to be frank by richards

What's the time?
There was a power outage; but that's nothing! It went out in the middle of the night, so still fewer weeks the world will take. I was awake in the night and made that great discovery. Then I went back to sleep. And that was it.

Except for one thing; the clocks had not marched in time with each other. Both clocks in the kitchen had withdrawn from the race when the power went off. But when I got up one clock said 3.30 and the other the time I was 4.10. Mind you, both were lying, because it was about eight o'clock.

I know it's impossible, so how did it happen?

Never no more!
There was a sequel to that power failure. Next day it was slow moving to get away from home. Two rigs occupied three-quarters of the road as they cut down brush and trees to safeguard the Hydro lines and avoid power outages. They must have been cutting in the wrong place!

They're safe fish!
I'm not well up on dioxins. It's simply a case of sim, si, Dioxina, no!

But I listened to a Salt Spring fisherman who assures me that the dioxins under investigation to the west of Salt Spring Island do not represent a hazard when taking crabs or prawns. The poisonous substances do not reach the flesh in crustaceans, he explained, and are restricted to that part of the creature that is discarded.

He was, however, a pessimistic fisherman. The fisheries branch will make no distinctions, he forecast, and the crustaceans will be lumped with the shellfish if any restrictions are imposed, he grumpily forecast, and the crustaceans will be lumped with the shellfish.

The best things in life
Trade must be one of the best things, according to the old song. "The best things in life are free!"

Burst out already?
You've seen the advertisements: Old clunker, will sacrifice for $20,000. And I know just the kind of sacrifice that is; it's likely a burn-out offering.

Fighting everybody
I don't mind taking on my own colleagues when it comes to abuse of language. For years I have protested the term, "break and enter", let alone convicted. The ministry has a legal responsibility to construct safe roads, and while the Trust would like lessened standards which might compromise safety margins, it is the ministry which must defend those standards in a court of law. "We have to live with it, legally and fiscally," he said of the standards.

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Sand returned
See Capers has its sand back.
The donated sand went missing from Vesuvius Beach - site of the annual sand-building contest - earlier this year. Contest organizers now say the sand was not stolen, but was stored by a neighbour and returned last week.

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Trust rejects bid for wider roads

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roads to erect proper signage, that enough foliage cover be removed to permit sun penetration (which helps dry roads in winter), and that width clearance be sufficient to allow safe placement of utility poles.

Jensen and Webb added that the ministry wants its roads to enjoy about 15 years of life before major maintenance is needed. "If we build them the way you want," Webb said, "we would have to come back in five years, and that costs the province money."

Webb also noted that the ministry has a legal responsibility to construct safe roads, and while the Trust would like lessened standards which might compromise safety margins, it is the ministry which must defend those standards in a court of law. "We have to live with it, legally and fiscally," he said of the standards.

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New regional controls, which say home-killed meat may no longer be permitted in the Capital Regional District, are close to the islands. The bylaw requiring that all meat sold must be inspected also provides that cats, dogs and rodents are unacceptable as food.

This is a piece of legislation that benefits few and imposes an unwanted and unnecessary restriction on island tables. It is legislation that considers only one aspect of food contamination and ignores others. It is legislation that is introduced as a whim of administrators, rather than as a proven necessity.

The control of home-killing served a valuable purpose in many parts of the country and the rest of the world when diseased meat was common. Had controls not been necessary in many areas, and in many instances, Upton Sinclair's grim novel of the meat industry, The Jungle, would never have been written, or read.

Today, in the islands, there are a number of small farmers who have been killing and selling carcasses for years. The conditions under which the animals are dispatched are inspected, and certainly should be. The health of the animals immediately prior to killing must be ascertained by local inspection, and if the end product — the meat — cannot be inspected at any time, then the regional government which seeks to impose stricter controls surely must accept responsibility.

The value of local meat — locally-raised, locally-fed and locally-killed — lies not so much in its character as food as in its purity. The island housewife buying meat for the freezer knows full well that the animal has not been contaminated with injections and harmful additives in order to render the meat more attractive or to produce an unnatural colour when the flesh is carved up.

The variations on the denial theme which has undertaken chemical feeding is unacceptable to many, here on the islands and elsewhere. There are many islanders and others elsewhere in the region who would expect the health authorities to maintain a proper supervision of conditions and quality at all times, while sharing their concern for a greater freedom from scientific feeding than prevails in many areas.

This bylaw should be very carefully examined before it is put into effect. There must be provision for local inspection of meat and inspection of local abattoirs. It is unthinkable that this valuable source of pure food should be abandoned in favour of sending animals away for slaughter.

If the region were to provide for local inspection of all features of animal slaughter and thereby ensure that the high-quality local meat is available to the local community, there would be a valuable service retained at home. To simply close down the system that has successfully prevailed since the first human being appeared on island soil is an insult to farmers and breeders here, and a slap in the face to the meat-consuming public.

That is the only possible reply to the bylaw proposal. We want local meat: we want it here ready for island freezers and we want the local health authority to evolve some program of inspection that ensures that we enjoy, perhaps forever, this policy of island meat for island consumers.

New party dwelling too much on what it isn’t?

Former U.S. president Lyndon Baines Johnson was an acknowledged master of political tricks. One story has it that when he was seeking an elected office in his home state of Texas, Johnson instructed an aide to begin spreading false and malicious rumours about his opponent. One of those stories alleged that the other candidate enjoyed carnal relations with his barnyard animals.

"You can’t say that," the aide replied. "Besides, no one will believe that story.

"I know that," Johnson said. "But let’s make him deny it."

Variations on the denial theme were played out during all election campaigns. Handled properly, use of the tactic means your opponent wastes time and energy telling audiences what he or she isn’t, and what they stand for. And no matter how effective the denials might seem, a kernel of doubt always remains in the public’s mind.

I was reminded of the denial theme last Saturday at a public meeting staged in the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre by the fledgling Reform Party of Canada. The session, held before an audience of about 100 people, was meant to explain the aims and objectives of the western-based party in hopes of garnering voter support in the next federal election.

At several points during the afternoon, however, I couldn’t help but notice that explanations of party platforms were prefaced by denials. Before the planks of the movement’s immigration policy were explained, for instance, the speaker cautioned that the party was not racist. Before its stand on language rights was outlined, the speaker noted that the party was not made up of “a bunch of rednecks.”

The effects of those denials, to this listener anyway, was to turn the policy statements over in the mind and weigh each to see if there really were any racist or redneck overtones present. Instead of examining the planks for what they were, the mind’s eye sought evidence of something that was said to be absent. Just to be sure.

It’s a minor point, I know, and it’s safe to assume that the denials are necessary given the waves of disinformation and misinformation the party seems to be battling. But it irks me to see the clearing up of the public’s apparent misconceptions begin with explanations of what you’re not, instead of what you are. It’s counter-productive.

This is no slight on the Reform Party, its executive knows, better than I, what strategy will best serve to spread its message. Obviously, the executive has decided that an offensive posture is needed to upstage the party’s image before it can take the offensive.

The strategy may be fine — even necessary — in the here and now, given the right-wing labels that have been slapped on the party by outsiders, but my guess is it will prove to be a tremendous handicap if it continues into an election campaign. I am reminded of George McGovern’s ill-fated quest for the U.S. presidency in 1972; he spent so much time denying Richard Nixon’s allegations that a vote for McGovern was a vote for “acid, amnesty and abortion” that American voters never knew what McGovern really stood for.
Appreciative

Sir,
The Fernwood Parents Group would like to thank all those who helped make our Fun Fair a success. Over $1000 was raised. The money will be used for ongoing projects such as improved playground equipment, installing full-spectrum lights and funding the artists in the school program.

A special thanks to Chuck and Katy Beasley of Dagwoods, the Fire Department (it was wet and wonderful), Gord Dafoe, the Karate Club and the RCMP for making the day special.

Our raffle draw prizes have been the longest in Salt Spring history with donations from Hastings House, the Bay Window, Vesuvius Inn, Golden Island Restaurant, Humperdinks, Harbour House Hotel, the Deli Shoppe, Embe Bakery, Heritage Books, GVM, Esso, Soor, Salt Spring Natureworks, Pharmasave, Shell, Salt Spring Autosports, Moosin', Petro-Canada, Stonegate, the General Store, Flowers and Wine, Pegasus Gallery, Rainbow Crafts, Susan Borland, Fogxville, Village Cobbler, the Deli, Radio Shack, Parcels Unlimited, Rod & Gun, Loom, Toppy's, et cetera, Salt Spring Precision Jewellers, Kanaka Place, Tom Buck's gone veg. and News. Hopefully, we haven't disappointed or displease, and with wimps we aren't likely to. Our grade six and oldies will have fond memories of making the day special.

Thank you for ensuring it. 'We,' this time, means the shore.f Reserved for the Fernwood Parents Group.

FRANCES JAUBERT,
Beaver Point.

Fundamental

Sir,

Whatsoever is suppressed by force is bound to reappear sometime, somewhere, in a more lethal and deviant form.

I am sure Julia Atkins and Doug Atkin mean well by objecting to the May 25 Driftwood picture of a young gun-toting, trophy-winning marksmen, but this principle is as fundamental to human affairs as sunlight is to life.

Certainly, guns may seem a strange pastime to some, but considering humanity's long and intense involvement with weaponry over the centuries, is it so strange that implements of war continue to fascinate?

There is no a thing humans are interested in which does not have some measure of strangeness. However seemingly reasonable or unthreatening that may be, the idea is always to channel our interest in it in a way that is progressively more constructive, wholesome and healing.

The very fact that something interests us is proof that it contains an element that is valuable to us. Therefore, to deny that valuable element is to invite trouble — often deep, deep trouble, as our pain-wracked world will attest.

Surely, target-shooting stands a long way from firing at live trees, which is itself a number of steps removed from killing human beings. But to deny target-shooting as an outlet for people who enjoy handling guns, sometimes for reasons that are not obvious to us, is to deny a fire which can only be burned in the wrong direction.

Artificially instilling and farming an interest is not the same as uncovering one which lies dormant and which awaits expression, and often, in a sheath of bitter and virulent frustration.

It is only by bringing any and all interests into the light that one can have a good look at them and appreciate them for what they are, then extracting whatever is valuable in them and enhancing that value in a way that can benefit us all.

If people could realize the enormous amount of repression, oppression and alienation that went into the making of a global crisis as disastrous as say, AIDS, our world would be a long way toward healing itself by applying that awareness to the myriad other crises that are choking the life out of us.

The point is for us to help each other uncover the pearl that is buried in our individual and collective mudpies, whatever these interests may be, and to apply our released ingenuity to discovering increasingly kinder ways of being productive.

FRANCOIS JAUBERT,
Beaver Point.

Letters

Rainbow and letting people know "we've done it". The coffee house and open house were both fun and successful. Maybe we'll do another coffee house in the fall — "back by popular demand".

Anyone interested in summer and/or autumn programs for preschoolers should call me at 537-2830.

LINA SIGURGEIRSDOTTIR,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,

I would like to thank the many people who have helped and lent their support as Under the Rainbow Nursery School has struggled and struggled to become a licensed child-care facility.

Thanks to the following people: Patrick and Jessica Mack, Avi Bill and Nana Doreen, Steve and Aaron Sigurgeirsdottir, Christine, Roger and Trinity Donnelly, Gloria Cameron, Lillian Mack, Bob Ellis, Charlie Byron, Daryl Jensen, Blain Praria, Mark Scarfe, Christine Rush, Isabel and Conhor O'Donnell.

Also, many thanks to all the parents of the playgroup over the last couple of years who've lived through the semi-regular Easter tag advertisement, and supporting your local businesses the best way we know how to do it.

*If the public knows what it wants, we don't need to put up with advertising where each company swears its product is different and better, when often all that is different is the weller. My mailbox is a window to the world; keep it clean and stop wasting paper.

KEITH MacHATTIE,
Ganges.

Answers

Sir,

There is a defining roar of silence coming from the majority of islanders as the traditional urban growth hangs like a shadow overhead. Not unlike the eye of the tornado which is said to be dark and silent. Historically the white man has a horrendous record for the destruction of his true mother — earth. It is this track record that each of us brought with us to this island. Some have turned it around, some are in the process of doing so. The key is simplicity. Simple solutions are available to complex problems; however, they are hardly ever really seen and, at times glimpsed, are quickly discarded. "No one would agree with this solution, why bother". "Leave it to the experts".

It is difficult for some to realize that the majority of those who

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GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

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Interview held before byelection loss

Policy decisions explained by premier

Beyer: Are you a betting man? Premier: Not particularly. I'm not really a gambler, but I'll take a bet.

Beyer: How about a cup of coffee. This is the eve of the byelection in Boundary-Similkameen. What's your prediction? Not that I expect you to say the Socreds will lose that seat.

Premier: It'll be close. I believe I can say that objectively. I have been there, to a constituency a number of times, and every time I've been there, the reception has been the same. Uncle Tom's cabin. In case by-elections, the opposition will drag up issues they can best create controversies within. They've had a fairly effective campaign that way. They haven't gone after Russ Fox; they have gone after Bill Vander Zalm. And in fairness, that's what one might expect in a byelection.

Beyer: Considering that, don't you think you're out on a limb, campaigning so heavily in this byelection? Traditionally, leaders stay away from byelec-
tions where the outcome might be in doubt, because they will invariably be tarred with the brush of defeat if things go wrong.

Premier: Well, I suppose if you lose they'll say it's because you were there. If you weren't there and you lose, they'll say you were afraid. It's a bit of a no-win situation.

Beyer: Regardless of the by-election outcome, your government has problems in that area. The grape growers are worried, and I believe they've bought your assurances.

Premier: Well, there hasn't been too much opposition on that issue. The policy, while not perfect and obviously lacking numbers, has been reasonably well received. There are a number of issues in the area which provide an opportunity to expand their operation. If they're smart and find the proper market, they'll do well.

Beyer: Fruit growers aren't doing so well, either. The market price for Table grapes has dropped to 69 cents a pound. There is no application for uranium mining. When you institute a ban, you eliminate, in fact, the opportunity for mining whole areas where there is a uranium presence. We think we have the best control of the situation. If we could stop uranium mining without really diminishing the amount of prospecting or mining for other minerals, I would have no objection to banning uranium mining. I don't think uranium will be mined here for as long as I can foresee. It's so readily available and plentiful in certain areas of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Beyer: Given that, why doesn't the government freeze the mining of other minerals in areas that show a uranium presence, but explicitly ban the exploration and mining for uranium?

Premier: I suppose from a simple reading of it, we could, although, mind you, these regulations were prepared by the ministry of energy, mines and petroleum resources after considerable consultation and research. I have to believe that of all the options, the one we chose is the best one. Politically, of course, it may not have been the best one.

Beyer: You don't think some bureaucrat might have put one over on you?

Premier: Well, I don't know for sure, and it's not a problem. Except politically, you're right. It probably will be held against us, because some people still think there could be uranium mining.

Beyer: I take it that the privatization of highways maintenance is still going full steam ahead.

Premier: It's still proceeding. We'll be getting our proposals back starting at about the middle of July. We should be ready to let the first contract within six weeks after that. Much of it will proceed fairly quickly.

Beyer: Will it go fast enough to have the private sector look after our highways this winter?

Premier: Yes, absolutely.

Beyer: And are you prepared for the fallout that may be triggered by this move?

Premier: There will be some difficult times initially. I suppose every time a car goes into the ditch it will be the fault of the private sector. I'll grant you we've not had those types of complaints under the present system, but we will insist on those high standards. That will be spelled out very specifically. We'll demand that the work be done in a certain way, to certain standards. We hope the service will be at least as good as that which we have seen in the past.

Beyer: What's the bottom line? How much can the taxpayers save by turning this service over to the private sector?

Premier: Till all of the proposals are in, we won't really know. In all fairness, we're groping a wee bit at this time, because it has not been done before. We have nothing to compare it with. 

Beyer: But you hope that the privatization of highways maintenance will go a long way towards correcting the deficit.

Premier: It certainly is to play a great part in it. I think there will be considerable savings. There will also be a potential return to the government in the form of dividends. There could be certain components, like highways equipment, sheds and the like, but we may not do that. We may keep all of that in place.

Beyer: You've said more than once that perception is as important as reality. If that is so, you must be aware that a large segment of the public believes the highways maintenance caper will end up in total disaster. This issue could lose you the next election on public perception alone. If the whole thing actually ends in disaster, you'll get your butt kicked with even greater reality.

Premier: We need to move very quickly. It has to be done this year, so we have a few years to prove that it's successful. But you can't, right, people can probably relate more easily to the snowplowing or the cutting of the weeds or the picking up of the litter or the patching of the potholes than they can to the dollars saved. So, if we have problems in that regard, $200 million in the budget wouldn't mean that much.

Beyer: I'd like to move on to one of my favorite pet peeves — decentralization. Like a lot of other people, I regard it as a smoke-and-mirror show. You have really further centralized the provincial government's power, not decentralized it, haven't you? You have centralized it in cabinet and in your office. Your MLA's support you, not surprisingly, but the NDP has made a good case against your decentralization scheme.

Premier: Whatever, I believe it's coming together. We get a good deal of favourable comment from the outlying regions. It's a grassroots movement. We have been concentrating on economic development. Hopefully, in the near future, we'll be looking at health, social services and educational programs.

Beyer: But so far, you haven't committed the $8 million allocated to the decentralization program.

Premier: Yes, we have. To give you an example, there is a new tree nursery. We have a plant in Summerland. Here was a party that had an idea of how to better produce the trees and sell them. The party was lacking some money. By providing a simple guarantee, we were able to get this plant operational. They now have $4 million worth of orders. That was made possible through the minister of state for the region. He heard about it from a local group and was able to take it directly to cabinet and get approval for the guarantees, all in the course of a couple of weeks.

Beyer: But there's infrastructure to get these things done has always been in place. It isn't the first time in B.C. that a party that was established, fruit-processing plant, was minister of economic development. Grace McCarthy is a great booster of anything economic or anything else she's been in charge of, for that matter. If anyone in any community thinks their idea and needs a bit of a boost from the government, sure Grace would be more than willing to go to bat for them. She could have handled that fruit-processing plant deal just as well as your minister of state. If you really want to decentralize the government, you'll go much further.

Premier: That's happening. You'll see a number of legislative changes that grant more autonomy to regional districts and to municipal councils. Hopefully, you'll also see greater autonomy with school boards.

Beyer: You have been scrapping with the media lately. What's come over you?

Premier: I've been meeting with the editors of the bigger papers. I've met with the editors of the provincial council and with the editors of the community newspapers. Those meetings have been very effective. After all, community newspapers have the largest circulation in B.C. They also do a much better job than the big city newspapers.

Beyer: You get no argument from me on that.

Premier: Two weeks ago, I decided that I should meet with the editorial people of the big papers and the Canadian Press people in Vancouver. I pointed out to them some examples of what I considered to be dangerous trends such as editorials and columns presented as news. You may see, for example, a front page story in the Ottawa Sun with a bold-type teaser, directing you to page whatever for further comments. That's not a columnist. So, they're tying the column into the news story. The average person reads the bold headline on the front page as news. If they turn to the news story on page 11 or whatever, they tie the two together. I thought that was a dangerous trend. It's very misleading at best.

Beyer: How did the media representation at that meeting whom you confereed respond to that?

Premier: Well, I didn't get an awful lot of response from the worst offenders, unfortunately, but...
Blame byelection defeat on resentment of major policy capital comment

by hubert beyer

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The premier's attempts to impose his will on the province will go the way of Boundary-Similkameen. The clock is ticking. Time is running out for Premier Vander Zalm and the Socred government.

The voters of Boundary-Similkameen are also skeptical of the free trade deal, which will wipe out their tree fruit growing industry. They remember that Vander Zalm is one of the most ardent supporters of the deal. The voters remembered that the government did nothing for the tree fruit growers, who got a couple of cents a pound for their apples and saw them being sold for 69 cents at supermarkets.

But there was more to the defeat than local grudges. The defeat is also the first report card on the government's privatization of highways maintenance. People in the big cities probably don't care too much about the issue, but they do in the remote areas.

If W.A.C. Bennett left one legacy, it is the network of highways and bridges that spans the province. The elder Bennett turned B.C. from a have-not backwater into one of the richest provinces by creating a first-class transportation system that gave access to the province's vast resources. By privatizing the maintenance of the same system, Vander Zalm is shipping away at that legacy.

Alex Fraser's predictions are coming true. The former highways minister and current MLA for the Cariboo has said the government could lose up to 15 seats in the next election as a result of privatizing highways maintenance.

The voters also remembered the increase in user fees for seniors. They didn't think the elderly — particularly those on a limited income — should be used to eliminate the deficit which was, if not created, certainly increased by ambitious megaprojects such as the Coquihalla Highway.

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The premier doesn't have much more than two years left before he must call a general election. He'll have one heck of a job to repair the damage in time.

If he wants to have any chance of winning the next election, the premier must start listening to people other than himself.
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chose to be here did so deliberately. The existing pulse of the island was initially set by those who came before us. This pulse was what attracted the back-to-the-landers of the 1960s and 1970s and in a large way increased the pulse.

Simplistic, low-tech lifestyles have been a natural commodity to the island and, in many ways, still are. Those who wish to remain do not recognize this pulse at all. They see what is being done to the island at present, but, for what is being planned: all silent turmoil.

The only way out is for changing the intention. A moment of stillness can change the habitual reactive nature. What was it? Count to 10? No, that is called stewing. Be still, empty out. What

stirs in is fresh and fitting to the moment.

And with the slightest modicum of intelligence knows that “more of the same produces more of the same.” Can we as islanders break away from the “I wants” and “we should have” long enough to look at what will be produced as a result. From out of the severe comes all kinds of opportunities or crises. Only our reaction will determine which.

GARY LUNDY,

Ganges.

Discouraging

Sir,

What have you done?

This question is being posed to the members of the Islands Trust and the CRD who pride themselves in looking out for the well-being of island interests. I must admit that I am more than a little fed up with the hypocrisy they offer in the name of law and order, like many bureaucratic agencies.

Instead of putting yourselves on the backs and giving yourselves increases in pay, why don’t you pay more attention to finding answers to current problems that can do without the aid of sophisticated computer equipment and high priced technical help? Whatever happened to the Island attitude of helping islanders on a human basis, and not one, the law-in-the-law, the city attitude which I heard quoted in the courtroom not long ago. Come on people, you are here to help out, give some feasible alternative answers to the problem.

I refer specifically to the outright discouragement any one member of the community to contribute more should contribute more should contribute more should contribute more should contribute more should contribute more should contribute more should contribute more.

They have got little or nothing to start with and yet they are looking for more.

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The only way out is for changing the intention. A moment of stillness can change the habitual reactive nature. What was it? Count to 10? No, that is called stewing. Be still, empty out. What

stirs in is fresh and fitting to the moment.

And with the slightest modicum of intelligence knows that “more of the same produces more of the same.” Can we as islanders break away from the “I wants” and “we should have” long enough to look at what will be produced as a result. From out of the severe comes all kinds of opportunities or crises. Only our reaction will determine which.

GARY LUNDY,

Ganges.

Discouraging

Sir,

What have you done?

This question is being posed to the members of the Islands Trust and the CRD who pride themselves in looking out for the well-being of island interests. I must admit that I am more than a little fed up with the hypocrisy they offer in the name of law and order, like many bureaucratic agencies.

Instead of putting yourselves on the backs and giving yourselves increases in pay, why don’t you pay more attention to finding answers to current problems that can do without the aid of sophisticated computer equipment and high priced technical help? Whatever happened to the Island attitude of helping islanders on a human basis, and not one, the law-in-the-law, the city attitude which I heard quoted in the courtroom not long ago. Come on people, you are here to help out, give some feasible alternative answers to the problem.

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SEA CAPERS

PARADE

SEA CAPERS GRAND PARADE will follow a new and longer route this year. See Driftwood, issue, Wednesday, June 15th.

Entry into the Parade is free, and anyone may enter. The Parade will take thirty minutes to pass a given point.

There will be no prizes, but 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbons will be awarded in these classes:

• Decorated Bicycles
• Costumed Individuals
• Decorated Bicycles (any type of entry)
• Dogs or Pets
• Floats
• Decorated Vehicles, Vintage or Classic Cars
• Equestrians

Clowns (limited to mingle at all events)

Assembly will be later than 9:30 am. Judging will commence at 9 am.

The parade will be judged by entrants of all kinds MUST Telephone 537-9487 not later than one day before the Parade. The judges will arrive by the 4th of July. The deadline for entry (all kinds) will guarantee inclusion in judging. Make the phone call to decide to enter. The number to call is 537-9487.

To register — Call 537-9487
An injured loon found at Vesuvius Beach had to be destroyed by the SPCA after it was found the bird had been shot.

Christine Wooldridge, SPCA field officer for Salt Spring Island, said the bird was found on the public beach by a group of visiting school children. It was an unusual find, she said, because loons spend their entire life in the water, emerging only to nest.

"To find a loon sitting close to the high water mark when the tide is low indicates the bird is in serious trouble."

The loon was examined by Dr. Bill Vanderwekken at the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic. On handling, the bird seemed strong and fairly aggressive, Wooldridge said. No broken bones were found but there appeared to be a minor injury to the third eyelid of one eye.

It was decided to keep the bird confined and attempt to release it close to the water at dusk, on a quiet beach at the end of Rainbow Road. The following morning, however, the bird remained on the beach although the tide had come to within two feet.

Wooldridge said the loon was again captured and examined. This time, an X-Ray was taken and a .22 calibre bullet was discovered in the skull.

"This had caused major damage in both eyes," Wooldridge said. "It was decided that the bird would not recover its vision, which was severely reduced in both eyes. Due to this and brain damage, the bird was euthanised."

Wooldridge said the shooting of the loon was "obviously an intentional act" — and one that broke several laws. She noted that it is illegal to shoot loons, since they are classified as a non-game migratory bird. Also, the Wildlife Act makes it an offence to injure any bird or animal and fail to retrieve that bird or animal. Lastly, it is illegal to discharge a firearm either on a public beach or from a boat.

"How sad that this beautiful bird became the victim of such an irresponsible act," Wooldridge said.
Anti-smoking sentiments gaining support of public

All of us find it difficult to change old habits, even when we know they hurt us. Tobacco smokers face additional difficulties because the nicotine in tobacco is addictive. The Cancer Society estimates that 35,000 Canadians die each year from the effects of cigarette smoking through diseases such as cancer, emphysema, and heart disease. Individual smokers know these facts and know how smoking is destroying their own health, yet they continue to smoke.

Twenty years ago in Prince Rupert, I used to visit in hospital a woman who had emphysema and also a form of paralysis which made it impossible for her to hold a cigarette in her hands. Whenever I visited, part of my job was to light a cigarette in her hands. Whenever I succeeded.

If individuals find it tough to kick the tobacco habit, so does society. We seem to be caught between contradictory forces. On the one hand, organizations representing children, doctors, chiropractors, dentists, drug stores, optometrists, hospitals and teachers are pushing for legislation to restrict tobacco advertising and to require more explicit warnings on the dangers of tobacco use. On the other hand, a powerful and rich tobacco lobby, using the argument of free speech, opposed any such restriction.

All the more remarkable, then, that on May 31 the House of Commons passed two bills; one sponsored by Jake Epp, the minister of health, and the other by Lynn McDonald, the NDP member for Broadview-Greenwood. In presenting his bill for third and final reading, Epp spoke of the need "to strip tobacco of its falsely alluring image." He went on to talk of possible challenges to the bill under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: "I say, challenge us. Challenge the Parliament of Canada. Challenge Canadians. At the same time, explain why you want to protect an industry responsible for more self-induced illness and death than any other in Canada today."

And Mr. Epp paid generous tribute to the work of Lynn McDonald: "Without her personal tenacity on this issue, this item may not have been brought to the point at which it is today. It is important, regardless of our partisan differences from time to time, to recognize the contributions of others on the other side of the House."

McDonald pointed out that, in spite of increased awareness of the danger of smoking, "we are not winning the battle. Consumption continues to rise. Anyone who looks at the billboards will see a new wave of cigarette advertising using culture, sports, the outdoors, the environment, to give the impression that smoking is still good for us and that it is something that is part of the good life."

McDonald's bill passed without a recorded vote, but the vote on McDonald's bill was fairly close (77 to 58). Her bill limits the places where smoking is permitted. Some of those who voted for the bill were themselves heavy smokers; at least two of them had suffered serious heart attacks. Like the rest of us they hope that these bills will slow down the rate at which many young people take up smoking.

I believe these bills represent an important step for society as it tries to deal with one of our most serious health problems. But we still have a long way to go before we can say we have kicked the habit.

Three island students attend youth conference

Three Gulf Island Secondary School students attended a three-day Youth Global Awareness convention in Vancouver, school board trustees learned at a recent meeting.

Tara Martin and Grace Graham provided school trustees with a brief overview of their experience and called for global education in the schools.

"We have sex education," the girls said, "but there are no courses on environmental pollution, which is all around us."

Martin and Graham, along with David Jacquest, were three of 200 students participating in the convention, which heard numerous speakers. The three-day event focused on human rights, pollution, and nuclear war.

Peace education — teaching participants about conflict resolution — was attained through various methods, including a simulated summit exercise.

The group formed five main resolutions to support the United Nations.

The Gulf Islands representatives, who belong to a peace group at the high school, raised funds at a Peace Group dance to cover their convention expenses. The convention offered them a chance to establish relations with other youth peace groups.

The girls told the board that the teaching of global issues must begin in the schools, if everybody is to learn of them.
Promotional activities slated

Teens seeking support for youth activity centre

By DESIREE HOLT

Many of the teens of Salt Spring Island have put their best foot forward to try and protect this planet. Much energy has been needed to make a place for us to be. A place to do art, to be creative, to jam, to a place to do what we want most — not just to party all of the time, but a place to do our own trip.

You see all of us so-called "crazy teens" have been fighting the good fight. Rebecca, Juanita, Lu's in, and the just about everybody else willing to do it — we need a place to be.

We want to get things moving toward creating ourselves a centre. We want posters, clubs, and associations to donate energy and materials to help us built our "place to be." We need art supplies, instruments, food, dishes, building supplies, etc. Without help from the public, it won't be possible to do anything. You'll see our posters in town. Please look for them. You won't be sorry.

We are Salt Spring Island's Youth Centre To Be. During the past few weeks we have put together a couple of meetings, and the inside truth is — we need a place to be.

We want to see in the public eye, so you will know what we are like and what we are willing to do. We want all the teens to attend our dance so that everyone has a chance to say what they want to happen in a Youth Centre, and so more teens can find a way to help make our dream come true.

There are many adults in this community who are willing to help make a Youth Centre happen if they see the teen support is there, and if they know what we want. So if everybody attends, everybody will have a say in what happens. We've already had meetings and gatherings to talk about our ideas.

We'd like to have a Youth Centre where we can make our own decisions, to provide the required materials, to promote our own ideas, to provide the required environment to build our own centre. We'd like stores, clubs, workshops, and instruments, food, dishes, building supplies, for us to use; and a campaign to recycle paper. Remember: reduce, reuse, recycle — and conserve paper. Remember:

We want a place to do our own thing. This puts the onus on the company, in conjunction with the federal and provincial governments, to provide the required information in an open public forum. Our position is that government legislation must prevent any chemicals from being produced and introduced into the environment until proven safe (in a similar fashion to the pharmaceuticals).

More Letters

Moratorium

Sir,

The following letter expressing our concerns has been sent to the minister of the environment. We are Salt Spring Island's Youth Centre To Be.

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Other steps are possible, including strong regulations for emission recycling and labelling; a public campaign to reduce use of old fashioned paper from use; and a campaign to recycle and conserve paper. Remember: paper is too precious.

The governments could stimulate the safe environmental approach to industry by tax subsidy and research and development grants to those working to find safer practices. We are told that one letter is worth 800 signatures on a petition. If you want to help make a difference, write to one or more of these people: Prime Minister Brian Mulroney; Fisheries and Oceans Minister Tom Siddon; Environment Minister Tom MacMillan; provincial Environment Minister Jim Squires; your MLA's and MP (Jim Manly is the NDP environment critic). Demand a safer environment; make you welfare a number one priority.

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Federal, B.C. government action urged to fight chemical warfare

By JIM WRIGHT

Dioxins (the most toxic chemical known to man), ozone-depleting chemicals, acid rain and NAPCI's are currently in the news. These are just the tip of the iceberg, however, the combined effect of multiple toxins can be much more hazardous to health than individual elements.

We need to see a reduction in — and ultimate elimination or recycling of — all potentially toxic chemicals introduced to the environment by man. We should demand that our governments take immediate action to reduce and ultimately eliminate this chemical warfare being inflicted on us for profit.

Some steps are being taken. The Federal government, through the Environmental Protection Act (EPA), which is the strongest regulating document in the west, has been adopted by the House of Commons and is currently before Parliament.

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Injustice

Sir,

It was not without a small amount of wry humour that I read the letter by the solicitors of Limberis Seafoods Ltd. in last week's Driftwood in which they threatened litigation against Dietrich Luth for alleging that the clams in its toky-to-tokky clowder originate in the dioxin-polluted waters near Crofton instead of the pristine-pure region east of Port Hardy (all those who have been near there, please, don't hurt yourselves laughing).

As this letter was published the same week that the Alberta Supreme Court reversed the decision of the trial court judge in the case of Mr. Littler, who participated in court proceedings, it can be concluded that our legal system will go to great lengths to persecute and punish Mr. Luth for defaming the character of a clam chowder, but it's a slightly difficult matter for Mr. Kergstra to slander an entire race and teach his odious lies within the framework of the legal system.

And then there are the recent angry tirades against "Zionist Israel" (not Limited Liability in Driftwood). Mr. Littler cites the Encyclopedia Britannica as the source of his claims, and claims to be the "last honest man near Crofton." Does he not admit to the accidently overlooked some relevant facts in his thorough report in the system. Blind Justice, indeed!

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Thanks

Sir,

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**RED GRAPES** 98¢ lb.  
**CALIF. SIZE 16's CAULIFLOWER** 89¢ ea.

**ROMAINE or GREEN LEAF LETTUCE** 2 heads for 89¢  
**FRESH NECTARINES** 79¢ lb.  
**HONEYDEW MELON** 39¢ lb.

**LOCAL GREEN ONIONS** 4 bunches 1.00  
**FRESH CELERY** 69¢ ea.

**#1 IMPORTED GOLDEN RIPE BANANAS** 2 lbs. 98¢  
**TOMATOES** 69¢ lb.

**NEW PRODUCT! CINNAMON BREAD** 1 49¢ ea.

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*Quality is our guarantee*
### Village Market Meats

**CHECK OUR QUALITY, FRESHNESS, TRIM & PRICES!**

**CITY PRICES IN THE COUNTRY!**

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### Side of Beef Sale

**ALL RED BRAND GOVERNMENT INSPECTED**

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### Fresh Turkey

**Thigh Cutlets 6.50 kg 2.99 lb.**

**Drumsticks 3.06 kg 1.39 lb.**

**Breasts 0.80 kg 3.99 lb.**

**Wings 2.18 kg 99¢ lb.**

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### Pork Specials

**All B.C. Gov't. Inspected**

| FAMILY PACK PORK | Butt Steak | 3.73 kg 1.69 lb. |
| Permit Sets | Pork Cutlets 6.50 kg 2.99 lb. | BONELESS STUFFED PORK |
| But Roast 4.17 kg 1.89 lb. | PORK, DINNER, ITALIAN | Sausage | Tray Pack 4.39 kg 1.99 lb. |

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### Fresh Fish

**When the boats come in ...**

**No Preservatives—No M.S.G.**

| FRESH FISH | Crab | 3.09 kg 0.68 lb. |
| Imitation Crab | FRESH | Cod Fillets | 3.27 kg 2.39 lb. |
| Lobster Tails | 11.34 lb. |

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### Fresh Fryers

**Cut Up Tray Pack 2.16 kg 99¢ lb.**

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### Frozen Specials

| FROZEN UTILITY TURKEY | 2.62 kg 1.19 lb. |

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### Frozen Specials

| RUPERT Fish in Batter | 500 g 3.59 ea. |
| RUPERT Fish & Chips | 500 g 2.39 ea. |

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### Bulk Frozen

| PERGOLIES | 2.84 kg 1.29 lb. |
| STRAWBERRIES | 3.29 kg 1.49 lb. |
| MUSHROOMS | 2.89 kg 2.89 lb. |
| CALIFORNIA or ITALIAN Vegetable Mix | 2.62 kg 1.19 lb. |
| CORN | 2.18 kg 99¢ lb. |
| RHUBARB | 2.18 kg 99¢ lb. |

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### Come on in & check & compare

**PRICES — QUALITY — FRESHNESS — FRIENDLINESS!**

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### Family Pack

| FAMILY PACK MILD CHEDDAR | 7.25 kg 3.29 lb. |

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### Greek Salad Time!

**Feta Cheese | 95¢ 100 g 4.29 lb.**

**Calamata Olives | 57¢ 100 g 2.59 lb.**

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### Fresh Vegetable Pasta

**57¢ 100 g 2.59 lb.**

**Jellied Vegetable | 42¢ 100 g 1.89 lb.**

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### TACO Time!!

**Taco Shells | 5 oz. 1.59 ea.**

**Flour Tortillas | 16 oz. pkg. 1.59 ea.**

**Flour Tortillas | 22 oz. pkg. 1.89 ea.**

**Bulk Salsa Sauce | 53¢ 100 g 2.39 lb.**

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### Grimm's Thin Shaved

**Roast Beef (Garlic) | 1.23 100 g 5.59 lb.**

**Corned Beef Loaf | 1.10 100 g 4.99 lb.**
Summer reading selections perfect for rainy days, too

By PEGGY WHITTAKER

This was to have been a column devoted to books to read while soaking up the rays on the beach, but, alas, due to the current state of affairs at the weather office, I have re-titled the article "Books to curl up with in the face of the forecast for a rainy Sunday afternoon."

Fortunately, the selections are equally adaptable to either situation; they are "light" enough to make a pleasant, captivating read, but "deep" enough that you won't blush at being caught reading them in the company of your work acquaintances. What more could anyone ask of their summertime reading?


Hot off the presses this month is Francis King's first full-length novel in four years, and it's been well worth the wait.

The plot is secondary not because it is poor, but because it is overshadowed by the interesting characters not normally present in a murder mystery. Although billed on one press release as a "feminist murder mystery" (regular Driftwood readers may recall my intense dissatisfaction with one of that ilk in a previous column), there is no strident "message" blasting out from between the pages. Women and men alike are alive, real, fallible. And ain't that what it's all about?


When I ordered this book, I didn't expect it would be of the lie on the beach/curl up in front of the fire genre, but it is the case.

I was disappointed that the 256-page volume does little to explore the psychological (there's that word again) essence of these ageless symbols of the human dark side, something I consider to be a fascinating and important study.

However, my preconceptions aside, the book does make a very good reference for anyone interested in the devils, demons and dragons of a variety of cultures and historical periods, and would be especially useful for writers of art or literature.

Profusely illustrated in colour and black and white line drawings, this is a perfect book for dipping into when you don't want to commit yourself to a lengthy read.

**LOCAL BOOK NEWS**

If this rainy summer really starts getting you down, think about entering Salt Spring's Horsdal and Schubart Publishers' Win a Wonderful Weekend contest. To win one of four weekend getaways at coastal B.C. resorts, just submit the answers to three questions based on their book Upcountry Summers (no purchase necessary).

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Entries must be in by July 31. Contact your local bookstore for details.

And congratulations to Harbour Publishing which recently won the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional History Prize at the B.C. Book Awards for Whalers No More.

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Artcraft co-ordinator/manager Penny George, right, and assistant Caroline Tudela view glassworks by David Borrowman and Michael Robb. Annual show and sale of local arts and crafts opened last week and continues until Labour Day. Mahon Hall venue is open seven days a week from 11 am to 5 pm.

Works by new contributors make for exciting Artcraft

By GARY CHERNEFF

The opening days of Artcraft this year have shown us that quality and style have really begun to blossom in the crafts of the Lower Gulf Islands. Mahon Hall is full to overloaded with a staggering variety of finely made objects of art and function.

So let's take a tour of the summer-long market and talk about some of the high points, as I see them.

Among the newest of craft enterprises to find wings on the island is the glassworks built and operated by Michael Robb and David Borrowman. Glass is a supercooled liquid, its syrupy consistency frozen in time when reduced to room temperature. Michael Robb has feeling for the material's random rhythms. The handle on his glass mugs taper from high to low with a viscous sinuousness. David Borrowman's work reveals a more discreet sinuousness. A shot of this artist's glassware is a surprise as it conceals the identities of Bonnie and Don Kreye. Do you remember the lightweight baskets in which strawberries and cherries were once purchased? These represent the same genre, spruced up in modern colours of teal and rote to match the natural wood tone in the warp and weft.

Cynthia Minden of Pender Island has some equally exciting baskets. Using reeds, sea grass, coco mat, leather feathers and an assortment of other compatible substances, her designs reflect nature-inspired themes.

Another Pender Islander has something to say about inspiration this time in the field of fabric and clothing design. Sabrina Capune of Left Coast Designs shows that the charcoal block printing on her white skirt and top contrasts are the mark of both Lesley McCormick and Jennifer Wiebe-Haas. Of the latter, her quilt of angles in blue, mauve and purple read like a kaleidoscope, a fractured image of geometric patterns, randomly ordered.

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Art seen

by gary cherneff

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Stewart to open summer festival

Recording artist Al Stewart will open Salt Spring Island's third annual Summer Festival of the Arts on July 2.

Stewart, whose albums Year of the Cat and Time Passages earned platinum and gold status, will appear at the Salt Spring Elementary School's Activity Centre.

Her well-known songs include "Year of the Cat" and "Ode to an Octopus." She has recorded over 20 albums and has sold over 25 million records worldwide.

The festival, which runs from July 2 to July 10, will feature a variety of performances, including music, dance, theatre, and poetry.

Tickets are available in advance for $25, or at the door for $30. All proceeds from the festival will be directed to the Parents for Playgrounds group on Salt Spring Island.

Mahri Sherlock sings about...
Barbara Hastings, a woman known on Salt Spring as the prime force behing the building of the present Lady Minto Hospital, died last week in Sidney.

The 83-year-old died June 3, 1988, following a stroke.

Barbara Hastings earned her place in Salt Spring history as the previous owner, along with former husband Warren, of the renowned Hastings House. She was an accomplished pianist, loved animals, and used a horse-and-buggy to transport dignitaries such as W.A.C. Bennett around the island.

But beyond everything else, Barbara Hastings is best remembered for the extensive amount of time and energy she channelled into the construction of Lady Minto Hospital at its present site.

"I don't think anyone has any idea how hard she worked," Warren Hastings recalled last week from his home in Sidney. "She wouldn't rest until the new hospital was built."

Barbara and Warren Hastings moved from Britain to Salt Spring Island in 1937. They purchased the area from Barbara's parents, who pioneered in the province before returning to England to give birth to Barbara in 1905.

According to a history of the Hastings House compiled by Gwen Althouse, the Hastings chose the location of their home by combining Barbara's affection for rural surroundings with Warren's love of the sea. The couple enjoyed a rural lifestyle, keeping a number of animals on the property.

Long-time friend Betty Carroll remembers Barbara's love for horses and boxer dogs. She also recalls a photograph of Barbara driving W.A.C. Bennett in a horse-drawn buggy. "She used to ride very well," Carroll says.

Warren Hastings recalls the memory as well, indicating that the then-premier of B.C. found those rides relaxing and reminiscent of his boyhood.

Barbara's piano-playing is also well-remembered by those who once gathered in the Hastings House sitting room, to listen to her entertain. Barbara, who at one time played with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, continued as a pianist late into her life.

For her active and lengthy participation in the hospital board, and especially for her work towards construction of a new building, Barbara was awarded an honorary life membership to the board.

According to Warren Hastings, Barbara's interest in the hospital was aroused through two doctors who said their work was handicapped at the old hospital building. Barbara Hastings considered the building a fire trap — it was "dry as kindling" and heated by a wood fire in the basement.

Operations were conducted in a "funny little operating room," with inadequate lighting.

Barbara joined a special committee, formed to consider plans for a new hospital, in 1945. She became a board member in 1946, and chairman of the board the following year. Barbara held the chair until 1959, when an altered bylaw forced her to take a year off. She was re-elected to the board in 1961, serving for the following nine years.

In a speech at the official opening of the hospital in 1958, Barbara described the "trials and tribulations" hospital board members went through to establish the new facility.

"There were the public, private, official, legal, technical questions, negotiations and permits, on which hung success or failure," she said, sharing the stage with the health minister of the day, Eric Martin.

Opinion to the move mostly focused around monetary issues. The residents of North Pender Island proved most hostile and, although people on the other Outer Islands were more amenable, it took Barbara and other board members more than a year of meetings before a majority vote was attained.

Lady Minto Hospital records show, however, Barbara Hastings, W. M. Mouat and Joseph Jones "never gave up sight of their goal." In July, 1958, the second referendum passed with a 69.75 per cent majority.

Warren Hastings says Barbara maintained lifelong satisfaction through knowing her efforts resulted in the building of a quality hospital on Salt Spring, and that many people continue to benefit from it.

The Hastings left Salt Spring in 1980, moving separately to the Sidney area.

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BE THERE IF YOU DARE!
Bette Stone remembered for smile, lively spirit

Bette Stone, who was born at the Cranberry Marsh and spent almost all of her years on Salt Spring, died on the island on June 6, 1988.

Described by her friends as "an elegant and lovely lady" who will be greatly missed by childhood friends and island residents, Bette Stone was born Bette Kingsbury on October 9, 1912. She left the island only for some schooling, and during the early days of her marriage to Capt. Walter G. Stone (MC), who died in 1985.

An enthusiastic Girl Guide, Bette Stone became the telephone operator in Ganges at the age of 16. The telephone office was then a popular place, and Bette soon found herself arranging parties for visiting yachtsmen and tennis players.

During the Second World War, she joined the IODE and, shortly afterwards, met Capt. Stone. The couple was married in 1947 and made a home at Welbury Point.

Friends say Bette Stone was a fun-loving and much-loved person who will be remembered for her delightful sense of humour and for her kindness to others.

Among her childhood friends who mourn her passing are Doreen Morris (nee Crofton), Denise Crofton, Nora Kroepinski (nee Turner), and Edna Winsby (nee Morris).

Drummond gave land for park

Mary Elizabeth Drummond, who, along with her husband, was responsible for the establishment of Drummond Park at Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island, died last week in Ganges.

"Betty" Drummond, who lived more than three-quarters of a century on Salt Spring Island, died on Thursday, June 9, at the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Drummond and her husband, the late Captain L.D.B. Drummond, will be remembered on Salt Spring for their community-minded activities, which led them to donate a prime piece of their property for the establishment of a park.

The Drummonds donated their Fulford waterfront property to the community in 1969, for the purpose of creating a children's park.

The eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Shaw, Mrs. Drummond was born in Japan on October 19, 1901. She moved with her family to Victoria in 1908, and to Fulford Harbour the following year.

Mrs. Drummond moved to Ganges in 1971.

She is survived by her brother William Shaw, and sisters Gladys and May Cree Shaw, of Ganges; second cousins in Scotland and England; numerous Drummond nephews in Spain, England and Edmonton; great nephews in England and great nieces in Surrey and Vancouver; a great-great nephew in Vancouver; and two great-great nieces in Surrey.

A private cremation will be followed by the scattering of ashes by the Reverend James Kooster in St. Mary's cemetery. By request, there are to be no flowers; instead, donations may be made to the Bessie Dane Foundation.

Degrees given by universities

Michael Allard, grandson of a long-time Salt Spring family, graduated from the University of Victoria in late May.

Allard received a Bachelor of Arts degree. He majored in Canadian history, with emphasis on Canadian politics and the labour movement.

He is the grandson of Bob and Molly Akerman, and the son of Max and Roberta Allard of Nanan­mo.

* Alistair L.W. Cook of Ganges graduated from Michigan Tech in late May.

Cook was one of 881 students to receive degrees from the technological university. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in business administration.
A Salt Spring woman suffered extensive injuries following a single-vehicle accident on North End Road last week.

Anne Marie Delgi was taken by ambulance to Lady Minto Hospital after the June 9 accident, and then transferred to Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. The accident occurred when Delgi apparently lost control of her vehicle on North End Road. The vehicle then went over the shoulder of the road, sending the vehicle through a fence and into a tree.

Police say the vehicle was "written off." In other police matters, local RCMP reported a receipt of a report of a boat stolen from a South Bay Point moorage. The theft, reported by Elaine Fraser on June 8, led to the subsequent recovery of the boat, which was found abandoned off Mowgli Island.


discussion of tourism industry will help shape policy document

Tourism on the Gulf Islands must be managed carefully, "to ensure that the industry continues to be a positive landmark for the islands and does not diminish" the local quality of life, according to a draft position paper prepared by the Islands Trust.

The paper was presented at the June 3-4 Trust Council meeting on Galiano Island and is intended to be discussed fully when trustees meet again in September, on Ganges Island.

Benefits of tourism, according to the paper, must be balanced against the problems the industry can cause. It describes tourism as a traditional economic activity within the Trust area, and one that provides valuable contributions to island communities — i.e., employment and income.

Tourism can also help to promote the rural qualities of island living and, in turn, assist the Trust in its efforts to preserve and protect those qualities, it notes.

On the down side, the paper says tourism can lead to congestion, damage to fragile ecosystems, depletion of natural resources, and pollution. It also creates employment dependent on relatively unskilled and low-paying jobs.

The paper says the Trust should consider its goals and objectives, as laid out in the Islands Trust Act, when deciding the policy stand it should take in regard to tourism. It says the following social and environmental goals are directly relevant in the consideration of appropriate tourism development:

ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS
• preserve the unique natural environment of land, water and air, and the life it supports;
• preserve the natural beauty of the Trust area and recognize that areas of sensitivity of unique value require special protective measures;
• encourage the removal of existing sources of pollution and discourage activities or projects (inside or outside the Trust area) which would reduce the natural and aesthetic values of the area;
• encourage only the selective and careful use of renewable natural resources in a manner consistent with the goals and policies; and
• recognize the provincial and national significance of the unique social and physical diversities of the Trust area.
Salt Spring Island's elementary school students competed last Thursday at track and field meet that combined fun with competition. Above left, entrant breaks for hot dog; top right, high jump drew score of determined participants; at right, runners strain for finish line.

Field day
Salt Spring Island's elementary school students competed last Thursday at track and field meet that combined fun with competition. Above left, entrant breaks for hot dog; top right, high jump drew score of determined participants; at right, runners strain for finish line.

Police issue gun reminder
Local RCMP have recommended a "perfect" Father's Day present.

A gun lock, says Const. Trevor Turner, is the "perfect gift" for gun owners. The mechanism fits behind the trigger, preventing an accidental firing.

Turner said promotion of the gun lock is in keeping with the RCMP's firearms safety program.

The gun locks are available at Mouat's and through Bill Simpson's Keeper Locks Ltd.

A number of liquor-related charges laid last weekend have prompted an RCMP reminder.

RCMP note that it is an offence to consume alcohol in a public place. This includes any location other than a private residence or licensed establishment. Police have the authority to remove the alcohol and to charge the offender.

Fines for alcohol infractions, such as consumption in a public place, range between $50 and $100.

The most common fine is $50; however, for a minor found consuming alcohol in a public place, the fine is $100.

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There is light at the end of the tunnel.
More than water lily alone

Variety of plants available to help accent water bodies

With all of the rainfall we’ve been getting, probably the last thing we should be concerned with is trying to keep some of it around for our future enjoyment and use, but for many of us with limited water resources, pools, ponds, shallow wells and cisterns provide us with that water reserve which we will have to draw from over the next few dry months.

All too often pools and ponds aren’t considered as part of the landscape, and find themselves relegated to a hidden spot or out-of-the-way location, when in fact with proper grading and planting they can be a beautiful feature in any garden.

Over the last couple of articles, we’ve been discussing various aspects of garden pools and water in the garden, so this week I’d like to deal with gardening in water.

For general discussion, there are a few different types of water plants — namely submerged or oxygenating, floating, emergent, bog, marginal, and the loosely associated group of plants which simply look good around pools and ponds (for example, weeping willows and Japanese maples).

For virtually all of these plant groups, a fairly rich loamy garden soil with some bonemeal mixed in will produce optimal growth. When planting up, all water plant soil should be well-drained and should not be allowed to become waterlogged.

When planting up, all water plants will be better off if they are given a helping of extra nitrogen. Oxygenators help to reduce algae buildup in the water by competing for light and soluble nutrients, and also generate oxygen for the well-being of the fish. In addition they have a wide range of leaf textures which are quite beautiful to gaze down into. Suitable plants for our region include Vallisneria, Cabomba, Elodea, hornwort and several other indigenous lake dwellers.

In the floating plant group, one of the best-known is duckweed (Lemna species) which eventually produces a complete blanket of small lime green leaves which are actually individual plantlets. While this plant looks just great in small patches, it can get out of hand and is eventually hard to get rid of.

On the up side it has a very high protein content, cleans the water, makes a great food for chickens (and ducks, of course) and does loads of good for your compost. In the balance, for small pools, I would not recommend its use, unless you want it almost exclusively.

For a more controlled plant with larger leaves, a spreading habit, and fringed yellow flowers that are one and a half to two inches across, you should try floating heart. The leaves get to be two to three inches in diameter, with chocolate spotting, and the plant can be used in pots of any size.

For tropical looks, the frost-hardy lilies and exotic tropical lilies are available, you are best off to start with the hardy ones and, once you have mastered them, you might want to venture into the realm of the tropic. There are dwarf varieties which can grow in just a couple of inches of water, and then they run right on through up to the giants which can grow in up to five feet of water which make massive leaves and gorgeous blooms.

Hopefully we can dabble a bit more on these and other water garden topics next week.