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Summer signs

A sure sign of summer is the harvesting of ripening hay crops, shown here being cut on Sunset Drive acreage on Salt Spring.

Weatherman doesn't care about timing, however—rain has been falling on most days over the past few weeks.

Ottawa withdraws appeal of St. Mary Lake decision

The federal government has withdrawn its application to appeal a recent B.C. Supreme Court ruling that returned gasoline outboard engines to St. Mary Lake.

Federal government lawyer Karl Burdak said from Vancouver Monday that the court decision was reviewed by justice ministry officials in Ottawa and, "after careful consideration," a decision made to withdraw the federal government's notice of intent to

appeal.

Burdak said the review specifically looked at the grounds cited in the Supreme Court judgement and at Ottawa's "likelihood of success" in an appeal.

"A number of factors were taken into account beyond the narrow question of constitutional validity," he said. "One of them was, what would happen if we appealed and lost?"

Burdak explained that, as it stands now, the court decision

applies to St. Mary Lake only.

"The decision of the judge was clear — it applied to that particular order (banning gasoline outboards) on that particular lake under those particular circumstances." What that means, he said, is that a different order could well be effective and enforceable on another lake, under different circumstances.

Burdak also noted that withdrawal of the notice to appeal does not prevent a challenge from being launched in the future, nor does it prohibit Ottawa or the provincial government from amending or passing specific legislation to protect St. Mary Lake. In Ottawa's case, he said, an amendment to the Canada Shipping Act would be required; for the provincial government, regulations protecting potable water supplies might do the trick.

In any event, Burdak said, the issue can be reduced to a question of "who has the power" to regulate water quality. And that, he added, is a political question.

The B.C. Supreme Court ruling, handed down in mid-June, said that the electric-motor-only designation on St. Mary Lake was inappropriate because the legislation under which it was applied — the Canada Shipping Act — does not authorize such restrictions for reasons of water quality protection.

Publication closes down; ads carried in *Driftwood*

A free-classified shopper that has been circulated on Salt Spring Island for the past eight months has ceased publication.

Tony Richards of Driftwood Publishing Ltd. said Monday that the *Gulf Island Advertiser* would not be published again. The *Advertiser* was mailed free to every household on Salt Spring and offered free classified ads.

Classifieds that had been placed for this week's issue are being run instead, at no charge, in this issue of *Driftwood*.

Richards said the decision to fold the publication was made because display advertising revenue was insufficient to meet printing and distribution costs.

Driftwood Publishing Ltd. purchased the shopper recently from its founder, Denise Heaton.

Patent limit change to hike drug prices

By FRANK RICHARDS

Think the cost of drugs is high? The Ottawa government takes the opposite view.

The federal government is introducing into parliament a bill whereby the patent rights on new drugs will be extended up to a period of 17 years, ensuring that the inventor of a new medication enjoys the exclusive profits for the lifetime of many users.

The new bill will be introduced later this year, according to Health Minister Jake Epp. It is expected to be passed next year and would be retroactive to June, 1986.

The new measure would bring back the

terms which existed prior to 1969, when the present law was introduced — abbreviating the period of currency of a drug patent and permitting other manufacturers to produce it under its generic, or chemical, name. The originator of the drug still enjoys exclusive use of the trade name.

For example, *Aspirin* is a trade name in Canada but not in the United States or Britain. Although the name belongs to a drug company, the medication may be produced by any manufacturer under its generic name, *acetylsalicylic acid*. The Bayer Company still reserves the right to market it as *Aspirin*.

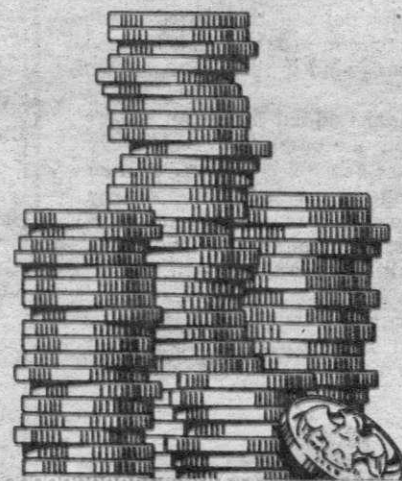
Since 1969, the same procedure has been

employed in respect of all medication. The originator could enjoy three years of exclusive sales; after that, other companies were entitled to manufacture the drug under its generic name, subject to a four per cent royalty payable to the originator.

Ottawa says "no longer." Health Minister Epp says the measure is being taken in order to provide extra billions of dollars for the manufacturers, with the proviso that one-tenth of the profits accruing to the drug companies will be devoted to research in Canada.

This allocation of research monies is estimated by Ottawa as being likely to

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- Doris Logan of Knobnoster, Missouri.

EXCHANGE RATE:

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

Stray golf ball prompts call for change

Resident feels course poses hazard

A Salt Spring woman feels local golfers are a potential danger to pedestrians and motorists passing by the Lower Ganges Road course and is asking other residents to support her argument.

Carmen Harrison's complaint was prompted by an errant golf ball that struck her vehicle's windshield when she was driving past the golf course.

The incident led Harrison and friend Tom Burleson to appeal to the community to join them in a fight for change. She says her motives are the potential danger posed by golfers and the fact that she will probably have to pay the bill to repair her car windshield.

even though she does not feel responsible for the damage inflicted.

Harrison recently published a notice in *Driftwood* asking to be contacted by "anyone ... who has had an experience of a near miss by a golf ball, damage to a windshield or any other vehicular damage, or been menaced in any other way, as a pedestrian or cyclist, by an errant golf ball."

Harrison said she doesn't know what can be accomplished by "gathering people together" but feels there must be some power in

numbers.

Golf club management will not assume responsibility for her windshield, Harrison said, and advised her that a golf course sued for damages incurred in a similar incident was not found to be at fault. Further, she says, management at the local course told her they hold no legal responsibility for damage caused by stray golf balls.

Golf club manager Malcolm Robertson declined to comment on Harrison's allegations.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for

the Insurance Corporation of B.C. (ICBC) said the question of liability "would depend on a number of circumstances."

She named location, weather, winds and placement of warning signs as factors in determining responsibility for damages incurred.

Harrison maintains that her concern extends beyond reimbursement for her car's damaged windshield. She cycles past the golf course daily, she said, and does not always have a windshield to protect her from golf balls.

"There is a definite potential of danger there," she says.

Salt Spring firm begins Pender School repairs

School District 64 has contracted Chris Marks from Ganges to repair rotting foundations and

improve the ventilation underneath the eight-year-old school on Pender Island. Marks said the \$34,800 job will take his five-man crew until about mid-August to complete.

School principal Terry Corcoran said the problem surfaced last fall when heavy rains caused the school site to flood, filling the underground crawl space. Poor

ventilation made matters worse, and extensive damage was found in the joists under both the gymnasium and one of the rear classrooms.

Two studies were commissioned by the school board in the spring to determine the extent of damage to the school. Engineering consultants detailed the improvements needed, which were outlined for prospective bidders on the contract.

Marks explained that the bulk of the work is in the underground crawl space, where crews will repair the rot in the joists and put in fans to improve air circulation. In addition, they will put a concrete ground seal over what is now a dirt area under the school.

Some work will also be done outside to improve the seal around the school at ground level. Repairs to the roof are another

possibility, but Marks said they won't know until they have been working for a few weeks just how extensive the job may prove to be.

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However, it appears that the choice of site for the school is the problem behind the matter. Frank Sutherland from the school board's maintenance division said the school was built in a low-lying, swampy area. He did not know how the decision was made or who was involved.

Marks noted that the area under the school has been wet for

police report

Salt Spring Island RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks reported last week that a high number of liquor seizures have taken place here recently.

"When we feel it (liquor) is being used improperly," he says, "we have the right to seize it."

Citing examples of "improper" use of alcohol, Hanks said that if an officer stops a car containing minors and smells alcohol in the air — particularly on the breath of occupants — the RCMP has reasonable grounds to seize any liquor found in the vehicle.

Hanks added that if an officer found one empty bottle of *Lucky* at a Cusheon Lake beach, then found the occupants of a nearby car with a case of *Lucky* that was missing one bottle, the case would probably be seized.

Liquor seized by the RCMP is held for two months, then destroyed.

Local RCMP say Salt Spring Islanders have been "behaving

themselves," since the introduction of the detachment's batmobile two weeks ago.

One impaired driver has been picked up since the vehicle was stationed here.

While RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks

reports a number of minor thefts, he says the detachment has far more lost property in its possession than reports of stolen property.

Hanks says the RCMP have everything from lost wallets and money to briefcases in their possession. "You name it, we got it."

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Asphalt plant questions to be probed tonight

Salt Spring homeowners living near the proposed site of an asphalt plant are expected to argue against the move at a meeting to be held tonight (Wednesday).

The meeting — set for 7 pm at the United Church Hall in Ganges — is to bring together representatives from the environment ministry's waste management branch, a technical representative from the asphalt company and residents opposed to the relocation.

Island Asphalt Ltd., currently based in the Victoria area, has applied to the waste management branch to allow installation of a plant on industrially-zoned property on Fulford-Ganges Road.

The land's industrial zoning was applied 15 years ago to allow operation of a small sawmill. Gary Grieco, a neighbouring property owner spearheading the fight against the asphalt plant, says the zoning should have since been amended to prohibit its relocation

on Salt Spring.

Grieco says he and his neighbours expect the plant to bring unacceptable increases in levels of noise, traffic and health hazards. He adds that if the plant is allowed to locate here, it will likely prove impossible to dislodge at a future date.

Grieco attended a Capital Regional District (CRD) committee meeting last week to present a 100-name petition opposing the asphalt plant. The CRD respond-

ed with a recommendation that the waste permit be withheld.

Waste management branch officials in Victoria were unavailable for comment Monday. However, a branch official said from Nanaimo Friday that tonight's meeting will be an informal gathering to bring together all the parties affected by the application.

The spokesman added that the most important aspect of the application is that it calls for the

plant to be located on land zoned for an industrial purpose, but the branch will be looking at questions of environmental impact, not land use. The Islands Trust, he added, has the authority to change the zoning.

Asphalt company officials say discharge from the plant, which would operate about 30 days per year, would be a "minuscule" amount of dust. Any odor or noise would be held at bay by surrounding trees, they say.



to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

During the Second World War, there was a debate raging on the Royal Air Force station at Sidney regarding the settling of a fly on the ceiling. Among a group of men essentially devoted to aviation and aeronautics, the mystery of landing upside down became an annoying unawareness.

The question was broadcast in the station publication, *The Patrician*, but it went unresolved. Did the fly do a quick roll and land up there? Or did he loop at the last minute? There was no answer and no member of the 1,000-strong unit could come up with an explanation.

Last week, David Suzuki came up with the answer while taking part in Peter Gzowski's program over CBC radio. The fly approaches the ceiling, slows and places two legs above his head. The two legs hit the ceiling and grip it. The fly is halted in midflight and rolls, using the two legs as a pivot, and it lands on all legs, upside down on the ceiling.

Try it some time!

It would be unfair to name names, but two men had trouble with telephone sets recently. One was using a telephone acquired from the B.C. Telephone Company and the other had purchased a set from a company selling telephone equipment. Both purchases were made some two years ago.

The encounters were different. One proud owner went back to the suppliers and had the unit repaired in short order. The other went to his supplier and was advised that the unit was two years old and that he couldn't logically expect it to last any more than that.

The first user spent little on repairs. The second user spent some \$200 on a replacement unit.

Last week I went hog-wild over chairs. I had contemplated the acquisition of a host of new patio chairs in the faint hope that the summer might get warm enough to sit outside. The cost of new chairs

and the possibility of their lying in storage all summer was disheartening. I took out the chair without a seat and the chaise longue with the hairy plastic in festoons. The chair woven with dirty hose pipe came out of storage, as did the chaise with the broken arm.

I already had a length of plastic webbing and I found lots more in Mouat's. I now have three chaises and two chairs where, a week ago, there was only one chaise.

The instructions for repairing a chair come with the renewal kit. The kit was made in Ontario and the instructions come two ways. You can do it in English or in French. I chose English because it's easier.

The diagram clearly directs you, *Lace here*. The second line adds, *Lacez ici*, in case you happen to be a francophone. It goes on to explain where to tie the cord, *Knot here*. The unfortunate francophone is left high and dry with the direction, *Non ici*. Instead of being told, in French, *Knot here*, he is told clearly, *Not here!* Unless he can read English he may never knot it!

When my well was a feeble trickle of water deep down in the ground this week, I was put in mind of the words of the late Bud Kreissl, doctor, water trustee and Island Trustee. He expressed regret that the islands suffered so heavily from the intrusion of salt into the water. He added his concern for the fact that the islands enjoy a larger than average number of retired people whose age makes them that much more vulnerable to the presence of salt in their drinking water.

The water had not improved my pump, though all is well by now. I reckon I'm like the majority of islanders in that I'm always going to have my water checked but, so far, in nearly 20 years, I just haven't got around to it. And I know that's a cliché: I also know it's my favourite!

Local resident's film selected for exhibition

An animated film created by a Salt Spring Island woman has been selected for an *Images B.C.* exhibition which runs July 16 to 30 at the Robson Square Media Centre in Vancouver.

Ellen Box, who just completed a two-year art course at Camosun College in Victoria, was told the B.C. Pavilion has selected her film *Bill* to be a part of the exhibition. *Images B.C.* will feature over 165 "College Arts," representing a number of different artistic mediums.

Several of the art pieces will be sent to Ottawa for a national competition.

Box's two-and-a-half minute film tells the story of a lonely man who goes to a dating service. Box drew the stills, created the sound tracks and did all of the photography.

A letter addressed to Box from MLA Pat McGeer says the object of the exhibition is "to present the best our province has to offer in the visual arts and reflect its diversity and potential."

The 21-year-old artist plans to attend the Emily Carr College of Art and Design in Vancouver this autumn.

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A place for everything and everything in its place

A meeting will be held tonight to discuss the merits of an asphalt plant moving to Salt Spring from southern Vancouver Island. While that meeting is likely to concentrate on the pros and cons of the plant itself, there is an underlying concern worthy of fuller attention.

The asphalt plant issue is only one example of an industrial user being able to consider setting up a Salt Spring operation in or uncomfortably close to a predominantly residential area. The land-use designations in place on this island include a number of other anomalies that would permit neighbourhoods of shops and homes.

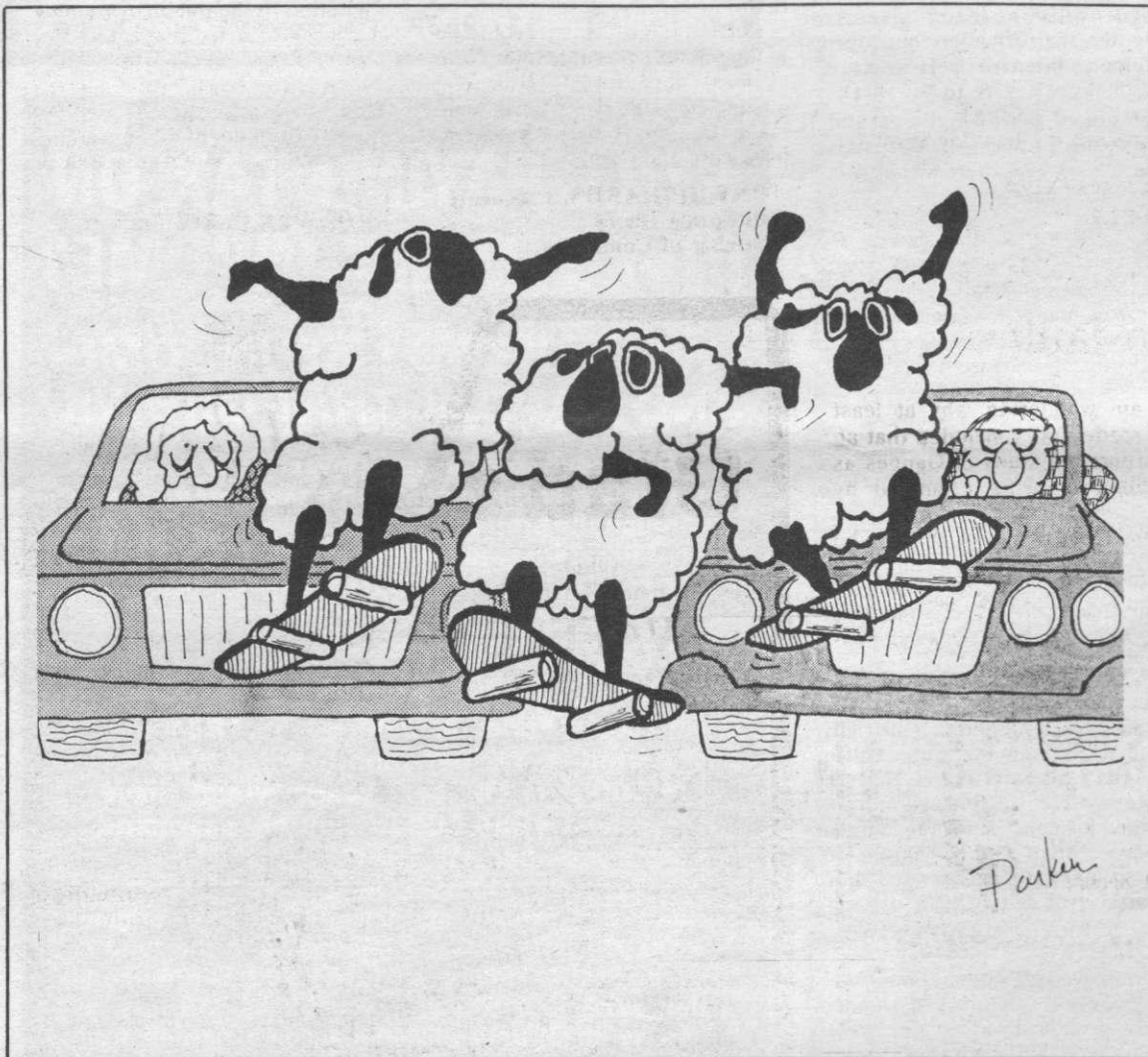
Forget the historical reasons that spawned today's conundrum; what matters most is charting a course of action that will eventually bring a better sense of order to current land-use patterns.

process of Trust-initiated rezonings to phase out the anomalies, coupled with the application of an industrial-use designation in an appropriate area of Salt Spring.

Take note — we are not suggesting opening the door for operations like pulp mills or steel foundries but the creation of an area, well away from residential neighbourhoods, that would

accommodate light industry already in place on Salt Spring and serve as a home for appropriate activities that might wish to locate here in future. All of which can be restricted by zoning guidelines.

We must accept that demand for industrially-zoned land will not simply go away, just as residents will continue to depend on the services and jobs provided by industries already in place. That said, it makes sense to help preserve the character of our island by finding one appropriate home for such users instead of letting them continue to spring up where they may.



Protection must take precedence

When Ottawa introduced legislation to extend the time limit on patent rights to new drugs, it defended its action by saying the change would create jobs in the high-technology fields of pharmaceutical research and production.

The reason? Terms of the legislation call for Canadian patent right limits to be extended only for those drugs which have their primary ingredients manufactured in this country. All others can be duplicated, according to the patent limits in place today.

Ottawa could be correct in its assumption that high-technology jobs will be created as a result of changes to drug patent rules; manufacturers may, indeed, flock to Canada and establish production facilities to guarantee exclusive and long-term rights to certain drugs.

Then again, there may be no economic or employment spinoffs at all. Drug production plants and technicians already in place may be able to handle any increase in drug research and manufacturing work quite well, thank you.

Ottawa is betting that the move will benefit this country and its citizens, but the chips being used are nothing more than a job creation subsidy directly shouldered by consumers.

Even if we presume that jobs will be created as a result of patent right changes, the direct cost to consumers will still be too high. Resulting higher drug prices for Canadians will hurt those least able to pay — the old and the infirm. Those people deserve protection, not penury.

Giving new meaning to the term double jeopardy

There are two garbage cans in my office. One is small and round, made of metal and stands about 11 inches high. The other is a cardboard box measuring 16 inches high.

The metal garbage can catches day-to-day rubbish like empty cigarette packages and old pencil stubs, and is emptied maybe once every three weeks. The cardboard box is a repository for junk mail of all sorts and is emptied every week, which is how long it takes for the overflow to stack to the same level as my 30-inch-high desk top.

A closer look at that cardboard box shows a strange world, indeed. Let's take a tour.

First up is the *why bother* group. An example is the release covering Princess Anne's itinerary for a recent tour of Canada.

Never mind that the closest she came to the Gulf Islands was Calgary; what bothered me about this one was that the trip took place from June 20 to 26, and the release arrived on my desk on June 27.

In the same vein, we always have on hand a plethora of releases from Expo 86 and the fair's Canada Pavilion, detailing events taking place at both. Invariably, they arrive about two weeks after the fact.

Next we have the oddball stuff. Somehow, I don't think too many readers are interested in reading in-depth pieces on research into the cardiovascular system of fish, the opening of the deepest mine shaft in the western hemisphere (it's near Kirkland Lake, Ontario) or the history of hidden dates on stamps.

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

Finally, there is the rabbit category. This covers press releases by and from government agencies, so named because they must breed in the box. There is no end to them.

Included here is everything from utter nonsense to sheer waste, as far as readers in this part of Canada are concerned. You have no idea how stimulating it is to be briefed on new policies for the Atlantic cod fishery or

geological studies underway to select a microwave tower site in northeastern B.C. It is not uncommon to receive the same release in triplicate, in separate envelopes and from three branches of the same ministry.

(The all-time winner, in my book, arrived special delivery from a Crown corporation. At the top of the sheet was a stamped sentence, *For Immediate Release*. Both sides of the page were blank. The next day, a copy arrived, lending new meaning to the term *double jeopardy*.)

To be fair, I should note that there is more right than wrong associated with my junk mail. After all, it's better to be aware of these borderline items than to chance missing out on the odd newsworthy blurb. And, in the case of government releases, we

would probably holler long and loud about ministerial secrecy if they stopped arriving.

Another point to keep in mind is that one man's waste is another man's fill. For instance, a friend who sits at the helm of a larger newspaper complains that he doesn't receive *enough* junk mail. It seems he is always short of copy and finds press releases a handy cure for bi-weekly anxiety attacks.

A final consideration is the rude definition of an editor: *someone who separates the wheat from the chaff ... and prints the chaff*. I keep that thought in mind when strolling through my piles of junk mail and count as a moral victory each piece of chaff tossed aside. Believe me, it sure is nice to register dozens of moral victories each day.

Disgrace

Sir,
The ferry schedule is an absolute disgrace.

Seven monkeys typing for seven years couldn't produce a more complicated schedule. There isn't a punishment harsh enough for the dolt who designed it. What's wrong with a schedule that tells you how to get from point A to B without using a million aspirins?
BRIAN HODGSON,
Vancouver.

Reference

Sir,
At the public meeting called by Dr. Borsman on July 3, one reference was made to the possibility of Maxwell Lake supplying water to the area currently being served by St. Mary Lake.

The capacity of Maxwell Lake to supply water on a long-term, safe-yield basis is fairly well documented. Based on the hydrology information derived at Maxwell Lake since 1978, the environment ministry calculated the availability of enough water to supply the area already being served, with an additional 460 homes or 760 homes if a dam is built.

Currently 1,200 homes or the equivalent (excluding the Channel Ridge Development) are being served by St. Mary Lake; therefore it is apparent that Maxwell Lake cannot serve both the area it serves now and the area now being served by St. Mary Lake.

It must also be remembered that St. Mary Lake serves four separate water systems and a very rough estimate shows it would cost a half million-plus dollars to join these systems even if Maxwell Lake could supply the water. This cost would, of course, be borne by the ratepayers of these water systems.
DON STORR,
Chairman, North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

In order

Sir,
At the public meeting in Central Hall on July 3 there was overwhelming public support to have the EMO ban replaced on St. Mary Lake. The meeting directed that Nick Gilbert, Pat Byrne and Hugh Borsman approach Victoria, on our behalf, about this issue. Why then is Dr. Borsman now going to propose to the CRD a 10 horsepower engine limit, a five mile an hour speed limit and a ski corridor? (Page 13, *Driftwood*, July 9.) An explanation is in order.
BIS WHITBY,
Ganges.

Applause

Sir,
A round of applause please, and a tip of the hat to Mr. Ron Wertman of 220 Kanaka Road. Quite voluntarily, and in his own free time, he is currently repainting the handicapped parking slots.
However, he informs me that the slots are subject to much abuse and several owners or drivers have been downright hostile when reminded of being so inconsiderate.

This is disturbing news and I am appealing to you all to be on the alert for such behaviour. Mr. Wertman would appreciate any calls re licence plates, etc.

Neither Mr. Wertman nor I possess any car 'stickers' for the disabled but it is possible that the drug counter at Pharmasave may have a few left.
BRYAN SMITH,
Ganges.

letters

Corrected

Sir,
There are a couple of points concerning your reporting at the public meeting about St. Mary Lake water quality which I would like to correct.

You write as if I were the only opponent of the task force concept. It was, of course, evident as the meeting went on that there was widespread worry that this might prove a simple stalling tactic. I was gratified that my suggestion that our elected representatives directly approach senior levels of government to solve the motor boat problem was adopted by the meeting.

Secondly, you report incorrectly that I said I have a disdain for experts. In fact I said I am skeptical of expert opinions — as you correctly quote elsewhere on the same page. And why should I not be? Experts gave us Chernobyl and Three Mile Island. This is not to say that expert opinions are without value; simply that the facts on which they are based can be understood and must be assessed by those who make decisions.

DAVID WILLIAMS,
Ganges.

A shame

Sir,
I just read about the exit road between the two banks being closed off by fall. Why not concentrate on painting more walkways for our citizens to cross and make it more clear where drivers are to turn in front of the fire hall?

Taking out the centre piece that was there and painting it was a shame. It looks like a woman without eyebrows now; it's all so bare. That one spot could have had lovely small shrubs and beautiful flowers in it.

Another thing I wish to comment about is Vesuvius Bay

Road. The traffic on the road is terrific and the road very narrow. The bicyclists are a great hazard to drivers and themselves. It's one of our main roads to the ferry and should be wider. This project should be taken into great consideration.

MARY FOX,
Ganges.

Kicked off

Sir,
Anyone who decided not to go and watch the Kaleidoscope Theatre group because it was "kid's stuff" has my permission to kick themselves.

It was incredibly good. Clever, musical, funny, fast-moving and balanced; in fact, it was perfect for children and adults.

Don't miss it if it ever comes again and, if you haven't a handy child around, borrow one or two and get extra enjoyment through their delight.

From their version of the Hare and the Tortoise to their clever "arrangements" of *Twinkle, twinkle little star*, we were given a top-notch performance by four extremely talented performers. How lucky we were to get them. Thanks, Festival of Arts organizers, for booking them for us.

JOAN RAESIDE,
Ganges.

No fault

Sir,
I am wondering why at least one reader has concluded that an incorporation study of Ganges as a village is being promoted by this newspaper.

For the benefit of those who failed to read the entire story, the Chamber of Commerce is considering such a study. It was my idea that incorporation be examined

but the decision to publish a story on the subject was someone else's. (And the reporter who wrote the story did so on her own initiative).

In his letter last week, David Williams implies that the Planning Association (a group whose *raison d'etre* has always left me puzzled) is a better organization than the chamber for conducting incorporation studies. Are we to understand that the Planning Association's bias is preferable to that of the chamber?

(While the former's purpose in life may be puzzling, its origins are not. It began as a committee of the chamber).

My one and only concern in this matter is for the health of Ganges. The village is displaying a vitality that had long been stifled by the sewer debate. After years of near-stagnation, the village is showing signs of good health. Ten years worth of delayed development is now taking place and once it is completed, island residents will have a much wider range of services available to them.

Further improvements could be made but only through some form of local government. How can anyone be faulted for wishing to make Ganges a better place to live, work and shop?

TONY RICHARDS, President,
Salt Spring Island
Chamber of Commerce.

Confirmed

Sir,
In your publication dated July 2, 1986, our MLA is reported as saying that Carol Pickup and I are "running hard".

I want to confirm that on this occasion, he is right. But we are doing no more than what we intend to do after election, namely, work hard and be accessible to all constituents in Saanich-and-the-Islands.

We would be pleased to meet with any community group that wishes to discuss local issues. Our objective is to improve representation for the Gulf Islands in the Legislative Assembly.

DAVID H. VICKERS,
Victoria.

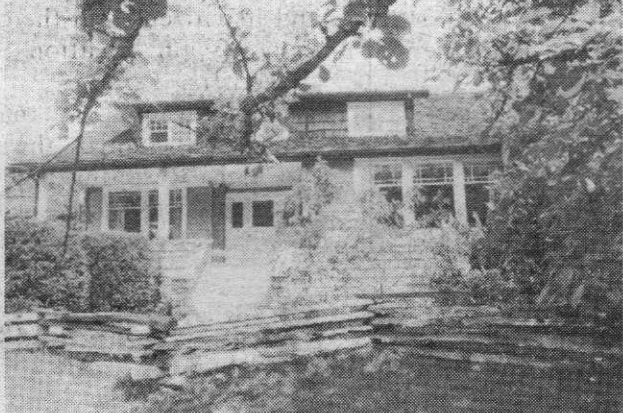
At last

Sir,
After numerous delays, *Moonsee*, the new Gulf Islands publication, is ready at last.

In honour of this occasion, I would like to extend an open invitation to the public to attend a music and poetry reading at Off Centre Stage on Thursday, July 24. Adrien Town will host the affair and refreshments will be served throughout the evening. Come out for a Moon's eye view of things.

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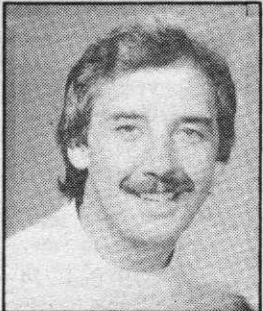
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Needs look

Sir, The health care system in B.C. needs to be looked at from the public's standpoint, also; there are many improvements that need to be made immediately that would benefit everyone — patient, doctor, nurse, administrator and hospital worker alike.

Access to better information is a priority, as is treating the "whole person" — as they do in Sweden — rather than sending patients on an endless runaround. Alternative types of therapy are important and should be covered by more affordable health premiums. At present, there are no adequate rehabilitation services for the injured (in particular, car accident victims, who become prime targets for ICBC-legal-medical battles). The medical profession really needs to take an active public stand on environmental health issues such as chemical preservatives in food, irradiation, toxic waste, etc. There is no point in trying to cure cancer if we are eating it.

It has taken me eight years to get a fairly accurate medical diagnosis from an accident I was involved in, and just about that long to find a form of treatment that works. In 1978, I suffered partial memory loss after being hit by a car while crossing the highway on foot. I approached dozens of specialists for advice, and even went to the Mayo Clinic, but got nowhere and was given the same outmoded tests (designed in 1947?) three times.

Short term memory loss affects just about everything you do on a daily basis, and lack of medical direction was very frustrating. Fortunately, last summer a woman I bumped into referred me to physiotherapist Howard Jones who specializes in 'cranial alignment' (similar to car alignment, only it involves aligning nerves, muscles and bones in the skull through rotation, pressure points and massage).

The technique magically began to work, restoring at least some of my memory and sensations, and improving co-ordination. Nothing else had the same effect, but doctors do not generally seem to be aware of this technique although it was pioneered in the States in the 1940s. There are thousands of people who have suffered head injuries that would benefit immensely from this type of treatment. Eight years after an accident, it can be sometimes very painful physically to go through this, but it's worth it, for results.

Other alternative therapists I would like to thank are: Ariadne Sawyer, NLP therapist; Chuck

Alsberg, acupuncture; Alice Friedman, Feldenkrais method; Susan Just, massage; Trevor Beyers, hypnotherapy; and Janis Seuss, physiotherapist extraordinaire.

Although the overall experience has been somewhat difficult and sometimes exhausting, there are benefits. You gain insight through other forms of perception when you lose part of your memory. And during the three days I was unconscious I felt wonderful; I went through the 'out-of-the-body experience' where I found myself floating toward what seemed to be the center of light and love in the universe; it certainly altered my energy, my view of 'reality' and my perception of what is beyond.

SUE HISCOCKS, Ganges.

Support it

Sir, Because I have been working in Victoria these past two weeks, the Shari Ulrich concert on Friday evening was the first event of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts that I have been able to attend.

Bravo, Shari and band for a beautiful concert. Bravo, to all those who have worked hard to bring to Salt Spring a first-class festival of summer entertainment!

I was disheartened to read in last week's Driftwood that there has been low attendance at some events. What a pity. Come on, Salt Springers — look at the feast of entertainment that is being offered. In its initial year, this festival is as exciting and rich as any in Canada.

Why, during the next week alone, there is a mini-folk festival with talent like Vally and Bim, and international musical acts including Joey Ayala from the Philippines, Archie Fisher and Garnet Rogers, and ASA and the Ogedengbe Drummers from Nigeria — the latter groups all fresh from the Vancouver Folk Festival.

The promoters have lived up to their billing and have built a theatre-in-the-gym. The sound is good. The entertainment is great and the prices are reasonable.

Come on, people. Let's overwhelm the organizers with our support in this premiere season so that the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts may have a long life.

DAVID REID, Ganges.

Social Credit leadership race not without traces of acrimony

VICTORIA — With the deadline for the Social Credit convention at Whistler fast approaching, the four candidates considered front-runners for the premier's job from the start are also leading in declared delegate support.

Although the numbers change almost daily, Grace McCarthy could claim the highest number of committed delegates half-way through the campaign.

Next on the list was Bud Smith, followed closely by Bill Vander Zalm and Brian Smith.

The campaign has not been without acrimony. Charges of stacking meetings have been made, Premier Bennett has been accused of quietly supporting Bud Smith, and a lot of the candidates have made the stop-Bud-Smith movement their second-most important aim.

One of the strangest developments took place in the riding of Saanich-and-the-Islands, held by Finance Minister Hugh Curtis.

Until Curtis announced two weeks ago that he would not run for the Socred leadership, his constituency association, a well-tuned machine, stood at the ready to support his bid.

Manure suddenly hit the fan when Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier entered the race and found himself sitting between two chairs.

Couvelier lives in Oak Bay and has status in that constituency's Socred association, but with Brian Smith — B.C.'s attorney general and former Oak Bay mayor — also in the race, Couvelier has no support in that riding. His only chance was to convince the Saanich association to support him, but that attempt didn't work out too well.

Even though the Saanich association gave him executive status, control remains firmly in the hands of Curtis loyalists. And Curtis isn't too thrilled with Couvelier. He's wavering between supporting Brian Smith or Grace McCarthy, with Smith having the edge. All of which leaves poor old Mel Who out in the cold.

There is, of course, the possibility that some delegates profess to support a candidate other than the one of their choice, just to get elected, but it's a thin thread on which to hang one's hopes.

The Whistler convention will be a family affair with little chance of

capital comment

by Hubert Beyer

success for interlopers. Which is exactly why I don't expect Bud Smith to win.

He may have Premier Bennett's behind-the-scenes support, but I don't think that will cut the mustard when it comes down to the final choice.

Bud Smith is an untested and untried factor in the Social Credit equation. Aside from Bennett and reporters covering the legislature, few British Columbians had heard of him before he entered the race.

The delegates will not only look for a party leader. They will look for someone with experience, able to win the next election. Bud Smith doesn't fill that bill. In fact, not many of the candidates do.

Couvelier, Bob Wenman, Kim Campbell, Cliff Michael, John Reynolds and Bill Ritchie have next to no chance of winning the leadership race and a subsequent election.

The odds of winning at Whistler are slightly better for Jim Nielsen and Stephen Rogers, but the front-runners remain McCarthy, the two Smiths and Vander Zalm.

His three-year absence from politics notwithstanding, Vander Zalm still could surprise us all by becoming the convention's compromise candidate, but it's an outside chance.

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'Awesome brainpower' tackles defence planning

By SINCLAIR MacKAY

The Pepper Pool Treaty Organization (PEPTO) has received enquires from many communities seeking information about the success — if any — of our request to the federal government to be allowed to take over the responsibility for our own defence. As media representative and copy-machine comptroller, I have been instructed to prepare a regular press release. In this, the first, I will describe our community and some of the brief history of our organization.

Pepper Pool Island lies in the southern part of the straits separating Vancouver Island from the British Columbia mainland and was so named because of the aromatic springs located in the northern part of the island. It is the largest of a group favoured with Canada's most equitable and healthful climate (the others being, in order of size, Galileo, Minor, Neptune and the twin

guest column

anxiety how Canada's defence is being ever more closely integrated with that of the United States, how our industries — and even universities — are pursuing military work of the most ominous kind, and how our leaders seem to be quite prepared to march us towards Armageddon for the sake of jobs.

When we were told, in the course of a few days, that Salt II — the only brake on nuclear madness — is now considered obsolete, that the Star Wars fantasy is to be accelerated and that, to spare us, the horrors of nuclear war, we are getting back into such chemical weapons as nerve gas, we realized Pepper Pool must act to take over the burden of its own defence.

The issues were clarified for us by our distinguished defence committee, parts of whose reports I will quote:

- Rear Admiral Howland Gale, RCN (Ret.), in a masterful analysis, pointed out that Canada, with no dreams of world hegemony and without Europe's history of almost perpetual tribal warfare, needs an entirely defensive military posture. We must not, he concluded, be dragged like a damned dinghy into the eye of the storm.

- Dr. Boyce Drothers, our clinical psychologist and author of *Machismo and the Military Mind*, alerted us to the significance of modern military terminology. In his words, "one sees in the use of such phallic terms as hardening, thrust and penetration evidence of an infantile, pre-Oedipal obsession which has its origin in an embryonic, pre-natal cognizance of parental ineptitude."

- Dr. Drothers' analysis was echoed in somewhat different words by our other behavioral expert, Aunt Greta of Greta's Betta Fetta Cheesecake and Espresso Cafe in downtown Hooghly, who remarked: "I've been watching these nuke-masters — they're nuts."

'We must not be dragged like a damned dinghy into the eye of the storm.'

Next came our historian, Euripides Dooda, who noted that there is plenty of historical precedent for the smallest of communities being the initiators of the best ideas. The Greek city states and islands — some no larger than Pepper Pool — are examples. The really disastrous errors come most easily to great nations in hot pursuit of power, disguised as God's Will, La Gloire, Lebensraum, Manifest Destiny, etc.

It seems that a precondition for good judgement is to be undistracted by power, while being well-informed. On both these counts, our modest community of Pepper Pool is admirably suited to lead the nation toward a rational made-in-Canada defence policy.

To be continued ...

'There is not a problem facing the planet that has not been minutely examined by our designated heavy thinkers.'

islands of Fender and Bender), which is stimulating not only to the bodies but to the minds of their citizens. While less fortunate Canadians in other locations must concern themselves with how, depending on the season, to keep from freezing, wilting or being eaten alive by blackflies, our island brains are released for the larger issues.

This, then, is the reason for the unusual intellectual ferment here. Artists, poets, musicians and experts on everything abound. There is not a problem facing the planet that has not been minutely examined by our designated heavy thinkers. No cows are sacred.

There are associations for the establishment, preservation or abolition of practically everything. Politicians are inundated with letters from us full of cogently worded advice which, if followed, would undoubtedly solve all of Canada's and the world's problems.

When islanders congregate — at, for instance, the Saturday morning market in downtown Hooghly — the background cerebral activity has even reported to be audible, although only to those with ears attuned to high frequencies (i.e., those who can hear bats).

And this is to say nothing about our intellectual reserves. Some islanders, determined to be ready for emergencies, have been resting their brains for years. Their potential if activated all at once can only be described as awesome.

Our greatest concern must be the basic one of survival in a nuclear age, and so a Survival Canada Society was formed to monitor the danger and to assess whether Canada's policies are adequate to defend us. The reports became more and more pessimistic but it was only recently that we became sufficiently alarmed to consider action.

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Enhancement society lines up schedule for summer projects

The Salt Spring Island Stream and Salmonid Enhancement Society is seeking volunteers to help with several creek projects slated to take place over the coming months.

Work bees will tackle clean-up and construction jobs pending at Booth Inlet and on Ganges, Cusheon, Reid and Fulford creeks.

Society representative Kathy Reimer said a number of volunteers have already been lined up but there is always room for more. She is particularly interested in attracting younger school children to the work bees.

"A pair of gumboots and a shovel is all they need," she said. "We don't work them all that hard — it's a lot of fun, really."

The work bees will undertake the following projects:

- Ganges Creek: Garbage will be yarded out of the creek and a small footpath cleared on the Mout Park side of the waterway. Reimer said the clean-up is intended to show people that "something is being done so people will think of the creek as a creek," while footpath clearing — done in conjunction with the parks and recreation commission — will provide access for stream monitoring work.

- Booth Inlet: Crews will work on a cement and stone fish ladder being constructed on McAfie Creek. Work on the ladder actually began last year but was washed away over the winter. Reimer said the ladder will be beneficial to cutthroat trout in the creek.

- Cusheon Creek: Silt lying behind a man-made dam at the mouth of the creek will be cleared out with a backhoe and dropped behind logs put in place to keep the area clear. When finished, the work will create a spawning bed, allow closure of the dam, raise the water level in the creek and prepare for construction of an

enlarged fish ladder.

- Reid Creek: Volunteers will remove and buck a number of trees blocking one section of the creek.

- Fulford Creek: Two log jams on the creek will be partially cleared, making the areas under the logs passable for fish.

A definite timetable for each project is yet to be drawn up but Reimer expects schedules to be finalized shortly. She added that the work on Ganges and Cusheon

creeks should take a few days each, the Fulford and Reid creek projects will take about an hour each, and that a minimum of one full day will be needed for the McAfie Creek undertaking.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Reimer (537-9630), Gordon Oldroyd (537-5973) or Deb Waldie (537-9618).

Meanwhile, Reimer urged Outer Islands residents to begin considering cleaning up and protecting creeks in their areas.



Working on McAfie Creek fish ladder are (top) Kathy Reimer, Robin Warbey and Jane Stack, and (bottom) Cathy McClean and

Sam Reynolds. Others who helped out with project were Kathy Stack, Marina Scott and Henry Baade.

Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

Grant funding allows hiring of summer works students

Approval of a Challenge 86 grant has allowed the Salt Spring Island Salmonid and Stream Enhancement Society to hire three students for the summer.

The students, hired late last week, will spend the next two months working on a variety of projects.

Society representative Kathy Reimer said their agenda will see the students assisting in creek

clean-up and construction projects, tending fry in Cusheon Creek, feeding fish in both Cusheon and Fulford Creeks, and taking part in trout fry rescue work.

The latter will involve moving fry from the top part of Cusheon Creek, which dries up in summer, to the safer waters of Cusheon Lake.



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Festival gaining momentum

What a difference a week makes. Seven days ago, organizers of the inaugural Salt Spring Festival of the Arts were worried that indifferent attendance might threaten the fledgling effort; today, they know the festival will be back in 1987.

"Everything turned around in one day," festival co-ordinator Michael Armstrong said Monday. From a "small but appreciative" audience for Nu Impressions last Thursday, the festival drew a sellout for Shari Ulrich on Friday night and strong audiences for weekend performances of *The Woolgatherers*.

The turnaround in attendance was matched by word Friday that the festival has received a \$2,500 grant from the provincial finance ministry's cultural services fund. While Armstrong cannot say yet where that money will be directed, he knows it means the festival's immediate money worries are over.

"We're solvent," he said. "It means we'll be back next year."

This year's festival was launched with no grant funding. Organizers were banking on strong public support to build a case for applications in 1987, but an absence of dollars for advertising and promotion left them worried that too few people were aware of events.

Until last week, that is. Armstrong said the attendance surge was somewhat surprising, especially since *The Woolgatherer* had played on Salt Spring before, but now believes it is simply a case of the festival building momentum.

"It's picking up, and now we're looking to our big week." That would be the span from July 18 to 25, when a number of big-name attractions are scheduled: Valdy, Celtic Heart, Archie Fisher and Garnet Rogers, Joey Ayala, the Island Chamber Players and Bim.

The improvement in festival prospects, Armstrong added, has picked up the spirits of organizers and served to reward the "hundreds of hours" of hard work involved to date.

Bim concert rescheduled

Bim's appearance at the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts has been rescheduled to July 25.

The singer was initially slated to appear on July 8 but was forced to cancel after suffering a scratched cornea in his eye in a domestic accident.

Festival organizers said that, under normal circumstances, the injury would not have prevented Bim from meeting his Salt Spring commitment. However, since the singer recently underwent eye

surgery, his doctors advised 24 hours of complete rest.

Festival co-ordinator Michael Armstrong said the incident marked the first time Bim had been forced to cancel a concert appearance.

The singer's July 25 appearance — in the high school gymnasium, beginning at 8 pm — fills an open date in the festival schedule caused by the cancellation of a previously-arranged act. Tickets are available at *et cetera* for \$7.

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Institute takes summer break

By DOROTHY DODDS

Members of the South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute (WI) held their last meeting of the year in June, at the home of Louisa Adshead. Gladys Slingsby was in the chair.

The meeting decided to send president Jacqueline van Herwarden a gift and a *get well* card. Jacqueline and her husband recently moved to Courtenay. It was also decided to send a *best wishes* card to her mother, Englien Prinsen, who has moved to Burnaby. Both will be missed.

Arrangements were made for the members to attend a picnic at Chemainus, along with both North and South Vancouver Island district representatives, when WI members from Washington state will visit.

A motion was passed to have Gladys Slingsby present a bursary to a deserving student at Gulf Islands Secondary School's graduation ceremonies.

Also passed was a motion to send a memorial donation to Hospice Juan de Fuca in honour of Paul Roland, a long-time resident of the island who passed away at that hospital on May 25, 1986.

The meeting further decided to have a pie booth at the coming Salt Spring Island Fall Fair. The booth will be the WI's main fund-raising project.

About 50 WI members from the North Thompson-Shuswap district wish to visit Salt Spring. Local members will provide brunch for the Interior visitors, who are interested in Pacific sea life and plan to hire a scuba diver to bring them fish and other marine life.

After the meeting, Dorothy Dodds was asked to give an account of her recent trip over the new Coquihalla highway. She said she was impressed with the

four-lane highway, that it makes for a much easier drive than the former route, and that the road through the wilderness reaches elevations of over 4,000 feet. Best of all, she said, it shortens the drive to Kamloops by one hour.

Val Gyves then gave an account of the day-long WI seminar held at Langford recently. She said the instructor emphasized that members should "take action — things don't happen by themselves."


Gifts of flowers were sent to members who were ill, and congratulations were sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dodds on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

WI members were saddened to learn that Lillian Mollet passed away at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital on June 10, 1986, at the age of 94 years. She was born on

Salt Spring on January 30, 1890, and was a charter member of the island's WI. She worked hard for the organization until the mid-1950s, when she and her husband, Charles, moved to Brentwood Bay.

The WI decided to once again hold its annual raspberry tea, on July 23. Proceed will go towards a scholarship fund.

However, as community support for the tea has been slowly dwindling, it was decided that if better support is not forthcoming, the event will be dropped in future. So please turn out and have an enjoyable afternoon with your neighbours — share a cup of tea and delicious raspberry shortcake (with real cream). You'll be glad you did, and some student will appreciate your generosity and community support.

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Skateboarders caught in the middle while board, commission debate site

By SUSAN DICKER

Pedestrians, motorists, the RCMP and even practitioners agree that weaving through downtown Ganges on a skateboard is unsafe.

Yet appeals to the parks and recreation commission and the school board to help find a skateboarding location have apparently hit a dead end, with each body expecting the other to find a solution.

The appeal was first made over two weeks ago when seven skateboarders — ranging in age from 11 to 15 — presented the request to the parks and recreation commission. The old tennis court behind the school board office was suggested as a possible location, and school trustee Grace Byrne offered to present the issue to the school board.

Commission member Bill Hitchcock, who is now on a commercial fishing trip, agreed to be the liaison between the body and the skateboarders.

The school board, meanwhile, declined to decide the question of use of the old tennis court, citing possible board liability for injuries as the reason. However, superintendent of works Frank Sutherland was asked to look into the matter.

"I can't do much until their (the parks and recreation commission's) representative gets in touch with me," Sutherland says. "The school board can't take it upon themselves."

Commission chairman Glenn Woodley says the commission is waiting to be contacted by the school board.

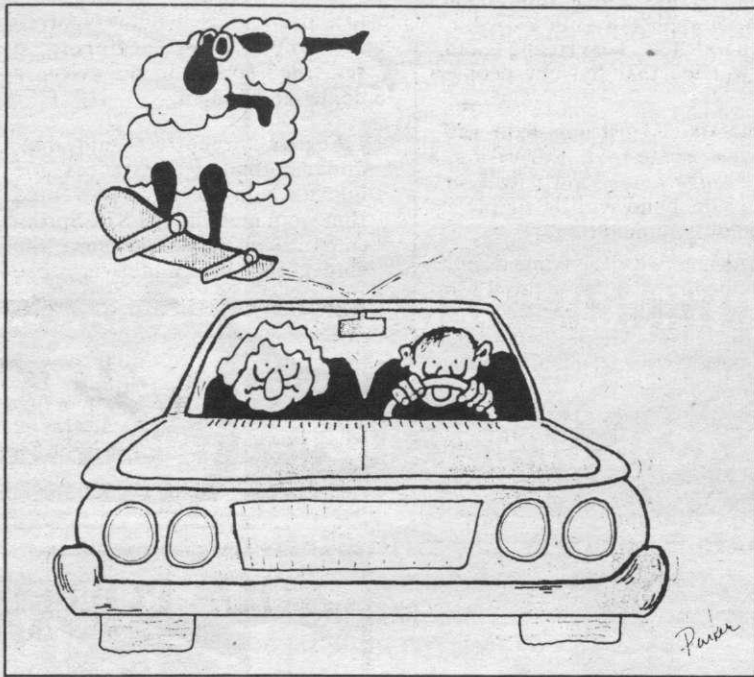
In the meantime, the youths' spokesman, Jon Ellis, says he has heard nothing back from the commission. He says that, if a location is not provided, the skateboarders will have no choice but to continue riding in the streets.

He admits they get a lot of "flak" from both motorists and pedestrians: "They say *get outa my way; get off the streets, you little kids*," Ellis says.

RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks is appealing to parents to keep their skateboarding children off the roads: "They're endangering their lives," he says.

He says the police detachment has received numerous complaints from concerned citizens and motorists.

Downtown merchant Les Ramsey says some older people are bothered by the skateboarders as they come around the corner near his Pharmasave store. Ramsey adds that he is concerned about a skateboarder possibly being struck by a car.



"I sometimes consider them to be a minor annoyance, but if I was their age, I'd be on one too," he says.

School board trustee Ian Fraser supports the idea of finding a proper place for skateboarders to practice their sport, and stresses the danger of having them "sliding up and down the sidewalks."

He feels that because skateboarding is so popular, and because it builds balance skills and dexterity, and both girls and boys can do it, the sport is worth being located at a proper location. The question, he says, is who should take on the project: the recreation commission, the school board, the "town fathers," or perhaps the highways department.

Fraser says the problem is a nation-wide one. He notes that in

Kamloops, skateboarding has become a "big thing" because it operates without legislated guidelines. "They don't know what to do with these kids tearing around the town."

One Kamloops child was killed by falling backwards off his board and crushing his head.

There is not much for young kids to do on Salt Spring, Fraser points out: a skateboarding facility could "fill in the middle of the summer," when there are minimal activities available to them.

But as far as this summer goes, trustees Fraser and Byrne feel nothing may be accomplished for the skateboarders.

"I feel real sorry for those kids," Byrne says. "They put in a real effort to get something done."

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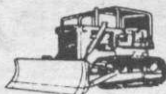
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Islands Trust born from concern over land developers, speculators

By ANNE WILLIAMS
Second In A Series

In the late 1960s, a sudden population surge on B.C.'s Gulf Islands, aided by an increasing concentration of people living in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island, caused concern that the distinctly rural character of the islands might be in danger of being wrecked forever.

With no zoning or subdivision bylaws to regulate land development, the islands were suddenly a sea of real estate signs. At the PNE in Vancouver, you could buy a Magic Lake Estate lot on North Pender for \$50 down and financing to follow; 1,263 lots were created — virtually overnight — in a community of fewer than 700 residents.

The spread of large-scale subdivisions and commercial developments caused Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Campbell to impose a "10-acre freeze" on further subdivision until there were community plans and regulatory bylaws in place.

In 1965, the provincial government had passed legislation providing for the creation of regional districts throughout B.C. Seven regional districts provided the islands with certain services — i.e., hospitals and building regulations — and the option of being responsible for many issues relating to settlement.

The islands constituted only a small fraction of the districts' jurisdiction and islanders felt they were receiving the short end of the stick in terms of representation on the various boards. The districts tended to be urban-oriented, imposing regional goals that did not always agree with the notions of islanders.

It was hoped that Dan Campbell's 10-acre freeze would motivate the regional districts to draw up community plans for each of the Gulf Islands, and that these would act as a guideline for more orderly, controlled development. But, by the time the NDP came to power in 1972, only four island plans and corresponding zoning bylaws had been drawn up and approved.

The following year, an all-party committee of MLAs toured the main Gulf Islands and submitted a report to the legislature recommending the creation of an "islands trust" to oversee development: "It must be emphasized most strongly that the Trust is to assume the primary responsibility for all Gulf Islands' affairs within government jurisdiction — including land use, future growth patterns, control of development, industrial, recreational and commercial activity as well as parks and open space designations."

The committee felt the islands were fragile, their location was crucial and that



they were dramatically affected by private and public activity — more so than other areas of the province. The Trust would be a co-ordinating, "watchdog" body bringing together various interest groups and government agencies to act in the best interests of the islands, with the broader provincial interest in mind as well.

"Our belief," the committee said, "is that the islands are too important to the people of Canada to be left open to exploitation by real estate developers and speculators."

A year later, an "islands trust" was established by the legislature to include the major islands of Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, North and South Pender, Gabriola, Thetis, Denman, Hornby, Lasqueti, Bowen and Gambier — plus some 200 smaller, undesignated islands.

The area of the Trust stretches from

Comox to the international boundary and includes Howe Sound; in all, it covers about 2,000 square miles with almost 300 of that being land and the rest water.

The initial legislation provided unusually high representation of local people in the sense that the two trustees elected on each of the 13 major islands represented a small number of people. While community planning and the drawing up of zoning and subdivision bylaws remained a responsibility of the regional districts, island trustees held the power of veto. In fact, the Trust was given no special powers to assist in the process of community planning but was expected to act mainly as an advocate for the interests of islanders; it was, in effect, a watchdog agency.

NEXT: Opposition

in brief

The Madrona Club, Daughters of the Nile, held a successful bake sale on Saturday, June 28, at the farmer's market.

Money raised at the bake sale will be used to purchase prostheses and artificial limbs in Shrine hospitals throughout North America.

Copies of the regional district's new smoking control bylaw are now available free of charge at local community health centres or at the CRD's main office at 524 Yates Street in Victoria.

The bylaw, designed to control smoking in the workplace, was adopted by the CRD on June 11 and is scheduled to come into effect after the Labour Day holiday on September 1.

After that date, complaints received by the CRD's community health department will — if validated — prompt a written warning to be issued. Failure to comply will result in a second warning being issued; after that, legal action may be initiated.

Penalties for contravention of the bylaw call for a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$500 for the first offence; not less than \$75 and not more than \$500 for a second offence; and not less than \$150 and not more than \$500 for third and subsequent offences.

Also due to be issued by the CRD is a brochure outlining the new bylaw. Copies are being prepared and should be available within a few weeks.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has authorized a \$500 grant-in-aid to Pender Fall Fair organizers. The motion was made and approved at the June 25 CRD board meeting.

An order to remove a "dilapidated" building on Jackson Road, in Ganges, has been made by the CRD board and served on the property owner.

The building, which the CRD said is known as the "old laundromat and coffee shop," must be removed within 30 days.

The CRD motion approving removal notice, put forward by alternate Salt Spring director Ron McQuiggan, was made at the board's June 25 meeting.

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One really big problem that gets worse with this kind of weather is slugs. This year they seem to be fatter, longer, healthier and hungrier than in previous years. I am certainly no expert or enthusiast when it comes to slugs, and I'm sure that there are people out there making careers out of studying them, trying to unravel the mysteries that surround them and hoping for a solution. Invent a better slug trap and the world will beat a path to your door.

No doubt there are many species, sub-species and races (if speed is possible) of slugs but for my purposes they fall into one of a handful of categories — licorice slugs (self-explanatory), banana slugs (all the rest that aren't licorice type), fat over-fed slugs and, best of all, dead slugs (how vicious and cruel; "couldn't they just go away and leave me alone"). Most of us endeavour to get all slugs from the first three categories into the last grouping, but there are those among us who would rather live and let live, and we'll talk about controls in a minute.

We all know what the demon slugs look like and easily recognize their distinctive, silvery or rainbow iridescent trails of slimy mucous all over the gardens and plants. These soft-bodied characters can reach lengths of up to eight or nine inches and may take two or more years to complete their life cycles.

your garden

by **Chris Schmah**

They feed on a variety of plants, favouring the lush succulent leaf tissues and fruit, with notable favourites including marigolds, dahlias, cabbage, petunias and lettuce.

They feed using rasping mouth parts and thus don't usually eat the stems and fibrous leaf ribs. Often, deer damage is attributed to slugs, but the difference is that deer take the leaf, stem and all. Slugs have quite voracious appetites but couldn't consume more than a few leaves at one sitting.

They are night feeders, seeking daytime refuge under debris, rocks, boards or even the shade of the plant they're eating.

They lay their eggs in the soil or under rocks and boards in clusters of 20 or more. The eggs are

'Whatever the approach to removal, be certain to destroy the slugs.'

translucent, pale yellow spheres less than an eighth of an inch in diameter, looking quite similar to those of earwigs and resembling the time-release fertilizer, osmocote.

These eggs hatch out in early spring and then our worries begin. The younger small slugs can penetrate right into the heads of cabbages and head lettuces and once they're in there, no control is possible or effective, so swift action is necessary.

The control of slugs begins with good sanitation; keeping the garden clean and free of debris, old boards and other hiding places, keeping an eye out for the eggs and destroying them, and hand-picking any slugs when they are seen. Whatever your approach to

hand removal, be certain to destroy the slugs once you have gathered them, because while they are slow, they can still travel some distance to get back to your place gain. Some people drop them into

tins of strange concoctions, but water suffices as they can't swim and will drown. Some people use a broom handle with a nail in the end to gather them; others merely puncture their soft bodies and let them die where they lie. The severity is determined by the degree of vengeance sought to make amends for plants lost.

Barriers or mechanical defences are employed in various ways. Some efforts include the use of hydrated lime, wood ashes, crushed eggshells, ground eggshells, tarpaper, strips of creosote-soaked cloth and more. These may be laid around each plant to be protected or built up like a dyke around the entire garden. Rationalizations, reasoning and results vary greatly, but for the most part they are only partially effective. The reason for this is that the slugs generate a continuous flow of mucus that protects them from most of these chemicals and barriers.

The next most effective treatment is the use of beer traps. For some reason, slugs are drawn to beer and will over-indulge to the point of trying to swim in it, but we all know already that they can't

swim — et voila; happy, dead slugs. Shallow dishes placed around the garden with an inch or two of beer in each dish will catch an amazing number of slugs but remember to clean it out periodically to allow more to enter.

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Delia Von Schilling accompanies 100-year-old model Molly

Smith, at fashion show held last week at Greenwoods. Residents, staff and members of the ladies' auxiliary participated in the event.

100-year-old highlight of fashion show

A fashion show held Thursday at Greenwoods hosted more than just a variety of casual to dressy clothing: it featured a 100-year-old model.

Three Greenwoods residents — Dorothy Montcrief, Phoebe Penhorwood and Molly Smith — took part in the fashion show, which was presented by Toni Luton and daughter Delia, from the Kenton House Gallery. Smith turned 100 this year.

Also modeling clothes were Greenwoods staff members Jean Stone and Margaret Wilkinson, and Vivian Bannon and Betty Galt from the ladies auxiliary.

Wilkinson was described as a "lucky model" because she recently won a trip for two to Sweden for selling subscriptions to a Swedish magazine.

Margaret Howell played the piano.

Summer day camp program provided for island children

Day camp on Salt Spring Island offers a variety of events for children, ranging from games to arts and crafts to overnight camp-outs.

Organizers note that the day care agenda begins at 9 am at Portlock park with an introduction game, where children learn each other's names. While it is still cool outside, games such as hide'n seek, octopus, meower and squeezer, and hug tag kick off.

Those who would rather just boot a soccer ball around may, but usually everyone likes to join in the fun.

Slower games — charades, broken telephone, and memory games — start around 11 am, followed by a quick lunch and then arts and crafts.

Afternoon crafts include working with clay, nature art, paper mache, puppets (to be used later for puppet shows) and sketching. Susan Box instructs the arts and crafts segment, which is sponsored by the Community Arts

Council.

The day camp week is broken up with swimming, hiking, beach walks with bonfires and toasted marshmallows, overnight camping trips, and museum and zoo tours.

More information regarding day care can be obtained by phoning Sarah at 653-4647.

Local lamb tops field

A Salt Spring Island entrant won first place in the first annual Vancouver Island regional 4-H lamb carcass competition held recently near Nanaimo.

The winning lamb, entered by the Salt Spring Community Club, had been fed and showed by Gitta Baker. It was selected two months prior to the event and used by a 4-H member as an animal husbandry project.

The regional competition featured one lamb from each of five clubs being judged live by 4-H members and leaders. Official judge of the live animals was Ken

Killingsworth from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Oregon.

The lambs were later slaughtered and judged for carcass quality. Judge was Neil Peterson from Agriculture Canada's inspection branch.

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New drug legislation promises higher prices

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contribute to 3,000 new jobs by 1995.

However, opinion in the United States sees it otherwise. *Drug Store News*, the trade journal of the pharmacy business, published in New York, keeps druggists and pharmacists alive to changes in the industry, which are legion.

In concluding a summary of the scene in this country, the June 9, 1986, issue of *Drug Store News* wrote: "According to sources, the proposed changes could add as much as 12 years of patent life to branded drug products in Canada." The telling point lies in the final paragraph: "The Canadian effort is part of an overall campaign by the United States government, under the direction of Clayton Yeutter, United States trade representative, to strengthen intellectual property rights of United States companies."

The reader is left to form his own conclusions. The only clear evidence to the Canadian consumer is that while Ottawa says one thing and Washington says another, both say that the Canadian consumer will pay and pay and pay — for up to 17 years — to the tune of billions of dollars.

The effect of the legislative change may be seen by making two comparisons based on current price lists.

Ganges pharmacist Les Ramsey told me that if I am suffering from ulcers, my doctor may prescribe *cimetidine*, the generic term for a drug commonly used in this case. I would then buy the medication at the Ganges Pharmacy for \$16.

If, however, the physician orders *Tagamet*, the trade-marked name of the drug, I would be billed for \$33.45.

Suppose ulcers are not my problem, but that the pressures of a long life of dealing with newsrooms and news writers has brought on a state of nervous tension. My doctor looks for a tranquilizer to slow down the racing brain cells beneath my white hair. He prescribes a proprietary medicine and I duly report to Les Ramsey, all set for a course of *Valium*.

For 100 tablets, I pay \$12.95 and my troubles are over. If, however, I am directed to buy *Diazepam*, which is the generic name for the same preparation, I shall pay \$6.68.

The above prices, which include dispensing fees, are but two illustrations of the effect the new legislation would have. Since 1969, the Canadian consumer has had a choice but after next spring, or whenever the Mulroney government might decide to impose this burden on Canadians, the choice will be gone. The higher figure will take effect and there will be no cheap way out.

Washington says the measure

Patent extension would limit generic market

is designed to protect property rights. Ottawa, on the other hand, says it is to encourage manufacturers to spend 10 per cent of their returns on research, jobs and prosperity.

The legislation benefits few Canadians — unless you count the 3,000 who are promised jobs in 10 years. It doesn't help the sick Canadian and it doesn't help the pharmacist.

Ramsey made that point quite firmly. When he fills a prescription, he charges the customer with the cost of the drug, but the price is set by B.C. law as the cost to the pharmacist. If the drug

costs \$100 wholesale, the customer pays \$100. There is no markup. If the drug costs \$2, the customer's bill is \$2. The only profit to the druggist is the prescription fee, which in Ganges is \$6.45.

The new bill will be debated in the House of Commons this fall. It will be debated among consumers during the summer.

Arts Festival arranges free Saturday night act

A variety of local artists will perform at a Saturday night open house presented by the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts as a "preview of things to come."

Featured at the free, June 19 event will be Chris Kodaly, Dwaine Prosk, Caroline Rine, April Curtis, Gary Lundy and Thommas Miychaude. The concert will begin at 8 pm.

Festival organizers say the free benefit night is in response to last

week's "unfortunate cancellation" of the Vancouver Actor's Guild presentations of *Say No More* and *Joey Lying Low*.

Those who still do not know about the Festival of the Arts are encouraged by organizers to come out and discover "what (they've) been missing and what (they) can enjoy in the weeks to come."

The performance will take place in the festival centre at the high school.

Ganges United Church hosts 'guest preacher' this month

This month, Ganges United Church will host a guest preacher with a strong background in Philippine affairs.

Stephen Fetter spent several months in the Philippines last summer and has written and spoken extensively on the overthrow of the Marcos dictatorship.

Fetter was in Manila last summer as one of the first theological students in Canada

chosen to serve an internship in the international community.

Entering his final year this fall at the Vancouver School of Theology, Fetter is preparing for his ordination into the ministry of the United Church of Canada.

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'Loaves and fishes and other dishes'

Cookbook blessed at launching

Loaves and Fishes and Other Dishes is the name of a new cookbook launched at St. George's Church last Thursday by members of the local Anglican Parish.

The book, edited by Joyce Holman and in the compilation stage since Christmas, features some 300 "favourite" recipes. It sells for \$10.

"It's got a big section on fish and chicken, and lots of soups,"

Holman says. The cookbook also offers fillers, and artwork by Caroline Hamilton.

Holman says the book includes "all kinds of strange things ... like a recipe called *Cheesecake* which is really a tart and has no cheese in it at all."

There's also *Caper Sole* (without capers), moggy, kedegree, haggis and "exotics" like rhubarb soup, egg and lemon

soup, and parsnip soup.

Reverend Noel Bracher blessed the book at a three-hour "launching party" which, according to Holman could have been a "disastrous day."

The gathering had been planned well in advance, but the printers kept delaying delivery of the book, she says. Holman was finally able to pick up 500 copies of the book at 2:30 the day before the planned celebration.

golf notes

By PAT DOHERTY

Twenty ladies turned out in recent nine-hole section play. Norah Ray won low net, and nearest to the pin on hole number three was Mary Pike. The ladies were as accurate as ever with Joan Tiernan chipping in at number seven and Pam Watson doing the same on number nine. Edith Owens won the putt pot.

In the ladies' 18-hole division, 41 golfers teed off in a shot gun start

to compete for the Marg Johnston Cup. The result was a tie at net 61 between Jean Jefferies and Marj Cade. A playoff will be held to determine the winner.

Medalist for the day was Irene Hawksworth with 87. Chris Lagrow won the putt pot with 26.

In recent team play, Salt Spring established a comfortable lead over Cowichan in the first round, played at Salt Spring. Although Salt Spring did not win at Mount Brenton, the overall total for the

two games ended in Salt Spring's favour.

In men's day play, the Jensen Cup was postponed to July 17, rain or shine. Twenty-four stayed to play for the honey pot; Al McLean won with a net 63.

The Terry Fox has definitely been rescheduled for Sunday, July 27, to be followed by a lunch. The Shipley Cup event will be played on Saturday, July 19. Choose your own partner for this mixed, two-ball event.

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Garnet Rogers



Archie Fisher

Music dominates schedule for third arts festival week

The Salt Spring Festival of the Arts enters its third week with an assortment of musical entertainment that ranges from a Scottish bard guitarist to a local celebrity.

- Local artists Celtic Heart and Richard Cross take to the stage on Sunday, July 20, with Celtic dance tunes featuring string whistle and Irish drums.

"Guaranteed to set your feet tapping," organizers say.

Also included in the group are noted instrument-maker Terry Warbey, Carole Young, Jay Handel, Michael Aronoff and Richard Cross, who will also be performing solo. Tickets are \$4.

- A slight change of pace takes place on Monday, July 21, when the festival presents local favourite Valdy. Valdy has written and performed 16 single records and 10 albums, toured from coast to coast and appeared as host of television specials. He is also the winner of four gold records and two Juno awards, and is described as one of Canada's most popular artists.

Tickets for the master of folk rock, blues and country music are \$6 in advance.

- Archie Fisher and Garnet Rogers are scheduled to perform on Tuesday, July 22.

Fisher, Scotland's premier bard guitarist, songwriter and performer, is back in North America and visiting Salt Spring

Island for the first time. He is reputed to be an accomplished artist in the traditional Scottish form of taking songs from the dry page and placing them back into the oral tradition.

After his first visit to Canada and the United States in the mid-1970s, and encouraged by the positive response to his original material, he expanded his repertoire in that direction.

Joining Fisher is Canada's talented Garnet Rogers, who originally toured North America for 10 years with his well-known brother, Stan. After his brother's tragic death, Garnet continued the tours, which took him to the Winnipeg Folk Festival, then to the east coast of the U.S., and to rave reviews.

Festival organizers say the duo combines "exciting melodic

songs, by the best contemporary writers of two continents, with traditional material, all interspersed with wry, sardonic humour." Advance tickets are \$7.

On Wednesday, July 23, the festival goes from Scotland to the Philippines. Joey Ayala is a talent recognized throughout Canada, America and his native country, and has earned invitations to the Winnipeg and Vancouver folk festivals.

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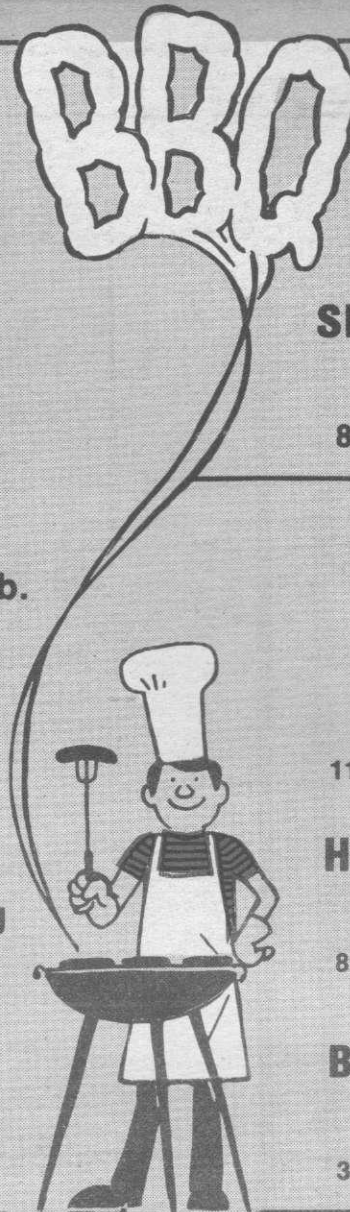
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