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Bacteria spray best way to deal with caterpillars

A bacterial spray is the best way to control the tent caterpillars infesting Gulf Islands' trees.

Chris Schmah, garden columnist for *Driftwood*, says *bacillus thuringiensis* — commonly referred to as BT — is preferable to the two chemical sprays also used to control tent caterpillars.

BT, he said, is available locally as a concentrated spray that is applied to the foliage of trees. When the caterpillar eats leaves, it is consumed by the bacteria.

The advantage of BT over chemical applications is that only the caterpillar is affected by the spray, Schmah added.

Schmah explained that the population of tent caterpillars follows a nine or 10-year cycle that has peaked this year. The caterpillar population is normally kept in check by parasites like certain varieties of wasps and flies, notably *braconid* wasps and *tachinid* flies, which are both less than half an inch in length. However, in peak years like 1986 the caterpillars greatly outnumber their parasites.

"The wasp is ultimately responsible for control of the caterpillars but this year it won't stop the caterpillar until the damage is done," Schmah said, noting that fly and wasp eggs are now showing as white flecks on the caterpillar. When the egg hatches, the larva will eat the caterpillar.

"The bacterial spray," Schmah added, "will give control over caterpillars right now. Together with the wasps and flies, it will eat them right up. One reason for this is that there are several generations per year of the parasites as compared to one generation per year for the caterpillars."

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Driftwood photo by Catherine Lang

Holding history

Pender Island student Larissa Thorogood holds abrader she found at Pender Canal archaeological dig. Grade five and

six students visited the dig as part of a recent three-day camp out at Beaumont Marine Park. Story, page 31.

Lake decision draws mixed local reaction

Local response to last week's Supreme Court of B.C. ruling on the St. Mary Lake challenge remains as varied as the issues involved in the case, but most agree the possibility of an appeal is minimal.

In the decision, which came down last Tuesday after *Driftwood* had gone to press, Mr. Justice Gibbs ruled that the gasoline outboard ban on St. Mary Lake was applied for reasons beyond the constitutional authority of the federal and provincial governments (see story below).

"It's unfortunate this route had to be taken," petitioner Rick Rockliffe said. "There was the opportunity for an amiable settling of the issue."

He added: "I'm very happy with the ruling because people can enjoy themselves on the lake again."

With the court decision in hand, Rockliffe said he would like

to see gasoline outboards limited to speeds of five miles an hour on the lake, and establishment of a waterski corridor.

Stressing that he was speaking for himself and not for the group which challenged the lake ban, Rockliffe added that he believed the idea would be "quite feasible."

However, Capital Regional District (CRD) director Hugh Borsman does not believe such a proposal could work: "In my opinion, I think the lake is too small to have waterskiers in it."

Borsman said the resort owners who launched the court challenge now "hold the high cards, and we go to them cap in hand." He suggested that the various groups involved in the issue should get together and see if a compromise could be worked out.

"We can't enforce any agreement," he said, noting that any compromise would depend on

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Judge finds restriction beyond gov't authority

The gasoline outboard ban on St. Mary Lake cannot stand because it was imposed for water quality reasons, not over concern for safety and navigation.

That finding was handed down last week in B.C. Supreme Court by Mr. Justice Gibbs after he heard a petition filed against the federal and provincial governments by St. Mary Lake resort operators and a lakeside resident.

The gasoline engine ban was ordered in February, 1985, under the Canada Shipping Act, which contains provisions to limit activity for navigation or shipping

purposes — but not, the judge agreed, for reasons of "water quality, water pollution or other forms of pollution, aesthetic concerns or the general public convenience or public interest."

In finding that the ban had been imposed for water quality reasons, Mr. Justice Gibbs included in his 14-page written judgement an extract from the cross-examination of Ken Stewart from the provincial ministry of lands, parks and housing.

After he agreed that public support for a ban was tied to water quality concerns, and that public sentiment was the main reason a ban was imposed, Stewart was asked: "When you look at potable water, pollution, safety and all the rest, if you looked at those in isolation without taking into account whether the public wanted it, wanted the restriction or not, if you just looked at those in isolation and in an aggregate sense, they would never have justified a ban, would they?"

Stewart replied: "That's true." The petitioners argued — "with merit," the judge said — that if the ban was applied for reasons other than navigation and safety, such a restriction is beyond the powers of the Canada Shipping Act and the federal government. Further, "and equally meritorious," they said the Act in question limits the federal government to matters of navigation and shipping only — which, in effect, renders invalid the provincial order banning gasoline outboards on St. Mary Lake since it was issued under the authority of the Canada Shipping

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Other Ganges much like ours

By JOHN SCOTT

Ganges caters to visitors, is well-known for its farmer's market and is watching some of its streets being paved. You'll find it in southern France.

Located west of Marseille and north of Montpellier, about 45 kilometres from the Mediterranean Sea, this Ganges is a village of about 3,500 people. In summer, the population swells with the arrival of summer visitors.

'More than the names are the same'

The most notable features of this other Ganges include a market square ringed by trees and an older section of town that dates to the 17th century. It also has differences of opinion, as found in a pair of church clocks that always chime two minutes apart.

Ganges, France, received its name from the Phoenicians, who mined gold and silver in the valley before the Romans arrived. Its original — *Agantzi* — means *valley of treasure*.

The name is also misspelled by French writers, who drop the *s* and call it *Gange*. Local residents asked wistfully if our Ganges is spelled with an *s* and, when told it is, welcomed me with open arms.

I was in Avignon in April, scanning a map, when the name Ganges caught my eye. An hour or so later, the rented Fiat crested a hill past St. Hippolyte du Fort and Ganges swung into view.

Perched on a bend in the swift Herault River, the village is surrounded by the sharp contrasts of France's southern landscape. The plains of the Rhone rise to the limestone crags of the Cevenne Mountains, which are honeycombed with famous caves open to the public. To the south, vineyards and olive trees crowd the flatland and several *Gangeois* keep boats at the coast.

Apparently, I was the first visitor from our Ganges to theirs. At city hall, Mr. Lucien Pons took great pleasure in arranging my tour of the town, chuckling all the while as he made telephone calls: "Yes, I said a Canadian from Ganges, Canada. He wants to meet your principal today, okay?"

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Court judgement rescinds outboard engine ban

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Act. The judgement goes on to find that the most likely source of legislative control over water quality, air quality and recreational activities "in and at St. Mary Lake" lies with the provincial government, and can only be "intruded upon" by the federal government when they are "necessarily incidental" to federal powers.

Mr. Justice Gibbs wrote that the relevant provisions of the Act and

Judge bases decision on reason limit was applied

regulations in question "were not intended to be applied for the purpose for which they were applied at St. Mary Lake." Those powers, he said, were intended to be exercised for safety and navigation reasons, "but when there is no element of collision prevention or safety of life and limb involved in the exercise of the power, it cannot be said to fall

within the scope of 'navigation and shipping' or even to be incidental thereto."

Quoting a previous case in constitutional law, Mr. Justice Gibbs found that for a provincial authority to legislate on matters relating to water quality in a case like St. Mary Lake, it would be subject to any applicable federal legislation relating to navigation.

In the absence of federal legislation, however, "a province would (still) have to defer to public rights of navigation which, as such, cannot be impaired save by federal legislation."

Mr. Justice Gibbs concludes: "Applying these principles to the facts here, it follows that the parliament of Canada and its subordinate agencies can only

regulate or legislate on matters of 'water quality, water pollution or other forms of pollution, aesthetic concerns or the general public convenience or public interest' on St. Mary Lake if those matters 'have attained such dimensions as to affect the body politic of the Dominion,' or if those matters are necessarily incidental to the exercise of the federal navigation and shipping power. Neither of those alternatives applies here ... accordingly, the prohibition on the operation of power driven vessels, other than those driven by electric power, cannot stand."

The B.C. Supreme Court judgement declares invalid the gasoline outboard ban on St. Mary Lake only; it makes no mention of applying the ruling to other Canadian lakes that are subject to electric-motor-only declarations.

Parties doubt lake ruling will be appealed

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public goodwill. "I don't think most people would object to limiting recreational use of the lake."

Both Rockliffe and Borsman agreed the chances of the federal government appealing the judge-

ment is minimal. "As the court pointed out in its ruling," Rockliffe said, "the public rights of navigation cannot be impaired save by federal legislation."

Borsman added: "It's not very hopeful this can be overturned."

Salt Spring Waterworks spokesman Mike Larmour said that

while he knew gasoline engine ban supporters ran the risk of the federal government losing the case, he is disappointed in the ruling.

"We knew we had a 50/50 chance," Larmour said. "Well, maybe the odds weren't that good. So we were semi-prepared to lose. It's going to mean another long, hard struggle because we're not going to let it end here."

Picket line halts truck; mail deliveries slowed

Mail service to Salt Spring Island was disrupted last Friday when a picket line prevented a Salt Spring Freight truck from boarding a ferry at Swartz Bay.

The truck, carrying mail and general freight for Salt Spring Island, was singled out by pickets from the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers' Union who are involved in strike action against Sidney Freight.

Leo Devuyt, manager of Salt Spring Freight's Victoria-area office, said his company is non-union but likely attracted pickets because it shares plant space with Sidney Freight, and the latter company does some pick-up work for Salt Spring Freight.

A court order banning picket action against Salt Spring Freight was obtained Friday afternoon, and Devuyt said his company also intends to go before the Labour Relations Board to request an order limiting any possible future picketing to Sidney Freight.

"We want them to leave Salt Spring Freight out of this," he said.

A Salt Spring Freight truck was allowed to board the ferry at Swartz Bay by mid-afternoon on Friday, allowing delivery of shipments. The mail, meanwhile, had earlier been transferred to another truck and reached Salt Spring at about 1:30 pm.

Postmaster Fred Smidt-Nielsen said Friday the mail shipment arrived about four hours later than normal, meaning office staff had to put in extra hours Friday and Saturday to clear the backlog.

Late arrival of the mail cancelled Friday's rural route deliveries, Smidt-Nielsen said. Those deliveries were not made until Monday.

The postmaster added that he expected the injunction would prevent further picketing action and delays in the arrival of mail. However, he indicated that alternative delivery methods could be arranged if problems resurface.

Tent caterpillars can be controlled by bacteria spray

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Another way to help eliminate the tent caterpillar is to step on any large ones found on the ground, Schmah said. Those caterpillars have finished devouring the foliage of one tree and are headed for another.

Schmah advised that some young trees — those recently planted — will not survive the tent caterpillar infestation if most of their leaves have been consumed. Older trees will survive although their shape will likely change.

He also advised against killing any red ants found building mounds in orchards or yards, since those ants will also eat caterpillars.

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Getting their 'feet' wet

Geese frequenting waters near government wharf in Ganges have hatched brood of goslings, which can be seen most days being given tour of surroundings by their parents. Before too long, youngsters will have learned the ways of the world and will have been sent to fend for themselves.

Driftwood adds to store of newspaper awards

A recent Canadian Community Newspaper Association (CCNA) competition suggests *Driftwood* advertising and editorial departments are in award-winning form.

A series of humorous *Driftwood* advertisements received national recognition in the CCNA competition, while *Driftwood* editor Duncan MacDonnell's former newspaper took top honours in Canada in its class for 1985.

The Williams Lake *Tribune*, which MacDonnell left last November for *Driftwood*, was singled out as Canada's number one broadsheet with circulation between 4,500 and 6,499.

A *Driftwood* series of Ken Byron Excavating advertisements won second prize in the best advertising idea category.

The ad series, which ran February to November last year, was conceived by Valerie Richards and Ken and Jill Byron.

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards recalls one of the ads featured Byron standing in front of two backhoes. The catchline said: *Double-hoe-seven. Licensed to till.*

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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

There's something frightening about writing of the antics of ants. But I'm a brave man and I'll contemplate other fearsome reports at another time.

I watched an ant of less than half an inch in length hauling a dead tent caterpillar along the concrete walk at the weekend. It was rather like putting a giant rock on an imported pickup, except that the ant was proving his chances were better.

Talking of tent caterpillars: don't! They crawl to success, to safety and to destruction. If anyone should be short of the little beasts, I can help out.

It's not too late to get rid of the tents in the garden by magic insecticide. The caterpillar that survives will probably bring you a thousand more next spring.

Have you seen the changes on Salt Spring Island? No more Kiwi queues up and down the island! The black, black roads and the yellow, yellow lines surely make a different island of it. In fact, it looks more like British Columbia every day!

Island driving is a real smooth experience!

I can't miss a bookstall. I have spent a lifetime browsing through old books and it's cost me sorely at times.

When I left England nearly 40 years ago I decided to sell most of my books to the dealer from whom many had been purchased. That was the biggest deflation in the history of literary economics. It's a funny thing but

the book he figured was worth \$10 a month before proved to have gone down to a buck.

Worse: the books I was getting rid of included a small group that I had purchased shortly after getting married. I remember the first pay cheque that came to me as a married man. As usual I looked in on the pre-owned library and made some judicious purchases. When I got home my bride was less than impressed. What was I planning to use for groceries, she enquired.

We never starved, anyway, and we've always had something to read.

Last week I was in Victoria and found a copy of *Boswell's Johnson*. Like the Canadian in the census trap, it considered itself leather. I figured it for inorganic leather and put it back on the shelf. I guess I just didn't count it.

Moscow has its Red Square and Ganges has its Black Square. There's enough black asphalt in Ganges to delight any traveller on a skate board, and it does.

Can't wait to see what route the highways ministry will eventually decide for the area!

Don't let the United States trade war get you down, warned Women's Lib. She figured I should find something more ominous to worry about. I know these things shouldn't get to you, but I get annoyed.

But I had my own back. When I had to buy potatoes I kept my sights in British Columbia. That feels better!

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Court ruling exposes loophole in protection laws

In declaring invalid the gasoline outboard ban on St. Mary Lake, Mr. Justice J. Gibbs has underlined a significant weakness in Canadian laws underlined a significant weakness in Canadian laws governing the public use of water.

The B. C. Supreme Court ruling found that while the Canada Shipping Act calls for the protection of shipping in the interests of safety, it provides the federal and provincial governments with no means of restricting navigation in the interest of water preservation or conservation.

While the judgement applies to St. Mary Lake only and does not directly affect other bodies of water in Canada, it could be used as a guide for future decisions. As such, it exposes the absurd situation in this country whereby the divided responsibility for navigable waters leaves two governments without the apparent means of protecting the quality of waters they administer.

Are lake bans necessary to preserve water quality? Justification is a matter for scientists and technicians; the ordinary islander is not competent to decide the issue. But it is safe to say that if the condition of St. Mary Lake is such that it requires restrictions on the recreational use of water, then it is the responsibility of the health or environment ministries to justify any restrictive measures they believe necessary.

However, the issue of justification must take a back seat for the moment. Instead, we should ask if it is even possible, in the wake of last week's court decision, for Canadian governments to provide any mechanisms to protect the quality of water, justified or not.

It must be accepted, irrespective of the outcome of any debate on the effectiveness of boat regulation as a means of protecting water quality, that last week's judgement places in doubt the

possibilities of legislative protection of the environment. And it follows that Canadians must have a means to achieve that protection.

More than the St. Mary Lake ruling underlines the gap, however. Last week also saw release of *Canada's Environment: An Overview*, an assessment of the nation's environmental condition prepared by Statistics Canada and Environment Canada. In it, the federal government calls attention to declining quantities of clean water in the west, and a serious drop in water quality in eastern Canada.

The report concludes that the Canadian environment has reached a crossroads, and that choices must be made. Further, it says that all Canadians have a responsibility to apply political pressure to ensure that the environment is protected. Failing that, "Canadians will have the environment they deserve."

Canadians should read into that statement a call from Ottawa to request appropriate strengthening of environmental protection laws. A good place to start, it seems to us, is a call for legislation that will allow the federal government to shore up its lack of authority to preserve disappearing or threatened resources like clean water.

St. Mary Lake, by itself, is not the issue. What matters most is a signal to the citizens of Canada that laws exist to protect water sources and resources everywhere, if such protection is warranted, and that they can be enforced. We are entitled to that assurance, just as we have a right to expect those laws to be put into place.

Providing those assurances will not be easy. As last week's ruling on St. Mary Lake showed all too well, the intertwining of federal and provincial jurisdictions can create a legislative maze that sometimes inhibits legislation of good intent. However, the need for effective measures is such that charting the maze demands the attention of governments.

As such, the petitioners who challenged the St. Mary Lake ban have performed an invaluable service to the citizens of Canada. Without them, a glaring weakness in protection laws and a crying need for corrective action might have gone undetected long enough to cost us dearly. As it is, we may not be too late.



The odd gem finds its way through mounds of junk mail

Napoleon is reported to have said that armies march on their stomachs. In this day and age, the army is government, and it moves on sheets of paper.

I know this because one of my daily tasks is wading through a pile of mail that includes an unhealthy number of government press releases, most of which are routed to what we kindly refer to as the round file. And you thought you had problems with junk mail ...

There is, however, the odd gem found with that copy of the agriculture minister's speech to beekeepers in Digby, Nova Scotia, or the note that a new tool shed is to be erected in Chetwynd by the provincial government.

Mind you, it doesn't happen often enough. I keep threatening to save all my junk mail for a

month, just to calculate a pound-by-pound tally of waste and duplication, but usually give up after two or three days. That's how long it takes for the accumulation of paper to bury my desk.

But we're getting off the topic. This week, I want to talk about a rare piece of government mail that (hold onto your hats, folks) is actually worth the postage on the envelope.

It's a slim booklet, titled *Canada's Environment: An Overview*, that was put out by joint effort of Statistics Canada and the federal department of the environment. As the first "state of the environment" assessment ever attempted in Canada, the book is an invaluable read.

Unfortunately, space prevents this corner from giving you a detailed account of the contents,

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

and a plethora of local happenings likely means a review we've prepared for our news columns will have to wait a week or so to be published. Suffice to say the report looks at patterns of change and stresses being applied to Canadian farmland, forests, water, wildlife and other resources.

As such, the report comes with the warning that time is running out for enactment of effective measures to protect the Canadian environment. Not surprisingly, it ends with a call for this country's citizens to apply political pressure

on governments to supply those measures.

I think you should read this book. I view it as one of those warning signs that we always seem to pass, acknowledge briefly and then ignore as day-to-day affairs recapture our interest. Sort of like the story of the astronaut who returned to earth after a walk in space and reported that the colour of the planet was acquiring a sickly hue in response to pollution: we read the story, said *gee, that's too bad*, and turned to the ball scores.

Not that this report is all doom and gloom. It contains some good news about the state of the Canadian environment, particularly in coverage of the steps being taken to clean up a mess or two, and explains some of the choices that could be made in

future.

But the real value of this booklet lies in the setting out of information that can be used by readers to reach a few conclusions about where we've been, where we might be going and how we can get there. As such, it might serve to spur a few people to consider the possibilities and act accordingly.

I've said enough. Copies of *Canada's Environment: An Overview* are available free of charge from Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6. The parent volume, *State of the Environment Report for Canada*, costs \$25 and is available through The Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0S9.

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Sir,
The successful appeal to the B.C. Supreme Court last week, which once again permits unlimited-sized gas engines on St. Mary Lake, opens up new vistas of opportunities on Salt Spring Island.

Think of the possibilities. First of all, we could petition the provincial government to locate a ferry terminal on either side of the lake. Imagine — no more having to waste time driving all the way around St. Mary; soon we'll be able to ferry straight across from Blue Gables Resort to Shady Willows.

And no dinky little tub like the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry; no we're talking World Class all the way (in this, the year of Our Expo, 1986). Can't you just see the five-deck, 1,200-vehicle Queen of Rockcliffe steaming across the St. Mary (maybe towing behind her stern some 300 paying waterskiers)? We're talking mega-aeration.

Of course there will be the usual gourmet B.C. Ferry food to tantalize the tourist tastebuds. And we can resolve that pesky library issue by locating a branch at either terminal. Hey, maybe we'll even be able to convince the U.S. Navy to move its submarine warfare testing station down here from Nanoose. The sky's the limit. We could turn St. Mary into a real life version of one of those mega-kill video games.

Let's give three cheers to Dr. Borsman and the parks and recreation commission for the stand they have taken on the Saturday market in Ganges. It's about time that some of us learned that "park" is something you do to a car, and the less people we have milling about our park, the better. Who needs people standing around, laughing, buying groceries and talking to each other? If they want to make noise, let them join the Rod and Gun Club. Put the "park" back into "parking lot" and make Ganges a safer place for sewers to live.

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,
Vesuvius.

P.S. — Question: What's Murray Cyprus' definition of a tree?
Answer: A lazy, unemployed log.

Questions

Sir,
I write this letter to ask Dr. Borsman to explain to me and other interested islanders just what is planned for the farmer's market; keeping in mind that the majority of islanders in the referendum last fall voted in favour of the market where is, as is.

Just exactly what arrangements have been made with the owner of Gasoline Alley and why? Why should space have to be provided by private interests? Why the charge to vendors? Am I wrong in my understanding that some park property has been used to enhance the access road on Gasoline Alley property?

B.E. ARISS,
Ganges.

Short memory

Sir,
Responding in kind to your correspondent of last week, who is Stephen Ball? And where was he during the two years the Centennial Park renovation committee tried to approach everyone with their plan? Where was he when a public meeting was held in April of this year to give everyone an opportunity to obtain further information, and to make suggestions? Waiting, no doubt, to

express righteous indignation.

Since he has such a short memory it is worth reminding him that the renovation committee was all "pro" farmers' market, and discussed that plan with as many of the vendors as possible. And finally, the Hugh Borsman that he doesn't know "who the hell is," had absolutely nothing to do with the plan.

While on the subject of the park, there appears to be some impression that the relocation of the present parking area is designed to benefit the present owner of Gasoline Alley, Mr. Bill McBay. It may do, but the situation was not of his making. The relocation of the parking, and more particularly the relocation of the Saturday farmers' market, was not feasible without the co-operation of the owner of Gasoline Alley.

The proposition to have a joint-use agreement was tentatively arranged with the previous owner, so Mr. McBay inherited the plan when he bought the property. In actual fact, to proceed with the relocation, we needed him — not vice versa. Despite this, he has rendered significant financial assistance, and will, no doubt, do more.

There is obviously a mutual advantage to him, and to the community. There are those who would have preferred the parking to remain where it is. That opposition is too little and too late.

Mr. McBay understands perfectly well that the new parking area is for park users. We can only hope that the people now parking around the corner also recognize it.

HUGH BORSMAN,
Ganges.

Paradoxical

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Edrie Holloway, president of the Galiano Historical and Cultural Society, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Dear Mrs. Holloway,
A few years ago, Mr. Andrew Loveridge had the philanthropic desire of doing something for the local community and came up with the idea of a replica of Galiano's ship, the *Sutil*, to be located on the island of the same name. You energetically embarked on the project.

From the beginning, this idea met with the resistance of the Galiano people. The historical content is tenuous and the resources necessary for such a project have to come from an already extended pot — but, first and foremost, we have not heard yet what will happen when such an "artifact" is completed. Cost, location, development and utilization are still speculative and undisclosed.

Driftwood, on May 28, reported that the strategy includes getting a first boat incorporated in an exhibit at the Museum of Man in Ottawa. This, no doubt, will be done at public expense. Is it unfair if I now ask you to provide some answers to the following questions?

- Could you tell us the figures you expect the Canadian taxpayer to absorb for the pursuit of this philanthropic project? First and second "replicas."
- Would you explain clearly to the residents of Galiano the reason(s) why we need this pseudo-historical construction.
- Where is the local "replica" going to be located?
- How does it fit in community development?

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- Who will pay for its maintenance?

Until we are told about these very basic facts, you can understand that this paradoxical philanthropic-entrepreneurial project is a grandiose idea. In the absence of information, we are justified in speculating on the motives behind it. Tell us who pays and who benefits from such a venture.

CLAUDETTE DESHAIES,
Galiano.

Red eye

Sir,
I was excited to learn (in the June 4 *Driftwood*) that "liquid thinking frees up the mind and there are suddenly roads all around you."

I would caution, however, that too much liquid thinking may result in an encounter with a Batmobile on one of those roads, and that could lead to a stiff fine, loss of license — or worse, an expense-paid trip to Idea Fest 86.

Sign me your left-brained, right-winged, rigid thinking friend.
EDWARD ARMSTRONG,
Ganges.

And more

Sir,
New dates and times have been set for the wonders of the mind seminars featuring futurist Frank Ogden and neurotherapist Ariadne Sawyer at the space station in New Westminster.

New dates are July 4 and 11; and August 14 and 21. Times are 7 pm to 9:15 pm. Tickets are \$25, include admittance to the space station and are available at the gate, Douglas College Rotunda, 700 Royal Ave. (at 8th Ave.) New Westminster, B.C., one block north of the Skytrain station.

For more information, call Ariadne Sawyer at 537-2125 or 537-4556 (messages).
ARIADNE SAWYER,
Ganges.

Large loss?

Sir,
I wish to express my appreciation, on behalf of census representatives in the Gulf Islands, for your editorial, *Count Yourself In*, of May 28, 1986. It is not generally known that the amount of money lost in transfer payments to the various levels of government for every person missed in a census is approximately \$3,000 over a five-year period. Add to this the social planning information missed and you can see the loss to local areas for all age groups is a large consideration.

As this area is designated as a drop-off/pick-up area, the census representatives will be completing pick-up of the questionnaires in the next week. We have found already that the assistance and consideration of Gulf Islanders has made their job a little less difficult and a great deal more pleasant.
GEOFF CUE,
Census Commissioner,
Ganges.

Can't agree

Sir,
Although I am convinced that Salt Spring Island deserves better government (local, provincial and federal) than it now receives, I cannot agree that disbanding or dismantling existing governing structures in the sacred name of private property rights will really improve conditions for all people

here.

One reason for the present muddled state of Island affairs is, surely, the inability of the present provincial government to build on initiatives started by the previous government. Simple political petulance and a gnawing need for centralized power are very likely causes. One can predict that the present provincial government will continue to do nothing to strengthen the ability of our Islands Trustees to protect and preserve our environment.

Rather than add flesh and body to the Islands Trust concept developed by the NDP in 1974, the powers in Mr. Curtis' party have deliberately sought to diminish and weaken the Trust. No wonder that little more than the bath-water remains.

It is also clear why our free enterprise movers and shakers petition and align themselves against the Islands Trust concept. A mandate which seeks to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and the province generally is anathema to those primarily concerned with quick growth and development, often only for its own sake.

"Preserve" and "protect" are words not often used by free enterprise proponents; the concept of a "limited" right is also foreign.

The Islands Trust Act initiative needs broad, vocal, public support now more than ever. It is, after all, this kind of public support that has prevented the Act from being further buried under a dark deluge of partisan advocacy. The evidence is that open, public discussion prevents politicians from neglecting issues of common concern.

On a final note. A recent letter in *Driftwood* proposed that the curricula for the young should include the sound principles of reforestation, theory and practice. May I suggest the inclusion of a little poetry and music. Remember, "I think that I shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree."
LOWELL HICKS,
Ganges.

Need signs

Sir,
In today's modern society, it is important to have a computer in the family room, a microwave in the kitchen, and to be identified as belonging to a preservation group of some sort.

This is all part of being a good islander, and now that I am, bring out the sun chair and a cold one — there's nothing to worry about. I am at peace with my community (and myself, of course). So far so good, right?

Dead wrong. There is another group that exists in my area — the Anti-Kids Preservation Group. Maybe it is a new group or association; I don't know too much about them. It's a good thing because it makes me sick to think about it.

I am talking about the group that exists around the public beach on Cusheon Lake Road, where your children and mine go and swim.

The beach is not visible until you get close. There are no *Reduce Speed* signs; no *Children Playing* signs; no *Beach Ahead* signs; no signs saying *Tough Luck, Kids*; no signs saying *Kids, this area is hazardous to your life* — nothing at all from either direction.

The season has just begun and already you can see toddlers on the road and hear the drivers of an approaching vehicle yelling: "Hey kid, get the ... off the road," as he approaches the tarmac for a landing.

Why, my God, is it that cattle have *Cattle Crossing* signs, rocks have *Watch for Falling Rocks* signs, and his own children have no signs?

RICK MORIN,
Cusheon Lake.

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'Invisible' strike could spur union frustrations

VICTORIA — Trade unions have won more elections for right-wing governments than any other segment of the electorate, a lesson not lost this time around on the B.C. Government Employees Union (BCGEU).

When John Fryer headed the BCGEU, open confrontation was the main ingredient of the union's bargaining strategy. He more or less modelled the BCGEU along the lines of strong private sector unions.

The problem with that approach is that public sector unions have great difficulty getting public support. A trade union shutting down private sector activities is tolerated, but when government employees shut down the liquor stores or stop the ferries from running, John Q. Public gets upset.

John Shields, the new president of the BCGEU, is well aware of that. That's why he has chosen a different approach — the "invisible strike."

The BCGEU has been in a position to strike for a while now, but a last-minute deal has averted a walkout until June 26. The two sides agreed on the appointment of a productivity negotiator who will assess the union's proposals on a productivity increase and the savings associated with it.

If the outcome of that assessment fails to produce a settlement, the silent invisible strike will go into effect.

The aim of the invisible strike is

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

to inconvenience the government as much as possible with as little inconvenience as possible to the public.

This approach seems to be a contradiction in terms. After all, when government operations are interrupted, inconvenience to the public appears to be unavoidable. To a degree, that's true, but Shields' strategy has some promise of success.

The idea of the invisible strike is to pull a number of employees out of certain government operations, leaving those behind with an impossible work load.

The employees left on the job continue working at a normal pace. A backlog of work is inevitable, but to avoid undue hardship on the public, the working BCGEU members can assign priority to certain tasks.

Union members working during the invisible strike will pay a surcharge into union coffers, enabling the BCGEU to pay striking members almost as much as they would earn on the job. Members would also take turns striking.

With that strategy, the invisible strike could go on indefinitely without depleting union funds. If the strategy doesn't work, the union can, of course, always step up its strike activities, but that creates another problem.

Anything the BCGEU does could be a deciding factor in the next election, which could come as soon as September, depending on who will be chosen as Premier Bennett's successor at the Socred leadership convention July 28 to July 30 at Whistler.

What better issue for the new party leader to call an election over than a province shut down by government employees? He or she would laugh all the way to the ballot boxes.

Shields knows that. He doesn't want to be held responsible for a Social Credit election victory. That's why he plays his cards very, very carefully. His biggest problem will be keeping his members from getting ahead of him. And they have good reason to be angry at the government.

The wounds the restraint program has inflicted on the BCGEU haven't healed yet. An estimated 11,000 public servants lost their jobs as a result of restraint.

The union has been without a contract since last October, and members are getting a little restless.

The government's bargaining position also doesn't exactly make union members delirious with joy. The government has offered its employees a three-year contract with no pay increase in the first two years and a two per-cent raise in the third.

But that's not all. The government wants other concessions. It wants to renegotiate items the union won in previous contracts, including changes in sick-leave provisions.

Government employees now get six days of sick-leave a year with full pay. The government demands a clause of no pay for

the first two days.

The government also wants to exclude another 2,000 positions from the BCGEU's bargaining unit and shrink the geographic area in which a union member can exercise seniority. An increase in working hours rounds out the government's demands.

Under the circumstances, it will be difficult for Shields to keep his members from escalating the confrontation with the govern-

ment. On the other hand, the invisible strike may just be enough to diffuse their anger for the time being.

The invisible strike may not have enough impact on the government to give in at the bargaining table — although it will have some — but it could well serve as a lightning rod for the frustration and resentment that has built up among union members — at least until after the next election.

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Meeting

Sir,
Nanoose Bay is the site of the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges (CFMETR), one of the most sophisticated underwater weapons testing ranges in the world.

The facility plays a major role in the testing and development of the U.S. Navy's anti-submarine warfare strategy. The range is used regularly by U.S. nuclear attack submarines, which are designed to carry both nuclear and conventional weapons, and by nuclear-capable surface ships.

The widespread deployment of cruise missiles, which can attack land-based targets, threatens to turn all U.S. subs into strategic weapons platforms and to seriously limit possibilities for arms control agreements.

As Canadians we should

demand to know:

- are nuclear weapons carried into Nanoose?
- who's in charge at CFMETR — Ottawa or Washington?
- should Canadian territory be used to promote the escalations of the arms race between the superpowers?
- are nuclear powered vessels polluting our waters with radiation?

The Nanoose Conversion Campaign (NCC) is working to end the military use of Nanoose and to convert CFMETR to peaceful, productive purposes. A spokesperson from NCC will be on Galiano on June 19 to give a slide show and talk on the conversion project. This will take place at the Activity Centre at 7:30 pm. The Galiano Peace Group urges everyone to attend.

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Remarks on lake issue drew off-base response

I took real exception to the letter in last week's *Driftwood* by Tom Gossett and Mike Larmour.

When I wrote an article in *Driftwood* of May 28, I referred to the well-known fact that there was no definite evidence that gasoline outboard motors caused deterioration of water quality. I went on to say that, as an elected representative, the question of whether or not this was true was irrelevant. What was relevant was that since I sensed that the majority of the people on Salt Spring didn't want gasoline outboard motors on the lake, that was good enough for me. Unfortunately, *Driftwood* headed this article: *Debate about water quality irrelevant.*

I was with the above-mentioned correspondents the evening that *Driftwood* came out, and I commented on the unfortunate choice of a heading and expressed the hope that someone wouldn't read the headline without putting it in context. It is because Tom, at least, knew exactly what was meant, that his choice of an introduction for his and Mike's letter was, in my view, quite inexcusable.

I applaud heartily the objectives of the Water Preservation Society (WPS), but I thoroughly dislike its methods. A few months ago there was a proposal to the parks and recreation commission to improve a beach access at the north end of St. Mary Lake. The WPS came down like an avalanche on the commission. It orchestrated an assault on the commission long before that group had a chance to study the proposal. The technique was to attack and intimidate first, then ask questions. Perfectly alright if you support the thesis that the end always justifies the means.

The recent campaign by the WPS over the motor boat ban on St. Mary Lake was similar. It created a great emotional crisis, over what? It had people believing

director's report

by
Hugh Borsman

that should gasoline motorboats be returned we should soon be drinking water containing oil and gasoline. This was just not true, and it was not the real issue. There is an impressive and extensive literature to say this doesn't happen.

I personally agreed with the ban, and for many reasons, the least of these being the issue referred to above. Many other disadvantages of allowing outboard motors to return have been compiled by *Driftwood* readers, including: aesthetic considerations, the noise nuisance, a possible threat to wildlife, danger from ski boats and water skiers, erosion of the shoreline from wave action, and others. The premise that the WPS should have, is that any increased recreational use of a lake used for domestic water will eventually cause deterioration of the water supply.

But recreational use is such a small part of the problem. If we are really serious about protecting St. Mary Lake for long term use of domestic water, more than band-aid measures and rear-guard actions are required. By all means, let us get to them, and I suggest we urgently request the Islands Trust to expedite the present study of the problem and request perhaps a more intensive review. Some political pressure should perhaps be required. Included, no doubt, will be a further look at the possibility of a sewage disposal system for the Highlands and the lake area, possibly piped to our present treatment plant.

Bylaws set to regulate park, noise and sewer

Bylaws covering use of Centennial Park, noise on Salt Spring Island and a commission to oversee the Ganges sewer system will be presented at the Capital Regional District (CRD) meeting scheduled for today (Wednesday)

• Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring representative to the CRD, said he expects the Centennial Park bylaw to be given first reading. He described the document as a standard form that defines accepted park uses.

The bylaw, which gives the parks and recreation commission authority to regulate park uses, also contains a provision empowering the commission to set fees for commercial ventures operating in the park.

Borsman said a commercial-use fee structure has not been set. He plans to strike a committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, park vendors and the parks and recreation commission to come up with an acceptable fee structure.

Vendors, he added, should be prepared to contribute to the

upkeep of the park.

• The noise bylaw, which Borsman believes could receive final reading, is the same document sent back to the Salt Spring last month when CRD directors urged addressing of safety concerns connected to the Rod and Gun Club.

Borsman said the bylaw is being returned intact because he feels the CRD improperly included the issue of safety while discussing a bylaw that is supposed to deal with noise only.

"The people of Salt Spring voted for a noise bylaw and it should not be held up," he said, adding that a provision could be added to review the gun club issue within three months.

• The bylaw to establish a sewer commission is expected to receive first, second and third readings. It appoints alternate CRD director Ron McQuiggan, Alex Houston and Art Lloyd as local residents responsible for overseeing sewage system matters. An inaugural annual general slated for later this year will hold an election to expand the commission to five members.

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Heavy horses preferred over modern machinery

By SUSAN DICKER

When Jack Hughes moved 16 tons of hay on his Salt Spring farm last week, there wasn't a tire track on the field.

He didn't use a single can of gasoline, and the only noise came during the breaks, as his two Clydesdale horses - Prince and Jim - snacked on the grass at their feet.

"There's no noise. It's nice, quiet, and it's fun," Hughes says of his horsepower haying team.

The Hughes own five Clydesdales. Two are young, trained horses which Hughes intends to sell, and two are Prince and Jim, formerly with the Potters Distillery Hitch. The fifth was purchased for a dollar.

"The guy wanted to retire them," Hughes says of the older pair, which he has owned for about five years and is "committed to for life."

When the Hughes moved to their 42-acre farm at Cusheon Lake two years ago, it seemed natural to put Prince and Jim to work.

A team of Clydesdales, pulling a plough or a wagon through the fields, was once a common sight, especially on the Prairies. Originally bred in Scotland, the first Clydesdale arrived in Canada in 1840.

Described as "powerhouses" and "symbols of energy and strength," the horses' work place extended beyond rural settings. In European cities especially, they drew carts, tramways and canal barges. "Wherever there was a need of energy or power," a book on Clydesdales by Eric Baird says, "these heavy horses supplied it."

The Clydesdale is not a small horse. It ranges in height from 16 to 18 hands (167cm to 183cm) and can weigh up to a ton.

"Everyone wants to come down and pat them," Wendy Hughes says. "People just drool over them. And they are cute in all their massiveness."

Clydesdale pulling power was celebrated in contests in the early quarter of this century. A Canadian team of horses averaging 1,850 lbs. once did a tractive pull of 3,100 lbs. each.

Last week, the Hughes moved 16 tons of hay in two hours.

Wendy Hughes says: Clydesdales Prince and Jim "really like

to work. When they get into their harnesses, they just bolt."

The demise of the horsedrawn cart and wagon began in the 1930s as the tractor and vehicle made headway into modern society. A 1936 report gave the number of horses (not just Clydesdales) displaced from the land as 700,000. Ten years later, some 18,000 tons of horsemeat were being shipped to Europe.

According to Jack Hughes, however, horse-powered farms are regaining popularity. "The horses are really smart and economical, and they put nice manure on the ground."

In his book *The Clydesdale Horse*, Eric Baird says he recently visited a 400-acre farm being worked entirely by horses. "The owner was quite adamant that it was not done for sentiment but because he genuinely felt that they were economical and, in the long run, more reliable than mechanical power."

Baird raises several issues in pointing out the advantages of horse power. "As the price and scarcity of finite energy forms are deliberated, so does the spotlight increasingly turn to the like of draught horses," he writes.

There are numerous farm jobs a horse can perform better than a machine, Baird notes, because they are amenable, can live off the land, and can multiply rather than simply depreciate in value.

"They can get onto wet ground where machines can't," Jack Hughes offers in agreement.

The Hughes have used Prince and Jim for haying in both of the two years they've lived at their Cusheon Lake farm. In the future they may also hitch them up to a mower.

"They're just like babies when they get into their harnesses," Wendy Hughes says. "They really like to work."



In what appears a scene from the past, Cusheon Lake farmer Jack Hughes directs his team of Clydesdale horses in their easy pull of wagon, hay and helpers.

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Mayne Island	Health Centre, Wednesday, June 25/86	1330 hours
Pender Island	School Hall, Wednesday, June 25/86	1600 hours
Galiano Island	Community Hall, Wednesday, June 25/86	1900 hours
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Thursday, June 26/86	1930 hours

AGENDA

1. To receive the Chairman's Report
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1986
3. To receive various reports
4. To elect Annual Society members and 3 members to the Board of Management, each from Salt Spring Island
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Special Resolution—Hospital Employees as Society Members
7. Any other business that may come from the meeting.

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Applications will be made available prior to the Call to Order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at the Hospital's Business Office.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- (a) Members who have paid the fee for membership during the year 85/86 to June 25/86, 1986 as applicable
- (b) Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1986 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Annual meetings will be held between June 25 and June 26, 1986. The membership fee is currently \$1.00. This notice does not apply to landowners or spouses of such persons.

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Wheelhouse brought home

The wheelhouse of the *Cy Peck* is in storage on Salt Spring Island.

The wheelhouse, donated to the island when the historic ship was scuttled in Nanaimo 10 days ago, was delivered to Salt Spring last week and later placed in storage at an undisclosed location.

Chamber of Commerce director Andy Dietrich, who organized the delivery, said the wheelhouse will have to be "dried out" before any restoration work can take place. He declined to identify the storage location, in the interest of averting potential vandalism.

The next step, Dietrich said, is organizing a public meeting to discuss what will be done with the wheelhouse. A public appeal will be needed to raise funds for restoration work, he said, and the community must decide where the wheelhouse will be placed on display.

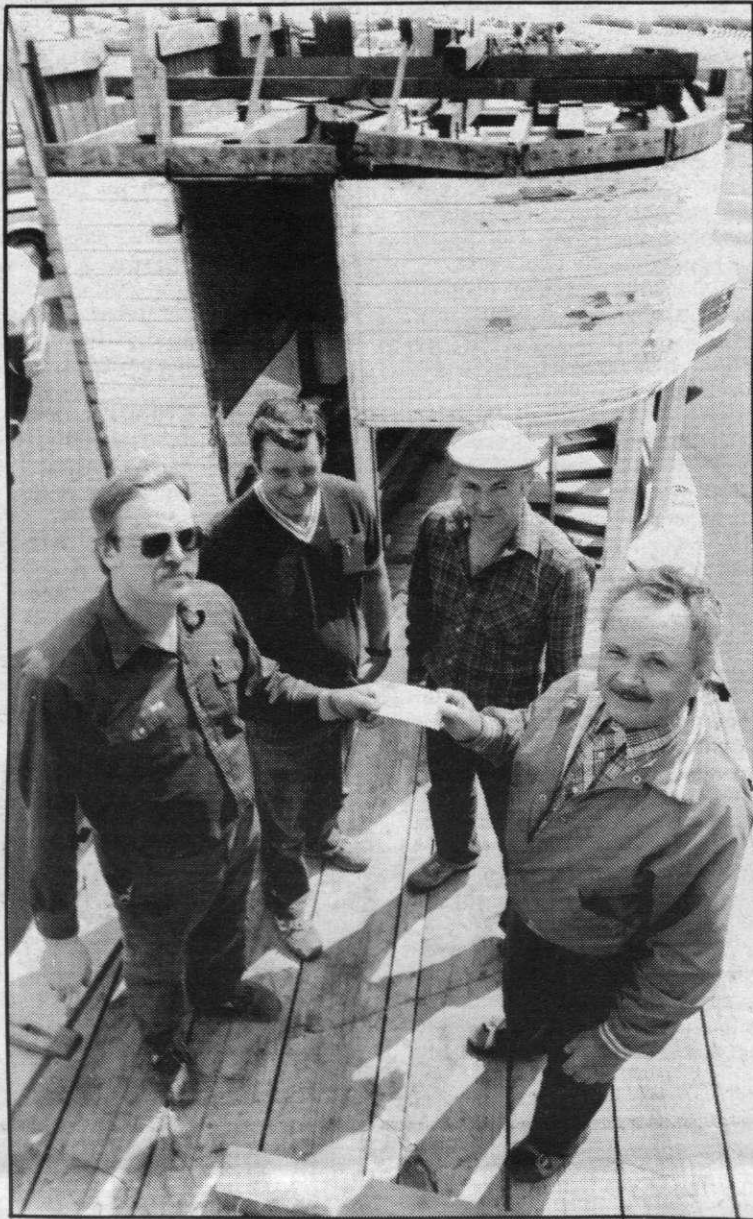
"The people of Salt Spring should be the ones to work out where it's going to be," Dietrich said, calling for submission of ideas. Among possible display sites mentioned are Drummond Park in Fulford Harbour and Centennial Park in Ganges.

Meanwhile, Dietrich praised the effort of several Salt Spring residents who helped arrange delivery of the wheelhouse to the island. In particular, he singled out the island's Social Credit Constituency Association, which which picked up the transportation costs; Jim Loiselle of the Last Resort, who donated use of a truck and flatbed for transportation; and Lyle Brown, who made the trip to Nanaimo to help in loading the wheelhouse.

Blair Nelson, president of the constituency association, said his group decided to finance the move because it realized the wheelhouse had to be picked up quickly and did not want to see dollar concerns delay a response.

He added: "But I think you have to give all the credit to Andy Dietrich — he's the one who persisted and drove people to act. We probably would have lost the wheelhouse without him."

The *Cy Peck* was built in the early days of this century and became synonymous with Salt Spring for providing decades of passenger ferry service between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay,



Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

Blair Nelson (left) hands Andy Dietrich cheque to cover cost of moving *Cy Peck* wheelhouse to Salt Spring. Labour and

as well as from Ganges to Swartz Bay via the Outer Islands.

After being retired a quarter-century ago, the ship passed through a succession of owners and gradually deteriorated. The end came when it floundered in Nanaimo Harbour in mid-April and a public drive to rescue the boat was unable to raise the estimated \$45,000 needed for repairs.

Failure of the campaign convinced the boat's owner to strip

equipment was also donated by contractor Lyle Brown (rear left) and Jim Loiselle. Rescued wheelhouse sits at back of flatbed.

the *Cy Peck* of anything valuable and discard the remainder. The ship's wheelhouse was then offered free of charge to Salt Spring Island, provided a local group would arrange pickup of the wheelhouse and accept responsibility for its preservation.

Organizers recover Sea Capers trophies

Sea Capers organizers have recovered all but one of the trophies normally handed out for success in events held during the annual festivities.

An appeal for the trophies was sent out last month when organizers realized the silverware was late in being returned.

Sea Capers spokesman Bevis Walters said organizers now have all the trophies back, except one awarded for the triathlon event.

"We believe the trophy is somewhere in Nanaimo but we can't locate it," Walters said.

However, he added that the loss is not considered serious because no triathlon event will be held this year.

Meanwhile, Walters said two

trophies have been added to the Sea Capers lineup. They will be handed out to the winners of two new events — a volleyball contest, and a race that will see entrants build and sail boats made out of a single sheet of plywood.

This year, Sea Capers will be held on the June 20-21-22 weekend.

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Old and new of Hydro's marine transportation methods in Gulf Islands is new craft contracted by Al Gear (above), and the Thunderball, retired last week and sold to local interests.

Former Hydro craft sold to local interests

The *Thunderball*, a B.C. Hydro vessel used for crew transport in the Gulf Islands, has been sold to Bob George of Galiano Island.

The vessel was offered for sale last month after Hydro decided a new and faster boat would be more cost-effective. Indications are George will use the *Thunderball* in his water taxi business.

Meanwhile, district Hydro manager has clarified the status of the crew ship replacing the *Thunderball*. The new boat, the *Miss Devon Marie*, will not be owned by Hydro but by Salt Spring Steamship Company Ltd., which was awarded a contract to

operate and supply a charter for the company.

Langston said Hydro received "a lot of bids" for the contract. In the end, it decided that Salt Spring Steamship and its owner, Al Gear, had supplied the best proposal.

"We feel we'll get first-rate service from Al, and the best value for our dollar," Langston said.

The new crew ship, a 31-foot aluminum vessel built in Port Coquitlam, entered service on June 1. Gear said the *Miss Devon Marie* can operate at about twice the speed of the *Thunderball* while consuming less fuel.

Petition organizer claims 100 names

A local petition calling for dismantling the Islands Trust has collected over 100 signatures as well as verbal support, says Salt Spring land developer Murray Cyprus.

Requesting elimination of the Trust, and initiated by Cyprus and several others, the petition has been circulating Salt Spring for approximately two weeks.

"I think the reason for disbanding it is obvious," Cyprus says. "They've (the Island Trust) admitted they can be vague and flip-floppy on issues."

According to Cyprus, the Trust needs to fine-tune its process and clarify what its job is. "They've never even responded to some of my ideas to refine the process and eliminate some of the problems."

Cyprus says the Trust should be willing to provide any landowner, by request, with a conformation of zoning document. This, he says, would allow the owner to proceed with development plans consistent with the bylaw.

"They've affected me unfairly in lots of ways," he charges. "You ask someone to point to an example of development on Salt Spring he doesn't like, and the answer is usually a long pause. Then maybe, he'll be able to name one."

According to Island Trustee Nick Gilbert, the Trust cannot guarantee zoning. "We have to refer applications to various other agencies, and go to the public for input."

Under the new land use legislation, the Trust can indicate an area it considers suitable for rezoning. "But it's essential," Gilbert says, "that we go to the public for input."

Trustee Pat Byrne says the Trust's function has been clari-

fied on numerous occasions. Through land use planning and co-operation with provincial agencies, the Trust's job is to oversee island development. "We also get involved in issues that affect other aspects of the Island," Byrne notes, "such as the St. Mary Lake issue."

A procedures bylaw, passed at last Saturday's Trust Council meeting in Victoria, outlines the steps an applicant takes. "This will clarify the process for those who are a bit foggy on it," Byrne says.

According to Cyprus, the anti-Trust petition will be taken to the Outer Islands should it gain momentum. "I've had people phoning me in support of the idea," he says.

Gilbert, however, says "the Trust's relationship with most applicants and developers has been positive and I don't perceive any problems."

Admitting the process can be somewhat slow, Gilbert says it has nothing to do with the Trust itself. The Trust is under the same regulations and red tape as other organized municipalities, he explained.

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Saturna Island	Community Hall Wed. June 25, 1986	(L.M.H. 10:00 am)
Mayne Island	Medical Centre Wed. June 25, 1986	(L.M.H. 1:30 pm)
North & South Pender Islands	School Hall Wed. June 25, 1986	(L.M.H. 4:00 pm) (L.M.H. 4:00 pm)
Galiano Island	Community Hall Wed. June 25, 1986	(L.M.H. 7:00 pm)
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Elementary School, Ganges Thurs. June 26, 1986	(L.M.H. 7:30 pm)

AGENDA

1. To receive the Annual Report
2. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1986
3. To elect 3 members to the Board of Directors: one member from Galiano Island (Zone 6) and 2 members from Salt Spring Island (Zone 1 & 2)
4. Appointment of Auditor
5. Life Membership
6. "Notice of Intention" received March 13, 1986
7. Any other business that may come from the meeting

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Seagirt and Lionsgate gear up for 'battle' on Salt Spring.

Medieval times relived

'Armies' descend on Salt Spring

A half mile trek up the dirt road behind a Fulford-Ganges property last weekend proved the link to a trip into the past. There, medieval women donned lengthy dresses and capes and chivalrous men fought for their ladies under armoured guises and the sounds of clashing weaponry.

Some 120 members of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) took time off last Friday from weekday routine to pitch tents and assume their medieval personas for the weekend.

"We gather on weekends under various excuses," says Salt Spring SCA member Jay Handel, "and play at living the medieval life the way we would have had it: with no Black Death or sewage in the streets."

The excuse this past weekend was the staging of a war between Lionsgate, the Vancouver group, and Seagirt, the Victoria and Salt Spring group.

According to Handel, this marks the sixth time the "Island of Bitterwaters" (the SCA's medieval name for Salt Spring) has hosted a war.

"We had a meager excuse for hostilities," Handel says. The Barony of Lionsgate attempted to overtake the Salt Spring group and Seagirt "fought them fearlessly."

Of the several battles fought, Seagirt lost "dismally."

"We did lose the war, but we

had lots of fun," Handel said.

The battles are fought by men, and by women who have adopted a male persona. The warriors dress in their medieval persona's traditional armour and fight with weaponry made from rattan. The battles may sound ferocious, but injuries are seldom incurred. A blow to the leg renders a warrior legless, and a hit on the head,

depending on its strength, usually results in "death." The side with the most warriors remaining is declared the winner.

"We get together," Handel says, "because we enjoy living history. We're doing instead of just researching."

Handel says the group is indebted to Don and Angela Funk for the use of their property.

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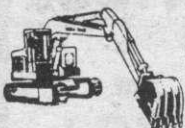


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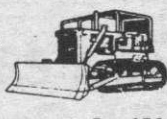
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From Page 1

Like Ganges, Canada, the French village is a centre for local education. The Catholic and public high schools — or colleges, as they are called — take students from the whole region, who are either bused in or board in town.

Ganges, France, also has a relatively long history preserved by its buildings. The village once had a chateau, of which only the gate remains, bricked in as a house front at Number 17, Rue du Chateau.

Buildings in the Old Quarter, meanwhile, are being restored for low-income housing, instead of being demolished. These 17th century stone buildings, with their ornate doorways and three stories of shutters and balconies, hold a maze of traverses — or tunnels — which run under the houses. Apparently, much of the old quarter is still connected, like a giant hotel.

Next to the Old Quarter is a central square that becomes a giant market each Friday. The square and most side streets are cleared of cars for the morning to make room for 60 or more awning-covered stalls that sell everything from croissants (20 for \$2) to oysters, hats to cheese, and clothes to live pigeons. Here, you'll find artichokes, fish, baguettes, brioches, local wine and cider, fireplaces, lace, leather, ducks, raisins, olives and nuts, crafts and cassettes.

Business is always brisk, but so is the social life. Unlike market day in Ganges, Canada, this village empties the streets of cars and leaves the streets full of people.

They gather in groups or wander by themselves: Gendarmes in their best uniforms, the Salvation Army officer taking donations, country folk in blue overalls and caps, stall merchants shouting and haggling.

Market lasts from 7 am to 1 pm, when the farmers and merchants take down their broad, striped awnings and their tables and drive away in little Citroens and big Renaults, leaving the square empty.



Downtown Ganges on market day

This was the off-season, however. In the summer, the rainy spring weather turns hot and dry, and tourists flock to the village. Sound familiar?

Ganges would be a good base for exploring Provence and the Cevennes. It is an easy side trip from Arles or Avignon, lying 64 kilometres northwest of Nimes on good roads.

The village sits in the middle of a tourist haven. It draws kayakers who run the rapids and a gorge in the river, and hikers who visit

large, nearby caves full of stalactites.

Ganges is also favoured by its location. It lies one hour from the coast and the wine-cellars of the Provence, a short drive from the mountains of the Cevennes, and close to the Roman ruins and Mediaeval art found in Arles and Avignon.

The village houses two moderate hotels and several excellent restaurants, with low prices, on both sides of town. The people are warm southerners with the

faces and voices of another time, when their language — Occitan — set them apart from their more stuffy and nasal northern cousins. That language survives (just) but they normally speak a French that is musical, clear and easy to follow.

The village seems every bit as fascinating as Ganges, Canada. Perhaps more contacts and visits will occur, starting with letters, cards and photos.

The people there are keen to hear more about the other Ganges and its people, the other *Gan-*

geois. Anyone interested in forming a group to look at twinning or exchange visits should write to me at RR #2, Mt. Baker Crescent. They would love to hear from us, and maybe the association could be one small step towards making this a friendlier, safer world.

In this age we live in, it was refreshing to see once again that people are people, all over the world, and that they all care about their food, their boats, their friends and their children. We share more than just the name of our towns.


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Islanders requested to hold onto census forms

Gulf Islands residents are being asked to hold on to completed census questionnaires until they can be picked up by canvassers.

Geoff Cue, census co-ordinator for the Gulf Islands, said last week local residents are being led astray by a national advertising campaign aimed at city dwellers.

That campaign urges census respondents to return their forms by mail, which Cue said is only one of three methods being used in Canada — and not the one in use on the Gulf Islands.

"We have a tremendous problem in that the census advertising is aimed at people in the city," Cue said. "People here are afraid they'll be penalized if their

Canvassers to collect questionnaires in next week

forms aren't mailed in."

He added: "We want to tell people to ignore the advertising. It's aimed at people in the cities."

The census form distribution and collection system in use on the Gulf Islands calls for census representatives to call on each home and hand out questionnaires before June 3. Those people will call back within 10 days to two weeks of June 3, Cue said, and pick up completed questionnaires.

Cue said local residents can cause problems for census representatives — and themselves — if they try to return the forms by mail. The questionnaire envelopes used locally are not meant for mail return, meaning no postage is affixed. That means the form will likely end up in a "dead letter" office somewhere.

In turn, a missing form means the respondent may have to fill out another questionnaire or be missed entirely. Each person

missed in the national count represents the loss of \$3,000 in federal transfer payments to the province over the next five years.

Cue added that a missing form also represents lost income for census representatives, who are paid according to the number of people they enumerate.

Other than the mail problem, Cue said, the Gulf Islands census is proceeding well and on sche-

dule.

"It's going well — if we can only get rid of this mail-in thing, we'd be in great shape," he said, giving credit for the smooth going to "a great bunch of census takers" and a co-operative public.

"People are being quite co-operative this time around," he said. "Last time (in 1981), there was a bit of paranoia and a few people refusing to fill out forms. Not this time."

As for the census takers, Cue said his crew has proven to be "extremely bright and well-qualified" and, as a result, is doing a great job.

And help open new bandshell

Bands to head Sea Capers parade

Several bands are scheduled to appear in Ganges on June 21 for a parade to open Sea Capers and a ceremony to officially open the Centennial Park bandstand.

Leading the parade will be the 20-member Princess Mary's Own Canadian Scottish Regimental Pipe and Drum Band, which is making its first appearance on Salt Spring.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am but organizers advise that the event may have to wait for off-island entries to arrive, meaning the probable starting time will be 9:50 am.

Following the parade, three recitals will be presented by bands from Salt Spring Island schools.

First up will be the honors band, a group of 50 students from the island's three elementary schools plus some key players from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The secondary school's White Band, composed of 52 students in grades eight to 10, will follow the honors band and play for about 20 minutes. The school's Stage Band will follow with a half-hour set of rock and jazz music performed by students in grades nine to 12.

All three bands will be under the direction of D. Antoine Prosk, the director of music at Gulf Islands Secondary School and the band instructor for grades five, six and seven pupils at Fernwood Elementary.

Later that same day, an honour guard will be formed for the Centennial Park bandshell ceremony. It will be comprised of the drums and pipes band, plus local Girl Guides, Brownies, Pathfinders, Rangers, Boy Scouts, Beavers and Cubs.

From 4:30 pm until dusk, Centennial Park will be the site of a free, outdoor concert.

As for the official ceremony to unveil the bandshell, organizers

have scheduled well-known entertainer Valdy to perform ribbon-cutting honours, noting that he "has been a consistent supporter of Sea Capers since its inception." Valdy will be assisted by Carol Fowles, Sea Capers commodore for 1986.

Before the ceremony, however, a presentation will be made to Tony Farr, president of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society, by Jonathan Oldroyd, Sea Capers vice-commodore for 1986.

Oldroyd will hand over a framed inscription "commemorating the help and generosity of numerous residents and others whose combined efforts" allowed

the bandshell and boardwalk projects to be completed.

Sea Capers, which began in 1978, has turned over a good slice of its profits to the Centennial Park projects.

First held to mark the bicentennial of the arrival of Captain Cook to the shores of what is now B.C., Sea Capers sprang from the combined efforts of local service groups like the Lions, Rotary and Royal Canadian Legion.

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Lessons will begin Monday, June 16. Cost for eight lessons will be \$40.

For more information, contact Loes Holland at 537-2078.

Salt Spring's Mary Hawkins Library has announced the retirement of Mrs. Tess Kyle after 20 years of "dedicated service as a library volunteer."

The library said Mrs. Kyle, who worked boat on the desk and as a trainer of apprentice volunteers, "will be greatly missed by all our subscribers."

Meanwhile, the library said it has received a number of new books. They include:

• FICTION — *A Perfect Spy*, by John Le Carre; *Stallion Gate*, by Martin Cruz Smith; *The Triumph*, by Ernest K. Gann; *Elizabeth and Alexandra*, by Antony Lambton; *Lady Jane Grey and the House of Suffolk*, by Alison Plowden; and *I'll Take Manhattan*, by Judith Krantz.

• NON-FICTION — *One-Eyed Kings*, by Ron Graham; *The Serpent and the Rainbow*, by Wade Davis; *Drawing with computers*, by Mark Wilson; *The Fruit Palace*, by Charles Nicholl; *Painting the head in oil*, by John Howard Sanden; and *Durrell in Russia*, by Gerald Durrell.

By presentation

Tibetan retreat to be showcased

Salt Spring resident Carol Bosy is scheduled to relive a recent Far Eastern trip and Buddhist gathering through a slide presentation this Saturday at the Community Centre.

The presentation will feature a December gathering of hundreds of thousands of Tibetans from Burma, Ladh, Nepal and Northern India in "Bodh" Gaya, where the Buddhists received the blessings and teachings of His Holiness the Dali Lama of Tibet.

According to Bosy, the Tibetans arrived by the truckload, carrying elaborately woven bags filled with religious artifacts and precious chunks of Himalayan turquoise.

With quarter sections of goats slung over their shoulders and yak butter stuffed everywhere, she says, the crowds set up mobile canvas homes.

"Thousands of saffron robed monks and nuns chanted and prayed as they circled the nearby bodhi tree where Buddha found ultimate happiness 2500 years earlier."

Bosy says the pilgrims received a week of teachings on love and compassion from the Dali Lama, and that temperatures exceeding 100 degrees Fahrenheit and rampant sickness did not seem to deter the Tibetans and the small group of Westerners who attended the "auspicious" occasion.

"The highlight of the Dali Lama's teachings was the Kalachakra initiation," says Bosy.

"With this initiation, people received a connection with the mystical pureland called Shambhala."

Shambhala is reputedly a place located somewhere on this planet, but which can only be seen by those whose minds and propensities are pure, Bosy says.

During the presentation, slated for a 7:30 pm start, Bosy will also review a trek in the Himalayas, and a one-month meditation course at Kopen Monastery in Nepal.

Capers to include contest on beach

A sand castle building contest will be held at Vesuvius Beach on Sunday, June 22, as part of Salt Spring's Sea Capers festivities.

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golf notes

By PAT DOHERTY

In the nine-hole ladies section, 28 turned out to play for the Frattinger Cup. Low net score was Joan Tiernan, runner-up was Norah Ray and the putt pot was won by Edith Owens.

In the ladies 18-hole division, the game was called black marks. Shirley Parsons was low net winner, with Margaret Rithaler runner-up. The putt pot was won by Marge Mills.

In team play, Salt Spring travelled to Cedar Hill and returned as winners of the two-game series.

Salt Spring ladies won the Georgeson Trophy by 39 points. Low net for the three rounds was Phyl Stafford of Galiano with 196.

In men's play, Pender took low net in the second round of the

Inter-island and now has a two point edge. Salt Spring took the high points and now has a 46 point lead. Harold Keenlyside of Galiano leads in low gross by five strokes; however, one of our spares, Keith Lavender, won the money pot hands down.

In men's play on June 5, honey pot winners (both with 63) were Bryan King and Fred Broadbent. Gross ringer leaders were Art Botham, Bryan King and Hal Stone. The low net leader is Tom Butt.

On behalf of the members, we would like to thank Bruce Kirwin for the fine job he made of framing the golf cartoons in the upstairs lounge. Bruce leaves shortly for his annual trip back to Quebec. Bon voyage.

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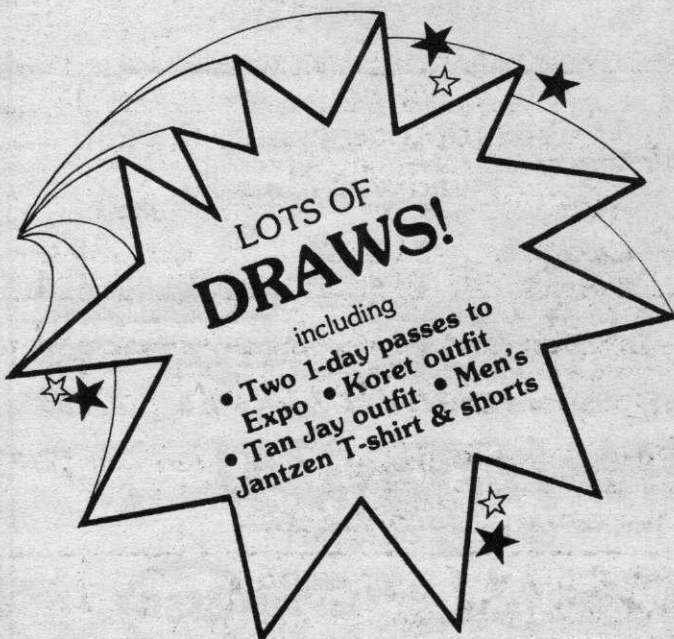
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Trust Council agenda covers procedures, mandate

By FRANK RICHARDS

A video cassette showing the Islands Trust islands was presented to trustees on Friday when they gathered in Victoria for their quarterly meeting.

The video was produced by the media department of the University of Victoria and Murray Edwards, in collaboration with trustees. It runs for six minutes and shows the islands in the sun with a brief explanation of the Islands Trust function and its mandate to protect and preserve the islands.

Trustees were told that the script was by a committee of Nick Gilbert, Carol Martin and Murray Edwards, with a notable contribution from Marie Elliott.

Each trustee will be provided with a copy of the video for showing at island gatherings.

Some concern was expressed that the showing of the video on public television might result in a surge of visitors to the islands, but Steve Wright of South Pender told the council that he supports the visit of travellers and tourists to the islands.

Public education is important to the islands and the Islands Trust, he said.

It was also proposed that the movie be shown to schools in the province and offered to television stations as a filler.

The Islands Trust has no mandate to control surface water and drainage, it was agreed at last week's meeting.

Regional districts have no authority over surface water drainage. The only instance where a region is empowered to deal with such waters is North Okanagan, trustees were informed.

Policy of the ministry of municipal affairs is to allocate the authority to deal with drainage to municipalities only.

Trustees also heard complaints of the practice of the ministry of highways to ditch and drain highways, directing flood waters on to private property.

The new water course is then identified as a natural drainage, complained Gordon Wallace.

An Islands Trust procedure bylaw cannot be adopted by the

Trust council for all islands. Last weekend, trustees were told that individual island committees will have to adopt their own bylaws.

Trustees gave their mark of approval to the draft bylaw, which will be considered during the next several weeks by each island.

There is no compulsion on island committees to conform, but a uniform pattern of procedures would ensure that applications for rezoning and other measures would be dealt with in a uniform manner as between islands, the meeting was told.

The bylaw includes a schedule of fees for various services. Applications for an amendment to a zoning bylaw involves a fee of \$300 in the draft plan. The same fee is set for an amendment to a rural land use bylaw. Application for an amendment to a community plan would come in at \$50 and the same fee would be charged for a development variance permit or a temporary commercial or industrial use permit. No fee is visualized for tree-cutting or development permits.

The fee structure has been offered in order to meet the requirements of new municipal affairs requirements for increased advertising in respect of applications for permits, trustees were told.

Chairman Mike Humphries explained that in areas where the removal of trees might become dangerous or a threat to the environment, this condition may be so designated on the community plan.

Because such a measure would be in the interests of the community, there should be no fee involved, it was agreed. The same approach was used in connection with development permits.

There is no fee on Saturna or Lasqueti Islands for permits, noted Gordon Wallace.

Mike Humphries, chairman of the Trust, who represents Lasqueti, explained that there has yet to be an application for rezoning on Lasqueti because there is only one zone on the island.

The provincial parks administration in Victoria is busy at work on islands parks and playgrounds,

Islands Trust council was told last week.

Mel Turner and Jim Morris of the Provincial Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division explained the concern of the division for island facilities and heard proposals from a number of trustees.

Morris was introduced as a "second generation Salt Spring Islander." He comes from the island and now comes back to consider its park facilities.

Turner told trustees that his office examines each park or proposed park and evolves a master plan for its development in which the ultimate purpose of the facility is established and the various issues and problems involved are laid out for future guidance.

He noted that the Princess Margaret Marine Park is among those completed in the islands, with work proceeding apace at Winter Cove on Saturna, Ruckle Park on Salt Spring and in respect of the Simpson property on South Pender, as well as three provincial parks on Hornby and Denman Islands.

These parks have been completed in some part, but are not yet fully developed.

The park administrators also showed slides to demonstrate procedures in the development of an island park. Turner invited the Trust to recommend parks which might be developed for camping. The islands range from Salt Spring Island with its facilities already provided, to Saturna with none.

Howe Sound suffers for lack of park facilities, said the speaker. His associates are looking at Helliwell Park on Hornby as a foreshore park by virtue of its excellent diving.

Gordon Wallace called

attention to the large number of cyclists touring the islands. They camp everywhere — on private property and elsewhere — for lack of adequate campsites, he said.

When the need was once again emphasized for signs at the ferry terminals alerting travellers to the status of campsites in the islands, a new consideration was raised.

The signs require a close liaison between parks and ferries and he will discuss it with ferries personnel, said Turner. Diane Crag suggested that a permanent sign, *Montague Park Full* might serve throughout the summer. She also asked about the development of Coon Bay as a provincial park.

Write to the minister of lands, parks and housing and tell him of its merits as a park, she was told.

There was no shortage of advice for the parks spokesmen.

More campgrounds are needed, it was suggested: what is the policy of the parks division? There are no plans for such parks at the present

time, the Trust was told.

Many islands are more eager to cater to cyclists and pedestrians, said Nick Gilbert. He was told that travellers in automobiles must be considered.

The three major considerations in respect of campgrounds are fire control, garbage and sewage, said another trustee, asking for a definite policy and fearing the descent of a large contingent in search of an island without resident police, in order to live it up.

Marie Elliott cited the abandoned lighthouses around the coast. Could not an agreement be reached with the federal government whereby such sites might be established as parks, she enquired.

Carol Martin reminded trustees that campsites were not only offering accommodation to visitors. They also divert visitors away from private property, she said.

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Michael Hoehsmann

GISS grad honoured by university

A prestigious Simon Fraser University prize has gone to a student with a Gulf Islands connection.

The university's Gordon Shrum medal, given for "high scholastic standing and significant contributions to SFU," has been awarded to Michael Hoehsmann. He is the son of Sheila Reid and stepson of David Reid, both of whom are school teachers on Salt Spring Island.

Hoehsmann, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1979, earned the prize while compiling a cumulative grade-point average of 3.68 "while maintaining an impressive level of campus and community involvement," the university said.

Those involvements included a term as president of the student society, student representative to two faculty of arts committees and membership on the Latin American Studies (LAS) curriculum committee. Hoehsmann also helped co-ordinate a number of LAS activities — including SFU's recent conference on liberation theology and related exhibits for the university's open house — and organized concerts featuring Latin and South American performers at SFU.

A major in Spanish and Latin American studies, Hoehsmann also delivered presentations on Latin America to prisoners at the Kent, Mountain and Matsqui institutions who were taking SFU courses.

His involvement with South American issues also took Hoehsmann to Chile in spring, 1985, when the military government suspended the country's constitution.

Conversant in Spanish, French and German, Hoehsmann also found time to work as a university news service campus tour guide.

Now that he has graduated from SFU, Hoehsmann said he plans to work for a year before pursuing graduate studies in international relations or political science, preferably at a foreign institution. He recently returned from Europe, where he visited the Centre for Social Studies in The Hague.

Proper environment needed

B.C. youth short of initiative, creativity?

The vice-president of B.C.'s Social Credit Association said last week the provincial government's restraint program may cost his party the next election.

Ed Kisling, speaking Tuesday night to the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club, said the Socred government's move to "cut back on frills and maintain the basics" was a necessary response to declining provincial revenues — but B.C.'s voters may not see it that way.

"It may cost this government the next election," Kisling said, "but think about the alternatives. How else would any of you have handled the cutbacks in revenues?"

Kisling, a market research consultant who lives in Nanaimo, listed the Social Credit party's guiding philosophies and tied them to what he believes should be a government's main purpose: establishing the proper climate for investment and letting private enterprise do the rest.

"Business people should create jobs, not the government," he said. "I believe individual initiative would create more jobs than governments ... if we create the proper atmosphere here and send the proper signals to investors."

Kisling explained his point by way of analogy: "If you want me to learn how to swim, don't put me in a sandbox. Put me in the water."

"Create the environment and, with the initiative of people, jobs will be created."

Kisling added that he fears British Columbians are not instilling enough initiative or creativity in their children, leaving them without a vital tool they will need to cope with increase competition in the world marketplace.

Another aspect of Kisling's address was a challenge to the Rotary Club to invite to its meetings speakers from each of

the province's major political parties. Listening to all sides of the political debate, he said, would leave members better informed about ballot box choices for the next election.

"I want to impress upon you your role in the elective process," he said. "Most of you are business people. People seek out your knowledge because they

Island Tories meet to select new executive

Pat Crofton, Progressive Conservative MP for Esquimalt-Saanich, addressed Salt Spring Island Tories at their annual meeting, held May 31 at the Harbour House Hotel in Ganges.

Crofton discussed a number of current issues, including the Canada-U.S. free trade talks, the resignation of Sinclair Stevens and the structure of the new defence committee, of which he is chairman.

Russ Barber, president of the party's Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands constituency association, also addressed the meeting to touch on local issues.

Following reports on the activities of the Salt Spring association over the past year, the meeting elected a new executive. Members are: John Crofton (president)

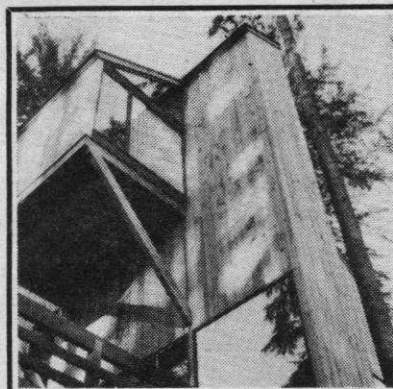
Nan Jenks (vice-president), Tom Fraser (treasurer), Joyce Holman (membership committee chairman), and directors Clair Nutting, John Davies, Grace Byrne, David Morgan, Carol Walde and Kevin Bell.

believe a community's leaders know what they are talking about. You should get all of the information to make reasonable answers to the questions that will be put to you."

Political leaders, Kisling added, "are not just polished images on TV" but the electorate sometimes marks its ballots ac-

ording to style, not substance.

The fault could lie with voters who do not take the time to assess the issues or with the media for failing to accurately report the issues — but it should not be the result of informed members of a community failing to provide leadership and answers.



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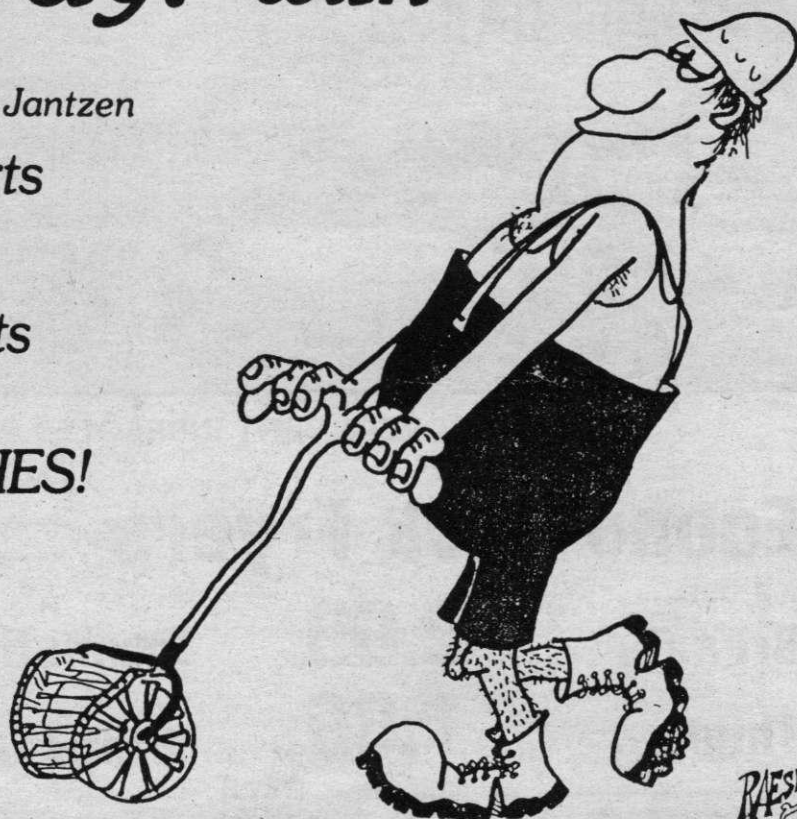
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Jonna Mattiesing pins a corsage on the lapel of original Greenwoods resident Olive

Holloway. Seven original residents were honoured last Wednesday at

the care home's seventh birthday celebrations.

Driftwood photo by Susan Dicker

Greenwoods anniversary celebration salutes original residents, employees

Seven corsages were presented to seven original residents — and seven more to seven original employees — to mark last week's seventh birthday of Greenwoods.

Approximately 77 people attended the June 4 event, which focused on a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of the Ivan Larson sunroom.

Marg Johnston cut the ribbon

after giving a short speech in honour of Larson, who died four years ago and left the care home funds to build the room.

Hank, Michael and Matthew Schubart, who designed and built the sunroom "without disturbing Greenwoods," were applauded by the numerous guests and residents present for the ceremony.

Jonna Mattiesing presented corsages to the seven original residents: Ted Aves, Florence Anderson, Sam Anderson, Anna Martin, Olive Holloway and Ida New.

Anna Martin, who has lived at the home longer than anyone else, received the first corsage.

The festivities also saw original employees Faye Cocker, Jean Stone, Phyllis Coleman, Heather Howard, Margaret Atkinson, Donna Wright and Margaret McLean honoured by president Gwen Gold.

Guests and residents sang *Happy Birthday* to the care home as Greenwood's "faithful, built-in pianist," Frank Bostock, thumped out the tune on the piano, and as the kitchen staff wheeled in a cake made of green and yellow cupcakes.

The official ceremonies concluded as the seven original residents blew out the cake's seven birthday candles.

Pender tennis players top Salt Spring hosts

By SHEILA McMASTER

The power boat ride to Salt Spring on Saturday morning, June 7, must have reved up the engines of the Pender Island tennis players. They were at full throttle from the time they walked onto the courts at Portlock until the finish of the five-hour tournament.

Splendid tennis reigned for those five hours as the 16 combatants charged and retreated. With four of the matches going into a tie-breaker and many of the games ending in yet another deuce, it was excellent tennis.

Pender won 13 of the 16 matches. Congratulations to Janice Allan, Val Melville, Nancy

Scott, Linda Sokol, Jim Allan, Max Allen, Bill Hanson, and Kelly Scott of Pender from Barb Davis, Molly Houston, Marguerite Lee, Vicki Warren, Art Botham, Denis McMaster, Roy Rajsic and Pat Tiernan of Salt Spring Island.

Salt Springers are eagerly awaiting the return match on July 5.

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Local student fares well

Both good news and bad news were in the bag for top-ranking Gulf Islands Secondary School student David Bremner when he pulled off a mark of 50.25 in the nationwide Eclid Math Contest last week.

The good news came via a letter from the University of BC., inviting Bremner to apply for a scholarship to the university. The letter also suggested he register in the honours program for first-year Calculus.

The bad news was that he missed receiving a certificate of

merit by 0.5 marks.

A GISS spokesman said Bremner's achievement was especially notable because the exam was written without the special preparation other students in other highschools might receive.

"For him to do that well is really quite exceptional."

The secondary school's other top-ranking students in the contest included Robert Bradford, with a score of 30.5; Krista Sadler, 30; and Eddie Ruckle, with 26.

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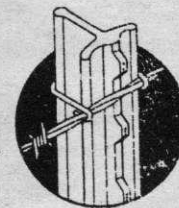
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