teacher and aware that the children on Salt Spring need an increased number of programs and facilities; and that teenage people here suffer from their need for increased recreational opportunities, I would still hope the referendum asking for an increase in financial backing for the recreation commission would receive a yes vote.

You see, simply by "living," I know that the same amount of

money does not cover the costs of what it did in the past. The Parks and Recreation Commission needs your support to meet maintenance costs and to create new and improved facilities.

Please notice that the local referendum is Saturday, November 19, and is separate from the federal election.

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Wiped out

Sir,

I go out to salute the first sunny day in a week. My nose is singed with the acrid smell of the Crofton mill. With the aid of the bright sun I can see the grey film on the windows where each drop splattered against the glass in the height of the storm.

My daughter scribbles on part of a pure white sheet of paper and wants to discard it for a new one.

"They're only two cents a sheet," says my wife.

I remember when the pulp mill was built in the East Kootenays, next to the beautiful Skookumchuck, above where it joins the Kootenay. Japanese-owned. "Jobs!" yelled the farmers and loggers.

Fifteen years later, on those hot summer days when the air's not moving, a grey haze stretches some 80 miles from Windermere to Yahk. Each morning a new film of dust covers the autos. Children run and play.

I hear in Sweden people are returning to browner, more natural paper. It's the heavy bleaching that demands the worst chemicals that foul the water and earth.

Maybe the reason we need to have this pure whiteness to write on and clean ourselves with is 'cuz we know in our hearts that we're each and all part of the darkness that's raping this beautiful province. Perhaps we just need educating. But how we love to gulp pulp?

So you know what I did? I took half my money and invested it in toilet paper and the other half I invested in revolving doors. Before I could turn around I was wiped out.

BOB STIMPSON,
Ganges.

Disappointing

Sir,

I was disappointed with the *Driftwood's* report last week of the symposium on local government issues, held on October 29 at the Mahon Hall.

It is difficult to reconcile the conclusions contained in the article with what I heard at the all-day meeting. I wonder if any reporter was present at the morning session. No mention was made of the interesting and informative talk given by Prof. Julia Gardener, who reported on students' evaluation of Salt Spring issues and concerns.

I would think that a full and comprehensive report might have been given if the press had been there for the full day. Disappointing.

PATRICIA MASSY,
Ganges.

One more?

Sir,

This complaint is not directed at the Island Watch Society. After all, if the Advisory Planning Commission and the Islands Trust invite the society to have an official

APC representative (*Driftwood*, November 2.), why would the society object? But why would the APC invite them to have a representative?

I understand that up to eight of the APC are members of the IWS, as are the two Island Trust representatives. Another would now be added? Why not go a small step further and make it compulsory for members of the APC to be members of the IWS? Then any suggestion that the APC is an impartial and objective commission could certainly be refuted.

I am not, repeat not, accusing any or all of the members of the APC to be anything less than fair and honest, but surely the APC should not only be free from outside influence, but *appear* to be free from outside influence.

If a vacancy occurred on the commission, and since many of the deliberations and decisions of the APC and Trust are directed to the village area of Ganges, wouldn't a resident ratepayer from the area be a logical, almost essential, member of the commission?
HUGH BORSMAN,
Ganges.

Fine service

Sir,

This is a note of thanks to the Salt Spring Library Association for the fine services it offers. I'd especially like to comment on the particularly good book selection that I see on the new book shelves. New acquisitions are timely and wide-ranging. The choice is outstanding.

The unique mode of operation of our library seems to permit us to have a particularly good one. When viewed within the context of our tax base (we can't expect to have a research library in a class with that available in a big city) there is an amazing amount of material available. It covers a wide range from light entertainment to heavy technical subjects. I may not be able to research obscure subjects but I can always find something interesting and timely.

If the library has a shortcoming it is a failure to advertise its services. You can get obscure references if you request them.

more letters

Books can be ordered from other libraries as can Xerox copies of magazine articles. The service is good and the procedure is simple. I've tried it and it works.
RICHARD ANDERSEN,
Fulford Harbour.

Correct forms

sir,

All thi's concern about Engli'sh grammar lead's me to one of my pet peeve's. A's a former Engli'sh teacher, I am very 'su'sceptible to the annoyance at abu'se's of the language. I write to you to decry the improper u'se of the apostrophe, ', in public.

What I speak of here is the signs I see every day at the entrances to various peoples' homes. To illustrate, I'll borrow the name of a sympathizer in my agony.

According to proper English usage, a sign which says "Barr's" means either "belonging to the Barr," a singular possessive, or "Barr is," a contraction. There are no other possibilities. Certainly, "Barr's" does not mean this is the "Barr's" does not mean "this is the home of the Barrs."

Now, if one person named Barr lives there, "Barr's" is indeed correct. However, if more than one Barr lives there, "Barrs'" is the correct form. Alternatives are "Barrs" or "The Barrs."

Generally, an apostrophe before an "s" indicates a possessive of a singular noun, or a contraction: "Barr's" means "belonging to the Barr" or "Barr is." A notable exception is "its" without an apostrophe, which is a possessive meaning "belonging to it." "It's" is a contraction meaning "it is."

Often, a first impression is the one that remains. What can we expect when the first impression we have is that of someone who cannot spell his/her own name?
DANNY EVANISHEN,
Ganges.

Low profile

Sir,

I am one of those fortunate individuals who happens to own that marvelous invention called a remote control. I frantically search the news and current event programs from early morn to noon

and late evening but alas! I've not found a word, on American networks, about the Canadian elections or free trade.

In the past I heard all about the elections in Haiti, Panama, etc., and most recently daily reports on the elections in Israel. I keep searching the American channels with the hope they will remember we are still sitting here, patiently waiting, with our treasure chest of wonderful natural resources.

Perhaps it's a little late but don't you think someone should tell them the importance of free trade? Who knows, they may even pay a small stipend for such a newsworthy item.

On second thought, we would probably get more attention if we changed our national anthem to something like, "Oh say can you see we're the land of the free" (Trade, that is).
C. S. SCARFE,
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GILBERT	Nicholas Read	Trustee	2 years	590 Upper Ganges Rd. Ganges, B.C.	Farmer
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TRANter	Irene Elizabeth	Trustee	2 years	140 Epron Rd. Ganges, B.C.	Business Woman

The Poll will be opened at Salt Spring Elementary School, Central Community Hall and Fulford Community Hall on the 19th day of November, 1988, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

An **ADVANCED POLL** will be held at School District #64 Board offices, Lower Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C. and the Capital Regional District offices, 524 Yates St., Victoria, B.C., on the 14th, 15th and 16th days of November, 1988, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

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Low rent

Sir,

A recent news item in your paper tells us that a number of dedicated and hard-working people have laid the foundation and raised some funds for a proposed seawalk around Ganges Harbour.

While this seems very beautiful, it is going to cost a lot of money, and as it isn't really necessary, could these people be persuaded to postpone their seawalk, and instead build some low-rent housing units?

There is a great need for these, as people in lower income brackets find rent their great problem. People who make a living doing odd jobs frequently find their rent takes too great a proportion of their income.

Then there are the older people who have retired and who thought their means would be adequate for a simple lifestyle — but now they are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet, and lower rent would mean more money for groceries.

These units should not be elaborate. A furnished kitchen-sitting room-bedroom all in one, with a small partitioned area across the back of the room containing a toilet and shower.

While this would seem to be a very simple form of shelter, it could provide a warm, comfortable, affordable haven for people who need a roof over their heads.

A two-storey building would seem to be alright, as you could rent the upper storey rooms to the younger, more agile tenants.

It should be close to a shopping centre, as this gives older people a chance to get out and do their own shopping fairly frequently and so mix with people, which they can't do if they must pay for a taxi.

The ideal thing would be for two of these low rent centres, one at Ganges and one at Fulford. But whatever you do, keep them very simple as low rent must be the keynote.

LASSIE DODDS,
Ganges.

Opposition

Sir,

The latest entrants into the fight against the Free Trade agreement are the Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Church, Anglican Church and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In a bulletin prepared by the Ecumenical Forum on Economic Justice the claim is made that the agreement "may seriously threaten" Canadian social and regional development programs, the livelihood of our farmers, fishers, etc., our economic support of the Third World, our culture, and our national independence on foreign policy.

In a final point for our consideration the bulletin suggests Canada should explore alternatives to free trade with the United States, such as developing "diversified trade initiatives, particularly with peoples of the Third World ..."

This bulletin was distributed last Sunday in the Anglican churches

on Salt Spring under orders of the Primate.

My response to this bulletin is contained in the following letter I sent to the Rev. James Koester, the Minister of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island:

Dear James,

I strongly object to the church entering into the political arena as it has done with its bulletin on the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

In church last Sunday you said, as I recall in general terms, the bulletin's purpose was to make people better aware of important issues surrounding the forthcoming federal election so that they may be able to make reasonable judgements when casting their votes.

The bulletin comes nowhere near to meeting such a worthy objective. Instead, under what seems to me a cloak of hypocrisy, it misleads and distorts the FTA issue and it helps to create public fear of it. It fails to give a balanced and honest perspective of the agreement.

It fails to mention FTA safeguards to protect Canadian interests.

It fails to mention the six-month cancellation clause should either side find it to be a national liability.

It fails to mention that without the FTA, the current level of free trade with the United States could be reduced should a protectionist Congress decide to impose new trade barriers against Canada.

It fails to mention that Canada is the only industrial nation without a partner for free trade and that

without one the Canadian economy is very vulnerable in a world of growing international competition.

It fails to mention that Third World countries have proved to be unreliable trading partners.

It fails to mention that without the FTA the Canadian economy could soon become so severely weakened it would be unable to continue with its present level of social services.

It fails to give examples of where

in the agreement there are specific threats to the future of Canada.

In short the bulletin appears to be nothing more than an insidious, malicious political attack against the Mulroney government and the FTA.

I believe it is not the job of the Church to wage such an attack.

Judging from comments from people I met after last Sunday's service I am not alone in this view.

Please inform the Bishop that there is local opposition to the action the Ecumenical Forum on Economic Justice has taken concerning the FTA.

JOHN CROFTON,
Ganges.

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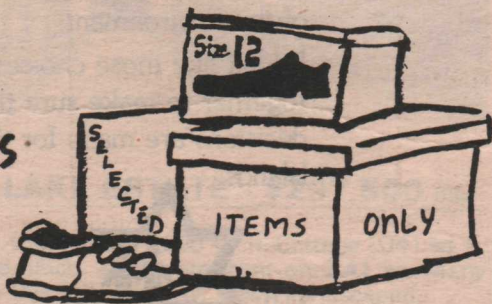
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VICTORIA — Canada's only temperate rainforest exists on a narrow fringe along the west coast of British Columbia.

If you have never had the exquisite pleasure of seeing a rainforest and experiencing its quiet and mystical beauty, you had better hurry, or it may well be gone forever.

Few trees in B.C. are safe from the chainsaw. The harvesting of trees is so much part of the province's economy that any attempts to point out flaws in the management of the timber resource are, in the eyes of the industry and, more often than not the government, tantamount to economic sabotage.

Trees Forever, says the industry slogan, and there is some validity to that forecast. Of course, there will be trees next year, in a decade, in a century and beyond. The question is what kind of trees.

Public pressure on government and industry has resulted in better reforestation policies. The clear-cuts of today will sprout new forests tomorrow. But no forest planted today will be allowed to reach the maturity that makes the last remnants of our first-growth forests so unique, so beautiful. The new forests will be harvested 75 years down the road.

That means we must make up our minds now whether there is anything in our forest inventory that warrants preservation, rather than replacement with saplings. The public obviously doesn't believe that all forests are the same. That's why South Moresby Island was declared off limits to logging. That's why the battle over Meares Island and its large first-growth trees continues.

Now the Sierra Club has opened a new front in the war between the forest industry and environmentalists. The spoils in that new engagement are the temperate rainforests of the west coast.

In danger of extermination

The rainforests are doomed, unless the government moves to protect them, says the Sierra Club, whose declared mandate is "to explore, enjoy and preserve Canada's forests, waters, wildlife and wilderness."

Vicky Husband is in charge of conservation efforts of the Sierra Club's western Canadian operation, based in Victoria. She says the country's only temperate rainforests are in danger of being exterminated by the forest industry.

"There are a number of unique ecological systems in Canada that are rapidly disappearing to environmentally unsound development, but in terms of the sheer magnitude of environmental destruction, nothing can compare with the calculated extermination of Canada's rare and remarkable rainforests," she says.

Rainforests, Husband says, are more than a museum of antiquity or a warehouse of wood. They represent an irreplaceable heritage.

"The temperate rainforest is a rain-drenched, moss-filled ecological wonder. There is a stability of forest structure here that has endured for thousands of years, sustaining rich and abundant populations of wildlife and fish," she says.

"The self-contained ecological resilience of this ancient forest has enabled it to cope with every disaster nature has thrown its way. What it can't cope with is the disastrous policy of the forest industry," she says.

Husband says that unlike the United States, where governments are very much aware of the need to preserve rainforests, the B.C. government is aiding and abetting the industry in its quest for profits at the expense of our heritage.

Protection needed—now

The United States, she says, is concerned with researching the ecology of the temperate rainforest and developing long-term management strategies for their heritage old-growth, while we log this non-renewable ecological showpiece right out of existence.

Husband says that unless protective measures are taken now, the west coast's temperate rainforests will be in ruin within 20 years. Only the least valuable timber will be left standing, "isolated in a disjointed landscape and robbed of its bountiful wildlife and pristine watersheds."

There is no doubt that Husband is quite emotional about the topic. But then, why not? What's wrong with getting emotional about beauty. Emotions and beauty are certainly more closely related than beauty and logging.

I can already hear my friends in the forest industry saying: "Hubert, there you go again, giving a platform to these starry-eyed and downright irresponsible preservationists who want to save every damn tree." Chris O'Connor in Lytton will probably welsh out on that beer he said he was going to buy me next time I'm up there.

Well, I'd hate to pass up a free beer, but it seems to me that the Sierra Club's views on our rainforests bear listening to. At least, let's discuss them.

Perhaps, instead of fighting endless environmental battles over individual watersheds, islands and specific forest stands, the future management of our forest ought to be the subject of an exhaustive Royal Commission study.

Hearing to discuss fish farm rezoning

An Islands Trust public hearing will be called into an application to rezone foreshore in Satellite Channel to accommodate a fish farm.

The applicant, a resident of Houston, B.C., is proceeding with his bid despite an October 27 Advisory Planning Commission decision against supporting the application, and after being told by Trustee Nick Gilbert that the rezoning is unlikely to be approved.

The APC decision against the bid was made following a meeting held one week earlier which heard objections raised by property owners and the warden of an ecological reserve. The APC then asked the applicant (or his Vancouver agent) to present his side of the story, but the invitation was declined.

The proposed fish farm would be located on floats in Satellite Channel and cover an area equivalent to the length of three football fields and the width of one football field. The applicant needs rezoning of the foreshore to allow the operation to proceed.

Gilbert said after the Trust's October 21 meeting that no

significant concerns about the site have been noted by the federal and provincial agencies contacted to date.

The APC heard several expressions of concern from adjacent property owners and the warden of an ecological reserve, however. Those comments prompted the APC to decide against the application, while noting that the applicant had not spoken to the issue.

Members Jim Fogarty and Tom Wright voted against that decision, noting that it was unnecessary to make a recommendation to the Trust in this instance, and that both sides of the issue had not been heard.

Also on October 27, the APC moved to accept a draft zoning bylaw amendment for Maliview Road.

The bylaw was prepared at the request of 44 area residents who signed a petition requesting measures to prevent "small travel trailers from being used as permanent dwellings" in their neighbourhood. They also want to increase the parcel area for duplex dwellings from 18,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet.



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The Mulroney government's direction is clear: nuclear subs, a national sales tax, and cutbacks to the Department of the Environment.

I don't like those choices. Let's work together to make sure the right decisions are made for the Gulf Islands.



Lynn Hunter

New Democrat
Saanich-Gulf Islands

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Cenotaph ceremony to mark sacrifices made by soldiers

From Page A1

"Constantly soaking wet and cold and always, always the mud. It was everywhere. But somehow we managed."

Although it has been 71 years since the battle took place, both men recall the experience as if it happened yesterday. Both served until the end of the war, then returned to Canada — Donald New to his home on Galiano Island, where he went on to be postmaster for 32 years (interrupted by five years of service in the Second World War), and Bill Dodds to his farm north of Winnipeg. But neither forgot the horrors they witnessed in their youth.

In all, 114,000 Canadians have died at war — counting the Boer War, First and Second world wars and the Korean conflict. The tally includes 2,000 men from Newfoundland, which did not join Confederation until 1949.

Each year on November 11, Remembrance Day services are held in nearly every community across the country to commemorate those who did not come home. In Ganges, Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion will do its part to help those not old enough to recall the last time Canada went to war — help them to remember, and to pay homage to Canada's war dead.

The branch has asked Kurt Sadler, president of the students' council at Gulf Islands Secondary School, to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day, in memory of Flight Sergeant Jackie Anderson, a wireless air gunner who was killed in 1944, during the Second World War.

Sadler, 17, said he feels honoured to represent the students in paying tribute to Canada's war dead. "I believe we should get involved," he said. "It would help all of us to understand how we got to where we are today."

Remembrance Day gives pause to thoughts of former comrades

By FRANK RICHARDS

Me? I was no hero! I just happened to be in the air force from the beginning to the end of the Second World War. Mind you, I went where I was told and did what I was told and endured months of boredom as my contribution to the war effort.

For most of my war I was a technical instructor, training new technicians in the repair and maintenance of aircraft instruments.

I still have the gall to speak up at this time of the year. Not for me; as I said I was no hero. But I can speak for those with whom I served and those who were engaged in a war more fighting than mine.

I can speak for Red McFadden. We were stationed in France and our barrack room was part of a factory in a French village. Four of us set up a small bridge. It was a bridge for playing, not crossing.

Red flew as wireless-air gunner in a Blenheim, next day, to take part in the attack on the River Meuse. He didn't come back. Red is part of my Remembrance Day.

Not very long afterwards the beach at Dunkirk exploded into death. I wasn't there. I was wandering through France trying to make sense out of the collapse of the Allied cause.

Ken Manton, now retired in Surrey, was there. Hungry, exhausted and a veteran of several sinkings on the beach, he was finally taken aboard a ship and rushed to the English shores, snatched from death.

Manton is part of my Remembrance Day.

You couldn't fight a bloody war in tanks without being a part of your own crew, Alex Laing told me one Remembrance Day.

He remembered lying under cover of the tank and snatching a few hours' sleep as war went on. He recalled the occasion when one of his boys stole a chicken. The bird was cooked and enjoyed the more for the fact that it was strictly unlawful to do such things.

His crew lived together as a unit and fought side by side under appalling conditions snatching what rest they could from a world of deafening noise, confined space and engine fumes.

It was a long hop from the quiet office of a bank and it brought Laing and his boys a new fellowship that was born of their being thrown together while facing death every minute of every day.

Red McFadden was one of the

millions who died during those war years. Ken Manton and Alex Laing were among the millions who survived. And they will never forget their experiences. It is those memories that fill the mind of every veteran who stands at the cenotaph on November 11.

There were others who survived, but slowly. They were the casualties who didn't die, but lay in a hospital bed for months, slowly recovering from the plague of modern war.

Barbara was on the receiving end. My wife was a nurse in a plastic unit in England. As fast as they could move the patients from the hospital beds, so another "convoy" of ambulances would bring in the next wave of victims.

All her life those regular admissions stayed with her. The creatures with little skin and often enough, little flesh on their faces, scarred and hideous, were human beings. They were shattered at the sight of their own faces.

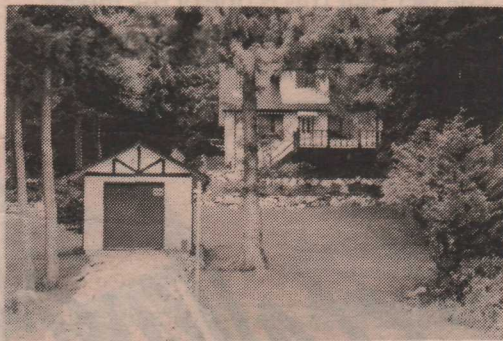
The tragedy of disfigured soldiers, mostly from tanks, was so grievous that even the matron, staid old disciplinarian of the hospital, had broken down at the sight of her new patients.

The hospital made new men and new faces. Nose, ear, hair, eyebrows — all were sculpted out of the patient's own living flesh, until the faceless victim of a blazing tank could once more face the world without scaring the life out of a stranger.

That was Barbara's war and it is very much a part of my Remembrance Day, because I have the card that her patients gave her when we were married.

You didn't have to be a hero to pay tribute to the ones who never came home or the others who did.

You can't defend war. Even conventional war is an absurdity in an enlightened age. But Remembrance Day is not a tribute to war: it is a tribute to those who braved its perils.



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Is Canada dull? The short answer is, "affirmative" — or, even shorter, "yes."

Among her first colonists America had the swashbuckling inventor of emphysema, Sir Walter Raleigh, then the Puritans. The latter, on the run from fun, preferred simple pleasures, like the bonfires in Salem. In Canada, meanwhile, the most exciting event was when Samuel de Champlain went up the creek and lost his astrolabe. Next, France sent out garçons, or bois, and girls, or coureurs de bois. These habitants got married, tilled the soil, went to mass, used the rhythm method and took up multiplication arithmetic. Boring.

In the 1700s the Americans, revolted by taxes, threw British tea into Boston harbour, in memory of which they have been throwing tea in cold water ever since. Their leader was one G. Washington, a cherry merchant so addicted to the truth that he cut down a tree every time he told a lie. When his orchard was gone, he went into politics. His strategy for fighting the British was simple — he recruited minute men and even minuter women, and hid them behind trees, while the King's men, in bright red coats, stayed in the open with their mascot, a thin red lion. It was no contest. When the war was over, George's wife, Betsy Ross Washington, glued some cherries on a quilt she was making, and called it the Star Bangled Spanner, in honour of mechanics. A new nation was born.

In Canada, nothing happened until one day the British challenged the French. They rented the Plains of Abraham for half a day, and had a battle. Both generals were accidentally killed, but they died gracefully — Montcalm's last words were "Cancel the champagne!" while Wolfe, always a natty dresser, murmured "I am undone." He also spoke the words which have guided Canadian politicians ever since: "The paths of glory lead but to the grave." The British, refusing the French demand for two out of three, were declared the winners, and got to change the *Arret* signs in Montreal and Quebec City to *Stop*.

Fire sale in chocolates

In the War of 1812, while Washington (the town, not George) was burning, Francis Scott Key, an ancestor of Kate Smith, sang the national anthem. She got the first Congressional Medal of Honor for ruining her upper register. In Canada, when York was burning, the only one showing any initiative was Laura Second, who had a fire sale in chocolates.

America, priding herself on claiming only what was hers and what joined hers, took California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Canada gave up St. Pierre and Miquelon, and all the fish within a radius of 200 miles. While the Americans were yelling "Remember the Alamo!" the Hudson Bay Company was having a price war using the slogan "\$54.40 or Fight." While the Old South was fighting to be free to have slaves, Barbara Frietchie, pushing her husband in front of her at the Confederates, was inspiring the poem: "Shoot, if you must, that old grey head/He always was a drag."

While Lincoln was being shot in the balcony, all Canada could manage was a photo opportunity of some bearded old politicians in Charlottetown. While cowpersons were dodging bullets in Dodge City, and Custer was saying "Oops!" at the Little Bighorn, we Canadians were nailing rails to the prairies, getting ready for Marathon Realty, Pierre Berton, and the Canadian Nightmare.

True, we took part in World Wars One and Two, but we had no part in starting either one. We were barely involved in Korea, and not at all in Vietnam.

What were we doing when the Nicaraguan contras desperately needed humanitarian aid, like land mines? We were offering to send peace-keepers. How blah can you get? We didn't get even one of the 25,000 medals awarded for The Invasion of Grenada.

Political comparison disturbing

Socially, we can't compare with our neighbour. Dull again. When our workers are laid off their initiative is destroyed by unemployment insurance. What incentive do we have for staying healthy when we know we can go to a hospital if we get sick? Our seniors would decide to stay younger longer if they had no pensions, and without family allowances Canada's poor mothers would get out and hustle a lot faster. We lag in culture, too. Take guns. We have to register them and put up with a lot of questions. As for machine guns, rocket launchers and hand grenades, they aren't allowed. It's got so bad that we can hardly boast as many murders in a year as Miami can in a week.

But nowhere is the comparison more disturbing than in politics. For leaders we get standard types, not trail-blazers like President Reagan, the man who forced us to re-examine our old ideas when he pointed out that pollution comes from trees. Look at the campaign debates. Our leaders talked for hours about issues, while Bush and Dukakis, who know what the public wants to hear, traded charges, including treason, adultery, incompetence, turning psychopaths loose in the streets, softness on rape, wanting to lay off executioners, polluting the entire Eastern seaboard, and worst of all, being a card carrying liberal in favour of civil rights. Dukakis was even accused of having insufficient fervour about the Pledge of Allegiance. Compare this kind of patriotism with that of our senators, who only put their hands on their hearts to check their pacemakers.

Wake up, Canada! End centuries of monotony by ... er ... harmonizing ... our economy with that of our dynamic neighbour. The rest will follow. Say YES to Free Trade, the Bottom Line, Bush, Quayle and the American Way.

Steering committee to study area incorporation findings

The committee studying the possibility of Ganges incorporating into a municipality feels a consultant's report on the topic has not addressed several points.

The report, undertaken by consultant Tom Moore at the request of a committee studying incorporation for Ganges, was handed back to the Ganges Advisory Group (GAG), which instigated formation of the committee, last Tuesday. Members of both groups felt the study does not adequately address issues particular to Ganges.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring representative to the Capital Regional District (CRD) and head of GAG, said the report covers the "bare bones" of what occurs when a community incorporates.

Borsman noted that a study undertaken several years ago on the incorporation of Salt Spring Island as a whole was preferable, because it listed pros and cons and dealt with the specific effect incorporation would have.

The Ganges incorporation report does not, for example, discuss ways in which the muni-

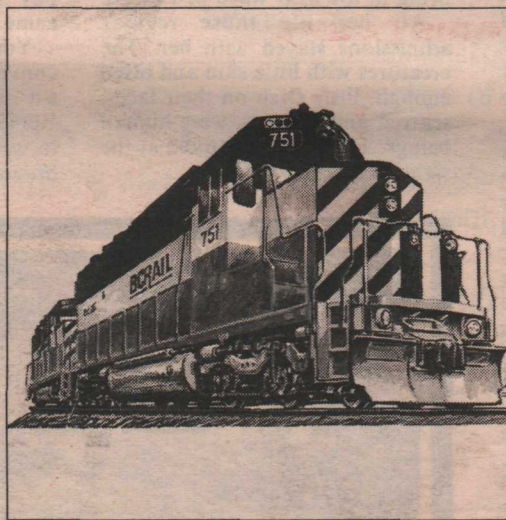
pal form of government could co-exist with the Islands Trust.

Borsman said GAG will form a steering committee to research both sides of the issue and present the positive and negative effects of incorporating the community. Upon completion of that research, the steering committee will call public meetings to ensure the subject is adequately aired.

GAG, which is composed of members representing all factions of the community, has not come out in favour of, or against, proposed incorporation.

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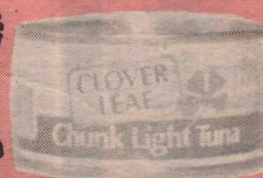
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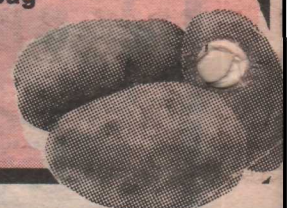
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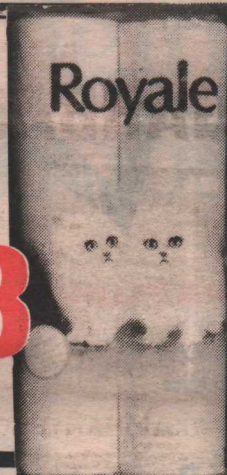
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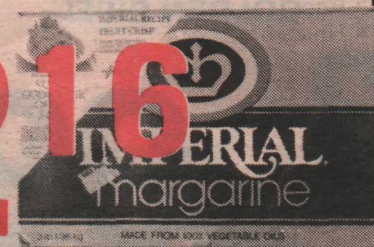
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by gary cherneff



I have just finished reading *Waiting for the Barbarian*, a novel by J.M. Coetzee, a South African by birth and a former Booker Prize winner.

A ruthless military commander with the central government arrives in a frontier settlement. In short order, he usurps control from the local magistrate and imposes policies which have been conceived in an atmosphere of misinformation, fear and racial and cultural chest-thumping. He has come to make war on the local aboriginal people, who are dubbed the barbarians.

In his long tenure, the magistrate has quietly worked away to reduce inevitable friction and social deficits created at the interface of the two cultures. The new administrator, on the other hand, injects the townfolks with a healthy dose of fear of a barbarian attack, which brings barely-concealed racism to the surface.

The magistrate, although a sensitive and educated man, is full of all the human foibles of mixed motives and ambiguous priorities. At first he turns a blind eye to blatant atrocities perpetrated on prisoners. But a barbarian woman has been senselessly brutalized and left, blind and crippled, to beg in the town.

She moves the magistrate to take a moral stand. She is representative of the people we see broken on the streets of our own cities — and those people, regrettably, reflect our passive negligence, oafishness and barbarism, rather than the other way around.

Price can be ostracism

It is easy to stand apart uncommitted; it is almost as easy to be politically correct — to follow popular dogma, whatever brand it may be. The most costly course is to speak one's mind and formulate one's own moral arguments. The price for this, as the magistrate discovers, can be wicked ostracism and repression by any group that feels betrayed.

The magistrate was no hero but, equally, he was no pawn. The others in the town grovelled artlessly before anyone who was perceived to represent authority.

This past weekend, Off Centre Stage presented its first play in the "Stars of the Fringe" series. *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, by award-winning playwright John Patrick Shanley, is a kind of tragi-comedy, centred on the issue of emotionally and physically abused children who have become young adults.

This play begs to be compared with *See Bob Run*, presented at this year's *Summer Festival of the Arts*. *Bob* gave us a devastatingly frank characterization of an incest victim. Its value as a vehicle for abused women to speak out to the world cannot be questioned. But the anger than *Bob* generated was never set aside to deal with the underlying social malaise. Its story only dealt with one chapter.

Danny and the Deep Blue Sea, likewise, barely touches the virus infecting our society, but ultimately it does leave us with an optimistic view that victims of abuse can re-establish their integrity — something missing in *Bob*.

Barely touches the virus

The story is of the encounter of two "screwed-up" young adults who, through desperation, break through formidable barriers to form a tenuous acceptance of each other. We sense that it will be a long, arduous road before the effects of their abuse are overcome by love and a commitment to care.

Peter Outerbridge plays the role of Danny with a relentless intensity and stamina, maintaining the difficult characterization of an alienated, violent and antagonistic puppy dog.

Roberta, played by Kathleen Barr, has been terrorized by her father and, in spite of enormous loss of self-esteem, has learned to use her sexual favours as the only power base available to secure her survival.

At one moment, Roberta can be recklessly aggressive — nothing to lose — and, in the next instance, be reclusive and protective of what little integrity she has left.

Barr plays her role well, but one must ask whether her high personal self-esteem leaches through the script too much to really satisfy the demands of the role.

The comic element in the bedroom scene lent a wonderful tenderness to counter the intense confrontations. We cry for Roberta and Danny but it really helps to make human stuff out of them if we can also feel the joy, meagre as it may be.

'Soul-cleansing' experience awaits Phil Ochs' audience

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

Limited job prospects, the chance purchase of a record album and a curiosity about an era he was too young to understand have combined to produce a success that has surprised Ross Desprez.

The Victoria actor-playwright brings his critically-acclaimed work, *The Ballad of Phil Ochs*, to Salt Spring this Friday and Saturday, where it will be presented as part of Off Centre Stage's "Stars of the Fringe" mini-festival.

The play, which earned rave reviews at the recent Vancouver and Victoria fringe festivals, traces pivotal moments in the tragic life of 1960s poet and protest singer Phil Ochs. It places Ochs against the backdrop of his era: the Kennedy assassinations, Greenwich Village coffee houses, the Chicago riots and the music of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and Woody Guthrie.

The reception the play has received — reviewers describe it as "brilliant" and call Desprez' performance "spellbinding" — has surprised the actor-playwright, who told *Driftwood* the script was fashioned while he was killing time as an unemployed actor.

Desprez got his start in the acting field with the Nanaimo Theatre Group, which included his parents among its co-founders. He later appeared in a controversial Nanaimo production of *Equus* in 1980, and in *All's Well That Ends Well* at that city's Shakespeare Plus festival in 1987.

Between those two points, he worked in theatre in Winnipeg, "doing every job but acting" until he earned a few minor walk-on roles. Moving back to the West Coast, he became stage manager at the European Bandstand at Expo, then joined Kaleidoscope Theatre in Victoria, where he performed a variety of support roles.

Meanwhile, his desire for full-time acting work was unfulfilled. During this time, he began to work on the script for *The Ballad of Phil Ochs*, a project that would eventually take four years.

"It (the project) grew out of one man's frustration in looking for work," he said. "I did what a lot of actors do — try to create your own work, with a one-man show."

Desprez, 29, had always been fascinated by the 1960s — particularly the folk music scene of the era — which he was "too young" to understand at the time.

"For years, I had wanted to do something on a folkie of the 1960s, which was 10 years before my time. I had a lot of questions about that time, about what happened to them and to their ideals," he said. One day, a chance purchase of a Phil Ochs album provided the spark for the project.

"I read the liner notes, which

were a biography, and I realized the story of Phil Ochs answered a lot of my questions better than any fictional character I could create. His story paralleled the 1960s — when it died, so did Ochs."

Spending his time "just working away in my back room," Desprez eventually produced a 180-page manuscript. He then took the work to a script development workshop staged by the Belfry Theatre in Victoria, which Belfry artistic director Glynis

Leyshon happened to attend. She saw possibilities in the work, suggested it was appropriate for the fringe festival and offered to help with its development. The rest, as they say, is history.

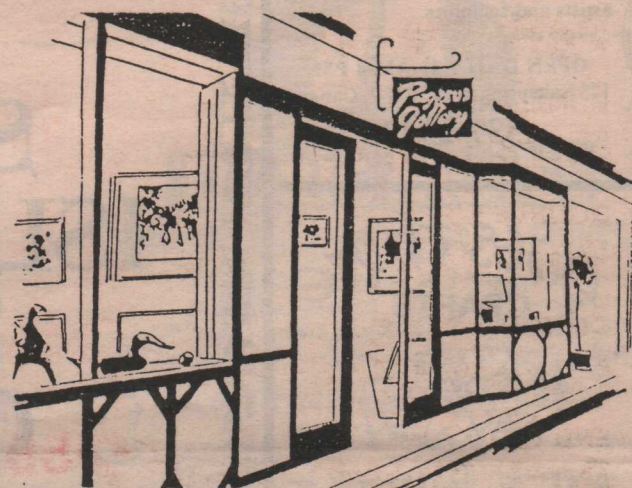
"No one has been more surprised at the success of *Phil Ochs* than myself," Desprez said. However, he believes he knows why audiences, at least, appreciate the production.

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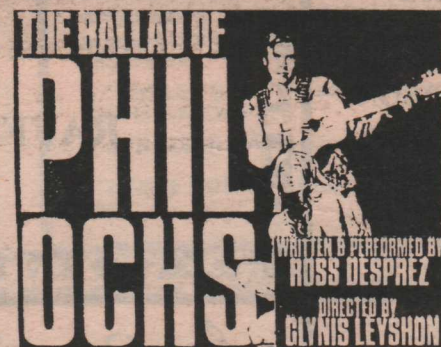


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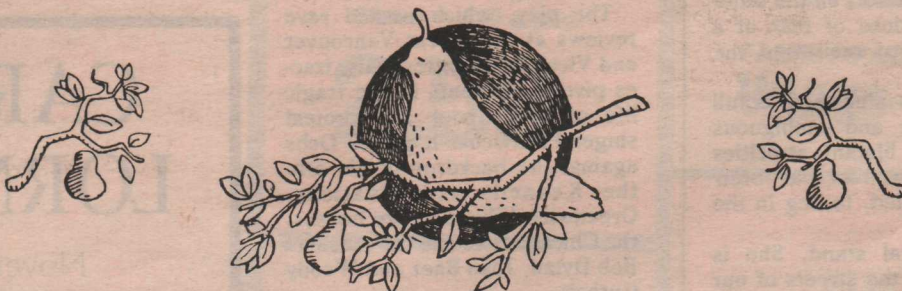
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Rosamund Dupuy with sample of work

Phil Ochs show may go on tour

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the play," he said. "Those who were there, that they can relate to like a soul-cleansing experience for them."

Desprez said he feels the fact that he missed the 1960s has proven to be an asset in the production of the work: "I didn't have any pre-conceived ideas about the era. I just wanted to be as honest as I could be — to tell a story, to keep it dignified and to relate to that era."

Part of the formula involves avoiding judgements about Ochs and the reasons for his suicide, which Desprez said he prefers to leave to his audiences to weigh.

Although the play has earned critical and audience acclaim, it is still being developed, Desprez said. Its appearance on Salt Spring is one more step in honing the content and presentation.

"It (the play) has now become a job in itself," Desprez said, noting that any thought of abandoning the work after its fringe festival appearances has been cancelled by invitations to continue presentations.

The reception accorded the play has prompted potential backers to discuss with Desprez the possibility of taking it on a nation-wide tour. Already, invitations have been received to visit the Edmonton and Winnipeg fringe festivals in 1989, and efforts are underway to line up dates in Toronto, Halifax, Thunder Bay and other points in Eastern Canada.

Audience urged to attend in regalia befitting 1960s

The ambience of the 1960s is planned for this weekend's Off Centre Stage production of *The Ballad of Phil Ochs*.

Off Centre Stage is asking people attending the Friday and Saturday performances of the play to "come as they were."

Ross Desprez, the actor-playwright responsible for the play, applauded the Off Centre Stage decision. The play, he said, works well in an atmosphere where the audience is invited to become a part of the production.

"In small, informal spaces, it becomes that much more intimate," he said. "I like to look everyone in the eye and involve everyone. The audience becomes an active part of the play, endowed with its own persona."

Desprez, who has not performed the play since its fringe festival appearances, says he is anxious to take it to the stage once more and believes the Salt Spring dates will give him a good audience in appropriate surroundings.

Show time each night is 8 pm.

Jewellers line up items for pre-Christmas sale

The jewellers' guild will be well-represented at a pre-Christmas show and sale of craft items prepared by several Salt Spring groups.

Seven guild members will display their works at the sale, set for November 18-20 at Mahon Hall. Two of the seven members are recent additions to the guild: Pipa Campbell and Kat Cruickshank. Pipa's jewelry is intricately and delicately wrought, using leather, beads, gemstones and silver plate. Kat designs and creates brooches — detailed replicas of fish using Fimo, a special modelling medium, and then hand-painting each one.

The other five jewellers' guild members taking part will be remembered from previous pre-Christmas sales:

- Rosamund Dupuy will display her sterling silver brooches, pendants and earrings, and will have a supply of her silver peace

doves which were popular last year.

- The team of Dianne English and Nicholas Gaite will be there with a large selection of stag-horn and pressed-flower creations.

- Doreah Nickerson, who displays her works during the summer at the Farmers' Market, will present her silver, crystal and gemstone jewellery.

- Terry Warbey will present engraved sterling silver earrings, pendants and bangles.

Also this year, noted craftsman Craig Wright will have available a selection of his distinctive works in gold, silver and gemstones.

All members of the guild plan to be on hand at various times during the show and sale, and note they invite the public to ask questions about their work and to submit special orders for Christmas.

Prior to the show and sale, a preview party will be held. It's set for November 17 at 8 pm at Mahon Hall.

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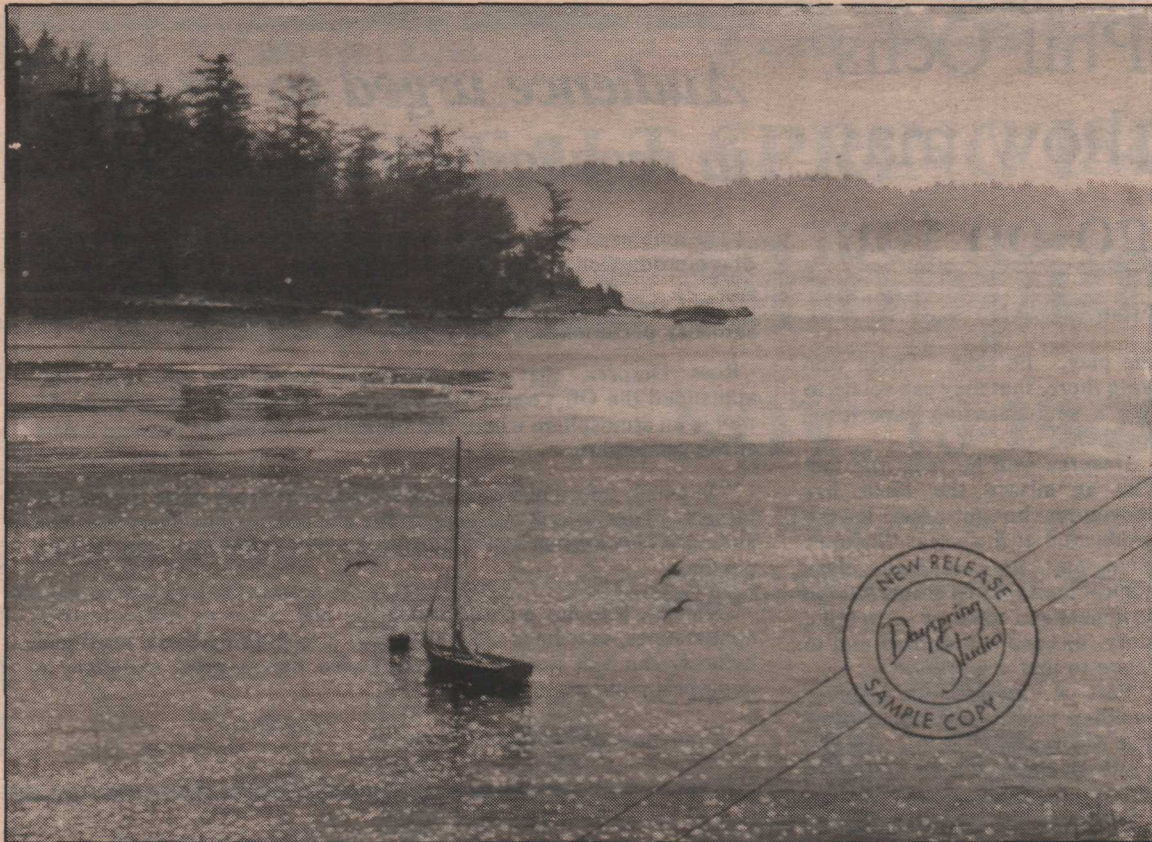
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New Carol Evans print to be unveiled

New artworks will be presented by Carol Evans, Lorne Fineday

New works by two noted Salt Spring artists — painter Carol Evans and sculptor Lorne Fineday — will be unveiled at a 10-day show opening later this week at the Pegasus Gallery in Ganges.

Fineday is a full-blooded Cree Indian whose sculptures have been described as semi-abstract or impressionistic, and influenced by Shamanism. He will offer a series of large carvings done in several varieties of alabaster he selected in Utah.

A resident of the West Coast since 1964, Fineday has seen his jade, soapstone and alabaster works featured in several Canadian galleries.

Evans will present a cross-section of her favourite subjects — including portraits, botanical and animal studies, and land and seascapes — and introduce two new limited-edition prints.

The prints, *Big Qualicum River*

Crossing, from *Beautiful B.C. Magazine*, and *Diamond Sea*, are each limited to 350 copies. Two earlier prints from Evans — *Spirit of the Ancients* and *Eagle At Tow Hill* — were quickly sold out to collectors and galleries.

The two-person show runs at Pegasus from November 12 to November 21. An invitational preview is also scheduled, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm this Friday, November 11.

Off Centre Stage sets agenda

Off Centre Stage in Ganges has released the following calendar of events for November:

- November 18-19, *Savage Love*, written by Sam Shepard.

"Just as Sam Shepard, Joseph Chaikan and their musicians collaborated on the presentations of these 19 poems, so have musician Derek Boyne, actors Cindy Dynowski, Ned Lemley and actor-director Judy Treloar shared ideas and solved the problems of presentation. Chaikan describes

the poems as common, real or imagined moments in the spell of love. It could be the first meeting, or it could be when they are sleeping next to each other and one is more awake than the other."

Curtain time is 8 pm.

- November 25, opening reception for gallery exhibit, *Point and Counterpoint*, ceramics and paintings by Gary Cherneff, continuing to December 9. Artist in attendance from 7 pm to 9 pm.

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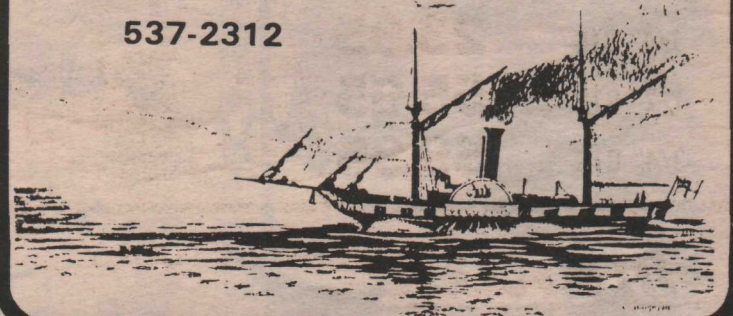
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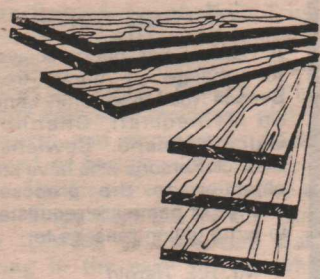
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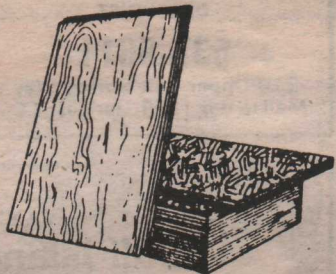
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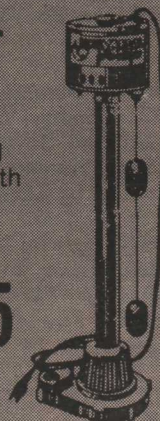
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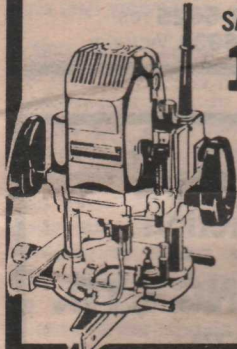
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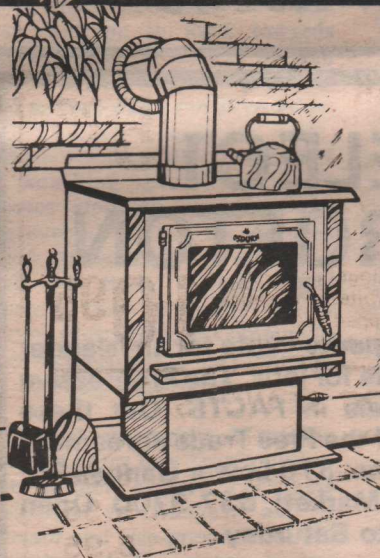
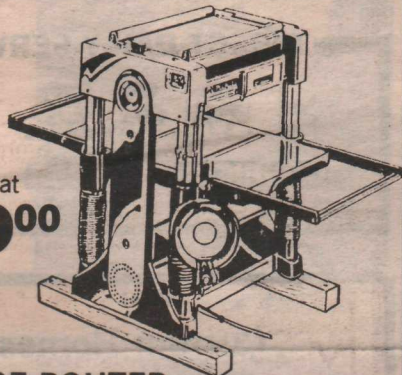
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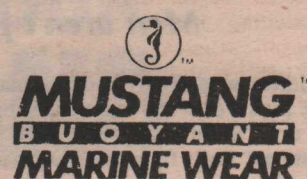
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book review

by peggy whittaker



Let it be said from the outset that if a man had written a book as "anti-women" as this book is "anti-men," he would not be alive to read the reviews.

The book, before I begin my rantings, is Alison Lurie's *The Truth About Lorin Jones*, published recently by Little, Brown and Co. Someone asked me if this book will help the battle of the sexes. Answer: Yes, it will definitely help the battle, but won't do much for either of the sexes.

The protagonist is recently-separated Polly Alter, an employee of an art museum who has received a grant to write the biography of Lorin Jones, a dead artist whose professional and personal demise was hastened, Polly is sure, by the insensitive, manipulative men in her life.

The first line in the book is "Polly Alter used to like men, but she didn't trust them anymore, or have very much to do with them."

From this point on, the reader is treated to a consistent, depressing array of comments that reveal the character's unflinching disgust of men and all she thinks they represent. Stereotype city.

However, I stuck with the book for the sole reason that I thought there must be more to it. There must be a point to be made with this overly blatant militant feminist propaganda. Surely Polly will undergo a catharsis and realize that all men aren't quite so bad as she likes to make out.

Without giving much back

So we plod on, Polly and I, through her first lesbian experience (Polly goes from thinking "there was something silly and pointless about the idea of two soft female bodies rubbing up against each other" on Page 63, to her enthusiastic sexual encounter with girlfriend Jeanne on Page 84, with seemingly little thought about the subject in between.)

As the novel progresses, if I may use the term loosely, Polly gradually discovers through her interviews that the artist she admired so unreservedly was not, in fact, abused by all the men around her, but indeed seemed to be a manipulative woman who got what she could from them without giving a whole lot back.

Polly becomes bitterly disillusioned with the artist and not so accusatory of the men who had been acquainted with her, which is a nice change. But in Polly's own life, she continues to act out the nasty characteristics that she projects onto the male of the species. For example, she despises men who look upon her as a sex object, then blatantly uses her sexuality to get something she wants: "Until Polly found out all Mac knew, she'd better go on pretending she was interested in him."

Men aren't people, I guess

Later, when Polly finds she may in fact really be interested in Mac, she puts it down to sexual need brought on by the hot weather. What to do? "Should she sleep with Mac once ... and get it out of her system?" Polly figures it's OK to use Mac for the night, but when she thinks of sleeping instead with a woman that night, she thinks "you didn't use another woman like that, you had respect for her feelings, her integrity as a person." Men aren't people, I guess.

I'm assuming that Pulitzer prize-winning author Lurie is pushing Polly's attitude to the extreme for a reason. Maybe she's even trying to "make a statement." But the statement gets pretty confused when Polly's once warm, gentle and understanding lesbian friend turns into a demanding whiner. And Polly decides she likes sleeping with Mac.

Perhaps "the statement" is intended to be just that: confusing. A confused reflection of the confused gender roles and identities that men and women today are learning to relate to.

If this is Lurie's intent, the intent is praiseworthy. However, her goal would have been realized much more effectively if she had used multi-dimensional characters who deal in psychological shades of grey rather than black and white. I find the attitudinal extremes in this book jarring, unrealistic, and, as a feminist, rather embarrassing.

New books arrive at Ganges library

New fiction and non-fiction books continue to arrive at the Salt Spring Island public library, located on McPhillips Avenue. Among the latest offerings are:

FICTION

Additional Evidence, by James Anderson; *Leaves of Fortune*, by Linda Barlow; *Southern Women*, by Lois Battle; *Firefly Summer*, by Maeve Binchy; *Jungle of Steel and Stone*, by George Chesbro.

Now and Then Amen, by Jon Cleary; *The Hollywood Takes*, by M. DeLarrabetti; *The Ninth Buddha*, by Daniel Easterman; *King of the Murgos*, by David Eddings; *The Pledge*, by Howard Fast.

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The House That Jack Built, by Ed McBain; *The Bride of the Wilderness*, by Chas McCarry; *Story of My Life*, by Jay McInerney; *The Hounds of Sunset*, by Edith Pargeter; *Marilyn's Daughter*, by John Recky.

The Illuminati Conspiracy, by Richard Rees; *The Lighthouse*, by Pronzine and Mueller; *The Veiled One*, by Ruth Rendell; *Doctors*, by Eric Segal; *Leader of the Band*, by Fay Weldon; *White Cargo*, by Stuart Woods.

NON-FICTION

Children of the Volcano, by Allison Acker; *Keys to Racing Success*, by Bob Bavier; *The Collins Dictionary of Canadian History*, by D.J. Bercuson; *Marie Bonaparte*, by Celia Bertin; *The Life of Emily Carr*, by Paula Blanchard.

The Wind Off The Island, by Bradford; *END*, by Frank Close; *The Maya*, by Michael D. Coe; *Caring For the Healing Heart*, by Eleanor Cousins; *For All Practical Purposes*, by Freeman; *Vita: The Life of Vita Sackville-West*, by Victoria Glendenning.

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Planning Your Paintings Step by Step, by Carole Katchen; *So This Is Africa*, by Betty Kilgour; *The Kennedy Legacy*, by Jaques Lowe; *Modern Electronic Circuits Reference Manual*, by John Markus; *Ministry of Greed*, by Larry Martz.

Caring for Your Own, by Darla Neidrick; *Galley Gourmet*, by Nicole Parton; *General Chemi-*

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Trust candidates indicate concerns, responses

Three candidates — an incumbent, a political newcomer and a former representative — are seeking the two Salt Spring Island Trust Committee seats to be decided in balloting on November 19.

Nick Gilbert, the incumbent, is current chairman of the Trust Council, made up of all 26 Trust representatives from 13 member islands. The newcomer to Trust politics is Irene Tranter, who brings long-time residency plus a business and engineering background to her quest for a Trust seat. The former representative is John Stepaniuk, one of the first two trustees elected from Salt Spring in the early 1970s, who later served as the department of highways' roads foreman on the Outer Islands, then Salt Spring.

As the incumbent, Gilbert notes that islanders should by now have "a pretty good idea" of his political philosophy and its practical application. In brief, he describes the main pressure coming to bear on Salt Spring as rapid subdivision cutting the island into smaller and smaller pieces, resulting in increased population density.

Related difficulties the Trust must cope with include security of potable water supplies, protection of wildlands for habitat, plus acquisition and preservation of sensitive lands, hiking trail corridors and viewpoints.

Questions facing the Trust in the next few years, he continued, include how best to establish a service and industrial land strategy. The aim, through zoning bylaw and Community Plan changes, is to "try to develop regulations that allow for necessary services to locate and operate without having negative impacts on neighbours and the natural beauty of the islands."

As a trustee, he said, he would also continue to work towards "retaining large parcels of land whenever and wherever possible, and to encourage sensitive forestry."

As a trustee, Gilbert took part in launching several task force studies studying local land-use pressures — i.e., the Ganges Creek study and the industrial land use study — and, most recently, saw authority for a review of the Official Community Plan handed over to the Community Planning Association.

Tranter, meanwhile, is making her first entry into Trust politics. The former owner of *Parcels Unlimited* in Ganges, and a director and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce in the early 1970s, she does not believe her lack of experience with local political systems would prove a handicap.

Realizing she does not have a full grasp of Trust policies and issues, Tranter said she would educate herself once she became a trustee, filling in the background material as required and



John Stepaniuk



Irene Tranter



Nick Gilbert

treating each item of business at face value.

The candidate also notes that she would interpret and apply the Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate in an independent and impartial manner, and ensure all facts were at hand before decisions are made. Stressing that she holds no memberships in groups or organizations, she said her unaffiliated status would help her to make the best and most open decisions possible.

Tranter's main concern about the way the Trust operates is what she describes as an absence of long-term planning, and no evidence of forward planning. Issues, she said, seem to be faced as they come in the door, and people who are willing and ready to express opinions and make suggestions are not always given a hearing.

John Stepaniuk, the former roads foreman, has maintained a home on Salt Spring since 1949. He expresses concern over the way the island is changing, and feels a more concerted planning effort is needed to defuse growing pressures on water supplies, access to recreational lands and the ability to provide services.

"I want to see the island prosper, but not at the expense of retaining the quality of the life around us," he said. "The preserve and protect mandate is seen as a thorn by some people, but islanders over the years have always been concerned about their area — the Trust's ideals are treasured and cherished by islanders."

Stepaniuk is particularly concerned about the need for greater planning, not only in Ganges but in outlying areas. For instance, he expects an increase in strata-title developments which might exclude access to lands traditionally enjoyed by the public. The Trust, he said, must pay more attention to long-term planning to provide educational and recreational land to meet present and future public needs.

"I also feel that we must somehow grapple with the problem of industrial zoning," he said. "We can't just say it's something that will work itself out — we have to face it. I would support an industrial zone outside the Ganges area — if it was not a detriment to the community."

Stepaniuk, one of 14 co-authors of Salt Spring's Official Community Plan, believes the building blocks for the future lie in a

re-writing of that plan to recognize the way the island has changed in the interim. "It was a good document when it was

written, but I never thought it would last 14 years," he said. "It needs updating. It has to recognize the places like Ganges that

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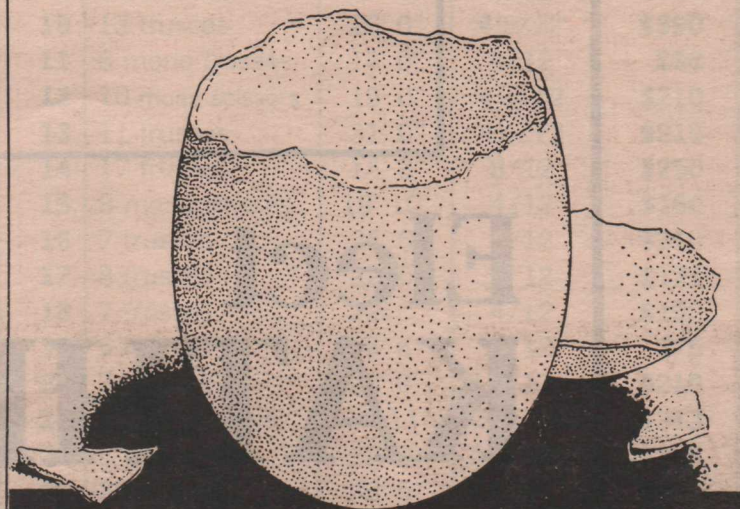
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Federal hopefuls primed for stretch run

Public opinion polls published Monday, which have the Liberals moving well out in front of the two other main parties in the race to the November 21 federal election, have left Saanich-Gulf Islands candidates with mixed feelings.

Progressive Conservative candidate Pat Crofton said he feels the Liberal Party's surge into the lead is difficult to comprehend.

"Obviously I'm not too thrilled about the turn of events," he said. "Turner is making all kinds of promises to the people, but he isn't explaining where any of the money is going to come from. I find his explanations to be rather mind-boggling."

Crofton said he thought most citizens usually wait until the final two weeks of a campaign to make a decision on the candidate of their choice and, until then, he and his workers are going to continue to "run hard and campaign hard."

The riding hopefuls have been taking part in a series of all-candidates' meetings over the past week and, while most say they thought the meetings were usually stacked with ardent supporters of one of the other candidates, all think they are doing well in the debates.

"I have found it to be a bit contentious at times," said Crofton. "But I think I'm holding my own. Usually I'm the only candidate defending the trade deal while the other seven (candidates) are knocking it."

Lynn Hunter, candidate for the NDP, said she is also amazed by the poll changes. "It certainly has been a swing-around for the Liberals. They must feel elated, but I don't think it reflects on what is happening in this riding," she said. "I think the race here is between the NDP and the PCs, and I think we are gaining more support every day. As far as the all-candidates' meetings go, I believe I'm doing well and I think support is growing for the party. I think I'm showing myself to be a credible alternative to Mr. Crofton and the PCs."

Katherine Clout of the Liberal Party said the latest polls are telling what she knew all along. "I found a lot of support for the Liberals while canvassing door-to-door before the party leaders had their nationalized debate on TV," she said. "After the debate, the undecided voters made up their minds and that is why I think we are doing so much better in the polls."

Clout said the only complaint she has with the all-candidate meetings is the length of time she has to speak on matters. "The time constraints make it very difficult to say all that is wrong with the free trade deal, otherwise I believe that I'm doing fine."

Clout also said she thought the audiences were usually stacked by one or another of the candidates — "rent a crowd," as she put it. But she said she does not find it a problem.



Bob Slavik

The only candidate who said he was completely unconcerned by public opinion polls was Dr. Bob Slavik of the Reform Party. "I haven't even paid any attention to them," he said. "My concerns are with my constituents, not polls." He said his feel from door-to-door canvassing is that the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding is in a tight three way race between the Reform Party, the NDP and PCs.

Slavik added that he thought the all-candidates' meetings were usually stacked with the supporters of one party. "The thing I have found about these meetings is that you rarely change anyone's mind," he said. "But one good thing to come out of the meetings is our party is getting good reviews in the press and generally speaking I think the reporting is honest and factual."

Communist Party of Canada candidate Ernie Knott said that although his party does not figure in the public opinion polls, he thinks the results are great. "I hope the momentum keeps building, it means we can defeat the Tories and sink free trade," he said. Knott added that the debates going well for him. "I think the meetings are going very well for myself and my party," he said. "Generally I get applause while Crofton gets booed," he



Lynn Hunter

said. "We are getting good exposure from the press, better than we have ever had."

The only non-affiliated candidate seeking election in this riding is Pat Kelly. He said that he does not put too much faith in

the opinion polls. "Any government that rules by opinion polls gets what they deserve," he said. "I don't think there is too much difference between the three main parties anyway."

Kelly, who is the only pro-life candidate in the riding, is also in favour of capital punishment. He said he is frightened by prospects for the future if any of the three main parties get elected. "The greatest threat to our sovereignty is not free trade but the national debt, and yet this is hardly getting any mention at the all-candidate meetings I have attended," he said. Kelly said that he is gathering supporters

who are disillusioned with the other parties.

Libertarian candidate William Buckler said he was not surprised that the Progressive Conservatives have fallen behind in the polls. "I wasn't very keen on the Liberals under Trudeau and I think the Conservatives have followed the same route, that is one of the reasons that I decided to represent the Libertarians," he said. "All three party leaders are making promises to spend more money every day while not saying the taxes will go up, which I'm sure they will. I believe the government no longer has control of the economy."

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Salt Spring's 'Johnny Canuck' debates deal with Tory leader

Salt Spring resident and ardent free trade critic John Wilcox — alias Johnny Canuck — and two other opponents of the deal had a 30-minute sit-down debate with Tory Party Leader Brian Mulroney last Wednesday in Victoria.

Wilcox feels the trio won their points. "He (Mulroney) blew it," he said. "The general consensus of everyone who witnessed our debate was that we won, although that isn't the way it looked on television."

The debate came about after the trio started heckling Mulroney during his speech at the Chamber of Commerce. Mulroney made a pact with the three men that if they let him finish his speech, he would hear their criticisms afterwards.

The two other members who joined Wilcox in the discussion were Dave Szollosy, a member of the Coalition Against Free Trade, and John Orr of Victoria.

Wilcox told *Driftwood* that although he does not like the idea of heckling anyone while they are making a speech, he had no other choice. "I have been called a liar, fearmonger, a wimp and a nazi by the Conservatives just because I want the chance to state my case on the matter," he said.

Once the four sat down, they spent close to half an hour discussing the dispute-settling mechanism for the agreement and their contention that medicare, unemployment insurance and old age security benefits are not protected under the agreement. Reporters and cameras covered the event.

While the four argued back and forth it seemed the only clear thing to come out of the meeting was the two sides agreed to disagree. However, Mulroney did

admit to Wilcox and the others that there is no specific exclusions in the deal for social programs.

Mulroney said Wilcox's charge that the inhibition to full sovereignty with regard to medicare and social programs under article 1807-9 was misleading. Wilcox countered that the Americans could force Canada to cut those programs to let business become competitive with American firms. Mulroney said that was Wilcox' interpretation of what might happen and that nothing in the agreement deals with medicare and social programs.

"That is one of the problems with the deal," said Wilcox. "We haven't maintained our ability to protect these programs — they are up for grabs."

Dave Szollosy said the fact that things like unemployment insurance have already been named as unfair subsidies in other trade disputes with the United States was a clear indication the U.S. would try to use it as a lever against Canadian businesses, who in turn would begin to pressure the government because they would feel they are being unjustly penalized.

Mulroney countered by saying that all trading nations with social programs (like Sweden) refrain from viewing an available benefit as a trade-distorting subsidy. He claimed it would not happen under the Canada-U.S. free trade deal.

Wilcox replied that if a dispute over things like social programs could not be worked out, pressure could be brought to countervail against Canadian industries.

Mulroney said that while that was a possibility, it was not in the agreement. "It's a possibility in your mind, but it's not a possibility in mine," he said.

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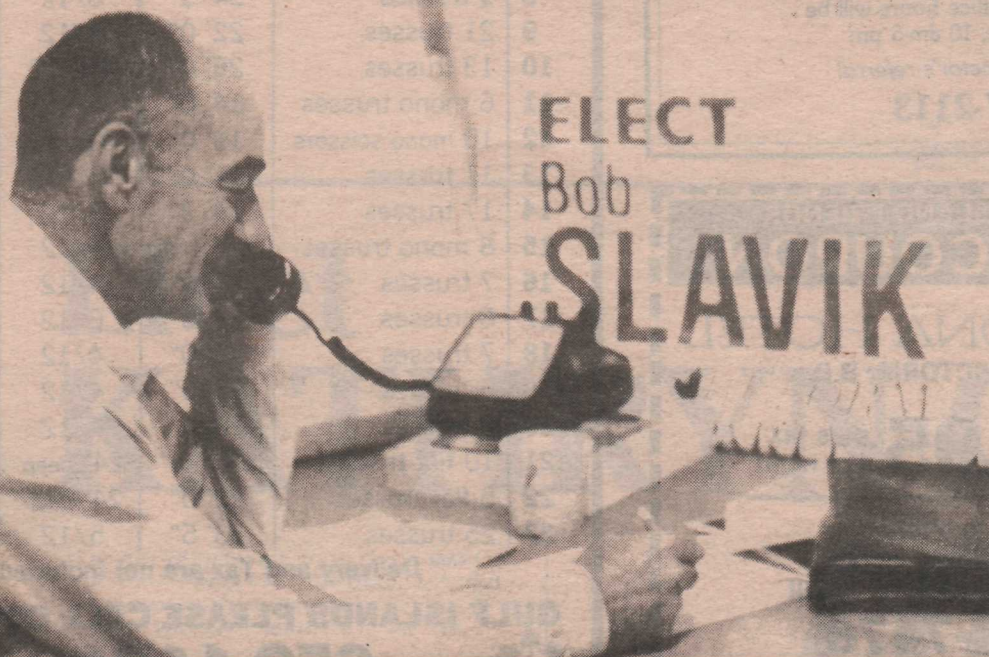
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