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The year in words, pictures

1986 was a year that saw many changes in the Gulf Islands. Development of the islands remained a major issue, and on Salt Spring Island, residents again began investigating the possibility of incorporating Ganges. The region lost many a valued citizen, while others suddenly emerged as community leaders. The region lost its well-known MLA, Hugh Curtis, but gained two new government representatives with the election of Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts in October.

For many Gulf Islanders, 1986 will be remembered fondly as a year of progress; for others, it will probably be 365 days they'd rather forget. Yet in any event, it was unique, and in this issue, we look back at the year and what it meant to the Gulf Islands and its residents.

And now, without further ado, the year in review ...

January

- Seventy Salt Spring Island residents took up the local ambulance unit's offer of a free ride home on New Year's Eve.

That response was almost double the 40 people transported last year in the program's first year of operation. The program, offered by ambulance society members who donated both their own time and vehicles, transported New Year's Eve revellers and their cars.

- Island roe herring fishermen indicated they would be leaving the southern shores of B.C. to fish in the north as a result of Ottawa's decision to close the south coast area to all roe fishing.

Local roe fisherman John Elliott said the closure came as no surprise to local fishermen. "We've known that it was coming for some time," he stated. "They've been lowering the quota a bit each year in the last eight or 10 years."

- The skies opened during the

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A salute to 1986

ABOVE: Suzanne Oskam holds a Japanese homing pigeon found by the family at Expo. **RIGHT:** Blair Nelson (left) hands Andy Dietrich a cheque to cover the cost of moving the Cy Peck wheelhouse to Salt Spring. **BELOW:** Bill McCallion and his dog coax sheep into pen at the Fall Fair.





Linda Taylor (left) and sister Penny Polden enjoy a dip into the chilly waters off Vesuvius Beach in last year's polar bear swim.

Polar bear swim tomorrow

There's going to be a whole lot o'shaking—and shivering—going on at the Vesuvius Inn this New Year's Day.

The Inn's ninth annual polar bear swim will proceed as planned, a spokesman for the Inn said last week.

The event is scheduled to get underway at 11 am on Vesuvius Beach, just off Langley Road. T-shirts will be given away, and there will be food and beverages

available at the inn after the swim.

Last year, between 25 and 30 people braved the chilly waters in the annual polar bear swim. Approximately 200 others came to watch them take the plunge.

"We used to give out a prize to the person who stayed in the water longest," said the inn's spokesman. "But we quit doing it, because people were coming out with hypothermia."

And how cold will the water be?

According to Fred Stephenson, regional tides officer at the Institute of Ocean Sciences, the water temperature in the Vesuvius Beach area will likely be six degrees Celsius—a balmy 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

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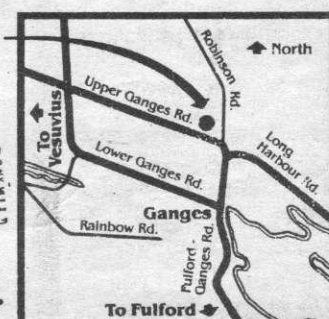


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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Occupational hazard

I wouldn't want to take issue with a colleague, but when it comes to downright language butchery, rely on the advertising copy writers to give it hell! Who else in what other occupation would so disdainfully ignore every rule of grammar or, indeed, of comprehension? Who else would have discovered the word 'til? 'Til now it would have been Till or Until, but not for the copywriter. Mind you, the first fervent seller of advertisements probably sought the ultimately elegant phrase.

But two that get to me every year are in two camps. The newswriters invented the inverted comparisons for degrees of cold in winter. We hear of temperatures in remote places with "highs of minus-five to minus-seven." Why not "minus-seven to minus-five" if we are looking at maxima? (Maxima is the erudite form of maximums.)

Or the sales pitch! "Marked down up to 50% off!" No wonder they have an exclamation mark! "Up to 25% off on these items!" It's up to the writer of the piece to explain how you can have anything off and on at the same time!

The word for pop!

What do you do with your old pop bottles? Some use them like currency, trading in the empties on the fullies and enjoying the discount apparently offered. Others hoard them until the Scouts appear at the door and then hand them over to let the youngsters cash in. There are a hundred different ways.

The three watches at Long Harbour chose another method of disposal. At the suggestion of Randy Sloan, the B. C. Ferry crews saved their bottles and then cashed them in ready for the annual Christmas cruise for crippled children.

They raised \$85.47 that way and set it aside for presents for the children.

Every Christmas the handicapped children are taken for a cruise, with Santa Claus and lots to eat. The management provides the ship and the crews supply the staff without cost. The funds raised by Long Harbour ferry workers were used to buy the gifts for the passengers of honour. The sailing was on December 13 out of Tsawwassen.

Boxing month again

Traditionally, English householders prepared gifts for deliverymen at Christmas. The postman, the various delivery boys, the baker, the butcher, all returned to the homes of their customers on the day after Christmas and received a box of goodies.

The day became known as Boxing Day and it was duly observed as a "bank holiday", or one of those special holidays in the English calendar when even banks were permitted to close.

Then came Boxing Week, an encouragement to consumers to enjoy a week of Boxing Day specials.

I can't wait for Boxing Month, but I have a vested interest. For years I've delivered newspapers and the prospect of spending a month collecting goodies from my satisfied customers sounds pretty good to me.

They quit!

And talking of the retiring Trust chairman, last week both Mike and Amelia Humphries eschewed the weed. They are now breathing pure, fresh air. They quit smoking.

I'm just glad I'm not on Lasqueti right now!

And a merry new year!

Was there not a comma, asked a reader, in the old English carol? And there might well have been. There is certainly a pause between "merry" and "gentlemen," to appear, "God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay!"

I certainly agree with the anonymous reader who also emphasized the meaning of the opening lyrics.

"God keep you joyful, gentlemen, let nothing make you fearful!" It was the words to the shepherds at Christmas in a very different setting.

Disease from the bush

We had a Christmas tree of sorts. It was the direct selection of Women's Lib and I take no responsibility for it. In fact, I don't take responsibility for Christmas trees, they are too much trouble. And a constant fire hazard, to boot!

I know perfectly well why the tree was less than perfect: it was diseased.

Suffered badly from tinselitis!

Not bad, at all!

And thinking of ills and diseases makes me think of the pharmacy, age-old repository of cures and potions. Over the holiday I was peering around the new Ganges Pharmacy building and I was impressed.

The new building, with its commanding view of Centennial Park and other Ganges wonders, is an asset to the community. It invites the visitor to express admiration of the Ganges core. That sounds pretty heavy stuff, which it is. But after having seen a letter to the editor expressing distaste for the half-finished structure, I don't mind expressing taste for the finished product.

Not enough islanders do that. There are lots of people eager and anxious to tell what a lousy thing they think you've done, but very few bother to write or call to commend a project.

For mine, there have been two major changes in Ganges this year and I reckon the Credit Union, Carolee's, Village Cobbler, Video Visions and the Pharmacy are a welcome change.

For the new year

And a thought for the new year.

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Plants stolen at Fulford

Ganges RCMP officials are currently investigating the theft of 20 potentilla plants from the traffic island at the junction of Beaver Point and Fulford Ganges roads.

A police spokesman said Monday that the plants, valued at between \$3 and \$4 each, were removed from the island sometime during the last month.

The incident has angered local police, who are asking the public for assistance in solving the senseless crime.

"Here is the department of highways trying to do something to improve the look of things, and someone comes along and does this," said the police spokesman. "It's not even wilful damage. Someone just wanted the plants. They should have done their shopping elsewhere."

Anyone who might have noticed suspicious activity in the area is

asked to contact the detachment as soon as possible at 537-5555.

In other news, Ganges RCMP reported that a 1969 Chevrolet flat-deck truck belonging to Gavin Kyle was wrecked in a single vehicle accident December 24.

The crash occurred along Beddis Road. The vehicle, which left the road and hit a tree, was a "write-off."

Police are also investigating the theft of a battery from a vehicle along Harbourside Road on December 22.

And, finally, RCMP officials are continuing their investigation into the recent theft of a vehicle owned by Donna McWhirter.

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"We have suspects," noted the police spokesman.

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New year offers hope for a better future

This is the turning point in the calendar and the time of the year when we look back on what has been accomplished since the page was last turned. It is also a useful marker to set out new patterns and new courses for the coming 12 months.

During 1986 we have seen many changes. The year opened on a dismal province, plagued with unemployment, discord and despair. Hope had died and only the new year remained. The national picture was bleak and provincially we were divided into two main political camps both well aware of the state of the community and each offering widely divergent means of improving the lot of the ordinary British Columbian.

The national political scene is little changed. The ruling Progressive Conservative government has lost points during the year and the Mulroney scale has fallen, bringing the opposition Turner Liberals to a new high. Economically, the country fares better, but most hopes of prosperity lie east of the great plains.

Provincially, the picture is vastly changed. The past year has seen a new government under Premier Bill Vander Zalm and a new wave of hope. The spectre of confrontation has retreated

and there is more optimism in the Pacific province than has been evident in a decade.

In the islands there is every reason to hope that the chasm of a depressed economy has now been crossed and that the activity in the construction industry will be followed by a greater activity in other fields.

All island administrations have enjoyed a quiet, harmonious year as regional district, Islands Trust and Gulf Islands School District have all been about their business with a minimum of upset.

The year that was born so inauspiciously is going out with a flourish; only a minor flourish, but nevertheless a marked improvement over the picture last January.

Through the province the highlight of the year has been Expo 86. Only the analysts are likely to solve the degree to which Expo brought an improved activity to the province. Only the accountants will tell us of the final profit-and-loss picture. The rest of the province was only aware of an event that has been the biggest single accomplishment, perhaps, in the entire history of

the province. Many thousands of British Columbians were brought to an unprecedented awareness of themselves as residents of this province. The event which had been born of some disharmony closed with a cheer that echoed around the world.

One year ago we looked, in these columns, to 1986 to bring an improved employment level. Hard times were the lot of too many islanders. While the picture is improving, the relief yet experienced is still small. The change is that of confidence. A year ago we looked ahead with a desperate hope for relief. Twelve months later, as we stand on the threshold of a new year once again, we can only repeat that hope. This year, however, we can echo that earlier hope with a shade more confidence and optimism.

One year ago we expressed the hope that a new year might find the answer to the polarization of British Columbians on a wide range of subjects. Confrontation is not debate, it was stated.

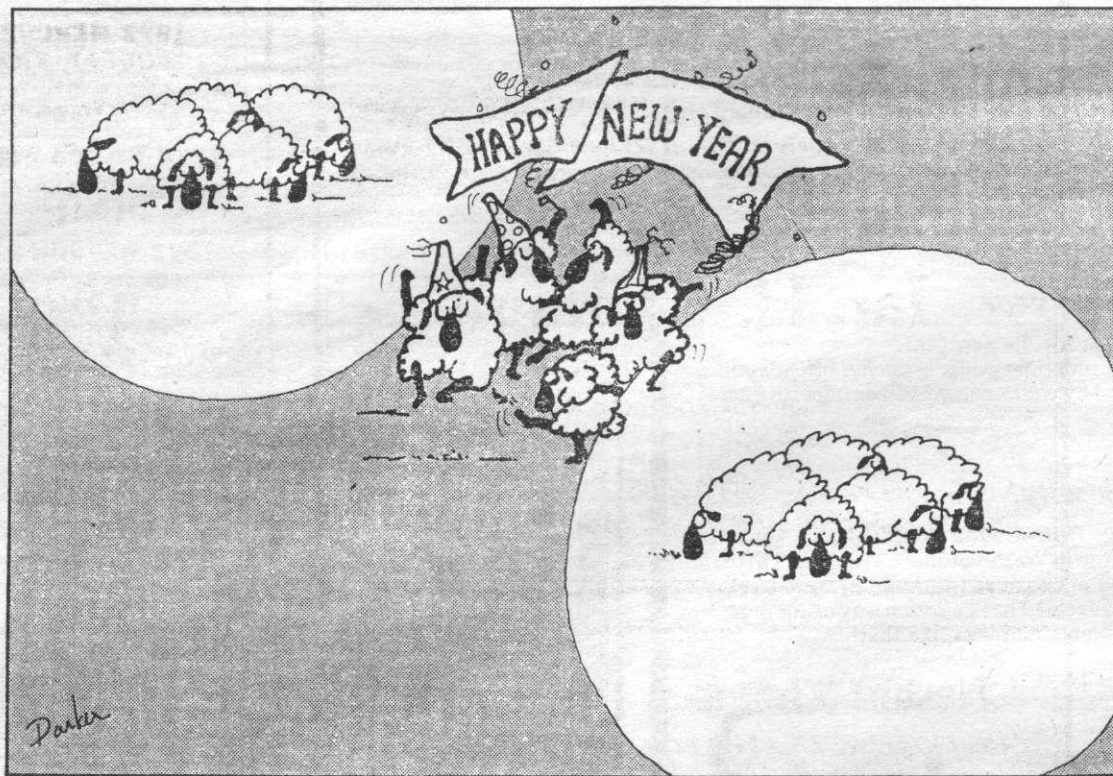
The year has seen a vast change in the communications pattern here and the new Premier Vander Zalm is responsible for a large part of that change. People are talking again and the innumerable citadels of opinion across the province are slowly letting down the communications drawbridge.

Once again, there is hope for the future where a year ago there was only despair.

Nationally, we have seen two years of uninspiring leadership in Ottawa. This pattern of administration has benefited nobody and we can only hope that the coming year will see a new orderly pattern of responsible government.

Many island readers are very conscious of affairs beyond the boundaries of the nation and have their own fervent hopes for a new era of peace and harmony unhampered by the controversial nuclear weapons. The most they might hope for in 1987 is that the leaders of world governments and of world opinion might adopt peaceful co-existence as a rational alternative to mutual destruction.

Throughout the islands and ever eastwards to the Atlantic, Canadians are exchanging the long-standing greeting, "Happy New Year!" For the first January in years we can see the sun striving to shine through the dark clouds above us as we also voice that greeting.



All the best for '87 from Driftwood's editor

Most of us view the dawning of a new year the same way: no matter how well or how badly the fading year has treated us, we always believe the next one will offer us just a little bit more of the good stuff.

Moreover, when we tally up the good and bad sides of our 1986 balance sheets, most of us will dismiss the hard or sad moments of the past year as temporary aberrations. We will concentrate instead on the good memories as a sort of positive impetus to carry us through 1987.

Which is fine as far as it goes — but it doesn't go far enough. Positive thoughts for a new year may be good for the optimistic side

of the soul, but dwelling on them at the expense of the bad denies us the perspective needed to live with both extremes.

Take my case as an example. Most readers of this corner will know I have been absent since the beginning of December, due to a serious medical problem that shuffled me from doctors' offices to a three-week stay in hospital to convalescence at home.

The 'problem' was a tumour that was removed from the base of my skull. More than that, the delicate surgical procedure involved carried with it a host of associated risks — blood clots, partial paralysis, stroke — deadly enough to give me cause to both curse my

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

fate and to doubt my very chances of survival.

But the operation was a success (the tumour was benign) and the recuperation period, while slow and painful, has gone well enough that I can now see the day when I will resume normal activities.

The past month, then, has been the most gut-wrenching time of my relatively short life, filled with long

days spent in fear and uncertainty about tomorrow. That it is now over does not make the experience any less painful.

However, it has not been all bad. Perspective tells me that my scars, physical and mental, amount to nothing; that being alive now is all that counts, no matter what roads had to be travelled to reach this day.

More to the point, my hospital ward was filled with people just like me, all facing serious neurological or heart operations that might go either way. In our daily sessions of coffee and small talk, most reached the same conclusion as I did — just let me

get through this, give me back my health, and everything else will be okay.

To everyone out there, and especially to those still in the ward, going through the agony of waiting or the uncertainty of the recuperative process, I'd like to wish all the best in 1987. As for me, my wish was granted three weeks ago: how can I not have a happy new year?

Note: Editor Duncan MacDonnell is still recuperating at his home on Salt Spring. He expects to resume full-time duties at this newspaper within the next week to 10 days.

Noise

Sir,
On Sunday, December 14, we were once again bombarded by the astonishingly loud noise of shotgun fire throughout most of the day.

While we live on Thomas Road, about one kilometre away from the offending rod and gun club, the racket sounded like it could have been only 100 metres away. At one point in the afternoon, we were enjoying the sounds of Ganges church bells. This was soon interrupted as the fusillade began again.

We wonder how many other people are offended by the horrendous sound pollution and whether the rod and gun club intends to take steps to prevent the continuation of such neighbourly conduct — especially on Sundays — in the near future.

It is difficult to see how anything done on the club's present property can help significantly. However, Salt Spring is the largest of the Gulf Islands and there must be places in the hinterland where a gun range could be set up and bother fewer people.
**BRISTOL FOSTER,
DIANA THOMPSON,**
Ganges.

Support

Sir,
In response to the letter *Logging* in the December 24 issue: The land that Foxglove Farm has recently cleared and seeded is below and to the north of Maxwell Lake, and is divided from it by property owned by the North Salt Spring Water District. If there had been any danger of damage to the watershed, the North Salt Spring Water District would have acted immediately.

The land improvement has had no effect on the downstream properties, one of which belongs to my family. As a matter of fact, the work has been of some benefit, resulting from controlled run-off and water retention through dug-outs and storage ponds for irrigation. It struck me as good water resource management.

I have known Tom Gossett for 12 years, and found him to be a great neighbour and tireless worker for the community. Reading the letter to the editor, *Logging*, I wasn't quite sure whether it was discrediting the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society or Mr. Gossett personally. I am sure, however, that anyone who wishes to take a look at the work done, on ground level, has only to ask Mr. Gossett.

Surely we can separate the real issues. The question of extended recreational use of St. Mary Lake really has very little to do with land clearing below Maxwell Lake.
**W.J. STEPANIUK,
MARY STEPANIUK,**
Ganges.

Co-operate

Sir,
It is a time of high tides, when earth, moon and sun are aligned; a new planet is supposed to appear in the heavens in the not-too-distant future, which astrologers predict will help usher in a whole new way of thinking or new dimension for man. Part of that new reality will hopefully be an awareness that we do help create and must take responsibility for the world we live in.

In keeping with this, at 4 am on December 31 on Salt Spring (noon, Greenwich time) people around the world are focusing for an hour on world co-operation and unity. The idea, sponsored by the Foundation for Inner Peace in

letters

New Zealand, is to unite humanity for a single hour of peaceful co-operation through meditation, prayer, visualization, transcending political, religious and spiritual boundaries.

The idea behind this is that we are all connected and can focus a critical mass of positive energy that will change the vibration of the entire planet. So let's all add our thoughts and energy, you and me and the other hundred monkeys — it doesn't really matter when you do it — they hope to carry the feeling and consciousness through December 31 and into the New Year. Physicists, as well as yogis and spiritual advisors, claim that just thinking about an object can change it and yourself (the biogravitational field and quantum potential, etc.)

I don't know, it's all just magic to me.
SUE HISCOCKS,
Ganges.

Awards

Sir,
I would like to introduce my first annual Yuk and Yeah awards to be earned by those involved in making Salt Spring Island a more beautiful place (the Yeah award) or uglier place (the Yuk award).

The Yuk awards first:

- The strategic placement of propane tanks on the waterfront outside Humpertinks by the Sea Restaurant.
- Planting the traffic triangle in Ganges with concrete.
- The board fence along North End Road outside Blue Gables Resort.
- The red and white paint job at Upper Ganges Centre.
- The used car lot on the Fulford Ganges Road.

The Yeah awards:

- The great new band shell and grass berm in Centennial Park.
- The general improvement in commercial signage in Ganges.
- Summer basket planting.

I leave it to others to try to find more items worthy of Yeah awards. Would it be possible to have more Yeah than Yuk in 1987?
Happy New Year!
ARTHUR S. HOPPING,
Ganges.

Correction

Sir,
I wish to correct a minor error in your story in the December 10 edition about the Islands Trust Council elections for General Trustees.

The statement *In past years it has not been the practice to reveal the voting pattern at Trust elections* is not correct. In the elections of both 1982 and 1984 the minutes record the number of votes received by all candidates running for General Trustees. I suspect your own paper may also have published this information.

R.W. BATES,
Gabriola Island.

Water

Sir,
Islanders contemplating water testing for their wells should be aware of recent changes in laboratory testing.

It appears the CRD has recently cancelled their water testing program. Water testing is now carried out by B.C. Research at UBC (3650 Westbrook Mall) for the same \$25 fee. However, of special interest to Islanders is the fact that in their new fiscal year

(early spring) they will be doubling their charge to \$50. Information on test kits can be obtained by phoning 1-224-4331.

Do any Islanders know of less expensive private labs?

Hope this information helps those contemplating water quality testing to test sooner rather than later so they may pay the more reasonable fee.

ALLEN S. CUNNINGHAM,
Ganges.

Mummers

Sir,
On behalf of the Salt Spring Players' Christmas Mummers we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who had us to their homes, clubs, dances, pubs etc., and hope they enjoyed watching the play as much as we did participating.

To those people who did not get a chance, sorry you missed us, but we'll see you again in 1990!
TOM, ST. GEORGE, BLACK PRINCE, DOCTOR, MARY, BELZEBUB, FAT JACK and DICK.

Free ride

Sir,
Salt Spring Island Ambulance Association members are once again offering a ride home on New Year's Eve.

As in the past two years, off-duty part and full-time ambulance employees will be using their personal vehicles to take party

goers and their vehicles home rather than have someone drive while impaired.

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Gillespie report recommends end of moratorium

The B.C. Finfish Aquaculture Inquiry, which released its report on the province's fledgling mariculture industry December 12, has recommended removal of Lands and Forests Minister Jack Kempf's moratorium on the issuing of aquaculture licences.

The 30-day, one-man inquiry conducted by David Gillespie also called on the provincial government to "continue to support the finfish aquaculture industry" while at the same time expanding research into the industry and its operations.

Gillespie, who made a total of 47 recommendations to Kempf and his cabinet colleagues, said in the report that "information made available to the inquiry fails to adequately substantiate maintaining the October 31, 1986 moratorium. The inquiry believes that the recommendations contained in this report, if implemented, will alleviate most of the problems attributed to fish farming and establish mechanisms for alleviating the others."

Gillespie added that while a lengthier inquiry would likely have generated more submissions from the scientific community, he doubted if his final recommendations would have been significantly different.

The commission's chairman added that he felt the B.C. government should continue its support of the aquaculture industry because it "holds the

Government aquaculture policy, regulations needed

promise of expanding employment, increasing capital investment in B.C., revitalizing economically depressed communities, and strengthening the commercial fishery as a whole." He urged the province to "seize this opportunity to generate additional capital, employment and business activity along the coast."

"British Columbia has demonstrable competitive advantages over other countries in attracting and developing a world-scale

'The one-man commission suggested that government continue to support the finfish aquaculture industry.'

finfish aquaculture industry," he noted in elaborating on his recommendation for continued government support of the industry. "It is important to the economic growth and diversification of the province that government continue its support of the industry in key stages of development. The 70 currently operating salmon farms already represent a direct capital investment of \$75 million, employ 375 people directly and annually

spend an estimated \$50 million on services and supplies."

Gillespie also recommended that the provincial government:

- Develop a provincial aquaculture policy which clarifies provincial direction, agency roles and the responsibilities of both government and the private sector.

- Establish an aquaculture advisory council from key agencies and interest groups.

- Continue to encourage private sector initiatives as the basis for growth and development of the finfish aquaculture industry.

- Endorse federal initiatives to increase native involvement in the finfish aquaculture development, and encourage the industry to do likewise.

- Increase support for research and studies on the potential long-term effects of salmon farming on the marine biological and physical environment.

- End the importation of Atlantic salmon eggs.

- Establish, in conjunction with industry, environmental practices for fish farms addressing aesthetic considerations, disposal of dead fish, predator control and efficient feeding practices.

- Increase research, health inspection and testing activities with respect to the impact of toxicants, hormones and

antibiotics used in finfish aquaculture on the environment and the human food chain.

- Support (with industry) the development and operation of an aquaculture research centre as a focus for environmental studies, disease research, fish testing and diagnostic services.

- Initiate coastal resource identification studies immediately for the Campbell River—Johnstone Strait, Islands Trust and Sechelt Inlet areas with direct involvement of all resource user groups in those areas.

Gillespie indicated he also thought the provincial government should "establish minimum fish production levels and environmental quality standards for use in measuring diligent use, and

increase site monitoring and inspection activities."

He suggested that aquaculture site applications filed before the October 31 moratorium should be "allowed to proceed under existing policies and procedures." Those received since that date, however, should "be subject to new policies, procedures, and resource study restrictions as they fall into place," he added.

The provincial government is currently reviewing Gillespie's recommendations and will likely make a statement on them early in the New Year.

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Gillespie report represented a good inquiry—Trust official

Although he feels David Gillespie conducted "a pretty solid inquiry" into B.C.'s aquaculture industry, Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said last week the report's value will really depend on how it is handled by the provincial government.

Gilbert stated that while it appears Gillespie dealt with most if not all major issues in his 50-page report, "so much depends on what the provincial government does with it, how it acts."

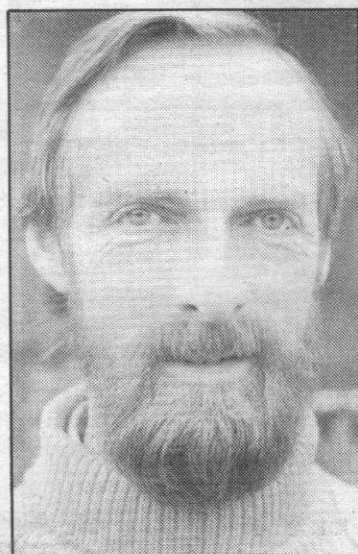
In its final report released in December, the one-man commission made 52 recommendations to the provincial government on matters ranging from protection of the ocean environment to promotion of safe working conditions for fish farm employees.

Gilbert said he thought Gillespie's suggestion that the provincial government work with the aquaculture industry to establish a research centre was a good one. He added that he was pleased to see Gillespie also recommend the signing of a master agreement with the federal government concerning approvals, regulation, monitoring and servicing of the finfish aquaculture industry.

"I think there's a great need for that. He (Gillespie) has also suggested that the provincial lands agency not approve these farms until the federal government gives its approval," the Islands Trust chairman noted, adding that in the past, some applications for fish farms were approved despite the fact that federal government agencies had expressed concern for the environment.

Gilbert said one concern the Gillespie enquiry did not directly deal with was the impact a finfish aquaculture industry could have on the market and commercial fishing operations.

He said the United Fishermen



Nick Gilbert

and Allied Workers Union (UFAWU) had expressed concern over the fact that the marketing of farm-produced salmon could drive the price of fish down dramatically.

"He (Gillespie) just sort of glosses over that (in his report). Apparently he feels it will not be a problem," Gilbert said. "But the UFAWU feels that in two, three or five years, there will be a collision. They've pointed out, too, that the

moment the price (of fish) drops, it will force a lot of the smaller, marginal (aquaculture) operations into bankruptcy."

Many British Columbians, particularly those living along the coast, feel aquaculture could quickly develop into a major, highly-profitable industry in the province. Gilbert said he is disappointed, however, that it appears there will be little if any room in the industry for small, family-run operations.

"I think it's a pity the industry is not shaping up to be one for small operations," he said. "I think that would have lent itself to the islands, and I think maybe people here would have been more receptive to it if that were the case."

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Davis leading B.C. down nuclear path?

VICTORIA—Trust me, says Energy and Mines Minister Jack Davis, as he lifts the seven-year moratorium on uranium mining in British Columbia.

With all due respect to Premier Vander Zalm's promise that he intends to run an open and responsible government, you'll pardon me if I still hang on to a vestige of my inbred mistrust of politicians, particularly those who say or imply they should be trusted.

Glen Clark, the NDP's energy critic, says the lifting of the ban on uranium mining will "open the door to a nuclear British Columbia." I agree.

What disturbs me is that the decision to let the ban expire on February 28, 1987, is not based on solid reasons. There is no evidence that the decision is based on reason, let alone necessity.

When the ban was announced in 1980, the government was in the midst of a public inquiry into the pros and cons of uranium mining. There were a lot of concerns expressed about uranium exploration and mining, but the inquiry was never completed. It ended with the implementation of the moratorium.

'End of moratorium on uranium mining could open the door to nuclear power in this province.'

Seven years later, the government decides to scrap the moratorium without the benefit of any knowledge and insight the inquiry might have provided.

What possible reason could the government have for lifting the ban on the mining of uranium? Davis says the ban has hurt B.C. mining industry in general.

"I am told that the moratorium has had a dampening effect on the search for other minerals sometimes found in association with traces of uranium," Davis claims.

"By ending it, we enhance B.C. as an attractive target for mineral exploration," he says.

Attractive target, my foot. There can only be one valid reason for lifting the uranium mining ban, and that is to allow the mining of and that is to allow the mining of uranium now or in the future either for B.C.'s own nuclear energy demands, or for export.

The minister emphatically denies such ulterior motives, citing all sorts of reasons, none of which sound convincing. Lifting the ban, he says, has "nothing to do with nuclear power in B.C."

Conventional sources of energy will look after the province's needs for many years to come.

Based on current energy consumption, that conclusion may

capital comment

by Hubert Beyer

be valid. It certainly wasn't valid a few years ago when the world's economies were in high gear.

Maybe Davis suffers from selective amnesia or he would remember B.C. Hydro's predictions that nuclear power for B.C. was inevitable. He would remember how Robert Bonner, then chairman of B.C. Hydro, spread the nuclear power gospel far and wide, often to the acute embarrassment of his political masters.

If projected energy consumption at that time led to the conclusion that British Columbia would have no choice but to go the nuclear power route, another economic boom will do the same thing. And everybody is hoping that the economy will, sooner or later, experience another boom.

As for the development of a uranium mining industry per se, Davis tries to soothe us by pointing out that B.C.'s uranium deposits are small and low-grade, compared with the large deposits in Saskatchewan and elsewhere.

"There is no incentive for mining companies to explore for uranium here. Development of a mine would not take place for years, if ever," the minister says.

If all that is true, why lift the ban? If the government has no plans to build nuclear power plants and sees no chance of setting up a profitable uranium mining industry for export purposes, why not extend the moratorium?

I have never taken much comfort in government promises. If the premier can't even deliver on keeping the price of a glass of beer down, why should we believe that B.C. isn't planning to build a nuclear reactor or two, maybe not now, but sometime in the future?

I'm even more concerned about the possibility that British Columbia may at some time in the future help fire the furnaces of the nuclear arms race.

If the premier is willing to deal with racist South Africa, can he assure us that he will draw the line at providing raw materials for the possible annihilation of mankind?

I find it bad enough that Canadian businessmen are involved in shady arms deals. For the B.C. government to pave the way for the possible future export of uranium for military purposes is disconcerting.

The ban on uranium mining should stay in place. And if it is to be lifted at all, it shouldn't be done without input from the public.

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1986 was a year of change

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second week in January, serving up steady, record-setting rainfall.

Salt Spring Island resident Robert Aston, who collects weather data at his island home, said the area received 3.81 inches of rainfall in a 24 hour period between 6 pm January 17 and 6 pm January 18.

• George Pearson, founder of the Pender Island CARE tree, died January 16 in Saanich Peninsula Hospital. He was 99 years old.

Pearson, a North Pender Island resident, established the CARE tree in 1960. He encouraged residents to donate money to CARE to aid the world's children, and for each donation, he strung a Christmas light on a tree overlooking Navy Channel.

The project was a success, and as much as \$10,000 was raised annually for CARE by Pearson, and later, the Pender Island Lions Club.

• Some Gulf Islands marina owners felt they had been jilted by B.C. Tourism — and said it could cost them spinoff business from Expo 86.

Although Expo was expected to strain Vancouver's marina accommodations, a Driftwood survey of nearby Gulf Islands marinas showed no operators had been contacted by tourism ministry officials about making space available to ease that strain. The marina operators said their facilities were not being promoted enough by the tourism ministry.

• Island dog owners were being warned to keep their canines at bay.

The warning, from animal control officer Howard Byron, came in response to three reports of sheep being harassed by dogs. Owners of offending dogs, he said, faced heavy fines if their animals were caught in the act.

• Ministry of environment officials were trying to have the outboard motor ban on St. Mary Lake lifted for one year.

Fisheries biologist Shawn Hay said the ministry wanted the ban lifted for a year so it could properly appraise the value of its St. Mary Lake aeration project. The project, which had cost the ministry \$90,000 — plus the expense of stocking the lake with fish — was aimed at improving angling

conditions on St. Mary Lake, and Hay said the outboard motor ban prevented ministry workers from doing a proper appraisal of the program.

• The Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club indicated it would make concessions to limit noise at its shooting facility along Long Harbour Road.

The noise had brought complaints from individuals living near the shooting facility. At the gun club's 1986 annual general meeting, members voted to prohibit shooting at the facility during the first weekend of every month and to allow shooting only between 9 am until dark each day.

February

• MacMillan Bloedel had an agreement to sell a Salt Spring man almost 5,000 acres of island property.

The timber company confirmed that Murray Cyprus held an option on the land, with the sale being subject to "certain conditions" being met.

Cyprus said there was no guarantee he and the group of investors he represented would proceed with the purchase. At that time, everything depended on the results of an economic feasibility

study.

• Island Futures was seeking federal government funding for an "employment outreach centre" on Salt Spring Island. The office, if it became a reality, would provide a registry of all job opportunities existing on Salt Spring Island and elsewhere, as well as information on government employment programs.

• Efforts were underway to form an association of woodlot operators on Salt Spring Island.

Approximately 12 woodlot owners had been meeting under the auspices of the Island Futures Development Society, and organizers of the group planned a public meeting later in the month to attract members.

• A seven-member group was formed to study possible construction of a pool on Salt Spring Island.

The seven members, calling themselves the island recreation study group, said it would take a broad look at local recreation and leisure needs before presenting any proposals.


• A record snowfall of almost a foot stranded vehicles throughout the Gulf Islands.

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Hugh Curtis, Bill Ritchie and Howard Sturrock pose beside new Ganges sewage treatment plant. The official ceremony was held in late February.



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New issues developed on islands

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island, according to Robert Aston. He added that higher elevations received even more of the white stuff.

- The outboard motor ban on St. Mary Lake was being challenged in the B.C. Supreme Court by a group of residents and resort owners.

Lake resident Ed Davis, along with resort owners Rick Rockliffe, Brian and Shirley Jewell, had filed suit against the governments of B.C. and Canada, arguing that the Canada Shipping Act — the legislation under which the ban was imposed — did not authorize regulation of inland waters "for reasons of water quality, water pollution ... aesthetic concerns or the general public convenience."

- A low-key ceremony featuring short speeches and public tours marked the official opening of the Ganges sewer system.

A crowd of about 75 onlookers heard Capital Regional District chairman Howard Sturrock, Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie and Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Hugh Curtis downplay the 24 years of controversy surrounding the project and concentrate instead on the effort needed to bring the sewer system into operation.

March

- A conditional Salt Spring Island land sale between developer Murray Cyprus and MacMillan Bloedel was attacked by New Democratic Party candidates David Vickers and Carol Pickup.

In a brief presented to a forestry forum held in Duncan, the two candidates said the land sale should be stopped because it represented a threat to the quality of life enjoyed by island residents.

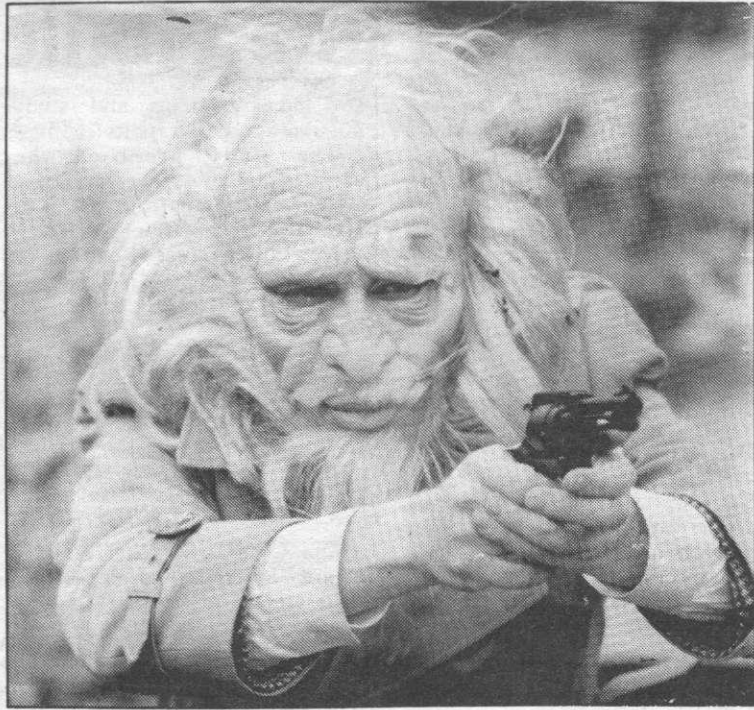
- Purchase of the Ganges fire hall property was being studied by the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

At the district's annual general meeting, trustees sought and received a mandate to investigate buying the property. The district owned the Ganges fire hall and leased the land it sat on from the provincial government.

- Local school trustees were to ask Victoria to make up a glaring shortfall in the district's 1986-87 operating budget.

Trustees for School District 64 (Gulf Islands) knew their operating budget was between \$300,000 and \$400,000 short of the amount needed to maintain existing levels of service.

- Land developer Murray Cyprus withdrew his offer to let the community assume an agreement he has with MacMillan Bloedel to purchase approximately 5,000 acres of the forest firm's property



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mystery weekend event staged at Hastings House.

on Salt Spring Island.

Cyprus said he rescinded the offer because he was restructuring the purchase agreement he held with MacMillan Bloedel, and because he didn't want to appear to be giving in to pressure.

April

- A B.C. Supreme Court judge denied the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society permission to intervene in a court challenge over the outboard engine ban on St. Mary Lake.

Water preservation society official Mike Larmour said the judge denied intervenor status to the group because the case had nation-wide implications and that the society "represented only one small area."

- Salt Spring Island residents were given an opportunity to "fine-tune" the broad wording and

intent of the draft anti-noise bylaw—but discussion at a meeting held here focused instead on provisions exempting shooting ranges.

Locking horns in the debate were representatives of the island's rod and gun club and several residents owning property adjacent to the club's shooting facility on Long Harbour Road.

- A cougar running wild on Salt Spring Island killed two sheep and a number of lambs over a two week period.

Fulford resident Bob Akerman told *Driftwood* the cougar killed one of his sheep and another owned by Jack Webster in the Maxwell Lake area. An official of the animal control office was also recommending that island residents watch out for the cougar, which could attack.

- A recommended compromise

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Outboard ban on St. Mary Lake challenged

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to the St. Mary Lake outboard motor dispute was being discussed by the provincial ministry of lands, parks and housing and the resort owners protesting the ban.

A solution suggested by Robert Burnside, the Canadian Coast Guard's regional manager for ship safety, called for a five-horsepower limit on outboard engines used in the lake, "together with localized speed and water-skiing restrictions as may be deemed appropriate."

A proposal to return gasoline-powered outboard motors to St. Mary Lake did not enjoy the support of the Capital Regional District, CRD Chairman Howard Sturrock said.

Sturrock had sent a letter to the ministry of lands, parks and housing on the outboard motor issue, but stressed the letter was not a CRD endorsement of the proposed compromise.

David Clegg, a Ganges resident, asked B.C. Transit to change the schedule of buses serving the Tsawwassen ferry terminal.

Clegg filed a 600-name petition with B.C. Transit, the B.C. Ferry Corporation and Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands MP Jim Manly. He requested a meeting with Stuart Hodgson, chairman of B.C. Transit and a member of the B.C. Ferry Corporation's board of directors, to discuss the bus schedule and problems it caused commuters.

May

A \$2 million paving project initially scheduled to wrap up May 30 had slipped three weeks behind schedule due to unseasonably wet weather.

The rainfall forced road crews to wait for the saturated gravel to dry before paving could begin.

Three years of free ferry travel for Gulf Islands students embarking on school-related trips ended abruptly when the B.C. Ferry Corporation discontinued the practice.

School District 64 trustees were enraged. "For three years it's worked well and there's been correspondence back and forth, thanking the corporation," said Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall. "There was not even a hint this would happen."

A salmonid enhancement project on Cusheon Creek was about to release its first school of



Students from Salt Spring Elementary School were among many who visited the Island

Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society's new Cusheon Creek hatchery.

coho fry.

The Cusheon Creek hatchery was scheduled to release about 5,500 fry it hatched from 8,000 coho eggs taken from Fulford Creek. Most of the fry were to be placed in Cusheon Creek, with the remainder being released into Fulford Creek.

In a move that was likely to cost School District 64 approximately \$18,000, local trustees agreed to add two runs to the existing student water taxi system and return to the schedule used two years ago.

The two additional runs were to service Saturna and Galiano

students travelling to Mayne Island. "We had to choose between cost of transportation or quality of education," said trustee Charles Hingston, noting that island students' education should not have to suffer due to the length of the day.

Diverting the flow of water in two creeks was proposed as a solution to periodic flooding problems in downtown Ganges.

The proposal came from the Ganges Creek task force, an eight-member body established earlier in the year by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to review an engineering report covering the

two creek systems and study possible alternatives to its findings.

The study proposed the construction of a covered culvert system extending from the B.C. Hydro office on Rainbow Road, across Lower Ganges Road and on into the bay near Mouat's Mall. Estimated cost of the project was \$140,000.

June

The Cy Peck was coming home—at least a part of it.

The vessel, which supplied ferry service to the Gulf Islands for decades, stepped into the pages of history at a "farewell" ceremony

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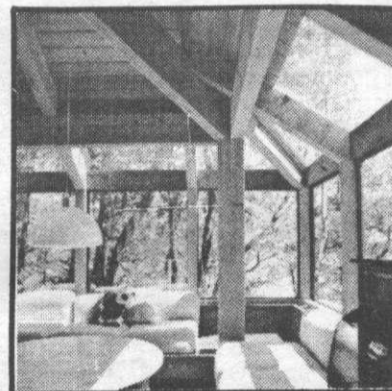
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Cy Peck wheelhouse returned

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held in Nanaimo. While plans called for the vessel to be scrapped, its wheelhouse was to be salvaged and sent to Salt Spring Island in hopes that it would be restored and displayed.

Local response to the Supreme Court of B.C.'s ruling on St. Mary Lake was as varied as the issues involved in the case, but most agreed the possibility of an appeal was minimal.

In the decision, Justice Gibbs ruled that the gasoline outboard ban on St. Mary Lake was applied for reasons beyond the constitutional authority of the federal and provincial governments.

Chamber of Commerce representatives and local highways ministry officials were scheduled to meet to discuss changes being made to the Ganges road network.

A meeting was agreed after John Stepaniuk, highways ministry roads foreman on Salt Spring, took several chamber members on a walking tour of parking and road network changes being made in downtown Ganges. During that tour, it was agreed that a better sense of the changes would be gained if all parties sat down and reviewed drawings showing future road patterns and parking allowances.

School District 64 and the Canadian Union of Public Employees had reached an agreement calling for a 2.8 per cent wage increase and improved working conditions for union members.

Hundreds of capering islands, colourful paraders and wet boat-builders flooded downtown Ganges as a wave of Sea Caper festivity transformed Centennial Park and the Coast Guard dock into a hub of wild and wet activity.

After a sold-out pancake breakfast, the day kicked off with some 200 paraders decking out 20 floats, skateboarding, singing and marching to the sound of a pipe band.

July

Ottawa filed a notice to appeal the B.C. Supreme Court judgement overturning the gasoline outboard ban on St. Mary Lake.

Federal lawyer Karl Burdak said

the B.C. Supreme Court's ruling was studied by a select Ottawa committee struck to review all court judgements concerning the Canadian constitution, and added that the committee decided on an appeal.

Later in the month, however, the federal government withdrew its proposed appeal.

The Islands Trust moved to amend the zoning for property being proposed as the site for an asphalt plant.

Island Trustee Pat Byrne said the move came in response to calls for action voiced at a meeting held in Ganges to discuss the asphalt plant proposal.

The plant's owners had requested an amendment to their pollution control board permit to move the plant from Metchosin to an industrially-zoned parcel of land on the Fulford-Ganges Road, about one mile from Ganges.

Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's director on the Capital Regional District, said he gained a sympathetic hearing from provincial Environment Minister Austin Pelton at a meeting held to discuss St. Mary Lake.

The meeting, held in Victoria, saw Salt Spring represented by Borsman, Island Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne, and Don Storr of the North Salt Spring Water Works District. Pelton was asked to consider reimposition of the Electric Motors Only (EMO) restriction on the lake.

August

Off-island vendors and overnight parking in Centennial Park were causing "absolute and total confusion" at the Saturday farmers' market, a joint meeting between vendors and members of the parks and recreation commission were told.

The meeting, prompted by reports of chaotic conditions before the August 2 farmers' market, saw commission members Phil Hume, Jim Ballantyne and Hugh Borsman discuss the situation with eight local vendors. Approximately half an acre of land was devastated by fire when a spark from a brick incinerator ignited a Vesuvius property.

Volunteer firemen were called to
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Resort owners win in Supreme Court

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Elizabeth Drive. Three fire trucks were rushed to the site, where 16 firemen and several bystanders fought the flames.

Local MLA Hugh Curtis last week welcomed his change in provincial cabinet duties, saying his move from finance minister to provincial secretary "gives him something to sink my teeth into."

The appointment announced by B. C.'s new premier, Bill Vander Zalm, accompanied the announcement that Vander Zalm would assume responsibility for the finance post held by Curtis since 1976.

Salt Spring Island pubs and a church service in Centennial Park were the largest beneficiaries of the jazz festival as overall attendance figures fell well below anticipated levels.

According to organizer Paul Jones, approximately 350 \$6 tickets—good for both the Saturday and Sunday events—were sold. The Jazz Society had printed 1,000 tickets in anticipation of a better response.

September

Grace Point in Ganges was in the process of being sold to a group of investors that included Canadian author Peter C. Newman.

Norman Mouat, whose company presented a development plan for Grace Point to the Islands Trust late in 1985, said that documentation relating to the sale had been finalized.

South Pender residents helped fire warden Russ Pomahac stamp out a blaze that came within a foot of wooded areas on a Gowlland Point property on Pender Island.

Steve Harris, a Parksville man holidaying with his wife and two children on Kloshe Road, also suffered second degree burns to his forearms from flames that blew up when he lit a gasoline fire to extinguish a wasp nest.

Ganges RCMP were asked to discuss local policing concerns at a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The motion was made after chamber member Andy Dietrich said he and others were concerned about intoxicated minors seen on downtown streets, and vehicles being handled in an unsafe manner. He also told of disruptions in Centennial Park.

Passengers aboard the *Queen of Nanaimo* had a surprise stop in Active Pass when the ferry lost power and had to anchor for eight minutes.

The *Queen of Nanaimo* "had mechanical failure in the main propulsion unit, where she lost power for several minutes," a B. C. Ferry Corporation spokesman said.

The fast action of a Ganges man may have saved the lives of two Crofton youths injured in a car accident that followed the theft of an automobile.

Bill Evans, a Ganges bartender, was driving west on Vesuvius Bay Road when he was passed on a corner marked with double solid lines. The grey Ford Bronco that passed his vehicle swerved back



Chamber of Commerce members and local businessmen toured Ganges' downtown area

with John Stepaniuk, ministry of highways roads foreman, to get a

better idea of the proposed road improvements.

into his lane to avoid an oncoming car. Momentum carried it into the ditch, after which it slammed into a tree and burst into flames. Evans grabbed a fire extinguisher and quickly doused the blaze.

October

A political newcomer surprised even himself by winning the first of two Social Credit nominations at a Saanich-and-the-Islands meeting.

Veterinarian Ferry Huberts, a 14-year party member, defeated Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier and businessman Ray Williams for the first nomination. Couvelier won the second.

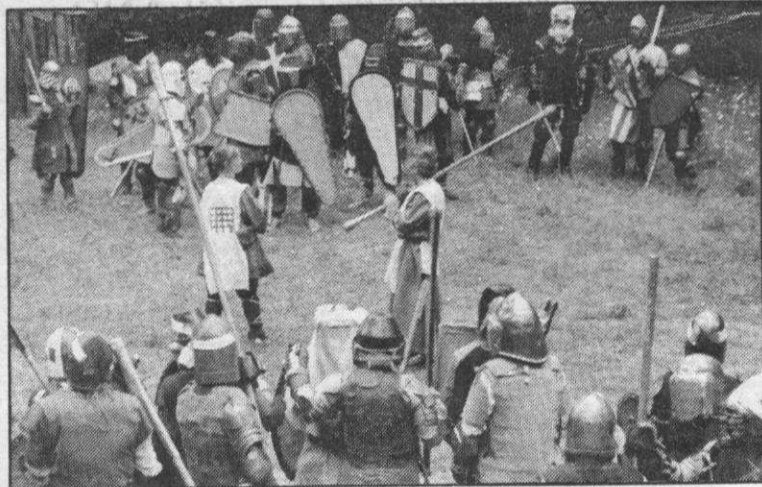
Driftwood was again judged the best community newspaper in its class in B. C.

Individual British Columbia and Yukon Canadian Newspaper Association (BCYCNA) awards were also made to two *Driftwood* staff members: Dennis Parker was named best community newspaper cartoonist, and editor Duncan MacDonnell was honoured by the B. C. Automobile Association for efforts to promote awareness of impaired driving.

TNFM, a radio station operated illegally on Salt Spring Island, was ordered to shut down by the federal department of communications (DOC).

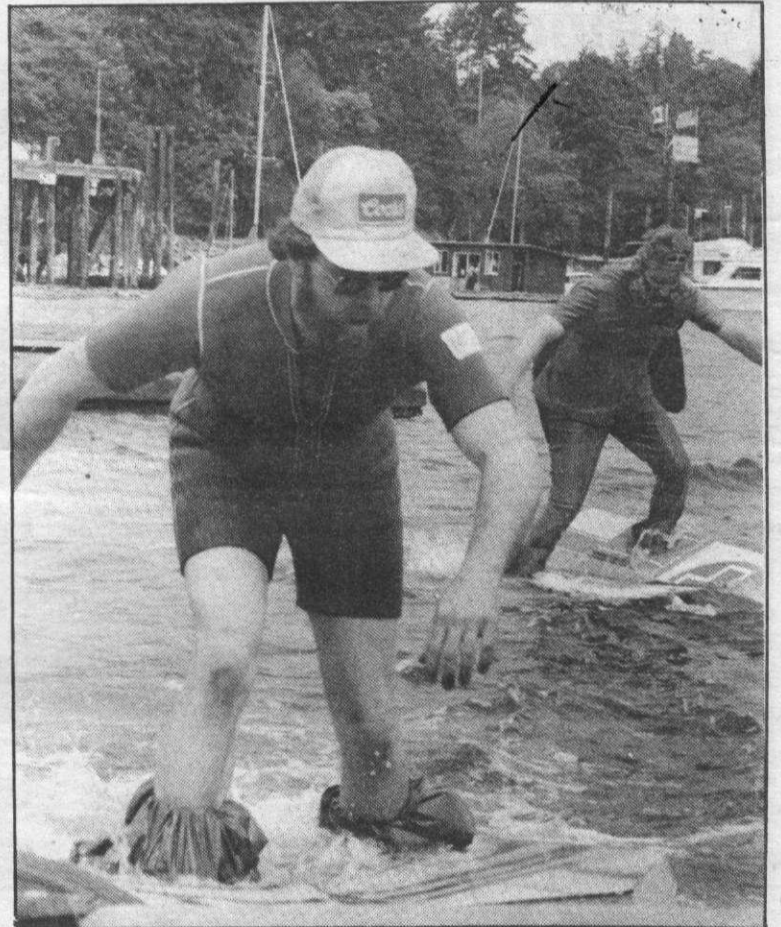
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Seagirt and Lionsgate gear up for 'battle' on Salt Spring Island. The two 'armies'—whose members

belong to the Society for Creative Anachronism—met for the sixth time on this island.



In a major 'walk on water' upset, Russ Murcheson leaves Erling Jorgensen (Grand Master of the

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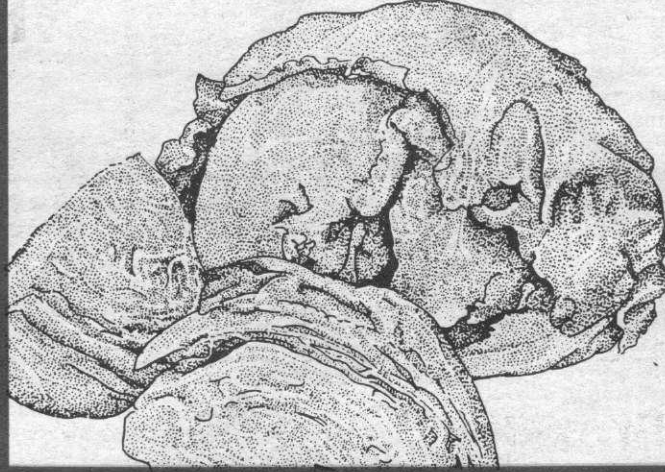
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PARTY STICKS

500 g

239

oz.

BEEF

Sausages

4-5 lb.
pkgs. 3.29 kg

149

lb.

BONELESS

Cross Rib Roast

5.73 kg

259

lb.

SPLENDOR MACARONI or SPAGHETTI

SAVE 51c

2 kg
box

288

VENICE COUNTRY GOOD

Fresh Bread

20 oz. loaf

SAVE 31c

White or
60%
Whole
Wheat

68¢

AYLMER BOSTON BROWN BEANS

14 oz. tin 28 oz. tin

88¢ 158

PARAMOUNT

Chunk Light Tuna

184 g tin

SAVE 61c

98¢

SUN PIC TOMATO SAUCE

14 oz.
tin

78¢

IMPERIAL SOFT MARGARINE

SAVE 1c

2 lb.
tub

218

White or
60%
Whole
Wheat

68¢

PURINA PUPPY CHOW

16 kg
bag

1998

SAVE 61c

98¢

DARE'S COOKIES

SAVE 51c

450 g
bag

248

YORK BING CHERRIES STRAWBERRIES APRICOT 1/2's

SAVE 50c to 10c

398 ml tin

99¢

IMAGE 2 YOGURT

175 g
tub

68¢

PALM COTTAGE CHEESE

Reg. or 2%
500 g tub

152

RED ROSE Tea Bags

NEW
144 pack

SAVE 2.00

398

P G TIPS
TEA BAGS

144
pack

448

PURINA DOG CHOW

4 kg
bag

699

ALLEY CAT CAT FOOD

1 kg
bag

188

GOLDEN GROVE Apple Juice

2 1 litre ctns.

SAVE 81c

149

ODDO-BELLE cheddar cheese

Mild
• Medium
• Mature

20%

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PALM SHERBET

1 litre ctn.
Ass't
Flavours

178

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SAVE 54c

Your
Choice

118

AYLMER KETCHUP

SAVE 60c

1 litre
keg
btl.

278

NO NAME PEANUT BUTTER

Smooth
or Crunchy
1 kg tub

298

GOLDEN GROVE ORANGE JUICE

SAVE 60c

1 litre
ctn.

99¢

DUTCH OVEN WHITE FLOUR

SAVE 2.00

10 kg
bag

498

BALKINS PURE JAMS

SAVE 41c

Your
Choice

375 ml
jar

168

VENICE FIBRE BREAD

454 g
loaf

94¢

NO NAME COFFEE WHITENER

1 kg
jar

398

VENICE TEXAS KAISERS

8's

109

A. J. ROGERS WHITE or WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR

SAVE 2.00

10 kg
bag

598

YORK APRICOT 1/2's

SAVE 34c

14 oz.
tin

99¢

Emily Carr College offers instruction

Art courses of interest to islanders

By GARY CHERNEFF

I just received the spring calendar of evening and weekend courses for the Emily Carr College of Art and Design (ECCAD) and I'll bet a lot of you out there have never seen one of these because I haven't noticed much of an exodus to Vancouver to take advantage of the opportunities it offers.

Come a little closer and I'll tell you about it. I've heard all the arguments about how much it's going to cost and how guilty you're going to feel about indulging in some aspect of your art you've wanted to explore for years. But the expense is often more than compensated for by the insight gained and the opportunity to be removed from one's day to day environment to work intensively with a practising artist-instructor.

It is true that there are many courses at ECCAD which are not normally suitable for island residents. These are usually credit evening courses which often require attendance twice a week for up to six weeks. But there are many more non-credit courses which most often are intensive one-weekend workshops. These come under the categories of *Drawing and Painting, Printmaking, Graphic Design, Photography, Film, Book Arts, Sculpture, and Profession of Art*. Let's take a sample from some of these.

In the first category, Anne Meredith Barry—a nationally recognized painter, printmaker and photographer from Toronto—will teach a workshop titled *Mixed Media Painting*. The sessions will include discussion, film and slides, and intense practical studio experience. The cost is \$55 plus materials. It starts on Friday night, March 13, and runs through Saturday and Sunday of that weekend and then

art seen

you can come home. Isn't that nice and neat!

In the next category we have *The Painterly Monoprint* offered by Denis Olsen, who is the head of the department of printmaking at the University of Texas and director of the Santa Reparata Graphic Workshop in Florence, Italy. The format of this workshop is the same as the previous one, but starting date is Friday, January 30.

Olsen has developed a new method for watercolour monoprints in which the artist can achieve an outstanding luminosity of colour. You don't have to have printmaking experience for this one and the cost is \$65 and some materials.

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Caricature Drawing is being offered by Carel Moisewitch, who is truly a master of this expressive graphic discipline. However, this course demands a greater commitment in time and travel for an islander. It is offered on four consecutive Sundays beginning on February 1; the cost is \$65 and some materials. This instructor's work has been published in mainstream, alternate and underground publications in the U.S., Europe and the U.K. She recently exhibited some of her large drawings at the Western

Front Gallery in Vancouver.

Sharyn Yuen will be instructing an introductory workshop in paper making over two consecutive weekends beginning on January 30. She has been working with paper for the past eight years and operated her own handmade paper studio in Vancouver. She has recently returned from Japan where she studied paper making techniques.

Her session will introduce participants to basic techniques for further experimentation in simply equipped home studios. Sizing, dyeing and casting will be covered as well as surface treatments such as embossing, embedding, pouring methods and layering. The cost is \$92 plus some materials.

Other course titles are *Airbrush Illustration, Fashion Photography, Watercolour Workshop and Beginning Glass Fusing*.

ECCAD is located on Granville Island at 1399 Johnson Street, V6H 3R9. Phone: 687-2345. So come on, live a little and spend some of the Christmas money you got on exploring new dimensions. You might be interested to know

District school board to meet

The board of trustees for School District 64 (Gulf Islands) will hold its next regular meeting here January 8.

The regular meeting, scheduled to start at 1 pm, will be held in the district office at the corner of Lower Ganges and Rainbow roads.

Earlier in the day, the board will meet as a committee of the whole between 8:30 am and 11:15, after which it is scheduled to go in-camera until noon.

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Painters planning a variety of activities for coming month

The New Year program starts for the Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild in Mahon Hall on Wednesday, January 7 at 10:30 am with a business meeting, critique, and sale of surplus art and crafts materials. Bring your unwanted supplies and sell them off.

On January 14, May Cross will

demonstrate painting on porcelain. Cross has been involved with this ancient and beautiful craft for 10 years and taught it to others in Toronto. The public is invited.

Jack Avison will conduct a class in watercolour painting every Wednesday from January 21 to

February 18 inclusive, and welcomes students at all levels. Mutual help groups will paint in acrylics and oils in the board room on the same dates.

For further information, please phone program convener Olive Clayton at 537-2359.

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