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A horizon-fall of Soccertron participants demonstrate their skills with a clutch of soccer balls. The popular summer soccer school was held at Portlock Park last week in preparation for the coming season.

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**Turned-off battery grounds ferry**

Someone turned off the batteries.

That's why the Mayne Queen's steering failed and the ferry ran aground off Piers Island August 12, stranding 88 passengers and 40 vehicles for five hours and taking the ferry out-of-service for four days.

An inquiry by B.C. Ferries revealed that a normal Monday morning steering battery test was under way when the accident occurred. As part of the test, the engineering crew turned off both battery charger breakers from the switchboard. One breaker leads to the forward steering system and one leads to the aft system.

As the test started, the ship's master entered a turn to port, part of the usual course between Swartz Bay and Pufudor Harbour.

Meanwhile, another crew member independently unlocked the steering battery room located on the vehicle deck and switched off the toggle switches on the uninterrupted power supply system. The crew member believed he was switching off the battery charger system but had, instead, eliminated all power to the steering.

An alarm sounded immediately and crew took corrective action.

"The steering battery test began at 9:20 p.m. and the vessel ran aground at 9:25 p.m. No one was hurt and no vehicles were damaged.

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**School trustees reduced to seven**

Salt Spring voters will have fewer seats to mark on school district ballots this November. The Ministry of Education has approved the Gulf Islands School Board’s application to reduce the number of trustees from nine to seven.

The change will reduce the number of Salt Spring trustees from five to three but still allow one trustee from each of Saturna, Mayne and Galatea plus one representative from North and South Pender.

Reducing trustee numbers to five was proposed this spring as a cost-cutting measure when the district was threatened with amalgamation. With the threat of amalgamation past, trustees voted in June to reduce the number of board members to seven instead.

At that time, the proposed split in seats was questioned by Salt Spring trustee David Elyes, who noted the majority of the population is on Salt Spring.

"If the impacts are significant enough, Tebb hopes the government will sever all or part of its tie for cutbacks," said commercial fisherman Amos Harnden, who also owns The Fishery in Ganges. He compared the cutbacks to an earlier government move to cut the number of Coast Guard stations.

"It's a crime that it's being done this way," the mayor of Salt Spring, Jan Lassey said Monday from his office at B.C. Parks' south Vancouver Island headquar­ters.

"The ministry has not taken into account the costs of running the lighthouses," he predicted.

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**Coast Guard faces possible transfer**

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Budget cuts could take the Coast Guard out of Ganges Harbour and transfer the Skaha and crew to Victoria.

Terry Tebb, director of operations for the Canadian Coast Guard Pacific Region, outlined the "worst case scenario" which included staff cuts, reduced services, demanning of the lighthouses and the transfer of the Ganges station to Victoria.

"We've been directed to cut $7.1 million from the cost of running the Coast Guard," Tebb said, adding that represents a 25 per cent reduction in the budget for B.C.

A report was prepared by Coast Guard senior management on how the cuts could be made with the least possible impact on service. The report was completed Tuesday and the information relayed to stations throughout Canada last Wednesday morning.

Tebb is now meeting with all of the organizations and programs which draw on assistance from the Coast Guard, such as search and rescue, pollution response, oceanographic science and fisheries management and enforcement.

"It has all been effective in creating and identifying how the cuts will be made with the least possible impact on service," he said.

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Potential Coast Guard cuts drew a strong reaction on the Ganges waterfront.

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Vineyard Land Bank has $3 million to spend on land

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t the Salt Spring Conservancy struggles to scrape together enough cash to help purchase the Mill Farm, vegetation on the island of Martha's Vineyard faces no such financial challenges.

According to Lassey, who contacted the Islands Trust to straighten out, they do have a Land Bank and several other organizations.

The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission was formed at 1986 to purchase land deemed worthy of saving for public use. It could be compared to the Islands Trust Fund were it not for one key reason:

The revenue source. Nearly every real estate transaction on the Vineyard is subject to a 2 per cent levy. It is that levy that generated the bank's $3 million in cash last year.

If the same scheme was initiated on Salt Spring, real estate sales during the first six months of 1996 would have produced $475,000, more than enough for the local portion of the Mill Farm purchase price.

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"We are monitoring the situation closely," Lassey said. "Hopefully it can be resolved soon."
Cyclists suffer head injuries

A visiting cyclist sustained serious head injuries and a broken arm after he lost control of his bicycle on Musgrave Road last week.

The 19-year-old man was not wearing a helmet as he sped down a hill, lost control of the bike in the gravel and was thrown onto the road.

Police said the cyclist was riding too fast.

Police and ambulance crews attended the scene after a motorist with a cellular phone called in the emergency which occurred last Saturday at about 2 p.m.

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At 3:08 p.m. the Skua was called to a 28-foot Bayliner aground in Navy Channel on the Mayne Island side. No one was on board but as the Coast Guard crew was securing the boat to a mooring, the owner returned.

The Skua responded to the Ganges Island and secured it within the cove to protect it against high winds.

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As of September 3, people riding bicycles in British Columbia will also have to buckle up — their helmets.

The new law applies to children and adults, and stipulates that an approved helmet must be worn while riding a bicycle.

An approved helmet will have the following stickers:

- CSA (Canadian Standards Association); Snell B95 or B80;

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A 17-year-old Williams Lake girl crashed into a pole at about 10:25 p.m. last Wednesday night.

Her vehicle sustained about $2,900 in damages.
Visiting judge honoured in Merritt

A judge who used to holiday on Salt Spring Island 60 years ago is being honoured with a special exhibit at the Nicolle Vale Museum in Merritt.

Judge Henry Camillus, known as the "cowboy judge," was a local judge of the Supreme Court for the County of the Cariboo and Kamloops County Court judge for the Cariboo.

Local farmer Terry Byron remembers Camillus as "just a character." When he killed the whole island rook, he had a bit of a time when they wanted to cut the chicken off and put it on the ground.

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By VALORIE LENNIX

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A lot of us, said Lambert, dollars were funnelled away from district infrastructure. "Every dollar we've had we put into the classroom. As a result, he noted district maintenance vehicles are now 10 years old and will have to be replaced, yet there are no reserve funds for new equipment.

Technology has also been shortchanged.

"We have equipment which can be deemed obsolete," she lamented. "At least four of them have sold me their pet lines into the office out of their stock.

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Gervasoni: back in the USA

Gerald Gervasoni was turned over to U.S. authorities at 5 a.m. last Wednesday and left Canada on a 6 a.m. flight to face murder charges in Florida.

Charged with murdering his former girlfriend, Sharynndol Pasciak, in 1986, Gervasoni lived on Salt Spring under the name of Gordon Neil McIntyre. Following an Unsolved Mysteries broadcast about Pasciak's murder in Florida.

Gervasoni was arrested on August 15, the Supreme Court of Canada turned down Gervasoni's application for bail. Gervasoni has been in Wilkinson Road jail right until three years, Gervasoni has clearly served his time. Gervasoni was turned over to the U.S. authorities at 5 a.m. last Wednesday and left Canada on a 6 a.m. flight to face murder charges in Florida.

INQUIRY: Ferry accident

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Ganges Coast Guard seamen Dave Arnott, left, and Al Hoskins face an uncertain future with a proposal to move the Skua and crew from Ganges to Victoria as a cost-cutting measure. Photow"™.™.

Lost jobs — up to 117 — may hit the Ganges Coast Guard station. "There's some debate," Tebb said.

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"They've certainly served the community well," he said, pointing out that Coast Guard members have frequently presented programs on safety to sailing club members, in addition to doing boat inspections.

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Harbour speed limits could 'impose greater changes'

The new speed limit in Ganges Harbour, approved at the request of the Salt Spring Sailing Club, should be reviewed by club members, suggests Gordon Ruckle.

Ruckle, a member of the sailing club and Coast Guard, and operator of the B.C. Hydro boat, feels the 10 kmh or 5.5 knot speed limit should be reconsidered.

But club commodore Jim Spencer said the club wanted a "no wash" restriction, not a speed limit. It was a provincial Ministry of Environment decision to respond to the "no wash" request with a speed limit, Spencer said.

Given a choice of a five kmh, 10 kmh or 15 kmh limit, Spencer said the 10 kmh limit was chosen. "Five kmh was impractical to impose on Ganges Harbour," Spencer observed.

He predicts the speed limit will protect the foreshore from erosion and moored boats from being "bounced around" by the wash from fast-moving vessels.

CRD workers begin contract mediation

Mediation starts Tuesday between five locals of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the Capital Regional District (CRD), plus six other employers to resolve a contract dispute which has dragged on since the previous contract expired December 31.

The collective agreement covers 2,100 employees of the regional district, the Greater Victoria Library Board, Victoria, Oak Bay, North Saanich, Sidney and Colwood.

"These locals are looking for a settlement based squarely on the reality of these times," said Jim Lamb, CUPE national representative. Main issues are job security, additional funding for pay equity and job evaluation, improvements in benefits and a small wage increase.

"Affected by the dispute are CRD employees on the island, including administrative staff in the health unit, building inspectors, water and sewer workers and parks workers."

Blaze doused

A brush fire on Mount Maxwell which covered approximately four acres, drew volunteer firefighters out at 3:15 a.m. last Tuesday, but the blaze was reported by a Crofton resident.

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Former president of Island Watch negotiates illegal cottage with Trust

By VALORIE LENNOX

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An outspoken advocate of the Islands Trust’s preservation and protection mandate in new enforcement negotiations with the Trust over an illegal cottage on her property.

Until this spring, Marilyn Thaden Dexter was president of the Island Watch Society (IWS), a position she had held for two years. The “watchdog” and educational group encourages support for the Trust mandate.

But while Dexter as IWS president was writing in support of unresolved debate on the draft Official Community Plan, someone else was writing in the Capital Regional District (CRD) building inspector about an infraction of Trust bylaws on her and husband David Dexter’s Wikie Way property.

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If you applied for a building permit to do these renovations, the building inspector would have informed you of the amendments to the definition of a seasonal cottage and told you that the renovations did not meet zoning requirements,” Hamblin noted.

Thaden Dexter, who has been on vacation until last week, said the issue is not yet resolved. “I spoke to our legal counsel and he advised that it would be premature for me to discuss publicly the cottage issue while it is still pending,” she said.

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Coast guard move makes little sense

In an emergency, seconds count. So why is anyone suggesting the Coast guard station be moved to Victoria? Victoria may have a larger land-based population, but most boat traffic — especially the recreational boaters who are those most often in need of help — is on the east side of Vancouver Island, among the Gulf Islands or into Georgia Strait.

Located right in the middle of all the action, Ganges Harbour is within comparatively easy reach of high-traffic trouble spots like Active Pass.

The Skua has also responded to calls off Vancouver Island from Oak Bay to Nanaimo, in the San Juan Islands and the Strait of Georgia. Ganges has repeatedly proved itself as a workable base for a wide swatch of heavily populated water.

Moving to Victoria would shift boat and crew from the centre of boating traffic to the south and east. Nor would it serve Victoria for a wide stretch of heavily populated water.

The move would put the Skua many more life-saving minutes from Active Pass, Tl'ukumall Channel and Gabriola Pass. It would add 30 to 40 minutes to the time required to reach another trouble spot, East Point or Saturna Island.

Diving emergencies which require the fastest possible response by rescue crews have also been occurring off the point in recent years.

In winter, when the most serious emergencies tend to occur, the major advantage of Ganges Harbour is that the routes to the busiest locations are through protected waters. From Victoria, heavy seas could easily slow response time to East Point or Active Pass by an hour and 40 minutes.

The Coast Guard is also in an ideal position to protect one of the busiest small passenger runs on the islands, the school boats, which operate Monday to Friday from September to June. From Ganges, the Skua is within minutes of anywhere on that route.

Cost-cutting does not stand up against putting a boatload of students at risk.

Nor does it stand up against moving the Skua from a base where it is in easy reach of the hundreds who travel on B.C. Ferries sailings between Victoria and Vancouver Island and the mainland.

From a community perspective, it would also be a shame to lose six full-time and six casual government-funded jobs from our small island economy, which already generates too few employment options. Many of those who work full-time or part-time for the coast guard have been long-time islanders and are assets to the community, both on and off the water.

But a far greater tragedy would be to see lives lost because of bureaucratic budget-cutting — especially when there is no clear indication of how the coast guard will save money by transferring the Skua and crew to Victoria.

It may even cost more to move the station, once fuel costs are considered.

The recommendation demands a second look. Common sense should outweigh saving cents.

Unfair representation on the school board

Following elections in November, Outer Islands trustees will outnumber those from Salt Spring on the Gulf Islands School Board.

With the board reduced from nine to seven members, there will be one trustee each from Galiano, Mayne, Saturna and Pender plus three from Salt Spring.

Given the relative population on each of the islands, this split is clearly not representative.

The Trust committee for the island. This would be a task force which I chaired and which eventually agreed on the need for a split of school board seats which more accurately reflected the needs of the islands.

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I am not sure the above conclusions can be satisfactorily incorporated in the options study. The case for incorporation is complicated here by the island’s membership in the Trust; and indeed many would argue that we manage our own affairs better.

The Trust was created to preserve and protect the unique environment of the Gulf Islands; its natural beauty, wildlife, vegetation. Even if the other options were to be chosen, the Trust would continue to exist.

The question: can or should the Gulf Islands be incorporated? Can the Trust save money by transferring the Skua and crew to Victoria?

There are more people now who see the need for change than there were a few years ago. This is borne out by the numbers who attended the Falkland and Farmers’ Institute meetings, and by the discussion at those meetings.

But we still see change only in relation to the Trust. The Trust itself is being developed as a form of local government.

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SALT SPRING SAYS

We Asked: What factor should be the top priority when designing ferry service?

Joyce Maykut of Vancouver
Timeliness. The ferry should be on time. If the ferries can be on time from Victoria to Tofino/Vancouver then they can be on time through the islands.

Lori Renaud
To be on time would be nice. It's really important to me because I work in Victoria.

Gillian Taylor of Stoney Plain & Salt Spring
Punctuality & whoever possible, timing for people making connections & who have to go to work. It took us 12 hrs to get from Edmonton to Tofino/Vancouver & 4 1/2 hours from Tofino/Vancouver to Salt Spring.

Romain Lathioor of Vancouver & Salt Spring
I like correspondence — to connect with the mainland and vice-versa.

Peter Rowell
Convenience for the local islanders, perhaps more sailings.

Letters to the Editor

Boycott
I would like to know just what is going on with the price of gas on Salt Spring Island. In other places, gas prices are as follows: Salmon Arm 52.9; Kamloops 52.9; Hope 52.9; Chilliwack 53.9; Tofino/Vancouver 52.9; Victoria 52.9; Duncan 53.9; and Salt Spring 64.9. This equals $5.00 a gallon more.

Is it price fixing or just a rip-off? I have been told that Salt Spring follows Victoria prices on gas. If so, change now.

Let's boycott the island gas stations.

R. BOURASSA,
Salt Spring Island

Mistakes
This letter is in response to the August 7 cover story regarding Salt Spring. I have been told that Salt Spring pays for park land with higher taxes when the Islands are for sale. The Islands Trust was contemplating a sale of Mount Tuani and Bruce holdings. They would not pay for park land with higher taxes for park land.

Why should the taxpayers of Salt Spring pay for park land with higher taxes when the Islands are for sale? I have been told that Salt Spring pays for park land with higher taxes when the Islands are for sale.

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It is my opinion that former Islands Trust trustee Nick Gilbert took a personal approach to this issue and totally ignored the community's best interests. So instead of these mountain properties being preserved as absolutely no cost to taxpayers for generations to come, the short-sightedness of one individual who was supposed to have the best interest of the island at heart created massive clear cuts on what could have been one of the nicest parks on Salt Spring.

And now, after the fact, we the taxpayers are being held responsible for someone else's mistake.

COLIN BYRON,
Widlet Way

More purple
Wow, I can't believe the free advertising that the purple building letters have generated for the Flying Saucer Cafe.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out another colourful downtown purple decor. The Purple Parrot Cafe. It has a wonderful interior ambiance, not to mention great food at reasonable prices.

It is worth noting that the delicious desserts The Purple Parrot makes and serves are also supplied weekly to the Flying Saucer Cafe. Step in, try it out.

RACHEL STONE,
Ganges

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Regarding the newly proposed speed limit within Ganges Harbour:

When the Salt Spring Island Yacht Club placed a “No Wash” sign in Ganges Harbour it was discussed and considered a good idea at the meeting of the Salt Spring Harbour Authority which represents a large number of fish boat, pleasure boat and commercial boat operators.

We were surprised to learn that the Trust was contemplating a speed limit bylaw in the harbour without our input. At our meeting we discussed a possible speed limit but realized the speed of a boat is not the main factor in the amount of wake produced. It was also realized that emergency vessels cannot be expected to idle in and out of the harbour.

Finally, who would enforce the speed bylaw? Do we really expect the RCMP to sit in Ganges Harbour with a radar gun — who would pay for this? Certainly not the taxpayers of Salt Spring.

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Lighthouse promise needs addressing

**VICTORIA** — May I be so bold as to remind Premier Glen Clark of yet another campaign promise that appears to wither on the vine, now that the election is over and the NDP back in the saddle for another 120 years, the lighthouse keepers now needed support from

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"If Mr. Hallam had asked me, I would have told him, as I have other constituents, that personally oppose the death penalty except under very limited and specific instances; the risk of error is simply too great where human life is involved."

Unlike Mr. Hallam, I do not presume to have a monopoly on truth and recognize that people in favour of the death penalty have many compelling arguments to put. While I do not necessarily agree with them, I think it only fitting in a democracy that the people decide what is right for them. By advocating referendum I do not express a belief in the ignorance of Canadians, but rather my faith in their good judgment.

Mr. Hallam also takes exception to my opposition to Bill C-33. The Reform Party has consistently advocated a country where all citizens are treated equally, regardless of colour, sexual orientation, religion or any other factor. In such a society specific rights are not necessary, nor are special protections. Harassment against a gay is harassment, period.

The sooner we recognize the fundamental equality of all people, the sooner we can move to resolve the serious problems our nation faces, such as the growing public debt and unemployment.

Finally, if Mr. Hallam wishes to inform himself on my position regarding my military pension, I refer him to parliamentary Hansard, June 9, 1995.

JACK FRAZER
Saanich-Gulf Islands MP

Don't get it

On the morning of August 24 at about 10:30, I heard a gunshot.

I thought nothing of this until I was at my compost pile a couple of hours later. My presence sparked a young hawks. They luego away and then stilled. At first I thought he was chockin on an apple as he knuckled forward. I then realized that he was chocking, but on his own toe. As I turned away to shock, I noticed drops of blood at my feet.

I have watched this beautiful creature mature for years. He is a very frequent visitor to our house on the Mobera Woodlands area. So when then a gun was fired out of season and in a residential district?

I realize that not everyone loves the deer as I do. I have not been felling a beloved garden all season. But a gun on a summer Saturday morning is unaccepta.

DIANE BAXTER,
Mobera Avenue

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CLINICAL COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER

"We want to work on an option which preserves the staffed lighthouses, the human beings, the real people that are working up and down our coastline to deliver the safety services for the people of our coast, our communities," the premier said on northern Vancouver Island during the campaign.

I would like to see that option, premier. New. And so would the people whose lives and livelihoods are on the line, unless something is done to keep those lightkeepers staffed.

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Unfortunately, no matter how dedicated, an opposition MLA can only do so much. That's why we should keep pressing the premier to honour the promise he made during the campaign. That's why, if necessary, British Columbia should bear the cost of keeping all lighthouses staffed.

Here's the premier's chance to convince the public that cynicism and mistrust of politicians isn't always justified. What the hell are you waiting for, premier?"
More letters

Proved himself

Each of us should be concerned with what has happened to Ganges RCMP Detachment Sgt. Lorne Bunyan and his employment.

I know details of this case beyond what I read in the Driftwood. But I do know what can happen to one's reputation and credibility when an employee unjustly labels you with "harassment."

First, Sgt. Bunyan is restricted by his superiors from publicly commenting. Second, the complaint against him is also restricted from public comment. So, by default, Sgt. Bunyan is guilty, whether or not subsequently proven innocent. It can be years before a determination is made that the charge is unjustified. But by that time nobody cares and the damage to Sgt. Bunyan's career is done.

When an employee is not comfortable with a management style, a charge of harassment can result in muzzling the manager and ensuring the employee's continued employment. But Bunyan finds himself without the power to effectively manage. Does political correctness have any place for the right to speak out as an employee? And, after all, isn't the RCMP based on a military structure, where orders are, like "em or leave the service."

Unfortunately, senior management of big business and government, serving through human resource departments, have not always caught onto the abuses.

Lorne Bunyan, in his two years on Salt Spring Island, has proven himself in the community through his work in Rotary, his church, and several youth sports activities. He represents those previously tried.

As with other communities, we have had our share of cases with problems with the law. Sgt. Bunyan's unique approach to addressing this situation was to set up meetings in the park with teens, parents, businesspeople, and other interested parties to discuss their problems and reach amicable solutions to many of them. This approach has proven to be much more successful than the reactive measures previously tried.

Sgt. Bunyan has organized sports for young people and has integrated a positive role model to the ones whose he encountered. He is active in the United Church and in the Rotary Club. He has a good relationship with the community which is involved in a number of services to people in need.

We feel that the transfer of this officer to another jurisdiction after so short a time here is conducive to great detriment to our community.

MARY AND HARRY WILLIAMSON,
North End Road

NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE TRUSTEE

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 8:00 pm on Monday the 9th of September, 1996 at the Masonic Hall, 506 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC.

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Third reading given as island nears regional park inclusion

Present and potential parks on Salt Spring were on the table at the Capital Regional District (CRD) board meeting last Wednesday. CRD directors gave third reading to a bylaw which would bring Salt Spring into the regional parks function. The bylaw will now have to go to all CRD municipalities and electoral area directors for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval, with a near six-month time limit for approval.

The amendment adds the words “as acquisition of real property” to the bylaw establishing the Salt Spring Island recreation function. CRD administrator Tony Hume said the change allows the CRD to acquire land under either its parks or recreation section.

Hume said the change from last winter’s community recreation task force, which recommended the CRD acquire approximately five acres of land for a future site for a recreation facility.

Although the task force did not recommend a specific recreation facility, the group felt land for future needs should be acquired now while it is still available.

Hume said the change corrected an oversight in the original wording of the bylaw. Any land acquired by the CRD will still be registered as belonging to the Capital Regional District, Hume said.

First application being issued under Galiano alternative building program

Galician’s pilot program for property owners building their own homes is about to issue its first building permit, following Capital Regional District board approval Wednesday.

Initiated last November, the five-year pilot program allows exemptions to those constructing their own homes from building code requirements. Galician senior building inspector Robert Gutierrez said issuing of the first permit under the program was delayed by the time required to obtain the required covenant.

Now that the covenant is in place, the permit can be issued to property owner Donald Findlay, “It’ll be the first one,” Gutierrez said.

Another application under the program is still waiting for the covenant to be registered. Gutierrez estimates there will be one or two applications a year under the alternative owner builder permit program. One disadvantage of the program is that people may have more difficulty acquiring financing for construction which is not done under normal building code requirements.

Projects must still conform to the zoning, he added.

Also at the CRD board meeting:

• A mutual aid agreement between the North Pender and South Pender volunteer fire departments was approved by the CRD board. Under the agreement, each fire department will be able to go to the aid of the other fire department in the event of a fire on either island.
Salt Spring crafts travel through cyberspace

By VALERIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Far-flung consumers are picking up island crafts through cyberspace, thanks to an Internet web page which promotes the work of five Salt Spring craft producers. Established by Peggy Kerry under the name Hearthstone, the web page has resulted in a Pale Rainbow Song flute going to California, an order from Pennsylvania for Dana Farms soap and a pair of games being sent to Chattanooga, Tennessee, among other sales.

Started last September, Hearthstone presents work by Dana Farms, Rainbow Song, Webs 'n Things, Games People Played, Elizabeth Jones and Normand DesRosiers.

Reaction has been mixed, notes Kerry. Orders have been placed for lower-priced and unique items but not for higher-priced art work or products which are duplicated commercially.

"It's a new marketplace and way for people to buy things," Kerry said. Because it was new and Hearthstone was experimental - likely the first web site to showcase Salt Spring crafts - Kerry decided not to charge craftspeople a fee to put their products on the Internet, nor to charge customers a shipping fee and a letter expressing the ping fee and a note pointing out the shipping costs.

Kerry has been impressed by her long-distance buyers. When a product was stolen while being shipped to California, Kerry replaced the order and the customer insisted on paying for the object again.

One customer forgot to include shipping costs. The craftspeople agreed to send the order regardless, along with a note pointing out the shipping cost had not been covered.

Kerry enjoys the e-mail interaction with customers and finds many are intrigued by the chance to buy Salt Spring products via the Internet. She expects use of the Internet as a shopping option will increase as people become more accustomed to dealing on-line.

"There's still quite a few people who don't have computers and don't have Internet access," she said.
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Abbot of the 600-year-old Ganteng monastery, Rinpoche is also responsible for 17 other monasteries and hermitages in Bhutan. His students number in the thousands and live throughout Himalayan countries, Europe, Africa, the Far East and North America.

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Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The Review Process for the Draft Official Community Plan

Responses to initial comments on first draft

You've said....

Local Trust Committee responds...

Where have we been? - a review.

Over the past 21/2 years, Island Trust staff have collected background information and hundreds of community members have attended workshops, written letters and participated in Focus Group to give community input in the new OCP. A public opinion survey was conducted in late 1995 with the assistance of Venture Market Research Ltd; a consulting firm specializing in such surveys.

What are some recent events?

The first draft of the Official Community Plan, incorporating community input to that date, was released on April 15, 1996. Over 700 copies were distributed to the public and to other government agencies. Six public meetings were held to discuss the opening of the draft and to receive more input from the community.

Where are we now?

Hundreds of islanders attended the public meetings, many of whom commented on the first draft Official Community Plan. Over 260 letters have been received from the public and government agencies.

During the early part of the public review, several general concerns with the first draft became apparent. At a public meeting on May 3, 1996, the trustees committed themselves to make a number of changes to the Official Community Plan. These changes and others resulting from further input will be incorporated into the second draft of the Plan. Focus Groups have also been invited to comment on the first draft.

How do I find out more?

During review of the first draft, many people asked to find out more about earlier parts of the OCP process. Earlier reports, such as Focus Group "Directions Reports" and "Final Recommendations" are all in the Mary Hawkins library. Several other publications about local planning issues were also placed in the library for public use. Look for these items in the "vertical file". Video tapes of the introductory information Meetings (May 1995) and the issue Workshops (fall/95 - spring/96) are available by request from Salt Spring Cablevision Community Programming.

Brickies have also been made up with all the public letters received in response to the first draft. They can be viewed at the Trust office or at the library.

What's next?

Once the final draft is released, it will be printed and released for more public discussion, is expected to be ready sometime in the fall. Public displays and meetings are planned to provide information about the new OCP and to seek public feedback once again. Copies will be widely available, as will a summary. Community and government comments on the second draft will be incorporated into a third draft. This process could be repeated several times before a final OCP is adopted, which seems to be an acceptable reflection of our community's goals.

Once a final draft has been prepared, it will be given first reading by the Local Trust Committee. The draft will then no longer be a "draft", but a "proposed plan." It will then follow the process outlined in the diagram above.

How much has it cost?

Here is a summary of the costs of reviewing our community plan over the last two and a half years. Approximately 75 percent of the funds came from a provincial grant.

| Contract Services | $24,857.41
| Total | $101,436.69
| Miscellaneous Supplies | $329.70
| Total | $101,766.40
Musical waves

Classical music floats across the harbour as Ian McQuade entertains travellers waiting for the Fulford ferry. McQuade is playing an ancient Greek pan flute which has its own unique sound.

Ratatouille tames zucchini madness

BY TERRA TEPPE
Driftwood Contributor

It’s Zucchini Madness time again — when you go out and find that monster zucchini that was only six inches long yesterday.

Monster zucchinis can be used in any recipe that calls for chopped or grated zucchinis, but obviously not sliced. Most of the really big zucchinis have a soft, pithy centre that quickly falls apart in cooking.

So the secret is to cut them in half lengthwise and scoop out all the soft flesh that you can, right back to the firm flesh against the skin. Then grate or chop and they’ll cook up just like the six-inchers. When eggplant, peppers, zucchini and tomatoes are all ripe at the same time I make big batches of Ratatouille, which freezes very well, and then we use it as a meatless spaghetti sauce over the winter.

What’s Cooking

Ratatouille

Eggplant - 1, peeled and cubed
Garlic cloves - 3 big ones, crushed
Zucchini - 3 cups, cubed from a very big one
Onions - 3, sliced
Green peppers - 2, cut in strips
Tomatoes - 5 large, skins removed and cubed
Parsley, 2 Tbs., minced
Salt and pepper to taste
Thyme - 1 tsp. crushed, or 1 Tbs. if you have fresh thyme
Marjoram - 1/2 tsp.

In anywhere from 2 Tbs. to 1/2 cup of olive oil (I use as little as possible), sauté everything together in a large pot or Dutch oven for about 10 minutes. Then turn heat down to very low, cover, and simmer for about an hour. If there is any liquid left, uncover and cook it down as the mixture is supposed to be thick. This is delicious hot or cold, even as a filling for omelets. Serves 6 to 8.

The addition of leftover meats makes this as easy main dish, also.

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- Emergency food bank: Open every Tuesday from 11:00-3:00.
- Counselling services: Closed.
- Alcohol & Drug Program: Prevention & treatment service is free and confidential
- Family Place: Drop-in hours = Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-3:00 at the Old Post Office. Phone: 537-6717
- Recycle Depot: Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00-5:00.
- Community Wellness Programs Coordinator: Call Sharon Glover at 537-4607.
- Climbing Wall Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 6:30-9:00pm.
- Club Night: Sunday 6:30-9:00pm.
Bacterial pathogen harms healthy tree

Two gardening questions made their way to the Driftwood's gardening columnist this week.

Q: Two years ago I planted a healthy fig tree in a warm, south-west facing location. The tree was flourishing until about six months ago when it began to stop growing and look sickly. I've noticed that there is a three-inch wound on one side of the trunk and the bark around the wound has turned a darker colour and is oozing sap. I wonder if perhaps this is the problem?

A: More likely you have found the source of the problem. When a tree trunk is heavily wounded below the cambium layer there is a good chance that either a fungal or bacterial infection will set in. Judging from what you have described to me this sounds like a typical case of a bacterial pathogen. One telltale sign of this kind of infection is the swollen, dark purple tissue surrounding the wound and the oozing fluids.

Q: I recently bought a two story, dormer-style house which has an unfinished grey block? Is unattractive cement block. I'm facing, except on the east side, exterior finish of beautiful brick which has been left unfinished and dry. When that is dry, spray or paint the area with a wound-seal product. One can also grow well in that location, on all pebbles and exceptional tree no matter what you do but you have found the source of the problem. When a tree trunk is heavily wounded below the cambium layer there is a good chance that either a fungal or bacterial infection will set in. Judging from what you have described to me this sounds like a typical case of a bacterial pathogen. One telltale sign of this kind of infection is the swollen, dark purple tissue surrounding the wound and the oozing fluids.

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By NEILL ARMITAGE
Driftwood Contributor

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- Ice
- Briquettes
- Starter
- Paper Plates
- Cups
- Money's, Fresh White蘑菇
- Cutlery
- Napkins
- Wieners
- Hot Dog Buns
- Juice
- Potato Chips
- Cheese

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NEW ZEALAND, REG. OR THICK CUT

STRIP LOIN STEAK

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MUSHROOMS 128

2.82kg lb

BACK LOIN STEAK 398

8.77kg lb

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2.98

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POTATO CHIPS

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SPRITE OR COKE

98¢

38¢

378¢

200g ea

1L plus deposit

SENDIAL 537-1529 THURS. 9 AM. - NOON

Photography

Last year this section had the largest number of entries ever and was a major attraction at the Fall Fair.

This year the Centennial Celebration of the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair and a special photography class has been created entitled 'Historic Salt Spring'. There are many excellent old photographs of Salt Spring around the community, and this is the class to enter them in.

Another new class created is called 'What is it?'. This class will enable people with those strange but artistic photos to enter them in the fair.

Ganges Pharmasave is once again sponsoring a class in the children's section. The theme for their class is "My Summer Holiday". So get your camera ready and start taking some great photos of your summer fun and enter them in class 17. Pharmasave has generously donated prizes for the best photos in this special class.

Some pointers for those who would like to enter a photo in the photography section, please make sure the photo is mounted. The back of the mounting material must be flat. "All glass" frames with hooks that extend out of the back of the frame will not be accepted because these frames will fall off and break. This year please drop off your photo at the Farmers Institute on Saturday, September 14, 1996 between 10:00am & 2:00pm. Be sure to look in the Fall Fair catalogue for all of the rules. There are a few changes. If you have any other questions please contact the coordinator Graham Cartwright 653-4287.

SENDIAL 537-1529 THURS. 9 AM. - NOON

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thrifty Foods will be open regular hours throughout the Labour Day holiday weekend for your shopping convenience.

Mouat's Centre, Salt Spring Island STORE HOURS: OPEN Mon.-Sat. 8 am-9 pm, Sun. 9 am-8 pm.
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HANG TIGHT — THE HOUSTON RIDE IS WORTH IT

By GAIL SJUBERG — Driftwood Staff

Ever had a vision? Ever think life's course is inevitable, or that coming face-to-face with craziness is something to avoid like an open sewer pit? Drop by the Tree-House Cafe on Friday or Saturday night and take the chance to think again. Settle down with a fancy java, a clear ear and have a listen to what Houston has to tell you.

Houston was a lab psychologist getting tired of torturing rats when he and his life-altering vision. The phantom form of Hank Williams — arguably one of the most tragic figures in country and western music — shot him dead with a revolver after proclaiming, “Your cheatin' heart will tell on you,” and the odd title becomes obvious.

Houston doesn’t actually end up playing much music in his crusade show. And when he does it’s usually not the song he intended to play. There’s more chords of harmony than music running through this play.

Houston is Salt Spring actor Vaughn Fulford, and you can’t help but like the character he has created. Like all good one-person plays, it suffers not at all from a lack of props or interplay with other actors on stage. He looks us right in the eye, picks up on audience response, and keeps us with him the whole way through.

Houston wears a fancy white shirt with a collar embraced by a string-tie, black jeans with a torn right cuff and just enough hair gel to make one’s face squirm in his gut. He’s an offensive, and we know he’s got a deep meaning behind the whole operation anyway.

It doesn’t matter how atrocious this gets, it’ll be sincere,” he assures.

The show runs Friday and Saturday night at the Tree-House Cafe in downtown Ganges beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is only $5 — but it’s worth much more than that.

ISLAND TALENT SOUGHT

Salt Spring Island is a hotbed of talent. Jeanne Pascale had us all talking about Islanders last week, and it is the reason her talent agency is planning auditions September 4 and 5.

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Paquette, Garrett to share stage

World-renowned New Orleans-style jazz pianist David Paquette has been compared to Fats Waller and Jelly Roll Morton.

Anas Garrett is one of Canada's top guitarists and touring musicians. "The Whistlestop Pub at the Harbour House Hotel is the place to see them both at the same time for an unforgettable night of entertainment next Friday and Saturday."

It's all happening because of Venusian resident Sam Bawlf, who knows both men.

"David called from Europe where he's been on his annual tour to say he was going to stop by my place for a game of Scrabble on his way home to New Zealand," explained Bawlf. "I asked if he would like to play some music too and he said 'sure.' I suggested we get Anas out here to join him and he thought it was a good idea."

"Some people may remember a live concert they did on CBC radio about 15 years ago - it drew rave reviews. If not, I can tell you this is going to be special," he said. "If these guys were going on tour together, they would sell out in every city. But they're not touring together. This is just a bit of serendipity for our friends."

Paquette is a headliner at the annual New Orleans Jazz Festival and his music is a unique blend of Southern American piano styles, drawing on the irresistible sounds of Jelly Roll Morton, Fats Waller and Professor Longhair.

He performed regularly for many years at the Pioneer Inn on Maui, where many Canadians returned night after night to hear him play.

His last Canadian concert was in Victoria in 1990.

Garrett gained early prominence as lead guitarist for Ronnie Hawkins' band, which was followed by international recognition for his skillful work with artists such as blues legend Paul Butterfield and jazz singer Maria Muldaur.

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Tickets for the September 6 and 7 shows are $10 and available in advance at the Harbour House Hotel or at the door.

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MUSIC LOVERS: The dynamic pair of Linda Kidder and Mick Mekilok bring their varied musical backgrounds to the stage at Moby's Pub this Friday and Saturday night.

Talented duo performs at Moby's this weekend

Both Linda Kidder and Mick Mekilok have been writing all their lives.

But it wasn't until a year ago last June that they discovered within each other the piece that had always been missing.

Since then they have written and recorded 16 songs, all with an original style that encompasses their musical influences through the years.

Kidder and Mekilok—known as The They Corp—will play Moby's Pub this weekend.

"Each song," states a press release on the couple, "brings a unique flavour to the listener as Linda and Mick follow the journey of their true melodic instincts."

Kidder and Mekilok have always been musicians.

Kidder was born into a musical family and found herself on stage for the first time at the age of three. She danced and sang throughout school, and played the drums, clarinet and organ.

A sought-after vocalist, Kidder has won six provincial awards and six Canadian awards as best country duo with Gary Fjellgaard as vocalist and bassist.

Mekilok also played throughout high school, turning professional at 16 when he toured the United States with the Godspell Troupe. He has played with a number of artists, including Chubby Checker, Ronnie Prophet, David Clayton Thomas and One Horse Blue.

As a multi-faceted musician, Mekilok also owns and operates The Bedroom Studio in Vancouver. He is the engineer, producer and arranger of most studio projects, as well as drummer and vocalist. He also plays guitar.

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Church offers music, light lunch at popular twice-weekly event

By VALORIE LENNOX

A helping of music and home-style goodies at the Anglican Centre on Park Drive is providing a midday respite for islanders and occasional visitors.

The church has presented Music and Munch at noon every Monday since June 12. It will continue until the end of August. A series of 20-minute to half-hour performances by talented islanders, ranging from solo singers to a medieval consort, are on the program. Recently, Barry Valentine presented an organ recital of works written for the instrument by organists, displaying his skill on the island’s only pipe organ.

“If there isn’t anybody else, then I play. Valentine stepped in. He has also accompanied other performers. “Everybody seems to enjoy it,” he said. “It’s been a different program each time.”

Musical entertainment has been featured in all of the programs so far but on August 28 the group is planning readings accompanied by appropriate period music.

Ed Petty, one of the project’s volunteer organizers, said Music and Munch is intended to offer “a nice respite” with music and a light lunch served in the hall overlooking Ganges Harbour.

The lunch, created by the volunteers of Salt Spring Anglican Parish Caterers, costs $4.75. A recent Wednesday meal was gazpacho (cold Spanish tomato soup), chicken salad, home-baked bread, fruit punch, tea or coffee and sweets. Like the entertainment, the menu varies each week.

The twice-weekly event draws up to 30 people at a time.

Petty said the goal is to increase community use of the Anglican Centre facility and, incidentally, raise a few extra dollars for the church. “We’ve had some people who come back every week, partly because we keep changing the menu all the time,” he said. Petty and Marjorie Baldwin plan each week’s menu.

Although some volunteers were concerned the venture would be seen as competing with island restaurants, Petty feels the people who attend are not choosing Music and Munch over eating in a restaurant. “We’ve had some people who come back every week, partly because we keep changing the menu all the time,” he said. Petty and Marjorie Baldwin plan each week’s menu.

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- Free gig at Beaver Point Hall on Saturday, August 31, 8 p.m. All ages invited. Come dance, hang out and experience the total love and power of God. Free food, free childcare (0-3 years).

- August 30, 31 & September 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 106 Purvis Lane. Tickets only $5.

- The Gallery Artists Show, featuring works by 20 top Canadian artists and sculptors, opens this Saturday, August 31, at 12 noon.

- Galiano Island.

- "Tlasala Ceremonial Regalia by Master Northwest Coast Carvers Mouat’s Mall, Ganges. A demonstration on panels will be given by Gail Sibley on Saturday, August 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. A demonstration will also be given by Oscar Riley on Repousse jewellery and at an event on Tuesday, September 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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- "Arts & Entertainment This Week"

**Galleries**

- Salt Spring Cinema — House Arrest — Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Pollack star in this deeply nebulous reasons, plan to separate.

- Sunday, September 2.

- "ArtCraft — Delightful creations will be stained glass, sculptures and silk paintings. The show runs this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m."

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- Thursday, August 29 — No programming scheduled.

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**Artwork from Gossip Island**

Galiano show features Gossip artists

Artwork from Gossip Island will fill the South Galiano Hall this weekend as the second annual "Gossip at the Hall" event unfolds.

Eight artists from the small island will display their wares. Included in the array of artists’ creations will be stained glass, wearable art, watercolour and acrylic paintings. Tote paintings, pottery, sculptures and silk paintings. The show runs this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Library unveils new computer system

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

The little library that can is going high-tech.

Financed largely by donations and fueled by countless volunteers — some of whom had never touched a computer keyboard before — Mary Hawkins Memorial Library officially unveils its new computerized circulation system tomorrow.

Saanich-Crest Islands MP Jack Frazer and Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Covell are expected to attend the short ceremony, which starts at 11 a.m. in the library on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges.

Residents are also invited to drop in between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for demonstrations of the new system, coffee and cookies.

What will the charge mean for library patrons?

Instead of manually filling out or searching through cards as books are checked out or in, the volunteer librarians at the desk will only have to wave a scanning wand over the books and library card.

The computer will indicate if there is a reserve placed on an incoming book or if fines are owed. On especially popular books, the reserves will be recorded in order, so the person next in line can be contacted as soon as the book is returned.

Patrons who return overdue books by way of the drop box will no longer escape the fines. The computer will keep a record of the amount owing and the information will pop up when the person borrows their next book.

Instead of the old folded card, new, wallet-sized computerized cards are being used.

People soon pleased with the new, smaller cards, notes library board chairman Lois Slotten. But these cards cost more in materials and time to produce, so there will now be a $5 replacement fee if cards are lost.

The most exciting features of the switch are still reserved for library volunteers. But by Christmas, the library hopes to offer on-line searches to library patrons.

Depending on funds, one or two computers will be open to people who will be able to search the library's collection by title, author and/or subject.

Searches can also be done by keyword. A Boolean search option eliminates unwanted titles. For example, a Boolean keyword search could include "boats" but exclude "railways," in order to produce a list of references for all other types of boats.

"We hope by Christmas it will replace the card catalogue," said Betty Maryon, chairwoman of the library's computer implementation committee. Although the card catalogue will continue to be available for several months after the introduction of the computerized system, Maryon noted the card catalogue is becoming outdated since new materials are now being catalogued directly into the computer.

The computer program also links the catalogue to circulation records, Slotten said. "When you are searching on the catalogue, it tells you whether the book is in the library."

The search capability will be demonstrated Thursday although it is not yet available to the public. To achieve the switch to a computerized library, the board raised approximately $30,000 in donations for the project and also received a $5,000 provincial grant.

Between June 1995 and August this year, approximately 50 volunteers put in 4,000 hours to enter an estimated 33,000 items into the system, including books, paperbacks, magazines and audio cassettes.

Maryon, who oversees the coordination of the volunteers and setting up the four networked work stations and two printers, said she used to be a professional system manager. "When I retired, I vowed I would never look at another computer again," she said.

But she enjoyed working with the volunteers and reports that some who were apprehensive when they first worked on the computer now take the technical Edge with ease.

"We're moving not only us but the community into the 21st century with the computer," Maryon said.

Slotten agreed, saying many of the volunteers were delighted by the chance to learn more about computers. "It's given them skills that they need."

The library switched to the computerized circulation system yesterday in order to ensure everything is running smoothly for the official opening tomorrow.
GULF ISLANDS DRIFTWOOD

SPORTS

Head first
This youth enjoys the water at Shelby Pool from a different angle as others watch on. The Portlock Park pool has been alive this past week with swimmers attempting to cool off from scorching temperatures.

Ingle wins golf championship

Richard Ingle took first place in the junior club championships held on the weekend, with a score of 73.

Jamie Robinson and Cam Ferguson tied for second place, shooting 76, while Chris Collette followed with an 80.

Jean Cunningham took low gross in last Tuesday’s 18-hole women’s division play at the Salt Spring golf club.

Cunningham won low gross with a score of 96.

Jean Hopkins and Jackie Watson tied for low net with 72, and Cunningham had 28 putts.

Twenty-nine women teed-off for the event.

Tuesday also saw a Salt Spring team beaten by 40 points in a game against Gorge Vale. The team hopes to overcome that score when Gorge travels to Salt Spring for a return match.

Last Sunday, 11 women competed in Mount Brenton’s Ladies Annual Field Day.

Melanie Iverson emerged from the greens with a gross 88 and Pat Lavender had a net 72.

GOLF

Tees

Some 23 women competed in last Wednesday’s nine-hole event. Babs Ross won low gross with 50, while Jean Haines won low net with her 35 score.

Haines also took the putt put with 14 puts.

Closest to the pin on No. 2 was Deb Rotherham; Mona Doerksen and Gerry Layard won the card draw.

Local electrician and hockey player Peter Schure also proved he is well-connected on the golf greens this weekend.

Schure electrified the golf course with rounds of 71 and 73 to take the Crofton Cup and make him the men’s division champion for 1996.

Runner-up and two shots back was last year’s champion Richard Ingle.

Schure not only won the gross cup, but also the Gil Humphries Trophy for low net with a score of 129.

Runners-up in the low net category were: Bill Davis and Rob Hunter with 136; Phil Ritson and Dennis Andrews with 142; Bob Anderson, 143; Dennis Wheatley and Fred Broadbent with 142.

Island golfer Keith Lavender won his flight at the British Columbia left-handed tournament played last Sunday at Crown Isle Golf Course in Comox.

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RECREATION AND THE ARTS ON SALT SPRING
Swimmers win gold, silver, bronze

By DANIEL BENNETT

Salt Spring Island Stingrays returned from provincial swimming championships in Kamloops with three medals. The swim meet took place in the Canada Games Pool on August 20 to 22, where spectators saw Christina Penhale win a gold and silver medal and Mike Campsall help his relay team clinch the victory.

Penhale, who is the Vancouver Island 50-metre backstroke record holder, swam in five different events.

In the 50-metre back crawl she placed second in the consolation final. She came fourth in the 100-metre individual medley and helped her regional medley relay team take the same position when she swam the breaststroke leg. Penhale took her silver medal in the 50-metre backstroke and then swam a powerful breaststroke to make her the provincial champion in that event.

Mike Campsall, who was appearing at his second provincials and was just finishing his third year of coaching, placed eighth in the 100-metre individual medley and helped his regional medley relay team place fifth. He also took part in the 100- and 50-metre butterfly events.

Defining the spirit of the meet, he said.

Dave Marshall, who also coaches the Stingrays and was the 1996 BC Summer Games Zone Six coach, swam in the 50-metre front crawl and swam the same stroke on the regional medley relay team. He was also entered in the 50-metre butterfly, but was disqualified when he was charged with the second false start of the race.

In the sport of swimming, the first false start is awarded to the whole field and then whoever gets the second one is disqualified immediately.

Marshall said it was a great experience both as a coach and a swimmer. In a few of his races he swam against a man who had appeared in 1988 Seoul and 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Marshall was also really proud of the Stingrays athletes. Even though they are a reasonably new club, the swimmers "managed to keep their composure and focus and they showed a lot of class," he said. He also pointed out that there was a nice race on Salt Spring contributing to the Vancouver Island region at a part of the relay teams.

STINGRAYS: Swim team member Alex McLaren, who was one of many island swimmers to compete in the provincial swimming championships held recently in Kamloops, stands beside Stingrays coach Dave Marshall.

Those teams are comprised of the best swimmers in each division and stroke at regional championships. The race is a medley relay consisting of the front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and the butterfly. Each of the eight regions sends a team to the championships.

Miranda Logan-Webb got a personal best time in her sixth place 50-metre back crawl and she also appeared on the regional relay team swimming the breaststroke stroke.

Dylan Logan-Webb also swam a strong and impressive front crawl leg on a relay team.

Brett Savin, who is in his first season of swimming, came 17th in the 50-metre backstroke event. Alex McLaren placed 12th in the 50-metre butterfly and swam the breaststroke leg on his relay team.

Sara Mackay swam the 100-metre front crawl and was third in the consolation final. She placed fifth in her consolation final for the 50-metre backstroke and posted the fifth-best time in B.C.,

It was the biggest number of island swimmers to compete in the provincial swimming championships held recently in Kamloops, stands beside Stingrays coach Dave Marshall.

Men’s team finished

The softball season is over for the Harbour House Hotel team, which lost its second and third playoff games last week.

After returning from the provincial championships, in which they finished a disappointing 16th place, the Salt Spring Stingrays took five games in as many days.

Playing the second of a best-of-five game series against the Pipers team from Duncan on August 20, a tired Salt Spring squad lost 3-1. The next day they travelled to Duncan again and played in a long back-and-forth battle they ended up losing 6-4.

The team was just "burned out," said Booth.

Except for a disappointing end, the local team had a great season with lots of highlights and lots of fun," she said.

"We accomplished lots as a team and as individuals they gained experience that will help later on."
Old Boys tackle FC and suffer big loss

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor
Salt Spring Sea Otter Kayaking 1, Salt Spring FC 0
Yes, your lovable Old Boys are back for another season of impossibly soccer playing players attempting to play soccer on the many green spaces of Salt Spring. Any resemblance to a real soccer team is purely coincidental, and we apologize.
In fact, the lads even attempted to play a game against Salt Spring FC last Sunday, even with some pressing problems facing the team going into the game. These problems are highlighted below:
• May 20, 1996 — 1 p.m., Old Boys celebrate tourney consolation final win and start partying.
• May 20, 1996 — 4 p.m., And that same afternoon in the Good Pie Bar, Jorgensen resigns as beer fund administrator.
• May 20, 1996 — 4:35 p.m., Old Boys pour over.
• May 20, 1996 to July 7, 1996 — Old Boys suffer withdrawals from no beer fund.
• July 9, 1996 — Small groups of Old Boys seen roaming soccer fields pretending to practice — this goes on for several weeks.
• August 7, 1996 — Henry “The Legend” Braak makes it official as he hangs up his chocolate cake and team owner Wayne “Slahshemmer” Taylor gives a boost. The Old Boys are ready to play.
• August 25, 1996 — 11:15 a.m., FC scores — Old Boys need Advil and left.
• August 25, 1996 — 11:30 a.m., Old Boys score — more Advil and Geritol.
• August 25, 1996 — 12:10 p.m., TYN turning point — ziggy knoll misses breakdown and Old Boys start to sag.
• August 25, 1996 — 12:28 p.m., Old Boys still in game, only down 2–1, the champagne ready.
• August 25, 1996 — 12:36 p.m., FC scores a whole three times – put away champagne.
• August 25, 1996 — 12:35 p.m., lads end game, shown arrows in beer fund and spend evening debating team name.

After all of this the lads still have no nickname and we still need a goalie. And some yet, this weekend we travel to Victoria for the Castaway's tourney and meet two strong Seattle teams right away.

Chantelle Huth, Salt Spring Island’s discus thrower at the championships, took second place with a throw three metres under her personal best and six metres behind the winning throw of 37 metres. Also representing Salt Spring Island as one of the volunteer team managers was Chantelle Huth’s rocker Rich-Ann Huth.

Four hundred athletes from all over Canada competed in this year’s National Legion Juvenile Track and Field Camp which also included classics with some of the best coaches in Canada. The camp is for the juvenile age category which is athletes aged 15 and 17.

Putting along
Barrie Walker shows Bruce Kinwid, Michael Wheaton and Trevor Taylor how it’s done as the four compete in the men’s championship golf tournament. These players weren’t the champions, but they had a great time proving it.

By VIRGINIA CALL
Salt Spring Correspondent

Jorgensen wins silver

A local athlete returned from Sherbrooke, Quebec and the national track and field championships with a silver medal in his hands.
Javelin thrower Erik Jorgensen won second place in Quebec, competing against the best throwers from all over Canada in mid-August.
Jorgensen survived very humid weather and two days without his luggage when he got stuck in South America instead of Quebec. He then went on to throw just under his personal best of 69.78 metres to place behind the other B.C. thrower Byran Collier for a one-two B.C. sweep.

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Trail, nature club offers schedule for September

Salt Spring's Trail and Nature Club has released its September schedule.

SEPTEMBER 10
No walk, rambles or hikes scheduled as the club renews its fall trip to Nanaimo, September 10-13.

SEPTEMBER 17
Women and members are invited to a treasure hunt at Ruckle Park. Meet at the picnic area at 10:15 am to a treasure hunt in Ruckle Park.

SEPTEMBER 18
1. A ramble at the south end will be led by Paul Ransey. Meet at Central Park at 9:30 am.
2. Margaret Haines will lead a walk on Mount Maxwell. Meet at Central Park at 9 am.
3. Hike Mount Susan with Pkuna Foot. Car pool before meeting at December 13 at 9 am.

Note: New members are welcome to join the club — those interested should phone John Myers at 537-1933. Members are reminded to send in their best shots for the annual photography competition.

Beach volleyball duo takes 2nd

Two local athletes competed and placed at the Western Canada Outdoor Volleyball Parksville Championships on August 17.

Erik Bergstrom and Daniel Bennett said they had a difficult time in round robin play but after gaining composite place second in the beginners division. It was the duo's first based volleyball tournament — they usually play in a gym on their school campus.

The Salt Spring pair then played mixed fours for fun with members of the English junior national team. Also appearing at the tournament were the Japanese male and female junior national teams.

"It was a great experience and lots of fun," said Bergstrom.
Government planned takeover of Gulf Islands Ferry Company

Thirty-five years ago

The 10-year-old Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Ltd. was to be taken over by the B.C. government effective September 1. Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Ltd had been operating three ferries, the Motor Princess, the Cy Peck and the Geo S. Pearson. The company was formed in 1951 by a group of islanders including Geo S. Pearson. The company was purchased in 1955 from the Canadian National Railway Company for $35,000. The ferry service between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay had increased steadily through the years, especially after the government's introduction of ferry services between Victoria and Swartz Bay. The previous summer, the joint chambers of commerce of the Gulf Islands had urged the government to take over the ferry service.

Thirty years ago

A parent charged that Gulf Islands students were receiving a different level of education than those elsewhere after her daughter was unable to write the English and mathematics entrance exams for a private school. Mrs. J. H. Hammonds said her daughter had a better-than-80 per cent average in Grades 10 at Ganges School, yet had failed the tests. She said a teacher had told her there were two separate levels of education in the province, the private schools following a wider area. School administrators said parents were not set to vote on a referendum for $433,000 in school district capital projects. Included were completions of classrooms deleted from the new secondary school's original plans, including an additional arts section, a Gulf Islands dormitory expected to cost $520,000 and an $11,900 increase for the Penier Island. Each item was to be voted on individually.

Twenty-five years ago

Water main was brought in and made it easier for the island to escape a fire on the slopes of Mount Maxwell. Once the water main was finished, Salt Spring volunteer firefighters extinguished the blaze. The one-year-old fire was a captive but not tossed into the bush.

Ten years ago

Ganges RCMP were called out after a sparrow stood on a patrol on a proposed asphalt plant site, which was followed by a meeting at which a host of islanders opposed the plan. The plant was proposed by island Asphalt and would be moved to Salt Spring from the company's Morehead site. Although described by islander Archy Fitzgerald as a small plant, the unit was capable of producing 140 tons of asphalt per hour. In response, the Salt Spring Trust Committee proposed moving the site to prohibit industrial uses unsuitable for residential areas.

Five years ago

An offer to sell 77 acres of Mount Erskine property to the Island Trust Fund Board for use as a community park was withdrawn by owner Merle Williams. He cited the long delay in completing the transaction and an inability to obtain adequate protective covenants as the reason for backing out of the plan. Williams had offered the property a year earlier at approximately half its market value. A fundraising campaign had raised $39,000 towards the purchase.

Sunscheen and Gulf Islands MLA Mel Cherrett threw his support behind Rita Johnston at the Social Credit convention because he believed the action-oriented leader would hold the party together better than challenger Grace McCarthy. Cherrett also felt Johnston would have a better chance of leading the party to victory in an election which was expected to be called shortly. Coreville's backing was felt to be a major factor in Johnston's win.

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At the risk of disturbing what may be a mutually agreeable position respecting impersonation, I trust some to respond to Gus Holman's concerns (August 21, Driftwood), especially my "staining increase of what the Trust regulates." For all, Bylaw 42 has been drafted so as not to infringe on the OCP. Hmm. It certainly doesn't take paranoia or "confusion tactics" to see how Bylaw 42 would further entrench the Trust mandates, but at least the Trust itself had its say.

How would you interpret Bylaw 42, Subsection 5.9.1(d)? "Trust council holds that island communities within the Trust area are themselves best able to determine the most effective local government structure to support their local autonomy and specific needs within the object of the Trust." I don't buy the cloaked nature of these tactics to see how Bylaw 42 would not take paranoia or "confusion tactics" to see how Bylaw 42 would not do much for the OCP. Hmmm. It certainly doesn't take paranoia or "confusion tactics" to see how Bylaw 42 would not do much for the OCP.

After all, as Mr. Holman points out; "Test of the plan is that it will take a lot of work, but it will be worth it. It is a joke! We represent 41 per cent of the area, and only 12 per cent of the voters. We can't get our money's worth."

Perhaps The Great Marcano and his Reform party about sexual orientation in the Human Rights Act should have a binding national resolution on this. What are we getting? A culturally enriching concept like the Regional Bilingualism Act.

Unfortunate lapse
I was very happy to read in Patrick Flynn's letter (August 21 Driftwood) the careless epithet "Arabs" qualifying "terrorists." It is true that some Arabs may be terrorists or freedom fighters depending on the viewpoint of the writer. It is also true that not all Amish are terrorists or all Amish are terrorists. So are all Amish terrorists.

I submit that the printing of this epithet by The Gulf Islands Driftwood reflects what angle of that face? All overtones is one of many in the media that are targeted. Christian or Jewish to slip by with little notice. So was the statement of "equality for all," Reform policy on public input when it serves their purposes. Otherwise party policy would dictate, partially when the public may be perceived as a "third wheel" and should be avoided from here on.

I have begun to ask to see the true face of the Reform Party of Canada, from "equality for all," Reform policy on public input when it serves their purposes. Otherwise party policy would dictate, partially when the public may be perceived as a "third wheel" and should be avoided from here on.

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Ferry crunch leaves islanders stranded

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Contributor

Saturna Islanders were left without ferry service immediate-ly following the grounding of the Mayne Queen last week. Supplementary sailings from other routes failed to fill the missing ship until the Venustia Queen was made available to serve Saturna with a once-weekly schedule. Fortunately, by Friday the Mayne Queen was back in service.

Gerri Crooks and Lynn Socher, Saturna’s ferry attendants, served above and beyond the call of duty during the crisis both were kept on the phone and answering questions and relaying schedule information to islanders. Crooks even attended non-sailings to alert potential commuters that the ferry had been cancelled.

Linda Close and Roger Gagnon were among the happiest residents to see the ferry restored by the weekend. The couple was married on top of Mt. Warburton last Saturday afternoon. Family and friends came from both the mainland and Vancouver island for the occasion.

Police report
Const. Terry McLachlan attended the police advisory committee meeting August 15. He said the only criminal case he attended the last meeting he had uncovered one growing opera-

Beginnings and endings as Saturna deals with Trees

By JENNIFER CATCHPOLE
Driftwood Contributor

As the wheel of the year turns toward autumn it has brought us many beginnings and endings. Particularly began to ring for the deejay Craig Robinson pro-

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The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee, at the Public Hearing, at 7:30 p.m., September 5, 1996.

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Workers construct Dionisio pathways despite road closure

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

It is not easy to get to Dionisio Point Park these days, but it's not that there isn't people and activity there.

A group of loggers sail here from Chemainus daily to work in the park. They are employed under the B.C. government's Forest Renewal Program. Their job is to create a hiking trail following the high-water mark.

Some of the trees are being denied the beauties of the valley have not been pleased at the proposed inland camping area.

Campers and day visitors to the provincial parks on Salt Spring Island have not been pleased at the proposed inland camping area.

Closed for several months, the highways department and Islands Trust has kept the gates closed for a few months.

Another path is now under way. This one leading north-east, from Stevens' Point at the south end of the Coon Bay lagoon to the mouth of the Coon Bay River.

This weekend

The garden club's Harvest, Flowers and Vegetable Show is scheduled for the North Galiano Hall on Saturday, August 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The August 17 event was sponsored by the Galiano Health Care Society and is its second show. The first group's second show. The first show was in 1995 was a resounding success.

Terry Waines. This is the group's second show. The first show was a resounding success.

Wine festival

Five hundred tickets were available and as a few were snapped up long before the day of the Galiano's popular wine festival.

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