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Perfect summer weather and a full schedule of events greeted participants and spectators taking in last weekend's Sea Capers festivities on Salt Spring. A few of the many sights are shown here; stories, more pictures on pages 11 and 13.

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Summer Festival of the Arts

July 1 — August 2

National NDP leader schedules Salt Spring visit

Ed Broadbent, national leader of the New Democratic Party, will visit Salt Spring Island in mid-July.

Broadbent, who pollsters say would lead a national government if an election were held today, will visit Salt Spring to attend the Gulf Islands NDP Club's annual barbecue.

Announcement of his visit comes on the heels of a national poll which said the NDP has the support of 40 per cent of Canada's decided voters, the Liberals have 32 per cent and the Tories 26 per cent.

The Gulf Islands NDP Club

Ed Broadbent heads barbecue guest list

event, to be held July 12 at the Farmer's Institute on Rainbow Road in Ganges, is a lamb and salmon barbecue open to the public. It gets underway at noon.

Broadbent will be visiting Salt Spring Island with his wife, Lucille, and their teenage daughters. The family intends to visit the Farmer's Market in Ganges on Saturday, July 11, and attend the barbecue on Sunday.

The NDP's national leader is

only one of many prominent party officials and members planning to visit Salt Spring for the local club's barbecue. Also on the guest list are the party's MLAs and MPs from B.C., and its provincial executive. Provincial leader Mike Harcourt is not definite; word is he is attempting to rearrange his schedule to attend.

The club has scheduled a series of private parties and meetings

with guests on July 11. David Vickers, president of the Saanich-and-the-Islands constituency association and the party's candidate in this riding in the most recent provincial election, has issued an invitation to the public to visit the July 12 barbecue, however.

Joining Broadbent, B.C. MPs and MLAs, and members of the party executive at the barbecue will be NDP members and their

supporters from Vancouver Island and each of the Gulf Islands.

The barbecue will feature a program of family games and contests, plus musical entertainment. Organizers say jazz, rock and bluegrass groups have offered to play during the afternoon.

Anyone planning to attend the July 12 barbecue is asked to notify the NDP Club in advance, in order to ensure enough food is available. Call Irene Wright (537-5347), Beth Ariss (537-2541), Phyllis Sinclair (537-2571), Virginia Newman (537-9251), or Beth Hill (653-9408).

Newspaper rescues 'abandoned' copies

Four copies of a Toronto-based ethnic newspaper fell victim to Canada's postal system last month, but were saved by a *Driftwood* employee.

Catherine McFadyen was in the process of mailing *Driftwood* copies recently when she retrieved a bundle of newspapers from a Canada Post mailbag. Four copies of *The New Canadian*, a magazine published for Canadians of Japanese origin, had been overlooked by post office employees. The paper was dated May 5, 1987.

Two of the subscribers were in Sidney, one was in Zeballos and the fourth lived in Sooke.

New Canadian Ken Zomori said in a telephone interview from Toronto that similar delivery problems have occurred in the past.

Driftwood publisher Tony Richards, meanwhile, said he wondered how many copies of *Driftwood* have suffered a similar fate.

He also noted that the discovery of the newspapers was timely, coming just after news broadcasts told of striking postal employees in Montreal dumping mail and scattering it on the floor of a sorting station.

"Not only are the post office and its employees unable to provide an efficient delivery service," Richards said, "but they seem to have no respect for the material they handle — or an interest in handling it well."

The copies of *New Canadian* were mailed again by *Driftwood* but with rotating strikes by letter carriers, it may be awhile before they reach their destination.

Way cleared for extension road project

The ministry of highways will proceed with its proposed Jackson Avenue extension, subdivision inspector Michael Donald says.

Donald told *Driftwood* negotiations with a property owner have concluded and the ministry has acquired a piece of land located between McPhillips and Seaview avenues.

The ministry plans to extend Jackson Avenue across the property to Seaview, a project designed to alleviate traffic congestion in downtown Ganges by providing motorists with an alternative route around the town.

Donald said ministry officials met with their geotechnical experts recently to discuss plans for the extension project. He said the land between Jackson and Seaview is swampy in places and must be stabilized before construction work begins.

"They (geotechnical staff) will be sending us a report on the area that will include information on the depth of soil there and the type of material required to alleviate that problem," he said.

Donald could not estimate when the project will get underway. He noted the ministry must receive approval from parks branch officials, because the proposed extension will infringe slightly on Mouat Park property.

"I want to see that report first," he said. "But before any on-site work gets underway, we'll have to clear up those problems. There is a house on the property, too, and I imagine we'll be tendering a demolition contract soon."

Ministry officials estimate the Jackson Avenue extension project will cost approximately \$60,000. The extension's final price tag, however, will largely depend on the cost of bridging Ganges Creek.

Postal system uncertainty spurs search for vehicles

Demand for courier services on Salt Spring Island was so high last week, in the midst of the current postal dispute, that one local company was moving to add a vehicle to its fleet — and having trouble finding one.

Salt Spring Freight, which operates in conjunction with Purolator Services, said last week that requests for its services have doubled since the postal dispute began, and that it was looking to add another vehicle to its fleet to help meet the demand.

"But I can't find one," owner Tony Rayner said. "They're all taken, even in Victoria."

Rayner said Thursday that if he was unable to locate a van on the rental market, he will have to find another way to add a vehicle. "I'll get one, even if I have to borrow it."

Salt Spring Freight operates two courier vans locally and ties in with "40 or 50" working with Purolator in Vancouver and Victoria.

Like the other courier companies on Salt Spring — Loomis and ACE Courier — Salt Spring Freight says the recent boom in business is directly attributable to the postal dispute. "We're getting calls from lawyers, real

estate people, people who want to send a letter to another province," Rayner said. "No one wants to take a chance on their letter getting lost in the mail."

He added: "Until the post office thing is settled, most people will be using courier services."

Michael Murray of ACE Courier said earlier that some of the business now coming to couriers because of the disruption of normal postal service will remain after the dispute is over.

"A lot of businesses, when something goes wrong at the post office, will try using a courier service and find they like it so much they just stay with it," he said.

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It appeared in MP Jim Manly's Winter 1984 edition of the Householder.

Many thanks to all who participated in Sea Capers!

Congratulations to the winners of the build-a-boat contest, ILLTYD PERKINS & BRUCE COMBA.

TIDE TABLES

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	2200	10.8		2315	10.6
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Night fire threatens watershed

A Friday night fire which threatened the Maxwell Lake watershed on Salt Spring Island points out that access to the property should be limited, an adjoining landowner says.

The fire, which authorities believe was caused by a cigarette, was discovered at about 9:30 pm by Scott Stepaniuk, who smelled smoke as he walked by the property. Stepaniuk spread the alarm to the nearby home of Tom Gossett, who called on his neighbours and family members to fight the blaze.

Gossett said efforts were hampered by difficulty of access to the fire site. Shovels were brought in, and a bucket brigade was organized along a trail leading to the flames.

"It's a very inaccessible spot," Gossett said, adding that members of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department — who had been called about the fire — had to reach the site by paddling a canoe along the shore of Maxwell Lake.

The fire was finally contained at about 1:30 am, Gossett said, and the Fire Department returned later on Saturday with portable pumps to hose down the site.

"It was a close call," Gossett said. "We were fortunate there was no wind. It was dead calm, and at one point the flames were half-way up big fir trees."

An early warning was also fortunate, he said. "The site is so isolated, if the fire had had the whole evening to get going, it would have taken out the whole watershed."

The fire department said Monday the forest service's current rating of the fire hazard on Salt Spring Island is in the *High* range.

The Friday night fire occurred on land owned by Texada Logging. Gossett said negotiations are currently underway to obtain the land for a watershed preserve around Maxwell Lake — a situation he said underscores the need to limit access to the property.

"It's the most sensitive part of the watershed. It would turn the lake into a mudhole if we lost those trees," Gossett said. "It would be a horrible thing, for all of us, if that area burned down."

He added that he will recommend to the property owners that access to the property be made more difficult.

"It's private property but people can and do enter," Gossett said. "But there's a real danger to the community if a fire starts there. I'd like to see the community agree that there are better areas for recreation — for example, if parents know their children are going in there, they should stress to them that they stay away."

"What the community has to lose is not worth the risk."



to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Conundrum

Thinking about it makes it seem rummy; Two Tankhamens and only one mummy!

Who is Sylvia?

That all her swains are calling! But, just like Annie, Christine doesn't live here any more. And just like Annie, she never has.

I get a lot of calls for Christine: all courteous and all mildly surprised that she doesn't live hereabouts.

Please, Christine, wherever you are, please tell them you ain't here!

Flattening times

There was a day when every tire had its tube. Those were the good old days. Except the days when every tube had its beaded edge tire. Beaded tires went out in the late 1920s, so I guess only a privileged few readers will remember those abominations.

The other day I went to the garage and had my tires pumped up. First thing I knew one was going down. When we had tubes we pumped 'em up to stay up. Now we pump 'em down!

The cost of falling

I have a friend who is nameless. As, indeed, so many of my friends are. He was busy with a chain saw when a towering tree came to earth with a few essential yards of power line. Off went the power!

In the course of events the man-with-the-saw was billed for his share of the repairs to the lines.

It was fair enough and he was the first to admit it. But it does draw the sharp line between good and evil. Good is good judgment and evil is the failure to be good.

Beach debris identified

Old crabs become new again

Seen what looks like a lot of dead crabs along the beach lately?

Well, cheer up. What you're probably seeing washed up on shore are not dead crabs, but crab shells. According to fisheries officials, the cagey crustaceans aren't dying, simply changing their apparel.

Fisheries officer Bob Tupniak said Wednesday that this is the time of year when crabs moult. The creatures, he said, crawl completely out of their shells — body, legs and all — and leave these hard casings behind.

"If the old shell is completely empty, then they've moulted and aren't dead," explained Tupniak. "If you look at them closely,

you'll see this. They'll pull completely out of the old shell and leave it behind. The new shell will expand and harden."

Tupniak said it is possible some of the crabs seen along local beaches have died. Quite a few dead crabs were recently found in Cowichan Bay, he said.

"Some do die, although we're not absolutely sure why," he said. "When I'm in the area where people have called about the crabs, I'll usually check them out. But most of the time, it's

merely the shells that are left behind because the crabs are moulting."

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Burning permits cancelled

The Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department has banned all open fires, effective immediately and until September. In addition, Fire Chief Bob Leask says no burning permits will be issued over the summer.

The only private burning now permitted is that carried out in incinerators — and even then, Leask says, it should be done before 9 am. An early start is necessary because winds can pick up later in the day and spread sparks, he explained.

"It happened here last year. Sparks from a fellow's incinerator were carried next door and started a fire," Leask said.

The clampdown on open fires does not extend to campfires in provincial parks or at resorts, however. Still, Leask warns that if current dry conditions continue through the summer, those types of fires will be prohibited as well.

"We didn't have much rain in June, and June is usually wet," he said. "The (ministry of) forestry people say that if June is dry, August is usually really dry."

Leask noted that his office has a collection of brochures dealing with fire safety. They include forests ministry publications like *Fighting Wildfires: First Initial Attack*; *Forest Campfires: Tips and Regulations*; and *Forest Home Guide to Fire Safety*. The latter pamphlet, he said, would be especially useful for Salt Spring Island homeowners who live beyond the fire department's service boundaries.

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George will be missed

Many famous Canadians have served long and faithfully in public office but few Canadians have devoted so great a part of their lives to the service of their home communities as did the late George Heinekey.

The Vesuvius Bay farmer was associated with almost every community activity open to him. Not only did he fill a vast number of posts in island public affairs, but the character of that service was such that he tended to head the various organizations he worked with. Further, when George Heinekey took part in a project he manifested great fervour and energy in furthering the purposes and projects of that operation.

For the Lady Minto Hospital, the island's schools, the Royal Canadian Legion and the Farmers' Institute we may all pay tribute to the memory of a community-minded man. In elected offices, he was hospital trustee, school trustee and regional director. In the community for half a century he was always there to lend a hand and do his share.

Thank you, George: we're going to miss you.

'Colony' makes no sense

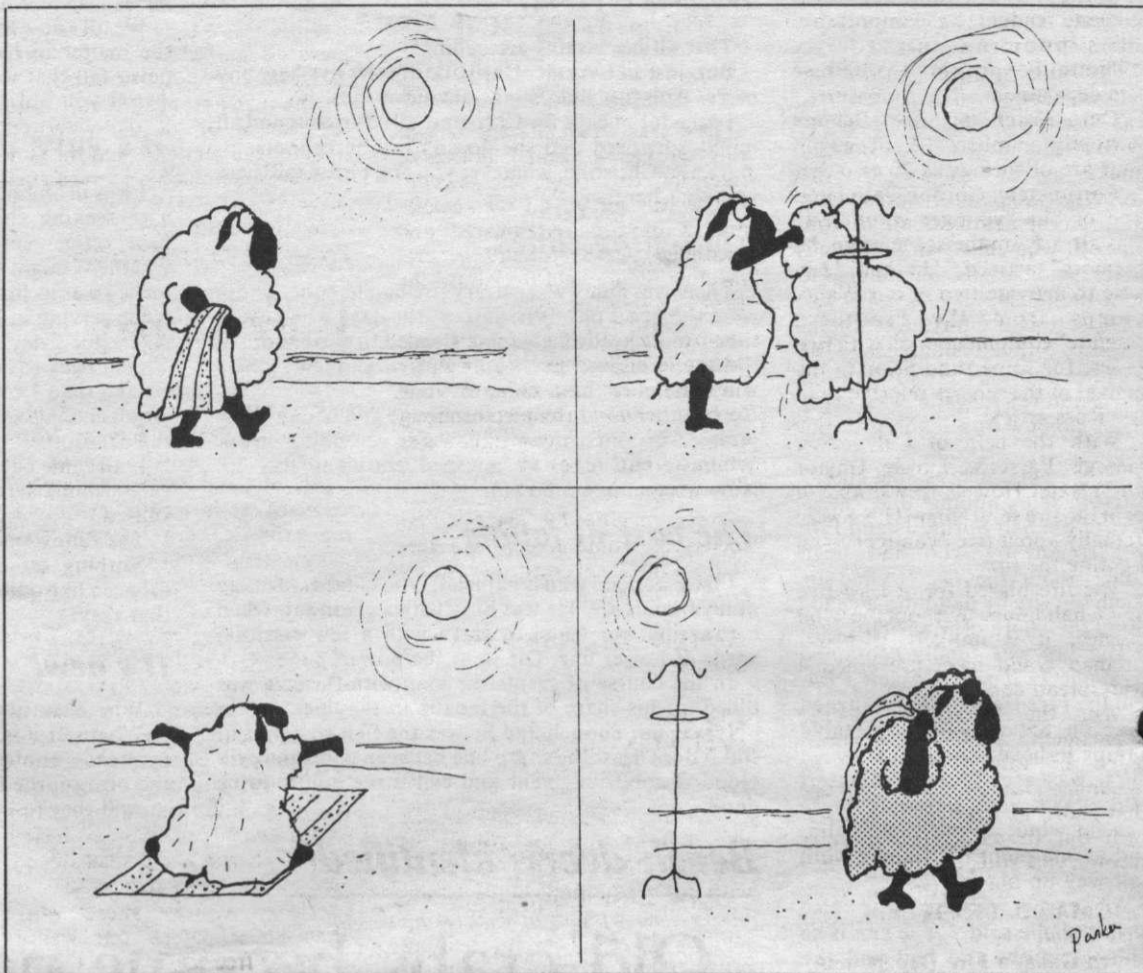
We are concerned about Vancouver alderman Ralph Caravetta's recent proposal to send all of his city's AIDS sufferers into quarantine on "a tropical island."

Thankfully, Caravetta's proposal has gone nowhere. Health Minister Peter Dueck pointed out that the logistics involved would be prohibitive, and that the province is more concerned with identifying AIDS victims than it is about possibly exiling those people to an offshore colony.

Dueck could have added that Caravetta's proposal was callous, short-sighted and tantamount to branding as outcasts a group of unfortunate people who need help, not a cold shoulder.

After all, with the province's best medical facilities and most of its doctors located in major centres like Vancouver and Victoria, it makes no sense to move people from direct access to those services.

We must also point out that Caravetta's proposal is only one more example of the City of Vancouver treating this province's outlying areas as a dumping ground for its problems. Like its proposals to send Lower Mainland trash by truck to landfill sites in the Interior, and by barge to Texada Island, the suggestion to depart AIDS victims to "a tropical island" shows us the city prefers an out-of-sight, out-of-mind solution to issues it cannot otherwise resolve.



Schedule could use one change

The tremendous amount of work and time contributed towards Sea Capers by a host of organizers and volunteers was repaid last weekend with a celebration which has to rank with the best staged in the event's 10-year history. From the sold-out Friday night dance to a full Saturday schedule of entertainment to a family-oriented Sunday agenda, everything had the stamp of a quality production.

Unfortunately, we have one quibble with the way things went. On Saturday, the morning activities in Centennial Park competed for viewer attention and patronage with the water sports, staged nearby at the same time. Too many people were forced to

choose to attend only one of the two events or, worse, went to one venue and did not learn until later that they had missed half of the available entertainment. There seemed to have been plenty of time across the full day to synchronize the schedules of the two events so everyone could have witnessed everything.

Of course, we do not know what difficulties or considerations the organizers had to contend with when the schedule was drawn up, and it's likely there are perfectly good reasons why events were timed as they were. Our only point is that, in future and if possible, more people will be able to enjoy the full range of an excellent Sea Capers program if the scheduling conflict is removed.

Numbers document Canada's 120-year growth

Happy Canada Day. I know, I know — the masthead on this week's edition of *Driftwood* says *Wednesday*, the delay in mailings caused by the Canada Day holiday probably means you're reading this Thursday or Friday, and most people will likely celebrate the event on Saturday. But Happy Canada Day, anyway.

Just for fun, and since I decided against writing a Canada Day piece about either my beaver collection or the national croquet championship I hold each year at this time, today's effort will be confined to musings about Canada as it once was. After all, we should have a bit of perspective at a time like this.

The following information came my way from Statistics Canada, those computerized folk who love

playing with numbers, even when they never add up to much (sound familiar, fellow baseball box score fans?).

StatsCan's information, meanwhile, is contrasted with data it has unearthed from the first issue of the *Canada Year-Book and Almanac of British North America*, which has been published every year since 1867, the date we became an official nation.

If you're ready, let's go.

In 1867, the population of Canada was estimated at 3.9 million. The authors of the 1868 *Year-Book* estimated, "with some pretension to probability," that the number would jump to almost 110 million by 1971. As it turns out, they were just a bit off the mark: the 1986 national census reported 25.35 million Canadians.

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

In 1871, the *Year-Book* gave the following breakdown on Canada's population. At that time, 97 per cent of Canadians were either British (60 per cent), French (31 per cent) or German (six per cent). The remainder were mainly of Dutch origin (one per cent) or Native Indian (one per cent).

Today? The 1986 census tells us the three major groups still dominate but make up less of the

total population — they're down to 71 per cent. As for the rest, they're mainly of Italian (three per cent), Ukrainian (two per cent), Chinese (one per cent) or Scandinavian (one per cent) descent. Dutch and Native Indian groups make up 1.7 per cent.

You want more? How about the employment picture?

In 1867, the *Year-Book* notes, almost half of all working Canadians were farmers or farm labourers. At that time, labourers and mechanics were actively encouraged to immigrate to Canada to feed the agriculture, railway, lumber and manufacturing sectors.

Some skilled workers were dissuaded from immigrating, however. In 1872, the government warned that "the classes which should not be induced to

emigrate to Canada . . . are professional or literary men, and clerks and shopmen . . . unknown or unfriended immigrants seeking employment in them might encounter painful disappointments."

What a difference a century makes. In 1986, StatsCan tells us, the situation had reversed and skills previously deemed undesirable are now the most-actively sought — one-fifth of all Canadian workers hold clerical positions, with high proportions in service (14 per cent) and managerial-administrative (12 per cent).

Had enough? Me too. While I find all of the above quite interesting, too much of a good thing wears thin. Stats can get a bit dry. If you don't mind, I think I'll go find something wet and propose a toast to Canada. The way it was, and the way it is.

Fire

Sir,
Your May 27 edition carried an article under the headline, *Galiano firemen put out blaze at logging show*. Although the headline was erroneous, the article was, for the most part, correct.

As Fire Chief of the North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department, and one of the "seniors" referred to in the May 27 article, I want to thank you for drawing the attention of North Galiano readers to the importance of supporting our totally community-sponsored volunteer fire department.

Our roster of fire fighters currently numbers 12, of whom four are of the age of 70 or older.

Fortunately, Gordon Palmberg, one of our "younger volunteers" was already on the scene when the "seniors" arrived. He had been able to activate two of our Wajax pumps from the "southern satellite" equipment pool, with two hoses, for some time prior to the arrival of the seniors referred to in the Ross article.

With the help of Cal Jarvis, George Parsons, Laurie Gaylor and Dexter Howell, he was able to cool the fire somewhat. There were actually about five "younger" men fighting the fire.

The fire blazed for at least five and a half hours. Without the wind change, it is unlikely that our fireman could have prevented a widespread conflagration.

We, the "seniors" in the department, gratefully acknowledge the valiant efforts of the "younger" fire fighters. We hope that more of them will regularly turn out to our practices every second and fourth Monday at 7 pm.
THOMAS B. LIDDELL,
Fire Chief,
North Galiano Fire Department.

Break

Sir,
The gavel has struck for the last time this year and the second season of Salt Spring Speakers Club ITC has come to an end.

Members are enjoying a summer break until September, but information on our organization can be obtained from our membership chairman, Sheri Neilson, at 537-4154. We look forward to expanding our membership in the fall so keep us in mind. Our goals are familiar to many of you: increasing our communication skills through training and practice. We work hard and have fun doing it.

At this time we wish to thank *Driftwood* for its enthusiastic coverage of our special events. To a new organization such as ours, your coverage has been vital in bringing us to the attention of the public. Thanks to Mike Turkki for covering our two levels of speech contests this year — a first attempt for our club.

ALICE RICHARDS,
President,
Salt Spring Speakers Club ITC,
Ganges.

Dispatch

Sir,
Some years ago, when I had the painful privilege of serving on the Gulf Islands School Board, it was carefully explained to me why teachers could not also be trustees in their own district.

However, Bills 19 and 20 notwithstanding, I have never

heard it suggested that teachers should not be allowed to vote in school board elections.

How can anyone be disenfranchised because of where he or she works?

Yet that is exactly what the Lady Minto Hospital Society does to its employees. They are barred from membership in the society and therefore cannot vote on the election of board members or any other matter affecting the hospital.

Last year, in an attempt to right this wrong, a special notice of intention to change the relevant bylaw was served on the society, and a motion was moved and seconded at the annual general meeting, being held over until the 1987 annual meeting.

Now the hospital society has "discovered" that its bylaws themselves are suspect, so they are to be scrutinized (by a committee) and, in the meantime, this amendment cannot even be discussed.

As a member of the hospital society, I would like to see this archaic situation rectified with all possible dispatch.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Ganges.

Memorable

Sir,
The grad class of 1987 would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who helped with our graduation: to the Grade 11s for the wonderful decorating job; to the teachers for helping organize the ceremonies, and to the bus drivers for providing us with a safe way home.

Very special thanks go to those parents who gave their time to organize and help with the party, the barbecue and the breakfast — thank you very much for making grad so memorable.
Grad Class of 1987,
Gulf Island Secondary School.

Thanks

Sir,
I would like to thank Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Duke, and Mrs. Simpkins for driving the bus to and from after-grad. I'm sure it was appreciated by all the students of G.I.S.S. Also, I would like to thank all of the barbecue crew.
BOBBY AKERMAN,
Ganges.

Success

Sir,
The parents of Fernwood Elementary School students would like to thank you for the wonderful coverage of our Fun Faire.

This year's event was well-attended and the feeling at the end of the evening was one of great satisfaction for a job well done.

We would like to thank Pat Byron and the karate club for the demonstration, the firemen for bringing their trucks, Peter Price for organizing and cleaning up, and the following businesses for their generous donations:

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letters

Pharmasave, Heritage Boutique, Parcels Unlimited, *et cetera*, Salt Spring Fast Foto and Video, Flowers and Wine, and the Byrons.

A big thanks also to Hans Hazenboom for his stands, to Ron and Margaretha Nordine and Angie Wesley for the fabulous dinner, to Ellen Hazenboom for holding down the fort at the front entrance, and to Sally and Charles Bazzard for the field sports.

The support, time and enthusiasm of all the volunteer parents and students and the staff of Fernwood made the faire a great success.

See you next year.
Fernwood Parents' Group.

Price to pay

Sir,
Regarding the possibility of a marina at Saltery Bay in North Galiano, we wonder about the rights of local citizens to say no. Some of the nearest neighbours to the proposed development have owned their property (and paid taxes) for many years — since the early 1950s, in fact.

Through their efforts, the efforts of other Galiano citizens and the effects of fire, wind and water, the scars of commercialism have all but disappeared now. The salteries we remember were typical of those times; land and water ordinances would prohibit their construction today. On this site we now have a sliver of beach and a shallow bay, one of the only places left on Galiano's western shore where local householders and visitors alike are free to sit on a log and gaze off into the sun setting among the islands nearby.

Galiano is a long, narrow island with many miles of waterfront, but not much is available today for building sites. Those who have waterfront paid for it and guard it fearfully. Those who live inland have in Saltery Bay the access to the beachfront that helped to bring them to our island. The dwellers of the many islands in Trincomali Channel presumably bought there because of the quiet and isolation — would they change all that for us?

If the residents of North Galiano

wanted marinas and the like nearby, they would not have bought land where they did. There is a price to pay for quiet and isolation; should they not be allowed to keep it?

DOROTHY ROSS,
ALISTAIR ROSS,
Galiano Island.

Names

Sir,
I am concerned about your policy of accepting *Name withheld* letters. In the past these letters have proven inflammatory and divisive — the latest is no exception. To encourage this kind of cowardly behavior is not constructive.

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I also have a name.
LYNDA JENSEN,
Vesuvius Bay.

Oppose

Sir,
I am writing to express my concern about the proposed marina in Saltery Bay on Galiano Island.

For over 15 years my family has had a cottage between Saltery Bay and Salishan and so we would be directly affected by the development.

One of our great pleasures is to watch the seals and herons and otters that live in front of our cabin between Salishan and Richardson points. While I realize that these aren't endangered species, it would certainly affect the quality of our life if they were forced out of the area.

Right now the area is a quiet residential area, ideal for canoeing, scuba diving and just enjoying. A commercial development of this nature would drastically and adversely change that.

I am not an ecologist, but I do know that in Montague Harbour

where there is mooring for pleasure boats it has been declared unsafe to harvest clams or crabs or any kind of shellfish for years. Right now we enjoy crabs, oysters, clams, as well as rock and ling cod and I can only see these becoming unsafe to eat over a period of time if a marina were allowed to be put into place.

Also a concern of ours is of increased crime. With all of the boats that are likely to be moored there and the lack of police on the island I would be much more worried about the security of the cottage (which sits vacant much of the time) due to the proximity of the marina and the much heavier flow of people.

In short, I do not feel this is in the best interests of the community or of the environment and I oppose the construction of this marina.

STEVEN SMITH,
Vancouver.

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Sir,
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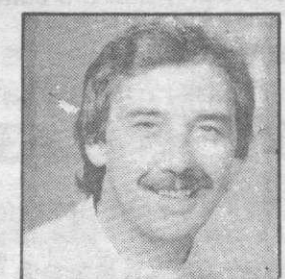
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Study, permits to block aquaculture option?

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL
Nanaimo developer John Upward may have to remove fish farms as one of the uses envisioned for Salt Spring Island properties he hopes to buy from MacMillan-Bloedel.

Upward has a conditional agreement with the forest company to buy its 4,900 acres of island property. The land, contained in seven separate blocks, is tree farm MB placed on the block in mid-1985 when it decided the properties were too scattered for effective management.

Last week, Upward outlined to *Driftwood* the uses he might make of each of the seven blocks.

Included were options like parkland, cluster developments, 25-acre farms and recreation-residential properties.

Aquaculture was a suggested use for the coastal portion of two units on Sansum Narrows. One unit fronts on the north end of the Narrows, while the second covers a northeast section of Burgoyne Bay.

Driftwood has since learned that a Vancouver company called ACE Developments holds exploratory permits for three potential aquaculture sites in the same area. That could mean problems for Upward, since the provincial ministry of forests and lands

frowns on fish farms being located within three kilometres of each other.

The sites being studied by ACE are:

- just south of Maxwell Point, at the north end of Sansum Narrows and near the northern boundary of the MB block there;
- on the south side of Burgoyne Bay, just east of Bold Bluff and directly across from MB's property on Burgoyne Bay; and
- near Maple Bay, on the west side of Sansum Narrows.

Upward's aquaculture option would also have to contend with the proximity of an existing fish farm, operated by Mae West Ltd.

of Vancouver at a site just south of Bold Bluff.

John Bones, manager of lands administration in the ministry's Vancouver Island office, said the requirement for a three-kilometre limit between fish farms could affect Upward's plans. He said the ministry accepts applications for ventures which would be located within that three-kilometre limit, "but the developer would have a tough time getting approval — he would have to have some pretty good arguments to show why he should be exempted" from the spacing requirement.

Bones also pointed out that the

exploratory permits held by ACE, and any plans Upward may have for ventures in the same area, will be affected by the coastal resource use study now being conducted in the Islands Trust area. That study, which covers Sansum Narrows, will lead to designation of all coastal areas as either suitable or unsuitable for aquaculture ventures.

Both Upward and spokesmen for ACE Developments were unavailable for comment earlier this week.

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Prevost Island, Salt Spring sites to be studied for fish farm potential

A Vancouver company is seeking permits to investigate the suitability of placing fish farms at three sites near Salt Spring Island.

Mae West Ltd. — which already operates a fish farm at Sansum Narrows, on the west side of the island — has applied to the provincial government for permits covering two sites off Prevost Island, east of Ganges Harbour, and a third site at the south end of Salt Spring Island.

The Portland Island sites are in James Bay, between Peile Point and Selby Point at the north end of the island, and in Ellen Bay at the south end of the island.

The Salt Spring Island site is two kilometres east of Cape Keppel, offshore from a block of property bordered to the north by an ecological reserve and to the west by a park preserve.

Donald McLeary, vice-president of research and development for Mae West, said in a telephone interview from Vancouver that if the sites proved suitable for aquaculture, his company would look at installing small-scale fish farms at each location.

However, McLeary cautioned that his company's chances of setting up a fish farm at any one of the three sites also depend on the findings of a coastal resource study now being conducted by the provincial ministry of forests and lands.

The study is asking all users of coastal resources — from sailing clubs to commercial fishing associations — to mark on maps of the Islands Trust area those sites they feel are suitable or unsuitable for aquaculture, depending on the

degree of conflict posed to their activities.

When the study is completed at the end of July, it will produce a map grading the suitability of all aquaculture sites within the Trust area. At the same time, a moratorium on issuing new fish farm licences — in effect in the Trust area since late last year — will be lifted by the provincial government.

'The findings of that study may or may not exclude the areas we're looking at.'

(Mae West's applications for investigative permits are not affected by the moratorium.)

"The findings of that study may or may not exclude the areas we're looking at — we have no way of knowing if it will affect the areas we're pursuing," McLeary said. He added that Mae West has made representations to the study group, listing reasons why it believes each of the three sites

is suitable for aquaculture ventures.

McLeary said Mae West has made contact with most upland owners near the two Prevost Island sites and received "no negative response" to the proposed fish farms.

As for the site near Cape Keppel, McLeary said its suitability for a fish farm should not be affected by the proximity to nearby park and ecological reserves. The forests and lands ministry recently disallowed another proposed aquaculture venture in the same area because it would have been within one kilometre of the ecological reserve, but McLeary notes the Mae West site is more than one kilometre from both the park and the ecological reserve.

While it waits for the results of the coastal resource study, Mae West will proceed with its analysis of each of the three sites involved, doing all of the necessary scientific work needed to prepare applications for licenses of occupation, which could be filed as soon as the moratorium is lifted.

"We won't proceed until the report is out after July 31," he said. If the study shows the three Mae West sites to be suitable, "we'll decide how to proceed, and then we'll get busy," McLeary concluded.

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Free trade threatens agriculture industry

VICTORIA — For some time now, Mark Rose, the New Democratic Party's agriculture critic in the legislature, has been asking questions about free trade and its potential impact on British Columbia's agriculture industry.

Time and time again, he's fired his questions at Agriculture Minister John Savage and he's not at all happy with the answers.

"I think Savage is terrified," Rose says, referring to the impact a bilateral free-trade agreement between Canada and the U.S. would have on the province's agriculture industry — which is on shaky ground as it is.

Nor is Rose reassured by federal Trade Minister Pat Carney's claim that agriculture isn't on the table in the free trade negotiations. "Neither was the Auto Pact, and look what's happening to it now," Rose says.

Carney's claim is further discredited by a leaked document containing the summary of a briefing given by Bill Merkin, deputy chief U.S. negotiator in free trade talks, to Congressional staff members.

'This preoccupation with free trade is ideological madness.'

According to that document, agriculture is very much on the negotiating table. Under the heading of *Agriculture*, the document says: "The issue is on the table but not much progress has been made so far. The Administration will address Canadian dairy and poultry quotas and discriminatory practices of the Canadian Wheat Board."

It goes on to say that the U.S. side is interested in "a unified stand on agriculture subsidies and global agriculture policies." Not on the table, eh?

If Canada and the U.S. reach a free trade agreement and it includes agriculture, Rose believes the B.C. agriculture industry has had it. And he's not just talking about "a few chicken pluckers in the Fraser Valley."

The wine industry couldn't survive a free trade agreement, Rose says, pointing to the differences in climate, wages and land costs in Canada and the U.S. In the States, he says, agricultural land goes for about \$500 an acre; here, it's \$5,000 an acre or more. Wineries in the States, he said, also employ cheap immigrant labour and have the advantage of a longer summer.

"Do you think that a free trade agreement is going to raise land prices in the U.S. or raise wages or improve our climate? Of course not," he says.

The outlook is equally grim for other segments of B.C.'s agriculture industry, according to Rose. Egg producers, he says, estimate that more than half of their number will go under if they have to compete under a free trade agreement that guarantees the U.S. unobstructed market access.

"I think this preoccupation

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

with free trade is ideological madness. Somehow, the proponents believe that free trade is good for us."

All Rose can see in a bilateral free trade agreement with the U.S. is the complete integration of Canada's economy with that of the U.S. And Canada, he says, is bound to lose the fight for unobstructed access to markets.

The writing, he adds, is on the wall. Our traditional markets have already been eroded. China, often touted as the most lucrative market of the future, is virtually self-sufficient, he says. So is India. And if the Soviet Union gets its act together, Canada will not export one bushel of wheat to that country in a few years.

What markets remain for Canada's agricultural products, Rose says, are being swamped with U.S.-subsidized goods. The U.S. wheat subsidy, he says, is \$2.63 a bushel; the European Economic Community subsidizes wheat to the tune of \$3.13 a bushel. Canada's subsidy is 85 cents a bushel. "How can we compete against that?" he asks.

"A bilateral free trade agreement with the United States will be the end of our economic independence," Rose says. And with virtually everything else on the table, including culture, he adds, it could well mean the end of Canada's independence. Period.

All right, so he's against a comprehensive bilateral free trade agreement with the U.S. Has he got a better idea? Indeed, he says, he has. A multi-lateral free trade agreement involving not just the U.S. but the European Economic Community, Japan, and other nations.

Canada's best hope, according to Rose, is that the free trade talks will end in failure — a distinct possibility, considering the protectionist mood of the U.S. Congress. Rose for one would be cheering the collapse of the negotiations.

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Hospital notes need to expand current bed count

Four Gulf Islanders were selected to the board of management for Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital at the institution's annual general meeting held last week.

Two Salt Spring members—Gwen Gold and Peter Vida—joined the board, along with Galianoite Helen Hoole and Saturna resident Margaret Fry. The hospital's board of management now consists of Gold, Vida, Hoole, Fry, Mrs. Emile LeBlanc of Pender Island, Dr. E. R. Dixon, Mrs. E. McEachern of Mayne Island, Jack Reid, Michael Simpson, Julie Tessman (hospital auxiliary representative), Mel Topping and A.P.S. (Sandy) Gordon.

The board of management will choose its executive at a meeting to be held July 8. Until that time, Gordon will continue as its chairman.

In addition to electing its new members, the board also received and discussed the reports of its

Report suggests 126 new beds in next nine years

chairman, chief of staff, administrator and others.

In addition to thanking hospital staff for "a job well done," Gordon noted that the Capital Regional Hospital and Health Planning Commission's report entitled *Care of the Elderly—Phase II* identified the need for additional beds at Lady Minto Hospital and the Greenwoods care facility.

"This report shows Lady Minto as presently having 31 extended care beds, requiring a further 33 by 1991 and a total of 85 beds by 1996," stated Gordon. "Later in the report, it also indicated that Greenwoods, which presently has 50 intermediate care beds, will require 44 new beds by 1991 and a total of 122 beds by 1995. This would mean a total of 126 new beds in our area within the next nine years."

Gordon also noted that the boards of Greenwoods and Lady Minto have formed a joint planning committee to look into ways of reducing planning costs and exploring the possibility of supplying integrated services in new and existing facilities.

"With the joint planning committee in place, the chairmen of both boards met with Murray Halkett, director of hospital planning for the Capital Regional District and requested his assistance and advice," Gordon continued. "As a result of his subsequent presentation to the Capital Regional Hospital and Health Planning Commission, the commission has agreed to have its staff, together with a research assistant, carry out a health care study of Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands which should result in

a master plan for the planning committee."

In his report, Chief of Staff Hugh Borsman noted that Lady Minto Hospital may soon be one of a select few hospitals with a fully-approved, 24-hour heliport. He added that "after 10 years, I still find my work with the hospital staff and hospital board rewarding. I thank them all."

Diane Horovatin, the hospital's administrator, noted in her address to the board that Lady Minto Hospital has achieved a two-year accreditation award from the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation. She added that the institution was also successful in obtaining \$250,000 for minor repairs and upgrading to the facility.

Horovatin added that although the hospital's new budget has a

projected deficit of approximately \$17,000, this amount may well be eliminated during the year.

Betty Galt, president of the hospital auxiliary, reported another year of service by that organization.

The Thrift Shop, the auxiliary's main source of income, also had a profitable year. Income from the thrift shop totalled \$38,146 last year.

Coastal study group slates meeting dates

Dates, times and venues have been determined for a series of open house meetings called to discuss the suitability of various aquaculture sites within the Islands Trust area.

The meetings, set up by a consultant working with the provincial ministry of forests and lands, will ask for public comment on input now being provided by various coastal resource users.

Groups ranging from sailing clubs to commercial fishermen are providing the ministry with coded maps showing which coastal areas they consider to be unacceptable sites for aquaculture, and which areas could serve as homes for such ventures.

Maps provided by all groups participating in the study will be displayed at the open house meetings, as will a ministry map which would interpret all the data provided. The public will be asked to comment on those presentations.

Following the open house sessions, the ministry will assemble all opinions and findings to produce a final version of its interpretative map. The map will then be used as a guide to areas within the Trust area which are suitable or unsuitable for aquaculture.

The schedule for the open house meetings is as follows:

- SALT SPRING ISLAND — Monday, July 13, Harbour House Hotel, 2 pm to 9 pm.
- MAYNE ISLAND — Tuesday, July 14, Agricultural Hall, 2 pm to 9 pm.

- PENDER ISLAND — Wednesday, July 15, North Pender Community Hall, 2 pm to 8 pm.
- GALIANO ISLAND — Thursday, July 16, South Galiano Community Hall, 1 pm to 7 pm.
- DENMAN ISLAND — Friday, July 17, Denman Island Community Hall, 1 pm to 7 pm.
- LASQUETI ISLAND — Saturday, July 18, False Bay Community Hall, 11 am to 3 pm.

The ministry's study is due to be completed by the end of July, at which time a moratorium on the issuing of new aquaculture licenses within the Trust area is to be lifted by the provincial government. The ban was put in place last year while the Gillespie enquiry into the aquaculture industry held hearings and prepared its report.

In that report was a recommendation — accepted by the province — that the moratorium continue within the Trust area until a study of suitable sites could be completed.

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Service for George Heinekey fills island church

Funeral services were held at St. Mark's Anglican Church June 25 for George Heinekey, a long-time Salt Spring Island resident who died four days earlier after suffering a heart attack.

The church was filled to overflowing by hundreds of residents who turned out to pay their last respects to the well known Vesuvius man. According to one observer, it was probably the biggest funeral ever seen on the island.

During his lifetime, the 74-year-old Heinekey established a record of community service which saw him become involved in numerous facets of island life. Included were terms of office with the Ganges branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Capital Regional District (CRD), the District 64 board of school trustees, the board of management of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and the local Farmer's Institute.

Despite that record, Heinekey was always quick to share with others any credit he received for his accomplishments. "Whatever I did for Salt Spring Island was done by a large number of people of Salt Spring Island," he said in 1979 when the local Chamber of Commerce held a ceremony to honour Heinekey as its citizen of the year.

Born in Victoria in 1913, George Heinekey moved to Salt Spring Island in 1919. He returned to the island after service in World War II and operated a dairy farm in Vesuvius for many years. Later, he became an agent for Northwestern Creamery, now Silverwood's.

When not active on his farm, Heinekey was involved in public affairs. That involvement saw him guide the Farmer's Institute for 25 years, spend 12 years with the executive of the Ganges chapter of the Royal Canadian Legion — including four years as president — and serve as Salt Spring's director to the CRD for four years. Heinekey, who never lost an election during his public life, also spent several years with the Gulf Islands School Board, including five as its chairman.

Heinekey, who joined the local Royal Canadian Legion branch immediately after returning home from the Second World War, last year received a 40-year service pin from the organization at a special ceremony marking the Legion's 65th year of operation on Salt Spring.

It was an appropriate award, given Heinekey's record of involvement with the Legion — and that of his father. Gordon Heinekey was the first president of the predecessor of Salt Spring's branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Great War Veterans' Association (GVWA) was formed in 1921, later renamed the Canadian Legion of the British Empire



Before his death last week, George Heinekey (right) saw family tradition continued when his son, Shane, became member of Salt Spring Island branch of the

Royal Canadian Legion. Induction meant membership passed onto third generation of island family.

Service League and finally became known as Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Heinekey tradition within the local Legion branch continues despite George's death. His son, Shane, was recently accepted as a member, becoming the third generation of the family to join the branch.

During George Heinekey's term as president of the Legion, his most notable accomplishment was creation of a permanent home for the branch. The Legion owned the land where the United Church now stands, while the church owned the present Legion property. A trade — for \$1 — was arranged and the Legion also came into possession of a church building located at Central. Work parties took the building apart, numbered each piece and erected their new home on Hereford Avenue.

Heinekey later recalled that the decision to swap properties was made at an executive meeting — with the members sitting on the

grass. He also noted that the entire project cost the branch about \$1,000 and that he and two other members raised the funds by securing personal loans from a bank.

At the Chamber of Commerce's 1979 ceremony honouring him as Salt Spring's citizen of the year, Heinekey said his proudest public accomplishments included the Legion Hall, his work with the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, and his involvement with schools on

the islands.

George Heinekey is survived by his wife, Ruth; sons Marshall of Burnaby and Shane of West Vancouver; brothers Pat, Dennis and Roderick; sister Agatha (Lyseng); and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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Three-year elected terms slated for local politicians

A provincial government plan to extend the terms served by locally-elected officials met with mixed reaction Monday from Salt Spring school board and regional district representatives.

Bill 45, the Local Election Reform Act, was introduced in the Legislature on Thursday by Municipal Affairs Minister Rita Johnston. The bill will extend the terms of office of all school trustees, regional directors and aldermen to three years from two. As a result, local elections would be held every three years, except when byelections are necessary to fill seats left vacant by resignations.

"I have mixed feelings about it," said Dr. Hugh Borsman, who represents Salt Spring on the Capital Region's board of directors.

Borsman said he doesn't feel the change will have a major impact on Salt Spring. He noted that one of the arguments for three-year terms has been that civic elections without mayoralty races spark little interest among voters.

"I suppose that's true in the cities, but of course it doesn't apply in the electoral areas," he said. "Here, we've always had a pretty good turnout. Four years ago, 75 per cent of the voters came out. . . I don't see it making much difference."

Borsman said three-year terms will likely prove beneficial for people serving their first terms as elected officials. However, he added that some prospective politicians might balk at the idea of serving a three-year term.

"If you're going for your first term, I know that you just get the drift of it (in two years), and in the third year you begin to be productive," he stated.

"But then again, people who have already served one three-year term might think twice about going for another. That would be six years of your life."

Salt Spring school trustee Grace Byrne said she was surprised by the government's decision to introduce Bill 45.

Byrne described the plan as "interesting," adding that it will make B.C.'s elections policy identical to that of Alberta, where all locally-elected officials serve three-year terms.

"There are advantages to both the Alberta and B.C. systems," she said. "For people serving their first term, three years is better. For the first few months, you're usually just learning where the pencils are kept. So in that way, it (a three-year term) is an advantage."

"The advantage of the B.C. system was that terms overlapped. You had some trustees on the board who had experience, and others who were just learning."

Byrne said she didn't think the longer term of office would discourage people from serving on local government. "I don't think there will be many who will object," she said, "and, of course, there are provisions for byelections."

Bill 45 is expected to become law before this fall's municipal elections. Voters will go to the polls this November, and those individuals elected will hold office for three years. Elections will be held in 1988, but successful candidates will only serve for two years.

No elections will be held in 1989, to bring all jurisdictions into the three-year cycle.

Land classification changes

Owners of treed lots on the Gulf Islands have until this September to apply to the provincial tax assessor for a land classification change which could save them money.

The provincial government recently created two new property classifications — managed and unmanaged forestland — which apply to treed lots. Gerry Blom, a member of the Gulf Islands Woodlot Operators' Association, said the change could mean tax savings for property owners.

Land classified as managed

forest would be taxed at a rate comparable to that for farmland, he said. Ken Renaud, president of the Woodlot Operators' Association, said the tax rate would be about 10 per cent of the assessed value of the land. Blom said the assessment rate for unmanaged forest land could be as much as three times higher.

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Committee to begin fund-raising for memorial to historic vessel

A committee of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is preparing to raise funds for a memorial to the *Cy Peck*.

The vessel, which once served the Gulf Islands as a ferry, was scuttled last year in Nanaimo Harbour. The boat's wheelhouse was saved, however, and given to the local chamber.

The chamber committee has since proposed building a two-level lookout on the Ganges waterfront, which would incorporate the vessel's wheelhouse and possibly act as a tourist information point.

The project carries an estimated price tag of \$24,000. Grant funding of about \$8,000 has been promised from the provincial government, leaving about \$16,000 to be raised from public sources.

Chamber director Jack Cherry, who is heading up the *Cy Peck*

project committee, said last week a verbal agreement has been reached for the project site, clearing the way for fund-raising.

The *Cy Peck* lookout would be sited on a small piece of waterfront property owned by the department of highways and located across the road from the Anglican Church in Ganges. Cherry said the verbal agreement reached over use of the land is currently being drafted into a written agreement, and that clearance has also been received from the local Islands Trust committee over the proposed use of the land.

Cherry is now drafting a background report on the *Cy Peck*, its link with the Gulf Islands and the proposed lookout project. The report will be given to groups or individuals approached for financial support.

The *Cy Peck* committee will

approach potential corporate donors first, Cherry said. He said he plans to concentrate on off-island sources like the B.C. Ferry Corporation, the CPR and the provincial or national arms of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Should the committee's fund-raising efforts bring in more than the \$16,000 needed, any excess would be used for development of a seawalk in front of the lookout, he added.



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Sea Capers contest entrants walk off with array of prizes

A variety of awards was handed out Saturday to participants in the Sea Capers parade.

Prize-winners, selected by a group of five judges who graded each entry and then totalled their points, were as follows:

- Best overall — Seniors' King and Queen, Old Age Pensioners Organization.
- Best-dressed dogs — Elsie Marshall and 'Rosie' (36 points); Monica Byron and 'Coco' (35).
- Best-decorated bike — Bill Steffens (44.5); Stephanie, Peter and Wayne Simons (39); Richard Avedon Savage (37); Aaron Slingsby (35).
- Best costume — Lyn Roland (36); Salmonid Enhancement group (34); Salt Spring Centre school (32).
- Novelty entries — Island Cinema (44); Lisbeth Jones (41); Alice Tester (37); Gulf Islands Rentals (32).
- Floats — Off Centre Stage and Festival of the Arts (38); 4-H Club (37.5); Raging Grannies (37); Credit Union (30); Rainbow Crafts (28).
- Special awards — Waco the Clown, Power Squadron, Precision Training group.

The treasure hunt, held Sunday, was won by Dave and Lois Phillips, their daughter Molly, and her friend Kelly Regen. Finishing a close second was the group of Paul and Loretta Minvielle and Bill and Vonnie Simkin.

- The tug-of-war competition, held Saturday in Centennial Park, was won by the following teams:
- Ages six to nine years, the Cucumbers.
 - Ages 10 to 12 years, the Super Gummies II.
 - Ages 13 to 15 years, the Pinheads.
 - Adult men, the Credit Union.
 - Adult mixed, Driftwood II.

Following is a partial list of results for the water sports events. Organizers said the pace of events was so brisk and the number of entrants so high that a complete list could not be drawn up in time for this week's edition of Driftwood.

- Jousting — Ross McIlvenna, Gord Dafoe, Pete McKenzie.
- Sabot races — Aileen Neish (first), Louise Beijk, Micaele Maddison.



Tug-of-war strain shows

• Walk-on-water — Russ Murcheson (first), Erling Jorgensen, Eric Booth.

• Blind rowboat race — Lara Truscott and Claudine Maynard (first overall); Nikki Schouwenburg and Helga Williams (second in first heat); Leo Martinez and Don McBeath (second in second heat).

(Organizers said the team of Sue Hiscocks and David Clegg was the only entry in the history of the event to advance no further than the starting line. A difference of opinion regarding that lack of progress soon saw both team members in the water.)

• Build-a-boat — Illyd Perkins and Bruce Comba (first); Eric and Jarrod Booth. The second-place finishers comprised the first father-and-son entry in the event's history.

Organizers gave special thanks to the Ganges Coast Guard unit for their "considerable assistance," the the federal fisheries department for use of its dock, all of the people who helped with events co-ordination, the Salt Spring automobile club for use of a trailer, the Coast Guard auxiliary members for patrol duty, to Mike Hayes for an excellent job emceeing the events, and "anyone else who may be unintentionally overlooked here."

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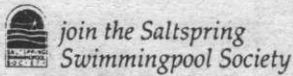
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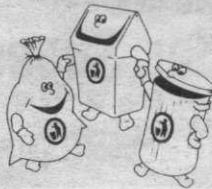


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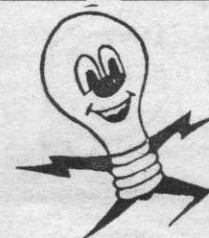
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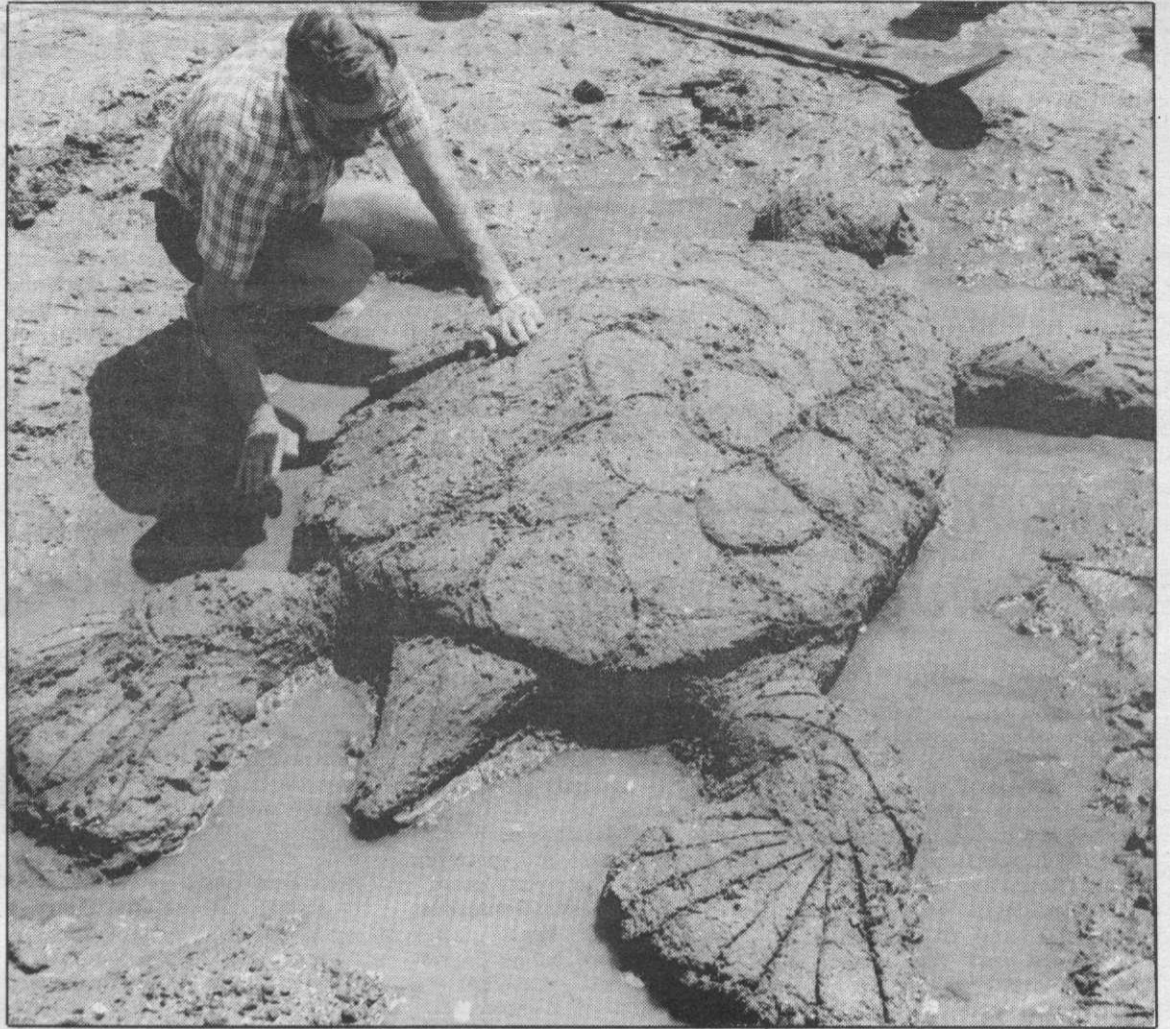
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Organizers say the event drew over 124 entrants and was well-attended by onlookers.

A crew of seven judges, each acting independently of the others, scrutinized all entries. Points totals from each judge were collected and the following winners named:

- Age five years and under, group — Mathew Cameron, Paul Cagna, Kevin Cagna, Mika Tsuyi, Kelsey Antonik, Aran Antonik, Erin Mazzet, Autumn Fowles, Zoe Chalmers, H. Goffett and Nathan Fraser.

- Age six to 10 years, group — Emeli Palequin, Aaron Slingsby, Liza Cagna, Nickin Esau, Arika Korrison and Danica and Kim Erlee; Erin Baker, Wolf Brockles-

Sea Capers event drew large crowd

bank, Brian Dick, Sunnya Davis, Kirsty Chalmers, Larissa Sayer, Lerry Fraser, Richard Avelon, Jason Avelon and Carle Ensinger.

- Age 11 to 15 years, group — Tanya Slingsby, Delmer Esau.
- Child group — Annie Warbey and Liza Cherneff; Caroline Rowley, Gloyanie Gardam and Dana Hoffman; Tanya and Tyson Kranz.
- Adult group — winner's names not available.
- Family group — winner's names not available.
- Best overall — *Flea Capers*, a dog sled with huskies, by the Roland group; and *Three Dol-*

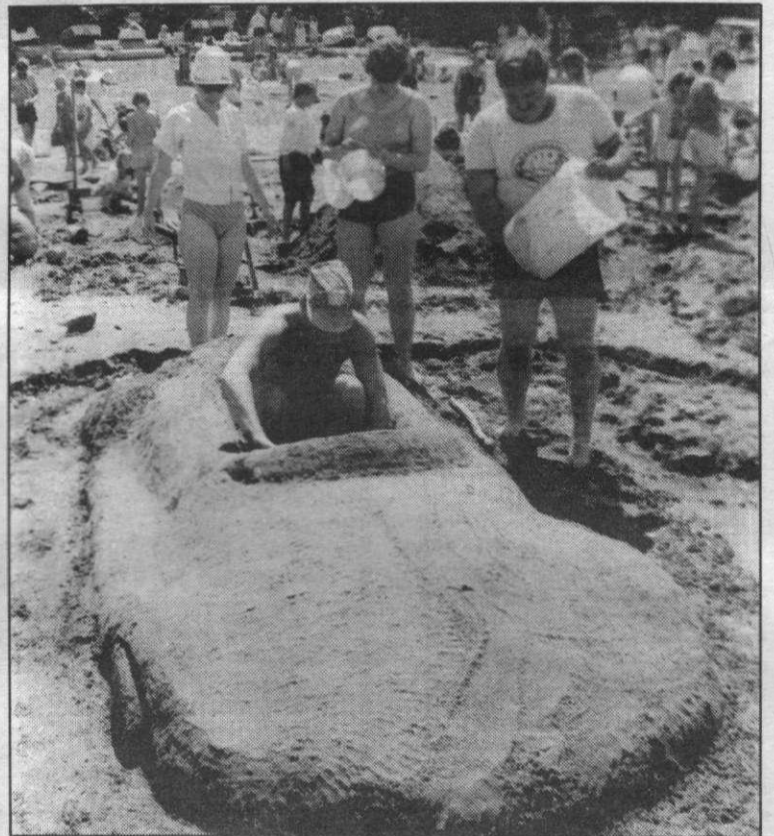
phins, winner's names not available.

Judges of the event were Nancy Holcroft, C. Sloan, Shirley Haynes, Peggy Cagna, Margaret Campbell, Dorothy Sloan, Trudy Sloan and Rowena Dixon.

Afterwards, the judges noted that the number of outstanding entries in each category made their task difficult. They said that, in future, awards should be made to all "outstanding entries," not just the 'best-of.'

The contest, organized by Bevis Walters and directed by Rowena Dixon, had assistance from the Salt Spring Island Girl Guides and leaders Trudy Sloan, Heather Gardam, Doreen Davidson and Peggy Cagna.

Walters said a commendable feature of this year's contest was a booth set up by Vesuvius Inn and Fast Foto Service to distribute free soft drinks to children participating in the event.



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Area parks to host natural history sessions

A summer-long series of presentations in local provincial parks continues this week with sessions on fishing identification and tackle choices.

The program, in place at Ruckle Provincial Park on Salt Spring Island and Montague Harbour Provincial Marine Park on Galiano Island began last Friday, June 26, and will continue until Labour Day.

This week's agenda will feature two sessions with federal fisher-

ies biologist Grahame Gillespie. He will be at Ruckle Park on July 3 at 9:30 am, and on July 4 at 2 pm; and at Montague Park on July 5 at 2 pm and at 9:30 pm.

Gillespie's morning talk will be about why certain types of fishing tackle are successful, while the evening presentation will concern identification of some of the local fish types.

The presentations are free and open to all Gulf Islands residents, not just those camping in the

parks, notes David Fraser, a Salt Spring resident hired by B.C. Parks to co-ordinate the information program.

Fraser, who holds a Master's degree in ecology and teaches courses in vertebrate biology and wildlife management at the University of Victoria, will deliver many of the talks scheduled for this summer.

A number of guest speakers, like Gillespie, are also scheduled. Their areas of expertise include

ethnobotany, marine biology, diving and research into otters and sea lions.

Also included on the summer program are walks, films, children's games and slide shows.

Fraser said the schedule of events will see presentations made at Ruckle Park on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons, at Sidney Spit Marine Park on Saturday evenings, at Montague Harbour Park on Sunday afternoons and evenings and on

Monday mornings, and back at Ruckle Park on Monday nights.

Also on Mondays, Fraser is scheduled to host a natural history information program on the morning ferry crossing from Sturdies Bay to Tsawwassen, and another on the ferry crossing back from Tsawwassen. Those sessions will be held in the lounge on the vessel's upper deck.

Watch future issues of *Driftwood* for details of each week's program in the parks.

Fascinating heavenly body on view; July's night sky will offer glimpses

By ANDREW GIBSON

If, in July, you look a little east of south when it gets dark, the brightest object in the sky (other than the moon) will be Saturn, the second largest planet.

It isn't very high, a maximum of about 200 degrees (that's about the height of your hand held vertically at arm's length with fingers extended), and it's slightly yellowish. It isn't very spectacular, even through binoculars, but if you steady them carefully you will see that the disc isn't round but elliptical. If the binoculars are high-powered and sharp, there may even seem to be three discs, a big one with a small one on either side.

That's what Galileo saw in 1610, shortly after he had marvelled at Jupiter's moons. "The planet Saturn," he wrote, "is not alone, but is composed of three, which almost touch one another and never move or change with respect to one another ... the middle one is about three times the size of the lateral ones." The next time he looked, a couple of years later, he was perturbed to see that the two smaller ones had disappeared. His diary records: "Are the two lesser stars consumed after the manner of solar spots? Has Saturn, perhaps, devoured his own children?"

No such infanticide occurred — it was an optical illusion, and remained so for 50 years, until there was a telescope powerful enough to disclose that this most beautiful of planets is circled by a thin, flat series of hula-hoops, so wide that, when they are tilted towards us, they shine as brightly as the planet, but so thin that edge-on, as happens every 15 years or so, they disappear. Galileo never did solve that one; never one to spin his wheels, he went on to other puzzles.

As telescopes improved, Saturn gradually revealed his secrets — the 'children' became a ring, the ring became two, then three, and he himself was revealed as a fast-spinning globe, 10 times the earth's distance from the sun, 95 times our

mass, but with a density less than that of water. Like Jupiter, he has a solid core, surrounded by a huge atmosphere of hydrogen and such noxious compounds as methane and ammonia.

Now that Mars has been ruled out as a lifeboat for spaceship earth, can we contemplate Saturn? No — a poison-gas environment at a temperature that makes Antarctica seem balmy is not earthling-friendly, except to admire from a safe distance.

Saturn's main features have been known for a long time, but the details have been spectacularly filled in by the Pioneer and Voyager space missions, which have sent back visual and scientific information from within 2000 kilometres of the rings. It is now known that there are not three but thousands of rings, made up of tiny moonlets, from dust-sized to a few metres across; there are 'spokes,'

constantly forming, rotating and dissipating; there are even braided rings, which appear to form in contravention of any known physical laws.

The mystery of Saturn has increased with knowledge. At one time everybody knew that the rings were caused by the break-up of a small satellite, and the gaps were caused by the period resonances of the nine moons. But there are thousands of rings now, and there are at least 23 moons, failing to account for the way they behave.

Saturn is the younger brother among the major planets. Jupiter is bigger, has a more imposing physique, is attended by the biggest moons (his Ganymede is slightly bigger than Saturn's Titan; both are bigger than Mercury) and is the macho of the sun's family. But Saturn has a consolation — with his rings, he is the best dressed of all.

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Graduates of training class were (left to right) Pam Miller and Bailey, Jean Holmes and Coco,

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(instructor), Dodie Marshall and Liebe, Bernie Cowan and Breezey,

Ruth Hopping and Yuki, and Pat James and Ceres.

Obedience class

Island canines, owners pass grade

A field of dogs and their owners recently graduated from Zoe MacBean's Precision Training classes held on Salt Spring Island.

In exercises held on the final day of class, ribbons were handed out to three pairs of students: Pat James and 'Ceres' won for best in class, Joyce Livingstone and

'Barclay' were named most improved team, and Pam Miller's 'Bailey' was singled out as most creative dog.

Another local member of the Precision Training class, meanwhile, fared well at ordinance trials held on Vancouver Island. Ann McPhee and her dog,

'Dinah,' recently completed the requirements for a Companion Dog degree from both the Canadian Kennel Club and the Association of Island Obedience Clubs. Earning the degree requires three passes on a novice test, with a score of at least 170 points out of 200.

Ottawa says

Pension increases take effect in July

Federal Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits will be increased in July "to keep them in line with the cost of living," Health and Welfare Canada announced last week.

- The increases are:
- The universal Old Age Security pension (OAS), paid to people 65 and older, will rise to \$303.64 (from \$300.34) a month in July, August and September.
 - The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) will increase to \$360.87 (from \$356.94) for a single person and for a married person whose spouse does not receive an Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance.
 - The maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement will increase to \$235.03 (from \$232.47) for each married person whose spouse also receives an Old Age Security pension and for a married person whose spouse receives a Spouse's Allowance.
 - The maximum Spouse's Allowance (SPA) — paid to low-income people between age 60 and 64 and who are married to GIS recipients — will increase to \$538.67 (from \$532.8).
 - The maximum widowed Spouse's Allowance (WSA), paid only to low-income widowed persons aged 60 to 64 who reside in

Canada and meet the basic residence requirements, will increase to \$594.71 (from \$588.24).

Health and Welfare Canada notes that all of the above benefits are adjusted every three months, based on changes in the Consumer Price Index, which is Statistics Canada's measure of inflation.

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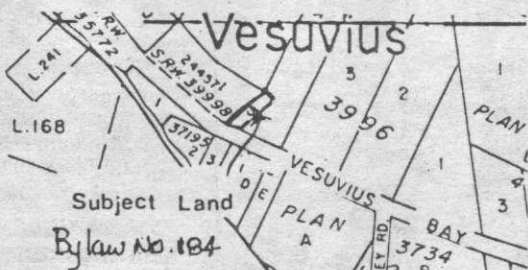
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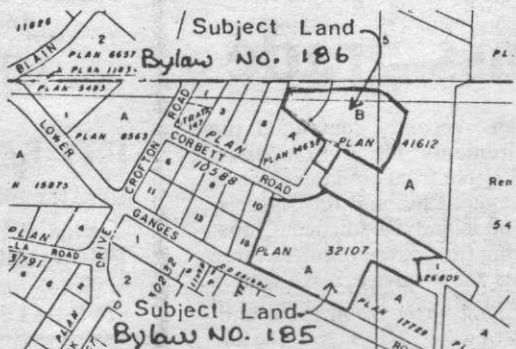
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In general terms the intents of the following proposed by-laws are as follows:

- (a) Proposed By-law No. 181 is a by-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 118, cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area 'F' - Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972" to change the plan policies relating to multiple family dwelling development in Ganges. The changes include establishment of a maximum density of 10 dwelling units per acre, a minimum lot area of 0.75 acre for multiple family developments, and the requirement that all multiple family developments shall be served by a community sewer. The by-law also designates all of "Residential Area A" as defined in Inset Plan No. 1 of the plan to be a Development Permit Area pursuant to Section 945(e) of the Municipal Act.
- (b) Proposed By-law No. 182 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 cited as "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985", by adding a new zoning classification, Multiple Family 2 Zone (MF2). Multiple family dwellings and one single family dwelling are permitted uses of land in the zone. A maximum of 10 multiple family dwellings per acre, including one single family dwelling, are permitted. The by-law also includes regulations regarding site coverage, building heights and setbacks as well as a minimum lot area of 0.75 acre for multiple family dwellings and a minimum lot area regulation of 0.75 acre for subdivision purposes.
- (c) Proposed By-law No. 183 is a by-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 118 cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area 'F' - Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972" to delete from Inset Plan No. 1 - Ganges the proposed "Outer Road" and by adding "Ganges Bypass Road" as shown below. The by-law also amends Inset Plan No. 2 - Ganges by adding "Jackson Avenue - Seaview Avenue Connector" as shown below.

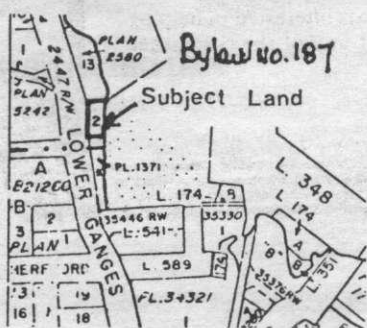


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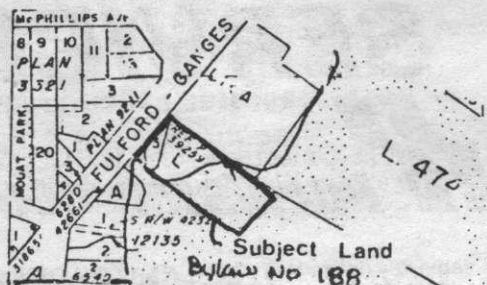


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(g) Proposed By-law No. 187 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123, cited as "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985", by changing the zoning classification of Lot 2, Section 2, Ranges 3 and 4, Plan 5242, from the Industrial 2 Zone (I2) to the Industrial 2A Zone (I2A). The general location of the subject land is shown on the following sketch:



(h) Proposed By-law No. 188 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123, cited as "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985" by adding to Section 21.A.1 the list of permitted uses in the Commercial 3A Zone (C3A) a new Subsection (2) which allows business and professional offices as a permitted use in the zone. The general location of the land subject to the bylaw alteration is shown on the above sketch.



A copy of the proposed by-laws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(v) of the Municipal Amendment Act, 1985, an additional copy of the proposed by-laws may be inspected at the Capital Regional District Building Inspection Office, Salt Spring Island.

CYNTHIA HAWKSWORTH
Manager

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Teacher Michael Hayes (right) presents Grade Seven student Irene Lam with Salt Spring Elementary's best all-round student trophy. The award is sponsored by the SSES student council.

Elementary school hands out awards

Grade Seven students at Salt Spring Elementary were honoured Thursday at the school's final assembly of the school year.

After a welcome to parents by principal Glenn Woodley, three numbers from the school's senior band and an address by guest speaker Tom Watson (former principal of SSES), the Grade Sevens received their school-leaving certificates. Student council members Caitlyn Hayes (President) and Dale Dow (vice-president) participated in the process by introducing each student.

This year, only major awards were handed out at the final assembly. All others were presented in class.

Teacher Wayne Taylor presented two Grade Seven students—Stacey Proctor and Aaron McCarthy—with sportsman of the year awards. Teacher Mike Hayes then took the floor to present the student council award for best all-round student to Irene Lam.

The Grade Seven academic award was presented to Caitlyn Hayes, while the citizenship presentation went to Chong Lam.

Chong also accepted a gift of several books from the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire (IODE).

Chuck Nelken was on hand at the ceremonies to make the final presentation of the day, the Edna MacLeod trophy. This award is given annually to a student (or students) who shows significant improvement. This year, Grade Five pupils Uma Emery and Todd England shared the honour.

Thursday's ceremonies closed with a dance presentation by Sarah Pike and Dana Hohmann, as well as closing remarks by Woodley.

Arts Council supports students

Two former Gulf Islands Secondary School graduates have been awarded scholarships by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

Max Burton and Ellen Box are this year's recipients of the \$500 CAC scholarships presented annually to a student (or students) already enrolled in a post-secondary, arts-related program.

Burton, 19, graduated from GISS in 1985. He is currently studying industrial design at Manchester Polytechnic in England.

Box, who graduated from GISS in 1983, attended the University of Victoria's Fine Arts program in 1983-84, but then enrolled in a two-year "arts foundation" course at Camosun College in Victoria. While there, she studied painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics and animation.

An animated short film she completed while at Camosun was selected for the Images B. C.

exhibition. It was also one of 26 entries selected to represent B. C. at a national competition of student artwork held in Ottawa last October.

Box, who was an honour roll student at GISS during her high school years, started courses at the Emily Carr College of Art and Design last fall. Her photograph, *Construction*, was accepted in Vancouver's *Photography on Main Street* show last March.

She plans to complete her arts degree in 1988.

The arts council also offers a scholarship annually to a GISS graduate already enrolled in a post-secondary, arts-related program. This year, however, the CAC has adequate funding to offer two such awards.

The CAC also presents an award annually to a GISS graduate intending to further an arts career at a post-secondary institution. This year's recipient was Naomi Potter.

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Reunion committee members (from left) Bob Rush, Natalie Horel, Evelyn Lee, Daisy Gear,

Ivan Mouat and Chuck Horel look over the farmers' institute grounds during an organizational meeting.

(Missing from photo: Ruth Heinekey, Ellen Bennett and Mary Mollet).

Volunteers needed

Reunion arrangements made

Plans are well underway for the upcoming old-timers' reunion on Salt Spring, members of the organizing committee said last week.

The reunion—open to individuals who lived on the island prior to December 31, 1949—will be held here August 2 at the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute grounds. Organizers are expecting attendance in excess of 1,000 at the day-long event, which will feature old-fashioned music, refreshments and "great camera opportunities."

Bob Rush, chairman of organizing committee, said Sunday the project grew naturally out of an old-timers' reunion held in 1981 by Chuck and Natalie Horel.

"That was the first reunion held here since Gavin Mouat organized one in the 1950's," said Rush, who was born on Salt Spring in 1930

and grew up here. "It was a tremendous success, and we're building on that base. There were 1,100 at the 1981 reunion, and they came from all over North America and the world. We even had a person come from the Falkland Islands."

Rush and others began making tentative plans for a reunion in February, 1986. He originally hoped to hold the pioneer get-together in 1986, five years after the 1981 reunion. However, it was decided to postpone the event a year rather than have it conflict with Expo 86.

The committee—which consists of Evelyn Lee, Daisy Gear, Natalie and Chuck Horel, Ivan Mouat, Rush, Ruth Heinekey, Ellen Bennett and Mary Mollet—has been meeting regularly since November to finalize plans for the

vent. The committee members have long histories on the island, many of which date back to the late 1800s.

Rush praised the committee's members, describing them as enthusiastic and dedicated workers.

For Chuck Horel, Mouat, Gear and others, working together brings back a lot of memories. Many of them attended school together on the island.

The upcoming reunion promises to be an exciting event for the island's old-timers. Though much of the work is already done, the committee is still looking for volunteers to help with parking, guest registration, and the setting up of tables and chairs.

Individuals interested in helping can contact any of the committee members.

Communications club calls summer recess

The Salt Spring Speakers International Training in Communication (ITC) Club held its installation banquet June 16 at the Harbour House Hotel.

The club's officers for the coming year are: Anne Lyon (president); Sheri Nielson (first vice-president); Dorothy Kyle (second vice-president); Alice Richards (secretary); Gordon Singbeil (treasurer); and Zoe Woodside (delegate-to-council).

Council President Andrea Pite served as installation officer, and Victoria's Debra Crozier-Smith—winner of the Pacific Northwest Regional and Council 5 speech contests—was guest speaker for the evening.

ITC is an international organization that provides leadership

and speech improvement training. The organization's goal is to promote greater understanding throughout the world through better communication.

The Salt Spring Speakers' next meeting will be held in September.

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Grad earns honours

Samuel Miller, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Miller of Salt Spring Island, graduated recently from Eric Hamber Senior Secondary School's 'Total Education Program.'

Miller, who graduated from the Vancouver-area school on June 23, attended school on Salt Spring Island from 1976 to 1984.

Miller received Eric Hamber's

award for outstanding work in fine arts after taking first place in a city-wide art festival staged at the Robson Square Media Centre in May. He was also awarded a Kiwanis scholarship for outstanding community service.

Miller now intends to continue studies in music and computer science.

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District proposes one-call emergency system

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is moving ahead with its plans to establish and maintain a 911 emergency response system throughout the region.

Murray Coell, Saanich alderman and chairman of the CRD's 911 Emergency Response System Steering Committee, said Saturday that the regional board has agreed to take the system on as a function. Communities from Sooke to Sidney and the Gulf Islands will be serviced by it, he said.

The 911 project, Coell explained, is a telephone system designed to give citizens speedier access to ambulance, fire and police services in times of emer-

gency. Homeowners simply dial 911, and their call will be received by a central system — which in turn will dispatch the needed emergency crews.

The benefit, Coell said, is that it saves valuable time in an emergency. Children, tourists and the elderly can obtain help quickly by dialing one number.

"Most people do not know their fire department number, or the number for the police," he explained. "This system saves between 30 and 60 seconds in an emergency — which can be the difference between life and death. It's proven itself in other areas. Kids can use it by simply calling 911, and tourists know that no

matter where they are, they need only call 911 in an emergency."

The 911 system, although new to Canada, was first developed in England during the Second World War. Its efficiency has made it popular around the world since then.

"The entire state of California is on 911 now, and so is all of Japan," stated Coell. "The Vancouver area is going to it, and now so are we."

Coell said the CRD has hired Ken Cocke, former superintendent of Vancouver City Police, to design a system to suit the region's needs. By end of September the steering committee hopes to approach the CRD with a

final plan for purchasing the necessary computer equipment.

The exact cost of the 911 system is not yet known. However, Coell said that in other areas, the annual cost has been approximately \$2 per household.

Under the CRD's 911 Emergency Response System proposal, Salt Spring is asked to assume 2.2 per cent of the system's total costs, while the Outer Islands would pay 1.2 per cent. More than half of the system's operating costs would be borne by the municipalities of Saanich and Victoria.

Communities will have the opportunity to opt out of the program if they wish. However,

Coell feels this is unlikely.

"Personally, I think any public official who didn't go for this would be committing political suicide," Coell said. "The public wants it. Studies show that 90 per cent want it, and 80 per cent are willing to pay \$2 for it."

Salt Spring's representative on the CRD board, Dr. Hugh Borsman, said last week he has not yet said either "yes or no" to the 911 Emergency Response System.

Borsman said he is not certain if Salt Spring would benefit greatly from the system, adding that the emergency network currently in use on the island "seems to work not too badly."

By federal minister

Nuclear sub stand explained

Visits to Canadian ports by warships with nuclear attack capabilities do not contravene this country's policy on the deployment of nuclear weapons, Defence Minister Perrin Beatty said recently.

Beatty, in a letter to the Capital Regional District (CRD), said he does not consider such 'visits' to be contrary to Canada's policy of banning the deployment of nuclear weapons on its soil. He also feels persons living near the Esquimalt naval base need not worry about the possibility of a nuclear accident occurring aboard a visiting warship.

"Canada has freely chosen not to manufacture or station nuclear weapons on its soil," Beatty stated. "Since the removal of the American Genie air-to-air missile, Canada has in fact been totally free of all nuclear weaponry. Traditional international courtesies like port visits cannot legitimately be interpreted as a deployment of nuclear arms within Canada, in contravention of the government's stated policy."

Beatty pointed to the safety record of visiting nuclear warships as proof that their being in Canadian ports represents little or no danger to the public.

"Such visits to ports around the world over the past 20 years have

been accomplished without injury to the public or the environment arising from a nuclear incident," the minister wrote. "Visits to Canada only occur with the approval of Canadian authorities. A Nuclear Emergency Response Team is positioned, and environmental testing is conducted during each visit. This is followed by periodic surveys of adjacent waters. No signs of radiation contamination have ever been discovered at any of our ports, and the government is fully satisfied with existing security measures and safety precautions."

Beatty went on to say that Canada supports the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) "deterrence strategy and the arms control process, and sees these visit arrangements as consistent with Canada's collective defence efforts, a balanced security policy and our sovereign interests."

"National security and world peace are best guaranteed when a stable system of mutual deterrence exists," the defence minister added. "The future survival

and prosperity of Canadians is best assured through co-operation with our allies in a collective defence effort. Combined naval activities, including reciprocal visits to allied ports, are a long-established and necessary practice when navies work together in an alliance."

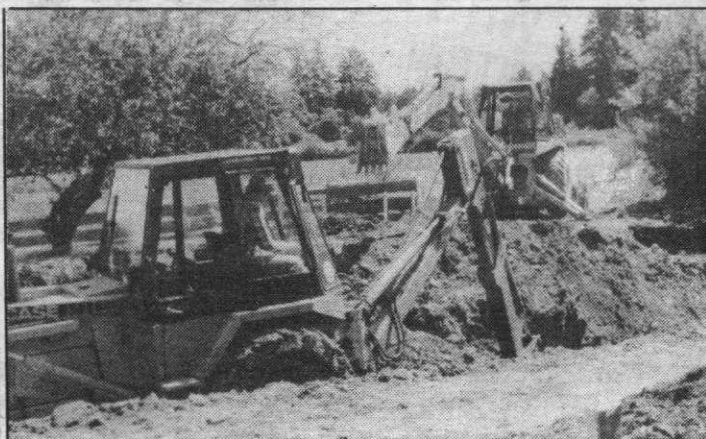
Beatty was responding to a letter sent by the CRD earlier this spring, when its board of directors narrowly voted in favour of expressing concern over the continued presence of U.S. nuclear-capable warships in Canadian ports. The board also requested information on what resources are available to deal with a nuclear accident.

It was the vote of Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's representative on the CRD board, which passed the motion to write Beatty.

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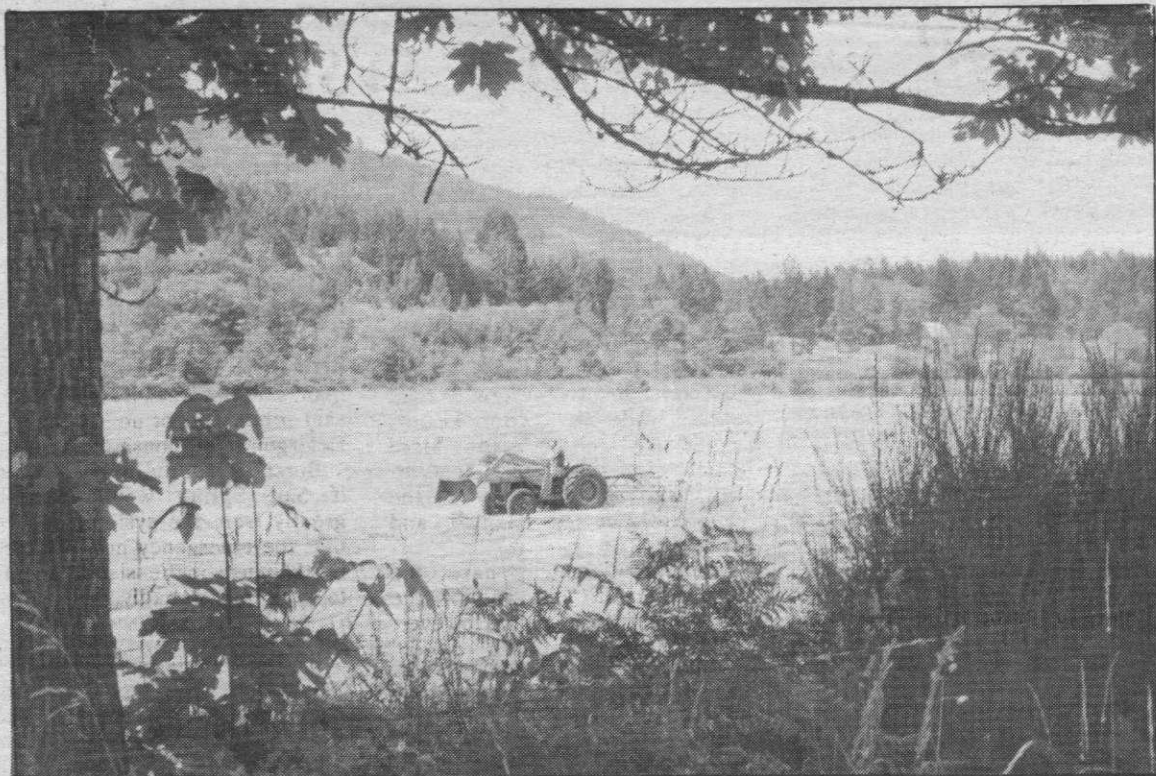
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Increased dog-control powers requested for district officers

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has asked federal Agriculture Minister John Savage to give animal control officers more power under the Livestock Protection Act to deal with vicious or destructive dogs.

In a letter to Savage dated June 16, CRD chairman Alan Peterson recommended several revisions that he and board members feel would help animal control officers like Salt Spring's Howard Byron deal with problem canines.

According to Peterson, under the current bill it is difficult for animal control officers to act on complaints.

"As you are no doubt well aware, the present Act does not allow our animal control officers to be included in the definition of 'animal protection officers' as set out in the Act," Peterson wrote. "As our animal control officers are not 'animal protection officers' under the Act, they do not have the authority granted (to these officials) under the Act to deal with problem or vicious dogs. We believe this is an oversight that could easily be remedied."

The CRD's chairman added that he and other directors are convinced the Act should be amended to allow for killing of

dangerous dogs and dogs running in packs.

"While the Act presently envisages this type of power being exercised, in practice it is cumbersome and unwieldy in that it requires consent of the commissioner of the RCMP — which is, of course, difficult if not impossible to obtain on short notice.

"We would suggest that the issuance of a warrant or order by a justice of the peace or a provincial court judge would greatly ease the cumbersome nature of this particular section."

Peterson added that CRD officials also feel animal control officers should have the power under the Livestock Protection Act to seize, pending an investigation or court hearing, dogs that have attacked or pursued persons or livestock.

"We presently do not have this authority, and we have had at least one incident recently where our officers were unable to act although they had received com-

plaints of an animal viciously pursuing members of the general public," he stated.

CRD officials would also like to see the Act contain provisions for the levying of fines against pet owners who allow their dogs to run free. They feel the responsibility for a dog's actions ultimately rests with its owner.

"A rigorous system of penalties against the owners is one sure way to deal with problem or repeat offenders," he said.

"We feel that if your ministry is considering any changes to the Livestock Protection Act, those changes ought to address the most serious deficiency now in the act — which is the lack of authority conferred on local animal control officers," concluded Peterson. "It must be borne in mind that the 'front line' of animal control in our communities rests with locally-appointed officers, and, in our view, those officers ought to be given the requisite tools to do the job."

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