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Big rush for start of Walkathon



May 22 and May 10

All is not lost!

* * * * The voter may yet vote

All is not lost!

The Canadian elector who is, in fact, a Canadian citizen, and who has attained the age of 18 years is entitled to vote in the federal election on May 22.

In a rural area, such as the islands, the qualified voter may vote even if his name is not on the voters list. He may be permitted to vote if his qualifications are attested to by a registered voter of the same polling division

The Canadian voter in the Canadian national election of May 22 is in the clear if he is registered or it he is entitled to be registered.

The preliminary lists of electors are now completed and are available for inspection somewhere in the area. If the prospective voter is aware of the name of the enumerator who garnered the list of names, information may be obtained from that person.

If the resident is unaware of the identity of the enumerator concerned, then he should contact the Returning Office for the riding, Mrs. Beryl Fink, Trans Canada Highway, Duncan.

All is lost!

The provincial voters lists,

rovincial

Voters may be British subjects or Canadian citizens and past their 19th birthday.

Candidates in Saanich and the Islands are: John Green Progressive Conservative

Provincial election is called for Thursday, May 10.

which are completely different from the federal lists, closed on Wednesday last week.

GETTING CLOSE

Eligible voters whose names are on the lists received a card in the mail a few hours before the deadline. Those whose names are not on the list were not so advised.

(Turn to Page Nine) brother Bob.

First man home is both

First man home in Saturday's Salt Spring Walkathon was two young runners, Mike Cannon and Neil Anderson.

The two came in together after covering the distance in 52 minutes and 45 seconds.

Walkathon is the annual Lions project staged between Ganges and Fulford and at one time covered eight miles. It is now 12 kilometres long.

First cyclist home was Wayne Simons, who covered the run in 26 minutes and 30 seconds. He was followed, almost neck and neck by

Ministers to fly in Tuesday

On Tuesday Premier Bill Bennett and Provincial Secretary Hugh Curtis will fly into the islands.

Early on Tuesday the two campaigners will be in the Saturna Community Hall. They will be brief in order to arrive at Pender at

At 10.30 the two cabinet ministers will be entertained on Mayne Island, before flying on to the Galiano Community Hall at

The Salt Spring Island trip will take two hours. They will have lunch during that stopover.

At 2.30 they have to be in Sidney to speak in Sanscha Hall. By 5 pm they will have visited nine centres, of which five are in the islands.

The visit will bring them into Curtis's home constituency and Bennett's home from home. The Premier has close links with Salt Spring Island.

The two ministers will land at am. They won't go very far. Coffee will be served in the club house and

they will meet islanders, again,

From Pender, the two will fly off to Ganges, to land at the Mouat Complex. From the helicopter pad they will be driven to the Gulf Islands Secondary School, where they will meet students and staff.

After school the visitors will be entertained at Harbour House Hotel to a buffet luncheon. Representake part in the luncheon and about 65 invitations have been sent out.

Luncheon will be about half an hour, after which the visitors will be whirled away the way they

Chairman named

Dennis Andrews is chairman of the board of trustees of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

He was named by acclamation at the board meeting on Wednesday evening last week indrews has served as truste

for two years and is an active member of the fire department.

Weather promised ill and changed at the last minute to a pleasant, brisk morning.

Walkers responded to the weather and a total of 135 registered for the walk.

Greatest amount pledged on his walk was carried by Ricky Andrews, with \$508. Oldest walker was Walter Brigden and the family winner was the Brigden-Govenlocks-Skidmore family. Youngest walker was five-year-old Kate Gil-

SCHOOLS IN IT

Organization with the most walkers was the island schools. Salt Spring Elementary School fielded 37; Gulf Islands Secondary School, 32 and Fernwood Elementary School, 19. Highest proportionate number of entries was Fernwood.

Chairman of the Walkathon Committee, Les Ramsey reports that the event raised about \$3,000.

Class winners were, nine and under, boys, Duane Guilbault; girls, Leanna Wagg; 10-12, boys, Michael Lee; girls, Joelle Hann and Leigh Bush; 13-16, boys, Jody Horrocks; girls, Heather Rooke; 17-20, boys, Neil Anderson and Mike Cannon; girls, Robin Archibald; 21 and over, boys, Frans Beyk; girls, Marilyn Baker.

Grant for housing

The provincial government has approved a grant of \$33,333 to the Saturna Senior Citizens' Society for the construction of four one-bedroom self-contained units for the accommodation of senior citizens on Saturna Island.

The site will be provided by the government on a long term lease at a nominal charge.

Curtis

No gas tax for buses

Social Credit government will not countenance the islands being charged for city buses.

Hugh Curtis, Provincial Secretary and Socred candidate for Saanich and the Islands, categorically stated this week that the three-cent gasoline tax will not be levied on the islands until such time as those islands have a bus service of their own.

"If you have a bus service you pay the costs," he told *Driftwood* on Tuesday. "If you have no service you pay no costs."

The minister was referring to the discussion by the Capital Regional District calling for the gas tax levy to meet urban transit

"As far as this government is concerned, it will not happen," he told Driftwood.

The mere fact that the Capital Regional District has seen fit to include the islands in the transit area is not the end of the story, he noted, and it should not be seen as the end of the story.

"It's madness as far as the Capital Regional District is concerned, or petulance or a little of both.'

HE CREATED IT

Hugh Curtis introduced the legislation to establish the Urban Transit Authority when he was Minister of Municipal Affairs.

He looked back on those days. 'As a member of the government, as a member of the legislature and as the minister responsible for the creation of the Urban Transit Authority, I categorically reject the notion that the Gulf Islands residents should pay a local share of transit services until there is a local transit system by local decision," said Curtis.

The Capital Regional Board the Gulf Islands in, he added, but the government is not in favour of

"I'm not making election prom-ises," he concluded, "I am stating policy already laid down.'

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Voters must be Canadian citizens past their 18th birthday. Candidates in Cowichan-Malahat-the

David Anderson Liberal

Communist New Democ

Progressive Conservative Federal election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22.

His wrong date was right but driver gets marks for tale

It was the wrong date, averred a Galiano man charged with driving with no insurance.

The charge was made out for March 9. It was the seventh, asserted Edward Watkins.

The court leaned backwards. The judge explained that he could not accept a "guilty" plea if the date was wrong in the information. Crown Counsel Rick Law urged that a plea of "not guilty" be entered. Watkins examined a cal-

He was wrong. It had been the ninth

Having established the date, the youthful Galiano driver explained that he had been waiting for his wages. The insurance salesman visited the island and he was unable to insure his car. When he eventually had enough money to insure it, he had to go to Nanaimo to negotiate the cheque. Then he had to go to Vancouver to insure his car. In order to expedite the process he drove the car into the ferry compound. He was closely

followed by a RCMP constable.

"You were sure to be caught sooner or later," observed Judge F.J. McAdam in Ganges Provincial Court, "and this was sooner."

He gave the defendant marks for his explanation. He also gave him a suspended sentence for six months. "I'm making an exception in your case," he told the man without a cheque.





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A wild horror-rock-camp music-al, starring Tim Curry as Dr. Frank N. Furter, the transvestite from the planet Transsexual in the galaxy of Transylvania. This film, which one would expect would only appeal to the young, has proven to have a surprisingly large following in, of all things, the middle-aged housewife set. warning: Bubb. and course language. B.C. Director.

Special midnight show: Friday, Apr. 20 Free Album Draw on Monday, Apr. 23

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50 lbs. of Easter bunnies



They'll be eating a lot of chocolate

At least three Salt Spring Islanders will be eating large portions of chocolate for a while and how long it lasts depends on how long it will take to eat 50 lbs. of it.

Del Seagrave and Maria Dammel were the winners of two giant chocolate Easter bunnies at a draw on Saturday at Ganges. Shannon Bidwell is the winner of a smaller, baby bunny.

The bunnies were raffled off jointly by the Gulf Islands Secondary School Band and grade nine students raising money for the donated by Bar Open House Canada program Harbour House.

SUPERSTAR

The raffle raised close to \$300 said Theresa Rooke after the draw at the Harbour House Hotel.

Other prize-winners were band students Trish Westcott and Maria Wagg, who sold the most tickets for the bunnies. Together they sold almost 400 tickets.

Mrs. Rooke, who organized the bunny raffle, expressed thanks to Bob Hele who, she said, looked after the 50 lbs. of bunnies and helped with ticket sales

The two large bunnies were donated by Barney Hagell of the

commitment to be part of the

direct. I will be ever grateful to the whole company of Jesus Christ Superstar for giving me three incredible months of dramatic pre-

paration to be crowned by four

Over 1,100 of us were there!

With love, peace and joy this

Producer Jesus Christ Superstar

glorious performances.

Easter time.

Peter

I'm so glad I asked you to

Trish Westcott, Barney Hagell and Maria Wagg with two of the chocolate Easter bunnies.

Championship bridge game

. Winners of the Salt Spring Bridge Club championship game on April 10 were Dr. and Mrs. Hyslop. Runners-up were Betty Sharland and Norm McConnell.

Taking third place were Dorie and Gordon Best; fourth, Phyllis Henderson and Mayme Iverson; and fifth, Anne McConnell and Gordon Hutton.

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It was an event that touched many people

show?

An open letter to David Fitchew, director of Jesus Christ Superstar. Dear David

I cannot let Jesus Christ Super Star slip away - ever. I have to thank you again for directing our production so beautifully, creatively and sensitively. I did not ever imagine that the finished product would be so wonderful. Your team of Wilf, Pat, Kathy, Alice, Art and many others created a miraculous event. No wonder three people have said, "I saw the London production, and this was much

For myself, I stood at the back of the Activity Centre at each performance and was moved to both tears and laughter both at the same time - you know how it is - it all wells up inside - emotion has to come out somehow. I was overwhelmed.

Little did I realize what untapped gifts would be released in so many people when we started back in January for our first auditions. Little did I realize the enormity of the production either!

I've been changed, - ves really changed in these last few months watching you, the whole cast, in fact the whole company putting in hours and hours of hard work to bring about an event which has obviously touched so many people.

You've always know, I am sure, that I was hooked on Superstar but I am even more so now. It will continue to tantalize me - push me

Why had so many such a great



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TO BE

Frank

by richards



They only do it to annoy because they knows it teases. Lewis Carroll would still recognize it. And he might not recognize the political puppet-masters who annoy. For example, if the voter takes a long and careful look at the BC election, he is left in a tough spot. Assuming that the Socred is right-wing and New Democrat is left-wing and, maybe, Napoleon in the middle, how to vote? If left is right, then right is wrong. And if left is wrong then only right is left; right?

And, again, thinking of the provincial election, the term, National Socialist means little to the youthful. To the older voter it means the Hitler regime in Germany. It also means the most bitter enemy Communism ever knew. National Socialism was the force which destroyed Communism in Germany for better than a decade. Could left be right?

Reading a motoring buffs' journal the other day, I came across a note that the Quattroporte four-door sedan was coming back in an Italian make. I am not an Italian scholar, but how could it be anything but a four-door?

How wide is afar? How soon is shortly? How many is a few? The Fourth Estate asked the question recently. But the worst offender of all: both. How many is both? Even the schools trip up on this one. A boy buys two candy bars, my studious children were asked in elementary school. One is five cents and the other is ten cents. How much did both cost? The teacher who wrote that should be drummed out of the regiment, button ripped off and all. And when the unfortunate child was unable to answer, he was marked down for it! Because, I think, they were both different.

You wrote a warmer review of the recent Jesus Christ Superstar than anything we've had here in years, I was charged the other day. Perhaps because I was moved to write it!

And thinking along the same lines, roughly, I am curious about the ancient prayer, Alleluia or Halleluja, which is still in use in modern churches. Strictly a prayer, Halleluja comes from the Hebrew, Hallelu-yah, or Praise ye, Jehovah! How many fervent christians know its meaning? Yet, all are familiar with it! According to the Imperial Dictionary, on Page 2116, the ejaculation is a doxology in Jewish synagogues. From the Judaic to the Christian was a short cut. But my curiosity is simply that if the many Christians who use the word are aware of its meaning, why does it come out so often so much like a dirge? The only Christians I have heard sing it with the joy it should entail are the black people of the United States. I think God smiles when he hears a black voice raised to praise him in so ancient a prayer.

A few weeks ago Tony wrote that someone had freaked out over a beard. Don't we all? I sure freaked out over mine a few years ago. Made me look like Bernard Shaw.

I figured that walking to Fulford from Ganges would make a man look fitter, slimmer, as if he looked after his figure. Then my son-inlaw romped home to Drummond Park ahead of his fellow walkers. He looks just the same to me as when he started walking. In fact, except he had blisters I wouldn't've known he'd walked at all! Just the same athletic figure he always had. Same stomach, too!

Like the young lady herring in Ganges Harbour said when her boy friend was netted: I don't go much on those nets and they don't come cheap. They cost me a buck!

Just think! If we could elect a parliament of people with carbuncles on the heel of the hand we would be spared the infantile spectacle of big boys banging their desks just like little boys!...and girls!

Thursday is 1979-04-19. The school board circular advising of this week's Gulf Islands School Board meeting says so. But what it does to me! I have to sit back and calculate the date referred to. Years ago I read a date and knew it straight away. Now? I make a guess and hope I'm right. Probably because in my book Thursday will always be 19-4-79. For ever!

Thinking of dates I had a letter this week explaining that the due date on a purchase was 4-5-79 and that it is now past due. And then I realized that to the writer that means April 5, whereas to me it reads May 4. At least the School Board doesn't do that!

Defence fails at Ganges

The ticket read that the offending driver had, at 6.30 am, exceeded the posted speed limit in several

He couldn't be in several zones at the same time, argued the driver, James Harris and asked for a cancellation of the ticket on those

Judge F.J. McAdam didn't agree with him last week in Ganges Provincial Court and confirmed the

Harris also pleaded that there had been other cars on the highway travelling at a like pace and they had not been stopped.

The judge suggested that the accused driver was complaining that he sped through three zones and only got one ticket. Harris was not asking that, he replied.

Saturna Scene BY MARJORIE RATZLAFF

On April 2 the Senior Citizens enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner, cooked by Connie Smith et al. The film How Green Was My Valley, shown by Graeme Howarth after the meeting, was much enjoyed. John Sylvester treated his fellow Senior Citizens to a delicious punch to celebrate the sale of his house. Although John completed this business at long last we are happy that he does not have to vacate immediately.

SCHOOL NEWS

This week the kindergarten class and others rejoiced at the arrival of some new play equipment, the money for which was provided in the school budget. The equipment was made by Rob Denny of Victoria, and it is very strongly built of wood and is attractive looking. The items include a stretch ferry on which two children can sit which is propelled by wheels and can go forward, backward and turn around; a fire engine with ladder; a kitchen set-up with sink, stove, cupboards, ironing board and iron; a doll house with doll-sized furniture; and a puppet theatre which will enable the children to have shows with puppets they make themselves.

Lil Cunningham has returned well tanned from a week spent in Hawaii with daughter Lauri. Bill and Kathy Sheffield went to Ganges to see the production Jesus Christ Superstar, in which Mike Hayes played the part of Pontius Pilate. We hear young Patrick Hayes injured a foot in a fall, and is now clumping around in a "walking cast". Jeannie Morgan has sent for her crochet materials which, happily, indicates some improvement.

JOHN MIKA, JIM MANLY

Two candidates will be at Ganges for meeting

Arrangements have been com-pleted by the Gulf Islands NDP Club for a major election meeting in Ganges Friday.

It will be the only occasion for voters to meet and hear both the provincial and federal New Democratic Party candidates for the islands on the same evening, a party spokesman told Driftwood. Jim Manly is the contestant for the federal riding of Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands, which embraces the area from Langford-Sooke north to Ladysmith and the

John Mika, the NDP standard bearer for the provincial constituency, Saanich-The Islands, shares only the Gulf Islands with

A highlight of the meeting will be the attendance by Tommy Douglas, who has now stepped down as a Member of Parliament. This occasion will afford islanders an opportunity to hear Mr. Douglas and wish him a happy retirement, said the spokesman.

The meeting will be in the Activ-Room of the Elementary School at 8.00 pm.

Meanwhile, New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent will visit three Vancouver Island cities on Thursday, April 19.

First stop will be a visit to forestry operations in Port Alberni. Following that, Mr. Broadbent will then travel by campaign bus to Nanaimo to address a luncheon meeting.

In the afternoon he will move on to Duncan to meet with voters of the Cowichan and Gulf Islands region in support of Jim Manly, the candidate for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands, who will be travelling with the Broadbent

The Duncan meeting is sche-duled at the downtown Commercial Hotel from 4 to 6 pm.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1979

Needless Confusion

Each morning at about 8.30 a school bus stops outside the school board office in Ganges. Quite properly, his red flashers flash red and traffic, again very properly, comes to a halt as the students descend from the bus into a section of thoroughfare once condemned by the Gulf Islands School Board as too hazardous for use by school buses.

The exercise is one of patience. The bus driver is patient while his young passengers descend. The drivers in the vicinity are patient while they wait for the young passengers to descend.

In the case of those passengers there is no suggestion of patience. They are eagerly jostling with each other to reach daylight and the next urgent activity of the morning.

The exercise is a complete absurdity.

Around the corner, on Rainbow Road, lies a vast property used by the Ganges schools. A minor jog in the steel fence would leave lots of room for a school bus to pull off the road and discharge 10,000 students without affecting traffic flow and without hazarding the children involved.

The bus may legally stop outside the school board office for a decade and more. But why?

A Dreamy Confusion

Let's elect two governments!

Let's elect two governments who are interested in people! Let's elect two governments who will look at elections two ways!

Let's elect two governments who will see the voter's point of view as clearly as the political advantages of an election!

Let's elect two governments who will undertake to call no snap elections to the detriment of the electors they hope will re-elect them!

Let's see an end to the glorious confusion that accompanies every provincial and federal election!

Let's elect two governments who will give us all time to be registered as voters!

Let's elect two governments who will conduct an election as if it were the people's business and not peculiarly their own! Let's keep on dreaming until the next election!

etters to the Editor

SINCERE APPRECIATION

At the recent annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the B. C. SPCA, mention was made of the excellent publicity given the society by your publication.

On behalf of the president and members of this branch of the society, I would like to express sincere appreciation.

H.R.F. DYER, Senior Inspector. Victoria Branch, B. C. SPCA April 11, 1979.

EXCELLENT SERVICE The following letter has been written to the British Columbia Ferry Corporation.

As a resident of Salt Spring Island and daily commuter, I would like to congratulate the B.C.Ferry Corporation on the service to Fulford Harbour with the Pender Queen and the Tache k doing the daily runs to gether, it is

an excellent service and perhaps the B.C.Ferry Corporation could consider keeping a similar service on a permanent basis.

The only improvement we could wish for at the present time would be that the 6.45 am sailing from Fulford Harbour would leave at its scheduled time.

MAUREEN B. LEASON, R.R.2, Ganges. April 12, 1979.

THEY SHOULD SIT ON CRABS, OYSTER SHELLS To the (Untrustworthy) Islands

Trust, Chairman, Mr. J. Rich.

To allow Pinchin Holding's anything more than a walkway and dinghy float would be a scandalous abrogation of your responsibility to future islanders and the people

If the whole island had shouted and yelled for a marina, you should still have turned it down.

The Lord Chancellor sits on a wool sack, a constant reminder of the humble origin of his office, and of its attendant responsibilities.



your terms of reference and act on them. Otherwise you will surely go the way of the dinosaur: another large body with very little brain and possibly a flower in its mouth.

Preserve that flower, I beg of Yours with regret,

NANCY E. RAINSFORD, Mayne Island, B. C. April 10, 1979.

ISLANDERS ARE NOT MUSK-RATS OR POLAR BEARS.

Recently you wrote an editorial denying the need for a public swimming pool. I think that if any major recreational facility is to be built it should be a pool.

First and foremost, a good covered pool would provide a safe, clean, and convenient place to swim all year round. And it would let all islanders, young and old, enjoy a universal sport. It would be an obvious attraction to our island, and if located in Ganges should improve both the appearance of the town and its commerce.

There is no such place now, and the suggestion that the lakes or ocean are enough misses an essential point. Most islanders, Mr. Editor, are neither muskrats nor polar bears and do not like pollution. Furthermore the swimming season is very short.

High costs and small population, the experts say, prevent a pool from being built. But perhaps it is possible to have a good covered pool without burdening us all with debts and taxes for years to come. Cut out saunas and whirlpool baths, choose a attractive design, possibly by open competition, and ask the community at large to help in any way possible. The island has a history of donating much time, material, and remarkable skill to projects it wants. Such a public benefit should be eligible for many types of grants to ease actual costs, and possibly maintenance as well. At

least it is worth the effort.

JOHN G. HALL, Ganges, B.C. April 12, 1979.

DON'T BLAME THE CORPORATIONS

Much is being written about "black lists" in your paper these days - I suspect standing in the dark it is pretty difficult to see the colour of lists! They all look pretty black

I think we see corporations, multi-national or otherwise, as either black or white depending on our own viewpoint. The fact is that in any corporate body all the way down to lower management the prime objective is the maximisation of profit for the shareholder. The performance of personnel in a corporation is measured by their ability to achieve just that one thing. Now I am not saying that all managers, corporate heads etc. are without conscience or social responsibility or morals. However, within their corporate structure they are not measured by these yardsticks. It is their ability to produce the bucks within a given set of rules that assures them of their jobs and their advancement.

The rules within which they produce their bucks may change from country to country, or province or town. So it seems to me the way to get corporations to behave in a manner acceptable to society is to provide the legislative controls, the laws, the rules if you like, within which we want them to operate. We should be looking at the colour of the lists we vote into office, and expect the kinds of legislation for corporations, businesses, entrepreneurs, land developers etc. which will cause them to benefit our

Ultimately the controls required to make corporations more 'socially conscious" are with us individuals. And if that system doesn't work we have to find a way to change it!

But don't blame the corpora-

tions - they are doing what they know best, doing it well, and doing it within the laws we have seen fit to have them do it within!

BAS COBANLI Box 667. Ganges, B.C. April 15, 1979

SLEAZY PLOY

On reading the full-page Social Credit Party advertisement which appeared in the Vancouver Express, Victoria Colonist and Victoria Times during the week of April 7-14 I was shocked to find the statement that the party of my choice (NDP) believes "that land should be controlled by the state...and that individuals should become tenants of the state." The ad went on to say that the Socreds want you to own a home, etc., etc.,

Now, you know, and I know that the New Democratic Party is dedicated to increasing home ownership, (4,500 more housing starts under the NDP, for example), and entirely in favour of us owning our own land and homes.

The NDP does advocate provincial control of the resources otherwise being ripped off by multinationals and multimillionaires, which is quite a different matter!

The suggestion that the NDP wishes to turn us into tenants is another example of "the Big Lie". The intention is obviously to confuse the less-informed voters, and another sleazy ploy by a sleazy, opportunist party machine.

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Church Services SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1979

ANGLICAN St. George's Ganges Family Eucharist 9.30 am St. Mary's Holy Eucharist Fulford 11.15 am ROMAN CATHOLIC Ganges Holy Mass Holy Mass Our Lady of Grace 9.00 am St. Paul's Fulford 11.15 am UNITED Dr. V. McEachern 537-5817 Ganges Worship Service 10.30 am Sunday School during church for ages 3-10 537-5812 Box 330 Fellowship Hour 11.30 am COMMUNITY GOSPEL Rev. S. Hildebrandt Sunday Sch. all ages 10.30 am Box 61, Ganges 537-2622 **Evening Service** 7.00 pm Bible Study & Prayer 537-5757 Thursday 7.30 pm MAYNE ISLAND St. Mary Magdalene Sundays 11.30 am Rev. John Dyer Community Church Pastor J. Rodine 539-5710 Sunday at 3 pm in school Bible Study Friday in homes **GALIANO ISLAND** St. Margaret's Galiano Sundays 9.00 am

More letters to the editor

(From Page Four)

Several questions come to my mind.

What about the informed (and apparently decent) members of the Social Credit Party? They must recognize the falsity of the type of scare tactic being used. How do they feel about it? Do they have no control over their party machine, or do they really feel that "the end justifies any means"?

Is it really fair that the other parties should have to find themselves already at a disadvantage just to be telling the truth?

I hope all real Liberals and Conservatives will be thinking about that one on election day!

TOM WRIGHT RR I, Ganges, B.C. April 14, 1979.

APPRECIATION

Sir,

Walking is wonderful! And so was the response to the Lions Walkathon on Saturday.

As chairman of the Walkathon Committee, I would like to tell all the wonderful people of Salt Spring Island how much we appreciated their taking part. And as a member of the Lions Club I would like to echo myself in that!

The weather was good, the walking was better and the response was terrific.

With a combination like that, all I can say is a fervent "Thankyou!" And I'm saying it, loud and

often. L.G. RAMSEY Ganges April 16, 1979

IT WAS QUIET, ONCE

Sir.

How sad I am over all the unnecessary publicity Mayne Island has been receiving these past few weeks re Bennett Bay.

We were a quiet little island. Many people did not know where

Mayne was or even how to spell it.
"Was it Main or Mayne?"

Now, with all the publicity, the public are coming from near and far to see what kind of people we are!

I have been besieged by reporters (now there is a rare breed!)

I have had mail and phone calls attacking and congratulating me on my stand.

There will probably be other contentious issues coming up. Will our island be seething and rocking again?

Please, islanders, let your good sense and cool heads prevail!

Remember: "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself."

Signed: with a heavy heart, ISABEL GEEHAN, Local Trustee, Islands Trust, Mayne Island, B.C. April 16, 1979.

EQUALIZATION TAX

Sir,

In response to your request in the *Driftwood* of March 28, 1979, concerning the School Tax Equalization Act as it applies to School District No. 64, I have, over the last few months, had several discussions with my colleague, the Honourable Pat McGeer on this subject. This resulted in a meeting held January 18, 1979, with Mr. Spencer Marr and Mr. Tom Davidson, two of your school trustees, Dr. McGeer and myself.

The outcome of the meeting was that Dr. McGeer has undertaken to have his ministry study the cost of the extra transportation costs involved in the district because of the numerous water boundaries. Dr. McGeer agreed to give special recognition to unusual circumstances should the study show a unique cost area.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Education is preparing a comparison of the district's capital program. If this should show any unusual characteristics, he is prepared to give the matter further thought in terms of devising a method of providing additional assistance.

This is a very real concern for all Gulf Islanders and I shall be continuing my endeavours on their behalf.

HUGH A. CURTIS Minister Victoria, BC April 9, 1979

NEED FOR DOCK

Sir.

In regards to your article of April 11 on the dock at Bennett Bay. I found the quote from the Trust Act, that the goal of the Trust was to preserve and protect in co-operation with government and municipalities for the benefits of residents of the area and the province generally one of the most realistic points in this whole debate.

The islands are for everyone and the boating public are a large majority in our area of islands. The Drift Inn Restaurant has re-opened under hew management. Mrs. Thelma Lambeth and Mrs. Evelyn Brakstad plan to operate it until July when Mrs. Lambeth's daughter Tracy and a friend, Betty Morrison will be taking over on a permanent basis. Full course meals will be served and the hours open will be from 8 am till 9 pm every day including Sunday. The Drift Inn Restaurant is located in the centre of the Islands next door to the Driftwood Garage

Apologies from your correspondent, Eleanor Harrison, to the Pender Post and especially to Mrs.

Mayne Island needs more docking facilities as the two we have now have been overcrowded for years. Let's face the fact of changes and growth in the islands.

We need another dock, let's put it where there is already commercial and residential development and preserve our many undeveloped bays.

JEĂNINE AND JOHN DODDS Mayne Island April 12, 1979

First in his class

Sue Hutton, whose name I inadvertently omitted from the list of officers elected for the forth-coming year at the annual meeting on March 28. Mrs. Sue Hutton will be the Treasurer of the Pender Post Society for the coming year. At the annual meeting the Constitution was amended to allow for a new office, that of Advertising Treasurer; Mrs. Gwen Stephens was elected to fill this office.

FIELD DAY FOR GOATS AND SHEEP

On the Penders

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

The Pender Island 4-H Goat and Lamb Project held a Field Day on April 13, at the farm of Bob and Lyn Fearn on Clam Bay Road.

The leaders of the 4-H Club Goat Project are Mrs. Lyn Milton and Mrs. Helena Turner and the members are Tracy Milton, Michell Milton, Michelle Sutherland and Barry Hodd.

The leader of the 4-H Club Lamb project is Mrs. Lyn Fearn and the members are Celene Craven, Zia Sutherland, Heidi Fearn and Erica Fearn.

The guests for the day were fourteen members and nine leaders plus family members from the Cowichan Valley 4-H Goat and Fodder Club.

Using the Pender projects' lambs and goats, the Cowichan Club leaders and senior members taught the members of both clubs showmanship during the morning.

Bruce Stanley and Mrs. Roberta Sutherland prepared lunch for the group which was served at the School-Community Centre.

After lunch, again at the Fearn's farm, the day continued with instruction in livestock judging. Each club member had an opportunity to apply their new knowledge by judging a class of four Saanen kids.

The day finished with an Easter Egg Hunt on Clam Bay beach and the visitors from Cowichan provided hot dogs and juice and invited the Pender Club to soon visit them in the Cowichan Valley.



Tony Richards

What kind of people are bred in the suburbs of Vancouver?

That question was foremost in the minds of many islanders who witnessed a display of idiocy in a local hotel Saturday night.

And if you thought it was the bikers who were responsible, you were wrong. It was a bunch of kids over from the lower mainland and it wasn't the first time the island has been favoured with a visit from such people.

Every time there's a holiday weekend, they seem to flock to the islands. But they serve to remind us, however, of what's happening in suburbia and the insanity it breeds.

We can look forward to another demonstration on the Victoria Day weekend.

I had a telephone call Monday morning from a man who suggested that there was quite a similarity between the writing style of bulletins distributed by the Bennett Bay Preservation Committee and last week's report on the public meeting at Mayne Island.

All I can say is the BBPC must have a good newsman in their midst.

And the weekend also brought the Bounty Hunters. Motorcycle gangs are seldom regarded with favour but this one was pretty mellow compared with other weekend visitors to Salt Spring.

ME CLE

Driftwood is getting into the swing of things for the softball season this year and men's league softball teams had better watch out. And anyone worried that the Ganges All-Stars will get more than their share of publicity has nothing to fear.

Even though *Driftwood* is sponsoring G.A.S. this year, everything will be fair and square as far as publicizing league action is concerned.

Watch this column next week for a complete list of G.A.S. players.

We had an accident report from Pender Island this week. Evidently, a Mustang collided with a Falcon and left horses—t and feathers all over the road.

At least that's what RCMP Sergeant Terry Driscoll said anyway.

And speaking of accident reports, what happened when a Salt Spring man called the local RCMP to advise that an ambulance was needed out on Scott Road Monday?

The same man found out later that the ambulance service didn't hear from the police and that someone else who had been at the scene had called them direct.

Incident involved a cyclist who suffered an epileptic fit and was found lying on the road by passing motorist.

Duane Guilbault, eight-year-old walker, was first in the under nine class in Salt Spring Walkathon. He rated Dad's jacket for his effort.

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PREMIER BILL BENNETT & HUGH CURTIS

If you're a resident of Saanich and the Islands, you shouldn't miss this important opportunity to hear about the issues facing British Columbians in the upcoming provincial election on May 10th.

Come voice your views. Or just say hello.

Premier Bill Bennett and Hugh Curtis look forward to meeting you.

TUESDAY APRIL 24th Saanich and the Islands.

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Sidney

Brentwood Bay Royal Oak Gorge Saturna Island Community Hall 8:30 a.m. Pender Island Golf and Country Club 9:30 a.m. Mayne Island Agricultural Hall 10:30 a.m. South Galiano Community Hall 11:30 a.m. Salt Spring Island 12:30 p.m. High School Auditorium Sanscha Hall Parking Lot & along Beacon Avenue 2:30 p.m. Trafalgar Square 3:30 p.m. Royal Oak Shopping Centre 4:30 p.m. Gorge & Tillicum Shopping Centre 5:00 p.m.



British Columbia Social Credit Party

This ad was inserted by Saanich and the Islands Social Credit

French chef takes a peek



French chef Jennifer Wiebe is peeking at her clientele. The trailer was the kitchen of La Creperie, when the French class sold crepes

on Saturday morning to anglophones. Proceeds will be set against the cost of sending students to Quebec this year.

Body of Sidney man is found

Body of a man reported missing Wednesday night from Deep Cove on the Saanich Peninsula was found Thursday at Piers Island.

Horst Keding of Sidney had gone out on his 16-foot boat Wednesday morning and when he failed to return that evening, a search was initiated by the Rescue Co-ordination Centre. Keding's boat was later found drifting in the area; his dog was still on board.

Piers Island resident Charlie Kent found the body hung up on the pilings underneath a wharf.

Search involved four navy vessels, minesweepers, Horst Klein's Queen of Storm, the Coast Guard Hovercraft, Coast Guard cutters Ready and Sir James Douglas and a Labrador helicopter from CFB

Flag thief repents

"Dear detachment," read the letter from a penitent ex-Salt Spring resident to Ganges RCMP this week.

The letter was written to apologize for stealing some flags from the local police office. The flags were returned with the letter, which also said the writer appreciated the way in which the police were handling the matter.

RCMP said no charges will be

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Returning Officer

What's happening at ELEMENTARY

BY IAN JUKES

With the Easter break now officially behind us, it's time to set our sights upon the many special events that will happen in the next two and a half months.

First and foremost in this regard is the School Carnival which has now been scheduled for Friday, May 11. Mrs. Matthews, the parent co-ordinator, would certainly appreciate any assistance or suggestions. Please contact her through the school. It sounds as if this will be a major undertaking: more on it in the weeks to come.

Otherwise, of immediate concern is the Boundary Bay Friendship Exchange (part two) scheduled for this Friday and Saturday in Delta. Four teams from Salt Spring Elementary and two from Fernwood will participate in a large basketball tournament. As Delta is a basketball hotbed, it will certainly give us an indicator as to the strength of our team.

In a warm up to this, the Boy's "A" team won the Salt Spring Invitational Tournament Thursday, eating teams from Ferr Crofton. Their record this year stands at an incredible 10 wins, one

FIELD BALL

Meanwhile, in house activities, field ball is at centre stage. A combination of handball, football, pinghard and basketball, it has really caught on. Standings after one week are Mustangs, 25, Colts and Broncos, 23, and Stallions, 20.

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Field ball continues for two more

With Stanley Cup playoffs com-mencing (to be finished not later than May 31, just in time to start again) interest has been heightened in our Corum Super League. Five teams made up of grades five, six and seven boys and girls play once a week in the gym. The calibre of hockey is surprisingly good.

And finally, congratulations to all those who participated in the Walkathon this past weekend. Speaking from personal experience it was worth every strained muscle, blistered heel, and sweaty running

Special congrats to Mike Lee, Shane O'Donnell and Dwayne Guilbault for running the whole way (12 km.) What a great way to start the track season.

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James W. Robertson

Windy weather keeps Klein family busy

The recent windy weather has been keeping Gulf Islands Emergency program volunteers at Otter Bay busy with rescues.

Just after noon on Thursday, a telephone call from local RCMP alerted Horst Klein that a 15-foot open pleasure craft with two persons aboard was in danger of going ashore on Pender Island between Boat Nook and Oak Bluffs. Within three minutes, Horst and Sandra Klein were in their wet suits and on their way with the Boston whaler. A gale warning had been issued that morning and Klein later described seas as "the worst I've ever been out in". A clear indication of the severity of conditions was the fact that the whaler, capable of 40 knots in good weather, could make only three or four knots and took half an hour to travel the length of North Pender

Telephone contact with a short party amended the pleasure crafts position to just off Wallace Point, about twice the original distance. It was established that the boat could be beached with some risk of damage but the occupants refused to do so.

Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria repeatedly advised the whaler crew not to risk themselves or their boat in the operation.

At 12.48 the whaler crew reported that they had the boat in tow and just over half an hour later both boats arrived at Otter Bay. The two occupants of the boat had left Sidney about 6 am, intending to make a quick run to Pender to check a weekend cabin and to return to Sidney by 9 am. They were unable to round Wallace Point into the more sheltered Bedwell Harbour.

Although the pair had opted to stay with their boat rather than save themselves, they were extremely thankful for the rescue services. One was quoted as saying, "I'm sure glad today that I pay my taxes!"

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Daffodil tea attracts big crowd of pensioners to Central Hall

BY PENSIONER

B.C. Old Age Pensioners, Branch 32, held their eighth church Daffodil Lunch on Wednesday, April 11 at 2 pm in the church hall.

The weather was in our favour. In the past years the attendance

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has risen and we had three long tables of members and guests.

Due to the illness of the president, Mrs. Betty Brigden, Mrs. Annie Code, first vice-president took the chair. After the welcome to everyone, the chair was turned over to Mrs. Elsie Thacker who asked the Rev. T. Wright to ask the blessing and on with a splendid lunch, specially prepared by Mrs. Joan Hayward and her helpers.

The meal was cold meats and salads, topped off with cakes and ice-cream, all the cakes were iced with yellow to match the decor. The hall was a mass of yellow and white. Mrs. Margaret Cunningham then introduced the entertainment group of 15 and we enjoyed our hour of lovely old fashioned music and songs, just what the old folks like to hear and we do thank her for the arrangement.

One could not help but admire the glow of yellow from the excellent display, upon entering the hall

Our thanks to those who gave flowers, those who did the work and those who came to enjoy the afternoon.

Visitors and members were asked to take the flowers if they wished after the affair. Liberal candidate in the May 22 federal election, David Anderson is seen chatting with Jane Clark in Ganges on Saturday. The veteran politician spent a day meeting islanders in the Farmers' Market, Rotary Auction and Valcourt Centre. He went to Pioneer Village and ended up at the Rod and Gun Club dance. Behind the candidate is Mary Ann Grittani.





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Fear of expansion prompted opposition to apple press site

BY TONY RICHARDS

What prompted some of the opposition to a proposal by Phoenix Orchards to set up an applepressing operation at Beaver Point was that it might eventually become a privately-owned, mechanized operation that would be larger than what had been anticipated. That's what Demitri Way resident Tom Hoover told Driftwood on Monday when he was asked for his feelings on the recent controversy surrounding the proposal.

And it seems that some misunderstandings between the juicing proponents and some of the residents in the neighbourhood played a large part in sparking the

controversy. Hoover said he had been told that the juicing operation, which was to be located on property adjacent to his own, might be expanded to process 200 tons of apples and other produce a year. Prior to that, Hoover explained, he had been all for the plan and was ready to assist John Boc, Phoenix Orchards manager and his neighbour, in setting up the operation.

CLOSE TO WELL

One of Hoover's major objections was the proposed location of the building that would house the press. He was worried about the proximity of the building to his well, 20 feet away. And when he had been given the impression that there could be expansion in the future, he became concerned about problems such as noise and smell.

He called Reg Bezzola, who operates a commercial juicing operation on Vancouver Island. and was told that neighbours half a mile away had expressed concern over the amount of noise made in the juicing process.

Other objections to an expanded processing plant included the possibility of increased truck traffic on Demitri Way and that a larger operation would necessitate rezon-

Public hearing at Mayne on Saturday

Public hearing has been scheduled for Saturday at 1 pm at Mayne Island for a new zone proposed by the Mayne Island Trust Commit-

A bylaw has been prepared that would create a Water B1 zoning and at the same time would allow development of moorage facilities

at Bennett Bay, on Mayne Island. Hearing will take place at the Mayne Island School Activity

ing of the property. Hoover was definite about not wanting to see commercial zoning in the area. WATER SHORTAGE

Another point he raised in connection with the Demitri Way location was the water shortage during the summer on John Boc's property. Hoover said he used to own the property and the well would go dry in mid-July.

He pointed out several times his desire to see Phoenix Orchards

"Surely a suitable site can be found. I personally, and I'm sure there are others, would donate time and materials and make sure it can continue.

Controlling rodents such as mice and rats is one of the major considerations in a food processing operation such as applepressing, Reg Bezzola told. Driftwood in a telephone interview Monday. But as far as the apple pulp was concerned, he didn't believe there was any danger of it contaminating a water supply

"But it does attract lots of fruit flies, wasps and rodents," he said.

In a large operation such as his, he observed, there was a lot of noise, and another factor to be considered was water use. At the height of the season, Bezzola said, he goes through 10,000 gallons a

NON-PROFIT

One of the directors of Phoenix

Orchards said it wasn't intended that their operation become an expanded commercial enterprise. Bev Unger observed that Phoenix will be running five or six months of the year and that the society that runs it is a non-profit organization.

Hoover had said he'd heard there were plans to set up a mechanical cutter/slicer with facilities for steam-cleaning juice

Mrs. Unger pointed out that Phoenix doesn't have the kind of money it would take to purchase such equipment.

She said that another site has been located for the press and it looked as though it might be suitable for Phoenix' needs.

And if they need any help preparing it for the apple season this year, they could consider calling Tom Hoover, whose last remark on Monday was that he was prepared to be signed up to donate free labour to Phoenix Orchards.

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(From Page One)

The provincial lists were updated a few months ago and the past week has seen a final revision. An enumerator has been maintaining a desk in the Gulf Islands School Board office to take names.

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responsible for ensuring that they have a vote.

Not on the list? You're plumb out of luck. There is no way a provincial voter may cast his ballot if his name is missing from the list. Unlike the federal election, a voter cannot be vouched for or sworn in at the provincial polls.

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Successful Fashion Show held recently at Ganges

The Daffodil Tea and Fashion Show held Saturday, April 7 at Ganges was both successful and delightful, reports one of the event's organizers, Teresa Rooke.

Held at the Harbour House_ Hotel, the show featured fashions courtesy of Mouat's and was under the direction of Barbara Toynbee.

Marguerite Lee was the commentator and models were Yvonne and Colleen Toynbee, Doris Harvey, Joyce Parsons, M. Jones, T. Stibbards, N. Jenks and C. Nest-

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Diane Hele looked after the tea and flower arrangements.

Mrs. Rooke said that mothers in the band association and girls in the Secondary School Band deserv-ed special thanks for their work in making the event a successful one.

Kim McGregor was the winner of the special Easter cake made by S. Sparling.

Mrs. Miller wins beef for Scouts

Mrs. G.E. Miller, of Maliview Drive was the winner of the hind-quarter of beef raffled by Scouts and Cubs on Salt Spring Island. Beef was donated by K & R Food Store in Ganges and the draw took place on Saturday.

Meat department manager, Jimmy Moir was assisted by Cubs when he made the draw. The Cubs were Simon Jang and Al Innes.

Cubs and Scouts are better off by about \$800 as a result of the

Students to ski around Salt Spring



Here are the three Salt Spring water skiers who are planning to circumnavigate the island next

BY MIKE HOECHSMANN

Three outgoing grads of Gulf Islands Secondary School will water-ski around the perimeter of

Light fine for offence

Pamela Brannan was fined \$100 in Ganges Provincial Court last week when she appeared on two charges involving alcohol and driving an automobile.

Through her counsel, she plea-ded guilty to the first count and the second was withdrawn.

Her income was very limited and she had two daughters to support, court was told.

She was ordered to undertake community service work and her license was suspended for three month. From left to right they are John Pringle, Chris Lake and Wolfi Temmel.

Salt Spring Island next month to raise money for the Grad Club. The objective of the venture is to make it around the island in as few ripe-outs" as possible.

The boys are collecting sponsors who pay a pledge per mile and stand a chance at winning \$20. Each time a 'wipe-out' occurs, one mile will be subtracted from the island's perimeter (approximately 50 miles). Also included as 'wipe-outs' are the skier changes (each one third of journey). Thus, the sponsor can expect to pay (50-?) times his pledge.

By correctly guessing the time the journey takes, the sponsor will receive a \$20 prize. The ski trip will take place (weather permitting) on Saturday, May 5.

Anyone interested in sponsoring this venture and supporting the Grad Club in the process can find a sponsor sheet at the Driftwood

Relief Society will meet on Fridays

The newly-formed Relief Society on Salt Spring Island will hold regular meetings on the first and third Friday of each month, it was decided at the group's organizational meeting recently.

The society is the women's organization of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints.

Mother education and homemaking will be emphasized in lessons that will take place at meetings.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 20 at the home of Sonja Baker and mother education will be the topic. Meeting will begin at 10 am and a nursery will be provided for children. Anyone interested may phone Mrs. Baker at



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First Sewer protest brief

Stop project and reroute outfall!

First brief to be presented to the Pollution Control Branch calls for rejection of the Ganges sewer proposal and the ultimate discharge of sewage into Trincomali Channel.

The brief is prepared by Dr. Herman Kirchmeir, of Salt Spring Island. The author has already been a vocal opponent to the plan for Ganges sewers and has exchanged heated words with directors of the Capital Regional Board.

In his statement of purpose, Kirchmeir explains that the brief opposes discharge of sewage into

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Ganges Harbour as proposed by the Capital Regional District. His objection rises from the fragility of the marine environment of the bay. The massive contamination of its waters would continue even when the plant was in operation, he contends. It would have an adverse effect on the marine life in Ganges Harbour as well as representing a continuing health risk.

correction.

His final objection is based on the "waste of private and public money on an ineffectual attempt to clean up Ganges Harbour through the proposed outfall."

CALLS FOR ORDER

In addition to recommending the denial or the permit sought and the discharge of effluent into Trincomali Channel, the author recommends "that as first step towards this goal, the Capital Regional District be ordered to forthwith commission an independent feasi-

bility study for this outfall.

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The best route to a Trincomali outfall should be explored and a cost estimate given, urges the writer. His final plea is for a public

The brief examines the marine environment of Ganges Harbour and describes it as a prime spawning area for herring and a rearing area for herring and salmon, shellfish, cod, rockfish, sole and others. Benthos, oysters, mussells and crabs are all part of the harvest of Ganges Harbour, he relates.

AND SCENIC

In addition, boating and swimming are part of the harbour use. It is also a notable scenic attraction.

The harbour is shallow, the waters are turbid. Extensive intertidal mudflats are part of its shores. The slopes of the land along the harbour are increasingly densely settled. Flushing action in the harbour is extremely poor and the tides are irregular. Tides are also minimal, producing little transportation of the waters of the

The spreading of a sewage cloud in the receiving water depends on the depth and the amount of movement in the water, contends

Depth is barely nine metres and movement is very limited. In addition, the topography of the harbour funnels winds up the harbour, blowing the water back into the harbour.

Kirchmeir sees the sewage effluent blown back into the inner harbour.

NOT ENOUGH

He also criticizes the plan to collect from downtown Ganges only. The densely settled Ganges Hill area will continue to contaminate the bay waters, he contends, although he does not specify Ganges Hill.

The brief examines the contents of the effluent and the likely pattern of movement once it reaches the outer harbour.

A portion of the effluent that is transported down-harbour will be speedily returned to the harbour and the contaminants will accumulate to a much greater extent than that given in the report, he contends.

This increasing pollution of the waters of the bay constitutes a permanent health hazard, says the brief. The danger of discharging sewage into the sea is considered at

Disease organisms can survive in sea water for weeks, he warns.

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Pesticides, herbicides and other poisons are also likely to run through the processing plant unaffected. They are liable to become ingested by shellfish and passed to the human system.

Bathing in sewage-polluted sea water carries a severe health risk, he pleads. If land disposal is vetoed, then discharge into Ganges Harbour must be even more, he told the branch.

The Capital Regional District proposal will result in a reduction of the pollution of the inner harbour, he agrees, although a "dramatic" amount of contaminants would still reach it. Those contaminants which pass through the system would be deposited in the outer harbour area. Thence, they would be driven up the harbour again, he re-asserts. The discharge would still be drawn into a giant eddy at the harbour mouth, which would return, possibly the greater portion of it, back to the inner harbour.

RETENTION

Effect would be a retention of disease organisms and poisons in the inner harbour despite the sew-

The final objection to the

scheme is that owners of land in the Ganges area would be able to apply for development permits, while their competitors in the unsewered areas would not.

The Kirchmeir alternative is to construct an overland pipeline to Trincomali Channel. He estimates the cost at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Distance is between four and five kilometres, says the brief. At Trincomali the outfall of one kilometre, or approximately 3,000 feet, would reach a depth of 70

UPGRADE PLANT

The pumping plant would have to be upgraded to get over the 70 metre climb, but this would not be a great expenditure, he contends. Trincomali has greater depth of outfall, bigger body of water, less marine life, faster tidal currents. The odds are overwhelmingly in favour of the channel, says the brief. In conclusion, the brief refers back to its originally listed recommendations; "We recommend, therefore, L that the Capital Regional District be ordered to forthwith commission an independent feasibility study of an outfall into Trincomali Channel and a route to reach it; 2, that the permit for an outfall into Ganges Harbour be not granted.'

Oil slick still acute danger in event of tanker disaster

The oil trail was diminished, but the warning was no weaker when David Anderson spoke in Ganges at the week end.

Liberal candidate in the federal election on May 22, David Anderson is a former member of parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich. He was notable during his term for his devotion to the cause of conservation. He has been one of the loudest critics in Canada of oil transportation and contamination of the seas.

When he spoke at Ganges a veek or so ago, Anderson spoke of the effect of a major spill. He was reported at that time to have visualized a trail of oil as far north as Alaska.

On Sunday morning, address-ing a coffee party at the home of Vivian Scheff, he explained that the inch-thick trail would likely extend from Sooke to Seattle and up to Campbell River.

He reminded his audience, mostly Liberals, that there is a

steady flow of oil from Alaska to Puget Sound and Cherry Point. He estimated it as up to 300,000

WORKED FOR 10 YEARS

'For 10 years I have worked to keep tanker traffic out of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and out of the inland Gulf waters," he told his audience. He cautioned that there is no choice between the environment and jobs. The job depends on the environment; environmental protection means jobs.

"It is vital," he stated, "that we get behind these safer, albeit more expensive northern pipelines and promote them! We have a real stake in the outcome!"

About 20 people attended the coffee party.

Palm Sunday christening

Jeremy Robert Mollet, infant son of Constable and Mrs. R. Mollet, was christened in St. Mary's Church at Fulford, on Palm Sunday in a ceremony performed by Rev. P. McCalman.

Godparents are Constable and Mrs. Jerry Anderson, Nanaimo.

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OBJECTOR FINED FOR NOT FILING RETURN

What does one do when law and conscience conflict?

BY BETH HILL

I went to Myron Zarry's trial in Ladysmith last Thursday. The courtroom was no larger than my own living room, and only a handful of spectators occupied the chairs against the back wall. At the other end of the room, slightly elevated and well illuminated, sat the judge, a man with a long solemn face, dark-rimmed glasses and wearing an impeccable dark blue suit.

Below him, to the left and right, were the Crown prosecutor, dapper, handsome and bored, and the rumpled, earnest young defence lawyer Don Bohun. Completing the square and facing the judge was a young man in a white T-shirt, the defendant, Myron Zarry.

Answering his lawyer's questions, Myron Zarry said he was a carpenter, millwright and boatbuilder, and that he had refused to file an income tax return for three years, although he had paid the tax, which was deducted from his pay cheque by his employers. The income tax people would have been satisfied if he had just submitted a blank form, as long as he signed it, but Myron Zarry would not sign because he believes his signature indicates his consent to the way in which his tax money is spent, and he objects, on strongly moral grounds, to much that is done in his name, with his apparent compliance.

THREATENS LIVES

For one thing, he fears the development of nuclear technology, believing that such research threatens the lives of his own two children, and all the world's children. He pointed out that there is no freedom of information in Canada, that decisions concerning technology are not publicly taken and that accountability has been lost.

Outside the courtroom the heavy rain fell and the murmur of the rain blended with the distant noise of cars passing on the Island Highway, and the squish of tires just outside. Inside the small room, with its white walls and ceiling, discreet indirect lighting and soft brown rug, the judge bent over his bench book, scribbling earnestly and muttering as he wrote, so that one could almost read his notes.

Occasionally he would interrupt the defence lawyer to clarify a point, or all proceedings would stop until he had found a relevant subsection in one of the law books on his desk and had reread the cold words of the law there recorded. I was impressed with the quiet good manners of the four men in the square, and the care with which they addressed each other.

Agreeing that Myron Zarry's views were sincere and strongly held, the judge pointed out that his decision should not be construed as rejecting this sincerity. He accepted that Myron Zarry is a conscientious objector, but what was the defence's authority for a conscientious objector refusing to file an income tax return?

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At this point I thought the answer should have been that wars in the past have been fought by soldiers, but now they are fought by scientists and technicians, paid by Myron Zarry's taxes, and that there must be some way for conscientious objectors to refuse to support the development of new and deadlier weapons that endanger life itself.

However, the defence lawyer could not make this answer, for the trail concerned not what the law should be, but what it is now. Mr. Bohun quoted the Common Law: "A man is responsible for the consequences of his acts" and argued that Myron Zarry must therefore refuse to approve nuclear research.

However, this case dealt only with the Income Tax Act and therefore the defence's arguments were irrelevant. The defence law-yer reminded the judge that at Nuremburg men had been found guilty even though they only obeyed laws, that Eichman was condemned, even though he too obeyed laws.

COULDN'T AGREE

Irrelevant, irrelevant. In effect, the defence argued that if the pur-

pose for which tax money is required is evil, then a person can refuse to pay, and to this the judge could not agree. Myron Zarry was found guilty on three counts, and was given the minimum fine of \$200 per count, but the judge thoughtfully spaced out the fines so that Myron could raise the money, and he added the alternative of a few days jail for each count if Myron preferred this punishment. The judge was an honourable man, just as sincere as Myron Zarry, and he believed that the rule of law is the glue that holds society

For two hours last Thursday, while the rain soaked into the earth outside, în a small courtroom in Ladysmith, an excruciating question was discussed; should we obey the law or our conscience when the two conflict?

Permitted to speak after sentence had been passed, Myron Zarry said he had been willing to face the court process and risk the fine just to discover whether the individual had any power to change things. Court was then adjourned, with this last statement hanging in the air.

World Relief Tea at Fulford Hall April 28

BY NONIE GUTHRIE

On April 28 at Fulford Hall, the community of Salt Spring Island will once more take part in the annual World Relief and Development Tea. This event, which has been taking place for many years now, attracts the attention and support of all the churches on the island, and of the community at large.

It was started in the 1960's by a group of Anglican women, with the intent of raising money for the Primate's World Relief Fund. The original idea was that the tea itself should be very simple: a bread and butter meal, to express our concern for all the disaster-prone areas of the world.

For some years the tea was held in private houses; but such was the support given by other churches that it eventually was moved to Fulford Hall. Since that time it has become a truly ecumenical event, and year after year raises sums of money of up to \$2,000, which have been divided amongst the participating churches.

Over the years, at the level of the national executives of the various churches, there have been changes in attitude towards relief and development in Third World countries. Relief will always be necessary in response to disasters of all kinds: earthquakes, famine, floods, wars.

DEVELOPMENT

But it is now acknowledged that permanent solutions to Third World problems can only be found in the development of the economies of these stricken countries. Thus the emphasis amongst the churches is slowly shifting towards an understanding of the need for justice in the Third World, of fairer land distribution, of a fairer share of the products of needy countries.

During the past few years, the World Relief and Development Committee of Salt Spring Island has been trying to bring to the attention of our own island some of the many ways in which Third World countries suffer at the hands of First World greed and selfishness. It is a proven fact that there are far more starving and near-starving people in the world than there were 20 years ago, and this despite great advances in world agriculture, and millions of dollars worth of relief.

When you come to the World Relief and Development Tea, do take time to look at the educational displays. For it is only by increasing our awareness of the injustices perpetrated on the Third World that we can begin to tackle the problems of development in these, our neighbouring countries.

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NOTICE OF MEETING Mayne Island

There will be a meeting of the Mayne Island Trust Committee to consider various items of business concerning Mayne Island, at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on April 21, 1979, in the Mayne Island Elementary and Junior High School, Activity Centre.

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MAYNE ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be

proposed By-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in Mayne Island Elementary and Junior High School, Activity Centre, Mayne Island, on SATURDAY, April 21, 1979, commencing at 1.00 pm.

Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 10, (being Amendment By-law No. 4, 1978), is a By-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 103, 1972.

Capital Regional District By-law No. 103, cited as "Zoning By-law, Planning Area No. 4, 1972", is amended as follows:

(a) By adding after Part 20 of the By-law, a new zone as follows:

"PART 21 - WATER B-1 ZONE"

Permitted Uses in this zone are:

PRINCIPAL USE

Boat moorage associated with hotels, motels, lodges and other commercial accommodation facilities but excluding marine fuel sales, boat repair facilities, aircraft moorage, the sale of food and liquor.

SECONDARY USE

Boat rentals, off-season boat moorage

CONDITIONS OF USE

Boat moorage shall be restricted to the moorage of vessels and boats belonging to guests of the hotel, motel or lodge, or patrons of the eating and liquor establishments associated with the hotel, motel or lodge.

Other provisions include that not more than two hundred (200) metres of the perimeter of any structure shall be used for boat moorage and boat rental purposes; all structures shall be located within the boundaries of water leases; all lighting located on any wharf, float or dock shall be shielded and designed so as not to be directly visible from the surrounding land and water areas; no structure shall exceed five (5) metres in height, and, no boathouse or similar building or structure shall be permitted except a storage shed having an area no greater than ten (10) sq. metres and not exceeding two (2) metres in height.

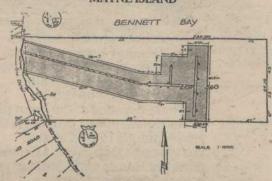
(b) By adding to Section 2.1 of Part 2 the following:

"Off-season boat moorage" means the moorage of boats for economic gain during the time period September 21 to March 21 of any year.

(c) By changing the zoning classification of that Part of Lot 560, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, shaded on Plan No. 1, and which forms part of the proposed By-law, from the Water A Zone to the Water B-1 Zone.

Location: Bennett Bay, Mayne Island.

LAND DISTRICT COWICHAN PART OF LOT 560 MAYNE ISLAND



This is Plan No. 1 of Mayne Island Trust Committee By-law No. 10

Copies of the proposed By-law may be reviewed in the Lobby of the Post Office, Mayne Island, during normal working hours of 9.00 am to 8.00 pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive. The proposed By-law may also be reviewed at the Islands Trust Office, 848 Courtney Street, Victoria, B.C., during normal working hours of 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.

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LIBRARIAN OUTLINES BENEFITS OF REGIONAL SYSTEM

Clouding issue was not intention of library

When the Vancouver Island Regional Library polled islands residents recently on inclusion of the islands in the regional system, it had no intention of standing in the way of the local library associa-

VIRL spokesman Mary Lou Cuddy told *Driftwood* last week that it "certainly wasn't their intention to cloud the issue" of the Salt Spring Library Association's campaign for funds for expansion of the Ganges library facilities.

She said the regional system had been invited by some local residents to supply information about the VIRL and that a letter had been sent out to determine how many people were interested in joining. Replies to the letter from Gulf Islands residents numbered about 250, she said. Half the replies were from Salt Spring residents. She also noted that six of the respondents signified they didn't want to join the VIRL.

The spokesman went on to point out that a number of statements made about the regional library that had appeared recently in Driftwood had been untrue. WOULD HAVE A SAY

One of her major objections was the report that local people would have no say in the operation of the library if the islands were to join

In addition to there being a representative from the islands on the regional library board, people would have a say through the librarian as well, she said.

"The library collection would be built with requests from the community," said Cuddy.

As far as costs were concerned, she observed that the cost of being included in the VIRL would mean an additional tax levy of 1.48 mills. A property owner whose tax was \$100 would pay an extra \$2.12, or one whose tax was \$500 would pay an additional \$10.58 a year. Total cost to the islands would be \$40,000 a year.

HALF A MILLION

The library's budget this year for the purchase of books and

magazines is half a million dollars, she said. At present, the system has 350,000 books and 50,000 new books are added every year.

Regarding the size of the library building, the minimum requirement is for 1,500 square feet of space. The size would ultimately depend on whatever was

Cuddy said it had been reported that there would be fewer readily-available books.

"It doesn't make sense.....it's just not true," she said. In addition to there being more

children's books, she noted, the library would provide cassettes, audio books (books on tape), large-print books for people with sight problems, magazines and pamphlets.

Other services provided by the VIRL include delivery to shut-ins and programming such as puppet shows and story-telling for child-ren, and films and lectures for

THROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

If the Gulf Islands wished to oin the regional library it would have to be done through the school district. Joining the system can only be done through a municipality or school district.

There would be no way that the Outer Islands could join unless Salt Spring joined as well, said the library spokesman. She also observed that there was little benefit to Outer Islands residents from the Ganges library.

The Salt Spring Island Library Association is presently trying to raise money to expand its facilities at Ganges. Total of \$8,500 had been collected by the association

by April 9.
VIRL spokesman Mary Lou Cuddy is a resident of Salt Spring and works at the regional library at

Deer killed in accident

One deer is dead and a vehicle owned by John McKenzie of Salt Spring Island is damaged to the extent of \$300 following an accident on Fulford-Ganges Road last

McKenzie hit the deer near the Cranberry Road intersection on Wednesday.

Fernwood BY JESSIE SAYER

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crombie have sold their lovely home on North Beach Road and will move to a new home in Tsawwassen.

Mrs. Frank Waterfall of North Beach Road recently enjoyed a visit from her son Alan with wife and

children from North Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper of Maliview Drive spent a week visiting their two sons and families. Barry of Abbotsford and Don of Richmond.

Mr. James Sayer with wife Marina and three children arrived in New Westminster after a long trip from New Zealand. They sold their home in Taupo and large household articles and flew to Hawaii and in a few days arrived in

After buying a car and visiting Disneyland they drove to San Francisco, spending three days with my cousin. They arrived in New Westminster March 11 and made their home with son Lin and wife Karen. A family dinner party was held March 25 when Canadian cousins met New Zealand cousins. They are now settled in their new home in the Royal City.

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By Bevis Walters

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Animal, vegetable, human: all share the need for water. Humans live in water just as much as a fish does, the only difference being that the water the fish needs is on the outside, whilst with animals and humans, it is in the inside.

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Perhaps we should value it a little more or be more grateful to have it in such abundance.

About a year ago I wrote in Driftwood about the desert prospector whose lifeline was limited to the amount of water he and his burro could carry. He learnt to get by on less than half a gallon a day.

There is no need for any Canadian to try to live on half a gallon, but there is a need to learn to live on less than 60 gallons a day. With a little care most of us could get by with 50 gallons or less, with no deprivation of any kind, just a little care - such as turning the tap off more often.

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Being a powerful dissolvent, when it passes through soils it picks up minerals as it goes and becomes "hard" water. Boil soft water in your kettle and it will leave nothing behind. Boil hard water in your kettle and it will leave a deposit of limelike stuff which, with each successive boiling will get thicker until it is like stone...

MINERAL SCALE

The presence or absence of minerals in water is measured on a scale called the PH Scale. The PH Scale ranges from 1 to 14 with 7 regarded as the point of neutrality.

Any measurement on this Scale between 1 and 7 indicates acidity or lack of minerals. The Scale works from the centre outwards, with 6 or 8 rating as mild, and 1 and 14 as extreme.

Therefore, water measured by this scale and having a reading of 6 would be only slightly acid, or if the reading was 8, then it would be only slightly alkaline.

There are a large number of people on the North end of Salt Spring Island who are supplied with water coming from St. Mary Lake, and they no doubt will be interested to know that St. Mary Lake Water has a PH reading of 6.8, which is quite good when you consider the point of perfection as being 7.

GOOD ANALYSIS

St. Mary Lake water analyses well, with nearly all desirable minerals in good balance. It contains Boron, Magnesium, Ammonia, Sulphate, Copper, Cadnium, Zinc, a little Lead, some Silver, Silica and Iron. This seems to indicate

that it comes from subterranian sources rather than surface run-

Curtis reviews Trust legislation while speaking at Pender School

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Hugh Curtis, accompanied by his executive assistant, Jim Guthrie came to visit the Penders on Easter Monday.

Easter Monday.

Mr. Curtis addressed a meeting of about 75 people in the School-Community Centre.

He was introduced by Gordon Wallace, Pender Islands local trustee. Mr. Curtis has been the provincial member for the Gulf Islands since 1972.

"Were he to agree with everyone he would not be the responsible representative the public have the right to expect," he told his audience

Relationships between the electorate and the representative must flow in both directions, he urged. Politicians can make a speech but it is more important to hear the views of the electorate. He has always tried to listen while in office, he assured islanders.

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In my next article I will deal with the quality and nature of the soils in Salt Spring Island gardens, it's ability to absorb and hold moisture.

the state knows best, said Curtis.

Social Credit looks to the idea of less government in people's lives and we are still in the position of being over-governed."

being over-governed."

The minister reviewed his contribution towards achieving more clearly defined identities between the Islands Trust and the various Regional Districts since he has been in office.

TRUST PRESSURES

There are pressures, and will continue to be pressures in the future, he warned, as the Islands are part of the Puget Sound -Georgia Strait locale, surrounded by large urban populations in Washington, the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. To be able to recognize moderate growth is a challenge to the Trust.

Mr. Curtis spoke for about 20 minutes, after which there was a short question period.

He explained that the surplus shown at the end of a fiscal-year is not retained by the government, but funnelled to current projects. A report is published every three months, detailing the province's financial state. It is available, on request, from the Ministry of Finance.

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Man with a sore throat was

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Sleep a cause of death?

BY JUDY WINTER

"How many hours do you usually sleep each night?"

That's the question the American Cancer Society asked a million Americans 20 years ago, as part of a massive research program.

Six years later, the society contacted the same people again. An analysis of their findings has revealed that the 40 winks, or the 4,000, that you take each night may shorten your life. If you sleep more than seven or eight hours, or less than four, take heed.

Taking into account illness, insomnia and other factors, the study has found that men sleeping less than four hours per night were 2.8 times as likely to have died within the six years as those who slept three or four hours longer. Women managed to hang tougher on less sleep, with a 1.48 mortality rate. Unfortunately, there's no report on which group of night owls accomplished more.

On the lazy end of the spectrum, men and women snoozing away 10 hours or more had a mortality rate about 1.8 times that of the seven-to eight-hour sleepers.

Eight to nine hours of shut-eye is the most common length of time for both men and women, although many younger people sleep the ideal seven to eight hours.

But don't rush out for a more abrasive alarm clock, sleepyheads. And don't let this tidbit of information keep you staring into the ceiling all night, insomniacs. Researchers caution that there's no proof of altered sleeping time reducing the mortality rate.

Feel doomed? Take heart. Th society does present one consoling fact. No link has been found between sleep duration and can-

So rest or lie awake in peace until the next analysis arrives. There's always the possibility of a link between lifespan and daydreams.....

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Pender Island meeting

Club offers prize to boost attendance

BY GELI JOHNSTON

The Pender Islands Parent Teacher Club may well expect higher attendance at its next meeting on May 7 having offered a \$10 cash prize to the class with the highest percentage of parent turnout. If this incentive succeeds in boosting attendance, the prize could be permanently instituted, it was de-cided at a PTC meeting April 9.

Island clean-up day is set for Saturday, starting at 10 am. A co-ordinator is still needed for the Magic Lake contingent and anyone interested should contact chief co-ordinator Karen Watson at 629-6161. A prize will be presented by the PTC to the class with the highest per capita participation and a hot dog party will be held on Medicine Beach following the

The A.B.C. committee present-ed a tentative list of performers for the next season and announced one more performance for this year. On Friday, April 27, at 1.30 pm, well-known Victoria clown Dolly Hopkins will present a variety of sketches and conduct a make-up workshop with children of all ages. Dolly is best known, perhaps, for her recent portrayal of the Alihipporhinocrocidilligator (?!) with Kaleidoscope Theatre of Victoria.
Admission for adults accompanying children will be \$1.
PTC SPENDING

The spending of PTC funds was discussed and it was decided to make available to teachers a single discretionary fund of \$200. A sum of up to \$250 was allocated for purchase of a cassette recorder for the library. Cassettes were thought much more durable for children than the records in present use. Discretionary funds for classroom enhancement by students were also discussed and from this idea grew the PTC attendance prize.

Sports fund money was allotted for purchase of baseball mitts and floor hockey sticks and for construction of storage bins for balls.

The possibility of a school open house was debated. Principal Aub Woolcock called open houses "phoney situations" in which teachers and pupils find themselves performing for an audience. Woolcock said that no one feels comfortable and pointed out that individual parents can at any time make an appointment to visit a class in session, view their child's work or talk to a teacher. Parent Allan Brooks defended his suggestion, saying that he did not necessarily mean that he wanted to sit in on a

BUS ROUTE

Another warmly debated issue was that of the school bus route. Given the geographical layout of the Penders, the location of the school and the population distribution, it has been found impossible to avoid a situation in which some child or other must ride the bus for almost an hour. South Penderites feel the hardest done by on this score, but long deliberation has failed to produce a satisfactory solution. Allan Brooks said that he wished to let everyone know that he would be speaking to school board secretary treasurer Wilf Peck about the problem.

As a result of the school trustee's presentation, which was reported last week, Helena Turner and Martha Nance volunteered to head a delegation to the April 19 school board meeting to present a petition in support of librarian time for Pender School.

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