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Historic vessel's wheelhouse given to island residents

The *Cy Peck* is coming home — well, part of it, anyway.

The vessel, which supplied ferry service to the Gulf Islands for several decades, stepped into the pages of history at a "farewell" ceremony held in Nanaimo on Saturday (see story, page 13).

While plans call for the vessel to be scrapped, its wheelhouse will be salvaged and sent to Salt Spring Island in hopes it will be restored and displayed.

Dale Forestberg, the last owner of the *Cy Peck*, offered the wheelhouse to Salt Spring when it became clear his hopes of raising funds to salvage the *Cy Peck* were doomed.

The local Chamber of Commerce, in consultation with groups like the Centennial Park Committee, quickly accepted Forestberg's offer. Chamber director Andy Dietrich, who attended Saturday's "farewell" ceremony, has been placed in charge of arranging delivery of the wheelhouse to Salt Spring.

Dietrich said the first priority is to move the wheelhouse to the island and place it in storage.

After that, he said, there will be plenty of time for the community to worry about the wheelhouse's condition, the question of where it might be displayed, and the raising of funds that might be needed for restoration work.

In offering the wheelhouse to Salt Spring, Forestberg specified that island representatives had to act quickly. Because the *Cy Peck* is to be scrapped, he could not hold onto or store the wheelhouse for any length of time.

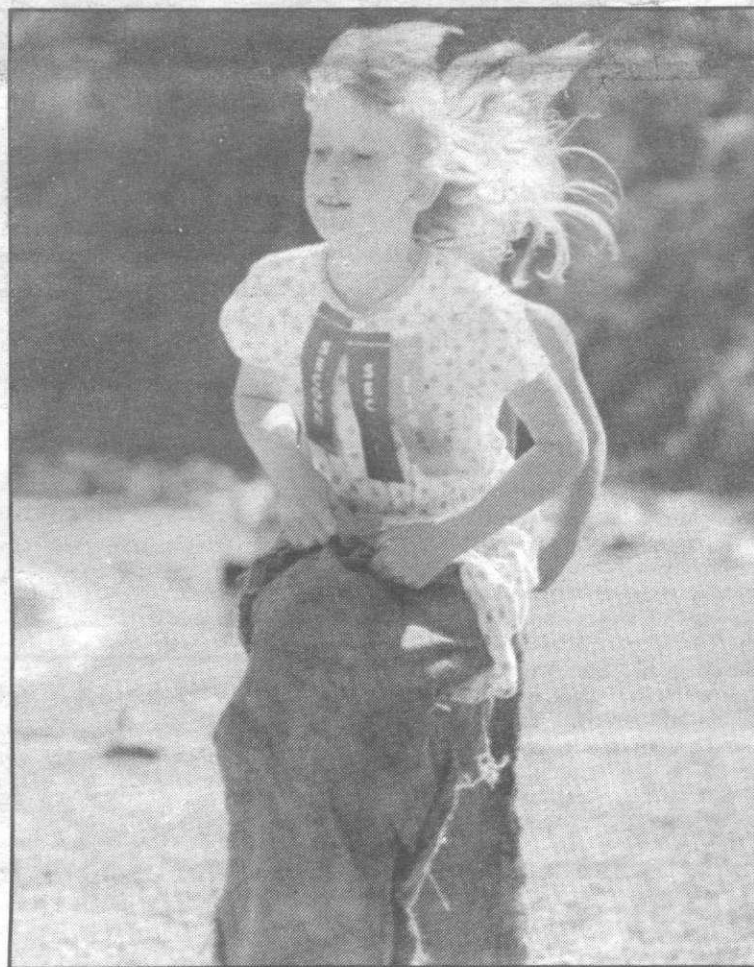
"We have to take these opportunities as they come, not when we're ready for them," Dietrich said. "It's important to get these artifacts into the community."

He added that the community should be pleased to have the chance to save, for the future, an important symbol of the island's history.

The amount of money that may be needed to restore the wheelhouse will not be known until its condition can be appraised. That cost, plus the price tag for a display base, will have to be covered by fund-raising, however.

Fun in the sun

Young girls on Pender Island (above) strained to the limit in children's races held last Saturday, May 31, as part of the Browning Harbour Regatta organized by the Pender Island Yacht Club. Other events included sack races (right) and various sea-based activities. Details next week.



Rough landing greets island visitors

Two visitors received a cold welcome to the Gulf Islands last week when their boat hit the rocks at Prevost Island, forcing them to spend the night on the beach.

The stranded visitors were spotted by Hornet water taxi driver Bob George, who alerted the Coast Guard at 7:45 a.m. Thursday after spotting a

flare near Prevost Island. Searchers found a 20-foot fiberglass boat lodged on the northern side of Prevost, on Trincomali Channel.

The boat's operator, J. McKabe of Nanaimo, told the Coast Guard his ship struck a rock at about 8 p.m. the night before. He and his passenger were then forced to pull the boat ashore.

"There were no injuries," Coast Guard spokesman Frank Wilkins said, "but they were sure cold. I guess they got wet coming ashore."

The Coast Guard brought the stranded visitors into Ganges, where they intended to get some sleep. McKabe said he would repair the boat and refloat it at high tide.

Channel Ridge logging draws resident concern

A walk to the Channel Ridge development site has convinced May Jones that an agreement with the Islands Trust has been violated, and that far too many trees are being logged from the area.

"I was shocked because they're taking down some really huge and beautiful trees," she said. "I counted over 150 logs."

Channel Ridge Properties agreed it would log only those trees necessary for roads and building sites, Salt Spring Island Trust Committee representative Nick Gilbert said.

According to Gilbert, the agreement has not been violated. "They've cleared trees necessary for opening up views," he said. "There is no reason they shouldn't take out the trees they need to."

The Channel Ridge project is currently clearing land for some 30 lots along the ridge above Duck Creek. Project manager Hank Schubart said the area in question is a small meadow which will house six lots.

"It doesn't impact the rest of the community at all," Schubart said.

He added that the logs are being sold to compensate for the clearing.

Jones' lot backs on to part of the area. She said that, when she walked up the newly-cleared road, she was shocked by the amount of marketable timber that had been "clear-logged."

She added: "I couldn't see where they were clearing anything for a road."

Jones said property owners on Broadwell Road have signed an agreement not to divert the natural flow of a small stream running through the area, but that bulldozers have now turned up this stream.

Schubart, however, said the issue concerning the stream is under control: "We've gone over it with the department of highways," he said, noting that a minor diversion of the stream was necessary to prevent the water from running through the new lots.

"I can understand the concern," Schubart added. "We're as concerned as everyone else."

He said people have to understand that upstream development will obviously affect the downstream area.

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EXCHANGE RATE:

This week's recommended exchange rate on U.S. dollars is 36 per cent.

Trees taken down in Maxwell Park

An estimated 80 trees described as posing a danger to the public were removed from Mt. Maxwell Park over the past month.

The provincial parks branch said the trees were removed after core samples showed presence of diseases like butt rot. Trees were removed only if it was felt they might fall on people or vehicles.


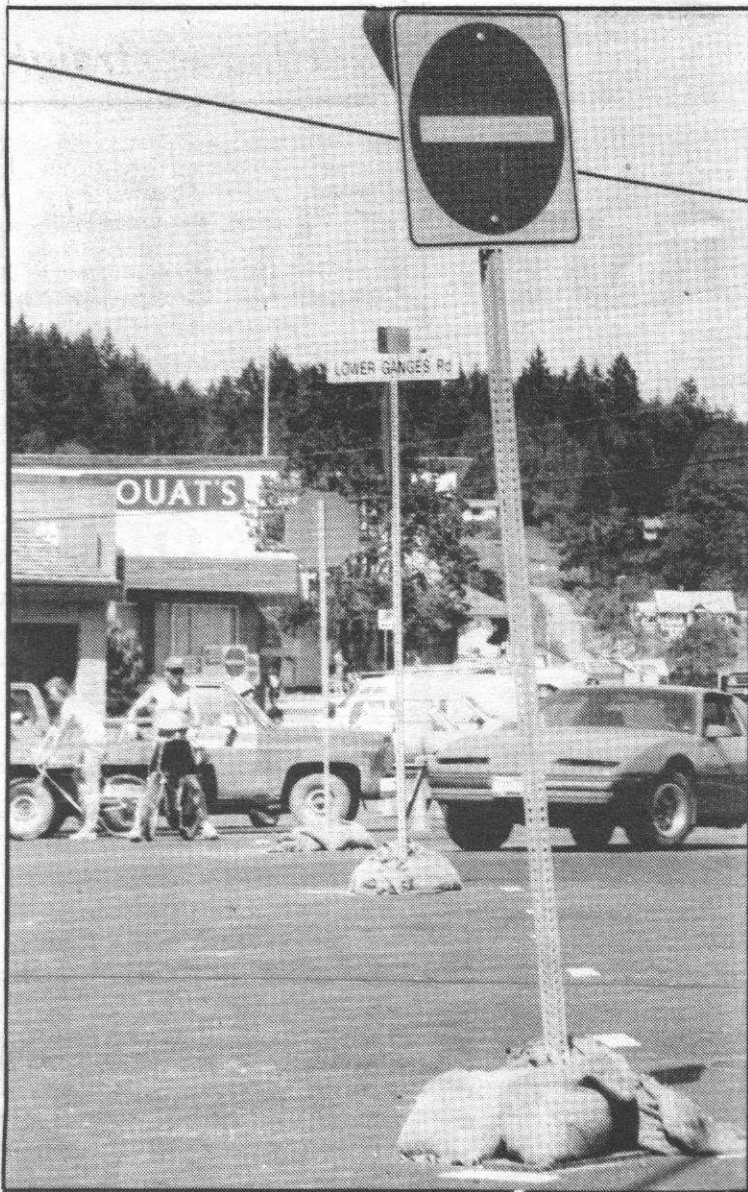
The parks branch, which said it does not expect additional tree removal to be necessary for another four or five years, will use the downed trees as barrier logs or for firewood.

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Sandbags hold up signs at intersection

Traffic islands to return after flow survey done

Painted road markings will remain in downtown Ganges until the highways ministry can assess expected changes in traffic flow patterns.

Repaving work carried out last week saw removal of traffic islands at the intersection of Lower Ganges Road and Fulford-Ganges Road, which were replaced by painted lines.

District highways manager Joe Jensen said the islands will not return until his office gauges the impact of two major changes to the road system in downtown Ganges.

Those changes involve the extension of Hereford Avenue across Lower Ganges Road and into the parking lot serving Mouat's Mall and other shops, and the widening of Manson Road, which exits from the parking lot beside the Bank of Montreal building.

Once the Hereford Avenue

extension is in place, highways crews will paint two left-hand turn lane markings on Lower Ganges Road, then monitor the traffic flow there. The Manson Road widening will also be watched to see what effect it and the Hereford Avenue extension have on traffic flows at the intersection of Lower Ganges Road and Fulford-Ganges Road.

Jensen said that, depending on changes in traffic flows, some turns may be restricted at the main intersection but that he anticipates "no significant changes" to what was in place previously.

Meanwhile, paving work in downtown Ganges should be finished by the end of this week, Jensen said. The overall road improvement project, costed at \$2 million and covering most of the island's main roads, is about two weeks behind schedule because of wet spring weather that delayed paving.

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	2215	9.2		2030	10.9
6	0155	9.8	10	0215	9.1
	1000	1.4	TU	0345	9.2
FR	1845	10.7		1215	1.2
	2325	9.4		2105	10.9
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Barge slips moorings, floats down harbour

in brief

Strong winds caused a buoy cable to snap Sunday, sending a 150-foot barge drifting down Ganges Harbour.

The barge, being used to haul materials for paving now taking place on island roads, broke loose from its mooring at approximately 10:30 am Sunday, sliding down the harbour as far as the Second Sisters.

Reports are a fishing boat tied onto the barge and contacted the Coast Guard to take over.

A small tug boat, sent to return the barge to its dock, was unable to handle the load. It was past 6 pm before a second tug boat could be called in and the barge returned to its mooring.

A new Long Harbour float, installed to handle the larger ferry now serving the islands, flipped as the vessel docked Monday — and nobody seems to know why.

The floating lead, used to guide the ship into berth, overturned as an afternoon ferry glided towards the ramp.

A Long Harbour spokesman said the ferry always leans against the float while docking, in order to secure the lines. Speculating, he said the anchor which holds the float down may have caused it to flip.

"It could cause problems if we have stronger winds," the spokesman said.

B.C. Ferry Corporation said that, without the aid of the new floating lead, a stronger wind could catch the side of the vessel like a sail. Extra crew members were on hand Monday night, but were not needed.

The old tie-up dolphin was used to dock the ferry Monday night, and a float crane was on the scene Tuesday to right the float.

Anvil Iron WORKS

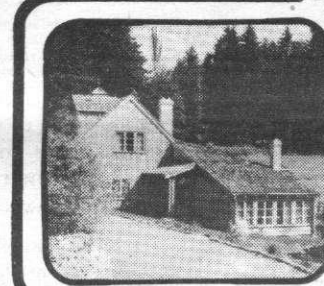


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Paint Party

While Marg Benmore (right) looks on, Merle Box adds another coat of paint to entrance door at Mahon Hall. Crew of volunteers gave the hall a facelift last week. Story, second photo, on page 11.

setting it straight

Last week's *Driftwood* supplied an incorrect date for an open house at Greenwoods.

The event, held to mark the facility's seventh birthday and to unveil a new room, is to be held today (Wednesday, June 4), beginning at 2 pm.

Driftwood apologies for any inconvenience or difficulty caused by our error.

The open house will be marked by a pot luck coffee party. For fiscal restraint reasons, people attending the function are asked to help supply items like cakes and cookies.

Highlight of the afternoon will be unveiling of a new addition to Greenwoods — a sun room named after Ivan Larson, a late resident of the care home whose estate left funds to be used for that

purpose. Greenwoods, which opened in 1979, was built through the efforts of a non-profit society dedicated to providing an intermediate care facility for all Gulf Islanders.

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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Swiped from John Kirkwood in the *Vancouver Courier* is a list of slips from the pen of others. The first comment is the report of a provincial minister, unnamed, in Sparwood, who explained that there is no unemployment. The situation is "just too many people looking for jobs."

Here are the slips:

- The house was extensively destroyed by fire.
- In addition to the shipping services, the new store
- In addition to the shopping services, the new store will have an electric chair for the use of customers.
- Police fired a warning shot, but it missed.
- As a devout Muslim, he is served a fish dish as a matter of course.
- Some stores are selling some products at cost price, leaving profit margins low.
- Sign above a drugstore in Madras, "You can dispense with me with confidence."

What do you mean? Living in an island world of our own? There ain't no such animal!

The reality of island living—the realization that we are no longer cut off from the rest of the world—came to many islanders with a horrifying sense of disaster this spring. Young island mothers were the chief victims of the Chernobyl aftermath. Not even an island is insulated against the nuclear cloud in the upper reaches of the atmosphere.

There are young families in the islands who have abandoned fresh milk for fear of the pollution in the sky. There are young mothers who are desperate to protect their children from something they cannot see, cannot understand and have been taught to fear.

Governments and administrations are not helpful. One young matron called the health service and asked, very concernedly, whether the fact that her well is uncovered would render it susceptible to pollution. She was advised that the office had no information on radiation or fall-out.

This week was counting week. I've been counted on a short form and unless I should die before this appears in print, my report is accurate to midnight on Tuesday of this week.

The census taker was a cheerful collector of statistics and I had only one criticism. I was asked: *Do I consider myself Indian, Metis or Inuit?* I argued, with my family, that I am or I am not and that whether I consider myself something is no longer a positive statement.

Had I lived next door to an Indian community for so long that I considered myself part of that community, would that make me so? But I didn't.

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Deserving

Sir,
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As well as the facelift, Mahon Hall received the love and attention of her community. Many, many people were involved in this enormous undertaking. About 104 residents of Salt Spring were involved in the process.

Male and female, young and old, skilled and unskilled came out to help and thank you is due to them all:

- The user groups who offered their input and support during the design process.
- The recreation commission and the Community Arts Council.
- Windsor Plywood Ltd. for their generous donation.
- The staff at Windsor for their kind help and patience.
- Tom McKeachie and his grade eight and nine drama classes — what great preparation and clean-up crews. Thanks.
- Carpenters Peter Rice, Ted Baldwinson, Phillip Grange, and Alf Newton.
- Stage painters Art Simons, Brenda Franklin, Sally Robinson and Kathi Singbeil.
- Painters extraordinaire Lynda Laushway, Jocelyn Holmes, Eva Kruger, Julie Cunningham, Elaine Potter, Meaghan Benmore, Roy Rajsic, HENRY, Ellen Hazenboom, Meg Buckley, Marianne Allen, Louise Baldwinson, Merle Box and John Crowther. They filled a million holes too.

• My favourite ceiling painter and co-ordinator Lawrie Neish.
• A very special thank you to Art Hopping for all of the support, talent and time he gave to the project.

The project went well, came in on budget and looks great — together we made it happen, Mahon Hall is again a symbol of community spirit as well as an indispensable community facility.
MARGARET C. BENMORE,
Project Co-ordinator,
Community Arts Council.

To differ

Sir,
Debates About Water Quality Are Irrelevant read the headline for High Borsman's director's report in the May 28 issue of *Driftwood*, referring, of course to the debate about gasoline-powered boats on St. Mary Lake.

From our point of view, concerns about water quality are very relevant to the discussion, as are concerns about safety, aesthetics, and wildlife conservation.

First of all, there are some direct impacts on the lake from the use of gasoline-powered outboards. Lead is increased slightly in the water column, and perhaps more importantly, tends to accumulate in the sediments. Exhaust emission and their conversion products contain known carcinogens (cancer-producing substances) and the effects on aquatic life and human health remains unknown. In the absence of conclusive evidence that exhaust emissions are not a health threat, it seems only wise to avoid this type of contamination.

Milfoil is recognized as a threat to both recreational use of the lake and its use as a water supply. Once established, it is difficult and expensive to control and impossible to eliminate. The

provincial government notes that there is a potential for spread of Eurasian Milfoil by boats and trailers. The current Electric Motors Only status greatly reduces the possibility of boats coming to our lakes from infested areas. But perhaps most importantly of all, the attempt to remove the EMO status on St. Mary Lake is an effort to increase the recreational use of the lake and its watershed. This can only lead to even greater volumes of sewage and other wastes being discharged into the watershed, resulting in more nutrients entering the lake and a greater risk of bacterial contamination.

There are competing uses for the lake. Fish and Wildlife's only interest, for instance, is to promote more and more recreation in the form of fishing. But the community and government has to consider all aspects of the situation, and where conflicts exist, priorities must be established. Detrimental effects of gasoline engines on water quality are relevant. The community, the Islands Trust, the provincial government, and our MLA, Hugh Curtis all realize that the protection of our community water supplies must come first and therefore they support the EMO on St. Mary Lake.
TOM GOSSETT,
MIKE LARMOUR,
Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society.

Preservation

Sir,
Oh where, oh where did my zoning go?
In the name of Preservation I want you to know.
Down to the ocean
And out to the sea.
The Islands Trust
Tried to take it away from me.

Chorus

The Islands Trust,
Are coming to win us
Coming to win us
They're coming to win us
The Islands Trust,
Are coming to win us;
Hold on to the SHORE;
Or they'll be taking
the key from your DOOR.

Oh, how many times must a trustee blow his job?
Before all of the people Will hear?
The answer my friend, Is blowing in the wind "And soon they will all Disappear."

Harmony back-up by trustees:

Discourage development,
Discourage success,
Discourage the facts,
That's the job we do best.
Oh yeh, oh yeh,
yeh,yeh,yeh
yeh yeh
eeyeee
yyyyyy
eheheheheheh.....
BRETT HAMMILL,
Ganges.

Clarification

Sir,
On May 13, North Pender Island's Advisory Planning Committee held a meeting to review the posting of signs. In the *Driftwood* of May 21, this meeting was reviewed. It mentioned certain signs which were in contravention

letters

of the current bylaws, among them a sign designating the Penders a nuclear-free zone. Apparently there was no one at that meeting to refute that statement, which was in error.

For the record, the Pender Islands have been designated by the Trust as a nuclear-free zone. This was passed by the Pender Islands Trust Committee at a public meeting. The sign was installed with the concurrence of local Trust representatives in order that the public might be made aware of the fact. The sign is on private property.

I trust that this letter will clarify the matter.
VICTORIA GILLESPIE,
Operation Dismantle,
Pender Island.

Can't compare

Sir,
On Salt Spring Island many people are volunteers. That is a fact of which Islanders boast.

Patients and nurses at Lady Minto and Greenwoods have an easier and more pleasant life because of the dedicated service of many volunteers. I sleep tranquilly, and so do many others, because of the volunteer firemen.

The library also owes a debt to volunteers. Volunteers founded it; volunteers funded it; volunteers chose books, listed, catalogued and staffed it. Our library is perhaps unique in this respect.

I do not believe that joining the regional library would offer any improvement. Books and services would depend on population. It is a mistake to compare our library with ones in Victoria or Nanaimo, for they serve more people and so are better stocked.

As long as we have volunteers who are willing to staff it, I would like our library to continue as it is.
OLIVE MOUAT,
Ganges.

Volunteers

Sir,
If we had a government-controlled library on this island instead of our own Mary Hawkins library, how long would it be before the paid trade union employees came out on strike, with the library door locked, pickets in the street and no books available to anybody?

In the past, when the CRD libraries on Vancouver Island have been "struck," we lucky Salt Spring Islanders, thanks to our selfless, hard-working volunteers, have been able to get books and service as usual. It is the volunteers, not the paid workers, who show a community that they care.

MARY GATLEY,
Fulford Harbour.

Update

Sir,
Please allow me to give your readers an update on the MacMillan-Bloedel property.

It is true that the Trust does not intend to present a detailed development proposal to MacBlo, or to suggest that a given parcel should have a high density assigned to it. What we have initiated is a study to evaluate suitability and capability in land-use terms.

In other words, we will identify areas that should be protected for purposes of watershed, vegetation sensitivity, wildlife habitat, recreation use and aesthetic values.

Land of best use for growing trees should be identified. In

residential terms, land that is suited to housing will be located, keeping in mind the soil's capacity to accept septage, the availability of water supply and access to the service infrastructure of power, roads, telephone, ferries, and cultural and commercial amenities.

Much of this information has already been compiled at the urging of the Trust, and now needs to be applied to Tree Farm lands.

The result of this study will be an information base from which a developer can put together a proposal that will likely meet the acceptance of the community.

I must add that I am most grateful for the co-operation we have received from Mr. Kadatz and MacMillan-Bloedel.

I believe that a creative land use proposal for the 5,000 acres is quite possible, and that the Trust will do all in its power to assist in the development of a sensitive plan.

The developer should be guaranteed the full number of lots allowed by current zoning and the full dollar value for his investment. And why not a bonus for doing it properly? We will all be better off, in terms of water supply, aesthetics, recreation, and everyone's property values.

Scanning the ever-increasing letters to our new editor, I get the impression from Salt Spring correspondent Murray Cyprus that a Trust election is pending. The format is familiar, and appears on one or more of the islands each election year.

The gam plan is to discredit the Trust and its current representatives, and replace them with pro-development candidates.

There is one outstanding concern. Should the development forces succeed and win two seats, there are those three general trustees who may outvote them if they get too enthusiastic with their bylaw changes. Hence the need to get rid of the general trustees.

The conclusion, after two years sitting as vice-chairman of the trust, I am satisfied that the Trust works well and quickly with applicants for rezonings and permits. The Trust is not anti-development, but pro appropriate development. The general trustees do not outvote the local trustees when they are agreed on a local issue. Local trustees have never yet moved against the Trust mandate to preserve and protect our unique islands, so the general trust veto

has not been exercised, to my knowledge.

Should this development faction get its way (access to quick profits at the expense of all other land values), we will all be the poorer. Sensitive development wins my approval and applause.

NICK GILBERT,
Ganges.

Assumption

Sir,
There must be an unwritten tenet based on the assumption of power and the incredible stupidity that follows.

The powers that be are moving the market. First they tried to move it to Mouat's old lumber yard (the present site of the Credit Union); the next try was the Farmers' Institute property, with the result being the same.

The market does not need moving, controlling, restricting, taxing or manipulating in any way. It has evolved over the years into the success it is without the assistance of petty, meddling bureaucrats.

A park is for people, and were we consulted? The last time I was consulted was by ballot, where it was agreed to leave the market alone.

The colour and success of our local market is a direct result of the variety of vendors. Not only will the move reduce the space available, but it will actually reduce the number of vendors. From what little info is available, I gather that a \$6 fee (payable to God knows who) will be levied. This will eliminate the children selling their crafts, cookies, etc., and the older ladies selling flowers and veggies.

As one vendor put it, this mistake is on a par with Coke changing its formula; a classic blunder of monumental proportions.

Forget about Bill Luker. Who the hell is Hugh Borsman?

STEPHEN BALL,
Ganges.

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Leadership race driving government apart

VICTORIA — Political observers in Victoria are being treated to a rare spectacle these days — a government falling apart.

The Sacred caucus — until recently a cohesive, single-minded and powerful unit — is turning into a pack of fractious individuals without direction or purpose.

Premier Bennett's resignation has thrown the Sacred into utter confusion and turmoil.

In the legislature, cabinet ministers still go through the motions of introducing bills, defending their spending estimates and answering questions from the opposition. But the former spunk has gone out of them. They're a subdued lot.

Sensing the government's helplessness, the opposition NDP has gone on the attack. There are frequent references to the Sacred's "lame-duck leader." Declared and potential leadership candidates are the targets of jibes. The responses lack conviction. The opposition has the upper hand in the House.

It hasn't come unexpectedly. It happens every time a leader steps down. And when he's the leader of the party in power, the effects are more severe.

Not only does the Sacred caucus now lack the clear direction given by a leader in full control, but the members are no longer able or willing to act as a cohesive body.

Some of them have their own agendas now. They would like to succeed Bennett as premier and are busy establishing their own identities.

Those who have no intention of running for the leadership sit on fences, trying to guess who will emerge as the winner. Backing the wrong horse could cost them dearly later. Supporting the right person could translate into a cabinet appointment.

But all that still doesn't account for the degree to which the government has suffered from Bennett's resignation. The reason for the government's sudden rigor mortis goes deeper and further back.

Like few other politicians, Bennett consolidated power in his own office. Government under Bill Bennett during the past few years was essentially a one-man show.

It didn't start out that way. Initially, power was shared by his cabinet ministers who, in turn, relied heavily on their deputy ministers. The change came at about the same time that Bennett introduced his restraint program.

Cabinet ministers were gradually stripped of their decision-making power. Deputy ministers were told that their allegiance was no longer to their deputies,

as had been the tradition, but to the premier.

All power now resided in the premier's office. With the help of close advisers, the premier plotted all strategy. Cabinet ministers became mere instruments of the premier's will.

The entire restraint program was hatched by the premier and a handful of political hacks. Caucus had virtually no input.

It wasn't until much later that we learned the restraint program was designed mainly to give the

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

premier a new image, the image of a tough leader who would brook no nonsense.

That revelation came from Patrick Kinsella, one of the prem-

ier's former advisers, who told a group of students a year or so ago that the restraint program was designed to do for Bennett what advertising does for corn flakes — create an image.

It worked exceedingly well while Bennett was in control. Ever since restraint, there was no question who called the shots in the Sacred government. The premier was, indeed, perceived as a very, very tough guy.

Now the party has to pay the piper. There is no heir-apparent

who could just take over, no successor who could simply pick up where Bennett leaves off.

With Bennett's resignation announcement, the blood drained out of the body Sacred.

The new leader, whoever he or she may be, will have a difficult time breathing new life into the corpse.

The NDP is betting that the resuscitation attempts will fail to revive the corpse.

At this point, I'm inclined to agree with that assessment.

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Meeting

Sir,
The Ganges Creek Task Force will be presenting the results of its study of Swanson and Ganges creeks on June 9, at 7:30 pm in the high school. The actual room will be announced later, but we hope to use the band room.

The Task Force is looking for public input and discussion of its study. Time permitting, after the report and discussion, the Islands Trust representatives will be available for general discussion of any topics.

IAN FRASER,
Chairman,
Ganges Creek Task Force.

Service

Sir,
I am writing to let everyone know about the wonderful work being done on the island by the Hospice volunteers of the Bessie Dane Foundation.

I would not have been able to manage alone at home with my husband's recent illness without them coming to sit with him while I get some rest or go to the village a couple of hours a week.

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AL and EDITH DAVISON,
Ganges.

Social

Sir,
We feel that our school belongs not just to teachers, students and their parents, but to the whole community. A community needs to keep in touch, and we feel that the best way to do that is to have fun together; so we are having a party at Fulford School on June 11 (Wednesday) from 5 to 8:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome — bring your friends and neighbours, cousins and grandparents and the new baby. There will be tea, coffee, juice, entertainment, dancing and

prizes.

We need you to bring the food, and your own plate and cutlery please, so we can have dinner together. Admission is your favourite dish — casserole, salad, dessert or buns.

If you've enjoyed other Fulford School socials, don't miss this one, and if you haven't been to one yet, now is your chance. See you there.

NANCY WIGEN,
Secretary,
Fulford School Parents Group.

Distortion

Sir,
As a Dutch-born visitor to your beautiful country and having lived in South Africa for over 30 years, I am appalled at the one-sided media coverage (to the point of naivete), of the situation over there. Brevity prevents me from going into detail.

As I see it, the minority white population over there is doing everything in its power to aid the

other population groups economically and politically towards a better life — a daunting task, I may add, in view of the numbers involved.

As any thinking person should know, there are always two sides to a story and half the facts are never mentioned in your reportage. It is a pity that the Canadian public does not get a more in-depth view of the situation.

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Sir,
On behalf of the Victoria and Vancouver Island Multiple Sclerosis Society, I would like to extend my thanks to *Driftwood* for its excellent support of our Carnation Day fund-raising drive for Multiple Sclerosis research.

I would also ask you to thank those who volunteered to assist us with the canvass, as well as members of the public who dug deep in their pockets to help make Carnation Days a success. A total of \$2,223.16 was raised on Salt Spring Island and over \$63,000 on Vancouver Island. This represents a 40 per cent increase over last year.

Our congratulations and special thank you go to Les and Jean Stevens for taking on the challenging task of launching the first Carnation Day Campaign on Salt Spring Island, and to Molly Akerman for assisting in the co-ordination of the effort.

Thank you again for your assistance and support.

BOB SMITH,
Carnation Day Chairman,
Victoria.

Contribution

Sir,
On Saturday, May 24, Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion celebrated the organization's Diamond Jubilee with a dinner and dance at the Activity Centre.

I would like to publicly thank all who contributed to the phenomenal success of this venture (if you missed it, tough). Those businesses and persons contributing were Mouat's, Ganges Pharmasave, D and D News, Salt Spring Island Dry Cleaners, Harbour House, Gulfstream Supply and the Girl Guides. A special thank you goes to the volunteer bartenders from the fire department. Great job, guys!

For all those who attended the dinner and dance and requested "more of the same," we're working on it.

ALAN WYATT,
Branch 92,
Royal Canadian Legion.

Chilling

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and U.S. President Ronald Reagan:

Sir,
Probably the most chilling fact of recent months is the almost complete blackout from both the U.S. news media (Canadian as well) and the American and Canadian governments when the leader of one of the world's two superpowers proposed his plan for the complete elimination of nuclear and chemical weapons by the end of the century.

The Soviet Union had to take out an ad in the *New York Times* on February, 1985, to lay this plan before the public. And this, after the eight month moratorium on nuclear testing that has been undertaken unilaterally by the U.S.S.R. since August 6, 1985.

What can this mean? We can only conclude that the present government of the U.S. has no interest in ridding the world of genocidal weapons, and Canada has become an accomplice in the U.S. war economy.

Too many of our leaders are still

thinking of war and weapons in terms of the technology of the past; 70 per cent of the U.S. research and development money goes into the military — presumably because the present weapons are not lethal enough.

Haven't these leaders heard the growing rumour that war is obsolete and their incredibly "successful" technology has made it so. How funny. "Hoist on their own petard."

And let's not forget who provides the money for this suicidal game.....we do. Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer.

No wonder so many people now live with mounting anger and despair in their hearts.
VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
Ganges.

P.S. Please don't respond with that tired cliché about "verification of arms control" being a problem. Several nations of the world have offered to verify events and the Russians have agreed to on-site inspections.

And besides, when a satellite can "read" the license plate on a car, it can do an acceptable job of monitoring disarmament moves.

Good work

Sir,
As chairman of the SSI parks and recreation commission, which is responsible for the administration of Mahon Hall, I have, on behalf of the commission, just inspected the newly-painted interior of the hall.

I was delighted with what I saw because, in my view, it now has bright new life and colour.

The Community Arts Council and, in particular, Margaret Benmore, Art Hopping and Lawrie Neish — who were the guiding lights of the project — are to be congratulated for their originality and success.

Windsor Plywood is also to be thanked for its generous grant.

More than 50 people devoted countless hours, both day and night, to bring this change about. They, too, are to be thanked.

This was a wonderful community project and is greatly appreciated.

JOHN CROFTON,
Ganges.

Picking

Sir,
As a Burnaby subscriber to *Driftwood* I'm always delighted and quite surprised to see the Wednesday edition arrive here on Thursday. How is this possible?

Now the first thing I like to read is *To be Frank* by Richards, not so much because it's interesting — although it generally is — but mainly to pick at his weird style of writing and his even weirder mistakes. "Stanleycuppery" give me a break. I think his punctuation is atrocious, and those short snapper sentences are getting on my nerves. There are commas out there Mr. Richards — use them.

P.S. I saw a swarm of ants on my patio ushering in a lovely spring day. They caused me no harm, nor I them. They had a right to be there, and I welcomed the sight — but left to watch the news about Chernobyl.

RUTH BARTLETT,
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Park project success will depend on donations

The community faces the necessity of raising a considerable further sum of money to complete the redevelopment of Centennial Park. There has been some criticism of the plans and process and this has hampered, to some extent, the success of fund-raising efforts so far.

Because of confusing and uncertain jurisdiction in recent times, the park has been in limbo so that no local body has had firm control of it. It has now been transferred from lands, parks and housing to the CRD (by a free Crown Grant), and therefore is now a community park with the Salt Spring parks and recreation commission as the responsible body.

The recreation commission will, within the next few weeks, have the legal authority to regulate what goes on at the park, including all vending.

A renovation committee, known as the core committee, came up with a renovation plan at least two years ago. The committee made every attempt to inform any group that might have been interested. The plan called for a boardwalk along the shoreline, a bandstand, a raised grassy

director's report

by

Hugh Borsman

the community must now provide the funds to complete what promises to be a tremendous improvement. The core committee deserves a great deal of credit for their initiative and hard work.

Now that the parks and recreation commission is firmly in control of the park, they have rightly moved to exercise control of the whole operation, particularly since any of these improvements will increase the cost of upkeep, which was a problem even before renovations. A finance committee has firm control over expenditures and any prospective contributor can be assured that any money donated will be spent wisely.

As you are aware, we have \$20,000 in lottery funds that must be matched locally before it can be used. A letter, mailed more or less at random, has to date raised \$5,000. The recent bingo games raised \$1,800, thanks to generous local merchants. There have been other contributions of money and services, but a complete financial account should be given to you in the near future.

There is no shortage of ideas, but the fund-raising committee has to be re-activated. You will be hearing of their plans very soon. But we depend very heavily on contributions from individuals. If you do contribute, contributions should be made out to the Salt Spring Centennial Society. This is a non-profit society, so your contribution will be tax deductible. Please forward your donation to Salt Spring Centennial Society, c/o Mouat's office or P.O. Box 616, Ganges, V0S 1E0.

Finally, go and have a look at what was accomplished this past Sunday by a large crew of volunteers. Things are shaping up rapidly.

"HELP"

We are proceeding with this program — providing, of course that we get some financial help for the purchase of home units at \$400 each. The

base unit, for which we have funds, will be placed at the nurse's desk at the hospital; the hospital board kindly approved this.

I am approaching the service organizations to see if they will donate one or more home units. These units would remain as communal property. There may be any number of elderly and infirm individuals who would like the security offered by this "help" system and would wish to purchase their own unit. There would have to be some sort of priority established, probably by the physicians, for those receiving the community-owned units.

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me. It is difficult to explain the whole system in a brief account.

I expect this process will be in operation by mid-summer since I expect no difficulty with the provision of home units. The base unit, incidentally, will handle any number of home units. After satisfactory operation of the program on Salt Spring Island, the CRD hopes to institute this in the whole of greater Victoria. Its purpose, apart from providing

There was a disagreement between the highways department and our community as to the most appropriate traffic patterns in the centre of Ganges. By removing the traffic islands and paving the whole area, flexibility has been provided. After some experience and the finalization of other traffic changes in the village, an

optimal plan will be agreed upon and the islands replaced.

Mr. J. Jensen, Saanich District Highways manager, has assured us that the highways department will replace the islands as soon as possible, and that the design of the islands will be decided after consultation with the local community.

'Space provided for the Farmers Market to continue at a new location.'

area for seating, relocation and additions to the childrens' play area, renewal of the toilet facilities, and the relocation of the present parking area to the side of the park. By an arrangement with the owner of Gasoline Alley, space would be provided for the Saturday Farmers' Market to continue at the new location. The Royal Canadian Legion continues to accept the responsibility for the Cenotaph area.

While there has been some belated criticism of the plan itself, most of the dissatisfaction appears to be mainly impatience with the slow progress and the feeling that it could have been done more efficiently. This may be fair comment, although lack of funds to continue was the main problem. The fact remains that

'An optimal plan will be agreed upon and the islands replaced.'

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'Rigid thinkers' to be extinct breed?

By SUSAN DICKER

According to Ariadne Sawyer, Archie Bunker would never have made it.

In a society where information doubles every six to 12 months and people are constantly bombarded with numbers and knowledge, rigid thinkers (those who cannot look at a piece of information from many angles) will fall by the wayside, she says. They'll be an extinct breed.

Sawyer, a Salt Spring resident who will present a lecture series called *The Wonders of The Mind* in Vancouver over this summer, says it is important for people to develop "liquid thinking" skills — i.e., allowing a flow of thought patterns to consider different angles of an issue.

"Instead of going down the same road and always turning left, liquid thinking frees up the mind and there are suddenly roads all around you," Sawyer says. "You learn to shift into different patterns and consider a problem or situation from its humorous, positive, negative and philosophical angles."

Sawyer will join futurist Frank Ogden every Friday in July at New Westminster's *Ideafest 86*. Sawyer's five-part lecture will commence at 7 pm and be followed by Ogden at 9 pm. *Ideafest 86*, to be staged in a multi-level space station created at New Westminster's Douglas College, will examine ideas for the future.

The first section of Sawyer's lecture highlights current information on the brain.

Connecting her topic to the space theme, Sawyer draws a parallel between stars and the neurons in the brain.

"If you look at the milky way and all the stars in the constellation and then look at the human brain, you'll see there is the same number of neurons as stars, and that they're in the same formation."

Because of this similarity, Sawyer says we are interconnected with space. "The reason people are so interested in space is because it gives them a way to re-check what's going on and bring things together."

The second stage of Sawyer's lecture deals with the creative

Consideration of all angles central to 'new way to think'

mind, exploring different creative techniques and methods of relaxing the conscious mind.

"The idea is to achieve an equal balance between both the right and left hemispheres of the brain," Sawyer says.

'The idea is to achieve an equal balance between both hemispheres of the brain.'

Our methods of learning, she says, were designed during the industrial revolution and geared towards the sequential-type learning of the left. This prepared people for factory work. "A whole brain or right brain dominated person would go quite nutty in a factory," she says.

Introducing one of the several exercises she will conduct, Sawyer notes the importance of verbalizing a creative project one plans to undertake — presenting it to the right, or creative, side of the brain. At the seminar, those attending will be told to ask their creative side for a song. They will write it down, then ask the left, or conscious, side of the brain to evaluate it.

"What is important," Sawyer says, "is to not let the left brain begin evaluating before the creative flow is finished."

In discussing the learning mind, her lecture's third stage, Sawyer describes the inadequacies of present-day learning systems.

The right hemisphere, according to Sawyer, learns in whole patterns. She says native Indian people, who are often right brain dominated, suffer in schools where sequential learning predominates.

Sawyer's discussion on liquid thinking is part of the thinking mind section of her lecture.

The lecture's final part is considered a "fun thing," where, taking Ogden's futuristic strategy — which uses eye movements to access parts of the brain —

Sawyer will involve the audience in an attempt to change something in their present.

The \$25 lecture fee includes a ticket to the space station.

"I plan to weave a whole experience, using visual and musical effects," says Sawyer of the lecture. "I want it to be something they'll remember six months after it's over."



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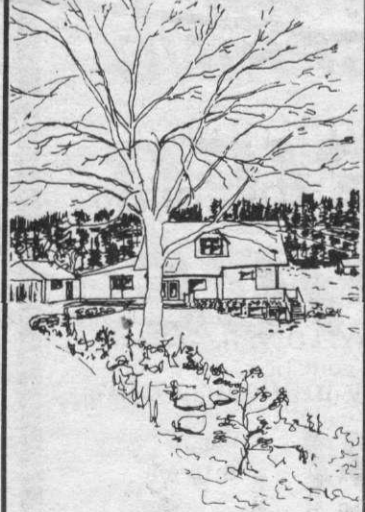
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Vote settles dollar issue for directors

Capital Regional District (CRD) directors agreed on pay increases last week, but there remained a difference of opinion on the die-hard issue of higher wages for municipal representatives.

A remuneration bylaw, giving all directors a five per cent increase, was adopted after 25 minutes of debate. Municipal directors are currently paid \$6,325 annually, while core area directors receive \$4,054 a year. The differences in wages will continue, despite divisions of opinions within the CRD.

The long-standing debate has centred around workload differences between directors from outlying areas and those from the core. Directors from areas such as Sidney and Central Saanich assume they should be paid extra for attending such events as the Peninsula Recreation Commission and Peninsula Water Commission meetings.

According to Salt Spring director Hugh Borsman, however, there is no disagreement that electoral directors — those representing non-municipal areas such as the Outer Islands and Salt Spring — work harder than other directors.

"Because they are the only person elected in the community," he said, "they end up dealing with a number of issues, 50 per cent of which have nothing to do with the CRD."

Rejecting a proposal to pay municipal and electoral directors a base wage plus an additional payment for each committee meeting attended, Borsman said: "Oddly enough, I'm the one who would have made the most because I'm on the most committees."

Borsman said that, when one runs for office, he knows what he is doing. "You present yourself and say, here I am, what can I do?" He added that a person has to be prepared to sit on a number of committees. "I don't think we should be paid extra."

Langford director Rick Kasper presented a motion to deduct \$59 from directors' wages for each meeting attended by his alternate. Alternate directors are presently paid \$59 for each meeting they attend.

The motion was defeated with Borsman noting that such a system could lead to directors who are ill for some time actually owing money to the CRD. Victoria director Martin Levin described penalizing directors who are ill as a reversion to 19th century thinking.

The five per cent pay increase — the first hike since 1981 — applies across the board and will not affect weighted payments. The entire issue, however, will be rehashed in November when the outgoing board will propose recommendations on directors' salaries for the upcoming year.

Pole popular Salt Spring spot

Eighteen accidents, one death, seven people injured and at least \$23,000 in property damages have occurred at Salt Spring's so-called "killer pole" corner since 1981.

That tally makes the junction of Lower Ganges and Booth Canal roads "one of the most significant accident spots on Salt Spring," according to Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the Ganges RCMP detachment.

The accident count shows that eight of the 18 accidents involved a B.C. Telephone pole, three saw vehicles strike a tree, three landed vehicles in a ditch, and four did not involve any of the above stationary objects.

A further breakdown shows that all but one of the 18 accidents were single-vehicle crashes.

Sgt. Hanks cited excessive vehicle speed as the main factor in the accidents at that corner. "People are just driving too fast," he said.

Minor facial cuts, bruises and lacerations were listed as the most common injuries. Aside from the fatality, only one accident caused injuries serious enough to warrant an overnight stay in hospital.

(The fatal accident occurred in May, 1984, and involved a single vehicle striking a tree.)

In listing \$23,000 in property damages caused by the 18 accidents, Sgt. Hanks cautioned that the figure is an estimate and is likely too low. For instance, one accident report did not enter the cost of replacing a pole torn in two; another does not estimate the damage suffered by a vehicle which left the road.

May was the most popular month for an accident at the "killer pole" corner, with five of the 18 mishaps taking place at that time of year. Three accidents took place in January, two in February, one in April, one in June, one in July, one in September, one in October, one in November and two in December.

In year-by-year breakdowns, the corner saw four mishaps in 1981, two in 1982, five in 1983, two in 1984, three in 1985 and two to date in 1986.

Incidentally, Salt Spring motor vehicle accident statistics for 1985 show 148 mishaps occurred, with 74 causing bodily injuries.

St. Mary Lake decision pending

At press time Tuesday, there was still no word on the outcome of a B.C. Supreme Court challenge involving gasoline engine outboards and St. Mary Lake.

A judgement had been expected from Mr. Justice Gibbs last week but the court records department advised it may be later this week before a decision is forthcoming.

The challenge, heard in early May, seeks removal of the gasoline outboard ban.

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Cartoonist challenges news show panelists

A young Salt Spring man already famous as an internationally-published cartoonist took on a new role when he appeared last week on a Canadian television show.

Adrian Raeside was a guest on the record-running show, *Front Page Challenge*. However, he was not invited to take part in the national news story feature by virtue of his work—he appeared as the grandson of the late Sir Charles Wright.

Wright was a member of the Scott expedition to the South Pole in 1912, and Raeside was invited to speak of his grandfather's participation. While Robert Falcon Scott and the other three members of the advance party who reached the pole all died on the return journey, Wright was with the base party awaiting the leaders' return.

Raeside recalled his grandfather's references to his exploration and told the panel of journalists that he regrets not having pressed his grandfather for more personal recollections of the trip. Raeside spent his early years in New Zealand, where he was born, whereas Sir Charles was living in England and paid only occasional visits to the southern hemisphere.

The cartoonist also explained that his aunt, Patricia Wright, is working on an illustrated diary of her father's adventures on the polar journey.

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The maps, available in Ganges at Western Cyclogical and Volume II Books, include suggested bike routes and indicate both road surface and grade. Symbols detail location of services such as water, grocery outlets and campgrounds.

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Crew of volunteer workers gives facelift to Mahon Hall

By KATHI SINGBEIL

Mahon Hall is receiving a new dress.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the recreation commission and the Community Arts Council, the hall is being transformed by colour.

Mahon Hall is more than just a hall — it's 82 years old and has been a member of the community since 1904. It provides a space to learn, to participate and to entertain. It stages painting shows, theatre, concerts, kids events, exercise workouts, political occasions, ArtCraft for 18 summers, guild workshops, school gym and social events of all manner. Mahon Hall has seen it all.

The refurbishing project, then, is a way for islanders to say thanks for the good times they've had in the hall.

Marg Benmore has been the central force in making the project a reality. She spent hours organizing and painting — and, like Mahon Hall, she's always there.

According to Benmore it has been "a wonderful experience to see a community of such talent, resources and skill come together on a project like this."

The project has also provided an opportunity to demonstrate community pride to visitors and tourists. The Salt Spring Players spring showing of *The Wizard of Oz* attracted 1,200 people over 10 sell-out performances, and last summer's ArtCraft was viewed by 16,000 people from Canada, the States and abroad.



Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

Peter Rice (left) and Ted Baldwinson apply finishing touches to carpentry work on

interior of Mahon Hall. Other volunteers tackled jobs from painting to cleaning.

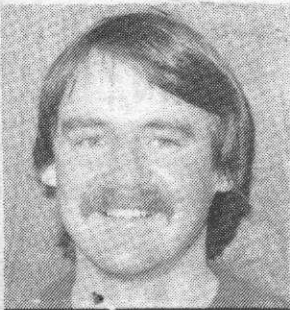
painting to clean-up, has involved some 100 people. Local commercial interior decorator Art Hopping provided the design, and Lawrie Neish took on the difficult task of painting the ceiling.

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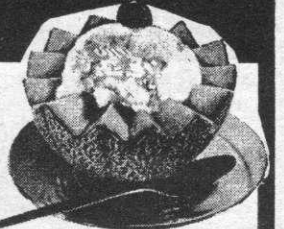
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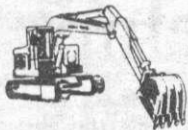
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Historic vessel 'likely better off' being scuttled

Two Salt Spring residents who served aboard the *Cy Peck* say it's probably best that the historic vessel is being scrapped.

Ed Lacy, who worked on the boat for 15 years, and Les Mollet, who counts about eight years of service on the ship, pointed out that the age of the *Cy Peck* and its deteriorating conditions probably placed it

beyond hope of proper restoration.

"There are only so many old ships you can restore and look after," Lacy said, adding that he was still saddened to see the *Cy Peck* gone.

Mollet, who began work on the *Cy Peck* in the early 1930s, noted that he saw the ship "in its prime" and found it difficult to accept its deterioration.

"It's not the ship I remember," he said. "It's really had its ups and downs and I guess it's a good idea that it's gone. I don't think it should be kicked around any more — it really should be destroyed."

Citing the ship's historical connection to Salt Spring, both Lacy and Mollet said they were pleased to see that its wheelhouse will be returned to the

island for restoration and display.

Where the wheelhouse will be located is a question to be answered later. Two possibilities mentioned are Centennial Park in Ganges and Drummond Park in Fulford Harbour.

Mollet said he would prefer to see the wheelhouse placed

on display in Drummond Park since the *Cy Peck* was more closely tied to Fulford Harbour.

The ship was used primarily on the run between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay, although in later years it sailed between Ganges and Swartz Bay while serving transportation needs of Outer Islands residents.

Cy Peck given send-off

Lack of public support doomed ship rescue attempt

Attempts to salvage and restore the *Cy Peck*, an historic coastal vessel that once supplied ferry service to Salt Spring Island for several decades, ended in failure last week.

The ship, which ran aground and floundered in Nanaimo harbour in mid-April, was given an official farewell Saturday in a brief ceremony held at the Assembly Wharf in Nanaimo. The occasion was marked by a champagne toast and a piped lament.

"It's time to say goodbye to the *Cy Peck*," said Amy Campbell, a Nanaimo resident involved in the failed attempt to raise money to save the boat.

Campbell said the fund-raising drive attracted substantial moral support but couldn't pick up the estimated \$45,000 needed to bring the vessel up to display standards.

"A lot of people said the boat should be saved but none of them came up with the money," Campbell said. "So, we had to say goodbye to the *Cy Peck*. It's the end of an era."

The *Cy Peck*, christened the *Daily* when it was built in Puget Sound in the early days of this century, was acquired by the CPR in 1916 to provide transportation service between Victoria, Vancouver and the Gulf Islands.

In 1929, the vessel was purchased by the Sam Matson family to supply daily transportation be-



Vessel's grounding in Nanaimo Harbour prefaced its end

Photo courtesy of John Nolan

tween Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour. The ship, re-named the *Cy Peck*, began service in 1930 and remained on the run until 1956, when it was replaced by the *Motor Princess*.

After that, the vessel primarily served the Outer Islands on a

route that took it from Ganges to Swartz Bay, although it was still occasionally used on its former run.

The B.C. Ferries Corporation, which had assumed responsibility for Gulf Islands transportation by this time, retired the *Cy Peck* in

1961. It lay in Fulford Harbour as an office, then was towed away and stripped, to be used as a floating hulk.

For a time, the *Cy Peck* was owned by a small group of island residents who tied her up at various docks, but eventually

passed into other hands. Its owner at the time the ship ran aground in Nanaimo harbour was Dale Forestberg.

Campbell said Forestberg plans to salvage as much of the vessel's wood as possible before the *Cy Peck* is scuttled. The eventual fate of the ship's double hull is not yet known, although Campbell said it may be beyond saving.

"It's not in good shape — there's an awful lot of rot," she said.

Campbell added that it was a shame to see the boat come to such an end.

Although the *Cy Peck* is now gone, Campbell and Forestberg would like to ensure it is not forgotten. Campbell said steps may be taken to lobby Canada Post to issue commemorating the boat, and she would like to see its image preserved on folding currency.

"I'd like to see it on a dollar bill," she said. "We have pictures of politicians from Ontario ... it's high time we had something from the west."

Campbell is also interested in hearing from Salt Spring residents who have memories of the vessel's glory years, which she intends to incorporate into a history of the *Cy Peck*. Anyone with stories to relate should write to Campbell at 3681 Place Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 1M9.


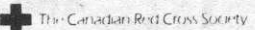
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Salt Spring camp will emphasize rural values

A summer camp opening this year near Salt Spring Island's Burgoyne Bay will embrace and impart basic human values, its operators say.

Anton and Carol Voorhoeve believe sophisticated technology and modern society have denied children "the benefits found in the large, extended rural families of yesteryear," and that a camp stressing those values will provide meaningful motivation.

Camp Narnia is the result of those beliefs. It is modelled after an operation run in Holland for the past 30 years by Anton's family and named after the series of children's books written by C.S. Lewis.

Carol says that although Lewis was a noted Christian and his books parallel biblical events, Camp Narnia will not have a religious emphasis.

"It won't be Christian in the sense that there will be religious teachings at the camp," she said. "There are bible camps for people who want that."

"What we are offering is an alternative that stresses the basic human values found in the Lewis books — values like loyalty, honesty, responsibility and joy."

Their camp brochure says the Voorhoeves have designed a program for development of "skills and attitudes that promote health, self-esteem and independence in your child. The atmosphere will be one of mutual respect, safety and happiness within the camp family."

The camp sits on property secured from the Agricultural Land Commission on a five-year renewable lease and described by Carol as "everything we were looking for." The site, she said, offers farmland pastures and wooded areas, and is short walk from the beach at Burgoyne Bay.

A main building will house the kitchen, dining room, showers, facilities for sick children and an indoor playing area. Sleeping quarters will be canvas tents erected on wooden platforms.

There will also be an enclosure holding farm animals like chickens, goats, donkeys and sheep. Carol said part of the camp program will involve the children in some phases of animal care "so they can learn about and come to appreciate animals."

Other aspects of the program will beachcombing, rockhounding, arts and crafts, storytelling, songs, drama and sports that "are not competitive, but co-operative," Carol said. "Our



focus is going to be on raising the self-esteem of the children."

Four camp sessions will be held in July and August, with each running for 12 days and being limited to about 50 children between the ages of seven and 12 years.

"That's a good age for children," Carol said. "That's when they're interested in outdoors and camping."

Carol added that because of the couple's background — she has a master's degree in social work; Anton is a practicing physician who once worked as a clinical psychologist — some parents believe the camp was set up for special needs children.

"That's not so," she said. "We will take special needs children, on consultation, but the camp is for all kids."

Carol said the couple has been thinking about establishing the camp for the past three years, ever since they travelled to Hol-

land and revisited the operation run by Anton's family.

"We feel this is a positive step for us because we'll still be working with kids and families in a positive way," she said.

"Realistically," Carol added, "the camp is not well known and it may take us some time to build it up. But our intention is to make the camp a long-term, family project."

To that end, Carol and Anton are leaving their Brentwood Bay home and moving to Salt Spring, where they have found a house near the camp property.

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on to this newspaper. Our last photo, showing two bartenders in a saloon, was identified by Ivan Mouat as having been taken in the

bar of a hotel that once stood where the Credit Union now is in downtown Ganges.

'Fund for Excellence' bid

Communications project proposed

School board trustees voted last Thursday to approve in principle a request from Fulford teacher Barbara Aust to submit a communications project proposal to the provincial government's *Fund For Excellence* program.

The project, which aims to improve communications within the education community, was spearheaded by a steering committee formed last January. The group includes a Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) member, two teachers, two district personnel, a parent and school board trustee David Eyles.

As spokesperson to the board, Aust stressed that communications now are "not all bad." She drew an analogy between a garden that looks nice with shrubs, but would look better with shrubs and flowers.

"We want to be able to work together as a whole unit, where we know and understand where everyone is coming from," Aust said.

In a report prepared for the government, the committee cites several reasons for initiating the project, including a lowered morale in the educational community following restraint, and isolation

due to geographic factors.

"It must be tough for people on the Outer Islands to feel involved," Aust said.

The committee wants to improve morale, establish education communication lines between the islands, improve the profile of education and create an avenue for increased dialogue between parents, teachers and the board.

day-long open conference to discuss what factors make for good communication. Professional day, slated for October 3, will also include a panel discussion on this district's strengths and weaknesses in communication; group

discussions on specific district concerns and the reinstatement of a steering committee to implement action plans and on-going assessments.

A "top-notch" conference providing numerous trained facilitators to guide individual groups, lunch, a high calibre speaker, water taxis and advertising would cost a maximum of \$9,900, Aust said. The committee is requesting a further \$3,000 to fund the steering committee's expenses.

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The gardens are filling up with colour. Rockeries are overflowing with dianthus, hardy perennial geraniums (geranium endressi), coral bells (heuchera) and several saxifrage species displaying their bright shades of pinks, reds and whites. Meanwhile, deciduous azaleas are in their prime and the last of the late-blooming rhododendrons have put forth their best, the annuals are starting to show hints of the colour festival about to commence, the roses are in full bud and the late-spring blooming clematis are about to burst into glorious colour.

One majestic blooming vine that I wish to lavish some attention on is the graceful, showy wisteria. Late May to early June is wisteria's period of bloom, as the delicate shades of pink, mauve, lilac, purple and white florets unfold in long trusses (properly termed racemes) of colour.

The individual florets are similar in form to those of vetch or pea blossoms, as wisteria is also a member of the legume family, but the wisteria's show is much more spectacular because the florets are presented in pendulous bunches of dozens of florets. The flower clusters are usually eight to 12 inches in length but one showy variety, *Wisteria floribunda Macrobotrys* (longissima), produces clusters that can reach three feet or more in length. What a spectacular show.

There are several species of Wisteria but virtually all of those grown in the home garden would be from the two main species, *Wisteria floribunda* (the Japanese wisteria) or *Wisteria sinensis* (the Chinese wisteria). Perhaps at this time we should sort out and clarify the difference between the two.

Chinese wisteria is a fast-growing vine that can reach 100 feet or more in length and twines around a stem or post as it climbs in a counter-clockwise direction. It has nine to 13 leaflets per leaf. The slightly fragrant florets all open at roughly the same time so that the show is most impressive, but doesn't last quite as long as with *W. floribunda*.

The range of colours for Chinese wisteria includes white, pink, purple, lilac and mauve, and the flower clusters have an opened length of eight to 12 inches.

Wisteria floribunda is a more controlled grower, reaching 12 feet or more in height, twining in a clockwise direction as it grows outward, and has 13 to 19 leaflets per leaf. The fragrant flowers are

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

borne in slender racemes reaching only eight inches in length, and the individual florets open first at the base, and unfold progressively downward toward the tip of the cluster, thus extending the bloom period.

The one exception to cluster length was noted earlier as *W. fl. Macrobotrys*, with flower clusters that reached three feet or more. With the Japanese wisteria you have a choice of colours that includes white, lilac, bluish-purple, pale violet, and several combinations of these colours.

'Once the plant is established, proper pruning is critical for good blooming.'

When you choose a wisteria, always select a grafted plant because seedling wisterias will take years to bloom — if at all — and the bloom colour will be uncertain. The other keys to ensure abundant blooms are correct planting and proper pruning.

Wisterias like a full sun position with either a southern or south-westerly exposure. The soil must drain well, a sandy loam being ideal, and it should be a deep soil, as wisterias are strong, deep rooters when searching for water.

When planting, use some well-rotted manure and some bonemeal

and try to aim for a pH in the 6.0 to 6.5 range. Water in well after planting and provide ample water during periods of drought.

Fertilization is a topic of diverse opinions when we're talking about wisterias. There is little or no use for nitrogen as, being a member of the leguminosae family, it is a nitrogen-fixer, providing for itself. The one exception is for very young, recently planted vines where we wish to have abundant growth to develop size and plant material for us to train and shape — so, for the first year or two, a light feeding with nitrogen is fine, but after this period, growth is usually more abundant anyways, and nitrogen is definitely not wanted.

The use of nitrogen fertilizers can often impair the plant's desire to flower and withholding nitrogen can often restimulate a plant to bloom. Regular fertilization should consist of high phosphorus and high potassium levels, to stimulate more flowering and good health.

Once the plant is established, proper pruning is critical for good blooming. The fast-growing, vigorous shoots should be permitted to extend, as long as they suit your desires, for wood to be trained into a climbing vine or a standard tree form. As it approaches a point where you wish to have blooming spurs or branches, pinch back the tip to stimulate side growth. This may have to be done on a monthly basis during the summer.

The reponse of the plant is to generate side branches or "streamers." As these streamers grow, they should be stopped back to three to five leaves or buds, as this pinching will usually result in the formation of flower-producing spurs.

Keep the vine from twining and encircling itself as it grows, or it may choke its own stems and die back due to strangulation. After the plant has reached its desired form and size, non-flowering shoots should be pinched back to

five buds or leaves, to continually stimulate more flower spurs. This activity may have to be done monthly on a vigorous plant until it is a mass of flower spurs.

Take care to protect these short flower spurs as they are long-lived bloom sites, bearing for years. The flower buds can be seen as fat, tufted, conical shaped buds, resembling a tiny pine cone, while the vegetative buds (producers of leaves and stems only) will be smaller, shiny, sickle-shaped and lying close to the stems.

Dormant season pruning should consist of pruning to shape the vine and ensure that all streamers (those long, whip-like shoots) have been cut to three to five buds. If

your plant has failed to flower, then withhold all nitrogen, keep pinching back side growth, ensure lots of sun reaches the plant, provide ample water and, if all else fails, carry out root pruning during the dormant season. Root pruning consists of cutting all roots back in a three to six-foot radius circle around the stem. Dig an eight-inch-deep trench and then plunge the spade another 10 inches deeper. Refill the trench with compost or rich soil, and water well.

Do whatever you can and whatever you have to, to ensure that you have a blooming wisteria in your garden, for no garden is complete without this beautiful showy vine.



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Colourful craft

Hot weather means summer has probably arrived, and that means boaters who let a few things slide

over spring are now touching up their vessels for days ahead.

School seeks go-ahead for courtyard project

Gulf Islands High School teacher Hugh Archer presented the next stage of plans for the school's courtyard project to the school board Thursday.

"After 22 years, it would be nice to have it finished," said Archer, who requested \$3,500 in aid to complete the project.

A four-stage plan for upgrading the courtyard was initiated by the student council several years ago. The board provided financial aid for step one, matching the dollars raised by students.

"Last time it was a fifty-fifty split," schools superintendent Mike Marshall said. "Now it's significantly different."

The next step in completing the courtyard involves paving the sidewalks and pathways in an attempt to cut down dust. To pave the area — which covers approximately 2,600 square feet — will cost \$4,000, Archer said. Students have raised \$500.

Blacktopping would amount to less money — about \$3,500 — but

Archer could not guarantee its longevity.

"It's not as attractive," he said. "And whatever goes in there, we want to last."

Archer did not feel suggestions of cedar rounds, loose gravel or piled rocks were practical because they can be moved.

According to Archer, "the big problem is getting the equipment in." Because of the area's size and location, wood or rock would have to be carried in. Concrete can be pumped into the area.

Marshall said the board would likely refer the proposal to the buildings and ground committee, as well as to supervisor of works Frank Sutherland.

Common principles

Federalists outline plan for peace

By SUE HISCOCKS

Speakers at a conference of World Federalists at the University of Victoria last week gave their audience of 300 a broad overview of the thoughts and actions that must take place if this planet is to survive.

Federalists believe relations between nations should be governed by common principles set down in law — and not by the rule of force.

World Federalist president Dieter Heinrich called for a world order that would see individuals and nations assume global responsibilities in exchange for guaranteed rights.

"It is quite simply our best hope for an abundant and peaceful future," he said. "We are technically quick and politically slow ... our technical capabilities have run far ahead of our social and spiritual development."

To establish world order, Heinrich called for democratic legislation of basic rights and obligations, a world court to interpret these laws, and sanctions to motivate compliance.

Political scientist Rob Walker spoke of the world's feeling of "acute vulnerability" as new technologies, mechanical structures and ecological issues conflict with the state and attempt control of global economy. He said, however, that the real political power is in the grassroots movements and small communities.

Roman Catholic Bishop Remi de Roo stressed the need to "stop the war economy: locking people into making a living by killing others." He noted the importance of Canadian communications and territory for American strategies.

"We are a branch plant for the American nuclear industry," he said.

Swami Sivananda Radha, author of *The Divine Light Invocation* and teacher of Yogic practices, spoke of personal awareness as a prerequisite for action. Emphasizing the need for a new co-operation between sexes, she said if people change their consciousness and love, they have impact beyond description.

While the Chinook Learning Centre's director, Fritz Hull, stressed that consciousness is energy and that "the dream drives the action," author George McRobbie brought the vision back to earth.

"We must analyze what work is about ... people are not a cost that must be eliminated. We must have social accounting. We must produce technology that adapts to the needs of people and local economy," he said.

Dr. Muller, the final speaker, spoke from a powerful background of experience as the former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Chancellor of the University of Peace in Costa Rica and the current recipient of the Canada Peace Award.

Dr. Muller diagnosed problems of terrorism, habitat and population, and spoke of the need for leaders to pursue harmony with nature, people, nations and time.

Expressing belief in divine, cosmic laws and the tenet that we are here for a reason, he said "there are three common prejudices — belief in the sovereignty of power, belief in the sovereignty of wealth, and belief of the sovereignty of nations over the sovereignty of the planet."

He expressed the desire to see a world constitution by the year 1992 (500 years after the discovery of the New World) and ended with a statement of optimism: "As world consciousness grows, we can be encouraged for the future; as more people express beliefs and dreams in action by involving themselves in movements involving change."

— Sue Hiscocks is a Salt Spring resident.

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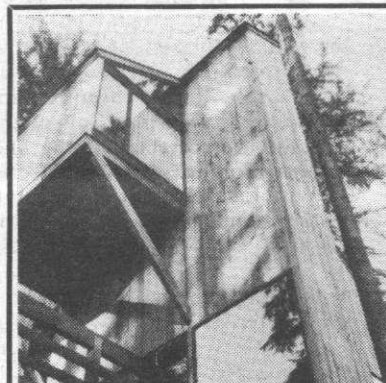
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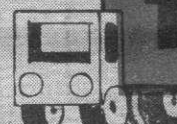
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Area's artisans gearing up for summer-long show

Gulf Islands artists and craftsmen are gearing up for one of Canada's largest and longest art shows, says ArtCraft publicity co-ordinator Bruce Comba.

"They're all out there weaving and potting and bending little bits of wire," Comba said of the artists planning to participate.

ArtCraft, staged at Mahon Hall, is scheduled to start June 20 and will run throughout the

summer.

The art show and sale, which represents over 200 Gulf Island artists and craftsmen, began 19 years ago through the volunteer efforts of numerous islanders. According to Comba, it went well enough to warrant being continued. As it did, it grew.

Says Comba: "It (ArtCraft) roared along and got so big we had to hire a full time co-

ordinator. Two years ago we hired an assistant co-ordinator."

The Community Arts Council, which now organizes the show, was formed as an umbrella organization for the different craft guilds. It charges a 20 per cent commission to ArtCraft artists, turning the money back into the community through grants and bursaries. CAC money also brings travelling art groups to the

islands.

The remaining 80 per cent of money raised at ArtCraft (last year it was \$183,000) goes to the artists. According to Comba, many local artists make their living through the show.

"It's like a massive, community-run show," he says. "It gives everybody the opportunity to sell their artwork without the burden of owning a store front."

With a commission rate of 20 per cent, ArtCraft makes an attractive alternative to most craft stores, which normally charge 50 to 60 per cent, Comba says.



Lunar Suede

Comox Valley artist slates show at Off Centre Stage

Coming to Off Centre Stage in June is Comox Valley artist Lunar Suede and his exhibit of found object assemblages and some more recent paintings.

Welcome to my weekend will run from June 10 to 22, from 1 pm to 4 pm, at Off Centre Stage's Upper Ganges space. It will be open daily, except Monday.

Lunar Suede has been an active artist since 1984 and has exhibited in various group shows at Courtenay's Arts Alliance Gallery, Vancouver's Pitt International

Gallery, and grunt gallery. Last year, he had two one-person shows, in Vancouver and in Courtenay.

The artist says of his work: "Objects of fascination removed from their original ambitious human context, plus debris of a more humble utilitarian nature, transcend their origins and obtain new meaning far from the rubbish heaps which crowd our environment."

Suede may be present at the show opening, set for 7:30 pm on June 10.

Festival lineup comes together for organizers

Organizers of Salt Spring's inaugural Summer Festival of the Arts have released the final schedule of events.

The festival will open June 27 with a showing of *The Wizard of Oz* by the Salt Spring Players, and close August 4 with a performance by Susan Cogan and Thomas.

In between will be a cross-section of acts ranging from theatre productions to folk music. Among the more well-known people lined up to perform are Bim (July 8), Shari Ulrich (July 11), Valdy (July 18), Celtic Heart (July 21) and Club Mongo (August 3).

Theatre productions scheduled include *Woolgatherer* by the Alex Bruhanski Theatre (July 12) and *Public Eye* by the Salt Spring Players (July 16 and 17).

Other acts lined up include the Island Chamber Players (July 3 and July 24), Chris Kodaly (July 14), celtic balladeers Archie Fisher and Garnet Rogers (July 22) and Filipino music by Joey Altara (July 23).

Prices range from a low of \$2 for a July 5 matinee by Gumbboot Lollipop to a high of \$12 for a drum workshop with the West African group, Asa of the Ogen-denge Drummers. Average price is \$4.

Festival organizers plan to publish and distribute a full schedule events at some point in the next few weeks.

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