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Sculpturing with sand

This figure of a reclining man in an inner tube, entitled *Sea Capering*, won first place in the adult category at last Saturday's sandcastle contest at

Vesuvius Bay. Salt Spring builders Dorothy, Trudy and Sly Sloan, and Alan and Susan Wyatt, won \$25 gift certificate from Vesuvius Inn.

Police got stronger and stronger

The word on the Sea Caper's police patrol got better as the weekend progressed.

The "beefed-up" police patrol, which some said boasted five additional officers on Salt Spring, had jumped to "18" by Friday night, and "28" by the weekend's conclusion.

Rumour had no less than three motorcycle policemen cruising the island, and at least two hotels booked solid with Mounties. The streets were said to be "crawling" with blue and whites, radar traps, BATmobiles and determined highway patrol officers.

In reality, the Ganges detachment had only two extra men patrolling the island — one (on a motorcycle) from the Victoria highway patrol, and another from Duncan highway patrol.

As it was, police issued 51 tickets over the weekend. They made numerous liquor seizures, nabbed four impaired drivers (one Thursday night and three Saturday night) placed a total of six people in cells, and issued several 24-hour driving suspensions.

Police said that "all in all," the combination weekend of Sea Capers and high school graduation was moderately quiet.

A roadblock was established outside the entrance to the Saturday night after-grad celebration where several liquor seizures were made. One drunk was arrested at the beach on Sunday morning.

Police noted, however, that grad was quiet, well-policed by parents and well-organized by the graduating class.

Local nurses disappointed over some aspects of tentative deal

Salt Spring Island nurses have expressed some disappointment over the tentative agreement reached Monday between their union and the Health Labour Relations Board.

Local union shop steward Mary Lane said Tuesday that although nurses here did not have all the details regarding the proposal, they were "a little disappointed" at what they had heard.

Lane said the tentative agreement appears to offer wage incentives to nurses entering the field, but provides little incentive for senior nurses to continue on in a "very demanding occupation."

She said the agreement seems to offer in three years what the nurses hoped to obtain in one year.

In the meantime, nurses are continuing to maintain essential services only at Lady Minto Hospital, while honouring the Hospital Employees Union picket line.

Montague Harbour cancels float planes

GALIANO ISLAND — The owners of Montague Harbour Marina are tired of taking the flak over noisy seaplanes. Richard and Shirley Coulter have told the airline using the facility that it can no longer use their dock.

"We're getting lots of static from residents who think it's part of our business but we get absolutely nothing out of it," says Richard, a captain with Canadian Air Lines.

On Thursday Richard informed Harbour Air, which runs a scheduled service to the Gulf Islands, that his marina dock and fuel float were now out of bounds.

He says Montague is a flag stop on regularly scheduled flights to Ganges and Duncan.

Harbour Air manager Brian Embrey says the airline has used

the marina dock since scheduled service to Montague began six to seven years ago.

"Seaplanes are noisy creatures but we try to keep the noise to a minimum," he says. Most noise happens during take-off, he added, pointing out that landing planes are throttled back to reduce noise.

Although pilots try to take off far away from shore, it isn't always possible, he says. "If the wind is blowing in a certain direction we have to take off where we can."

"With ferry cutbacks this is not the time in the Gulf Islands to be cutting back on our service."

Embrey says Harbour Air aircraft are also used to fly heart patients into Vancouver and to courier important legal documents.

But Shirley Coulter says the ambulance service, of which she is a member, never uses seaplanes to evacuate medical patients, preferring helicopters or water taxis.

She recalls only one person was taken out by plane. And that was seven years ago under a private family arrangement.

Embrey says there is no suitable alternative to well-sheltered Montague Harbour for aircraft to take off and land. Whaler's Bay and Sturdies Bay are either too small or the docks are not serviceable, Embrey says. He adds that the ferry wash at Sturdies Bay makes it unsuitable for operating light planes.

Richard Coulter says Harbour Air never had permission to use their dock. He also said he asked Harbour Air not to use the fuel dock but the airline hasn't co-operated.

He says the main reason Harbour Air were denied use of his dock was because of insurance liability. "We're legally liable as soon as they step off the dock."

Coulter says floatplanes raise havoc with boats tied up at his dock.

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\$10,000 taken from GVM store

Ganges RCMP are investigating the theft of more than \$10,000 in cash and cigarettes from the Ganges Village Market.

Police say thieves entered the Salt Spring grocery store sometime between 10 pm June 26 and 6 am June 27.

Entry was made through the wall of a vacant building next door.

Local RCMP are requesting the public's assistance in their investigation into the theft: anyone who noted anything unusual at GVM Monday night, is asked to contact the local detachment.

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Holiday changes paper's schedule

The July 1 holiday weekend has forced temporary changes to *Driftwood's* office and advertising deadline schedules.

Our office on Upper Ganges Road will be closed this Monday, July 3. It will re-open as usual at 8:30 am on Tuesday, July 4.

Display and classified advertisements for the Wednesday, July 5, edition of *Driftwood* must be presented at our office no later than 4:30 pm this Friday, July 30.

Too Late To Classify advertisements, meanwhile, will be accepted up to noon on Tuesday, July 4.

Spate of vehicle accidents keeps Ganges RCMP busy

Local RCMP attended 10 motor vehicle accidents on Salt Spring last week, four of which involved extensive damage.

A Ganges man was taken to hospital, and his vehicle totalled, after a tire on his vehicle blew while he travelled down Dukes Road.

Robert James Evans 27, of Tripp Road was treated at Lady Minto Hospital for leg injuries following the June 22 incident. Police say Evans' vehicle spun into a ditch, and back out, before coming to a stop. The accident occurred at 9:20 pm.

Two vehicles incurred a total of \$3,500 in damages following a collision at the intersection of Upper Ganges and Lower Ganges Roads. The accident, which occurred at approximately 3:20 pm, June 23, involved two local youths.

Ganges RCMP attended two motor vehicle accidents June 26. In the first, which occurred at 9:40 am on Fulford-Ganges Road, a total of \$3,000 in damages was sustained by two off-island vehicles.

A 67-year-old Nebraska resident attempted a left-hand turn into the Fulford Marina and collided with a

vehicle operated by a Victoria resident.

A second accident occurred Monday when the brakes failed on a vehicle travelling down Charlesworth Road. The car, operated by Ganges resident William Sport, "T-boned" and struck a vehicle driven by Margaret Arteaga, also of Ganges.

The incident resulted in \$1,200 in damages.

Ganges RCMP are reminding boaters it is a criminal offence to tow a waterskier without a spotter in the boat.

The local detachment has received several complaints regarding boats and waterskiers on St. Mary Lake. The maximum penalty for "failure to keep watch on a person towed" is a \$2,000 fine and six months incarceration.

Ganges RCMP have thanked two groups for their help in the Sea Capers/Grad weekend.

RCMP said the 1989 Grad class should be commended for a well-organized celebration of events.

The detachment has also extended thanks to Brenda Stewart of Stewart Scotvold Holdings for use of its horse in the Sea Capers parade.

Marina operator says 'no' to airline service

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He says boat traffic is his "bread and butter" and they don't appreciate being woken up at 7 am by the noise of floatplanes.

Coulter questions the airmanship of the pilots. "I've discussed the problems with them. In a marina crowded with boats they want to fly right in front of the fuel dock."

He notes Harbour Air have been involved in two accidents in the marina since the airline took over the route from Air B.C. four years ago. Coulter says he kicked Air B.C. out of the marina because it was in arrears for rental payments on the dock facilities.

Three years ago, Coulter says, his boat was damaged by a Harbour Air plane and it took six months for the company to pay for repairs.

Coulter says there have also been a couple of accidents with Cooper Air Inc., a charter airline that regularly flies into the marina, with a couple of aircraft smashing into his fuel dock.

He says it would be difficult to police the problem if someone isn't in the marina continuously. "It's easy for a chief pilot to say to that their pilots should be more noise

conscious but he can't always be there."

Coulter, who has been in the aviation industry for 30 years, says small operators have a difficult time getting quality pilots because of competition in the industry.

He says since the industry was de-regulated there are more small operators. "It's difficult to make a buck. It's a pretty tough business. The last few years the major carriers have taken all the cream."

As a result small operators hire inexperienced pilots who get paid by the mile, he said. "The faster they put into the air the better for them. A lot of them put power on right at the dock, especially if they're running behind schedule."

It's the Coulter's 11th year operating the marina. "The marina has been here for 27 years. But then so have many of the residents. I've got to live with them and our business will hopefully be around for a long time."

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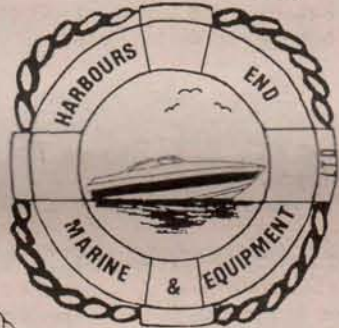
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to be frank

by richards



ENGLAND — Memories . . . memories of places and people in the past. My past.

I have been back to the suburb — we called it a village — where I grew up. Mind you, I've changed a lot since then, but the real change, the big change, is in the village.

It was once a clean, bright little residential portion of the city of Birmingham. Today, it looks like a slice out of Vancouver's west end, with narrow streets and 10,000 cars. What have they done to the place in my absence?

But people are more significant than places.

I called Gordon after searching for him in the phone book. He's changed as well. Last time I saw him he was in uniform, shooting live shells at marauding airplanes. Mind you, he was younger then. And thinner. And his hair was browner. But what do you expect in half a century?

Changed a bit? Sure he's changed, but after all these years the same old Gordon was there, gratifyingly eager to meet up and talk of friends long gone. We spent a day in the land of memories and old photographs. It was Gordon's father who taught me bridge, with the warning that "ten thousand people are walking the Thames Embankment tonight because they did not get out their trumps." That was in 1938. Or was it 1937? Maybe 1939?

People. I met Lorna 49 years ago when I was serving the King and wearing his uniform. Even Lorna has changed a little. Like no uniform.

49 years is a long time

Mind you, I've met her lots of times and she's spent many a holiday on the island. But 49 years is a long time.

Still something of a mother confessor to her friends, who always turned to Lorna for advice in any situation, she still holds opinions on so many subjects, all so different from my own. No, she hasn't changed.

Anthony is bilingual. He has to be: he lives in France. I have yet to meet him, although we have talked on the telephone. First time since the war.

Anthony and I were buddies all through the war. We even made plans for peacetime. And never met again for half a century. I have yet to cross England and take a trip across France to find him again. That's for a few weeks hence.

Not all the people who leave an impact are old friends. I listened to a Methodist minister preach. That was a first, although I worked with and for an avowed Methodist for 20 years.

The minister's message rang a familiar bell in my head when he warned of the dangers of racism and prejudice. That's another — perhaps the greatest — change in the pattern of British life. The national scene is now multi-racial to an extent not to be found in Canada. The black or brown neighbour is no longer an immigrant who would face deportation under a Powell regime. He is a native-born Brit, no less than I. He is more so than I, for he has not left his native land.

Delight found in one's friends

The delight of returning after a lifetime is to be found in one's friends. I visit my family (the few members remaining in England) and my son-in-law, to be greeted as an old friend. I visit friends of long ago and I find a warm welcome in many parts of this land. There is no experience more warming than to look back with friends on a eventual half century. There is, of course, no experience more gratifying than friendship. And I'm enjoying it to the full.

Italy is a distant land. And that's the way they want it.

Planning a reunion in the south of France, it seemed logical to think of crossing into Italy. We're nothing if not logical. And that's where it stopped.

Two years ago I was planning to visit France with Nicola, my grand-daughter, when I found we needed visas. I wasted two days hanging about the French consulate waiting for documents. This time, I was going to avoid anything like that.

A call to the Italian embassy revealed that visas are required by Canadians and Brits. I was given another number to call, long distance. It was the most interesting number for the fact that I couldn't hear a word. A second call told me the price of a visa -- \$37.50 — and nothing else.

In desperation, I called a travel agency and learned that no visa is needed.

In Rome, one must do as the Romans do, but they sure don't invite you in!

setting it straight

An article in last week's *Driftwood* incorrectly identified one of three unions at Lady Minto Hospital as the Hospital Services Association (HSA). The correct name is the Health Sciences Association.

Progress made with complaints of noisy station

Mayne Island residents are finally getting somewhere with their campaign to muffle a noisy radar transmitter on Mt. Parke.

Frank Ross has written several letters about the satellite marine tracking station installed on Mt. Parke in 1979 and used by the Canadian Coast Guard.

Ross says he is grateful that Lynn Hunter, Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands, has obtained a commitment from the Ministry of Transport to muffle the offending equipment.

"It sounds just like a jet engine," says Ross, a five-year resident of Mayne Island. He says the annoying whine goes on 24 hours a day and is worse in the summer because nearby residents spend more time outdoors.

Ross, who lives as close as anyone to the transmitter, says the noise is worse down the valley where there are fewer trees to muffle the sound.

Ross says he has not yet received replies to his letters to the Ministry of Transport (MoT), the Board of Variance and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer of the Capital Regional District outlining his concerns.

He says that although the MoT responded to other islanders' letters by saying they were looking into the problem, nothing was ever done until Hunter came on the scene.

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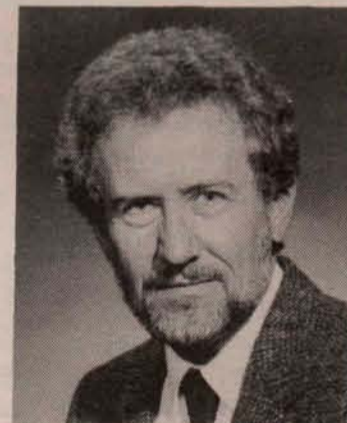
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AIDS decision 'discouraging'

The recent decision by Premier Bill Vander Zalm and Health Minister Peter Dueck to shelve a government-sponsored AIDS education video — because they don't like it — reveals a myopic view of today's youth culture.

Young people think they're "immortal, infertile and immune." Anyone who's dealt with young people — teachers, counsellors, parents, doctors — will agree.

By withholding information on preventing AIDS — in this case a \$100,000 video promoting condoms — these two elected officials are putting our young people at risk, not to mention the whole of society.

Vander Zalm recently called the video a giant commercial for condoms. But there's no evidence to support the premier's claim that making condoms widely available will promote promiscuity.

The video doesn't encourage youths to have sex. It just recognizes the fact that some teenagers are engaged in intercourse — up to 50 per cent of 11th graders in B.C., according to Dr. Michael Rekart, head of sexually transmitted disease control for the provincial ministry of health.

Rekart doesn't like the premier's decision to mothball the 30 second video which received kudos at a recent AIDS conference in Montreal. He says kids are not getting the message about AIDS because the disease isn't real for them. "They don't know anyone who has aids — very few teenagers have it yet."

Rekart notes that few teenagers use protection when having sex because they are often too embarrassed to ask for birth control devices in local retail outlets. Recognition of this fact is leading some school districts to consider putting condom machines in school washrooms.

The video shows a young guy and his date each



buying condoms before attending a rock concert. The message is that some decisions are important to protect your self against sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

In order to get the message across about AIDS, the video features Colin James, a popular Canadian rock singer. Rekart says it's important that kids have role models in their own cultural areas to tell them "it's okay to use condoms to protect yourselves."

"Teachers say it. Parents say it. Doctors say it. But it's not the same as a pop star saying it," Rekart says. That's the reality of youth psychology today."

Kids don't see AIDS as a problem. To combat that

attitude, AIDS patients should be invited into classrooms so students can see them, talk and ask questions.

The video is unique in that it was meant to be shown in movie houses, before and after movies. This is a realistic initiative because some kids go to movies non-stop in the summer. And it would be better than showing it on television since very young children might be viewing TV with adults.

For the government to override the advice of AIDS experts by withdrawing the film is objectionable. Although the government paid for the video, it does not have the right to stifle it because of the arbitrary dictates of its leader.

Pardon me while I avoid bursting into flames

This issue of *Driftwood* marks the last appearance of *My Word* for quite some time. Effective later this week, I'll be taking an extended leave to kick back, enjoy the summer and recharge my batteries.

In my absence the newspaper's publisher, Tony Richards, takes over this desk and its allotment of ringing telephones, computer nightmares and line-ups of people at the door. I wish him well.

Other changes: Susan Dicker, my more-than-capable senior reporter, gets a whole mess of additional duties and responsibilities dropped onto her plate, and Dave

my word

by duncan macdonnell



Fraser, our man on the Outer Islands, swings over to the Ganges office to pick up the ensuing slack. Here's to them.

While they're working hard at the news-gathering business, I'll be

attempting to divest myself of the ever-present stresses and pressures that represent the downside of this industry. After some 15 years in newspapering — including almost four here at *Driftwood* — I've acquired a load that's much too large

to be shrugged off in a day or a week.

So I fear it may be three to four months before my mug and byline again grace this page. Some of you will, no doubt, applaud that piece of news. Others, I know, will be disappointed. But no matter which extreme you espouse, I'm betting you forget all about it within a week.

By that time I hope to be aboard a sailboat bound for Johnstone Strait and the land beyond. Or slogging through the Nitinat Triangle en route to the west coast of Vancouver Island. Or headed for the Rockies. I might go to Southern California and attempt the fabled

triple nine — nine innings of baseball, nine hotdogs and nine cups of suds — or I could wind up in the back yard, snipping weeds and planting spuds.

Whatever.

In the meantime, I'll miss *Driftwood*. Not the daily grind or the stories that must be written, but each and every one of the people here who make it a special place, and all of the people from the community who my duties put me into contact with on a daily basis. May all of you prosper.

And that's it. I hate long good-byes. I'll see you in the fall.

letters

Child safety

As the mother of four children and a frequent user of Drummond Park, I would like to ask that something be done about the dangerous condition of the small slide in that park.

As it has no platform attached, the potential for a child falling off (from a height of about four feet, I would guess), is extreme, especially when two or more children are jostling for space.

It is unfortunate that that park offers so little for children under the age of five, as there are so many pre-schoolers in the area. The addition of a small child play area would greatly enhance the usefulness of that enjoyable location, for those of us who like to "relax" there.

On the same theme, I recently visited Portlock Park and was appalled by the lack of safety provided at the top of the climbing platform there. It looks like a high diving platform rather than a child's play area.

One last comment: the boardwalk around Ganges was certainly not designed with child safety in mind — the lower railing is at just the right height for small children to lean over and fall through.

JANE BECKLAKE,
Fulford Harbour.

Thank you

Many thanks to all those who worked tirelessly on the water events both Saturday and Sunday and to all those who loaned or donated equipment without which, none of the events could have happened.

PETE MCKENZIE,
Water Events Co-ordinator.

Thank you

A special thank you to all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time to help with Sunday's barbecue at Vesuvius, we raised over \$250 for the "Booth Fund."

Len for the idea, and loan of equipment, Charlie for collecting the money, Susan's energy, Ken and Barb Tourist who spent hours of their vacation to aid an island child, The Ganges Village Market staff for the extra help, the Jensens, Andrew, Pauline, the Treasure Hunt team, and to all the

people who just came over and put money in our donation pot, the winners of the Treasure Hunt, wonderful people offering part of their prize money to our joint effort.

The team was made up of strangers mostly, brought together with one thought in mind — to help raise funds for the child of an island family. They went home tired but happy for an effort well done. Community spirit at its best.

Thanks to all of you who contributed either time or money.

BRIAN HARDING,
Vesuvius.

P.S. Should you feel like making a donation, then please drop it off at one of our local banks where a trust fund has been set up.

Elephants

After reading the notice of a formation meeting for the Islands Health Services Society, I collected (as suggested) an information package from Greenwoods.

The "information" in this package is six months out of date. The two-page summary by Dr. Borsman is the same propaganda sheet that was used last fall, and it is now wrong: since it conspicuously fails to point out that both the Greenwoods board and the Lady Minto board have now decided not to recommend fusion of the two societies. You reported this fact last April 12, and to avoid stating it in the information package smells of either startling ineptitude or dishonesty.

The procedural step of holding the Islands Health Services Society formation meeting before the two annual meetings have been held is seriously flawed. The two annual meetings should be held first, then the boards can tell their memberships that they have now decided not to go ahead with fusion, and do the other AGM things. And give the members their reasons.

After which, there won't be any need for a meeting to form the Islands Health Services Society. (Its very name sounds like a white elephant!) Nor shall we need to hire an additional high-priced bureaucrat to be its Mahout of Chief Executive Officer. Indeed, with the thousands of dollars thereby saved, the hospital and

Greenwoods could hire several extra nurses.

Islanders! Get out and attend the meetings on Thursday, June 29. Come early in order to join both societies at the door. GISS Gym. 7 pm.

COLIN NICHOLSON,
Ganges.

PS: A Mahout is a man who drives a (white) elephant.

Thank you

On behalf of Continuing Education, I want to thank the people of the Gulf Islands for their tremendous response to this school year's Continuing Education programming. We were delighted and gratified that so many individuals participated in courses, trips, workshops and other events.

We have already started planning for September. To date, our offerings include: a workshop with world-famous fisherman Charles White, courses on planning for retirement, money management, gourmet cooking, conversational languages, drawing and sketching (in the afternoon!), creative writing, life/career changes, and with the Emily Carr School of Art, developing your portfolio. The list goes on.

On November 2, with the help of the CAC, we are sponsoring a performance of Headline Theatre's important contemporary play, *Sanctuary*. If we have sufficient response, a trip to Barkerville may also be arranged. And, of course, our ElderHostel plans are well underway.

There is still time for input. Any suggestions from the public are always welcome. If there are courses you could teach, or classes you'd like to take, please drop us a note to: Continuing Education at the School board Office on Rainbow Road, or through the mail, Box 128, Ganges. Our office is closed for the summer, but we're busily planning for Fall. Look for our Fall-Winter 1989 Brochure in early September.

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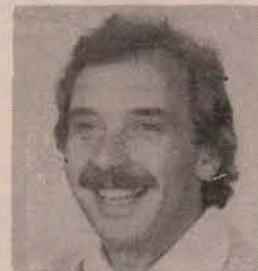


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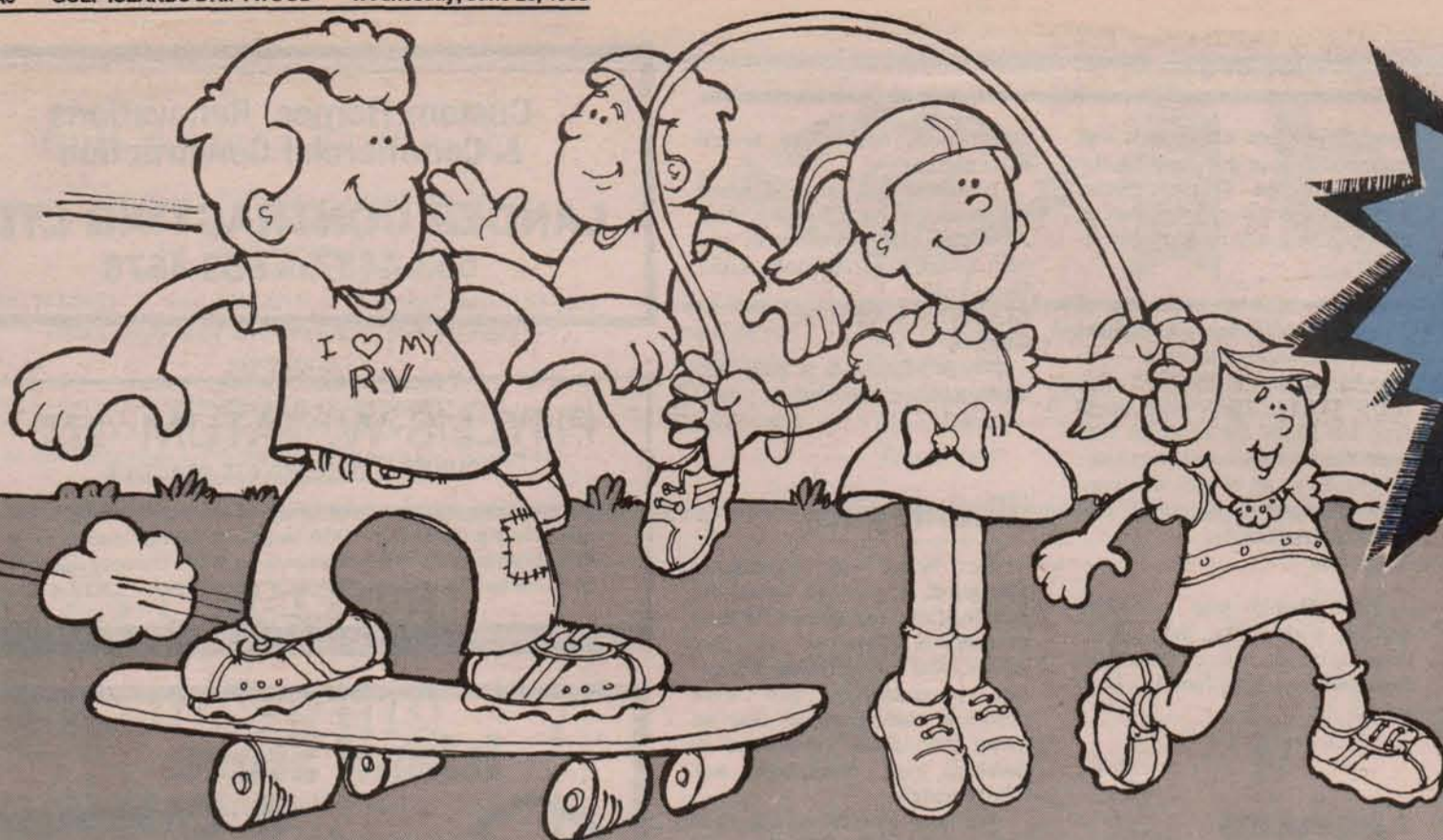
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Society raised awareness -- and now it needs numbers

Editor's note: After serving for a year, Island Watch Director John Lammers stepped down at last week's AGM. Following are excerpts from his parting address.

It is difficult to summarize what exactly the society has accomplished in the first year of its existence.

During board meetings and in conversation with members the question, "Do we make a difference?" came up all the time. That often gave rise to great soul-searching and more questions on how the society can be more effective in attaining its goal. That goal is still to support the Islands Trust mandate "to preserve and protect the Gulf Islands," as it is spelled out in The Islands Trust Policy adopted under Bylaw No. 9 on August 18, 1983. That policy constitutes a blueprint for truly enlightened environmental and social management of our precious island region.

That is where the soul-searching comes in. As we all well know, the Islands Trust is grossly under-empowered and underfunded. The Trust is therefore in a poor position to enforce its own policies. The responsibility for this lies squarely with the provincial government. As long as the provincial government ignores the Trust's plight while knowing full well that it is starving the Trust to death, we cannot have much hope that things on this and other Gulf Islands will be done any differently than anywhere else — which means slow or fast environmental and social degradation.

As a result the trustees often feel helpless in the face of the onslaught of an economy driven mostly by the desire for profit and fuelled and administered by untold developers, both local and imported. In turn many — if not most — local residents feel greatly frustrated because the prevailing system does not allow them to influence the process in a beneficial way.

We are faced with two factions on the island. Ours, highly visible and vocal, strives for an enlightened, innovative and careful approach to development and planning. The other faction is largely invisible. It has assumed no public profile and has no defined structure. However, it seems to have the built-in capacity for going full steam ahead with the majority of its plans. These plans largely operate on the principle that everything that makes money is automatically desirable. Fully open discussion of many of its plans is not on its agenda.

Thus, citizens groups such as ours, which champion the Islands Trust policy, get short shrift from the provincial government while our "opposition" (for want of a better word) blithely goes about its business.

Whether we like it or not, this is a classical political struggle, sometimes with a small p and sometimes with a capital P. We in the Island Watch Society must uphold the mandate given to us by our members along these lines and in a business-like manner. We live in a time of great change for the Gulf Islands, because what happens to one island will irrevocably have repercussions on all. We have a great responsibility.

To return to the original ques-

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tion, what has the society accomplished in its first year?

Well, there is good news and there is bad news.

The good news is that the society has, I think, through the hard work mainly of its handful of directors and a few of its members, helped raise the level of consciousness of many islanders. It also has made government aware that there are indeed many people who support the Trust mandate and policy and who want to see enlightened government on the islands, not the old, tired, conventional approach that consistently seems to fail almost everywhere.

The bad news is that this is not enough. More bad news — the society has not had enough direct support from its members. Phone tree requests for massive member support at crucial meetings and requests for solid letter-writing support and new membership efforts have not produced much response. At this moment we still have our 550 members. How many will we

have a month from now? Nor is it good enough to let a handful of volunteer board-members and ordinary members do the work while the rest of us sit back, never mind how good or sincere our intentions are.

So — have we made a difference? Probably.

Have we made enough of a difference. I think not. At least not to the extent that 550 people could have influenced the course of events.

What, then, must we all do to have an impact?

We must speak our convictions everywhere.

We must enlist the aid of our neighbours and friends.

We must write letters, lobby the politicians and government agencies.

We must fill meeting halls to overflowing.

We must exercise our right to vote in elections.

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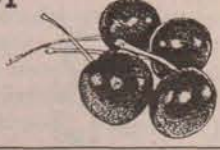
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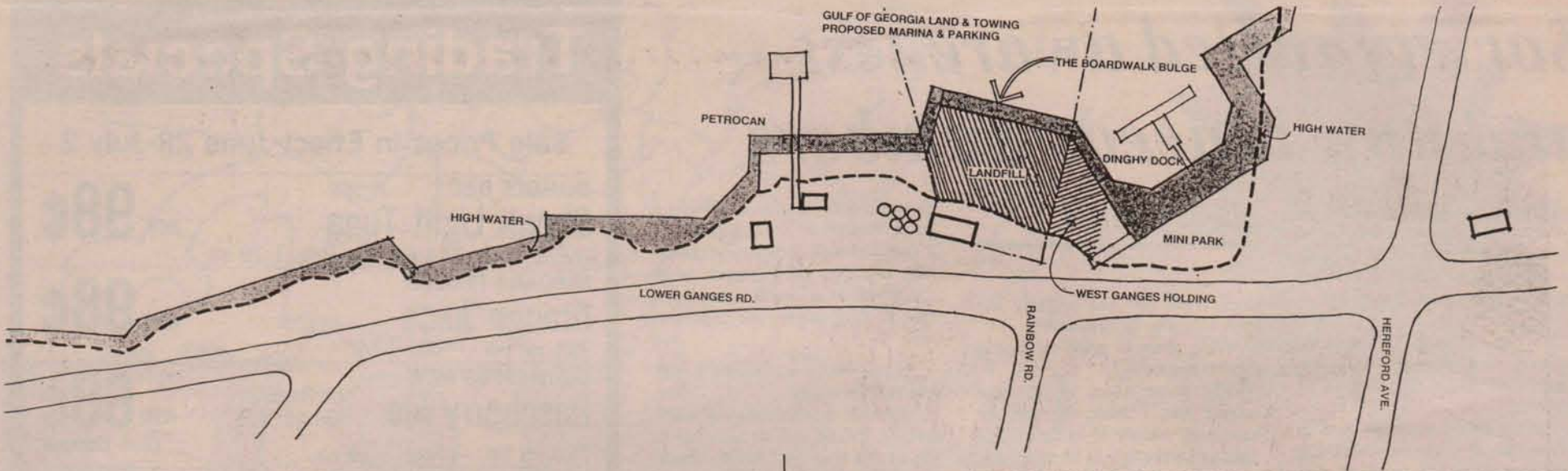
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Three critical points 'must be addressed'

By BOB HASSELL

I enjoyed reading the spirited defence of the Ganges boardwalk project put forth by our town fathers in last week's letters to the editor.

I have no quarrel with the extensive background information they presented. Nor can one object to the broad concept of the boardwalk scheme, including the dinghy dock and the small seaside park. Motherhood stuff to a sailor! It's a great idea and the cast of thousands they wrote about who make up all those boardwalk committees should be commended for their hard work.

But putting blind boosterism aside for a moment, it's what is missing from their long letter that should bother anyone concerned about the future of Ganges Harbour. In particular, I raise three critical points which proponents of the boardwalk continue to ignore, namely:

Landfill

The boardwalk promoters keep promising to publish the layout but, although it has been in existence for over a year now, the plan has been kept under wraps. I wonder why?

Above is a copy of the design drawing which they used to obtain government financing and the approval of the Ministry of Crown Lands. No doubt the final construction drawings will vary from this slightly but my sketch serves to illustrate the overall configuration. I have cross-hatched the major areas to be filled; I have also identified the two upland owners who have already applied to fill the harbour under the guise of contributing to the boardwalk.

As you can see from the sketch, the size of the Gulf of Georgia property will be increased 400 per cent if the owner is permitted to fill to the low-water mark! In fact, the Gulf of Georgia folks filled a portion of the foreshore at the foot of Rainbow Road last year without any approvals, and without a peep from the Islands Trust.

Judge for yourself the rationale behind the curious boardwalk-landfill share (the "boardwalk bulge") next to the proposed dinghy dock.

Community Plan

In their letter the writers hang their hats on the Official Community Plan bylaw which advances the concept of a waterfront walkway or boardwalk. What they don't tell us is that the plan's policy is to "... secure a pedestrian right-

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of-way above the high water mark in Ganges." The bylaw goes on to state that "extensive fill other than for walkways or breakwaters shall be considered undesirable."

Clearly, filling the harbour to the low-water mark (or to any point, for that matter) by developers to create private property on Crown foreshore is not envisioned — or permitted — in the Community Plan. If nothing else, it establishes a dangerous precedent. I can assure you that there are more waterfront land owners waiting in the wings who want to fill their foreshore leases. They are watching the "bulge" very closely.

Approvals

The writers also avoid the contentious issue of the approval process which other developers in Ganges must adhere to but which those involved in the boardwalk scheme seem able to ignore.

Sure, approval in principle has been obtained from various authorities but none could have looked at the plan carefully. Why is no rezoning of the harbour being asked for when the zoning bylaw specifically excludes public walkways or boardwalks as a permitted use? Why have no building permits been obtained for the boardwalk structure? Shouldn't development permits be required before landfill takes place, rather than after the damage is done?

Particularly distressing is the permission granted by the ministry of Crown lands before advertisements for public input were published. I must agree with the Farmers' Institute representative who was quoted in the Driftwood as saying: "It makes a complete and utter mockery of the approval process."

I would not go so far as to say we've been hoodwinked or that anything illegal has occurred. At least, not yet. Let's just say there are important principles at stake here that our elected representatives appear to have overlooked.

Our town fathers' claim that "any significant change to the structure of the project will drastically effect the financing formula" is nonsense. All is not lost; at this point the project is merely pencil lines on paper. If the boardwalk is simply relocated to, or close to, the existing highwater mark as

Above map was drawn by Bob Hassell to illustrate points he raises in adjacent guest column.

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1. Acceptance of previous minutes
2. Receiving of annual reports
3. Receiving of financial report for year ending March 31, 1989
4. Nominating committee report and elections to Board of Trustees (Directors)
5. Appointment of the auditor
6. Motions re: Formation of Islands Health Services Society
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'et cetera' relocates to new Ganges home



Dawn Luker (right) and staff appreciate new premises

After shifting premises three times since its launching in 1975, *et cetera* Books and Stationery has found a place to call home.

Owner Dawn Luker has purchased the building now housing the business — the former Royal Canadian Legion hall on Hereford Avenue — and says her aim is “just to settle in here and get better and better, not bigger and bigger.”

Leased premises were the norm for the business Luker formed by buying Salt Spring Books and Stationery from Frank and Barbara Richards in 1975. It was housed in the old liquor store building next to Harbour Low Cost on Fulford Ganges Road.

From there, the store moved into what is now the NRS Salt Spring Realty office in Gasoline Alley (before the development was put in place), opened a second operation at the Valcourt Centre (now the Upper Ganges Centre) and, for the last four and a half years, next to KIS Office Services on McPhillips Avenue.

Luker said the relocation was made because she purchased the building. While the new site is not a larger premises, it has a different shape and offers a sense of more space. Higher ceilings and plenty of windows also make for a more pleasing atmosphere.

The business employs seven people and sells a dizzying variety of items, including books, wrapping paper, nautical charts, lottery tickets, postcards, maps, greeting cards, school and office and stationery supplies, used typewriters (for sale or rent), rubber stamps, magnetic signs, and wedding invitations. Luker also books printing work with a Victoria company.

et cetera also sells tickets to just about every single event held on the island, a service Luker started when she was involved with the Salt Spring Players and noted there was no one place in Ganges where tickets were available.



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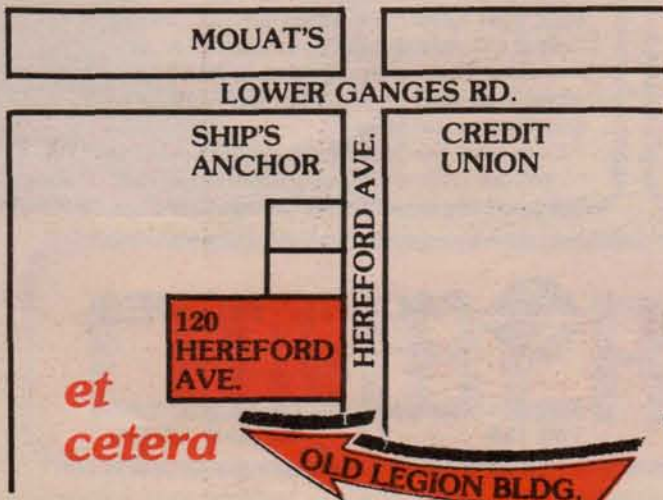
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Sea Capers celebration 'highly successful'



Ganges Harbour saw plenty of on-the-water action, like the blind rowboat race (above).



Graham Outerbridge took third place in decorated bicycle category of Sea Capers parade competition

Brilliant sunshine and a great turnout of people helped create a highly successful Sea Capers weekend.

"Everything went extremely well," said Lynn Richardson, president of the Sea Capers committee, which organized this year's version of the annual summer celebration on Salt Spring. "All the feedback has been good — I haven't heard one negative thing about it."

Richardson said all the events, from the Club Mongo dance Friday night through to the sandcastle building contest Sunday afternoon, were well-attended.

New events, such as the sabot race which featured 10 entrants, also proved successful, she added.

The gourmet food garden, which replaced the traditional afternoon barbecue, provided a popular alternative to the usual "meat on a bun" offering Richardson said, and will definitely be featured again next year.

Following are available results from events:

Mother Nature blessed the annual Sea Capers Sand Castle building competition at Vesuvius Bay last Sunday.

Mermaids were a popular item (there were three this year), as were reptiles, Vesuvius ferries (two), and several lounging sun worshippers.

Convener Nancy Holcroft thanks the following people for helping to make the event a great success: Bevis Walters for expert help and advice; Mary Fox for coordinating prizes; judges Judy Beamish, Edna Gatt, Jennifer Inderwick, Ross Wadell, Jean and Dan Kind, Maureen Milburn, Elaine Potter, Lyn Richardson and Peter Gunstone.

Ron Holcroft for setting up and announcing; Gulf Coast materials for sand; Ganges Village Market, Vesuvius Inn, Ship's Anchor and Changing Habits, Island Cinema for donating prizes. Vesuvius Inn also donated cold drinks.

Here are the results of the Sand Castle Competition:

5 years-and-under: Tegan Adams, castle and lawn, first; Jennifer Aiers, train, second; Sarah and Bethamy, crocodile, third.

6-10 years (one or two people): David Ingle, rocket, first; Nathaniel Renaud and Thomas Brainerd, elephant, second; Lisa Stafford and Sarah Wilkin, Octopus, third.

6-10 years (group): Jeff Brownsword and friends, ghalial replica, first; Robin Len Marchant, waterhole, second; Karne Marcotte, Home of Prayer, third.

11-15 years (one or two people): Danny Wilkin and David Denton, octopus and submarine, first; Brian Dick, B.C. Ferry, second; Lisa and Brian Berry, octopus, third.

11-15 years (group): Vanessa Lomas and friends, alligator, first; Angela Hammer and friends, reclined figure, second; Aaron Slingsby and friends, third.

Family Group: Bob Cunliffe and family, Tahiti man, first; Peggy Cagna and family, humpback whale, second; Vicky Walker and family, S.S.I. Sheep Capers, third.

Adult Group: Wyatt and Sloan, sea capering, first; Cooke and Finer, castle smudge, second; Duncan MacDonnell and Ann Gunstone, another managed B.C. forest, third.

cious team. The course challenged the wit and endurance of 14 teams of sleuths. The only team to successfully complete the course was comprised of Renee and Cameron Woodsend, Lois Phillips and Susan Blagborne.

This year's treasure was 100 loonies donated by Dave's Blasting and Gaylyn Construction. The winner's gave the bulk of their prize to the Jarrod Booth Trust Fund.

Runners-up received gift certificates from the Cheshire Cat, Luigi's and Lulu's. The organizers extend their congratulations to all the teams for their diligent efforts and sportsmanlike conduct. Following tradition next year's hunt will be organization by this year's winners.

Rumour has it that there will be a winter study course on local detective skills.

By RONALD S. HOLCROFT

One thing I like about being the Parade Marshal is that I get to wear a magnificent ribbon and do a lot of shouting and looking important while my wife Nancy sits at the registrar's table and does most of the work. Without her the whole thing would be a shambles.

I would like to thank the judges, who included Bishop and Mrs. Valentine, Harlan and Mrs. Olson, Vera Petapiece and Molly Cunnin-

gham, Mrs. and Mrs. Theunisz, Sue Mouat and Margaret McKay, Jim Andrews and Ken MacKenzie, and Madge Kimbal and Molly Frenette.

Amber Regen and Ginny Holmes from Fernwood School did most valuable work as assistant parade marshals and Stan Smith as deputy parade marshal.

I was lost in admiration of Leanne Lomas, who turned up all alone with a Brownie Flag, the sole representative of her pack, and marched bravely among the Shriners, who took her under their wing.

Scotty Innes gave up plans to be off island and found two other traffic controllers whose names I have failed to take note of.

The parade results are as follows:

Decorated bicycles: Kenny Paton, first; Carina Paton, second; Graham Outerbridge, third.

Individual costumes: Rosalie Miles, first; Leane Lomas, second.

Service Clubs: Crofton Lions, first; I.O.D.E., second.

Dogs: Agatha, first; Scruffy, second; Scruffy, third.

Groups: Salt Spring Centre, first; Island Savings, second; Ricky Raccoon, third.

Floats: Island Savings, first; O.A.P.O., second; S.S.I. Power and Sail Squadron, third.

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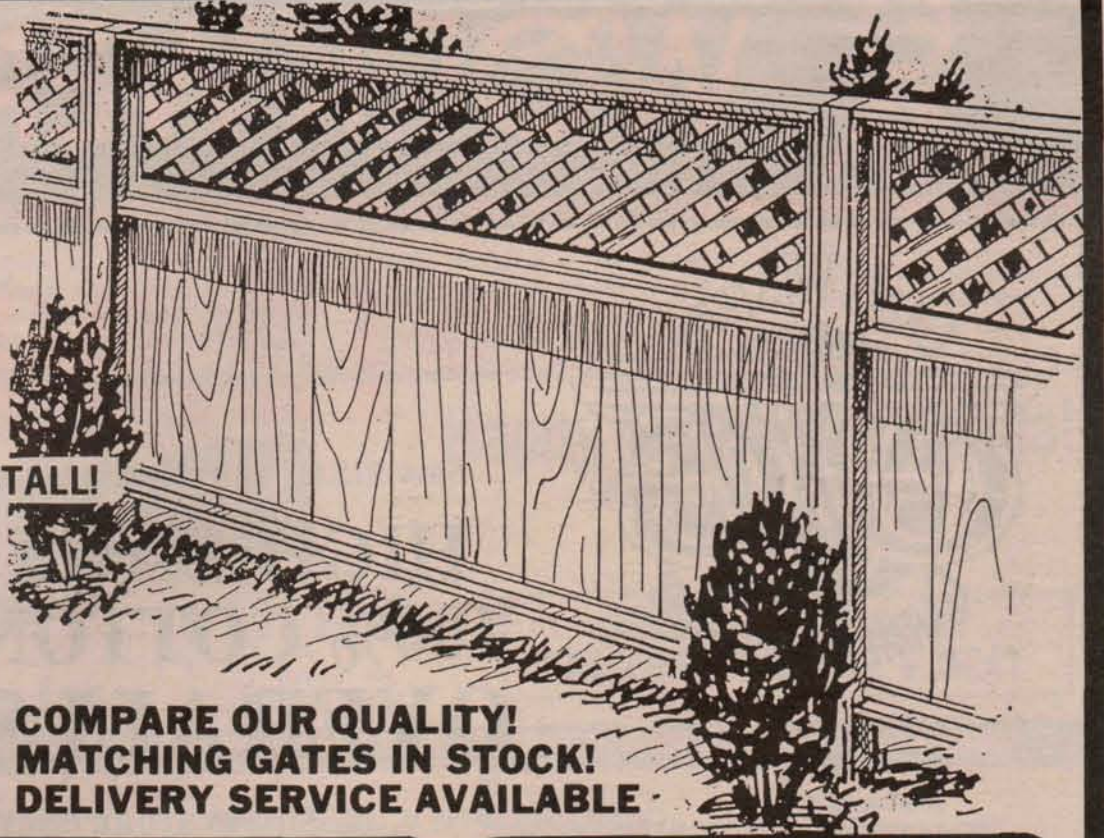


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By BILL WEBSTER

The days dwindle down to a precious few as the deadline for applications for a share of the Salt Spring Windfall Fund approaches.

Island groups or individuals have until the end of August to submit their requests.

"It appears there is great interest in local groups in applying for money from the Windfall Fund," said Ron McQuiggan, chairman of the committee which will monitor the requests for funds.

The committee of islanders was struck by Hugh Borsman, Capital Regional Director for Salt Spring, to help him decide how the money should be allocated.

The money — approximately \$375,000 — comes from land sales within the Western Communities of the CRD and represents the Salt Spring share of the profits. The full amount will be available by the beginning of 1990.

"We hope to have a large number of requests on hand at the end of August," said McQuiggan, "so that we (the committee) can make decisions for the best way to distribute these funds."

The committee has recommended that the total amount be split into two funds. A smaller fund — \$50,000 — would be invested and, in future, the interest earned each year would be used to finance projects requiring only a small amount of money. The remainder of the windfall fund will be allocated this year to various projects suggested by residents.

Each project, large or small, must meet certain basic criteria as established by the committee.

To be considered for funding, projects should: carry no future tax liabilities against residents of Salt Spring Island, be of general benefit to Salt Spring, and have clear means of continued and adequate financing. Projects espoused by tax-supported organizations cannot be considered.

The committee is seeking projects of a durable and lasting nature and applicants should not be hesitant in suggesting ideas which require only a small subsidy nor should they hesitate to propose larger projects requiring larger expenditures.

Questions pondered

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described in the Community Plan, there would probably be no opposition. And, surely, each upland property owner who stands to benefit from the project should be made to go through the proper approvals before he is permitted to dump fill or alter the shoreline in any way.

Unless the plan and process are substantially modified to meet the bylaws, there will always be the suspicion that something is not quite right.

Because of its control over zoning and development permits, the Islands Trust holds the cards. I challenge Nick Gilbert and John Stepaniuk to take a more considered position on this issue so we can have a public boardwalk system — as part of a long-term harbour development policy free of favouritism — that the community can be proud of.

Bob Hassell is a local architectural designer and land development planner. He is currently designing a marine pub and planning the redevelopment of Harbours End Marina in Ganges.

Funding requests sought

The upper limits of funding will be governed by the number of acceptable projects proposed.

Anyone making a request for a large subsidy is encouraged also to consider various governmental sources, federal and provincial, for additional funds with which to

finance projects.

Decisions of the committee will be used as a guide for final approval which will come from Dr. Borsman.

While committee members must remain impartial, applicants should not be hesitant in approach-

ing any member of the committee to discuss the merits of projects or to seek help in completing applications.

Said McQuiggan: "If anyone has any questions, please contact us."

Members of the committee are:

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VICTORIA — Sustainable development is one of the catch phrases that will be beaten to death in the next provincial election.

Both the Socreds and the NDP are busy right now building a sustainable development platform that won't cave in at the first all-candidates meeting, but while the NDP has some pretty concrete proposals to put in front of the voting public, the Socreds appear to be bogged down in meaningless rhetoric.

It's an important issue, to be sure, and the sooner we implement measures that will achieve the goals of sustainable development — economic progress in all sectors, without undue harm to the environment — the better. But it takes more than lip service to get there, and even at that, the government isn't very good.

The NDP released its sustainable development package a couple of months ago. Not to be outdone, the government followed suit last week. The difference between the two is remarkable. While the NDP plan consists of no-nonsense, concrete proposals, the government scheme is nothing more than airy-fairy oratory.

All we got from the Socreds, so far, is a report prepared and released last week by a task force on environment and economy. It's one of the most striking odes to fluff I've come across in a long time.

One of the report's major recommendations is to merge two cabinet committees, one dealing with development and environmental matters, the other with land use. A second recommendation urges the establishment of a "Permanent Round Table" that would advise cabinet on matters of economic and environmental importance.

It takes more than a few press releases

The report also suggests the establishment of a B.C. Institute for Sustainable Development and recommends that the public be fully informed of "Round Table" activities. And that's about it, folks. That's what the government proudly points to as its sustainable development program.

You think I'm kidding? Well, I'm not. According to the government press release, the task force report recommended "an action plan containing a series of sweeping recommendations" that will "provide a solid foundation for a truly sustainable future." I'm afraid it takes more than a committee merger, a round table and a few press releases to achieve sustainable development.

The NDP sustainable development package, on the other hand, consists of solid proposals. It calls for a Royal Commission inquiry into forestry, for the duration of which all tree farm licence applications would be placed on hold.

The NDP also calls for a comprehensive reforestation program, an immediate ban on the export of raw logs, an increase in the maximum penalty under the Waste Management Act from the laughable \$50,000 to \$1 million, and a moratorium on off-shore drilling.

There isn't even a hint in the government task force report of the problems that plague our forest industry, leave alone suggestions for resolving them.

Self-serving government commercial

I feel a little sorry for some of the undoubtedly capable people who served on the task force. They included its chairman David Strangway, president of the University of B.C., Bert Brink, education and conservation chairman of the B.C. Federation of Naturalists, Roger Stanyer, president of IWA Local 1-80 and Wendy McDonald, chairman of the board of B.C. Bearing Engineers Ltd.

Unfortunately for them, the task force also included Richard Dalon, deputy minister of environment, and Bob Plecas, deputy minister of regional development. With those two politically-committed members, the others didn't really have much of a chance. The report could hardly be anything but a self-serving government commercial.

But what really amazes me is the brazenness of politicians who would actually have us believe that this utterly useless report will do great things for British Columbia.

Elwood Veitch, for instance, said the report opens the door for development that will create jobs in communities in every region, while protecting the quality of life for the people in those regions.

He's got the aims of sustainable development right, but he sure as hell hasn't got much else. If the government does nothing aside from following the report's recommendations, both the economy and the environment will be in deep trouble.

NDP Leader Mike Harcourt says his program provides British Columbians with a clear choice between the "New Democrats' sustainable future and the Socred government's record of waste, mismanagement and favouritism."

Of course that's election talk, but even if you strip the issue of all partisan considerations, the government's program for sustainable development just doesn't stack up to the NDP's well-thought-out and detailed platform.

Back to the drawing board, Bill, and this time, keep the political appointments out of it.

MP visits Galiano

Galiano Island residents had a chance to meet their Member of Parliament, Lynn Hunter, during her visit to the island last Saturday.

Over 30 residents at the Activity Centre heard the Saanich-Gulf Islands MP speak about environment issues and CBC budget cuts. Accompanied by daughter Megan and constituency assistant Peggy Mika, Hunter took in the well-attended Strawberry festival at Galiano Hall.

She inspected the hall's new kitchen facilities, which were built with federal money, and appeared to approve of the renovations. Hunter was presented by festival organizer Ella Johnston and Bill Scoones, community association president.

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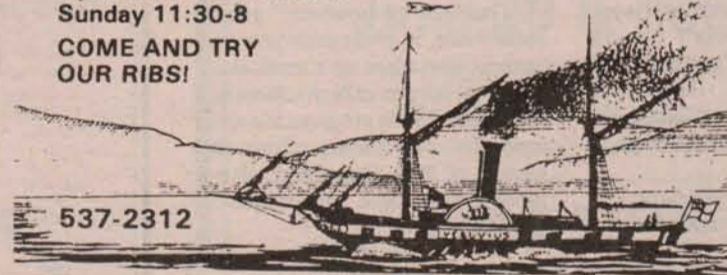
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Tom Hanks (*Big, Punchline*) calls the film a black psycho-comedy. He says that who goes on in a regular neighbourhood in real life would make your hair stand on end. Prepare for something odd.



Greasepaint

Us and Them, a production of the Grades Nine through Twelve drama class at Gulf Islands Secondary School, was staged in the auditorium in early June. Cast members, who went on stage in brilliant face paint (above), included Erin Butler, Malindi Curtis, Sean Dempster, Jennifer Feccier, Corrie McLeod, Shane May, Tammy Sloan, Richard Burke, and Kathleen Boylan.

Parents group issues musicianship awards

The Gulf Islands Secondary School band parents association has presented awards to band students at each grade level from Six to Twelve at the four schools on Salt Spring.

The cash awards are given to students who demonstrate the most aptitude or progress over the school year. Their hope is that the awards will inspire youngsters to persevere with their musical studies.

Money for the awards is raised by the GISS band parents group through admission to concerts and fund-raising events.

At the elementary school level, awards were earned by: Tia Stevenson, Dana Hawkes, Patrick Hayes and Anna Lam at Salt Spring Elementary; Amber Cartwright and Vanessa Lomas at Fernwood Elementary; and Andrea Satzinger, Aidon Morris and Graham Kaye at Fulford Elementary.

At GISS, awards were earned by Michael Becklake and Jenny-

Marie Lomas (Grade Eight), Caitlin Hayes and Jon Ward (Grade Nine), Dominic Wales, Jenny Hawkes and Kirsty Walde (Grade Ten), Rose Graham, Suzanne Jacquest and Dean Crouse (Grade Eleven).

Two awards were presented to graduating students. Each year an award of \$250 will be given to a Grade Twelve student who has been in the band program on Salt Spring from Grades Six through Twelve, and who has contributed greatly to the cultural life of the school and the community.

The recipient of the 1989 band parents award of \$250 is Martin Wales.

The "out of nowhere" award, meanwhile, is given each year to a student who takes up a musical instrument later on in high school and makes incredible progress in a short time. The outstanding efforts and energy of Rod Shoolbraid, also a graduating student, earned him the award this year.

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Salt Spring resident's book traces alternative economy

An alternative world economic structure, outlined in a book written by a recent arrival to Salt Spring Island, may be more immediately workable in this region, its author says.

Guy Dauncey's book, *After The Crash: The Emergence of the Rainbow Economy*, cites four crises poised to send the global economy into chaos and suggests that a self-sufficient, community-based alternative can and should take its place.

Dauncey, 41, was born and educated in Britain. A member of that country's Green Party and a fellow of Scotland's Findhorn community, he has since carved out a career as a writer, lecturer, workshop leader and economic consultant espousing the "small is beautiful" concept.

His work with groups of unemployed people in Britain led him to write two successful books, *The New Unemployment Handbook* and *Nice Work If You Can Get It*.

Dauncey's new book, available locally at both *et cetera* and Volume II Books, suggests that our international economic structure is woefully unstable and appears ready to crash. That, together with growing national debt, resultant pressures to exploit the environment, and the steady erosion of the local community, promises a breakdown is in store for the current world order.

After The Crash, which is richly researched and referenced to authoritative sources, is not so much concerned with the threatened economic and ecological disasters as it is with possible aftermaths, however.

As a preferred solution, the author presents a model of what he calls the rainbow economy — one in which values other than monetary profit are used to guide life, work and investment. In its simplest form, the model espouses complete local self-sufficiency, aided by the resources of the community. In detail, however, it covers much more ground, including establishment of community investment and banking strategies, alternative exchange systems, work-sharing, forms of truly representative local governments, spiritual evolution, and sustainable development of natural resources.

"The problem with all economic laws is they prioritize pursuit of monetary gain above all other pursuits," Dauncey told *Driftwood*. "I'm not saying that profit is wrong, but that we can't allow it to dominate the values of the environment, and of the community."

Dauncey, who describes himself as a "down-to-earth" visionary, believes the key to a brighter global future lies in embodying higher ideals to create a society that is 100 per cent self-sufficient — by which he means that each community is a separate entity, caring for itself and the continuance of its natural resources.

The concept means more than growing your own vegetables, however. Dauncey points out that there is no reason why each community cannot take respon-

sibility for of all its own needs, including banking and investment. Possible community-based financial structures are, in fact, the main thrust of *After The Crash*.



Guy Dauncey

Dauncey said his main purpose in writing the books was to inspire people: "I want them to know it is possible to change the world we live in," he said. "I'm full of *how do we do it?*, and I want people to feel it is possible to get out of the situation we find ourselves in."

The author said he is heartened to find that the philosophical underpinnings of his work appear to have a toe-hold on

the West Coast. "Attitudes are changing, and there appears to be a political willingness in B.C. to change," he said. "I've found that in Canada, and on the West Coast and Salt Spring in particular. What I really like about B.C. is a willingness to address the questions without knowing the answers."

However, he said that the key to changes here — as anywhere — lies in developing a truly representative form of local government that takes charge of long-range planning for the Gulf Islands as a separate entity.

"There has to be a means for the people to state what it wanted and needed," he said. "And not just community things, but personal things."

There are four central questions to be addressed, he continued: What kind of future do residents want? How do they create that future? What kinds of legislative and taxation changes are needed to effect those changes? And what can the community do to make them happen?

Dauncey, who arrived on Salt Spring in May and is tentatively set to leave at the end of the summer, said he eventually hopes to turn his present "commuting" schedule to nine months spent in Canada and three months in Britain, the reserve of what it is now. And if that works out, he hopes his time in Canada can be spent in the Gulf Islands.

Dauncey has scheduled a talk on Salt Spring to discuss some of his ideas about the economy and the environment. Titled *The Environmental Crisis: What is Happening? What Can We Do?*, it is set for Monday, July 3, at 8 pm at the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road. Everyone is Welcome.



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Pete and the Sneaks appear this Saturday night, July 1, to open festival

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Dance band, drums to open 4th festival

The fourth version of Salt Spring's annual *Summer Festival of the Arts* kicks off this Saturday night with a dance at the Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School. Between then and a closing event on July 30, 16 different kinds of performances will be presented.

- The Saturday dance will feature Pete & the Sneaks, a Vancouver-based trio with a combined 40 years of professional music experience, including stints with several well-known Western Canadian groups.

Lead guitarist Brent Shindell includes 20 years of work with the likes of Doucette and Bruce Miller; Geoff Eyre, drummer for the Hometown Band and later for the Headpins, has been a busy Vancouver studio session musician; and keyboard player Peter Sweetz, another Headpins alumnus, began playing with Eyre in Edmonton in the late 1960s.

The group plays music ranging from cover versions to original compositions.

Tickets for the dance are \$7 and available at *et cetera* in Ganges.

- Second event for the festival is a July 2 appearance by Katari Taiko, a Vancouver-based group of 10 to 12 Japanese drummers who have been performing together for the past eight years. The group's name means "talking drums."

Festival organizers note that the group's performance "combines graceful and dynamic poses with intricate rhythm and diverse tones ranging from the booming taiko (big drum) to the spontaneous, stylized vocal expressions which enhance the resonant beats."

The band will appear at 7:30 pm at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School. Tickets, available at *et cetera*, are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

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MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM

A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE will be held:

DATE: Saturday, July 8, 1989
TIME: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
LOCATION: Driftwood Centre, Pender Island

This open house will provide an opportunity for the public to discuss the future management and development of Mt. Norman Regional Park with Regional Park staff and political representatives of the Capital Regional District.

An informational newsletter is available. If you wish a copy, please contact 478-3344.

Ramona Herrick
Regional Parks Administrator

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by gary cherneff



Okay, here it is — the Clip and Save Edition of Artseen: the what's going on and where to see it Arts Guide for resort owners, B&B hosts, formal and informal tourist guides, hucksters, hijackers and taxi drivers, bus drivers and user-friendly realtors. This is your aid to multi-stop shopping for the urban disenchanting who wash up on our shores looking for island ingenuity or just plain folksiness.

Let's start with Art Craft '89, a veritable "who's who" showcase for Salt Spring's home-grown arts and crafts community. Located in Mahon Hall at the beginning of Rainbow Road, it offers jewellery of every description made from clay, silver, copper, brass and gold, hand blown glass or bronze door hardware and candelabras. There's pottery, low fire, high fire, stoneware, porcelain, raku and pit fired; plates, bowls, mugs and vases of multi-hues and textures. There are hand painted sweat shirts, tee-shirts and shorts for the summer heat and pieced-together quilts for snugly winter mornings. Art Craft is open every day from June to the end of August.

But folks, this is just the beginning. Ganges itself has a wealth of galleries to explore. So let's take a walking tour. Starting from Mahon Hall, head into town along the harbour front. At Hereford Avenue make a right turn. Three doors down you will find the Gulf Jewels Gallery nestled beside Ewes Three Gallery, the sophisticated and the folksie, offering unique and exclusive art and craft for many different palates. Drop the kids off at Lulu's next door for an ice cream or a burrito while you browse on local inspiration.

Back to the main drag

Finished? Okay, now back to the main drag where the aroma wafting out of Sweet Arts Patisserie will entice you into this recommended pit stop gallery — famous pastries and lunches and an ever-changing selection of graphic art, all for your enjoyment.

Around the corner is McPhillips Avenue. A longish but rewarding diversion down this street will bring you to Crossroads which offers an excellent selection of Third World Folkcrafts at exceptionally reasonable prices.

Behind this shop is Kanaka Creek Linear Park. Take the cool quiet trail into town, exciting through Pemberton Holmes' parking lot onto Fulford-Ganges Road. Looking to your right and across the street, you will see the sweetest little gallery in town. Waterfront Gallery is a co-operative run by professional craftspeople. A good selection of local work is available, from sheep skin slippers to precious body adornments to quilts, pillows, silk scarves and pottery.

Particularly impressive jewellery

About face and head back into town staying on the waterside. Orcas Gallery is embedded in the width of Gasoline Alley. Particularly impressive here is jewellery, but one will also discover fine wildlife carvings in stone and wood as well as ceramics by local and off-island potters.

If it is Saturday morning the Farmers Market will be in full swing at Centennial Park. Artists and craftspeople are a vital component of this once-weekly gathering of Salt Spring flora and fauna. Enjoy a fruit ice popsicle or a cappuccino, sit back and watch the show or enjoy conversation with real islanders.

Across the road and behind the Bank of Commerce is the Salt Spring Art Gallery, another co-operative enterprise often staffed by members of the painter's guild. Painting, drawings and sculpture here are often of very good quality and more likely than not reflect a love and appreciation of our local natural beauty.

Last but not least is Pegasus Gallery in Moat's Mall, overlooking the harbourfront. This is the home of realist landscape on the island but also look for selected crafts and west coast Indian art.

The month of July is the month for the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts — a program of performance events which include dance, music (including pop, folk, rock, classical and jazz), theatre, poetry and Salt Spring's home grown Comedy Night. Programs and tickets are available at et cetera book and stationery. The events take place at the Salt Spring Elementary school Activity Centre and at Off Centre Stage.

Interpretive programs returning to parks in Gulf Islands region

"Ever taste an animal with 10 arms and a beak?"

If you haven't, bring a fork to this Sunday's B.C. Parks interpretive talk on marine mammals of the Gulf Islands, set for Ruckle Provincial Park at 7 pm.

This is but one of many entertaining interpretive programs visitors can enjoy this summer at Gulf Islands provincial parks.

B.C. Parks interpreter Eric Walters is a naturalist working this summer at Ruckle Park and Montague Marine Provincial Park. He will help visitors and residents appreciate the nature and history of the area.

Walters is a fourth year marine biology student who once cared for the marine mammals at Sealand in Victoria.

Walters will conduct programs on Thursday and Friday, alternating each week between the two parks. The free programs are offered each night at 7 pm and at dusk.

The programs are designed to be light and entertaining, as well as informative. Topics include marine mammals of the Gulf Islands, Gulf Islands history and prehistory and animals of the Gulf Islands.

Gulf Islands Trivial Pursuit teaches you a little about the islands you pass through. Walters will also pass out buttons and hats, some depicting B.C. Parks mascot Jerry the Moose.

Montague park boasts a Native Indian shell midden, one of the few on the Gulf Islands that has undergone extensive archaeology work.

As an "appetizer for the evening programs" Walters is also offering 15- to 20-minute talks on board B.C. Ferries vessels destined for the Salt Spring and Galiano parks.

David Fraser, chief B.C. Parks interpreter for Southern Vancouver Island and a native Salt Spring Islander, says Gulf Islands parks are unique in that up to one-third the audience is local residents. "There's no other parks with that much local participation."



Eric Walters

Lessons in media manipulation provided by People's Republic

The People's Republic of China is providing a powerful demonstration of the conflict between "tame" mass media and modern underground media, says Gary Mauser, a professor of business administration at Simon Fraser University.

"While the attention of the world was drawn to the "battle" in Tiananmen Square, the real battle is now taking place using information, rather than bullets," Mauser says.

"Chinese state television has presented a barrage of propaganda which depicts the soldiers, not the students, as the victims. Military leaders are shown shedding tears over the loss of soldiers' lives, but no mention is made of the uncounted number of unarmed students who were killed.

"What we are seeing is a blatant example of political leaders trying to control the media and define reality," he says.

Mauser, co-author of *Manipulating Public Opinion* with University of Pittsburgh professor of political science Michael Margolis, says China's propaganda efforts are easily recognized because the Chinese media are directly controlled by the government, and because Western media were on hand to publish and broadcast information about events as they actually happened in the Square.

"However," Mauser adds, "most of the Chinese people do not have the benefit of that outside view. Most live outside of Beijing and do not have direct experience of the events in Tiananmen Square. Their only official information has been provided by state-controlled radio, television, and newspapers.

"This has led to the development of an underground media using word of mouth and fax machines to feed information to small groups of people."

Mauser says the present witch-hunt and betrayal of student leaders can be more readily understood as a battle to win legitimacy in the eyes of the Chinese people.

"Will the government or the student leaders be able to successfully appeal more effectively to the powerful symbols of the communist revolution and the symbols

of emerging freedom?"

"What we are seeing is a classic attempt to provoke public reaction by restricting genuine information and providing altered information in its place."

Mauser points out that while the actions of the Chinese media are flagrant, Western media is not as free as it likes to think.

"The general public here appears to accept the media's concept of itself as an independent watchdog, but the reality is that mass media usually serves as a conduit for established values.

"There are many instances of North American political leaders or organized interests providing misleading information, and the government 'manages' public opinion more than most realize.

"Politicians, governments and others often use polls to identify strategic opportunities and follow up with marketing techniques to position themselves to their best advantage," he says. "But marketing techniques are not always successful. The public will not buy something it doesn't want. This goes for products, policies and politicians.

Conversely, public campaigns to sway government attitudes are not always successful, either. "The opinions of ordinary American and Canadian citizens sometimes influence what their governments do, but this does not necessarily imply that populist democracy is at work," says Mauser.

Mauser says modern technology, such as computers, modems and faxes, make publishing easier and cheaper, while computer disks and video tapes provide more and more information at lower and lower costs.

"In China, we see faxes used to gather and distribute news and opinions. But now even this channel of information is being curtailed.

"If we care about our freedoms, and our right to information, we must become involved. Allowing established elites to dominate the new communications technologies to the same extent they have dominated traditional sources of information will make their manipulation of public opinion ever more successful."

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