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Ferries to lay off 221 in October

About 221 employees of the B.C. Ferry Corporation will lose their jobs in early October, corporation general manager George Baldwin said, when their positions will become "redundant" this coming winter.

The staff reductions will begin with the 1984 fall schedule, Baldwin said, but there was no indication as to which routes would be affected.

"The pressing need to reduce overall corporate deficits as part of the provincial restraint program has been addressed over the past 18 months by a range of efficiency moves which have deferred

layoffs..." Baldwin said in a prepared statement.

"That degree of stability must now give way to economic pressures."

The layoffs, he continued, will reflect "the seasonality of traffic demand, particularly in the rural services."

The actual number of layoffs could be below the 221 mark, Baldwin noted.

Employees who are laid off are entitled to certain benefits, including "bumping" those with less seniority. They may also be placed on a recall list or they can elect to take a severance pay package.

Baldwin said traffic has continued to decline over the past three years, to the point where now it is nine percent below 1981 levels.

"There is also a need to operate a leaner and more efficient service, matching schedules as closely as possible to traffic on all routes," he said.

The corporation is investigating an early retirement plan.

Service reductions are expected on Gulf Islands routes in the fall, but the corporation has yet to make an official announcement. The inter-island ferry running between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen is said to be a prime candidate for being cut back.

Holiday for B.C. Day Monday

Next Monday will be a statutory holiday to mark B.C. Day.

Driftwood will appear on time Wednesday morning but deadline changes will be made to allow staff to take Monday off.

Display advertising deadline is 5 pm Thursday, real estate noon Friday and classified 3 pm Friday. News deadline is also 3 pm Friday.

CRD anti-smoking bylaw takes effect October 23

The anti-smoking bylaw of the Capital Region becomes law on October 23 but the main question is: who enforces the ban on smoking?

CRD director for Salt Spring, Hugh Borsman, explained that

some directors were concerned that enforcement would only add to the work of police. But, he added, such bylaws in other municipalities across the country have been generally obeyed with few problems.

Once the bylaw comes into force, it will be monitored for about six months to a year to gauge its effectiveness.

In essence, the bylaw would prohibit smoking in any area which is open to the public. Restaurants would be required to supply areas for smokers and other areas for non-smokers.

For instance, a visitor to the front office at *Driftwood* would not be able to smoke. But the reporter, sitting in his office just a few feet away, could light up whenever the urge strikes him.

Luigi's, a Ganges restaurant, anticipated the bylaw several months ago. Patrons of the establishment can smoke on the patio but not inside the main area of the restaurant.

Elevators, escalators and many other such areas are also off-limits to tobacco smoke.

But a person walking down the street is not considered, under terms of the bylaw, to be in a public place.

Lightning starts fire

The danger of forest fire on Salt Spring has been listed as extreme by Fire Chief Bob Leask and no camp fires are permitted.

The danger of fire was brought home last Thursday when the volunteers of the fire brigade were called to a fire on the slopes of Mount Bruce.

Lightning had struck a log the previous day and the rotten wood smouldered for hours before smoke was noticed. The forestry department firefighters brought in a helicopter to deal with the problem and the fire was put out.



D.O.G.S. do it again

Glenn Woodley gets a big hug from Joy Brownsword after he batted in the winning run in bottom of the seventh to take Salt Spring

D.O.G.S. to finals with 7-6 victory in weekend slow pitch tournament. Teammates are, from left, John

Callas, Wayne DeVane, Tom Wright and Bob Anderson. Team picture, Page 13.

Until October 1

School opening delayed

The school at Fulford will not open until at least October 1 because of delays in finishing classrooms.

Until that date, the children who would have gone to the school will remain at Salt Spring Elementary School in Ganges.

Trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board met with Tom Watson, principal of the Ganges school, and Bob Brownsword, principal of the Fulford school, to talk about what can be done.

Ron McQuiggan, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee for the school board, is asking the public to express opinions on the options available.

The first option is to have children attend the Ganges school in shifts.

The children slated for the Fulford school would go to classes in the mornings from 8 am until 12 pm. There would be about 110 children involved.

The regular pupils for Salt Spring Elementary would attend school in the afternoons from 12 pm until 4 pm.

The second option is to utilize rooms at both the elementary school and the secondary school at Ganges for classes.

Space in those rooms is available and had been used last year for classes but the school board doesn't consider the space to be up to the standard of regular classrooms.

The benefits of the first option,

which is favoured by the two principals, include having the Fulford pupils in a recognizable group. They would be taught in regular classes and under guidance of the teachers who would be teaching them at the south end school when it opens.

The split shift would result in a loss of one hour of class-time per day for the children. But that time could be made up when the situation

straightens itself out after the Fulford school opens.

The sub-standard classrooms which have been converted to other uses over the summer but which could be changed back to classroom space, include two portable classrooms, the agricultural and the arts classrooms at the high school as well as the learning assistance room.

Kindergarten classes would have

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Ticket sales brisk for weekend concert

Organizers of the music concert at Walker Hook on Salt Spring this weekend have been unavailable for comment but ticket sales have been brisk in recent days on the island.

RCMP have made arrangements for six additional officers to be here for the two days of the concert.

At Lady Minto Hospital, staff is preparing for any emergency which may arise.

B.C. Ferries is increasing the licence for the *Queen of Tsawwassen* on the mainland run to an A licence which means the boat can carry up to 989 passengers. Reservations on the ferry normally take up 110 vehicle spaces but the boat can carry up to 20 more cars

with the licence increase.

No extra runs will take place at either Fulford or Vesuvius although the boats will run Sunday night until those who want to leave the island have done so.

Two of the groups have cancelled out. Powder Blues Band and Jim Byrnes will not take part in the event.

Ticket sales estimates have been placed at up to 2,000 concert goers but many of the sales have been on Salt Spring. The remainder have been from Vancouver Island outlets but no one knows at this time exactly how many have been sold.

Camping in a field close to the concert site has been arranged.



Off to the Olympics

Four Salt Spring Island sportsmen are off to California this week to take in soccer, track, field hockey, volleyball and boxing at the 1984 Olympics. Looking forward to the journey are, from left, Bob Anderson, Bob McWhirter, Jack Albhouse and Glenn Woodley.

Restrictive covenant dropped in Musgrave layout approval

The most recent preliminary layout approval for the Musgrave landing strata title development contains significant changes from the previous one.

The first approval was issued by the department of highways approving officer in September, 1983, but had lapsed. Rico Holdings, the company which will be developing the property at Musgrave Landing, applied for an extension of the approval and it was granted on July 4.

The original approval had directed that a restrictive covenant be placed on each lot "stating that it is understood that Musgrave Road, leading to the subdivision will be maintained for four-wheel-drive vehicles only...."

Potential property owners were to be told that the department of highways would not improve the road or spend more money than needed on maintenance.

But earlier this year work was carried out on the road although highways officials at that time insisted that the road was not being improved but repaired.

However, the department of highways department decided that the road is "probably suitable" for reaching the subdivision. Water access is no longer considered the chief means of access.

The same official stated that the department of highways won't be spending money on Musgrave Road for some time. Plans for any improvements to the road would have to go on the department's list of priorities, he said.

The Islands Trust and such environmental groups as the Nature Conservancy of Canada had objected to the development because of the danger it would pose for phantom orchids which grow in that area. The flower is a rare plant which grows in few other places.

The approving officer decreed that the developers set aside two

returns to the Crown each measuring 30 metres by 30 metres for those areas which contain the orchids.

Other changes in conditions recognize the requirements of the Salt Spring subdivision bylaw.

Building sites must be proved and meet the setback requirements of the Islands Trust. Each building must be no closer to the front property line than 7.6 metres (25 feet) with the same distance required if the property abuts the sea.

The building cannot be located closer to the sidelot lines than 3 m (10 ft.).

The density of development must also meet the requirements of the subdivision bylaw. The area of the development is zoned Uplands and Forests and as such must follow an eight-hectare average.

The entire property is slightly larger than 198 ha. (480 acres) and the eight-hectare average results in 24 lots, which is what the developer is seeking.

The minimum size of the lots is governed by rules set out in the Local Services Act.

The preliminary layout approval is valid for 180 days from July 4, or up to the end of this year.

Change meets disapproval

A change to the strata title regulations which makes such developments exempt from community plans met with disapproval from the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee recently.

Clean-up at riding ring

Sunday was clean-up day at the Salt Spring riding ring and 25 members showed up to lend a hand brush cutting, paint scraping and applying fresh paint to the ring. A potluck supper was enjoyed by all after the work was done.

Cubbon Lumber donated a gallon of white paint for the occasion. Monday was play day for the riders and the club welcomed two new members.

The horse mastership program sponsored by Ann Caldwell saw nine pupils pass their level-one exams. They are working now on level two, and hope to have it completed by October.

The change clears a major obstacle from the path of the Musgrave Landing development proposal which the Trust had objected to because it did not meet provisions of the Salt Spring Island community plan.

"I think the impact will be on the nature of the development," said Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries of Lasqueti Island.

The committee agreed that any objections raised by it would not be listened to. The change had been a political decision, the committee agreed. They urge people to voice objections in letters to the MLA for Saanich and the Islands, Hugh Curtis, as well as provincial premier Bill Bennett.

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12:00 noon	Montague Harbour, Galiano Island to Swartz Bay
12:40 pm	Long Harbour, Salt Spring Island to Swartz Bay

Inter-Gulf Island traffic will not be affected.

Please note that the next scheduled departure for vehicles and passengers from Swartz Bay to Otter Bay will be M.V. "Mayne Queen" from Swartz Bay at 8:40 am.

Montague Harbour traffic to Swartz Bay, normally transported at 12:00 noon, can use the earlier 8:20 am sailing or transfer from Sturdies Bay to Village Bay, for the 12:10 pm sailing of the MV "Mayne Queen" to Swartz Bay.

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by richards

Costs \$15 fine to lose baggage

On Monday morning I bought me a razor and had me a shave. Sounds French, doesn't it? I had to make a quick trip downtown because an airline had my razor. In good faith, whatever that means, I handed over my bag and baggage, which was singular, to the ticket clerk at Penticton Airport on Sunday afternoon. I expected it to arrive at Sidney when I did. But, alas, it didn't.

Between the Okanagan and Vancouver Island, it went astray. Mind you, I didn't know all this until I reached Pat Bay a couple of hours later. I left my car by the baggage carousel and waited. No bags. I went to the ticket agent and filled in a form. I wasn't mad. I wasn't even worried. I had started out with Pacific Western Airlines and I completed the trip with B.C. Air. I figured that BC Air is a new boy and maybe hasn't met all the folks at PWA yet so there's bound to be times when they don't happen to know each other. But I was mad when I found a parking ticket on my car to claim \$15 from me for presuming to claim my baggage. If the ministry of transport were to devote as much time to serving the travelling public as it does to hassling them, we would have a heck of sight better flying service in and out of these smaller airports. And what burns me up most of all is that my car was standing in the area designated for the purpose of claiming baggage; that there were no other flights in or out and the space occupied was not sought by another vehicle.

I shall probably pay the \$15 simply because it is cheaper to bow to the cheap tricks of the ministry than to protest. And that is the pattern of the administration of justice across the country. You pay an unfair, arbitrarily established fine because the time and cost of professional representation needed to protest it would be out of reality.

The nuisance of carrying bags

Thinking of flying, there is a big disparity in the way you may travel between Vancouver Island and other parts of the province. I went to the Okanagan from Patricia Bay Airport in a Boeing 737 bearing the insignia of Pacific Western Airlines. We landed at Vancouver and entered the disembarking area. For 20 minutes I drooled over the thought of a drink and then boarded the same airplane for the rest of the trip.

Coming back aboard the same air system we landed at Vancouver. Then we had to walk what seemed like a minute mile to the booking area, book in at CP Air, which handles BC Air, and from there we walked, once again, the next minute mile to the departure area at the opposite end of the airport. All this brings to mind two key factors to travelling by air.

At one time it was the teenager who spent all the money. Today, it is the elderly. The pensioner has raised his family, paid for his house, bought his car and now enjoys a smaller income than previously but he has less demands on his purse. He is the obvious potential customer for an airline ticket.

I can recall at least one pensioner telling me his problems in travelling and expressing regret that he could no longer carry his baggage over long distances. Much as he longed to revisit his native England, he could not face up to the long walks with heavy baggage. Is it reasonable to wonder why some provision might not be made to avoid such unnecessary walking?

It went over my head

I was in Penticton to take part in the annual convention of the Canadian Newspapers Association. I attended the dinner at which Driftwood received a triple award of excellence and I enjoyed the experience. The last time I was involved in the receipt of three simultaneous awards in the Better Newspapers Competition was in 1950 when the Sidney Review took top prizes for newspaper, front page and editorial page. I was a new man on the staff and only recently out of the armed forces and I didn't feel that my contribution was of a major nature. After that came a long pause in the prize-winning world and it was not until I was associated with *Driftwood*, 20 years later, that I saw another prize. If I'd been scratching for a top prize I'd have had sore fingers. From time to time *Driftwood* was recognized, but nationally and regionally. So now, when we finally hit the jackpot, where am I? On the way out, that's where! Odd thing is enjoyed watching my son beat me out!

The rugged individualist

There's always the oddball who takes a course untried by others. He's the eccentric or the misfit or perhaps, the rugged individualist. Colin Nicholson left me a piece from the London Times with an appreciation from a Member of Parliament for an ex-convict. He might well have been a Canadian serving time in a Canadian prison.

His name was Fred Hill. He was a teacher and a motorcyclist and a man who had served 32 terms in prison. They were all for the same offence. He was convicted on all occasions of the heinous offence of riding a motorcycle without a hard hat. All his life he contended that it was his privilege to decide whether he should wear protective head gear. The normal term was 30 days. He would pay no fines. Convicted, he refused the fine and went to prison, and died in prison.

For some odd reason, wrote Matthew Parrish, MP, the last sentence was two months. A heart attack was fatal and there will be no Fred Hill to march into jail for refusing to protect his head as required by the law.

Was he a screwball? Or was he a solid citizen so convinced of the rightness of his cause that he was prepared to die in prison rather than be legislated into losing his rights? It really depends on how you see his predicament and his behaviour. But, better you wear a helmet if you drive a motorcycle around here. Otherwise you just might find yourself another Fred Hill doing time for taking a personal risk.

At Cusheon Lake

Resident complains over noise

Cusheon Lake beach at Salt Spring is the scene of noisy late-night parties and residents of the area want something done about the situation.

Peter Tasker, who lives near the beach, attended a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission Monday to complain about the noise and to request that something be done.

But the commission is not in a position to help; the situation has to be handled by the Ganges detachment RCMP.

Tasker explained to the meeting that noisy parties have been a constant problem at the beach but the party-goers and the noise have increased since the facilities were improved.

The noise had been going at all hours of the day and night, he said. Police had been called numerous times and the noise during the day and early evening has been reduced.

However, the late-night noise is the real concern of the residents.

"It's not just the noise," said Tasker, "but the fear of incipient violence."

When the police are called to the scene to deal with the noise, which breaks out after midnight and continues until 2 am or later, the people at the beach calm down for a while. But then the noise erupts again when the police leave, Tasker said.

"I don't think anyone should be inflicted with that kind of noise or inconvenience," Tasker told the commission.

He suggested that a curfew be placed on swimming at the beach to stop the noise at night.

He was told, however, that the commission is not in a position to either create a curfew or enforce it. The problem, explained Jim Ballantyne, is one of police enforcement of existing laws.

Ballantyne said that he had been a policeman for many years and that there are ways and means of dealing with the problem.

A spokesman for Ganges detachment RCMP told *Driftwood* Tuesday that officers were going to

crack down on the noise. He said the party-goers had been warned and charges would result from any future disturbance.

Glenn Woodley, chairman of the commission, appealed to the young people to co-operate and keep the noise down. If the beach is abused and misused, the commission would have to think twice about any improvements to swimming facilities on the island, he said.

The commission will arrange a meeting with RCMP and Tasker as well as another resident of the area along with Hugh Borsman, Capital Region director for Salt Spring, and Jim Ballantyne of the commission to discuss the situation and to determine a course of action.

Borsman told the meeting that a noise bylaw from the CRD was in the process of being set up. A bylaw had been ready for consideration but it lacked a definition of noise and had to go back to staff for more work.

He told Tasker that a noise bylaw would be in place for next summer.

The commission has a

responsibility to ensure that the beach is in good shape for swimming but has no authority over the beaches. The areas are public access points and as such belong to the department of highways, which holds jurisdiction.

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A rewarding award

In the production of a newspaper on a regular basis there is rarely an opportunity for the editor and staff to pause and to learn exactly how others react to their work. The reader is often more ready with the brickbats than the bouquets.

Only once a year does the regular reader offer a commendation and that is when it comes time to renew a subscription. The renewal is a tacit approval, generally. At least we trust that this is so.

There is, however, one quite stringent test of the quality of production of a community newspaper. That is the competition among publishers across Canada to assess every publication and to assess each against its peers. For half a century the Canadian Community Newspapers Association has staged this competition with the intention of maintaining a high standard of journalism and of production by making comparisons. It is known, within the association, as the Better Newspapers Competition.

In Penticton last week, at the national convention of the newspapers association, *Gulf Islands Driftwood* was awarded first prize as the best-all-round newspaper of its class, first place for its editorial page and second prize for its front page.

The award is a distinction and a tribute to the work of the small staff engaged in the production of *Driftwood*. It is a tribute to the editorial staff who fill the columns of news and it is a tribute to the work of those who write the copy and set the advertising. The skill of those engaged in setting type and making out the pages is part of the result. The staff members engaged in the administration and the distribution of the newspaper are no less part of this whole operation.

We work as a team. And this term is probably never more appropriate than in the production of a small newspaper, where every function depends on another and no staff member can work without close co-operation with the rest of the team.

The publishers of this newspaper take considerable pride in announcing the award. And it is with equal pride that they would list those whose work has been part of the effort, from week to week.

Taking part in the production have been Anne Lyon and Jill Fowles, struggling with alphabets and machines and keyboards; Alice Richards, equally at home with camera, typewriter or advertising copy; Gwen Albhouse, who knows every address in every province and hits them all; Catherine McFadyen, who meets the public at the counter and sends out the bills at the end of the month; Jill Byron, who pores over columns of figures in the accounts department; Bill Webster, who takes everything in and becomes a walking information booth; Val Richards, who has a finger in the advertising and the news pies; and Tony Richards, who puts more into his computer than he can possibly get out of it.

In less direct touch with the production of the newspaper are Frank Richards, who writes as little as possible, Barbara Richards, who watches the graphs, and Ann Buckley, who makes sure that the current week's paper gets out to the reader.

They have worked hard for this award and we all hope that you, the reader, will share our pride and sense of accomplishment.

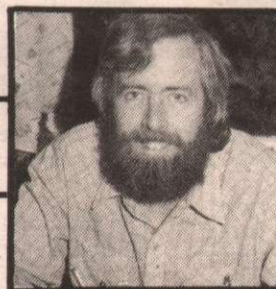
Prepare now

It's still summer. The sun has shone and the flowers have bloomed. They still do. The summer crops are being gratefully harvested and the fall has gained some of the promise it lost when the winter persisted well into spring.

On Mayne Island the fall fair has been a part of the community calendar for so long that never a grower or a producer needs prodding. The island farmers and gardeners and cooks and hobbyists have it all weighed up.

Though enduring for a shorter time, the fall fair at the Penders has enough seniority to have imprinted itself on the average islander's memory. The picture may not yet be so clearly registered on Salt Spring Island where the fall fair is a comparatively recent innovation.

Now is the time for all these island people to be preparing for showing their skills and their accomplishments at the fall fair.



Tony Richards

ONE OF THE TWO political parties with a good chance of winning the local seat September 4 needs a lesson in spelling.

Correspondence is arriving in our mail addressed to: "The Editer...." It wasn't a typo either as the mistake was repeated.

I WOULDN'T LIKE TO ACCUSE Lee McColl of McColl's Shell Service of being a thief but at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting it wasn't his own pen he was using.

The inscription on the pen made it quite clear who its owner was.

It read: "Stolen from S.S. Island Garage."

EVEN MY FATHER LAUGHED when I told him a joke I picked up at a gathering of newspaper people in Penticton last week.

The joke was told to me by public relations man Jim McKeachie, who also happens to be uncle to Salt Spring high school teacher Tom McKeachie.

Pierre Trudeau took his sons swimming one day at the public pool near their Montreal home. (They no longer have their own pool since moving from 24 Sussex).

Unfortunately, one of the boys went into the water but failed to surface. Trudeau ran over to the lifeguard, asking him to save his son but the lifeguard apologized and said he wasn't able to help.

When Trudeau asked why, the lifeguard explained he couldn't swim.

The ex-prime minister inquired how he had managed to get the job if he couldn't swim.

"I'm bilingual," he replied.

IT WASN'T I who placed a birthday greetings ad several weeks back, no matter what Jennifer Cudmore may tell you.

Still looking good at 30, the ad read, beneath a picture of 19-year-old Jennifer with her face all screwed up in a not very attractive manner.

I should only like to note that Jennifer, who prefers the smog of Port Alberni to that of Salt Spring Island, doesn't always look like that.

I MAY HAVE GAINED 20 lbs. since I smoked my last cigarette March 18 (134 days, nine hours and 27 minutes ago) but I have not aged 20 years.

One of Lawrence Wong's receptionists at the Harbour House Hotel needs a new pair of glasses. My sister Valerie was in the hotel recently when the lady behind the desk inquired if she was my daughter.

And then my father and I were at Vancouver Airport Sunday and the lady at the airline counter, seeing we shared the same surname and both had the same destination, wondered if we were brothers.

FOR THE INFORMATION of those who have yet to ask me if I suffered another injury playing softball, the answer is no.

It is true that I am limping a little this week but the mishap was suffered while participating in a very different type of recreational pursuit.

Despite the warnings of a friend, who quite readily informed me of dozens of deaths in southern Mexico, I parted with 25 bucks for a 10-minute para-sail ride on Okanagan Lake.

The ride was great but the takeoff was rather less than satisfactory. I'll have to blame the inability of the boat to get me off the ground before I hit the beach on a nicotine-craver's weight gain.

After scraping my leg in the sand and gravel on the beach, I finally became airborne, soaring 75 to 100 feet above the south end of the lake and the city of Penticton.

A para-sail ride, by the way, entails being harnessed to a parachute and then having a long line attached between the rider and a high-powered boat. In Penticton, a grassy area up from the beach serves as landing and take-off pad.

The ride is quite a thrill and I would have done it again had I been able to walk after my first flight.

ONE WOULD EXPECT ticket agents at Swartz Bay to be happy in their spanking new booths, ready and willing to serve to the best of their ability the ferry-travelling public.

That wasn't the case recently with one ticket-seller who was not amused when a Salt Spring-bound traveller replied, "Peru", when asked his destination.

The agent must have stepped off the wrong end of the ferry when he woke up that morning because he promptly hurled the proffered book of tickets to the ground. My friend disembarked from his vehicle, casually picked up the tickets and got back into his car.

He considered saying to hell with it and driving on through, but thought better of such a rash action. But when he inquired why the ticket-seller was so difficult the latter summoned a whole bevy of B.C. Ferries officials to the scene.

My friend was very thankful to return home that day.

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Letters to the Editor

Park plan welcomed

Sir,
Thank you for the front-page article re the National Park Proposal for the Gulf Islands, and Coleman's and Kristianson's views, even though the views and comments were a bit mixed up in the article, at least I was not sure who had said some of the things mentioned.

The concept of a national park in the islands is exciting. The comment about private land is interesting. At least one U.S. park, Cumberland Island on the east coast, is a combination of Federal Park, State Park and private land, and this is a successful arrangement. *National Geographic* did an article on it (November 1977 I think).

These islands are a priceless treasure, like a string of pearls in the protected waters of Georgia Strait. All my life I have appreciated their beauty, but in 50 years I have seen a lot of changes. The increasing pressure from the growing population of the lower mainland and Vancouver Island threaten to engulf this area for use as a suburb. But I see the greatest value of these islands as a recreation area, as unspoiled as possible. I see also the possibility of mariculture or marine farming of fish, shellfish and seaweed. I see also the small farms, the gardens, the arts and crafts as an important part of the islands' character, and not out of keeping with park status.

These seem to me to be worth every effort to preserve. Regardless of politics, or who is elected, I would like to see the islands preserved as park.

NANCY E. WIGEN,
Box 72, Fulford.
July 26, 1984.

Dashing celebration

Sir,
I daresay old chaps, I was out for a jaunt on Sunday last with my button-boys, up Beggs Settlement, or I should say "Fernwood", as you moderners have named it, when out came following the very sounds of...yours truly, from the schoolhouse.

Well, as Squire of Salt Spring, I fully expect islanders nowadays to be holding forth on my fame and good fortune, not to mention my profuse generosity, but it seems a group of "Islomanes" have set themselves the task of resurrecting not only myself, in all the squire's glory, but the likes of that scoundrel McCauley, old Maxwell's cattle thief, and I might add the dear Stark family, and Reverend Wilson to boot.

Oh you'll see many of the pioneers on stage, and I will hasten to warn the ladies' waistlines are championing even the slimmest in frocks and gloves. Glad to see they are following my schooling. And by jove this was only a rehearsal!

You must hasten yourselves to the Fernwood School come August 10, eight o'clock sharp, and bear witness to this terribly dashing celebration, what! They call it "Islomania: Saga of the Settlers", but as you well know the squire himself has a story or two to tell. Isn't that right, boys!
HENRY WRIGHT BULLOCK,
Squire of Salt Spring Island.
July 1984.

Two systems under study

Sir,
On behalf of the Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force I wish to express regrets to the public for the cancellation of the Task Force's meeting scheduled for the evening of July 31.

This meeting was cancelled without prior notice to the public because at the force's meeting held on July 24, the decision was made that before meeting again the force should gather as much factual information as possible concerning the comparative performance, capabilities, costs and general suitability of two sewage treatment plants and systems.

The first is the biodisc method which is the one already purchased for Ganges. It is now in storage awaiting installation.

The second is generally referred to as the Coulthard, or coal filtration, system, being promoted in some areas as being more effective and economical than the first.

The Task Force members are in agreement that before endorsing any treatment process to the CRD, comprehensive comparative data must be obtained and evaluated.

For those who may not be aware, the role of the Task Force is to advise and assist the CRD in bringing about an early settlement to the Ganges sewer problem. At present we are busy identifying matters of concern to the public, seeking means to ease concern, and planning a public information program to obtain public input and to disseminate facts.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be on August 10, beginning at 1:30 pm in the hall of St. George's church. At this meeting the public will have an opportunity to hear and discuss the two treatment systems under study, namely the biodisc and coal filtration systems. Mr. Ed Chow, the designer and manufacturer of the latter, will be present along with other specialists in this field.

JOHN CROFTON,
Secretary, Ganges Sewer Implementation Task Force.
July 28, 1984.

Legalizing the law

Sir,
So, Regional Director Dr. Borsman discussed with the Minister for Municipal Affairs a special concern, namely "how we can legalize a referendum," as he informs us, *Driftwood*, July 18.

Legalize a referendum? Legalize what is already legal? The Municipal Act states that a municipal council, and thus also a regional district board, "may, by bylaw, provide for a referendum...to obtain the electors' opinion." Therewith the referendum is encased in law. And now Dr. Borsman wants to legalize the law; he wants to heat the fire, to wet the water, and to invent a square with four corners; and that with the assistance of the Ministry for Municipal Affairs.

The same Ministry which... Remember? In 1980 the CRD started to levy a sewer tax on the Ganges people; and when the editor of *Driftwood*, alerted by me to the sad fact that the tax was illegal, asked for information, the Minister

for Municipal Affairs assured him that it was, on the contrary, legal. And then it took the lawyers of the ministry and the CRD, a good dozen of them, three years to find what a bloody layman had seen at first glance: that the tax was illegal. (And no, the Ganges people would not get their tens of thousands of dollars back—how many tens of thousands exactly, Director Borsman?)

When the Big-Sewer-with-Ganges-Harbour-discharge people march into the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the ministry makes haste to accommodate them. "The CRD lawyer, and the lawyers of the ministry for municipal affairs, have been asked to clear the way for such a referendum," Dr. Borsman enlightens us, "because the present (sewer) impasse has to do with the legality of a referendum," that is, with the legality of that which is legal.

Are we back at the old game? Could it be that another scheme is being cooked up to diddle the unsuspecting Salt Springinkers? To the tune of, say, a trifling \$9.50 per annum per voter on the whole island for our local developers' sewer, the kind of sewer for which anywhere else in British Columbia the developers have to pay who profit from it?

DR. HERMANN KIRCHMEIR,
R.R. 3, Ganges.
July 27, 1984.

Time to wake up to aggression

Sir,
I am writing in response to the media coverage of a visit by NDP leader Ed Broadbent to a local daycare centre.

The scene exhorted by the media was of two young boys throwing a number of punches at Mr. Broadbent and all the grownups there laughing and encouraging this type of behaviour. In response the boys began pummeling Mr. Broadbent with such fervor that his amused expression began to falter and he had to protect himself by trying to block their punches.

Now, I know all this seems just a harmless child's game and Mr. Broadbent was never in any physical danger. My point is; what those two boys were doing was aggressive and violent, and if it had been perpetrated on another child, someone could have gotten hurt. Add to that, the blatant inaction of the "so-called" adults there, to condone and even encourage this sort of behaviour, and you have the makings of future aggression and inappropriate behaviour, ad infinitum in our society.

Children learn from their experiences in life, and this experience taught two young boys that adults think it is funny to beat on someone. When they get chastized for doing the same thing later to another child, or an adult who's not in very good humour, they will then have conflicting messages and no consistency regarding hitting people.

If we laugh at the behaviour,

they'll do it again; if we ignore the behaviour, they'll do it again. Only by being consistent and honest with the kids can we ever get a handle on the violence in our society.

The media's presentation of the event is abhorrent. Headlines like "small beating falls short of stopping Broadbent" and articles stating "Broadbent beaten up by two rambunctious boys", "the beating didn't last long" and more to the point "it made great television" all are classic examples of how the media can so easily forsake its responsibilities and go for the cheap sensationalism of creating some "great press".

Lastly I must address Mr. Broadbent's trying to "grin and bear" his way through the ordeal. He was doing the most damage to those youngsters and our future.

As a political leader he has a far greater responsibility to be aware of the roots of our social problems. As an adult he has an obligation to point out to youngsters behaviour which is inappropriate. Finally, as the "victim" of the "beating" he has a duty to himself and the next person the boys pummel to speak out and say "no, I don't like that and I will not condone such behaviour."

It is time for us all to wake up to where the aggression and violence in our society comes from.

DAVID CLEGG,
Mayne Island.
July 1984.

Letters to the editor must be signed before they will be considered for publication. In addition, writers must furnish an address and telephone number where they may be reached during the day.



Bill Webster

Glory, humiliation, sunburn

Last weekend more than 230 otherwise sane people gathered on the playing fields of Salt Spring to contest the championship of the wacky slo-pitch league.

The wacky slo-pitch players play (?) the game each Friday evening as a way to unwind from a week's work. And last weekend, 70 more showed up from the big smoke across the ditch.

Teams with names such as the Fruits and Vegetables, the West End Benders and other names which cannot be printed in a family publication came to do battle with the Jellyfish, the D.O.G.s and, of course, Deadwood.

The entire sordid affair stretched over the hours of Saturday only to be continued on Sunday. The competition brought glory to some, humiliation to others and sunburn to many.

The D.O.G.s blew their efforts to be liked by everyone by taking the title with few if any losses.

Jellyfish blew their image as well by winning TWO games. TWO.

Meanwhile, Deadwood found another way to lose a game. For the first game slated for the early hours of Saturday morning, members of the team decided not to show up.

After all, it is such an early time to get out of bed. Especially when the cultured and discerning

conversations of Friday evening lasted well into the night.

But the team showed up for the second game against the over-rated D.O.G.s and on the field of valour, preserved their record of not even being close in score.

That game confirmed in the minds of many of the D.O.G.s that a decision made earlier last week had been the correct one. But more about that later.

Deadwood had been seeking a rematch against the Jellyfish but that team, somehow managed to win a game and thus moved up to a higher division of the losers' category.

And so Deadwood was left in a class all by itself.

The other teams of the league managed to win some and lose some and a good time, despite the sunburns and the morning-after-the-night-before aches, was had by almost all.

The D.O.G.s proved to be less than hospitable hosts by defeating a Van team to take top spot. But things will change next year.

As was mentioned, the D.O.G.s held a reunion of sorts last week. Scoop was invited to join the event. During conversations a decision to hold another election for coach was made.

Spider, who coaches the team to victory with boring frequency, agreed to the vote. He was confident of winning the ballot having been successful many

times in the past when Scoop tried to unseat him.

But Scoop had been studying the federal election campaign and came up with a platform which couldn't be beaten.

He gave each team member an offer they couldn't refuse. And promised not to publish the pictures of the hot-tub party, if elected.

Even Spider, who was prominent in those pictures, voted for him.

And so, folk, next year the D.O.G.s will have a new coach, one well versed in winning friends and adjusting the scores of games to ensure at least a moral victory.

The D.O.G.s have a problem keeping friends because, even though they are graceful in winning, they just win too often.

When word of the potential change made the rounds on Sunday, members of Deadwood also made a decision. They wouldn't talk to the coach. They held their own vote to choose a replacement for him but hadn't read the fine print in their contracts.

Deadwood, they were told after the vote, was not a democratic team. It is run along the lines of a benign dictatorship. What the coach says, goes. And so the free and democratic expression of the people was ignored.

Much like the actions of Billie's Bunch, eh?

Hospital got power in 1930

BY GORDON BROWN

Last summer Amey Heggkvist of Vernon made a nostalgic visit to the old Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital on Ganges Hill where she had worked in 1929-30 as Nurse Amey Olsen. Afterwards she recalled that in the hospital in 1929 there was no electricity and the nurses carried coal-oil lamps on their rounds.

It was, she said, "the night nurse's duty to clean the chimneys of the lamps and fill them for the next night, after 12 hours' duty."

During Nurse Olsen's time electricity came to the hospital thanks to community efforts similar to those that are today so important to the improvement of facilities at Lady Minto.

The board of management had been saving in the late 20's for a gasoline-fuelled generating plant which would allow the installation of electric light. Some money came from the provincial government in 1929 to replace funds that had been previously ear-marked for the plant and then used for other purposes.

Later that year King George V suffered a severe illness and in thanksgiving for his recovery the board launched an appeal for \$2,000 to be used for the electric light plant, among other things.

By August 1929 the hospital had enough money in the fund to persuade the board to place

advertisements in the *Sidney Review* and *Cowichan Leader* "with a view to obtaining an offer of an electric light plant." These ads elicited several replies and in November the board adopted a resolution that the plant be purchased, a deputation interview the provincial secretary to obtain funds for the project and the wiring of the hospital be proceeded with.

A minor hitch arose at the end of the year when the provincial inspector of electrical energy wrote to the hospital to say that he could not furnish it with the regulations for wiring public buildings for electric light. A month later, however, the inspector set out the rules and the board awarded the contract to Richard Toynbee.

Installation was finished by early March 1930, according to a note in the minutes of the board's meeting of March 12, which also included the following:

"Moved by Mr. Horel, seconded by Mr. Mouat, that letters be written to Miss Olsen and Mrs. Easton expressing the board's appreciation of their efforts in organizing a whist drive and dance which resulted in a profit to the hospital of \$45.80. Carried.

And then: "It was decided that the profit of \$45.80 be donated to the Electric Light Fund."

Nurse Olsen wrote last year: "In 1930 a small light plant was installed



The nursing staff in 1930, from left: Nurse Immel, Matron McNair and Nurse Amey Olsen on the steps of the old hospital.

in the basement. We had to remember to 'jack' it up—or out came the oil lamps again."

Gordon Brown is chairman of Lady Minto's historical committee which is gathering material for a proposed history of the hospital. If you, like Mrs. Heggkvist, have memories of the hospital, please share them with the committee.

More Letters to the Editor

Collection boxes were full

Sir,
I would like to thank the people of Salt Spring Island who recently contributed so generously to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund. The collection boxes in the liquor store were completely full!

We were very proud that our small community is helping with the fight against this terrible disease.

If any of your readers would like to more about CF, I have placed a book called *Alex—The Life of a Child* in the local library. It details much the same experience we went through with our daughter.

Even though Cystic Fibrosis does still kill many young children research has made it possible for life expectancy to reach 20 years or more and we have even greater hope for the future. Funds for research are very limited now so every donation helps.

Thanks again Islanders!
KATHY REIMER,
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62 islanders involved

LETS does \$1,800 worth of transactions in four months

The Salt Spring Local Exchange Trading System (LETS) compiled \$1,800 worth of transactions to the end of June during its first four months of activity on the island.

The Salt Spring group has 62 members involved and Michael Linton of Comox LETS came to talk to them last week. He explained how to get local businesses involved in the program.

LETS is a means of generating income within a community. A member offers a service and can charge customers "green dollars". The transaction is recorded for and against the accounts of each member involved.

Each participant is responsible for his accounts which are kept up-to-date on computer.

Linton describes green dollars as being the equivalent of money issued by the federal government. Some transactions require federal money. If, for instance, a contractor is engaged to work on a house, the federal money is needed to purchase materials but the labour costs could be negotiated in green dollars.

The transactions are recorded to ensure that tax requirements are met.

The difference between LETS and a traditional barter system is

that the deals do not have to be transacted between individuals.

If one person has a skill which is needed, the transaction is set up. Another person might become involved in the deal through third-party trading.

A recent transaction of the Salt Spring LETS began with a \$225 green money price tag. By the time the trading had spun off to involve other individuals, the amount had grown close to 1,000 green dollars.

Linton says LETS is not a barter system but a symbolic exchange.

The problem with society now is shortage of money, he told the meeting. Dollars are essentially an information system, he added.

"We're into this absurd position where we don't have enough information."

Linton explained that he and others involved in the system are trying to convince provincial and federal tax officials to accept tax payments in green money.

He argues that green money is valid only within the community and if the taxes were paid partly in

green money, it would stay within the community to allow for "local fiscal autonomy."

Life membership in LETS is \$15 and allows the individual to become involved in the system. No green money need be credited to an account for people to be involved. Costs of the system are borne by all members and transactions do not carry the routine charges such as would happen in a bank.

The island LETS has Jerry Kurz as trustee plus a five-member board of directors.

More information on the system can be obtained by writing to Salt Spring LETS at Box 1124.

LETS began more than a year ago in the Comox Valley and has spread to 10 other communities in the province. Linton told the meeting that at least 50 other communities in Canada and the United States have expressed interest in the system.

Linton describes LETS as a form of anarchy but added that the bottom line allows people to see themselves as capable individuals within the community.

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Further information may be obtained by calling 537-5548.

Ganges Village Market





Dr. Roy Carlson of Simon Fraser University at archaeological dig at Pender Island canal site

Spalding family interested in archaeological site for many years

BY ELEANOR HARRISON

Much has been written about the excavations being carried out by Simon Fraser University archaeologists at the canal site on the Penders.

But long before archaeologists had any interest in this Indian midden the Spalding family of South Pender Island had.

Arthur Reed Spalding arrived on South Pender 98 years ago. His daughter-in-law, Winnifred Spalding, widow of Arthur's son Herbert, lives in the charming log home on land which was part of

Arthur's much larger acreage in earlier days when he owned a large part of South Pender including the canal area and some of what is now the Magic Lake subdivision.

In early days Indians lived on the Penders and especially in the canal area so we can suppose they were the descendants of those who created the midden being studied.

The Spalding family knew them well. Over the years Herb Spalding collected many artifacts from the canal area. He inherited the interest from his mother, Arthur's wife, who knew the Indians and had a life-long

interest in their cultural habits.

Mrs. Spalding has her husband's collection of artifacts catalogued in a display case in her home.

The Provincial Museum in Victoria has in its possession at present over 300 artifacts collected over the years by the Spalding family and now being catalogued.

In her younger years, Winnifred Spalding remembers the Indians living at the canal where she says they did a lot of fishing.

The canal site excavations have a continual stream of visitors. Dr. Roy Carlson, head of the archaeological team, said "he feels it a public duty to explain what is being done and it is good experience for the students".

Most archaeological sites throughout the world do not allow visitors until the excavations are completed and then they are opened as a tourist attraction. The Pender site is accessible to many.

Member visits Galiano

Jim Manly, New Democrat MP for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands, spent last Friday on Galiano, campaigning for the September 4 national election.

In the morning he and his wife

Eva greeted customers at the weekly market at the south end Community Hall, at Burrill Brothers Store, and the Corner Store. They also took time for a brief visit to Annie Brettels' garden and to Sutil Lodge on Stanley Jackson's property, which a group of islanders hope to preserve as an area for recreation, nature study and the arts.

At the community hall, Manly spoke to a group of over 30 people on the New Democratic Party's concerns for job creation, protection of the environment and peace.

Asked why the NDP is not more popular, he discussed the conservative mood of lean economic times, but he repudiated the conservative solution as "bleeding our way to health."

Three firsts for rose grower

Terry Martinich brought fame to Pender Island at the 39th annual Vancouver Rose Society Show, by entering his roses in seven different classes.

He was awarded three first prizes, two seconds and one third. One of Martinich's roses was selected as the best in the entire show.



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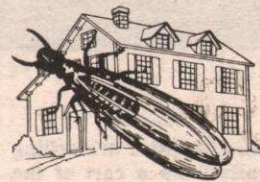
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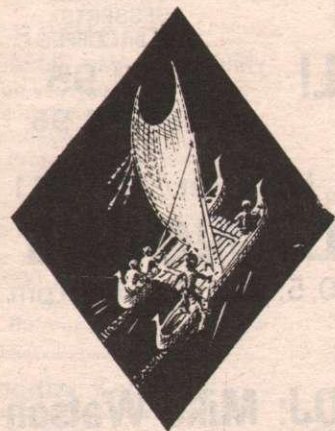
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Selling crafts

The Fulford Gypsies are selling arts and crafts from a cart at the ferry terminal at the south end of Salt Spring. Margaret Cass, left,

and Kay Catlin have joined forces to set up the sales display. The cart had been built by Bob Andrews for the Fulford community display at the

fall fair last year and the two ladies decided to put it to use to show off their wares.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Summer Mania this weekend

Mayne Island residents and visitors will be in for a fun time as Summer Mania strikes that island for the long weekend.

The summer festival kicks off Friday evening with a variety show being staged at the Agricultural Hall on Fernhill Road. Also set for that evening, as well as Saturday evening, is a dance to be held at the Mayne Inn.

Saturday morning the main events begin at the school grounds. There will be competitions of various types as well as a craft show and liquid refreshment area.

Later in the afternoon, attention shifts to Active Pass at Miners Bay. The power boat racers vie to see which is the quickest across the pass to Galiano Island.

The evening ends at a concert in the Agricultural Hall as well as the dance at the Inn.

Sunday morning, hunger can be sated at the pancake breakfast being served at the firehall from 9 am until 12.

The International Bed Race offers an opportunity for athletes to

show their skill. The route of the race is being kept secret until the start so that everyone gets an equal chance.

The school grounds are the site of the finals for the various competitions which began the day before. There will be a show for tots and a children's petting zoo as well. A jazz concert is scheduled for the evening in the Agi Hall at 8 pm.

The final day of fun centres on Bennett Bay beach where the competition turns to skill at making castles in the sand.

Dinghy and canoe races will go on the water and a balloon send-off

ends the fun. The liquid refreshment continues and a chicken barbecue is slated to ease the hunger.

"This will be a community effort," said one of the organizers, Brian Crumblehulme.



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Stonehenge was one of Dowling's stops

Islander studies history with month-long holiday in Europe

Humpty Dumpty really did fall from the wall, Colin Dowling of Salt Spring learned on a recent tour of England.

Dowling went back to visit his family in Essex but became involved in a month-long tour of England, Wales and Malta, searching for history.

The search began near his family's home in Essex. Castle Hedingham is located near there. It features one of the largest Norman archways of any of the fortifications built by William the Conqueror after the Battle of Hastings.

"It's not a sightly building," said Dowling, "but it's interesting dating back to that time."

Dowling followed historic sites in the east of England and became intrigued by the numerous old churches based on the circular design of a church in Jerusalem, Israel.

He learned that the churches had been built by members of the Knights Templar and Hospitalers. That group had settled in Malta, an island in the Mediterranean Sea,

*Thistle
not seen
before*

Although she's been gardening for many years, Agnes Bacon of Broadwell Rd. on Salt Spring Island had never seen anything like it when a giant thistle grew in her garden this year.

The plant had grown to about 12 feet in height when husband William cut it down last week before it went to seed.

Mrs. Bacon expressed interest in learning what kind of thistle it was,

after being driven out of the Holy Land by the Saracens.

So Dowling went to Malta to learn more.

He described the island as being about twice the size of Salt Spring with a population of 350,000 people and "no sewer problem."

Back in England, his travels took him to the west of the country.

At Colchester, he learned the story of Humpty Dumpty. During the siege of Colchester in 1648, the garrison placed a large cannon as a tower. The cannon had been named, because of its size, Humpty Dumpty. Cromwell's troops, under the command of General Fairfax, bombarded the tower and knocked down a corner of it. The cannon fell to the ground and was broken beyond repair.

"And all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again."

Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain is visited by thousands but all those tramping feet have undermined the ground of the ancient monument with the result that some of the stones are in danger of falling. So officials keep the visitors at a distance to protect the shrine.

Another place he visited was Tintagel which is reputed to be the

birthplace of King Arthur.

Of his month of travel Dowling said, "It's just an incredible amount of history."

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The musical duo of Cyndi Mellon and Lowry Olafson produce a variety of music from country through swing tunes to sensitive ballads containing lyrics which say something, sometimes.

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Mellon hails from Los Angeles but has lived in Canada for 10 years. She plays piano, flute, guitar and accordion.

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Galiano society seeks funds to purchase Stanley Jackson property

The Jackson property at the southerly end of Montague Harbour on Galiano represents history, ecology, culture and heritage and a group of residents are trying to save it.

The Montague Harbour Conservation and Enhancement Society was incorporated under the Society Act last February as a means of raising money to purchase the property.

Along the shore of the harbour, a midden of the Coast Salish dates back to at least 1200 B.C. But wave action of increased boat traffic, particularly from the ferries, is eroding the shore and the midden.

The society has received permission from the provincial Heritage Branch to construct a log

stockade to protect the midden from the waves.

At one corner of the property, Jackson Creek flows down to the harbour from the heights of Mount Sutil. The area is marshy and has been identified as a breeding ground for great blue herons. There are at least 23 nests of the big shore birds in that area.

The property had been settled by Stanley Jackson as a resort in 1927. He brought lumber and supplies to the site by barge and began to put together Sutil Lodge.

The resort attracted visitors up until the Second World War broke out.

After the war, Jackson turned Sutil Lodge into a studio facility for artists, writers, craftsmen and musicians.

Jackson died in 1983 and the idea of a society to preserve and enhance Sutil Lodge and the property was set in motion.

To accomplish the task the society seeks members, at a \$10 membership fee, and is looking for contributions from other agencies and associations.

A brochure produced to promote their work notes what the group has in mind.

"We have a two-fold task: We must protect the ecological values, the heritage values, the aesthetic values and the recreational values. Yet—at the same time—we must control the intensity of use at the site, in order to preserve the qualities and amenities upon which such activities depend."

The federal department of fisheries sent an official to the site to look at the creek. He stated that, if the creek were cleared out, it could support up to 12 pairs of chum salmon. Permission was given for society members to begin work on the creek.

In addition, the Tides Foundation in San Francisco has authorized a Designated Purpose Fund on behalf of the Galiano group. The foundation will help cover the costs of various projects at the site as well as covering expenses of anyone who goes to the United States to raise more money.

Christa Weiss, who represents Galiano Island on the Islands Trust, is also president of the society.

She outlined the money efforts of the group. They seek government, public institution and private funding for their plans.

"... We expect to in the future have a minimum dependency on public funds," she noted.

The society expects help and support from the Galiano community in the form of labour and expertise to achieve their goal of preserving Sutil Lodge and the property it sits on.

Craft fair repeats success

Sunday morning at the Corner Store was the scene once again of a hobby, craft and art fair and the tables were laden with exhibits of many kinds.

The main prize went to Phoebe Kingscote for her hand-carved alder bowls, which she made using her own handmade gouges. Island children were represented too. Thor Bongertman had a cedar helicopter, Drew Hardy a carved animal and Aaron Dunn a radio-controlled

sailplane.

Dorothy Lupton was there with her Group of 12 painting of Burrill Bros. Store. Steve Nemtin exhibited his abstract paintings and Donna Maben Mohr showed her handspun wool and homemade weaving equipment.

All exhibitors received a prize for their efforts.

More shows are planned, along with a swap meet and, perhaps, a pet show.



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GALIANO NEWS

Darts tournament marks opening of clubhouse

BY MARY HARDING

On Friday and Saturday the Galiano Rod and Gun Club held a celebration to open the spacious new building which has arisen out of the ashes of the fire which took the old building on December 24, 1983.

The big peeled log building has been built under the direction of president Frank Basarab. The interior will be done in the near future.

The opening event was in the form of a dart tournament. After some close games winners were Jim Ford, Bill Bessler, Frank Basarab, Ian Davies and Marg Basarab.

Members and friends enjoyed watching the contest and talking about possibilities for many other events to raise money to help furnish and finish the interior of this fine building.

A thunderbug race is to be held at Montague Harbour on Sunday, sponsored by the Rod and Gun and tickets are available from any member for the giant fishing derby, August 25 and 26.

St. Margaret of Scotland Church has been well-attended this past few weeks. Last week it was filled to hear Professor Marks McAvity lead the service, with the newly-formed praise-sing group leading the singing and teaching several new songs.

Sunday saw Rev. Len Pocock celebrate Holy Communion, followed by a baptism of Kenneth James English, son of Patrick and Kelly English of Galiano.

Then there was the opening of a small building leased by St. Margaret of Scotland Church, and finished on the inside by workers to create a large room which will be used for Sunday school, church meetings and other church-related gatherings.

This little building fills a great need for the church, as up to now there has been no place to hold such gatherings. The Sunday school has badly outgrown the little room in the rectory where it has been held for many years.

The Lions are having the busiest time of the year, preparing for the Fiesta which will be held at Bellhouse field on Saturday.

Before the beginning of the parade, which starts at Sturdies Bay, Galiano Club members will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast, beginning at 8 am, with chief cooks Alan Buttery and Mike Hoebel preparing delicious pancakes.

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Musgravegate Update!

"...the 25 small lots, of course, violate the community plan and threaten the island with a city-style development that is completely at odds with the present rural charm of the Gulf Islands.

"Mr. Humphries believes that whatever the government says, its intention in changing the strata title regulations is simply to ease the way for development of the islands. Since that is the clear effect of the government's actions, it is the logical conclusion to draw.

"It is regrettable, and short-sighted, of course. But by the time the islands look like Kerrisdale-by-the-Sea, it will be too late to acknowledge it was a mistake."

—editorial from *The Vancouver Sun*, June 30, 1984

"At its April 18, 1984, meeting the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee passed a resolution to the effect that the application to create a 25 lot strata subdivision at Musgrave Landing, South Salt Spring Island should be refused as it contravenes the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan both in generality and in detail.

"...general statements in a Plan cannot be simply disregarded as wishful thoughts or dreams. Indeed the Goals of a Plan are its essence."

—letter from the Islands Trust to Dave Raven, Ministry of Transportation & Highways, May 14, 1984

"...even though you had issued formal instructions to us to proceed with your case, we were withholding the filing of the petition...until...the Cortes Island Ratepayers case was adjudicated upon by the B.C. Court of Appeal. When a matter is under appeal, as was the Cortes Island decision, the Supreme Court will not hear actions on that point until a clear direction has been issued by the Court of Appeal... On May 25/84 the Court of Appeal clearly stated (unanimously) in the Cortes case that the approving officer could not approve a subdivision plan...that contravened...a community plan. However, the effect of that decision was nullified by Order in Council 918. As a result of the Cabinet passing this Order-in-Council, you find yourself not having a case in law which can be taken before the courts. **Indeed the implication of this Order-in-Council is that no B.C. municipality or regional district has the right today to control "cluster" or "averaging" subdivision plans by way of their official settlement or community plan.**

—letter to us from our attorney, Mr. Lawrence Fast of Victoria.

IN A NUTSHELL: The government *knew* they didn't have a leg to stand on and would be defeated in the Court of Appeal. A defeat on Cortes would mean defeat on Musgrave and any other similar case where the developer's plans contravened Community Plans. So they passed an Order-in-Council to **allow contravention of a community plan.**

The West Coast Environmental Law Association sees Musgrave as a critical issue. We are working together to see what other legal avenues are still open to challenge the government.

But public opinion may be the only effective strategy for the present.

Isn't it worth five minutes of your time and a 32-cent stamp to resist the Kerrisdale-ization of the Islands? Are you going to sit passively by and let Victoria bureaucrats and their shadowy friends carve up and auction off these lovely lands?

1. FILL OUT BELOW AND MAIL TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. Add your own letter or comments, but at least send it in.

2. BUG YOUR FEDERAL CANDIDATE FOR A FIRM PUBLIC STATEMENT. We need firm support for maintaining this facility for public use. *It is disturbing that last summer a section was cut out of the wharf approach. Rico Holdings would directly benefit if this public facility was removed, since the harbour is clearly too small for a private marina and public wharf,* the use of which will grow. It was only a few years ago that the facilities were extensively repaired and renewed. Wharf repair would not be an expensive matter. *It is critical that public access rights are not jeopardized.*

The following is excerpted from a letter to the Islands Trust, June 13/84, by a landowner adjacent to Rico's:

We were assured by Mr. Roethel at the time of the sale that it would be very selectively logged and great care would be taken to preserve the environment. I have witnessed the extensive damage to the environment since the purchase of the property in February of 1976 under the auspices of Henry Roethel, president of Rico Holdings. He has practically clear cut all the slope over the 300 foot level, leaving only a scattering of diseased trees with too much conch to be marketable. The ensuing water run-off problem in the winter and spring has caused our creek to flood periodically and our fields and road to turn to mud. Furthermore, the removal of practically all the adjoining timber eliminated the windbreak. The result has been a significant loss of our timber from blow downs. Much soil erosion has been caused by the loss of forest cover."

Let us clear up any possibility of misunderstanding about the recently announced extension of Rico's Preliminary Layout approval. **Islands Trust remains adamantly opposed to the subdivision.**

We recently took video footage of the Musgrave Road work to demonstrate the recent and unprecedented ditching, culverting and road bed improvement. We finished with a few clips of the notorious blind curves on the Ganges-Fulford highway, remedial work on which has remained unfinished for over a year.

We have also filmed the results of Rico's logging practices, especially around the harbour and on the area where the lots are to be concentrated. It is here that the rare wild Phantom Orchids grow, one of only two sites in the province, and we were lucky to find and record them. Their utterly vulnerable location makes a mockery of the developer's cynical undertaking to protect them. Once the bulldozers and dynamiters move in to make safe clearings and the proposed road through the point, at least 3/4 of the trees will come down or be blown down. **There is no way the orchids will survive.**

The orchids may not in themselves be sufficient cause to stop this subdivision, but the record of Rico principals gives little assurance that any of its commitments to respect other community concerns will be carried out. Indeed we have grave doubts about the economic viability of the subdivision **unless the government bends or changes other rules** (in matters of health, water, sewage disposal, fire protection, etc.) as **they have done with Order-in-Council 918, and aids them further with government funds** as they have with the Musgrave Road improvements.

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Sir:

I/we believe:

- (1) The Musgrave Landing subdivision proposal should be rejected.
- (2) Order-in-Council 918 should be rescinded.
- (3) The Highways Department should "open the books" with respect to Musgrave Road work.
- (4) The Highways Department should not have the power to ignore the provisions of the community plan, Island Trust recommendations, especially when strong and unanimous, and allocate funds without public input as they have done in the case of Musgrave Landing.
- (5) No subdivision proposal in dispute should be given even preliminary approval until there has been full public disclosure and discussion of all aspects.

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Every letter makes difference, says one-time prisoner

**Contributed
BY MURRAY REISS**

Father Apranam Singarayar is a Roman Catholic priest in Sri Lanka. Maria Margarita Baez De Brites is a 35-year-old hairdresser in Paraguay. Joaquin Olano is a 25-year-old Basque mechanic who lives in Spain.

Their worlds couldn't seem further apart. Yet they share one inescapable fact with each other and with thousands of other men, women and children in more than 90 countries all over the world: they are the victims of institutionalized torture.

Father Singarayar, Margarita Baez and Joaquin Olano were imprisoned for their political beliefs or their ethnic origin. While in prison they were repeatedly, routinely tortured. Their experience is far from rare. Political suspects and other prisoners face torture in police stations, secret detention centres, camps and military barracks throughout the world.

In many countries today, electric shocks, sexual assaults, severe beatings and mock executions have become routine.

As part of Amnesty International's Campaign for the Abolition

of Torture, AI Group 72 is asking islanders to join us on two occasions this month at the Farmers' Market this Saturday and the Salt Spring Centre on the following Saturday to sign appeals on behalf of Father Singarayar, Margarita Baez, Joaquin Olano and 20 other victims of torture.

Every letter we can send does make a difference. Julio de Pena Valdes was imprisoned in the Dominican Republic in 1971. He recalls: "I was being kept naked in an underground cell. When the first 200 letters came the guards gave me back my clothes. Then the next 200

letters came and the prison director came to see me.

"When the next pile of letters arrived, the director got in touch with his superior. The letters kept coming and coming: 3,000 of them. The president was informed. The letters still kept arriving and the president called the prison and told them to let me go."

Look for our booth at the Farmers' Market this Saturday. The following Saturday, August 11, come to the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road where Jam Sandwich/Global Island Theatre

will perform *A Different Mirror* as a special Amnesty benefit. This play uses an exceptional mixture of song, dance, dialogue and costume to explore the many facets of Chile, from its ancient myths to present-day reality.

A collective creation of the theatre troupe's six players-musicians-dancers-writers, *A Different Mirror* is colourful and exciting. Its multi-layered texture movingly demonstrates the human spirit's ability to find laughter and light even in the midst of oppression.



Tournament winners

Salt Spring D.O.G.'s, who beat Vancouver team 16-3 Sunday to win invitational slow pitch tournament at Salt Spring Island. Standing, from left, are Dave Woodley, Gord

Ross, Jack Althouse, Wayne DeVane, Linda Hoover, Daisy, Glenn Woodley, John Callas, Rob Dunn, Bob Brownsword, Joy Brownsword, Ed Davis, Irene and

Tom Wright, Bob McWhirter. Front: Bob Anderson, Linda Woodley, Glenda Woodley, Ramona DeVane, Barb Woodley, Jeffrey Brownsword.

Island Chamber Players well received at Ganges

Review

BY JEAN KNIGHT

The concert given by the Island Chamber Players, played to a packed church on July 21, was a very exciting performance, and was very well received.

Their first piece featured Stacey Boals on recorder, and Mary Lou Dawes on harpsichord, backed by a string quartet led by Vivian Tillman. The intricate ornamentation between recorder, violin and viola showed excellent ensemble playing, as did the playing of cello and recorder in the slow movement.

The fifth Brandenburg Concerto by Bach featured Derry Deane on violin, Glen Fast on flute and Mary Lou Dawes on harpsichord. This was very well played, especially the dynamic harpsichord playing.

The slow movement between violin, flute and cello played by Larry Skaggs was particularly

beautiful, and the delightful lilting last movement brought the first half to a close, leaving the audience eager for the second half.

This was the Octet, written by Mendelssohn when only 16 years of age. To be congratulated is Derry Deane, the leader of this ensemble, on her excellent playing. The third movement showed an interestingly light and sprightly interplay between all sections. The dramatic start of the last movement leading to the finale gave all eight players, in such a demanding work, a chance to give a great sound and exciting finish to a delightful evening.

This group of players, all members of the Victoria Symphony, are to be congratulated. Their next concert here will be the Derry Deane String Trio, on October 28 at 2 pm.

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Sunday remembrance day

Contributed
BY MARGOT MCKAGUE

Do you remember last August 6? It was a beautiful evening and some

of the residents of Salt Spring Island and their friends walked with their hearts in utmost unity in small groupings along the roadside. We were like a small but steady stream

as we walked from the Ganges Anglican Church down to Centennial Park.

Remember, each of us held aloft a lighted candle taper, its small flame flickering conspicuously. We had come together in remembrance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to unite in prayer for the survivors of the bombings, and to pray for mankind that such a tragedy will never repeat itself.

Last year we were honoured with the presence of Kinuko Lasky, president of the Canadian Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Survivors. This year Kinuko will not be with us but we will continue in the same spirit.

In the Ganges United Church at 8:15 pm, Sunday, Aug. 5, there will be an Interfaith Service of Hope. A diversity of religions will be represented to share from their sacred writings the spirit of peace. Sid Filkow will read from the Hindu scriptures, Alison Jason from the Buddhist, Susan Yardley from the Christian, and Pete Burt from the Baha'i.

This is to be followed by a small selection of chorals sung by a group of children. Susan Cogan will be our host.

At 9 pm we will again light the candles as we pass through the church doors, and hold them aloft even as a chalice of light to the world as we walk united in thought to Centennial Park where there will be a short service of music, poetry and prayers for peace.

Last year proved to be such a bountiful experience. Come again and knit your hearts together on this remembrance day for Hiroshima.



Julie Gilbert was participant in last year's ceremony

Directors to discuss sewer

The directors of the Capital Region will spend August 15 talking about the Ganges sewer.

Salt Spring director Hugh Borsman urged the board to approve the \$23,000 to cover the costs of an outfall dye test. But the directors took the recommendation of board chairman Shirley Wilde to spend a day to discuss the sewer proposal.

Borsman had urged the board to approve the money for the test in order to prove that the system would work as claimed. But engineers of the region had originally been against testing the outfall because they felt it was not necessary.

Chief engineer Craig Somerville had earlier opposed the dye test but he told the meeting of the directors that he was changing his mind.

The directors decided to talk for the day in an effort to clear the air of confusion on the sewer debate.



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Weeds are to be appreciated for what they do

Most of you will know quite well that I have nothing against weeds. On the contrary, their vital role in the overall dynamics of the biosphere has endeared them to me as pioneer plants, soil conditioners, soil enrichers, biodynamic generators and as the sires of our food plants.

If they did not grow as they do, without any care whatsoever on the 95% uncultivated surface areas of the continents, we would have to go out every year and plant every foot of the planet with them, and look after them as well. Thank God that they do not need our help.

From this it may be correctly inferred that I harbour a deep respect and much appreciation for them, and for what they do. It may even be said that I cherish them, and I wish I could feel the same about politicians. It comes as a total surprise to me then, when weeding the carrot patch, that I am constantly reminded of politicians.

The consideration, care, time and effort spent on improving the soil of our garden is finally starting to show in the health and abundance of its green life, and weeds, being what they are, have taken full advantage of the improved conditions. Carrots are notoriously slow to germinate and it seems that they have taken more than their own sweet time this year. I do not know what kind of a bill of goods the weeds have handed to the carrots, perhaps something like: "Hey, we'll grow ahead and protect you from goats and slucks, you just take it easy and follow us when it is safe."

CLING TO WEEDS

It must have been something like that and the carrots obviously swallowed it hook, line and sinker from the way they cling and hang on to the weeds I am trying to pull out. Oops, there go another three carrots with that weed. But the parallels seem rather uncanny: nice, rich garden soil, ample moisture, good pH balance, and the weeds take it all, leaving little, if any, for the poor struggling carrots.

Next year I am going to change all that, in the vegetable garden that is, and this year in our political garden with any luck. I am going to lay down a lot of newspaper between the rows, one thing it is really good for, present company excepted of course.

This will prevent that rampant, overeager growth of unwanted weeds, retain moisture and break down nicely to add its organic content to the substance of the soil. Then I only need to deal with the relatively few politicians—oops, weeds—in the carrot rows, and those can go on top of the newspaper where they will do the most good.

Many of you also know, have heard or read it here, that I grow our produce with weeds. My first experiments proved to be a mixed blessing as it were, well, mostly blessings if one counts a lot of organic material from weeds on the asset side of the balance sheet. Against this though we had to discount mostly all of our beets, carrots, onions and lettuces.

SHEARINGS MAKE MULCH

It is my idea, and I still like it, which may not be all that surprising, to shear the weeds down to two inches periodically, use the shearings as mulch with its many benefits, and so, naturally and cheaply, increase the organic content of our clay. It works well with all the larger garden specimens such as cucumbers, tomatoes, cabbages and so on, but proved to be a bit of a disaster with all the small and slender plants, and especially with the onions.

Imagine, if you will, trying to shear weeds around the slim, tiny leaves of new onion seedlings. Needless to say, the onions did not have a chance and found it impossible to cope with the repeated shearing of their leaves, although the weeds did not seem to mind that much.

It was extremely interesting to

Farming and Gardening

BY PETER WEIS

note that thistles will bloom, if necessary, at the height of two inches. As it is, I keep a space of six inches in radius clear of all weeds around the base of the large plants as well. And this does work well; the weed mulch holds moisture, harbours millions of pest-hungry little hunting spiders, slows down new weed growth and eventually contributes much organic material, nutrients (NPK) and trace minerals to the soil.

A GOOD BED

It also provides a neat bed for cucumbers and other fruit that are prone to rest on the ground. The very best thing to do, I suppose, is to seed the whole thing to white clover in the fall and that would be even better than weeds.

We did this a few years ago, and since white clover is a perennial, we had hoped that we would have it forever. However, after several spring plowings and repeated rotillings only the odd little patch remains here and there, but it would be worth it to develop a scheme which would allow the clover to persist. Must work on that one.

Another neat thing to do is to spread a thin scattering of compost among the weeds just prior to shearing, or on the bare spaces among the vegetables, cover this either with the weed shearings or other mulch, scatter a bit of chicken or other manure on top of that, and watch out. It takes about five days for any noticeable effect to show, but after that the plants will double their size in another five days.

The valuable soil bacteria in the compost will thrive and multiply to their little heart's desire in the moist environment under a green or newspaper mulch, to add the fruit of

their labour and their lives to the health of the soil and the plants. And if you want to go first class, add a touch of seaweed on top of everything.

Since we are concerned with a few growth improvement methods here at this moment, we might as well mention the powerful growth hormone in the green leaves of the alfalfa plants again. Eight ounces of fresh, green chopped alfalfa per 100 square feet, scattered evenly over

the growing areas, has increased yields by over 30% in recent trials. Curiously, this proved to be the best rate of application, as heavier applications resulted in lesser increases in yield.

I still have great confidence that one day, before the winter of our time, we shall prevail against the weeds in the carrot patch, the last hurdle between the depravity of the rapacious weed and our enjoyment of the fruit of our labours.

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Islander in Whistler Triathlon

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KICK-OFF

Registration forms out this week

BY MALCOLM LEGG

Soccer season is still a little way off but preparations are already underway for the coming season. With our registration forms coming out in the mail this week and many calls coming in about soccer school it is a good time to outline our coming program.

League registration

•Off-island league play costs \$30 per player and applies to all boys and girls born in 1973 or before. League play commences September 15.

•Intra-island league play costs \$20 per player and applies to all boys and girls born after 1973. This is our local house league that plays at Portlock every Saturday morning.

•Pre-school costs \$10 and applies to all youngsters under five years of age and runs from September until poor weather sets in.

•Adult recreational soccer costs \$5 per player and is open to all men, women and high school players who have no team to play on. Playing times have not been finalized but play will start this Sunday and every Sunday at 7 pm on the Ganges school grounds.

Summer Soccer School

This year's summer soccer school will be run from August 27-31 at Portlock Park and is open to all boys and girls. The school is in two levels: junior for those youths 10 and under running from 8 am-12:30 pm, and senior for those over 10 running from 1-5:30 pm.

The \$30 fee includes a t-shirt, ball and badge and the school will be run

by this writer once again.

Referees and coaches

Our association is always actively seeking new referees and coaches, with or without experience, to join our ranks. If you are interested in doing either or wish to learn more about being involved in either field, please contact our association for assistance.

Soccer Shop

Our association will once again provide the players with a fine line of quality equipment for soccer that can be purchased through the club. This year we will again sell jackets, balls, shin guards, goalie gloves, kangaroo tops, bags, and boots but we have finally found a good quality track suit in club colours to sell.

If you wish a price list please contact this writer, or for specific items list size and item on registration form and order early.

On receiving your registration

form in the mail we request you fill in league registration as it applies to your family, fill in soccer school application if you have children who wish to enroll, and fill in any other applicable areas on the lower part of the form. Then send the form with total payment, payable to SSIYSA, and with a copy of your children's birth certificates (if we do not have them) to the address on the form.

As a special bonus this year if your form is received by us prior to August 19, 1984, you will be eligible for the draw for one free soccer school admission (draw will be made on August 20, 1984). So mail those forms in now and win.

For any further information or if you need a form, please contact this writer or Strick Aust, evenings. We love to help and hope you will join us for the coming season. For now I will let you get back to enjoying our fine summer.

Averages within limit

Salt Spring beaches continue to be relatively clean, the health inspection department of the Capital Region said Monday.

The health department monitors seven beaches on the island to determine the coliform count. Stowe Lake continued to produce the highest count, 19, although well within the limit.

When the count averages 200 over a five-week period, the beach is closed to swimmers.

At the end of June the count for Stowe Lake was 27.

The other fresh-water beaches recorded the following counts: Cusheon Lake, six; Blackburn Lake, four; St. Mary Lake and Weston Lakes, three. The figures have not changed since the end of June.

The salt-water beaches are Maliview, four; and Vesuvius beach, four. Those figures are also the same as the numbers obtained at the end of June.

GOLF NEWS

BY PAT DOHERTY

In the nine-hole ladies' section at the Salt Spring Golf Club last week there were 20 ladies out for the Kennedy Cup. The winner was Mabel Moore, runner-up Anne Sober. There were two ties, Joan McCauley and Joan Tiernan. Low net was Jo Stone.

The putt pot was shared by Mary Alice Burford and Anne Sober. Dorothy Crofton took charge of the Connie Porter Trophy with her chip-in.

The ladies' 18-hole division played for the Evans Cup. The winner was Jean Hopkins with net 66, runner-up was Marie Hopkins with net 67.

Those whose age did not allow them to play for the cup played for the Un-Evans cup. Jerry Alexander was the winner with net 66. The putt pot was shared by Lil Rayner and Ada Woodley with 27 putts.

The finals were played for two other cup competitions. Winner of the Bank of Commerce Cup was Alice Fraser, runner-up was Mona Coulter. Winner of the Marg Johnston Cup was Ada Woodley with Mildred Gurney runner-up.

Congratulations, ladies.

Marie Hopkins and Mildred Mitchell finally lost a match in the seniors button play off-island, but they certainly gave them a good run for their money.

We have no news from the men's section, but we did hear that Bruce Kirwin won the Vermont Seniors Amateur for the second year in a row. Congratulations.

As everyone knows the Salt Spring Open goes on the 11th and 12th of August. There is a sheet on the notice board asking for volunteer spotters for the event. Spotters play a most important part in making the tournament the success that it usually is. They indicate to players on the tee whether the ball is out of bounds or not so they they will play another ball and thus save time.

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This Week in Recreation

LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Wed., Aug. 1: Byrons vs Fulford, Portlock; Boys vs Luigi's, Little League; Driftwood vs Inn, Fulford. Mon., Aug. 6: Byrons vs Inn, Portlock; Luigi's vs Fulford, Little League; Boys vs Driftwood, Fulford.

FRIDAY NIGHT SLOWPITCH: Aug. 3: Dogs vs Fulford, Fulford #1; Fulford vs Slugs, Fulford #2; Gooyducks vs Soccas, Little League; Jellyfish vs Rebs, Hydro; Pharmsavers vs Deadwood, Portlock. Gang Green BYE.

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