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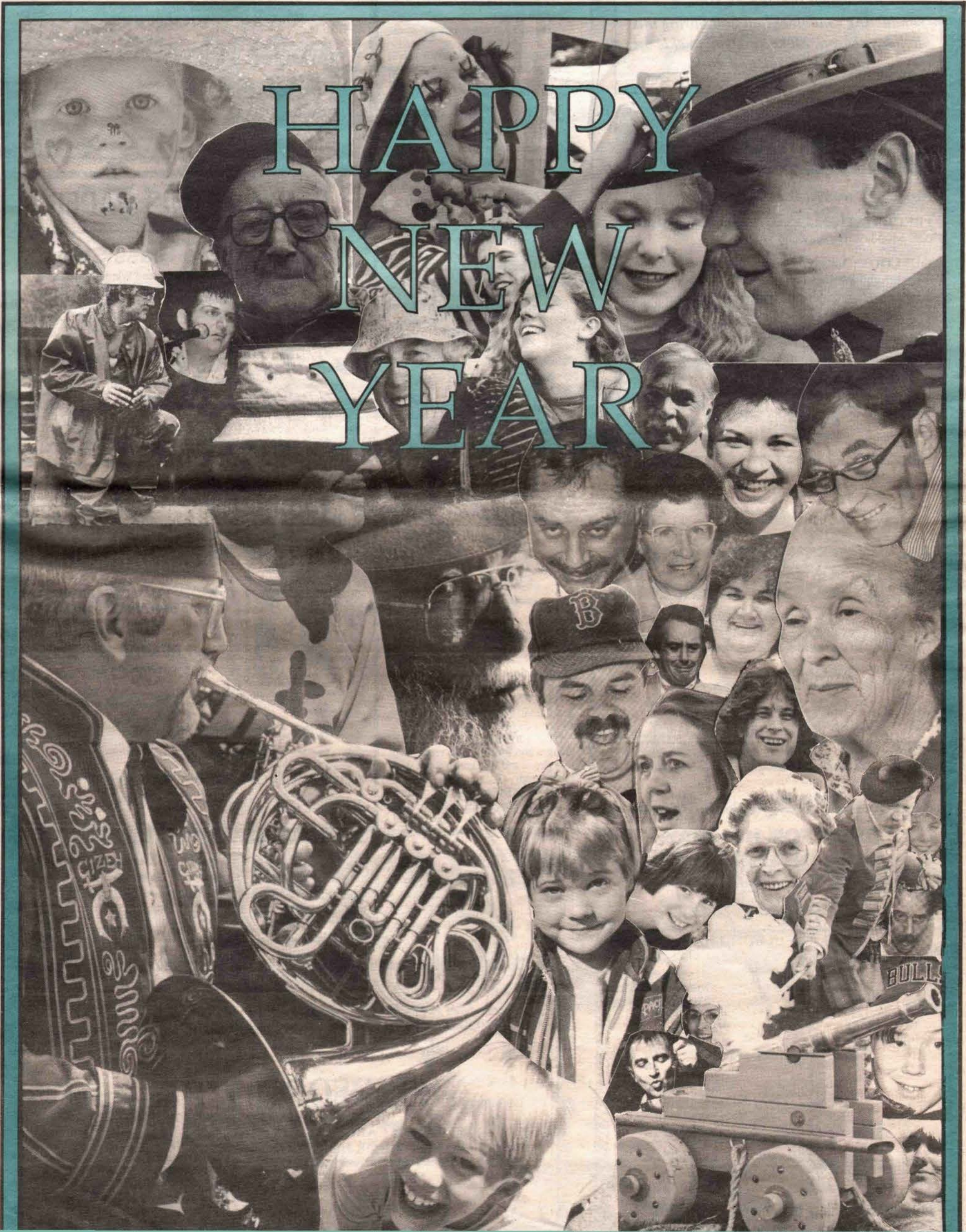
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



# this week

## Happy New Year

Remember that the RCMP are conducting roadblocks on Salt Spring this holiday season. Make sure you buckle up and don't drink and drive.

### -weather-



HIGHS: 7 C (normal 6) LOWS: 2 C (normal 0)

PRECIPITATION: Chance of precipitation 70 per cent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

OUTLOOK: Mostly cloudy with showers Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

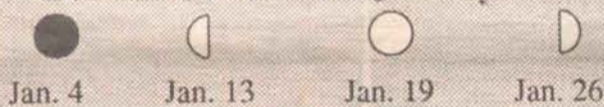


### -of note-

DEC. 31: New Year's Eve

JAN. 1: Polar Bear Swim at 12 noon at Vesuvius Beach

LUNAR CYCLE: for January 1992



### -lottery numbers-

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	December 21, 1991	19-21-22-23-37-45 B01
	December 18, 1991	17-19-28-35-36-42 B39
Extra	December 21, 1991	09-68-88-92
	December 18, 1991	09-30-42-66
Lotto B.C.	December 21, 1991	16-20-21-25-35-38
	December 14, 1991	01-15-17-21-32-36

### CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS AND INVENTORY

until Monday, January 6, 1992.

Happy New Year!

### TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

JAN.						
1	WE	0455	10.8	5	0705	11.4
		0835	10.1	SU	1210	9.4
		1220	10.7		1515	9.9
		2050	2.1		2310	1.9
2	TH	0530	11.2	6	0730	11.3
		0950	10.1	MO	1250	9.0
		1255	10.5		1600	9.6
		2125	1.8		2345	2.3
3	FR	0605	11.4	7	0750	11.2
		1050	10.0	TU	1325	8.5
		1340	10.3		1650	9.2
		2200	1.7			
4	SA	0635	11.4	8	0015	2.8
		1135	9.7	WE	0810	11.2
		1425	10.1		1405	8.0
		2235	1.7		1745	8.8

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### NEWSBEAT

## New Year's Eve and day festivities

Islanders can ring in 1992 tomorrow night at Salt Spring Island social quarters.

Vesuvius Inn celebrates the New Year "Salt Spring style" with Auntie Kate and the Built for Comfort Band belting out their distinctive rock and r & b music. The party will continue until 3 a.m.

There is no cover charge at the Inn.

Willie and the Walkers strut in 1992 at Moby's Marine Pub starting at 9 p.m. and also without a cover charge.

The Moby's party includes dinner served until 11 p.m., munchies available until 1 a.m., free late night sandwiches and a 3 a.m. closing.

Party-goers are reminded to arrange safe transportation home or have a reliable designated driver if they plan to drink alcohol while at public or private gatherings.

RCMP roadblocks will be set up throughout the island on New Year's Eve. The season's 1991 Counter-Attack campaign runs until January 3.

One of the unique thrills of West Coast life recurs January 1 as the Salt Spring polar bear swim participants take their 12th annual plunge.

The swim is now a local Vesuvius Beach tradition which attracts many spectators and daring souls. Events are sponsored by the Vesuvius Inn.

People are invited to the Inn after swimmers dry off. Tee-shirts and prizes will be awarded to swimmers and hot dogs and hot chocolate are doled out free. Children are also welcome to festivities at the Inn.

## HOT Spots

Salt Spring volunteer firefighters responded to the following calls last week:

**DECEMBER 22 (9 p.m.):** Ganges firehall responded to a chimney fire on Victoria Street.

**DECEMBER 24 (11 p.m.):** Ganges firehall responded to a chimney fire on Long Harbour Road.

**DECEMBER 26 (4:10 p.m.):** Ganges and Fulford halls responded to a fire at the Blackburn Road garbage dump.

**DECEMBER 27: (1 p.m.):** Both halls responded to a motor vehicle accident on Fulford-Ganges Road across from St. Paul's church in Fulford.

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Be careful with Christmas decorations as they begin to dry out and become more of a fire hazard.

- Take time to check your smoke detectors and ensure they are in working order.

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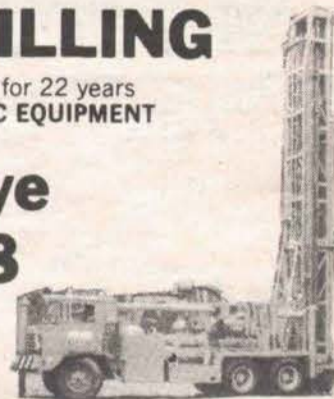


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**NEWSBEAT**



**FULFORD SINGS:** Susan Cogan and Valdy led cheer-filled carollers at a south end Christmas gathering held the evening of December 23.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

**GANGES RCMP File**

'Tis the season for motor vehicle accidents on Salt Spring Island, report Ganges RCMP.

• Police responded to a single vehicle accident at Mobrae West and Vesuvius Bay roads at 9:12 p.m. December 22 which resulted in the car being overturned in the ditch. The Salt Spring driver is being investigated for impaired driving but no charges have been laid.

• A December 22 accident on Cusheon Lake Road near Beddis Road saw a single motor vehicle leave the road at 9:37 p.m. and become wedged between two trees over the embankment. No injuries were reported.

• Also on December 22, a vehicle turning left into a driveway on Atkins Road at 3:30 p.m. struck a vehicle which had moved into the other lane

to pass.

About \$2,500 in damage to the two vehicles resulted.

Driver of the passing vehicle was charged with attempting to pass on the left when unsafe to do so.

• An illegally-parked car owned by a Vancouver resident was deemed the cause of a Rainbow Road accident involving two Salt Spring vehicles on December 26.

One driver moved into the opposite lane to go around the car parked in his lane on Rainbow Road.

The driver of a second car then swerved to avoid being hit by the oncoming vehicle and struck a power pole.

Owner of the stationary vehicle was charged with parking a vehicle so as to obstruct traffic.

**Movies show contrast**

Modern day Greenwich Village and 17th century New France are contrasting settings for this week's two Salt Spring Cinema movies.

*The Butcher's Wife*, rated Mature, stars Demi Moore as an innocent girl named Marina who lives on an isolated North Carolina island. She marries a Manhattan butcher (George Dzundza) visiting the area on a fishing trip. After returning to live in his trendy neighbourhood, Marina startles the inhabitants with her disarming honesty and mysterious clairvoyant powers.

*The Butcher's Wife* is the 7 p.m. film this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It plays at 9 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday, January 6 and 7.

Highly-acclaimed Canadian-made epic *Black Robe* is the "late show" starting at 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday. It shows at 7 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday.

The film centres on the tension-filled journey of a young Jesuit priest through hostile territory with Huron guides.

Lothaire Bluteau, of *Jesus of Montreal* fame, plays Father Laforgue in what has been described as "a big beautiful drama" challenging the established white Catholic version of Canada's early history.

Rated parental guidance 14, the film contains some violence, nudity and suggestive scenes.

**Mysterious remains**

RCMP received a report of human remains found near Fernwood dock on December 23. Investigation determined the bones once belonged to a deer.

**Chase**

A Salt Spring resident was charged with failing to stop for excessive speed on Beddis Road at 12:30 a.m. December 21 when he did not stop when signalled to do so by Ganges RCMP. A brief chase ensued.

The driver said he did not notice flashing RCMP vehicle lights behind him.

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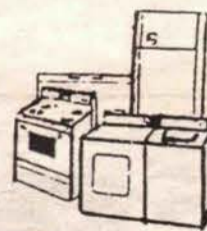
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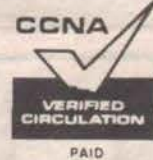


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## Be it resolved there'll be a resolution

Here we are again, faithful Driftwood readers, bringing you another first issue of a new year. This is the time we review the stories that made headlines during the past 12 months.

It's a task few newspaper reporters relish. The assignment is given weeks in advance or even months. Around September when we start planning the holiday issues, the editor says the "year-enders" must be done. At the time the New Year seems to be far away, but reporters can tell you the intervening time goes by very, very quickly.

In fact, about the middle of December, we seem to go on "fast forward". Before we can put another byte in our computers, the deadlines are here. Going over the past 12 months can be entertaining, enlightening and, at times, depressing.

Reading last year's editorial for the same issue, we were talking about the highs and lows. Some topics are still with us, waiting to be resolved. How about Canadian Unity, native land claims, logging on the Gulf Islands, an election (albeit a local one and not provincial) and you guessed it — GARBAGE!

Last year we lived through the GST, Gulf War, heated up constitutional controversy, a Fantasy gone sour, a landslide victory for the NDP and resurgence for Liberals, more openness in Islands Trust affairs and a continuation of the garbage saga.

We don't know if Canadians in general and Gulf Islanders in particular are more or less optimistic as the New Year begins. It's hard to be bright and cheerful when we know the effects of the GST and many people are facing the prospect of unemployment in the coming year.

While we tend to get caught up in

the holiday cheer, that often masks real feelings that will surface once the January drudgery is here. Some can escape for a time to warmer climes; others continue to cope as best they can on a day to day basis.

Making resolutions is a tradition at this time of year. So we'd like to offer some of ours.

- Be it resolved that 1992 is the year

the Ganges Seawalk is completed, whatever that takes.

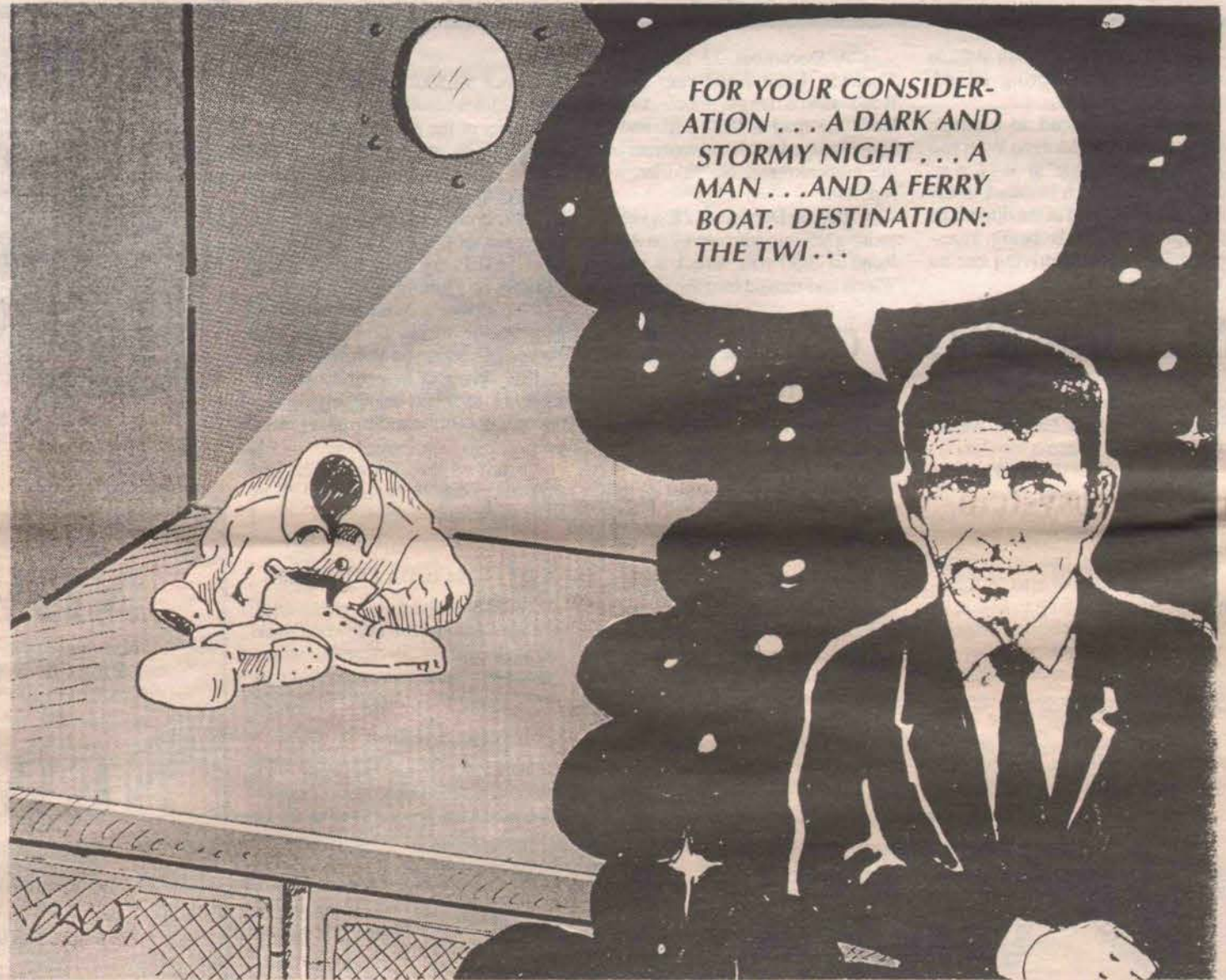
- Be it resolved that the Saturday Farmers' Market controversy can be set to rest, whatever that takes.

- Be it resolved that the explosion of committees and task forces and commissions and .... find a method of governing islanders, whatever that takes.

- Be it resolved that the garbage issue be finally talked out, planned out and settled out, whatever that takes.

We look forward to another year of bringing you the news, good and bad, happy and sad, and of your continuing welcoming response through letters to the editor, columns and telephone calls.

Happy New Year to you all. Best of luck, health and success (whatever your definition of that may be) in 1992!



**WE ASKED YOU:** What do you think is the most important issue Salt Spring Island has to resolve in the coming year?

### SALT SPRING SAYS:



Nora Dalby

The seawalk. I think they should at least finish it. We are a laughing stock as it is now. Lots of people could enjoy it if



Jenny Wilson

Activities for our youths.



Derrick Duffy

Garbage. Because it's not going to go away, is it? And it would be silly to take it off the island and incur more costs.



Val Nielson

I think the most important issue is to find a means of dealing with our garbage.



W. H. Wilson

The garbage. It is ridiculous to be hauling garbage off the island.

# OPINION

## Something stinks

To the Editor,  
 Something stinks. I attended the public meeting at the Trust office in December 17 where Eric Booth gave a very polished presentation and sanitized slide show of his proposed operation at Atkins and Rainbow roads.

Later, the Trust issued a temporary permit for operation of a transfer station (garbage drop-off, by any other name). I am appalled at this process, which seemed to "rubber stamp" a pre-determined decision.

The notice invited people to ask questions at the December 17 meeting but only those questions not vetoed by Salt Spring's regional director were allowed. Others, such as financial viability of the project were shouted down with "point of order" by Julia Atkins.

Possibly this was not the correct forum to ask probing questions, but we have had no other opportunity and this project will affect all residents.

In my opinion there is nothing "temporary" about a transfer station requiring buildings and a Lundell waste system. Once this is established, who would close it down if it proved unsatisfactory? Surely not the Trust which so willingly embraced it.

This transfer station property is approximately 300 metres from the new high school site and if the ring route exists at Atkins and Rainbow as proposed, we would have additional traffic in the area and don't need garbage traffic hurtling past the schools.

Something stinks — could it be the air in Ganges in August, 1992? Could it be the "odour-free" manual garbage sorting system? Or the drainage around the transfer station building? No, I think the Trust just buried its mandate, to serve and protect.

**DOREEN JOHNSON,**  
 Ganges

## Fragile ecosystem

To the Editor,  
 The proposed garbage sorting station on Rainbow Road is of no environmental benefit to Salt Spring Island.

This property, where our garbage will be washed and sorted, is on the Booth Inlet watershed (not Ganges) and drains into Okano Creek.

I am a long time resident of the Booth Inlet area and can't imagine putting any more strain on this fragile ecosystem. I can only suppose that the people responsible for this decision are unaware of the profusion of wildlife dependent on the health of this beautiful estuary.

If the Water Preservation Society has its way, we will end up with two polluted watersheds instead of one. The rezoning of the Rainbow Road site will set a precedent for other polluting industries to move into the area.

No one has mentioned Norman Twa's offer to have the transfer station on his property (the present dump site). He has also agreed to transfer old material from the site with every load of new garbage. Over the next 20 years the old garbage dump would gradually disappear.

I feel this is the best solution to our garbage problems and would result in

a cleaner Cusheon Lake watershed without damaging Booth Inlet.

If anyone out there agrees with me, please call Bob Andrew (Islands Trust) or Julia Atkins (CRD). They are apparently listening to the same small (vocal) group which lost the last referendum on the garbage issue.

**JANE STACK,**  
 Ganges

## Hamper success

To the Editor,  
 Once again in 1991 the people of Salt Spring Island showed their generous nature. It is that generosity which has made the Christmas hamper program of the Salt Spring Island Community Centre a great success.

To all those who donated money, food and toys as well as to the many volunteers who gave so much of their time, our sincere thanks and wishes for a very happy new year.

**NEL MEYER,**  
 Salt Spring Island Community Society,  
 Christmas hamper committee

## Santa breakdown

To the Editor,  
 I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many people who offered and provided assistance to the "Christmas ship" December 14.

The ship had engine failure just before entering Ganges Harbour on Salt Spring Island. Santa's ship was taken under tow by *Heather Isle*, with skipper Michel Jutras and delivered to the pier at Ganges so Santa could see all the girls and boys.

Sunday morning I called my wife, in Bellingham, who contacted Steve Wight of Wight Marine. Steve contacted Foss Maritime who dispatched the *Wedell Foss* to Ganges to pick up the Christmas ship. *Pacifica* with skipper Arthur Conner from Ganges towed the ship to a rendezvous point south of Ganges. Then *Wedell Foss* with skipper Duane Crowley and crew took the Christmas ship alongside and delivered us to the North Terminal Port of Bellingham, a trip of 44 miles.

The final tow was by the fishing vessel *New Sunrise* with skipper Niel Pfundt, and the berthing at Squalicum Harbour was done by the *Island Caper*, under skipper Terry Buzzard.

The outpouring offers of assistance in the hour of need is proof positive that there is a Santa Claus.

A thank you to all who helped and to those who offered help.  
**SANTA AND ALL HIS HELPERS,**  
 Ralph Neher, Skipper S.E.S.  
 Discovery

## 'Twas Christmas Eve

To the Editor,  
 'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, no one suspected there'd be a fire to douse.

When up through the chimney there arose such a clatter I ran outside and put up the ladder.

The flames from the chimney were really a leapin'. With garden hose in hand on the roof I went creepin'.

It wasn't very long before things settled down, except for the trucks, lights and sirens from town.

Those gallant young men from our local fire station were quick to help out with our fire situation.

We thank all those men whose families they left waiting on that one night a year it was Santa we were anticipating.

We would like to thank our fire department for their quick response on Christmas Eve. Luckily no damage was done.

**BRIAN and SHARLENE BETTS and family,**  
 Ganges

## Get involved

To the Editor,  
 All too often the policies, bylaws, land use and general direction of this island community are developed and implemented through the well-meaning visions of a handful of people.

These well-meaning groups, in most cases, count on public input prior to making any changes to our way of life.

The apathy on the island has allowed the implementation of many changes which were contrary to the wishes of most of the public.

A recent example is the garbage issue on the island.

The closing of Blackburn Road landfill and transfer of garbage to Hartland Road was decided at a public meeting attended by less than 60 people or less than one per cent of the residents.

The Blackburn landfill has no history of environmental damage and most likely never will.

This one decision will cause the needless transfer of hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the island economy.

This unfortunate decision would have not happened if more people had supported the meeting.

It is imperative the public get more involved in the decision-making to ensure their rights as taxpayers are not being compromised.

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# Capital Comment

**HUBERT BEYER**



VICTORIA — Name a year in B.C. politics that was more turbulent than 1991 and you've got either a better memory than me or access to history books that I haven't seen.

I normally don't like the so-called year-enders eager assignment editors squeeze out of their reporters. I find them excruciatingly boring but the heady days, weeks and months of 1991 were too incredible not to be recalled one last time.

So, let me take you back to some of the events that shaped the year and our lives.

**January 29:** Premier Vander Zalm goes on live television to announce that he is staying on, ignoring ever-growing pressure that he resign for the good of the party.

**February 14:** Vander Zalm announced that he has asked conflict of interest commissioner Ted Hughes to hold an inquiry into the Fantasy Gardens controversy.

His advisors are aghast. Hughes asks him several times whether he is certain that is what he wants. Vander Zalm insists and the inquiry is underway.

**March 5:** Word leaks of the formation of a new free enterprise party — the Pacific Party of British Columbia.

### And it gets worse

**March 6:** Finance Minister Mel Couvelier quits cabinet because Vander Zalm refuses to step aside as premier during the Hughes inquiry.

**March 7:** The legislative session opens. It is the most disorganized session anyone can remember. Two weeks later, it collapses.

**March 29:** It's Good Friday. Vander Zalm announces his resignation but says he will stay on until a successor is chosen. The timing isn't lost on political observers. Vander Zalm sees himself as having been crucified by the media and opposing forces within the Social Credit Party.

**April 2:** Hughes releases the findings of his inquiry. The report cites Vander Zalm on three violations of his own conflict of interest guidelines. It is the most damning outcome anyone could have imagined. Vander Zalm resigns for the second time, this time effective immediately.

Later that day, the Social Credit caucus meets behind closed doors and picks Rita Johnston as the new premier. She is sworn in that afternoon at Government House.

### And even worse

**April 3:** Johnston holds her first press conference. She refuses to accept any responsibility for having allowed Vander Zalm to get out of control.

**April 8:** Couvelier is sworn back in as cabinet minister and is back in his old finance portfolio.

**April 15:** Johnston shuffles her cabinet but her choice is, of course, limited. Most of the ministers cannot escape continued accusations that they played a part in the Vander Zalm drama.

**May 7:** Couvelier is fired, again, hours before the Speech from the Throne, because it was found that he had tipped off Vander Zalm regarding an investigation into the Fantasy Gardens affair.

**July 10:** Johnston announces her promised law-and-order package, which is immediately slammed as an attempt to further her campaign for the Social Credit leadership.

**July 18:** The Social Credit leadership convention opens at the Hotel Pan Pacific in Vancouver. Most observers give Grace McCarthy the odds of winning, but when it comes to voting, two days later, Couvelier destroys her chances by throwing his support behind Johnston. Amid the cheers of her supporters, Johnston looks into the television cameras and shouts: "Mike Harcourt, you will never be premier."

### Who could believe it?

**September 12:** Former premier Vander Zalm is charged with criminal breach of trust.

**September 19:** Johnston calls the election and that same day, Vander Zalm makes his first appearance in court.

**September 25:** Jack Kempf, sitting MLA and Social Credit candidate for Bulkley Valley-Stikine, is charged with breach of trust, but refuses to quit.

**October 17:** The New Democratic Party wins the election by a landslide. The Liberals come in a strong second. After ruling British Columbia for all but three of nearly 40 years, the Social Credit Party is wiped out. Only seven Socreds are elected.

**November 5:** Mike Harcourt is sworn in as the new premier, promising to follow a course that will bring stability and economic prosperity to British Columbia.

Whether he can deliver on that promise remains to be seen, but I venture to guess that the coming four years won't be nearly as interesting for those who like their politics low and dirty.

Happy New Year to you all.

## NEWSBEAT

# January nature club hikes, walks

Trail and Nature Club Schedule for January:

**Tuesday, January 7:** No scheduled hike or walk

**Tuesday, January 14:** Hike and Walk - Ruckle Park plus information regarding recent happenings in the park. Meet at 10:15 a.m. at Drummond Park.

**Wednesday, January 15:** Special meeting-programme and entry fee as per mailed notice. Meaden Hall at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 21:** Hike - Cape Keppel with leader Fiona Flook. Meet at Drummond Park, 10:15 a.m.

Walk - Welbury Point with leader Peggy Jacobs. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

**Thursday, January 23:** Annual general meeting - United Church Hall at 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 26:** Come and learn how to build a bird house - find out what kinds of homes are appropriate for the different species.

As this will be a hands-on experience members are asked to pre-register by telephoning either Don Flook at 653-9202 or Glen Moores at 537-4306.

There will be a shore birding walk. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

**Tuesday January 28:** Hike - Nosepoint (Maracaibo area) with leader Vera Petapiece. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

Walk - Southey Point area with leader Elda Soder. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

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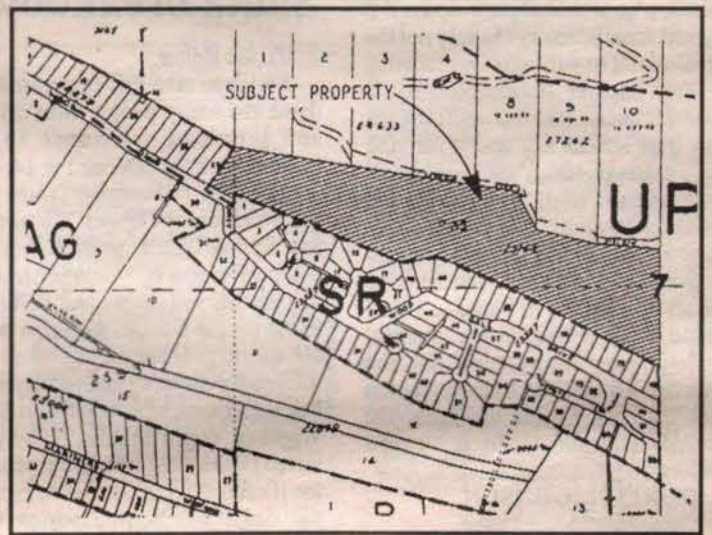
# Mayne Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at the Public Hearing to be held AT THE MAYNE ISLAND AGRICULTURAL HALL, MAYNE ISLAND, B.C., ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1992, COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M.

All persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative or by written submission on all matters contained in the proposed bylaws, at the aforementioned time and place.

In general terms:

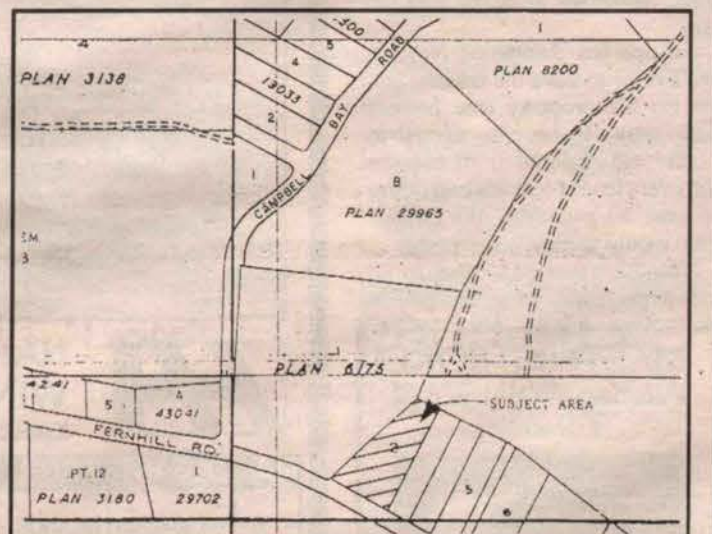
1. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 72, cited as "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 8, 1991", would place a property in the RR (Rural Residential) zone which would permit a density of one single family dwelling unit per 2.8 hectares (7 acres) and an average lot size of 2.8 hectares (7 acres). The applicant is a strata corporation with 4 houses on a total of 12.2 hectares and this amendment would authorize the construction of 4 additional guest cottages. The property located near Mt. Park is defined as Strata Plan 1626, being part of Lot A, Sections 6 and 7, Plan 45877, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, and is shown on the following sketch.



2. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 73, cited as "Official Community Plan (Mayne Island) Bylaw, 1978, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1991", would place a property into the Rural Residential designation on the Plan map. The property located near Mt. Park is identified as Strata Plan 1626, being part of Lot A, Sections 6 and 7, Plan 45877, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, and is shown on the above sketch.

3. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 74, cited as "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 1991", would amend the general regulations that define how residential density is determined on properties that are non-conforming as to size or that have two or more zones on the property.

4. Proposed Mayne Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 75, cited as "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 10, 1991", would create a new industrial zone for the fabrication, storage and sale of pre-cast concrete tanks, storage and sale of soil, ready-mix concrete and associated materials specifically identified in the bylaw, warehousing and storage and parking of vehicles and other equipment used in the manufacture or installation of the products produced or sold on site. A single family dwelling is permitted as a secondary use. Lot coverage, excluding the residential use, shall be 50% and any outdoor storage must be screened. The property affected is located on Fernhill Road and is identified as Lot 2, Plan 8200, Section 11, Land District 16, Mayne Island, and is shown on the following sketch.



A copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from December 20, 1991, up to and including January 11, 1992.

For the convenience of the public only and not to satisfy Section 957 (2) (v) of the *Municipal Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Post Office, Mayne Island, B.C.

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## 1991 YEAR END REVIEW

# Galiano lots on the block

### JANUARY

• Balmy winter weather attracted strange goings on at Vesuvius Beach on New Year's Day. Twenty-one otherwise normal human beings plunged into the sea at the 11th annual Vesuvius Inn Polar Bear Swim. At least four dogs also cavorted with the swimmers as they braved the frigid waters.

• Plans for the MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.'s Galiano Island land holdings were made public by the company. MB announced it had started talks with the Ministry of Parks to turn the north end of the company's Galiano property into a park, while offering the rest of its private holdings for sale to B.C. residents only for the next three months.

• A recent cold snap, along with the 25 centimetres of snow, turned local lakes and ponds into giant skating rinks. Dozens of Salt Spring Island residents dusted off their skates to take a spin around Cusheon Lake and work on their skating techniques.

• The first baby to arrive on Salt Spring Island in 1991 was David Douglas Outerbridge, born at 11:17 p.m. on January 3. He weighed in at a hefty 9 pounds, 11 ounces and is the third child for Nori and Jeff Outerbridge.

• The Gulf Islands were once again deluged with snow. A record 42.2 centimetres (16.6 inches) dumped on the islands causing power outages, slippery roads and a massive cleanup.

• Gulf Islands School District 64 trustees was told to wait until the spring for a ministerial decision regarding its proposed \$19.6 million capital budget for the 1991-92 school year. The school board also presented the Ministry of Education with a proposed five year capital budget plan which included construction of three new schools and major renovations to three other Gulf Island schools.

• Long-time Salt Spring Island resident Danny Evanishen packed his bags and hit the road once more. A world traveller who called Salt Spring home for 13 years, he was known to most islanders as the man who began the Island Cinema.

• Managing pressure from population growth is the "key issue" on the Gulf Islands, said provincial New Democratic Party leader Mike Harcourt at a meeting held in Ganges. Harcourt and Saanich and the Islands New Democratic nominee Elsie McMurphy discussed local and global issues with about 60 Salt Spring Island residents at the Activity Centre.

• Smokers within the Capital Regional District have fewer places to "puff" following implementation of the district's new clean air bylaw.

Bylaw 1851 made it illegal to smoke within any public premises or workplace except in designated smoking areas.

### FEBRUARY

• Gulf Islands teachers agreed to a new contract that called for a 13.6 per cent salary increase over two years. Other components of the contract called for a reduced class size, a 190-day teaching year as well as consultation centred on course changes as ordered by the Ministry of Education.

• Soaring assessments resulted in an increased Gulf Islands tax base of close to 38 per cent for 1991. On Salt Spring, the tax base sat at \$62.3 million, a 38.9 per cent rise of \$17.5 million from \$44.9 million in 1990.

### Ferry workers tested for asbestos residue

• B.C. Ferries Corporation workers faced another battery of tests to determine the residual effects of asbestos. Information officer Bill Bouchard stressed that asbestos had already been removed from the corporation vessels and the tests were part of an ongoing series to check longterm effects, if any, of the substance.

• Generosity allowed for acquisition of a portable defibrillator for Salt Spring's ambulance units. A Salt Spring resident donated \$6,705, allowing the ambulance unit to purchase an automatic advisory defibrillator which will help treat heart attack victims.

• Severe weather conditions did not deter Galiano residents from attending the annual Burns Supper. Many guests from other parts of the island had to dress for the evening by candlelight before driving north over a road strewn with tree branches.

• A national park in Trincomali Channel and a 276 hectare park on Salt Spring Island were two of the subjects addressed by Gulf Islanders at a Duncan meeting with park ministry officials. Salt Spring Island trustee Bob Andrew explained the concept of creating a series of parks along the southerly shore of Salt Spring.

• Galiano Conservancy Association members and MacMillan Bloedel officials were unable to reach an agreement on the possible GCA purchase of the forest company's Galiano holdings. The two groups met February 15 to try and find a common ground to begin negotiations.

• A human skull found at a building site on Salt Spring was "archaeological in nature," according to local coroner Ivan Dare. Workmen engaged in renovations at an island house were digging a crawl space when the remains of a 700-year-old human skeleton were discovered.

• Six tree planters were busy planting on Salt Spring's Mount Bruce, the area logged last year by Weldwood of Canada. Planting up to 60,000 douglas fir sprouts in the logged areas was expected to be completed in 10 days.

### MARCH

• More than 100 Gulf Island  
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## TAKE NOTE of these dates:

- JAN. 2: Seniors for Seniors Luncheon, Upper Ganges Mall, 11:30-1:30.
- JAN. 5: Live Christmas Tree Plant-In, Recycle Depot on Rainbow Road, 1-3 pm.
- JAN. 10: Legion Ladies Friday Night Beef Dinner, 6:00 pm, Meaden Hall.

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## 1991 YEAR END REVIEW

# Snowfall blankets island

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Secondary students participated in a fund-raising project called "The 30-Hour Famine", a Canada-wide project aimed to raise money for World Vision, a non-profit charitable organization. The event raised \$4,000.

Mother Nature played a cruel joke on island residents as she dumped 19 centimetres (eight inches) of snow on Salt Spring Island - just when spring seemed around the corner. A number of minor traffic accidents were attributed to the storm. Fortunately no one was injured.

Ferry traffic between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island increased nearly six per cent in 1990 over the previous year. According to figures released by B.C. Ferry Corporation, almost 420,000 vehicles and 872,000 passengers travelled the Fulford-Swartz Bay and Vesuvius-Crofton routes in 1990.

Mel Couvelier resigned as provincial finance minister and his future as a Social Credit candidate for Saanich and the Gulf Islands rested with the constituency executive. Couvelier said he could not support Premier Bill Vander Zalm when the legislature reconvenes due to ongoing investigations of his conduct into the sale of Fantasy Gardens.

Education ministry budget announcements hit the Gulf Islands harder than any other B.C. school district. Initial examination of School District 64's 1991/92 per student budget allocation showed a funding reduction of 2.2 per cent from the previous year.

"Responsible, reputable operators," may have the opportunity to buy into the Crofton Pulp and Paper Mill, said Fletcher Challenge president Ian Donald. He said the parent company is "actively exploring opportunities to strengthen its longterm competitive position and offset the substantial expenditures it is making to complete major environmental and modernization programs."

Work blitzes at Portlock Park took aim at a target date for completion of Salt Spring's community pool. Swimming pool society spokesman Tom McKeachie said volunteers planned to complete work by May 1, with opening day definitely set for Monday May 20.

Changing an island's name is not an easy task. The Roberts family has owned Deadman Island in Ganges Harbour for many years. Along the B.C. coast there are a total of 13

Deadman Islands so the family wanted to name their island Monarch after a famous Canadian horse.

A Salt Spring Island man's application for an oyster lease near Hawkins Island prompted a response by Mayne Island trustees. Mayne Island trustees urged public opposition to the lease application via letters to the Ministry of Crown Lands.

### APRIL

A first-ever Centennial Park Easter extravaganza was a hopping success. A deluxe Easter egg hunt sponsored by Harlan's Chocolates and Heritage Boutique attracted a total of 700 people including 240 island children to the park on Easter Sunday.

### Mel Couvelier returns as finance minister for Premier Rita Johnston

A grey whale was spotted in three different areas of Ganges Harbour week by a number of residents and watched up close by one sailing couple. Numerous reports of the whale being seen in the water off Price Road, Scott Point Drive, and near Three Sisters Islands were recorded.

Mel Couvelier was back as provincial finance minister. Saanich and the Islands MLA was called back to cabinet by new Premier Rita Johnston. Couvelier had resigned one month ago in protest of ex-premier Bill Vander Zalm's insistence on calling the legislature to sit while under investigation for conflict of interest.

Gulf Islands teachers joined B.C. wide opposition to the provincial government's controversial Bill 82. Members of the Gulf Islands Teacher's Association met to discuss the bill - the Compensation Fairness Act - and their formal response to it.

A fundraising drive to purchase Mount Galiano from MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. reached its destination when the forest company said it would sell the property to the Galiano Club for the amount of money raised to date. An estimated \$243,000 was in hand as of April 26 after only four weeks of fundraising. The asking price for the property was \$330,000. MacMillan Bloedel manager of land sales, Gary Kadatz said the "businesslike" manner, enthusiasm

and determination displayed by Galiano residents and the club led Mac-Blo management to decide to "recognize the efforts" of the Galiano Club and sell the property for the reduced amount.

Salt Spring Island residents let the Capital Regional District know their feelings in regards to two CRD waste disposal bylaws. CRD board secretary Carmen Teale reported that of the 717 counter petitions received concerning the bylaws, 95 per cent of them came from Salt Spring Island.

### MAY

Saanich and the Islands MLA Mel Couvelier resigned as finance minister after he was accused of improperly sitting on information regarding the sale of Fantasy Gardens. Couvelier said he was unjustly forced out of the Socred cabinet and wanted his reputation cleared.

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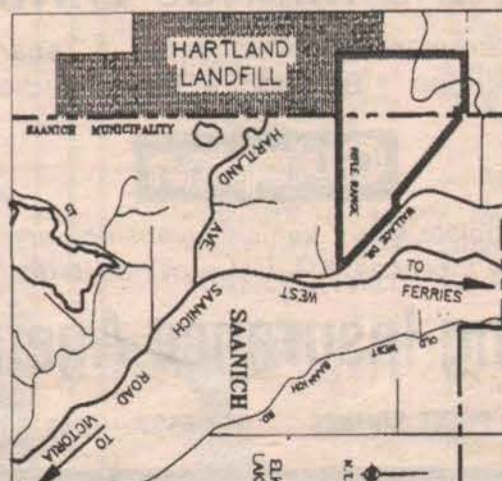
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- \* **TALK TO LISTEN:** Parents and Teens dialogue on alcohol and other drug concerns. Jan. 18, 1992 at S.S. Elem. School Library.

## ENGINEERING

### NOTICE TO SALT SPRING ISLANDERS RE: BLACKBURN ROAD LANDFILL

As of December 31st, 1991, the Blackburn Road Landfill will be closed. Garbage must now be taken directly to the Regional Landfill at Hartland Avenue on the Saanich Peninsula (see map). Please make arrangements with your local contractor or take your garbage directly to Hartland Landfill. For further information about Hartland Landfill call 727-3331.



1991 YEAR END REVIEW

# Heal Lake will disappear

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The \$6,400 donation was granted by Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

• Parks and Recreation Commission members looked at ways to avoid further acts of vandalism to Centennial Park property. PRC administrator Tony Hume hoped face-to-face discussion with island teens might bring about a solution.

• A Capital Regional District plan to expand Hartland Road Landfill into Heal Lake got the green light when less than .4 per cent of CRD voters filed counter-petitions against loan authorization bylaws effecting the expansion. Of a total 650 counter-petitions received on one bylaw, 644 were from Salt Spring Island. CRD executive director Bill Jordan ruled 9,200 signatures collected on a petition by the Save Heal Lake campaign could not be considered formal counter-petition votes.

• Maliview duplex owners got a break when the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee decided to not give second reading to a bylaw which would have deleted "two-family dwellings" as a permitted use on Rural-zoned property in the Maliview Specified Area. Trustees heard several submissions from affected property owners who were concerned about loss of property value. The bylaw intended to limit demand on the Maliview sewer system.

• Opposition to proposed relocation of a septic pit site to a Beddis Road property surfaced for the first time on Salt Spring. Creekside Drive resident Margaret Allan said a residential area was not an appropriate location for the pit.

• Tom Shelby Pool opened at Portlock Park May 20 after years of volunteer effort. Eager children took inaugural plunges into the 85 degree Fahrenheit water after a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting.

• Local MLA Mel Couvelier announced his intention to seek the Social Credit Party leadership.

• Salt Spring trustees Bob Andrew and John Stepaniuk were asked by concerned Salt Spring residents "to communicate (their) anger and disgust" over the province's non-regulation of private land logging in the Gulf Islands. The call came as a result of land recently purchased from MacMillan Bloedel being logged on Galiano Island.

• Capital Regional District directors approved transferring administration of recycling on Salt Spring from the CRD to an independent group, as a pilot project.

• Islands Trust was asked to participate in a regional transportation study planned by the Capital Regional District. Salt Spring CRD director Julia Atkins said Trust participation would come under local government involvement.

JUNE

• A biosphere reserve stretching from the American San Juan Islands through the Canadian Gulf Islands was proposed by local member of parliament Lynn Hunter. She explained the concept was not to make the area a "park" but a United Nations-sanctioned protected area fostering sustainable development, applied research and resource development.

• An ad hoc group called Citizens to Amend the Islands Trust asked the Inspector of Municipalities to conduct a public inquiry into the Islands Trust. Its request was based on concerns about dismissal of former Trust general manager Jim Windsor and a perceived conflict of interest by Trust chairman Carol Martin.

• Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission refused a Lions Club request to serve beer with barbecued salmon in Centennial Park for its annual August long weekend barbecue. The commission banned alcohol from being served in the park earlier in the year and the Lions wanted an exemption for their event.

• Islands Trust Council responded to allegations made by Citizens to Amend the Island Trust. Chairman Carol Martin urged council to "remain strong and united in pursuing its mandate" and to "be ever mindful of efforts made to undermine the very basis of the trust."

• Taxpayers in several Gulf Island service areas were charged too much on their 1991 property tax notices for some utility charges. Highland Water District ratepayers were overcharged \$19.95, Maliview Sewer area taxpayers were overcharged \$4.99 and Ganges sewer area residents were required to pay \$5.93 too much.

• Trust Council voted to exclude a Hawkins Island oyster lease applica-

tion from a Trust policy prohibiting mariculture activities around lesser islands in the Trust area. The Trust's executive committee had asked for clarification of the newly-formed policy before it could give its approval to a Salt Spring bylaw providing zoning which would allow operation of an oyster farm between Hawkins and Prevost islands.

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## 1991 YEAR END REVIEW

# Vesuvius wharf opposed

From Page A9  
**JULY**

• MacMillan Riedel filed a petition in the Supreme Court of British Columbia in an attempt to stop passage of controversial Galiano Island Trust Committee forest land bylaws. MB real estate manager Gary Kadatz said discrimination was the basis for the court action because the bylaws applied only to MB-owned property and were not introduced until after an announcement to sell its Galiano holdings was made in January.

• A position paper signed by most Salt Spring motel and resort owners opposed reduced density on their Commercial 4- and 4 L-zoned properties as suggested by a set of Advisory Planning Commission recommendations. The paper said, among other things, that people should not be fearful of mega-projects ever being developed on C-4 properties because it was not economically feasible for them to do so.

• Neighbours of Jarl Whist met with him July 13 to air their concerns and hear about his and wife Josette's proposal to construct a dock off their Vesuvius Bay property. Some people wanted nothing constructed in the bay area, others were concerned about its potential size. Whist tried to address problems as they were brought up.

• Complaints about sand removal from a Beddis Road excavation site caused the provincial mines ministry to shut down the operation until operators could obtain a permit. Key Pawn Trucking operator Louis Renaud and property owner Ron Spencer had applied for an excavation work permit and continued the removal until ordered to stop by the ministry of petroleum, mines and resources.

• The Island Arts Centre Society raised \$5,800 from a novel fundraising idea. More than 500 people paid \$12 for a tour of eight island homes on July 13. Nearly 100 volunteers ensured the event ran smoothly.

• A \$100 counterfeit bill passed in Ganges in July caused many village merchants to not accept bills of that denomination. The Ganges branch of the Bank of Montreal detected the bill when it was contained in a deposit made by a local business.

• Parking was eliminated between Pharmasave and Out to Lunch in Ganges, a move which received mixed reviews from area merchants. Some felt parallel parking spots could have replaced angle parking, and parallel parking outside Pharmasave should have been retained.

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### CRD squashes dump closure delay request

• Norman Twa's request for a one-year delay of the Blackburn Road dump closure was rejected by the Capital Regional District's environment committee after he spoke with them on July 3. In speaking to the matter, CRD board chairman Frank Leonard stressed it was the provincial environment ministry and not the CRD that had ordered the dump closed as of December 31, 1991.

• A house under construction on Quarry Drive was totally destroyed by fire July 4. Salt Spring fire chief Les Wagg said the structure was totally in flames when firefighters arrived at 3:50 a.m. A cause had not yet been determined.

### AUGUST

• A trust fund was set up for 17-year-old Jessica Maron who was in a coma at Vancouver General Hospital following a July 29 motor vehicle accident. The fund was set up by Fulford residents Bruce and Karen Williams, Bruce Patterson and Jake Watt to take care of extra medical, travel and lodging expenses.

• Salt Spring Island's Trust Committee decided to allow island farmers a chance to give more input into a new agricultural policies bylaw which was given third reading by trustees at a July 30 meeting. Several concerns about the bylaw as drafted were raised by some Farmers' Institute members. Trustees agreed to hold more discussions with those people before giving the bylaw fourth and final reading.



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# 1991 YEAR END REVIEW

## Mid-week vending out

From Page A12  
**SEPTEMBER**

• Proposals made by Texada Logging Ltd. to develop its Burgoyne Bay area property would be given the "eagle eye" treatment by the community and the Islands Trust before proceeding. Salt Spring's Trust committee voted to set up a task force to examine the nine-pronged property development proposal. Proposals included establishing a bulk fuel tank operation, a boat repair and marina facility and a boat ramp in Burgoyne Bay.

• Opposition to docks in Vesuvius Bay expanded with the circulation of a petition promoting preservation of the area. Vesuvius resident Phil Swift said well over 200 signatures had been collected on a petition asking that the bay be designated by the provincial government "as a natural recreational preserve" which would not allow "the building, installation or use of docks within the Bay area."

• Parks and Recreation Commission members voted to ban mid-week vending in 1992 after Nacho Wagon owner Kathryn Steele asked the commission to consider dropping park rental rates and make a decision on mid-week vending. PRC member Bill Curtin said monthly fees Steele proposed to pay would not cover administrative costs, wear and tear on the park and garbage removal charges.

• Greenpeace's flagship *Warrior* held an open house at the Coast Guard dock as one of three September south coast stopovers. *Warrior* crew member Hein Sturmann said they received a "really good response" from people visiting the boat. They remained in Ganges to clean the ship for two days.

• August rainfall was vastly more than anything recorded previously in Salt Spring weather hobbyist Robert Aston's time. He said the total rainfall for the month was 115.82 millimetres, or 4.56 inches.

• A hoped for community purchase of Mt. Erskine property owned by Martin Williams was officially declared null and void. Williams did not reverse his decision to withdraw an offer to sell 57 acres to the community via Islands Trust Fund Board, members learned at a September 12 meeting.

• A motion that employees be allowed to become members of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Society was defeated at the society's annual general meeting, although more members voted for the motion than against it. A bylaw change required 75 per cent of members' approval. A show of hands at the

September 11 gathering indicated 35 of 65 voters were in favour of the motion.

• More than \$6,300 was raised by Salt Spring participants in the Terry Fox Run, organizer Sharlene Betts said. Not only was more money

### OCTOBER

• Salt Spring Island's local Trust committee decided to not recommend approval to Crown Lands for Josette Whist's dock application for Vesuvius Bay. Committee members noted vocal community opposition to the application as a factor in making their decision.

• Education and environmental issues headed a list of concerns expressed by Salt Spring residents at an all-candidates meeting. Sponsored by the Community Planning Association, all five Saanich and the Islands candidates fielded questions from some of the 200 people in attendance at the Activity Centre.

• A new Islands Trust position was filled as Trust Council approved appointment of Gordon McIntosh as executive director. McIntosh came to the Trust with 15 years experience in municipal government and various private sector experience in management and financial administration.

• Recycling coordinator Rick Laing announced Fulford residents would have to live without their recycling drop box for awhile. Removing the box until the new system ran more smoothly seemed like the most practical way to deal with the immense amount of work faced by three "supposedly part-time" recycling depot staff, he said.

• A Sooke-based clam harvesting and depuration company received a Fisheries and Oceans licence to harvest clams from the Booth Bay area on Salt Spring Island. As soon as a red tide warning was lifted in the area, Cooper's Cove Oyster Farm Ltd. was to start clamming in Booth Bay and inlet.

• Clive Tanner swept into power in the Saanich North and the Islands riding as the New Democratic Party won the October 17 provincial election and the Liberals became the official opposition. He polled a strong 12,133 votes while his nearest rival, NDP candidate Elsie McMurphy, received 7,650 votes.

• A contaminated shellfish harvesting licence for the Booth Bay area was amended by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans after it was found to have been granted in a provincial Crown lands reserve area. Telephone calls made by Salt Spring residents unhappy with the licence granted to study Cooper's Cove Oyster Farm Ltd. led to the lands and parks ministry informing fisheries about the reserve.

• Winter arrived in force on the Gulf Islands with a freak October snowstorm. Cars skidded off roads, schools were closed early and homes and businesses were without power. Ganges weather observer Robert Aston measured 2.7 inches of snow, a first for October in recorded Gulf Island weather history.

• Results of a solid waste survey came in and Salt Spring was to get a landfill study. Capital Regional District director Julia Atkins said 45 flyers of 3,600 sent out were returned expressing opposition to the landfill study. "It looks like people have endorsed this study," she said.

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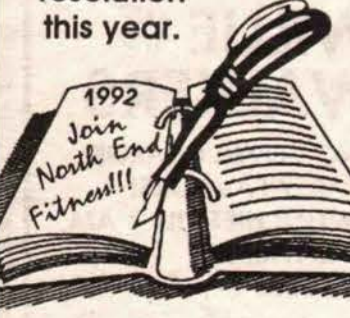


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## 1991 YEAR END REVIEW

# Low-cost housing gone

From Page A13

### NOVEMBER

Market vendors and Ganges merchants were given until December 31, 1991 to resolve Saturday Farmers' Market issues or the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission would intervene. Chairman Kellie Booth said that after one unofficial and one official year of negotiation, the farmers' market joint committee had a reasonable amount of time to find some consensus.

A Salt Spring family proposed a resource recovery and transfer station as part of a solution to island solid waste disposal. Eric Booth's proposal for a Rainbow Road property called for a private service accepting solid waste for transfer to Hartland Road landfill as soon as possible in 1992.

Salt Spring Island's Trust Committee decided not to consider any rezoning applications changing properties to multi-family zoning until Ganges sewer planning is complete. The decision refused two rezoning applications - one for Jim Stevens' property on Atkins Road and another put forward by the Community Society for an affordable housing project on Churchill Road.

Norman Twa submitted an application to the Islands Trust for a rezoning which would allow operation of a transfer station on the current Blackburn Road dump property. He told *Driftwood* the idea originated in August when he discussed it with trustees Bob Andrew and John Stepaniuk and Capital Regional Director Julia Atkins.

Numerous complaints of hunters on private land were received by Ganges RCMP. "Some residents are getting angry and I don't blame them," said Sergeant Don Smith. He added most of the hunters are from off-island who have hunted here for a number of years.

Salt Spring chiropractor Michael Lax was violating recommendations of his professional association and the provincial health ministry by charging \$8 instead of the \$5 maximum user fee since November of 1990. Lax said he and some other chiropractors were protesting the provincial government's order-in-council by charging more than the \$5 maximum allowed. However, island resident Michael Best complained about being charged the higher fee and received a refund for the difference from Lax.

Ferry cancellations and power outages resulted as high winds assaulted the Gulf Islands. Hydro received "a lot more than 200 calls" and many of those were "one call for one customer," said Gulf Islands hydro office manager John Langston.

A Salt Spring family lost all its possessions in a November 22 fire which gutted a Garner Road home. Maxine Brindell and her two children suffered the loss in a home they rented from Gordon Simpson.

Several students went home ill after being exposed to fumes from tar used to fix a roof leak at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Fumes from the toxic substance spread through the school when workers inadvertently set the container of tar near the air intakes for the heating system.

Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen November 19. A search began when the man was not found on the *Queen of Esquimalt* as it arrived in Tsawwassen at 7 pm. from Swartz Bay.

### DECEMBER

Some South Salt Spring residents were upset about what they called the overcutting of vegetation on rural roadsides. However, the department of highways maintained the job must be done for safety and liability reasons. Ten residents met with highways representatives at a Menhinick Road home and requested the ministry minimize roadside cuttings in which vegetation and trees are being cut as much as five metres from the roadside.

Parks and Recreation Commissions members and market vendors agreed to a January 6 deadline to produce a draft "licence of occupation" agreement required before the 1992 market season opens. The process of securing a final agreement between the PRC and market vendors would probably take at least three months, said PRC administrator Tony Hume.

Salt Spring Centre School is unique and exceeds independent school criteria, said an education ministry report. The school received glowing remarks in a report submitted by the External Evaluation Committee based on an October 22 visit to the school and review of its records.

A Salt Spring golf facility was put on hold while the provincial government reviews golf course developments in the Agricultural Land Reserve province-wide. Blackburn Meadows owner Delia von Schilling said her contractor had to stop clearing the property in prepara-

tion for layout.

Salt Spring United Way campaign chairman Brian Taylor felt "terrific" after learning island residents had raised more than the \$25,000 goal set for this year. It marked the first time in three years Salt Spring's United Way campaign had reached its goal.

Mechanical failure on the Bellingham Jaycees' and Scouts Christmas ship caused a 90 minute wait for Salt Spring children December 14 and an adventure for a seafaring Santa Claus and his *S.S. Discovery* entourage. The ship was towed by larger vessels into Ganges Harbour and all the way home to Bellingham the next day.

A temporary use permit to operate a transfer and recycling station on Rainbow Road property was granted to Eric Booth by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee December 17. Trustee John Stepaniuk said he had grave concerns about the temporary use permit process but that the service was needed on the island. Trustee Bob Andrew said the temporary permit provided an opportunity to observe the land use and derive policies on it before a zoning change was considered.

Disagreements over costs between education ministry and School District 64 officials threatened progress on construction of a new high school on Salt Spring. However, school trustees decided to keep the ball rolling by issuing the site preparation tender before construction tender and have architects continue working drawings on that basis.

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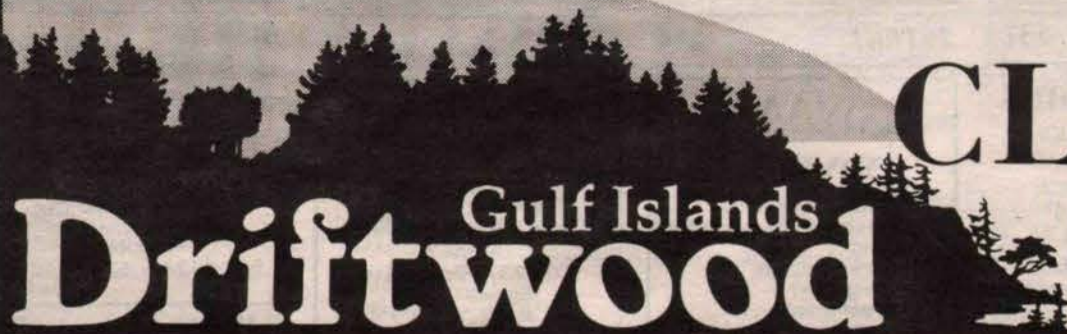
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\$10.00 suggested donation for adults. Free for ages 10-18. 3

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**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** meetings (for anyone who thinks they might have a drug problem). Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Centre. For further info. please call 537-1169. tfn

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# Health report wants care "closer to home"

*Closer to home:* this is the theme chosen for a prodigious work of the Royal Commission on Health Care and Costs some 18 to 20 months in the making.

Providing services closer to home is simply one strategy put forward by the commission to constrain costs and to remind us that we don't always need the ultimate in high-tech care for every illness.

By SID SMITH  
Driftwood Contributor

The report is well-written and the proposal well-documented. As a road map for the direction of health care services in the 1990s and beyond, the document deserves public scrutiny and political action.

It tells us what we wanted to hear; that our health system can be preserved, but not without significant changes in the way we do things. Over 350 recommendations give us the specifics of those changes.

The commission has put forward a few simple criteria which underpin the entire report. These few principles are disarmingly simple, yet when applied to the structure, organization and management of the health care system require a fairly dramatic change of direction.

The fundamental criteria pertains to funding: we must improve and reform the health system within the current funding levels.

Secondly, the commission says we must focus on those services which improve health outcomes; if they cannot meet this test, they should not be funded.

The commission also believes that decision-making should be as close to the community level as possible but the specific structure to attain this objective is left open to an evolutionary process.

Although the terms of reference provided by the former government are very broad in scope, the commission focused, by their own admission, on understanding and reorganizing the structure of the health care system.

This examination of structure has

resulted in several recurring themes throughout the report.

In fact, these themes hang the entire document together; they provide an internal consistency that is quite remarkable for a process of this type. The commissioners and staff deserve much credit. The first and major theme is that we must shift both funds and patients from acute hospital care to more appropriate levels of care, both institutional and especially community-based.

The commission suggests that this shift can be accomplished by reducing acute bed usage by 25 per cent by 1995, simultaneously transferring those funds to home care, community support services, palliative care, as well as extended and long term care facilities.



Sid Smith

In support of this shift, the commission cites a considerable body of evidence that says we can provide more effective and more appropriate care by using a range of alternatives to acute hospital care.

At the individual community level, the commission believes that the most effective mechanism to accomplish the transfer from institutional to community-based care is the development of "alternative delivery organizations." The Ministry of Health is urged to provide transition grants to rural hospitals to become integrated care centres.

Alternative delivery organizations is a generic name given to a variety of health care provider organizations which tend to have as their focus a desire to shift emphasis from curative to preventive services, to integrate services to provide a continuum of care, to contain the cost of health care and to link service provision to health outcomes.

The second major theme running through the report is the need for integration of services and organizations. Again, the commission handles a variety of issues and topics using a more coordinated approach to organization and delivery as an underlying principle.

The commission begins with a proposal to decentralize the management of health care to individual regions in the province. In essence, this decentralization (as opposed to regionalization) is a reorganization of the central bureaucracy under regional general managers with community input through an unspecified structure of advisory boards.

This approach presumably makes each region more sensitive to local needs but it does not transfer decision-making power to elected bodies with fiscal autonomy and responsibility. However, it does create the opportunity for an integration of regional and provincial planning and for establishment of integrated structures at the community level. The recommended "regional funding envelopes" provide each region with the flexibility to shift resources from program to program in a coordinated, integrated fashion.

Many of the key recommendations in the report reflect the integration concept. For example, the

development of community-based health provider boards could provide a limited but important opportunity to rationalize services and set budgets for individual communities under the authority of the regional general manager. Similarly, the development of multi-level facilities for extended and long-term care in

each community suggests integration as a method of overcoming forced transfers of residents of these institutions as their care needs change. The extension of support services by institutions to residents in their own homes is seen as another measure to integrate services, and importantly, delay or prevent admission to institutional care.

Sid Smith is chairman of the Salt Spring Island Health Council.

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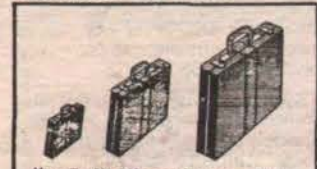
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## DOWN THE YEARS

### Thirty Years Ago

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### Twenty Five Years Ago

Roads chairman A.W. Wolfe-Milner reported that numerous potholes had appeared in local roads in the wake of recent rainstorms but added that repair work - particularly highway grading - was impossible during the current bout of bad weather.

The federal government ran a full page advertisement announcing the details of its new Canada Pension Plan. The plan was scheduled to come into effect, and anyone age 68 or over who had retired was eligible to receive it. Anyone over the age of 70 was eligible to receive it even if he or she had not retired from employment.

### Twenty Years Ago

Gulf Islands teachers were scheduled to get a 7.6 per cent pay increase in the coming year. The raise was awarded to local teachers by an arbitration board in Victoria. Teachers had been asking for an increase of more than eight per cent, while the school board had not offered more than 6.5 per cent more.

*Driftwood* publisher Frank Richards announced the newspaper would be closed for the holidays while the staff travelled to England. In his regular column, Richards also noted that "a man with a typewriter should never write by hand." According to Richards: "When *Driftwood* store was ordering pens, it fell upon my shoulders to send the order for imprinted pens. We now have a gross of pens all neatly marked 'Driftwood Pens'."

The voters' list for Salt Spring Island revealed that 50 per cent of all land on the island was owned by residents. Nineteen per cent of all landowners resided in metropolitan Vancouver, while 10 per cent lived in metropolitan Victoria. Four per cent lived in the United States, with 17 per cent residing elsewhere.

### Fifteen Years Ago

A storm struck the islands and left in its wake a number of power outages, disruptions in telephone service and debris clogged roads. Ferries were also delayed - the *Salt Spring Queen* - unable to reach Swartz Bay nor return to Otter Bay - took an escape route up Ganges Harbour, finally tying up at Bruce Fiander's marine dock in Ganges.

Dr. A.N. Allen, deputy regional health officer, reported that a few people in the Greater Victoria area had been ill with symptoms similar to those of a rare bird disease. The disease, known as psittacosis, was caused by close contact with certain birds of the parrot family which may have it or be carrying it. The deputy regional health officer said the disease notably produces a type of pneumonia that could be severe but was rarely fatal.

### Ten Years Ago

Suzann Schroeder, a Grade 12 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, provided *Driftwood* with artwork for the front of its Christmas - New Year's edition. "Christmas in the Gulf Islands is special to me, and

I think the drawing symbolizes that quite well," she said.

### Five Years Ago

NDP MP Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands) stated he is firmly opposed to the federal governments plan to automate seven B.C. lighthouses and reduce staff levels at three others. Said Manly, "This decision is indefensible when you realize that over a five year period, lighthouse keepers in the northern sector of B.C. recorded over 2,500 incidents where they were required to offer assistance to mariners. It is difficult to assess how many of these incidents were life threatening, but how many lives are the government willing to risk?"

Salt Spring Islanders living close

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Deadline for submitting proposals is 3:00 p.m. January 17, 1992.

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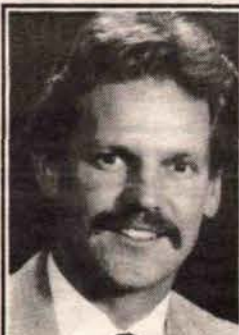
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