

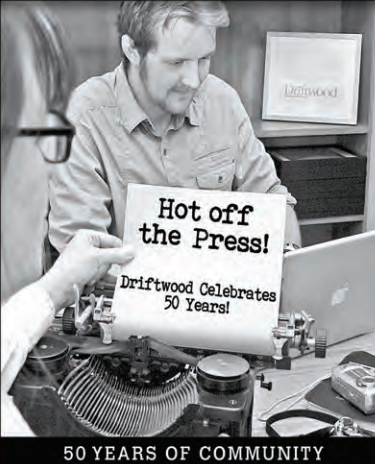
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**PARC**

## PARC closes in on Fulford parkland

Conditional deal on 50 acres

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has successfully negotiated a conditional agreement to purchase 50 acres of land in the Fulford Valley.

"There are still some hurdles ahead, but we're pretty excited about this," said PARC chair Gayle Baker on Tuesday.

Site plans call for development of an extensive trail network, two soccer fields, four baseball diamonds, a tennis court, a community garden and public wash-room facility, according to a PARC press release.

"The commission will fund the acquisition from its reserves and hopes to take ownership of the wooded park area later this year," states the release. "Approximately half the property will remain forested with ample opportunities for walking and exercising."

PARC manager Kees Ruurs said the purchase is contingent on successful rezoning and approval from the province's Agricultural Land Commission.

Using funds from its capital reserves means the commission won't be required to pursue any additional tax requisition to fund the purchase.

Baker said she's not able to provide specific details with

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG:** Alchemy Circus members parade through Ganges Saturday in an impromptu celebration of the spring equinox.

**INTERNET SERVICE**

## Avid web surfers blamed for shutdown

GI Wireless owes Shaw more than \$24,000

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of Gulf Islands Wireless says getting customers to pay their outstanding invoices is the only way the company stands a chance of getting service restored any time soon.

"I sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and I realize that we are going to lose a number of customers over this," company owner Bill Wadsworth told customers in a statement released soon after service was cut off on Monday, March 15. "I can say that I have tried everything in my power to resolve this issue with Shaw."

Shaw Communications severed its connection to Gulf Islands Wireless and the company's 200 customers as a result of an outstanding bill for

more than \$24,000.

Wadsworth said the debt accumulated over the past year as a minority of his clients exceeded their maximum monthly data-transfer allowance.

Clients can easily exceed data transfer limits by downloading full-length movies and computer software, he said.

"I don't have the time to sit around and watch everybody's internet connections 24 hours a day," he said. "A few [internet users] end up spoiling it for the many."

Since many movies and computer programs can exceed four gigabytes, Wadsworth said, it doesn't take many downloads to exceed the 20-GB limit.

Wadsworth has spent the past week working to arrive at some kind of compromise that will encourage Shaw representatives to restore service.

Without customer revenue coming in to his company, he said, there is little chance money owed to Shaw will be recovered.

The company offers high-speed internet to people outside of the regular high-speed network by connecting households to Shaw's feed via a network of antennas and repeaters terminating on Mount Bruce.

"For the bulk of our customers this is the only option," Wadsworth said.

Long-time Gulf Islands Wireless-customer Wendy Rosier of Bay Ridge Place has relied on the company for her high-speed internet link for years.

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# NEWSBEAT

## TRANSPORT CANADA

# Near-miss prompts Plumper Sound action

Freighter's Area to be subject of seasonal advisory system

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Transport Canada has announced steps it feels will reduce the risk of freighters running aground in Plumper Sound.

The federal government will begin issuing strong wind advisories to pilots of vessels using the area as an anchorage during the winter months.

Vessels will still be able to use the anchorage during the winter period "for unusual or

extenuating circumstances" for short periods when strong winds are not predicted.

The March 11 decision comes in the wake of a November 2009 incident in which the 241-metre (794-foot) bulk carrier Hebei Lion dragged its anchor during a windstorm while moored off the eastern shoreline of Mayne Island.

The Islands Trust wrote a letter to the federal government in December to convey area residents' concerns. The anchorage is used as a holding area for vessels headed towards the Port of Vancouver and destinations in Puget Sound.

Jeanine Dodds, a member of

the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee who witnessed the November incident, said she's thrilled to hear action is being taken.

While the advisory is a strong start, she suggests more work must be done to strengthen freighter safety in Canada's coastal waters.

"This is not just an issue in my backyard," she said.

Dodds said she is hopeful the Islands Trust will continue to lobby for increased marine safety.

Individuals who are interested in further changes to Transport Canada's regulatory framework can submit proposals to the Canadian

Marine Advisory Council, a consultative body that meets twice a year to discuss maritime safety issues.

According to a letter sent to the Islands Trust by Minister of Transport John Baird, an investigation into the November incident revealed that no pollution or other damage resulted.

"The department is satisfied that corrective action taken by the vessel's master and agents was appropriate and in accordance with approved safety procedures," it reads.

Transport Canada's decision, Baird writes, is based on this and other similar incidents in Plumper Sound.

Post your comments on-line  
@ [gulflandsdriftwood.com](http://gulflandsdriftwood.com)

## 50-acre purchase

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regard to the property's location and cost until neighbours are notified and the deal is finalized later this week.

She said more information, including a schematic representation of how the land could be used, may be ready for release by early next week.

PARC has been working towards completing the deal for several months, she added.

Only one 50-acre property is listed for sale in the Fulford Val-

ley. Lot 4, Burgoyne Bay Road is near parkland at Burgoyne Bay and accessed via a new paved road off of Furness Road.

The property, zoned Agriculture 1, is listed for sale at \$678,000.

The commission encourages public input at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Portlock Park portable.

Individuals can call the PARC office at 250-537-4448 before April 20 to schedule a five-minute presentation.

## Internet down

WIRELESS continued from A1

In addition to the everyday convenience of high speed internet, Rosier said, the connection has allowed her to expand her home-based graphic design business.

"None of it can be done on dial-up," she said on Tuesday afternoon. "I just hope [Wadsworth] can get something organized."

Rosier said she's never had an unpleasant or unprofessional experience with the company. She anticipates the company will manage to solve the problem soon.

Rosier is using a USB stick to access wireless internet until the issues get resolved, but

she worries costs and stringent bandwidth limitations will affect her business in the long term.

Meyer Road resident Sharon Sullivan has reverted to using her Blackberry's wireless internet capability along with a dial-up connection until service is restored.

"We're hanging in there," she said.

Updates from the company are available by calling Gulf Islands Wireless' Mayne Island office at 250-539-3194.

A Shaw Communications representative did not return an interview request by Tuesday afternoon.

Post your comment to this story online at [www.gulflandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulflandsdriftwood.com)

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If you plan to participate in the initiative campaign, it's important that you know the rules.

- The *Recall and Initiative Act* allows registered voters to propose new laws or changes to existing laws.
- On Tuesday, April 6, 2010, petition sheets for the initiative to end the harmonized sales tax (HST) will be issued to the proponent, William Vander Zalm.
- The proponent has 90 days to collect signatures from at least 10% of the registered voters in each of the province's 85 electoral districts. The petition must be returned to the Chief Electoral Officer by Monday, July 5, 2010.
- To sign an initiative petition, a person must be a registered voter on April 6, 2010 and must only sign the petition for the electoral district in which they are currently registered.
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### ISLANDS TRUST

# Comments sought as Trust targets food security

Input wanted for September report

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What ends up on your plate can have a big impact on what happens to the planet.

That's why the Islands Trust seeks the public's participation to help tackle the issue of food security in the Gulf Islands.

"Island communities are particularly vulnerable to food supply issues resulting from natural disasters, climate change and the rising cost of transporting food from off-island," said Sheila Malcolmson, Islands Trust Council chair, in a release coinciding with the program's launch on March 16.

The high price of land, operating costs, a shortage of water and a lack of affordable housing for farm workers, Malcolmson said, are among factors behind the region's food security issues.

**"The idea is to create a menu of policy options."**

KAITLIN KAZMIEROWSKI  
Planner, Islands Trust

"The good news is that islanders are in a strong position to address this topic because we have excellent growing conditions and our communities are increasingly supportive of local food production," Malcolmson added.

Beginning last week, Trust planner Kaitlin Kazmierowski began accepting food-security-related questions and suggestions from among the estimated 25,000 people living within the Trust's jurisdiction.

Results will be compiled and presented to Islands Trust Council at its quarterly meeting on Bowen Island in September.

Kazmierowski said she's already learned of about 20 small-scale initiatives that cover topics such as canning, community kitchens and neighbourhood gardens.

"There's a lot of information gathering and so much out there," she said. "The idea is to create a menu of policy options in a report that will outline what's going nationally and in the islands."

Composting, meat production and marketing will form additional components of the food security study, Kazmierowski added.

"It's such a dynamic area," she said.

The study's goal, she said, is to highlight some of the successful steps community groups and individuals have



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Four-year-old Kaylzeah Page comes face-to-face with a goat on Salt Spring.

### Salt Spring Island farm facts

Age of average Salt Spring farmer: 55

Average cost for one acre of island

farmland: \$60,000

Salt Spring's gross farm revenue (2006):

\$4,000,000

Percentage of farms with gross revenue

less than \$10,000: 65

Source: Salt Spring Area Farm Plan

already taken to increase the production of local food.

Based on a draft definition forwarded by Salt Spring's Food Security Project Steering Committee, food security

exists when all individuals have access to adequate, nutritious food regardless of their income and their abilities.

"In a food secure community, most of the food is grown, processed and distributed on a local and regional basis," the group states. "Food production and distribution is conducted in a manner that is environmentally and economically sustainable and local food access and production are an integral part of governance decisions affecting the community."

The new food security project follows January's announcement that the Islands Trust and Agricultural Alliance will work on a study "to better understand how much food is grown for human consumption by market garden farmers on the island."

Results will help the community identify how locally produced food reduces greenhouse gas emissions compared to importing food to the island.

More information about how to get involved is available online at the Islands Trust website, [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca).

## News briefs

### Earth Day plans made

On April 22, millions of Canadians will participate in the 40th annual International Earth Day.

Salt Spring's volunteer coordinator for Earth Day Canada wants to know what islanders have planned for that day and can provide promotional materials, resources and assistance in planning.

"I am hoping to get groups to work together to promote their events, engage our community and

celebrate the Earth," said Clare Cullen. "Let's have a meaningful impact and lots of fun on Salt Spring's Earth Day."

She can be reached at [ssearchday@telus.net](mailto:ssearchday@telus.net) or 250-537-2682.

### Islander rescued

An 80-year-old island man is back on Salt Spring and fortunate to be alive after having spent a cold, wet and lonely night by the side of a road in Courtenay on Vancouver Island.

Peter "Barney" Holmes

was on his way to visit a nephew he hadn't seen for decades when, soon after arriving at the bus depot on March 11, he fell while walking alongside a relatively quiet road through an industrial section of town.

Though he managed to crawl under the awning of a nearby business, Holmes wasn't discovered until approximately 7 a.m. the following morning when the business' owner showed up for work.

Mike Rodgers called for help soon after he spotted a hypothermic and disoriented Holmes leaning against

the wall of his shop. Within minutes, he said, Holmes was helped inside where he warmed up with a cup of tea and some dry blankets.

"He really wanted a cigarette but we didn't have any," Rodgers said, adding that Holmes was bleeding from two gashes on the side of his head. "He was frozen and must have had a very long night."

Holmes was transported to a nearby hospital where he was treated for hypothermia and head injuries.

Also known to many Salt Spring residents as "Tex," Holmes is frequently spot-

ted with his cane and yellow rain-jacket hitchhiking in and around Ganges.

### Rufous' return

Reports of male Rufous hummingbird sightings on Salt Spring are coming in at a fast and furious pace.

Tom Thomas of Main Street called the Driftwood office on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 16 to say he had seen his first of the year.

Roland Road resident Jean Brouard saw his first of 2010 at his feeder on March 19, and his neighbour Carol Reiner saw one on Sunday,

March 14.

Biologist John Sprague reminds readers that the male Rufous hummingbird usually arrives on the island in the first half of March, followed by the females from mid to late March.

Anna's hummingbirds, on the other hand, have been here all winter, and start nesting in February, said Sprague, and the babies will normally leave the nest between March 20 to 30.

"It boggles my mind that the mom can find enough insects in March to stuff into the growing babies," he added.



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# NEWSBEAT

## WATER DISTRICT

# Waterworks puts weir plans on hold

NSSWD considers concerns

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) has announced a postponement to its plan to raise the height of a weir on St. Mary Lake.

NSSWD installed a weir at the lake to raise water storage capabilities in 2006, allowing lake water levels to crest at 40.7 meters. The Waterworks had originally intended to set the level at 41 metres, the lake's historic high water mark, but the plan is now to install a control gate that would allow the lake to crest at that level.

Opposition to the NSSWD plan by some lake shore residents last fall called attention to the potentially harmful results caused by raising water levels for extended periods. These include compromising septic tanks and distribution systems, loss of public beach access and

damage to trees and wildlife.

NSSWD has responded to residents' concerns by earmarking the summer of 2010 as a study period of local conditions.

"Given the as-of-yet unresolved potential problems, we have decided to 'hold off' on proceeding with the installation of the control gate, to raise the crest level, at the outlet to St. Mary Lake, until after the summer of 2010," the Waterworks' January newsletter states.

Denis Russell, NSSWD trustee, said the group does not foresee many problems in implementing its plan, but will take the time to be diligent.

"We're not in any terrible hurry to raise the weir, so we might as well be thorough about it, check things out and make sure we have everything covered," Russell said.

One of the things the waterworks will look into is whether there are any problematic septic fields. Most of that information will be already held by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Russell said there may just be a few older systems that NSSWD will need to inspect.

Mike Larmour, a 30-year employee of the waterworks who retired as its manager around six years ago, has voiced concern about the weir project in the past. The potential for litigation by property owners is one of the major issues he sees as affecting the plan.

"It clearly poses lawsuits because of the damage," Larmour said. "If the dam is built, the Waterworks is liable for any effects of holding the water back that is not historically [proven]."

Phosphorus run-off is another issue Larmour says should be addressed.

"Studies on phosphorus input into the lake shows the distance of septic fields from the lake is important."

Raising the lake's level would shorten that distance, but as he points out, "VIHA is not concerned with the nutrient loading of the lake. It's a separate issue

and they don't seem to recognize it."

Larmour also said that residents' concerns about damage to tree roots could be valid. Even though the weir's control gate would raise the lake water to a historically established high, in natural conditions the high would only be sustained for short durations.

"Not many trees can stand having wet feet for a very prolonged period," Larmour said.

In regard to public beach access, Russell said that although the Waterworks is only responsible for providing clean water to its clients, creative solutions could also be found.

"We'll just look at the beaches to see if there's enough beach for people. We might have to provide a few loads of sand if there's a real problem."

Russell said that residents don't have to worry about any of these potential issues this year because the reservoir is already full and the control gate is only raised in times of shortage.



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Monday - Saturday

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Lv. Visitor Info Centre	Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Ar. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Park 'N' Ride, Fulford Inn	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Cusheon Lake Rd.	Ar. Visitor Info Centre	
M-F 7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00	
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00	
11:10	11:16	11:23	11:27	11:30	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00	
3:10	3:16	3:23	3:27	3:30	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00	
5:10	5:16	5:23	5:27	5:30	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00	

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.

### 3 Vesuvius

Monday - Saturday

	(A)	(F)	(G)	(G)	(F)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Vesuvius	Lv. Vesuvius	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F 6:30	6:37	6:45	6:57	7:03	7:10	
8:30	8:37	8:45	8:57	9:03	9:10	
12:10	12:17	12:25	12:40	12:46	12:53	
3:30	3:37	3:45	3:57	4:03	4:10	
4:30	4:37	4:45	4:57	5:03	5:10	
6:05c	6:19	6:25c	-	-	-	

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c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local & continues as 3 Vesuvius.

### 5 Fernwood

Monday - Saturday

	(A)	(M)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. L.V. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F 10:30	10:43	11:00	
2:30	2:43	3:00	
6:05c	6:38	6:53	

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.  
c - Combined route: Trip routes from Ganges via 1 Ganges Local & 3 Vesuvius.

### 4 Long Harbour

Monday - Saturday

	(A)	(L)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. L.V. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F 1:15	1:25	1:35	
SAT 1:50	2:00	2:10	
M-S 3:00	3:10	3:20	

M-F Trip operates Monday to Friday only.  
SAT Trip operates Saturday only.  
M-S Trip operates Monday to Saturday.

### 1 Ganges Local

Monday - Saturday

	(A)	(D)	(H)	(C)	(A)
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Meadowbrook	Lv. Hospital	Lv. Brinkworthy Place	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
M-F 8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22	
10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22	
12:55	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12	
2:10	2:13	2:16	2:20	2:27	
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# Fifty years of news coverage, history on display at ArtSpring

Contests, refreshments, displays and more on March 26

The Driftwood newspaper celebrates 50 years of publishing this week with a community-wide party at ArtSpring on Friday. The galleries will be filled with displays and memorabilia from not only the Driftwood but the Salt Spring Historical Society and some local businesses and non-profits that have been around since at least 1960 — even if they've changed hands or names over the years.

for a chance to win \$50. Five cash prizes for the "best-dressed" islanders will be awarded.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what creative ideas islanders come up with when wearing their copy of the Driftwood to the party," said publisher Peter McCully, who set the bar with his Driftwood kilt, vest and fanny pack pictured in the paper's full-page party ad. "It should be fun!"

Then at 4 p.m., the winner of an ounce of gold in the Driftwood's Take Home the Gold contest will be revealed.

For the past month islanders have been able to buy one of 2,000 80-gram chocolate bars specially made by Harlan's Chocolates.

They are Moutat's Trading Co., Ganges Pharmasave (Ganges Pharmacy), Salt Spring Inn (Log Cabin and other incarnations), Laurie's Recycling (Hedgehog Bulldozing), Patterson's Market, Farmers' Institute, Harbour House Hotel, Royal LePage (Salt Spring Lands) and the Salt Spring Public Library Association.

Six contain a special golden ticket, which will be exchanged for a key at Friday's event.

ArtSpring's gallery walls will be decorated with giant posters of various Driftwood pages through the years, photos of past personnel and other historic images.

One of those keys will unlock a treasure chest containing an ounce of gold, while the other five key-holders receive gift certificates.

Free coffee, tea, water and cupcakes will also be available.

As of Tuesday only three people had reportedly found the golden tickets inside, although most of the chocolate bars had been sold. So to join the ranks of Ila-Mae Dickson, Debbie Hollingsworth and Irene Lundy, people should pick up one of the Harlan's bars for \$4.99 at Pharmasave, Country Grocer or Harlan's as soon as possible.


Wearing your own copy of the Driftwood to the party is heartily encouraged.

"The odds of getting a golden ticket are great," said McCully.

People can scoop some Driftwood pages out of the recycle bin and transform them into a wearable item

Friday's festivities wind up at 5 p.m.

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# NEWSBEAT

## RECYCLING Plastics service coming

Pick-up service begins March 31

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders can add soft plastics and styrofoam to their list of recyclable materials thanks to one woman's hard work and persistence.

Back in February, Marnie Slinn initiated a petition asking Salt Springers to provide information about how frequently they would use a soft plastic and styrofoam recycling service if it were made available.

"With the interest shown in the petition, they think they can make the island a viable stop for them," Slinn said on Monday.

Thanks to her survey, Pacific Mobile Depots has scheduled its first soft plastics and styrofoam recycling day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31. The depot will be located near the liquor store at the north end of the Country Grocer parking lot.

Pick-ups will take place every three months. The fee for a large garbage bag of soft plastic is \$6.50.

"I am really hoping that this will help spawn a new consumer awareness on Salt Spring Island," Slinn said.

"As we collect our soft plastics, we will become aware of how much of the bloody stuff we use, which will hopefully get us to begin choosing our products partially based on packaging and then the companies will follow us and change their packaging choices."

Slinn said all soft plastics with the exception of "crinkly plastics" will be accepted at the site.

Plastics and styrofoam must be sorted into separate bags prior to being dropped off. Since many island companies can accumulate up to three bags of soft plastic each day, the company will discuss storage options with owners and arrange to pick materials up on a monthly basis.

Pacific Mobile Depots can discuss storage options for island businesses on a case-by-case basis.

More information about the depot program is available online at [www.pacificmobiledepots.com](http://www.pacificmobiledepots.com). Business owners who are interested in taking part can contact Slinn at 250-931-7337.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

**CIRCUS TIME:** Circus performers Semance, Harvest, Dave and Mel show their stuff in Centennial Park on Thursday to promote a free March 25 open house/trial session for a Community Education circus course at Mahon Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

## Ganges to get a dog park

PARC explores funding options for Rainbow Road site

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If dogs could talk, they'd probably express much kudos to the island's Parks and Recreation Commission's decision to construct a new off-leash dog park beside the Rainbow Road Pool.

As it is, commissioners will have to content themselves with the enthusiastic panting, barking and wagging of tails from canines that take to the island's newest recreational

amenity when it's completed sometime later this year.

PARC commissioner Gregg Dow brought the idea to his colleagues' attention in February after hearing a strong demand for the park among seniors.

"This site will be flat, safe and if they fall down somebody would see them," Dow said during Monday evening's PARC meeting.

Trustees voted to have the park built on a 50-by-35-metre site to the left of the pool's access road.

In spite of being in an area suitable for the construction of

a future building or other facility, commissioners chose the site on account of its large area, ease of access and high visibility.

Commissioners said they hope the dog park will become a social hub for island dogs and their owners.

Approximately \$5,000 is needed to fence the area and provide a reliable water source, doggie bag dispenser, waste receptacles and picnic tables.

The commission established a three-person sub-committee to canvass community groups and businesses in search of dona-

tions and sponsorship opportunities.

To find out how to get involved, contact the PARC office at 250-537-4448.

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When: Saturday, March 27 at 1:00 pm  
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## Keep Smiling...

### Thoughts & News

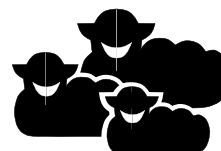
from Dr. Richard Hayden

### What's the cheapest thing, Doc?

So, what is the cheapest sort of dentistry? After doing this for 17 years I have discovered that dentistry that lasts a long time and that doesn't have to be redone too soon is ultimately cheapest.

The most expensive dentistry is often what seemed to be the cheap option but fails and needs to be redone, usually in a more costly and complicated way.

Take for example a tooth with a crack in it. One option is to place a new top on the tooth so it won't fracture. This might cost \$1000 to \$1500, depending on your dentist. Another option is to "wait and see" which costs nothing. Recently I saw a lady whose tooth had split right to the nerve. OUCH! Now a root canal is required as well as the crown, doubling the cost and making the entire procedure less predictable.



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**EDITORIAL**

## 50 years of change

**T**he Driftwood newspaper made its debut on Salt Spring on March 24, 1960 — which happens to be 50 years ago today.

While Wednesday has become synonymous with "Driftwood Day," way back in 1960 the 24th was a Thursday. It wasn't until June of 1974 that the publication day was changed without fanfare.

It's just one of the myriad details we've learned in the past couple of months while researching the Hot Off the Press: 50 Years of Community supplement that forms Section C of today's newspaper. The 56-page labour of love highlights some of the news from each year since 1960 and illustrates how the Gulf Islands and this newspaper have changed in the past five decades.

Among our countless discoveries, we'd like to give special mention to the following.

Firstly, for people who think local controversies get out of hand on Salt Spring Island in current

times, we have to call you wimpy. Arguments were far more fierce and unbridled in the old days. We've definitely grown up when it comes to constructive debate, even if it can always still be improved.

**THE ISSUE:**

Driftwood's 50th anniversary

**WE SAY:**

We've learned a few things

Secondly, in the past we appeared to be at the mercy of government agencies who either didn't know how to deal with us

or were politically fickle and whose representatives changed their mind on a dime. Some may say that hasn't changed.

Thirdly, the ability of Gulf Islands communities to raise money for worthy causes — and quickly — goes back to at least 1960. Bravo.

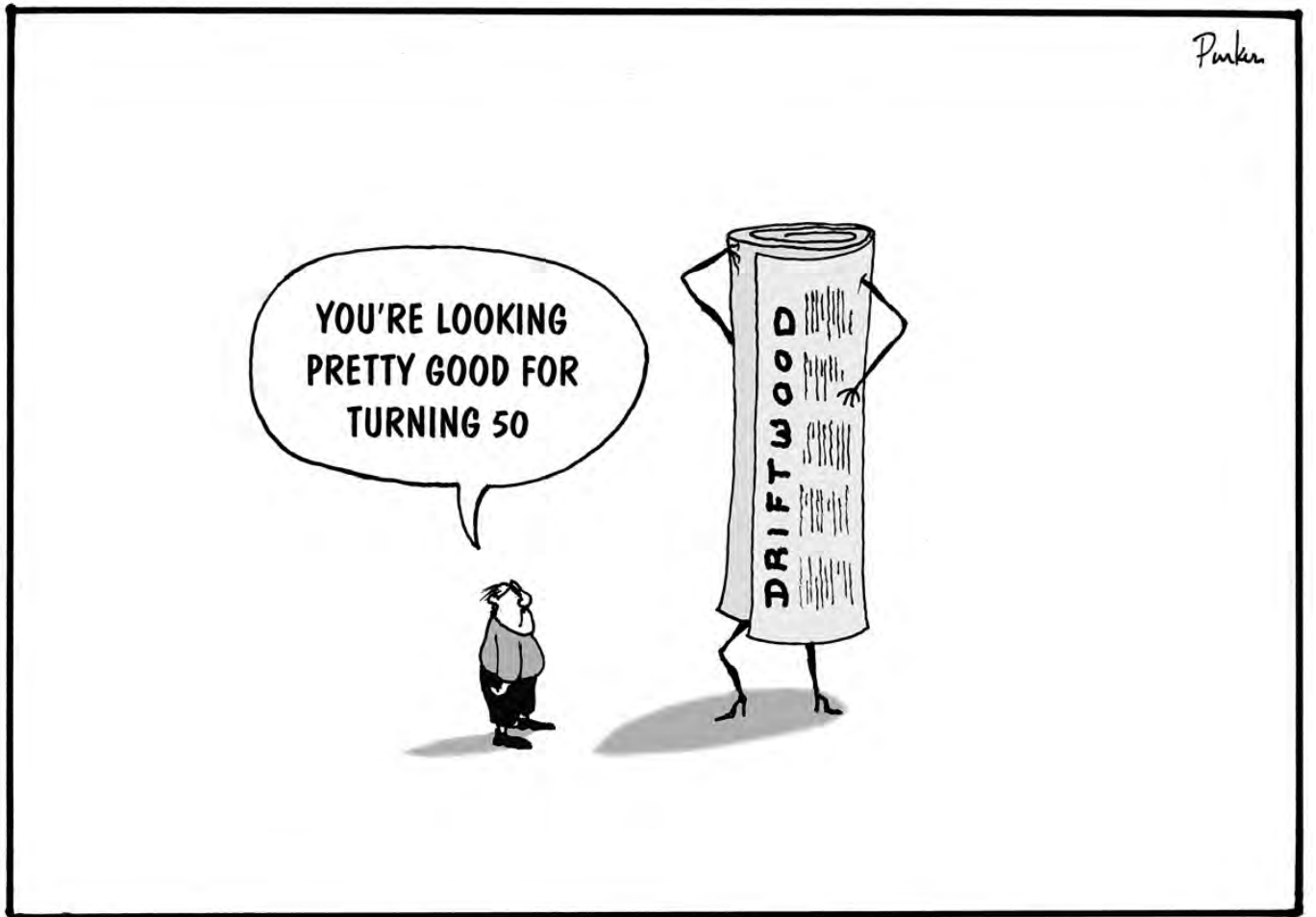
Conversely, islanders' distaste for rising property taxes has a history. Let's just say we're discriminating about what projects get taxpayer support through referendum.

And finally, we've always wrangled with BC Ferries since its inception in 1960, regardless of who was running the show in Victoria.

Driftwood staff also discovered something important for ourselves. While everyone has personal reasons for working for Driftwood Publishing Ltd., what became clear as the 50th anniversary date approached is that we feel extremely privileged to be the gatherers and keepers of so much rich and as-it-happened community history.

With the same kind of trust, support and cooperation we've had from our readers and advertisers for the past 50 years, the Driftwood hopes to be still sharing your triumphs and tragedies, dreams and desires when the century mark rolls around.

See you at the party at ArtSpring on Friday!



## Stewards in Training cuts unfair

**BY JEAN GELWICKS**

I just want to add a bit of information to the March 17 Driftwood article entitled "Funding seesaw shifts gaming grant balance."

Adult-oriented arts and sports groups have been declared ineligible for gaming grants, which is a shame, but the provincial government has also decided not to fund any environmental groups, including the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

The conservancy has been running its award-winning Stewards in Training school program free to all Salt Spring students in grades 1 through 8 for seven years.

This valuable program has relied on funding from the gaming commission.

The government says they will be supporting kids' programs, but I guess just not kids who have anything to do with the environment. This seems a bit biased and, quite frankly, not fair.

The conservancy volunteers help Salt Spring children develop a sense of wonder and curiosity about the natural world. This curiosity is expanded through playful, hands-on, nature based, introspective and thoughtful activities.

In developing connections, knowledge and skills, we hope children cultivate a sense of personal responsibility towards the land — not just on this island, but in the wider world as well.

The Stewards in Training School program benefits the community because it helps students connect to their communities and establishes a stronger commitment to being active and engaged citizens who are concerned for their environment. Teachers and parents know learning is more meaningful and effective when students can draw connections between their studies and the world around them.

### VIEWPOINT

We now know that as children spend less time exploring outdoors and more time sitting in front of screens there is a link to alarming health trends.

More children are being diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and being prescribed antidepressants than ever before. Childhood obesity and related health problems are at an all-time high.

Research shows contact with nature is as important to children as good nutrition and adequate sleep. Time spent outdoors correlates with increased physical activity and fitness and increases children's feeling of well-being and ability to focus on tasks.

For all these reasons and others, the conservancy believes children need lots more programming like the Stewards in Training program we offer, not less, and that it is a crying shame that we have lost our funding and our program is in jeopardy as a result.

If you agree, please let the Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development, know your thoughts at Box 9058, STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, B.C., V8W 9E1.

The conservancy is holding a couple of fundraising events in April. Do come to hear Robert Bateman talk about Thinking Like an Artist and a Naturalist on April 8, and on April 25 listen to Gwynne Dyer, perhaps Canada's most famous historian and journalist, speak on the ideas in his latest book, Climate Wars. Tickets for both are on sale at ArtSpring. Come out and support the school program.

*The writer is a Salt Spring Island Conservancy volunteer.*

**This seems a bit biased and, quite frankly, not fair.**

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Is a Rainbow Road dog park a good idea?**

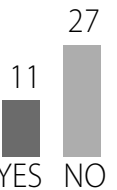
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Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Are you watching the Paralympics?**



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# IslandVoices

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**
**"My mechanic said we could have died. We must have had angels on our side."**

REISHA SAREK, CLIFF YOUR RIDE CONTESTANT

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked: Do you put off or look forward to filing your taxes?**

**SUSAN ELLIS**
*It's hard to do; it's not an exciting prospect. Balancing the odds, I'm getting it out of the way.*

**KAREN MOUAT**
*I file on time because I'm a bit of a "rules" person.*

**LIANNE FIDLER**
*I do it as early as I can and forget about it.*

**LUC BLANCHET**
*I get excited about it because I want money back!*

**LYNN CLARK**
*We usually do our taxes using tax software and file a few hours before the deadline.*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. **Read and reply to letters online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.**

### Ruckle Farm is on

As the coordinator for the Ruckle Park Ploughing Match and Family Farm Day for the last 10 years or so, I am pleased to announce that able volunteers have stepped forward to fill this function.

In truth, there are around 50 people who annually donate their time and energy to make this a truly community event, not to mention Mike and Marjorie Lane, who so competently manage the Ruckle Farm, Fred and Debbie King, who manage the park portion, and Art Falardeau, who does the heavy lifting.

As well, throughout the years, there have been a number of organizations who have kindly offered

support, ensuring costs were covered and that the event would remain free for all.

Alas, in recent times, the ploughing component has greatly diminished.

A combination of fewer horse teams available, less funding and the frequently howling wet weather in March (when the ground is often ready to plow), have contributed to this. Nevertheless, there is much to enjoy and learn from this day at the farm.

So please plan to come this year, on Sunday, May 2, to enjoy a beautiful working farm, kids and animals, demonstrations, games, food, friends and your rural community.

Maybe this will be the year you win the log-sawing contest!

**SIDNEY BRANNAN,**  
RUCKLE PARK FARM DAY

### The ship's got to go

After spending Saturday morning at Fulford Harbour filling two dumpsters with debris I was amazed to see that the boat which sank on Jan. 18 is still there.

Thanks to the heartfelt letter from Drew Clarke in last week's Driftwood ("Don't throw the poor overboard"), I know a little about the person who lived aboard and don't wish to minimize that family's loss in any way.

However, that loss has somehow resulted in Fulford Harbour's gain — a shipwreck or rather a wrecked ship.

Is it the Exxon Valdez? Of course not, but imagine a car crash: regardless of the driver's life story, rich or poor, able or not, the wreck

would have been gone from the road in hours. We wouldn't rationalize that the steel would eventually rust, that the seats would provide lovely habitat for native wildlife, the aeries perhaps perches for chickadees and nuthatches.

We wouldn't simple tie red balloons to the fenders so other motorists would be "duly warned."

Nope, the thing would be gone. Unfortunately, this accident happened in the ocean, aka everyone's dumping grounds, and there the ship sits, providing "habitat" until our attitudes change or the fuel tank ruptures.

**SANDRA LECKIE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Rocky details

In the Rocky Horror Picture Show article last week ("Rocky Horror auditions"),

I left out two very important points:

1) This is a non-profit co-production of three Salt Spring theatre groups: Active P.A.S.S., Newman Family Productions and The Academy Presents.

2) For those who are reluctant to commit their entire summer to Rocky, there will be one weekend off (Aug. 13-14) for Fulford Day, so people can take a little 10-day "holiday" and still do the show.

Please don't hesitate to call me at 250-537-1091 with any questions:

**RACHEL JACOBSON,**  
ROCKY HORROR PICTURE  
SHOW PRODUCER

### Job well done

I am writing in response to the recent (and not so recent) controversy regarding fencing

contractors in the Driftwood.

I hired Richard Harach's Naturalscape company to put a deer fence around my Fernwood Road property. They started on Monday and finished the fence itself by Wednesday afternoon. The gates were hung on Friday. The crew of four were respectful of my gardens, worked hard and finished the job early.

They also dug holes for me to plant a screen of trees and cleaned up brush trimmings. I am more than satisfied with their work.

I feel that if a letter can be published to potentially damage a company's reputation, it should also be possible to publish a letter commending a job well done.

**MONIKA MAYR,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on A8

## Moonstruck is a real farm — not a factory

The Canadian press loves a good story involving our little island. Last year, it was the Islands Trust denying the Salt Spring Coffee Company permission to build the world's first coffee-roasting plant with an environmental seal of approval. No doubt about it. The press loves dirty laundry.

It should come as no surprise then to see Salt Spring's Moonstruck Cheese dragged through the mud two weeks ago when the B.C. Centre for Disease Control detected a colony of listeria bacteria on one of Moonstruck's wheels of cheese. It was found on a wheel of their Ash-Ripened Camembert cheese, ironically, the cheese that won Moonstruck a silver medal at the First World Jersey Cheese Competition in 2008.

The BCCDC gets pretty twitchy about listeria, and for good reason. In 2008, an outbreak of listeriosis at a Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto killed at least 20 people. All meat products from the plant were recalled and Maple Leaf ended up paying out \$27 million to plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit.

Listeria bacteria can be nasty. It is quite happy in a refrigerator, where it will increase in size. Listeriosis (the resulting condition) causes fever, headache, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting . . . like a really bad hangover. Unlike a hangover, listeriosis doesn't go away easy. It is particularly nasty to the very old and the very young, the pregnant, and AIDS patients. One in four that contract listeriosis will die.

There is no acceptable level of listeria in a product — no miniscule part per million

is OK. Zero tolerance. When trace amounts were found in one of Moonstruck's cheese wheels, owner Julia Grace immediately recalled the camembert. Understandably, major food outlets like Whole Foods and Choices — stores that pride themselves on carrying the highest quality products — emptied their shelves of everything Moonstruck until this little company can produce a letter from the government giving it a clean bill of health.

A giant company like Maple Leaf Foods can absorb these little bumps in the road, but what of a small family-run organic farm like Moonstruck? With no product on the shelves, there is no income. Still, the purebred Jersey cows need to be fed and farm hands need to be paid. Government agencies work at their own glacial speed. Above the embarrassment, it's financially tough. Very tough.

So what about Moonstruck Organic Cheese? The owners have been producing cheese on this Beddis Road property for over 12 years now, on the original 1890s Beddis family homestead. There are about two dozen very contented dairy cows wandering through the pasture, without a care in the world.

Moonstruck is a certified organic operation. The term "organic" has become somewhat nebulous in recent years. In the


**Peter Vincent**

### HEAD TO HEAD

United States, there are "certified organic" dairy farms that milk over 5,500 cows a day — cows standing in overcrowded pens with not a blade of grass in sight. Provided they are fed organic grain with no pesticides (and other vague parameters) they can be given the organic seal of approval.

Moonstruck appears to walk the walk. They milk about 20 cows a day. In essence, the owners embrace the philosophy and ethics behind organic farming. It is more about a lifestyle than a business model. They make small batches of exotic cheeses, with no plans of becoming the "Maple Leaf Foods" of the cheese business. In many ways, the company embraces the very nature of Salt Spring Island, the very nature often pilloried in the national press, the very nature that caused me to abandon a perfectly good, pointless life in the city.

As bucolic as this all appears, listeria is very real. Having never had any such run-in with the B.C. Centre for Disease Control in the 12 years she has been operating, owner Julia Grace is vexed and nervous. Twelve years of hard work can come crashing down by a microscopic wriggly thing in a petri dish.

Like most Salt Springers, I make my food choices carefully. I have three tests: health, ethics and price. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has identified residue of

171 pesticides and industrial pollutants in "regular" cheddar cheese. Ech.

On a factory farm, newborn dairy calves are immediately taken from the mothers. Factory farms are in the business of providing milk to humans, not calves, and so the babies usually end up being slaughtered for dog food. The mothers can be heard bleating for their missing young weeks after they have been taken away. The dairy cows themselves rarely, if ever, see daylight, spending their shortened life in a cramped stall. Ech #2.

Admittedly, in my world, price has been known to trump ethics and health, but the more I read about the appalling state of affairs of the North American food industry, the more I am willing to open my wallet and my taste buds to the flavourful world of organics.

If you would like to learn more, rent the DVD "Food, Inc." the 2009 Academy-nominated documentary on food production. If you need a reminder of what a dairy farm is supposed to look like, drop in to the Moonstruck Organic Cheese Farm at 1306 Beddis Road, or visit its website at [www.moonstruckcheese.com](http://www.moonstruckcheese.com). The site has a lovely picture of Hope the Jersey cow. Hope died a few years ago, but they remember her as if she were a family member.

If you need to know the difference between Moonstruck and a factory dairy, "Hope" pretty much says it all.

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# OPINION

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**BALL SEASON:** Salt Spring RCMP Const. George Phipps shows off his baseball swing to youths gathered at Johnson's Shell Service for baseball registration last weekend. Deadline to register is March 27. Forms are at the Sports Traders store or the PARC office.

### MORE LETTERS

continued from A7

## Get the whole dog

This letter is in response to the article in the March 21 Sunday Province headlined "No more cosmetic cuts, vet urges."

I was so happy to see this issue finally being brought up here in B.C. and felt obligated to bring this to our attention as well. As most of Europe (the countries where most docked breeds originated) has banned the docking of dog's tails, and

the New Brunswick Veterinary Medical Association has taken the first step for Canada by banning it as well, I strongly feel that B.C. should follow their lead. Perhaps Salt Spring might like to boast being the first community to ban the procedure here?

As resistance in the U.S. dog-fashion industry continues to wane, we should get on board and set the example that we have already set in so many other animal welfare issues. The evidence for not docking is indisputable. Please take a few minutes the next time you're online to research for yourself.

Also, dogs need their tails for balance and socialization. I know change is tough, but if you really think about it, why is it that we see dogs with their tails cut off as normal and the ones with tails as abnormal?

You need to know why it started (for example, Romans thought it prevented rabies, and people could avoid paying pet taxes in England as working dogs with docked tails were exempt, not to mention all the docked fighting breeds), and why most other countries have banned it (for example, no anesthetic is used on the day-old pups, and the removal of the base of the

spine is painful and can have complications).

What I would like to know is why aren't we leading the country along with New Brunswick by banning it here too?

Change has to start at the bottom. Not with the breed clubs or breeders or veterinary associations, but with you. Don't buy a dog without a tail — ask for the whole animal. Show off your Jack Russell's wagging tail at the park, and your rottie's majestic tail at the beach. And tell others to do the same. Thank you.

**HEIDI SERRA, FULFORD**

Capital Regional District



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Send us a one-page summary describing your areas expertise and interests relevant to the Commission's tasks and why you would like to serve on the Commission.

Deadline for receipt of applications is April 7, 2010. For more information contact the Commission at saltspringtransit@crd.bc.ca or 250.931.1372.

Mail, fax or email your application to:  
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# RANTS and Roses

## Rants

No roses at all to the white-haired individual, who last Tuesday just before noon dumped rolls of carpet and lino from their four-door car into the forest valley on Cranberry Road just past Liberty Hall Lane. I was in the red car that slowed down and stared at you as you smiled sheepishly. You turned on Liberty Hall Lane afterwards. It would have cost you \$15 max and a five-minute drive to dump those items respectfully at the Blackburn transfer station! You're old enough to know better! Maggie O'Scalleigh

## Roses

A bouquet of fragrant, highly edible rose buds to Richard Harach and crew of Naturalscape for the beautiful and well-made deer fence. The "restaurant" is now closed.

A dozen David Austin roses to each person who came to my aid on Thursday, March 18, on Rainbow Road while I was choking and couldn't get my breath. Your timely actions and concern probably made it possible for me to be able to write this note of gratitude. As well, I'm sure my recovery was enhanced by the arrival of two handsome and courteous para-

medics. We on Salt Spring are blessed to be surrounded by so many caring individuals. Jean Stewart

Roses to the very kind man who gave me the last Province paper at Country Grocer last Friday. People like you are special.

A pasture filled with fragrant milk-white roses to Craig at Natureworks for doing the impossible — lowering his organic bottled milk prices! Nina R.

A big thank-you bouquet to the owners of Uptown Pharmasave for their amazing donation that will benefit the residents at Lady Minto's ECU for a long time to come. BB

A big bouquet of red sage roses to the RCMP detachment for your holiday buffalo. It always brings a smile to my face when I see him all dressed up for every occasion. How nice to live in a community where the police have such a friendly attitude. LVS

Bushes of beautifully pruned, well-behaved (i.e. not dangerous) roses to Kyle Parks for his spear heading, organizing and exemplary truck-driving skills in his Fulford Harbour clean-up. The ocean thanks you, as do we — Sandra and John

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To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age or older, an owner, or spouse of an owner of land in the Improvement District, and entitled to be registered as a voter under the Elections Act.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office.

Trevor Hutton  
General Manager

**NEWSBEAT**

**LIVE-ABOARDS**

**Float home owner initiates cleanup**

Fulford event about more than a tidy shoreline

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Kyle Parks hopes Saturday morning's beach cleanup will clear up some misconceptions about many of the people who live on vessels in Fulford Harbour.

"Part of it, for me, is to show the community that we aren't all cut from the same cloth," he said. "I enjoy a clean beach and if I'm going to live out here I'm going to take responsibility."

Over the winter, Parks said, many south-end residents expressed frustration with the level of garbage that washed up along the shoreline. Much of that trash was blamed on people who live on vessels moored in the harbour.

The majority of people who live on boats and barges, he said, take great efforts to make sure debris from their vessels isn't tossed overboard.

Most of the junk that accumulates on the beach, he added, is from a small group of people who don't seem to get the message.

The seven participants in Saturday morning's cleanup hauled out two large garbage bins of trash from the shore.

Parks said the group collected old blankets, large pieces of foam, parts of an abandoned vessel, an old SCUBA regulator and a DVD player.

"It went really well," Parks said. "It was an interesting adventure."

Parks, his wife and the couple's two children live on a converted Second World



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Part of a boat was among the items cleaned up along the shore in Fulford last weekend.

War-era landing craft that was deployed to the Aleutian Islands back in the 1940s. The ship was converted for use in the salmon fishery before Parks eventually took it over and transformed it into a floating home.

Lots of work lay ahead, but the 29-year-old arborist said living on the water is his family's solution to the high cost of housing on Salt Spring.

"It's an opportunity to get out of paying rent and maybe build up some equity," he said.

Parks said he has been invit-

ed to address the South Salt Spring Island Property Owners and Residents Association as a way to bridge the divide between landowners and Fulford's live-aboard population.

He hopes more people will participate in future shoreline cleanups.

Parks said part of the motivation behind Saturday's event was news that the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee will begin researching the implications of a bylaw targeting live-aboard vessels and their occupants in areas such as Fulford Harbour and Bur-

goyne Bay.

Though he agreed some reg-

**"... if I'm going to live out here I'm going to take responsibility."**

KYLE PARKS  
Live-aboard resident

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# NEWSBEAT



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**TERRIFIC TEDDIES:** Sandy McNeil mans a table full of teddy bears at the Fulford Flea Market held last Saturday at Fulford Hall.

## SCHOOL FUNDING

# Province restores PAC funding cut last year

Parents relish return to normalcy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When the province announced its intention to halve the level of per-pupil funding to parent advisory councils in last year's budget, youth advocates decried the move as an attack on children's access to extra-curricular activities.

The \$10 decrease in per-student funding left representatives like Salt Spring Elementary PAC chair Darcy Graham scrambling throughout the year to make ends meet.

Parents' options included applying for gaming grant funding and hosting community fundraising events.

"We've had a really hard time," she said. "The [per-pupil funding] helps a lot."

Given last year's cuts, Graham said, the government's decision is more of a restoration of funding than an actual funding increase.

The per-pupil funding means PAC members can use more time to focus on students' interests rather than devising ways to raise funds for extra curricular activities. Much of the funding received by PAC groups goes towards paying for school excursions and school events deemed to fall outside the school district's funding purview.

Successful gaming grant applications by representatives from the island's six public schools accounted for approximately \$14,000 in PAC funding for 2009.

## ISLAND ARTS CENTRE SOCIETY

# ArtSpring gets technical boost for audio and lighting system

Federal and local funds take centre stage

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A federal government grant and a contribution from the Salt Spring Island Foundation mean ArtSpring is poised to receive long-anticipated technological upgrades totaling almost \$17,000.

"The thing is that technical stuff of this nature is quite expensive and we don't have the resources to handle them on our own," said George Sipos, ArtSpring's executive director. "Grants like these bring the costs within reach."

The federal government announced a \$8,700 grant through the Department of Canadian Heritage's Canada Cultural Spaces Fund. The Salt Spring Island Foundation will provide an additional \$2,800.

The rest of the funds will come from the theatre's capital expense budget.

Funding will go towards expansion and improvement of the theatre's audio assist system, lighting instruments and microphone equipment.

"These have been needed for some time," Sipos said.

Audio-assist equipment is made available for hearing-impaired theatre goers.

According to a press release, the

federal contribution is an attempt to improve conditions for artistic creativity and arts presentation or exhibition. It is also designed to increase access for Canadians to performing, visual, and media arts and to museum collections and heritage displays.

"We are very grateful to the Government of Canada for its assistance in upgrading our fine, small theatre," Sipos stated in the release. "It is a huge benefit to have up-to-date technical facilities so that we can continue to bring the best music, theatre, and dance our country has to offer to our local community."

Sipos expressed further thanks to the Salt Spring Foundation which, he said, can always be counted on to provide valuable support for important local initiatives.

"The foundation has limited resources, but they do a wonderful job," he said.

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn was among federal government representatives who made the official announcement on Wednesday.

"I am very pleased to announce funding for upgrades to Salt Spring Island's ArtSpring Theatre," he said in a press release. "These upgrades will ensure that ArtSpring is able to provide a high-quality artistic experience for local residents and visitors alike."

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**BASKETBALL**

## Grade 8 boys 12th at provincials

Strong finish when facing B.C.'s big schools

The Grade 8 boys basketball team from Salt Spring Middle School, the only school representing Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, finished 12th at the BC Grade 8 Provincial Championships held at Pitt Meadows March 4 to 6.

"To my knowledge, this is the best our boys Grade 8 team has ever done at provincials - we competed very well against the 'big schools' - coming in 12th out of 16 teams who represent the best in B.C. is something to be proud of," noted coach Diane Weatherby.

For their opener, Salt Spring drew Fraser Valley's second-ranked squad, the Delta Pacers, who proved to be a tough squad to reckon with, and lost 61-33.

The number two game proved to be a different story, said Weatherby, as Salt Spring "shook off the nerves, determined to play their style of game," and matched up against Seaton, getting a 51-44 win.

Eric Weatherby sunk 14 points to earn the game MVP title. Lukas Wenzel added 10 points and Tai Levitt, nine.

Game number three was a loss against the tough squad of Handsworth. Weatherby pulled in 13 points and Justin Kopetzki had nine.

The final game of the tournament saw Salt Spring play the Dr. Knox Falcons. The half-time score had Salt Spring up by two, and the lead shifted between the teams several times before the Falcons won the game 63-54.

High scorers were Weatherby with 16, Levitt with 12, and Billy George with 11.

Team members are Billy George, Arthur Georgeson, Alex Graham, Brad Hoffman, Luke Hylands, Harrison

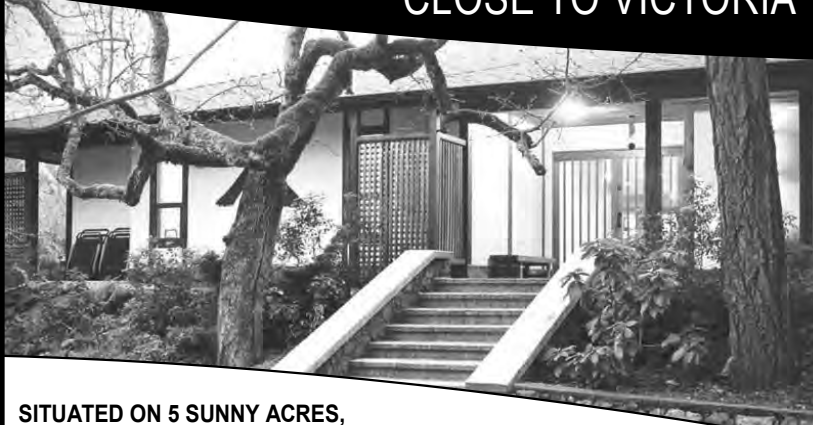
Johnson, Forest Junker-Allen, Justin Kopetzki, Tai Levitt, Sky Losier, Sam Montalbetti, Gunnar Rasmussen, Tanner Smith, Eric Weatherby and Lukas Wenzel.

Diane Weatherby and SIMS teacher Jude Shugar are the coaches.

"The Salt Spring boys were left with an appreciation of how competitive things are at the provincial level, and with some good memories," said Weatherby.

They thanked the community and their sponsors for the support needed to make the trip to the provincials possible.


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## Div.-2 team proves unstoppable in three latest soccer matches

SS United charges towards end of season

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United's Division-2 team has driven home a solid record of wins in its three most recent games, gaining points for strong standings in league and cup play.

United played Peninsula's Div.-3 team on March 14 in an important cup game. Salt Spring players Liz Wilson and Rhea Davidson each scored a goal, while Joelle Morrison had a superb game, putting away three goals for a hat trick.

The final score of 5-2 for United clinched the team's spot in the Shergold Cup quarter finals. Salt Spring will play against Prospect Lake Over-30s on Sunday, March 28 to see who advances to the semi-finals.

On Saturday, March 20, United beat Cowichan Div. 2 with a score of 2-1. Early in the first half, Sue-Anne Donaldson

received a beautiful through-ball from Morrison, and carried it into the 18-yard box before putting it in the back of the net to give the team its first goal.

Morrison placed a great corner kick onto Lorna Walde's foot late in the first half and Walde made no mistake in giving the team a 2-0 lead going into the second half.

"They managed to get one in the second half, but our defence shut the door and kept Cowichan from penetrating through," said Donaldson.

Donaldson noted it was another great game for keeper Erin Hornell. Val Cunningham had a solid game in midfield and Aleesha Bird was a critical part of the defence.

On Sunday, March 21, United played its final league game of the season against the Castaways on the GISS field.

"This was a hard-fought game with both teams wanting second place in the league," Donaldson said. "It was a fast-paced man-

to-man game with tight marking and aggressive challenges."

After starting the second half with a 0-0 tie, Salt Spring capitalized with a free kick just outside the 18-yard box. LeeAnn Norgard scored the game's only goal with a well-struck ball into the top corner of the Castaways net.

"We still had 20 minutes left in the second half, and the Castaways wanted it, but we minimized their chances on our net," said Donaldson.

Donaldson said Hornell had a well-deserved shutout and made some brilliant saves to keep Salt Spring in the game.

Mardon Dary had a solid game on defence, shutting out Castaways' forward and creating opportunity for United's midfield.

Lindsey Graham had a "super" game in midfield, being first to the ball and creating chances for Salt Spring's strikers. United is proud to finish its first season of league play in Division 2 in a three-way tie for second place.

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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Gremio ends season at full strength

Players switch sides in finale

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ganges Gremio wrapped up its 2009-10 season with a couple of victories during a weekend double-header.

"Everybody was uncharacteristically focused and our first half was one of the best I've seen us play," said Ryan Smith, a player and team spokesperson, of Saturday's match against second-place Peninsula. "Our passing and communication was near perfect."

Gremio built up a three-point first-half lead on goals by Smith and Tyler Dakin (2).

Smith apologized to his teammates, especially keeper Dan Bennett, for coughing up the ball at a crucial moment in the second. Peninsula jumped on the opportunity to dash Bennett's shutout hopes.

Things got off to a great start in Gremio's Sunday game when last-place SPL arrived on the island with only eight players.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Ryan Smith gets above SPL player as Gremio dominates in the final game of the season.

"Finally we were playing a game that we weren't outnumbered in," Smith said. "With that kind of difference in manpower it's tough to make a game of it, so we went at them easy."

Gremio's Colin McDougall notched two first-half goals and Jordan Haenan scored a single goal.

An SPL injury reduced the team to a mere seven players by halftime, forcing some Gremio players

to switch sides and don SPL colours in a tremendous act of sportsmanship.

The game was officially called at the half with Gremio up 3-0.

Despite the new recruits, SPL's woes continued through the second as Jeremy Moulton, Jordan Haenan, and Colin McDougall (2) helped Gremio run up an insurmountable seven-goal advantage.

The win guarantees Gremio a third-place

finish and a well-deserved break ahead of May's annual Challenge Cup tournament.

Smith encouraged prospective soccer players to step up and consider participating in the 2010-11 season.

"Gremio's future is up in the air at this point," he said. "Unless we and [Salt Spring] FC can find a new crop of players for next year, there might have to be some changes made."

## YOUTH SOCCER

# Youngest players ready for euro cup event

Tournament runs this weekend

BY MALCOLM LEGG  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring's first Euro Challenge Cup will see U8 to U11 teams compete over the coming March 27-28 weekend, with all games played at Portlock Park.

Registration was not as high as hoped for the first season and so there will only be two divisions this first year.

The U9 boys division will have 12 teams, which includes two girls teams, and will play three games on Saturday and two on Sunday.

The tourney winner will be decided by the Saturday divisional winners from the three groups of teams playing round-robin on Sunday to determine the champion.

The other group will be a combined boys U10 /U11 group of five teams that will play round-robin over the two days to deter-

mine the group winner based on most points.

Games will run Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be a concession open at Portlock, trophies for divisional winners, champions' medals for winners and medals for all participants, and mostly lots of good soccer action and children having fun.

Everyone is invited to come out and see these youngsters do their thing.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Alumni FC falls short of finals

Unlucky break dooms cup hopefuls

Everything in last weekend's semi-final match seemed to favour Alumni FC until an unfortunate bounce put an end to the team's hopes of qualifying for the Tony Grover Masters Cup final.

"We dominated the game, had dozens of shots, but just couldn't seem to score," said player Lyle Brown.

So great was Alumni FC's dominance that Cordova Bay Orange players failed to register a single shot on net.

"They managed to win without getting a shot," Brown added. "Try to figure that one out."

The loss means Alumni FC will miss this weekend's cup final and not qualify for the provincials.

In other soccer news, the Salt Spring Old Boys look to cap their season with a win in the team's final game on Sunday at Portlock Park at 10:30 a.m. against Vantreights.

The Old Boys came up short against Masters-C division-leading Prospect Lake on March 21, losing by a 4-0 score.

"They were out-muscled and out-run but not out-classed," said player Richard Steel. "The visitors . . . put pressure on the Salt Spring goal, but were wayward in their shooting, forcing [Old Boys keeper] Dennis Shaw to get more exercise than he has had all season."



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#### CELEBRATIONS

Lain and Melanie Williamson are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter

She is welcomed by her big brother Grey, grandparents John and Hope Williamson, Linda Stafford, John Woodward, and Tim Stafford. A big thank you to wonderful midwives Susan, Tamara and Heather, Nurse Jill, the Medivac team, and Dr. Malherbe and Dr. Cooper.

*Ruby Aurelia Williamson*  
Born at 10:55pm on Thursday, February 25th, 8lbs 3oz at Lady Minto Hospital, on Salt Spring Island

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#### COMING EVENTS

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The annual general meeting of the members of the Association will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday March 29, 2010 at the Lower Hall of the Salt Spring Island United Church, 111 Hereford Avenue, Ganges.

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### DEATHS

#### GORDON HARVEY MCCREA APRIL 29, 1927 - MARCH 17, 2010

Born in Verdun, Quebec. Worked for many years for Reardon Paint in Montreal, prior to moving to Calgary where he worked for Neilson Furniture & then Neilson Marine. He moved to Salt Spring Island in 1980 where he worked for Gulf Islands School Board until retirement.

He is survived by his wife Cora, daughter Elaine (Jules) and granddaughter Kaela, son Don, as well as two sisters Carol & Betty & numerous nieces and nephews.

At Gordon's request there will be no service. Donations to the S.P.C.A. or Greenwoods would be appreciated.

My thanks to all the staff at both Lady Minto & Greenwoods for their excellent care of Gordon over the past two years.



We are sorry to announce the passing of **ARTHUR PILON** on March 18/10 at the age of 86.

He leaves behind one surviving brother Eugene (St. Eustache, Quebec),

various nephews and nieces all residing also in Quebec, as well as numerous friends and neighbours on Salt Spring Island.

He was an active member of the Canadian Legion Branch 92. he was one of the last survivors of the Second Narrows Bridge tragedy.

We wish to give special thanks to Mrs. Julie Spencer and family. To Braehaven staff, Greenwoods staff and nurses at Lady Minto Hospital and to Dr. Leavitt.

Funeral will be held later in the province of Quebec.

### DEATHS

**Look for this week's HOROSCOPE in Friday's edition of The Weekender**

### DEATHS

**Rodney Frederick Charles Filtness**, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at home, surrounded by family. Rodney was born May 1, 1949 in Cuckfield, England living most of his adult life on Salt Spring Island, where he and Bo raised a family, ran successful restaurants, and enjoyed life. He leaves behind his father, Alan Filtness; sister, Sandra Filtness; ex-wife and companion, Bo Steven; daughters, Serena Steven and Julia Filtness; Laura Klein, and many friends. Rodney is predeceased by his mother, Freda Filtness and stepson, Jason Steven. Rodney was a well-loved man who enjoyed food, travel, spirituality, laughter, and the company of friends and family. The family wishes to thank Dr. Leavitt and the wonderful and caring homecare nurses and support workers. We are truly grateful for the abundance of love and support from friends and community. Friends are invited to join in a celebration of Rodney's life Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 2 pm. Ceremony to commence at 3 pm followed by a potluck dinner and dance.

### DEATHS

DEATHS  
**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
Pastor Rick Hill  
March 28, 2010 @ 2pm  
Community Gospel Church  
147 Vesuvius Bay Rd.

~Correction~  
Our sincere apologies from the Driftwood to the family and friends of **WENDY LEIGH CROMIE** Her year of birth should have read 1941.

**WHEELS**  
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### DEATHS

#### GYVES, Valerie February 15, 1918 – March 20, 2010 "Cherished by many, Loved by All"

Valerie Gyves passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, B.C., at the age of 92 years, with family and friends at her side.

Val took her training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B.C. as an R.N.- after graduation at St. Ann's Academy, Victoria, B.C. Val nursed in Victoria, Montreal, and mainly in Portland, Oregon, USA and took an early retirement as Head Nurse of the Pediatric Department in Oregon. Upon her return to Salt Spring, to care for her mother Carrie Gyves; she became an active member of C.W.L.W.L., O.A.P., and the Fulford Hall Committee. She was also a long-term member of the Toastmistress Club.

She will be lovingly remembered by her two sisters, C. Dorothy Dodds, Salt Spring Island and Phyllis Russell, Colwood, numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by an extended group of family and friends. Predeceased by sisters Shirley Reese and Deena Sanderson.

The Family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers that supported Val and cared for her. Special thanks to Dr. David Woodley and the Nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital and the Palliative Care Unit.

A celebration of Life will be held at Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church, 135 Drake Rd., Ganges, B.C. on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:30am. Reception following at Fulford Community Hall. Burial will take place at a later date.

Flowers gratefully declined. For those who so wish, donations may be made in Val's name to the Lady Minto Hospital, with the family's appreciation.

Val will always be remembered for her kind ways, her keen sense of humour, and her pure and gentle spirit that touched all who knew her.

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Quilters for making quilt tops  
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Helpers to pin, tie, iron etc.  
Helpers for setup  
Sat 28 Mar 4:30-5:30  
Helpers for takedown  
Sun 29 Mar 4:30-5:30  
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Or email: islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca

**Salt Spring Fire / Rescue Course Announcement**

**Air Brakes Endorsement Course**  
April 9th - 11th  
Fire Hall #1  
Instructed by Front Line Fire Department Training

To register for this class please call the Salt Spring Fire Department at 537-2531 or trainingofficer@telus.net

Course Times  
Friday 18:00 - 21:00  
Sat 08:00 - 16:30  
Sun 08:00 - 16:30 or earlier

Registration is \$325 For further info please call or email. Thank You.  
Capt. Jamie Holmes  
Training Officer  
Salt Spring Fire Rescue

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HELP WANTED

**Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)**

**Salt Spring Island Transition House has vacancies for 2 front line support workers:**  
1. On call.  
2. Temporary part-time

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Crisis line training/background or equivalent. Knowledge of family violence dynamics. Feminist analysis of violence against women and children. Excellent communication skills. Direct frontline transition house experience an asset.

For complete job description contact Transition House Coordinator 250-537-0719.

Submit resume to: Transition House Coordinator, Email: thcoordinator@iwav.org Fax: 250-537-0736 DEADLINE: 4 p.m. April 2, 2010

*Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*

INFORMATION

**Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation (PARC)**  
is preparing a **LEISURE BROCHURE** for distribution this spring. The brochure will contain information about leisure activities available on the island throughout the year, including sports activities, recreational courses, trail information, festivals, events and last but not least, contact information for the many clubs, guilds, individuals and businesses that provide a recreational activity, course or event.

If you and/or your organization has not already been contacted by PARC, please call us at 250-537-4448, by March 25, to make sure your information is included.

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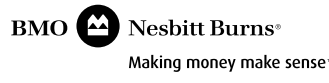
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<p>EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS</p> <p><b>HOE FORWARDER/LOG LOADER/YARDING</b> operators required for North Vancouver Island logging company. Full time, union rates &amp; benefits. Fax resumes to 250-956-4888 or call 250-956-3123.</p> <p><b>SOAPMAKER WANTED</b> by Canadian NGO to train women co-operative members in Zambia. For more info contact colin@thesamproject.ca</p> <p>Read it off-island on-line. gulfislandsaqu.com</p>		<p>HELP WANTED</p>	<p>HELP WANTED</p>			

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To apply in confidence, forward your resume to: [natalie.peters@nbpcd.com](mailto:natalie.peters@nbpcd.com)

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**Meadowbrook**  
SENIORS' RESIDENCE

## What is the future of transportation on Salt Spring Island? What about transportation for the disabled?

Meadowbrook Seniors' Residence will be hosting a **public meeting** with members of the Salt Spring Transportation Commission and other stakeholders.

**Date: Tuesday, March 30th, 2:00 pm**  
**Location: Meadowbrook main lounge: 121 Atkins Road**

Anyone with an interest in the future of our island's transportation is urged to attend. Meadowbrook is a fully accessible building.

121 ATKINS ROAD  
TEL: 250-538-1995

A project of the  
Gulf Islands Seniors'  
Residence Association

**GISRA**  
GULF ISLANDS SENIORS  
RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION

**Secretary / Administrative Assistant Job Posting:**

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue is seeking a full time Secretary / Administrative Assistant, reporting directly to the Fire Chief. Responsibilities include, but not limited to; customer relations, office administration, multi tasking, working under pressure, filing, and data entry. The suitable candidate must be; a team player and professional in manner, a quick thinker, able to learn quickly and be self motivated; be able to adjust to all types of stress and demanding situations quickly and often; be able to take directives and process tasks with limited assistance or unsupervised.

Applicants must have a minimum of Grade 12 education plus high competency skill levels relating to: customer relations, confidentiality, typing 60 correct words per minute, dictation, booking of appointments, composition of letters and correspondence. The candidate must have excellent verbal communication and strong listening skills; as well as a thorough knowledge of all Microsoft applications.

Applicants must include within their resume; their work experience and a list of four potential references. If you are interested in being part of this progressive team please submit your resume to the Ganges Fire Station by 5:00pm on March 31st / 2010 in person or by registered mail to Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2T1.

**Please clearly indicate on the front "Secretary / Administrative Assistant Application".**

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District offers a competitive salary and benefit package. The tentative start date is April 12th 2010. Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The true rites of spring on Salt Spring are practised not by nymphs trailing flowers but by seasoned musicians wearing rubber boots: whatever the weather, islanders know the long winter has passed when the folk club celebrates the end of its season with the Gumboot Gala.

Valdy and Bill Henderson are the co-hosts of the annual musical extravaganza, which features a cast of to-be-announced mystery guests.

Valdy and Henderson's guitar and vocal skills set the bar for talented participants.

Past years' guests have included Zav RT on fiddle, Harry Warner and Ron Ateah on guitar, Marcus Tessman on mandolin, Sue Newman on vocals, keyboards and tap-shoes, Derrick Milton on trumpet and Jose Sanchez rockin' the drums.

The evening's unplanned schedule has given the gala a reputation for having a fun, spontaneous nature that defies bums to stay in seats and feet to stay planted.

Performers and audience members alike tend to wear costumes and it's not unusual to see a satin ball gown paired with the south end's trademark footwear.

Prizes doled out for best costume only up the creativity ante.

The folk club supports its major fundraiser for the year with

a raffle — first prize is season's tickets for the 2010/2011 season. This year there will also be a survey for folks to give feedback and suggestions.

As Meghan Howcroft proclaimed in a Driftwood review of last year's gala: "For any islander who loves music, young or old, the gala is a not-to-be-missed event that will leave you whistling all the way home, thanking your lucky stars that we live on this fine island and looking forward to next year's show."

Tickets (\$15) can be

hard to come by for this traditionally sold-out event.

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The show starts 7 p.m. at Fulford Hall, Monday, March 29.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## ART BEAT

# Culture of war at Mute Traces exhibit

Heather Thomas and Deborah Gainer at The Point Gallery

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Following its pattern of the previous two years, the south end's Point Gallery has opened its 2010 season with a show of a serious nature.

Qualicum-based artist Heather Thomas is



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The Crowd, by Deborah Gainer.

featured on the main floor, showing work that "uses common objects altered, amended and positioned to question the culture of war in the 21st century, and the terrible consequences of what is so casually referred to as 'collateral damage'."

Thomas is known for featuring crutches in her installation art. The implements stand in not just for limbs lost to bombs and land mines, but for the victims themselves. As Point Gallery curator Margaret Day observed, these victims are often not soldiers but civilians trying to live regular lives in war-torn locations.

For this show, crutches in various heights stand upright in line across the back wall of the gallery. Each crutch is wrapped in a thick lead band symbolizing the victim's inability to escape their predicament: to lose a limb is final.

Nearby, an installation on the floor groups

over 100 objects (made from jelly molds) altered to look like cluster bombs and grenades. Their bulbous, ridged forms in some ways resemble extra large candies like licorice drops — perhaps it's their shape that makes them so attractive to the children who pick them, with tragic consequences.

The bomb motif is repeated in a large diptych composed of two square panels. Thomas has embedded real ball bearings in the left panel's black background. Paintings of light wire snake through in tense swirls, portraying the insides of one of these bombs. On the right, a polished wood panel is the backdrop for a painting of a cluster bomb in blackish green.

In contrast to the three-dimensional bomb objects, the diptych's imagery seems organic in form but contains a sense of menace. The left panel's frenetic, malicious energy is matched by the right's portrayal of the bomb as a decaying, toxic fruit.

Thomas invokes her own history as an army brat in Nova Scotia with

five circular rugs hung as a wall piece. Two of the rugs are woven according to the "Hit and Miss" pattern, the actual name for a traditional method of using up yarn ends. Alternating with these are rugs with military imagery: a target and two different types of bombs. Day revealed that the rugs' size matches exactly the seat of a captain's chair, a reference to military housing where furniture was dictated by rank.

Mute Traces, the exhibition's title piece, is an installation of a gauzy curtain hung from the ceiling as if around a hospital bed. The satin edging at the bottom is embossed with words taken from a poem from Holocaust survivor Paul Celan: "Deep in time's crevasse / by the alveolate / waits, a crystal of breath / your irreversible / witness."

The curtain is beaded with small metal projectiles, which Thomas placed in the pattern of radioactive material scattered by nuclear bomb tests in Nevada. The curtain symbolizes symptoms that trauma victims experience, such as an inability to distinguish

between past and present events.

Throughout Thomas' work the criticism of war is clearly evident. By leaving out the human victims she protests on behalf of, she creates a ghostly emptiness where people are gone and only objects are left. She calls attention to and thereby upturns war's central tenet that individuals are expendable and interchangeable.

Deborah Gainer's installation of small clay figures called The Crowd is showing in the gallery's upstairs space. The figures, in earth tones of yellow, brown and terra cotta, are arranged on six high pedestals, facing forward with faces slightly upturned towards the viewer. In groups of two or three, there is one lone figure slightly ahead of the rest at the front of the group.

Standing at about eight to 10 inches tall, the figures are rarely distinctly male or female. Their legs are not articulated and appear rather to extend through full length gowns. Their faces are also not clearly defined and many don't have mouths, making expression hard to read. Despite their indistinct forms there is something animate that gives the figures personality and the feeling they are, in fact, alive.

According to the artist's statement the piece changes with every installation. In this case it appears that the crowd is witnessing an event or visitation — seen with reverence but not awe. It would be interesting to see how the figures suggest other events or emotions in different arrangements.

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### ON STAGE

## ArtSpring set to host work by acclaimed Canadian playwright

Halifax's 2b theatre presents Moskovitch's Mexico City and The Russian Play

BY GEORGE SIPOS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Playwright Hannah Moskovitch, author of *Mexico City* and *The Russian Play*, which will be presented at ArtSpring on March 31, April 1 and 2, came to writing plays the uncomfortable way.

Enrolled as an acting student at the National Theatre School in Montreal, she was called in to see the NTS director at the end of her second year. He suggested she should consider switching to the school's writing stream.

"I was crushed," she recalled in a recent *Globe & Mail* interview. "I was so insulted. I felt he was wrong."

But switch she did, and a scant few years later she has emerged, at age 31, as one of Canada's most interesting and most praised young playwrights.

Her NTS mentor Sheldon Rosen had this to say about her in the same *Globe & Mail* profile: "Most writers have either



Hannah Moskovitch

an emotional insight into their characters or an intellectual insight. What makes Hannah special is that she has both. So she's able to create real characters in intelligent circumstances."

Moskovitch's biggest hit so far has been *East of Berlin*, a story about the son of a Nazi who falls in love with the daughter of a Holocaust victim.

At ArtSpring, Halifax's 2b theatre

company presents two of Moskovitch's shorter plays.

The *Russian Play* tells the story of a naïve young Russian girl who falls in love unwisely and gets caught up in the corruption of the Stalinist era.

Last week's *Times Colonist* praised the production, which has just finished a short run at the Belfry, as "simultaneously funny and deeply affecting."

*Mexico City*, the other half of the ArtSpring evening, is an earlier, much lighter script about a bickering Canadian couple on holiday in Mexico.

It's so refreshing to see a young playwright unafraid of tackling classical storytelling in her work, and unafraid of placing big human issues on the stage — and of course pulling it off with élan.

ArtSpring has programmed three performances of Moskovitch's plays on the expectation that local audiences will not want to miss the work of this fine young writer.

All three start at 8 p.m. and run Wednesday, March 31, and Thursday and Friday, April 1 and 2. Note that April 2 is Good Friday and the ticket centre 250-537-2102 will not be open during the day but will open an hour before the show.

### YOUNG PERFORMERS

## Gajek chosen for National Youth Orchestra of Canada

Local cellist also on Sunday concert roster

Sixteen-year-old Salt Spring cellist Rylan Gajek was recently accepted into the National Youth Orchestra of Canada for its 50th anniversary season.

The orchestra is open to any advanced musician from ages 16-28, with a live recorded audition process held in late January in major cities across Canada.

The results were announced March 15.

Among the record number of 623 applicants, only 10 cellists were selected from across the country to take part in the 90-piece orchestra, whose CD of last year's repertoire was nominated for a Juno Award.

This summer, Gajek will travel to London, Ontario, where he will endure a gruelling schedule which includes a one-week chamber music session, three weeks of intensive rehearsal with the orchestra and three weeks of touring across Canada.

He was also accepted to study at the prestigious International Morningside Music Bridge Academy in Calgary this summer, but had to make a tough decision and choose between the two.

Gajek maintains a busy schedule as principal cellist of the Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra, a member of the Gulf Islands School of the Performing Arts, and performing in competitions and concerts. He recently won first place in the Louis Sherman Concerto Competition where he performed twice in Victoria and Sidney the Haydn C Major Cello Concerto with the Victoria Chamber Orchestra.

Islanders can hear Gajek on Sunday, March 28 at a Victoria Collegium concert of young performers at ArtSpring. The concert features musicians from the Victoria Conservatory's enrichment program, playing an exciting recital of music for string quartets, piano trios, piano soloists and more. Showtime is 2:30 p.m.

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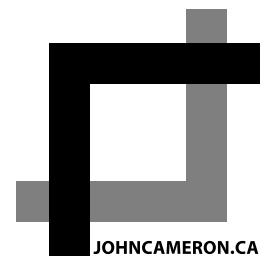
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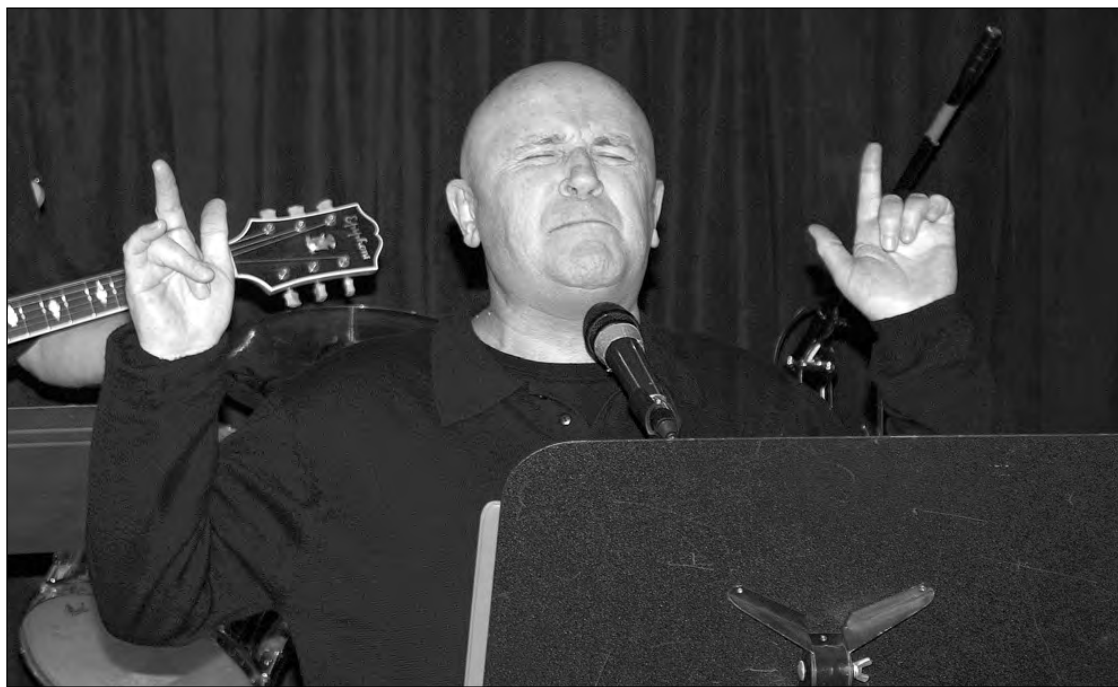


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### SOUL SOUND:

Vocalist David Hallam gets into the music as Lane 31 gets Moby's Pub hopping on Friday night.

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## ART TOUR

# Easter Art event returns with headliner Klemm

Major retrospective survey first ever

Salt Spring's Easter Art Tour returns next weekend with 40 participating galleries, special exhibits and open studios. The tour runs from Friday, April 2 until Sunday April 4, and a map can be picked up for a small donation at historic Mahon Hall.

The Easter Art Tour is sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council and organized for 2010 by Anthony Matthews and Gillian McConnell. Matthews notes the tour has grown each year since its inception when a spectacular exhibit by Diana Dean, Salt Spring's doyenne of painters, helped launch the idea for its first season.

Now in its fourth year, the tour is being put on the cultural map with Eric Klemm: 2004-2010. The major retrospective survey is the first ever for this internationally known photographic artist.

Matthews said the Easter Art Tour was born out of a response to the well-known Salt Spring Studio Tour.

"While that tour focuses on fine craft and artisan food, the Easter Art Tour's focus is on fine art, sculpture and photography. Many of the participants do not normally open their studios to the public, so this tour provides a rare understanding of how they work. While there will be finished work for sale, tour-goers will also see work in progress and be able to speak with the artists," Matthews states in a press release.

Ganges' commercial galleries are also participating locations and most will be open Sunday, a day they are usually closed at this time of year. Six alternative exhibits in cafes and bookstores are also planned.

"Art is everywhere," said Matthews. "Don't have a map? Don't worry. If you see an acid green balloon dangling by a fence post or driveway, that is the marker for an open studio."

Feature artist Eric Klemm, whose work will be exhibited at Mahon Hall throughout the weekend, has enjoyed tremendous critical success on the international level. His series Silent Warriors has won numerous awards and been exhibited worldwide. Art lovers are invited to meet Klemm and the tour participants at the wine and cheese opening reception on Saturday, April 3 from 6-9 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

Franklin, Tina Fushell, D.A. Hoskins, Harvey Meller, Jorden Morris, Bruce Monk, Brodie Stevenson, Anisa Tejpar, and Meredith Thompson. He has also performed with "blackand-blue" dance projects, Royal Winnipeg Ballet Company, Discovery Dance and for Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee.

He has also been featured in dance films, many of which have been included in film festivals across North America. Waldie's teaching experience ranges from stints with the Toronto Dance Theatre (school and company), Move: the company, the Royal City Youth Ballet, Dance Teq, Westcoast Academy of Performing Arts and many workshops across North America.

He has choreographed works throughout Canada, including for Nuit Blanche, Luminato Toronto, Series 8:08 Season Finale, At The Wrecking Ball, Full Scale Revolution, In A White Room, Milk and Honey, Orchestra Toronto, and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School.

People should register online (www.saltspringartsacademy.ca) for the March 28 academy workshops, or call 250-537-4294 for more info.

## DANCE

# Top-level dancer, instructor ready for Salt Spring students

Matt Waldie on island for workshops

Workshops from one of the hottest names in Canadian dance will be offered on Salt Spring this week for teens and adults and at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Matthew Waldie, a dancer with Vancouver's Move: the company, will lead two jazz dance workshops through the Salt Spring Arts Academy — one for ages 13 and up, and one for adults — on Sunday, March 28.

Then on Monday, March 29 Waldie will teach GISS and Gulf Islands School for the Performing Arts dance students.

Waldie, who is originally from Victoria, trained at Sinclair Academy of Performing Arts, then the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School's Professional Division Program, from which he graduated in 2003.

He performed with the Toronto Dance Theatre for six seasons, where he helped create roles in several original works.

Independently, Waldie has danced in works by Sylvie Bouchard, Zhenya Cerneacov, Miread Filgate, Kate

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## Wed. Mar. 24

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Seniors Social Afternoon.** At SS Seniors Services Society, 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
**Late French Immersion Program Info Night.** For parents and students interested in Sept. 2010 entry into the Grade 6 program at SIMS. In the SIMS library, 7 p.m.  
**Favourite Uncommon Ornamentals at Home & in the Wild.** SS Garden Club talk by Sue Milliken and Kelly Dobson at Community Gospel Chapel, 7 p.m.

## Thurs. Mar. 25

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Open Mic.** Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local, 8 p.m.  
**Blues Night.** With Soul Shakedown & Friends at Moby's, 8 p.m.  
**Mark Reeves.** Live music at the Tree House, 5 to 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Circus!** Free open house for Community Ed circus course. Hosted by Semance, Mahon Hall, 7-9 p.m.  
**Ecological Education Centre Info Night.** To gather expressions of interest in the program for middle school students. SIMS Library, 7 p.m.  
**Natural Dyes From Local Sources.** A Weavers and Spinners Guild presentation with speaker Solange Desormeaux. ArtSpring, 10:30 a.m.  
**Travel in Iceland.** SS Trail & Nature Club presentation by Barry and Sheila Spence. SS United Church lower hall, 7:30 p.m.

## Fri. Mar. 26

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Who's Under Where?** Comedy by Marcia Kash and Doug Hughes. Salt Spring Community Theatre production. Mahon Hall, 8 p.m.  
**Death of a Clown.** ITSAZOO Productions presents the play by Sebastien Archibald. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.  
**Harry Warner and Jo Lundstrom.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe, 5 to 8 p.m.  
**The Broken Strings.** Moby's Pub, 8 p.m.  
**Sue Newman and Tom Bowler.** Live music at the Harbour House Hotel, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Gulf Islands Driftwood 50th Anniversary Celebration.** Historic displays, cake, refreshments, draw for an ounce of gold (4 p.m.), prizes for best Driftwood paper costume. ArtSpring gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Zen Circle.** Weekend retreat starts tonight at the Gatehouse at 7 p.m. Info: Rowan Percy, 250-537-2831.  
**SS Water Council.** Meets at Lions Hall, 10 a.m.  
**Rollerblading.** Fulford Hall, 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Acrylic Painting - All Levels.** Three-day workshop presented by Nancy O'Toole begins. SS Painters Guild. Info/register: Maggie, 250-537-0887; margiro@mac.com  
**Intro to Ecstatic Alchemy.** Kundalini Dance. Core Inn 3rd floor, 7-9 p.m.

## Sat. Mar. 27

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Who's Under Where?** Salt Spring Community Theatre production. Mahon Hall, 2 p.m. matinee and 8 p.m.  
**Denny Mccue.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe, 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Donny Brook & The Haymakers.** Live music at Moby's, 8 p.m.  
**Hamlet - Met Opera Live in HD.** ArtSpring, 10 a.m. (Check for ticket availability in advance.)  
**Peter Taschuk.** Live music at the Harbour House Hotel, 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
**Sole Music.** Dance to The Relatives' live band at Meaden Hall. Fundraiser for the SS Dragonboat Club. Doors at 7:30 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**2012 Enlightened.** Multi-media seminar with Brad Carrigan. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool.** Open House at the school on Aldous Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Info: Clare, 250-538-8416  
**SS United Euro Challenge Cup.** Soccer tourney for U8 to U11 at Portlock Park, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Sounder Sleep Workshop.** At Cats Pajamas Studio, 1 to 4 p.m. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681; anna@bonesforever.com

## Sun. Mar. 28

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Who's Under Where?** Community Theatre play, 2 p.m. matinee.  
**Victoria Collegium.** Victoria Conservatory of Music musicians, including a guest performance by Salt Spring's Rylan Gajek on cello. ArtSpring, 2:30 p.m.  
**QuintEssential.** Live jazz at Moby's, 7 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Island Comfort Quilts Community Quilting Bee.** At the Farmers Institute, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info/volunteer: Marguerite, 250-537-5302; islandcomfortquilts@shaw.ca  
**Jazz Dance Workshops.** Presented by SS Arts Academy with Matthew Waldie. Info: 250-537-4294 or www.saltspringartsacademy.ca  
**2012 Enlightened Book Signing.** With author Brad Carrigan at Windflower Moon, 1 to 3 p.m.  
**SS United Euro Challenge Cup.** Soccer tourney for U8 to U11 at Portlock Park, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Mon. Mar. 29

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Gumboot Gala.** Annual SS Folk Club wind-up concert and fundraiser. Fulford Hall, 7 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Some Encouraging Words.** Copper Kettle fundraising book launch at Bruce's Kitchen. Refreshments, 7 p.m.  
**SSI Public Library Association.** AGM at SSI United Church lower hall, 3:30 p.m.  
**SS Voice of Women for Peace.** Recent Afghan Tea fundraiser update, national VOW 50th celebration, general meeting at 440 Old Scott Road, 1 p.m. New members welcome.

## Tues. Mar. 30

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Palliative Care Forum.** We Have Never Died Like This public forum with Katherine Murray. Lions Hall, 7 to 9 p.m.

## Wed. Mar. 31

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Mexico City & The Russian Play.** Halifax-based 2b theatre's production of two one-act plays by Canadian playwright Hannah Moscovitch. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**CA Activity.** SSI Painters' Guild Workshop with Nancy O'Toole. ArtSpring, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info/register: Maggie, 250-537-0887; margiro@mac.com

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Coming soon to The Fritz: **Alice in Wonderland** and **Greenzone**.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Point Gallery:** In the upper gallery is **The Crowd**, terra cottas by **Deborah Gainor**. Lower gallery is **Mute Traces**, an installation by **Heather Thomas**. Show closes April 10. Walk-in entrance on South Ridge Drive in Fulford. More information: 250-653-0089.
- **Margaret Briggs** has a retrospective show of her paintings at **Island Savings Credit Union** until the end of April.
- **Starfish Gallery & Studio** is featuring new work from local photographers **Gilleen Proctor, Susan Huber, Ken Ketchum, Skip Smith** and emerging artist **Anais La Rue**.
- **Expose: Alanda Nay** with **Emily McPhee** is the March exhibit at **Salt Spring Coffee Company** in Ganges.
- **The Salt Spring Painters' Guild** shows an exhibit of flowers in the **ArtSpring** lobby for the month of March.
- **J. Mitchell Gallery** — soon to be known as **Gallery 8** — has re-opened its doors in Grace Point Square with a fresh new look.
- **Cafe Talia** features native eagle masks, drums and oars by **Halukwii** from Nitinaht Lake, B.C.
- **Shari Macdonald** shows new photos at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

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## Lexus hopes green is the 'in' colour with luxury buyers

HS 250h is first dedicated hybrid in the Lexus lineup

BY LORNE DRURY  
METROLAND NEWSPAPERS  
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WINNIPEG, Man.- Lexus has expanded its hybrid lineup with the world's first hybrid-only luxury car, the 2010 HS 250h sedan.

This new sedan, based on the flagship Avenis platform from Europe, is the fourth hybrid in the Lexus fleet, but the first to be designed from the ground up as a gas-electric hybrid. It is on sale now at Canadian Lexus dealers.

According to Stephen Beatty, managing director of Toyota Canada, the HS 250h allows luxury buyers to have the best of both worlds — the luxury of a Lexus sedan combined with a green footprint.

"New luxury consumers are people that first and foremost want a luxury vehicle," said Beatty.

"But when they enjoy that experience they also want to feel good about doing their part to minimize their environmental footprint . . . by substantially reducing their luxury vehicle's fuel consumption and tailpipe emissions.

In other words, it allows luxury buyers to have their cake and eat it too.


Lexus and Toyota have been at the forefront of the hybrid market, selling more than two million hybrids worldwide (including more than 184,000 Lexus models).

They believe that hybrid is the way of the future, noting at the HS 250h introduction that luxury automakers that advocated non-hybrid alternatives to the conventional gasoline-powered vehi-




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Reisha Sarek is hoping to "cliff her ride" in a contest.

## Islander strives to 'cliff her ride'

Contest could make  
island's roads a safer place

**"My mechanic said we could  
have died."**

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A south-end resident is very close to making the island's roads a safer place for all by having her rusty old beater launched off a cliff.

In exchange for her beat-up 1991 Pontiac Firefly, organizers of the nation-wide "Cliff Your Ride" contest will give Reisha Sarek of Salt Spring a \$30,000 credit to spend on any items advertised in the weekly AutoTrader publication.

All she has to do now is win. "The idea is to convince an audience in an original and creative way why you and your beater car should be chosen as the grand-prize winner," she said.

Sarek is asking her fellow islanders to take a moment to help her beat out nearly 400 other contestants by voting for her entry at the contest's website.

While they're on the site, voters get the chance to see some of the ugliest, dirtiest and possibly most dangerous vehicles in the country.

Votes can be cast every day until the contest closes on April 9. The top 20 entries advance to the final stage and judges will choose the most creative and convincing entry on April 12.

Whereas most entries consist of short paragraphs or speeches that explain why they should be chosen,

REISHA SAREK,  
Contestant, *Cliff Your Ride*

Sarek is the only participant who put the effort into writing and performing a song for the contest.

Sarek's music video describes how a broken ball-joint on her red Firefly nearly killed her and her young daughter.

"My mechanic said we could have died," she said. "We must have had angels on our side."

The video even includes shots of her embarrassed daughter reluctantly approaching the vehicle in the parking lot at Fulford elementary, shots of a duct-taped sunroof, disintegrating muffler and rusted-out wheel wells.

Sarek said she's received strong support from friends and acquaintances on the island since entering the contest. To make sure her video is selected, however, she wants more islanders to give her an extra push over the edge.

Voters are asked to register on the site, but Sarek said people need not worry about getting burdened with privacy concerns or spam.

"It's for fairness purposes," she said. "It's completely safe."

To vote for Sarek's video, check out <http://cliffyourride.autotrader.ca>.

# ISLAND WHEELS

## Lexus launches luxury hybrid sedan

### LEXUS

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cle are now planning hybrid models.

And their research shows them that more than 60 per cent of buyers shopping in the entry luxury segment have been looking for a hybrid-powered option. In 2008, about 10 per cent of Lexus sales were hybrids, led by the RX350h where 22 per cent of the 6,221 vehicles sold were the hybrid variety.

"Entry luxury vehicle shoppers told us they would have considered a hybrid, if one had been available in the segment," said Sandy Di Felice, director Lexus in Canada.

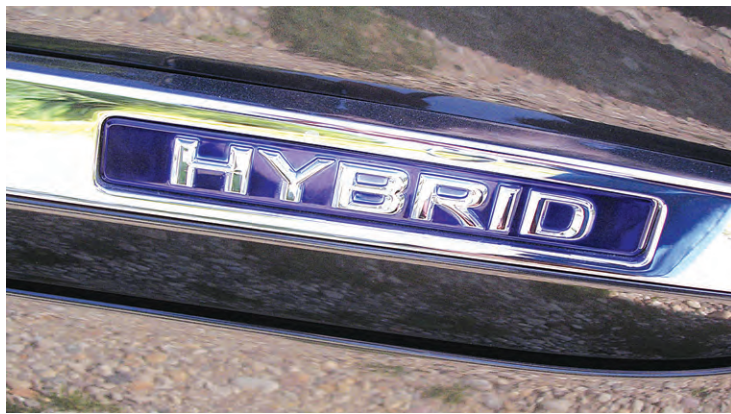
The entry luxury market is also not to be sneezed at because it accounts for about 32,000 vehicles a year.

"This one [the HS 250h] is hugely important to us," said Beatty.

"[The HS 250h] is opening up a huge slice of the luxury marketplace."

So for the consumer with an environmental conscience, the HS 250h (HS stands for "Harmonious Sedan") starts at \$39,900, \$1,000 under the entry-level Lexus ES 350 gasoline-powered sedan, but above the IS model which starts at \$33,050.

The HS has the Lexus Hybrid System featuring a 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine (the first four-cylinder in the Lexus lineup), which combined with a 141-hp drive motor produces a peak horsepower of 187. A second electric motor serves as engine starter and generator to charge



the battery pack, located in the front portion of the trunk area.

Because of this, there is no fold down rear seat or pass through, but the HS does have more luggage capacity than the full-size LS 600h and GS 450h thanks to modifications to the shape and size of the battery pack. The trunk can hold four golf bags or three suitcases, according to Lexus.

Like the dedicated hybrid Toyota Prius, the HS employs a number of "green" technologies aimed at reducing fuel consumption.

This includes three additional driving modes — Power, Eco and EV settings — that deliver a choice of efficient or performance driving in addition to the normal mode.

EV mode is electric only and can be used for short distances at low speeds.

Eco mode allows the driver to make fuel efficiency a priority, while Power mode produces heightened engine response to accelerator input. This can be

useful on mountain or winding roads.

Another feature is an exhaust heat recovery system that allows the gasoline engine to shut off four minutes earlier at -5 degrees C and results in an improvement of fuel efficiency of about 7.2 per cent.

In addition, Lexus is making extensive use of plant-based ecological plastic and extended the use of recycled plastic.

Of course, safety is also at the forefront of any Lexus offering and the HS has a class-leading 10 airbags, plus active front headrests with whiplash protection.

Helping to make the car as fuel efficient as possible is the aerodynamic exterior design, featuring a coefficient of drag of 0.27-near the top of its class. A gull wing-shaped roof panel was used to lower the profile of the vehicle to reduce air resistance, while under-floor covers are used extensively to reduce drag.

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Another neat feature is the use of infrared-cut glass in the windshield to help reduce cabin temperature and thus load on the air conditioning system.

Size-wise, the HS is 4,695 mm long, setting it about midway between the IS and ES models.

Three trim levels are offered with the base premium model (\$39,900) featuring dual zone automatic climate control, smart key system with push button start and 10-speaker audio system with Bluetooth and XM satellite radio.

The Premium Sport package (\$41,400) adds sport-tuned suspension, 18-inch aluminum alloy wheels (17-inch aluminum alloys are standard), wallet-sized smart key, heated seats, sport pedals and illuminated scuff plates.

The UltraPremium model (\$48,750) adds an impressive 15-speaker Mark Levinson Surround Sound audio system, heated and air conditioned driver's and passenger's seat, voice-activated navigation system with backup camera, rain sensing wipers and adaptive front lighting and auto leveling headlamps among other

features.

So how does it perform?

Well, it's not a car for hard core driving enthusiasts, but it does deliver on its two basic features — luxury and fuel efficiency.

Fuel economy is rated at 5.6L/100 km (50 mpg) city and 5.9L/100 km (48 mpg) highway for a combined 5.7L/100 km (50 mpg). Not bad for a mid-size luxury sedan that should top its class in fuel efficiency.

On the performance side, Lexus tells us the HS does 0-100 km/h in 8.4 seconds and that seems about right. Of course, you have to switch into Power mode to reach that target; if you stay in Eco mode you find the take-off to be somewhat subdued.

Ride and handling are good thanks to a suspension featuring MacPherson struts in the front and a double wishbone setup in the rear. The car also has ABS brakes, traction control, vehicle stability control, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist along with hill-start assist.

In short, all the bells and whistles you'd expect in an entry luxury car with the added bonus of great fuel economy and low emissions.

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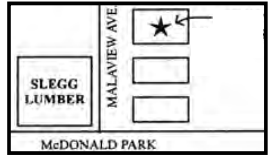
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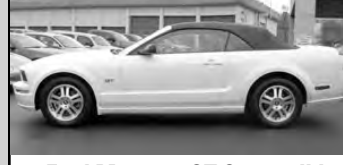
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## LECTURES

# Mysteries of 2012 illuminated

Brad Carrigan delivers multimedia presentation

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What do Hopi Indians, crop circles and the ancient Sumerians have in common? Brad Carrigan, author of the book 2012 Enlightened, will trace the connections between these and many other ideas in his upcoming lecture of the same name.

Taking place Saturday, March 27 at 8 p.m., Carrigan's multimedia presentation at ArtSpring will address a variety of topics that include Biblical revelations, Nostradamus and chemtrails, among others. The unifying thread is the major changes prophesied to occur around December 21, 2012 with the end of the Mayans' Long Calendar.

Beliefs about 2012 have gained prominence in the new age community during the last couple of decades and recently burst into mainstream popular culture with a blockbuster movie starring



Brad Carrigan is at ArtSpring this Saturday, and at a book signing at Windflower Moon on Sunday.

John Cusack. For Carrigan, however, there are very real changes afoot, which he says he's been selected to share with humanity.

During a telephone interview from his home in Vancouver, Carrigan explained that while most people associate the 2012 date with the doomsday scenario, he believes there are far greater ramifications in store than just physical disaster.

"It also represents a time of great revealing, an understanding of our current condition as well as the past, our connection to the stars and the divine," Carrigan said. "It will also be a time of great spiritual truth."

Carrigan said all

three elements are important and he will help explain how they integrate with each other.

As a practitioner and teacher of Kundalini awakening for close to 25 years (including a year's study in India), Carrigan said his meditative state has opened him to receive information and connect with the "divine light consciousness." He then expands on this information through research in "the physical realm."

"The information comes from many sources. There's a lot of good information from very credible sources," Carrigan said of his book and lecture.

Carrigan said he ref-

erences top scientific experts to back up his theories, which involve the collision of a tenth planet, Nebiru, with the Earth's orbit. This is expected to lead to a shift in the magnetic poles that will stop the Earth from rotating on its axis for days or months, and produce cataclysmic volcanic and seismic activity.

The event is not singular in history, but part of a cycle said to occur every 25,800 years with a galactic alignment. The weakening of the Earth's magnetic fields and increased solar flare activity are signs of the cycle coming to its end.

Carrigan sees one of his main tasks as presenting a wide spec-

trum of concepts and showing how they all fit together. Sacred geometry, he said, can reveal patterns in the microcosm of the cell or the macrocosm of the universe. It can also translate the messages being sent to us by aliens via crop circles, meant to help us with the transformation.

The message Carrigan believes he has been selected to share is not one of doom and disaster, in fact. He is more concerned with teaching people about how humanity's spiritual journey intersects with the coming changes.

"There's nothing to be afraid of, but we should be afraid of not having the knowledge or understanding of what's coming — because there is something happening," Carrigan said.

"The spiritual side is very important. There's an abiding connection. We're all connected to this light consciousness.

"Surviving all this transformation starts within. It's about our pure connection — letting go of ego, letting ourselves really feel, because then we'll let ourselves be guided."

Following Saturday night's seminar, Carrigan will appear for a book signing at Windflower Moon on Sunday, March 28 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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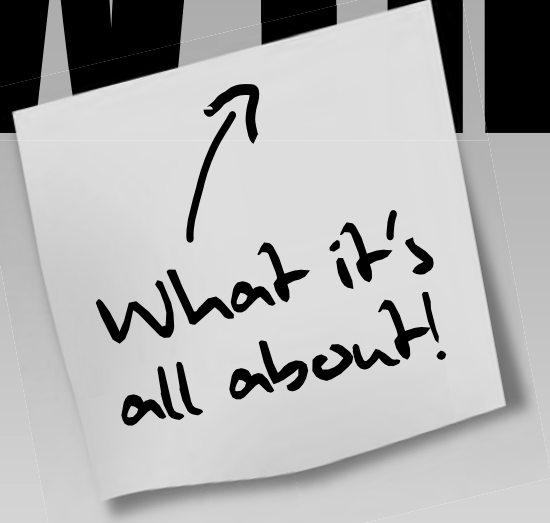
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# PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

## CONSERVATION

# Seabird conservation focus of events

Protection of Mitlenatch Island is aim of talk, auction

BY DAVID DENNING  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Mitlenatch Island is the subject of a special multimedia presentation on Saturday, April 3 at Lions Hall.

Along with the presentation will be a fantastic art and book auction featuring works by Robert Bateman, Mark Hobson, Peggy Sowden, Rob Butler, Donald Gunn, Brian Buckrell, Diana Thompson, Alison Watt, Sue Wheeler and Briony Penn.

Mitlenatch is one-fiftieth the size of Salt Spring, but it is loaded with squawking residents who actually become frightened at the sight of tourists. These residents are seabirds, found in such numbers that the island is known as the largest seabird colony in Georgia Strait.

Located about 17 kilometres south of Campbell River, Mitlenatch is a common stop for boaters, most of whom are unaware of its ecological significance. In fact, this 330-hectare island provides nest-

ing grounds for eagles, crows, 6,000 gulls, 1,000 cormorants, oystercatchers and 600 pigeon guillemots, as well as nurseries for harbour seals and river otters. Although about half the island is a provincial park, diminishing budgets have prevented BC Parks from staffing the island and protecting its sensitive wildlife values.

Enter the Mitlenatch Volunteer Naturalists, a group of B.C. residents including several Salt Spring islanders. Coordinated by BC Parks, these volunteers spend time every summer living on the island and looking after its sensitive wildlife. In the words of Salt Spring resident volunteer Daphne Taylor, "we champion, care for, watch over, and defend the island."

Taylor spends a week or more there each summer maintaining the park, and generally helping to protect this important heritage.

"Without the volunteer naturalists," Taylor says, "the island's wildlife would quickly be destroyed by uninformed or careless visitors."

Taylor and several naturalist colleagues have organized the April 3 event to inform

and excite Salt Spring residents about this natural heritage and to raise money to support the volunteer work.

"We hope to raise between \$7,000 and \$10,000 toward new signs, cabin improvements, and to print a new book about the island," she said.

The presentation, which begins at 7 p.m., will feature naturalist, artist and writer Alison Watt and noted bird biologist and author Rob Butler. Watt has been visiting Mitlenatch Island for over 20 years. She will share her own as well as other wardens' photos, sketches and stories from summers past.

Butler is the coordinator of the B.C. Breeding Atlas project, and is adjunct professor of bird studies with the Pacific Wildlife Research Centre. He is author of The Jade Coast and dozens of scientific papers on bird biology. His talk will focus on the significance of Mitlenatch as a bird-breeding habitat.

For anyone who loves wildlife as well as wildlife art and writing, the presentation and the auction that precedes it (doors open at the Lions Hall at 6 p.m.) offer a unique opportunity.

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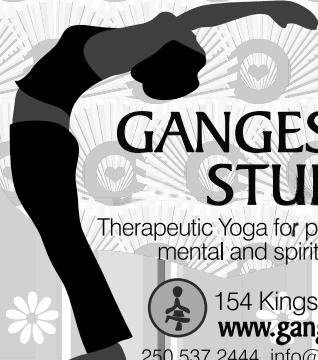
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BRIDGE TRICKS

Players survive Ides of March

BY JILL EVANS  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Flo and George Laundry would like to thank . . . oh wait, the Oscars were the night before. This was March 8, and there was no golden statue for them as winners among the five full tables of duplicate bridge players. Runners-up were Prem Margolese and Paul Retallack, with Gisela Welsh and Blanche Poborsa next in line. Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas were fourth

March 15, and the Ides of March were come, along with six full tables for bridge. There were worthy cogitations by the Laundrys, again winning their kingly crown, but shrewd contrivers Charles Kahn and Judy Norget were second, with third place going to Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette and fourth to Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder. For info about Monday night duplicate and into what dangers it would lead you, just contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorate@shaw.ca.



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**FINE FRIENDS:** Christianna Bachman was spotted last week with her new Australian sheepdog puppy — as yet unnamed.

PERSONAL HEALTH

Course offers arthritis sufferers coping skills

Pre-registration required for six-Tuesday program

A six-session course for people with arthritis is being offered on Salt Spring in April.

The much-acclaimed Arthritis Self-Management Program begins on Tuesday, April 6, running from 2 to 4 p.m. on the same day each week at Mead-

owbrook seniors residence on Atkins Road.

The program provides information and skills to people who need to manage their arthritis and helps them create action plans to cope with pain.

The \$25 cost includes a manual called The Arthritis Handbook. Family members or friends may also attend at a cost of \$10 (although they don't receive a manual).

Space is limited and the course is almost full. To register for the course, put on by Community Wellness Programs, call 250-537-4607. Pre-registration is required.

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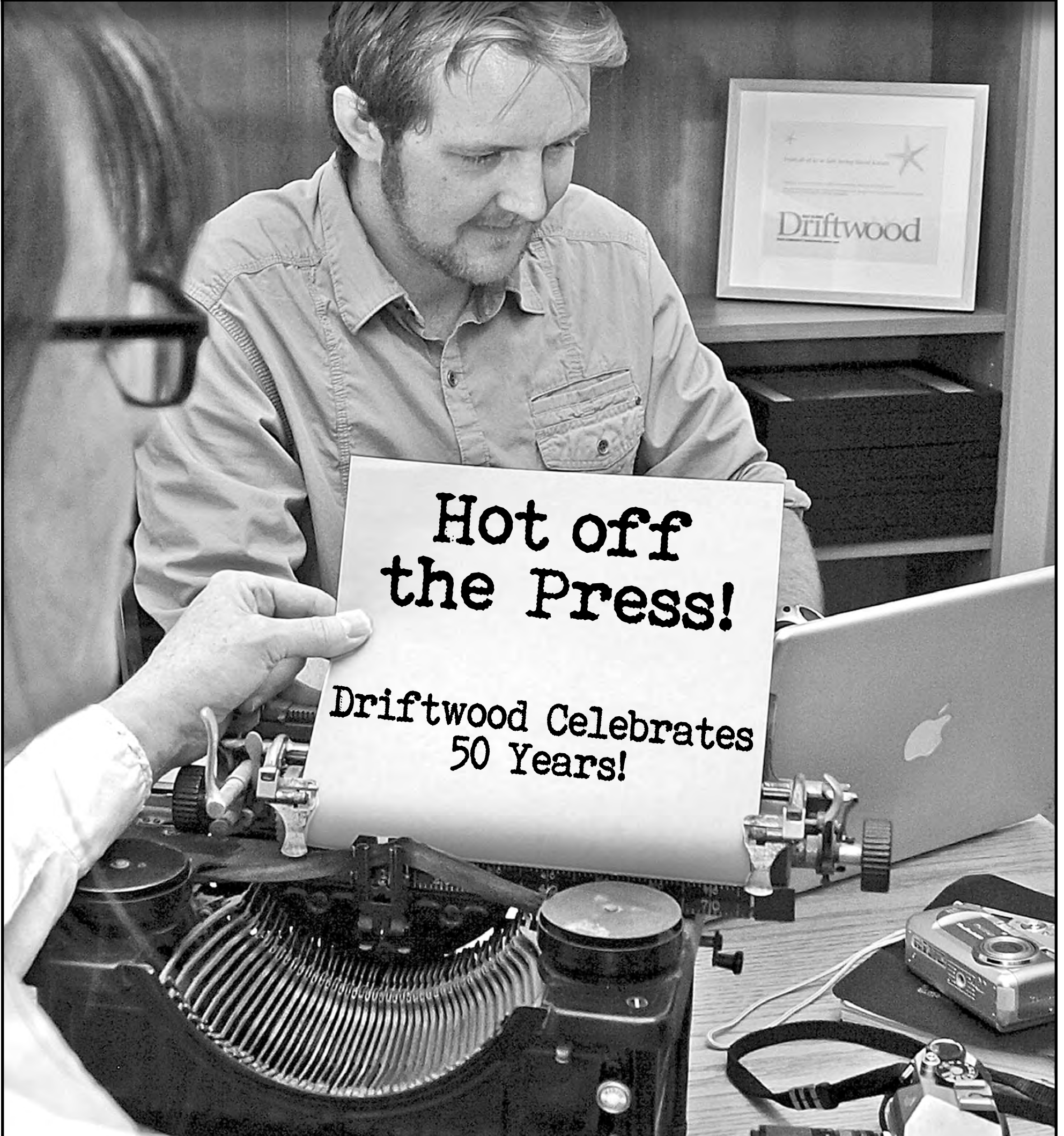
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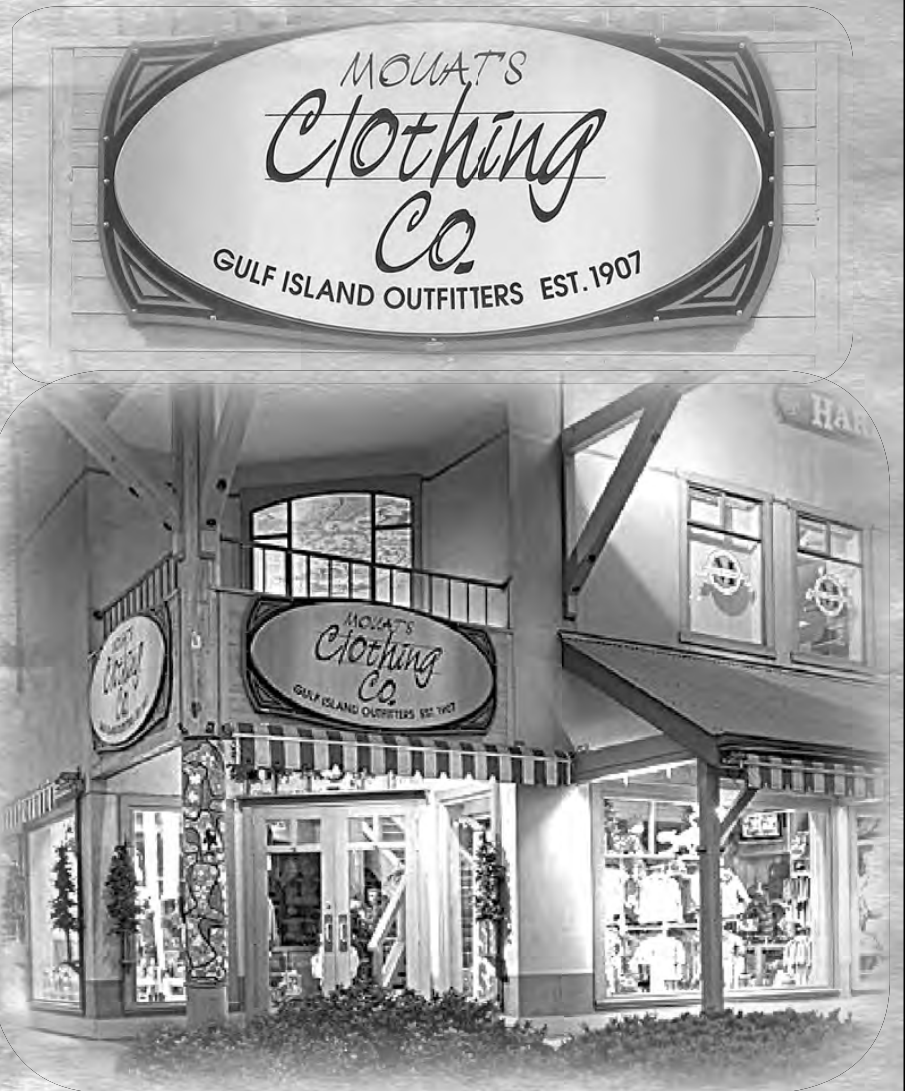


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# On 50 years of the Driftwood . . . .

**O**ver the course of nearly 30 years in the community newspaper business, I have witnessed a lot of successes and a few failures.

What made the successes, and what contributed to the failures, have always been interesting questions, chiefly because I feared that one day I would find myself in the latter category if I didn't keep my wits about me.

Today, on the 50th anniversary of the Gulf Islands Driftwood, is a good day to share with readers my discovery that a great number of newspapers — and many other business enterprises besides — have achieved great success through simple shithouse luck.

I was pleased to discover recently that I'm not alone in having arrived at this conclusion. In his book *The Outliers*, published two years ago, Malcolm Gladwell relates the series of coincidences and random opportunities that led to the success of Bill Gates, the Beatles, successful hockey players and many others.

**From founder Woody Fisher, to James and Arlene Ward, to my family, the Driftwood's owners have strived to build and maintain credibility in the community it serves.**

They were in the right place at the right time, or born at the right time, or descended from a particular part of the world that gave them a particular advantage over others.

But having said all that, I can say with confidence that a newspaper, to be successful and reach the enviable age of 50 years, must also adhere to three basic principles. It must demonstrate over time its determination to be accurate, fair and objective in its coverage of the news.

No newspaper, the Driftwood included, can ever say that it has unfailingly met all three principles. But if it makes



every effort to do so, and admits its faults when it does not, it stands a reasonable chance of success. Luck and auspicious series of events certainly play a role, but stability and longevity require a little more.

In my opinion, it is the adherence to those principles that will over time build a newspaper's greatest asset, its credibility. Without credibility a newspaper has nothing. From founder Woody Fisher, to James and Arlene Ward, to my family, the Driftwood's owners have strived to build and maintain credibility in the community it serves.

The task has been made less difficult by two important factors. The Gulf Islands have long been populated by a well-educated demographic.

Well-educated people are more interested in their community, and more likely to become involved in its social affairs and governance, than otherwise.

They are also more likely as a result to read their local

newspaper. It is one of those factors of chance that the Driftwood has been blessed with a readership that has often been the envy of other newspapers serving communities of a similar size.

The second factor is in the calibre of those who have chosen to make the Driftwood office their second home. The dedication of our staff over many years has been integral to the goal of building credibility.

The evidence of their suitability to the task can be seen in the countless awards they have garnered over the years at provincial, national and even international levels of competition among newspapers of similar circulation size.

From news and editorial writing to photography to creative design and sales initiatives, this newspaper's staff have made a name for themselves among their peers in the craft.

The same can be said of their collective efforts. Year after year the same award-winning journalists, photographers, design people and sales and administrative staff have succeeded in claiming highly coveted awards for general excellence at provincial and national levels of competition, and continue to do so to this day.

Can a newspaper ask for anything more in its quest for success?

Yes, it must actively seek and work for the support of its readership and its advertisers. Without you, we are nothing.

We are grateful that readers and advertisers have stuck with us for so long. There are both readers and advertisers who have supported us since the first issue of the paper landed in Salt Spring mailboxes in March 1960, and are still on our mailing list, or whose advertisements continue to be seen each week.

The formula is simple, and is based on neither luck nor coincidence: we present a credible news package every week and in so doing deliver to advertisers the audience they wish to reach.

We have seen many changes in 50 years, notably in technology that permits us to do more, and do it better.

The changes in the next 50 will likely be even greater as we shift to different ways of delivering the news. But the principles will remain unchanged, as will our commitment to serving the Gulf Islands community.

TONY RICHARDS  
*Managing Director  
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## To Driftwood staff and family

**Gail Sjuberg** (for overall organization, 20 years' worth of overtime, and the 1960s and '70s), **Susan Lundy** (for the 1980s and warrior-like design work), **Sean McIntyre** (for the '90s), **Amy Geddes** (for the 2000s and production magic), **Peter McCully** (for keeping us on track), **Lorraine Sullivan** (for production department steadiness and design), **Chloe Sjuberg** (proofreader extraordinaire), **Michelle Sullivan** (for invaluable early note-taking), **Tony Richards** (for inspiration and memory-sharing), and **Tao Kimball** and **Jason Matthews** for their recollections too. Thanks to everyone else at the Driftwood who so willingly pitched in to help in some way — **Kaye Segee**, **Erin Jory**, **Elizabeth Nolan**, **Eva Kuhn**, **Claudia French**, **Dennis Parker**, **Derrick Lundy**, **John Cameron**. Thanks as well to our stellar sales reps on this project: **Rick MacKinnon**, **Kim Young**, **Karen Hepp** and **Sharon Glynn** — and to the advertisers, of course!

# About this publication . . . .

We at the Driftwood have had the year 2010 on our radar for a couple of years and looked forward to the chance to highlight 50 years of news coverage in the Gulf Islands.

In our early planning discussions we had a vague idea of how we might approach the task, but it wasn't until we actually started going through the first of some 2,500 newspapers that we became almost giddy at the richness of the material we had to work with.

Knowing it was impossible to create a comprehensive 50-year Gulf Islands history, we decided to view each year-page as a "snapshot" of some kind, which is what our newspaper in fact creates on a weekly basis.

Sometimes we summarized a multi-year story, or focused on one theme, or let a single reprinted page speak for itself.

We've provided a "top news" column for each year, but often included items that denoted the cultural times, or irresistible quirky things, rather than straight headline news — especially when the big news of the week was sim-



ply chapter 21 in a 50-chapter story.

So many interesting articles, events and both group and individual names could not be included, and it was heartbreaking to see what wouldn't make the final cut, simply for space reasons.

But the decisions we made were of the same kind we have to make every week — often quite arbitrary, based on

available space and always under the pressure to meet an ultimate deadline.

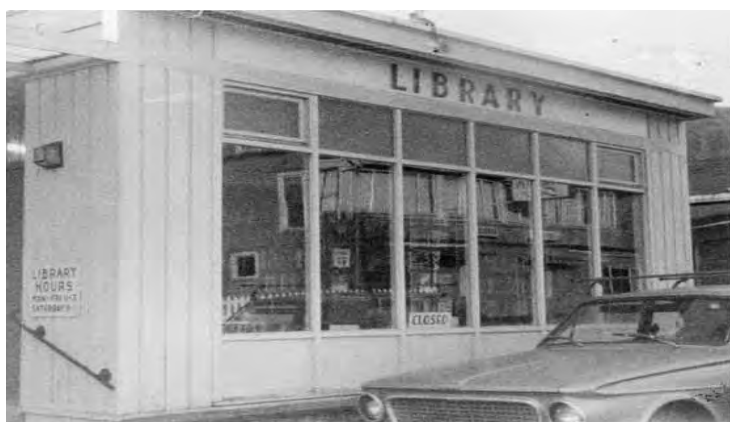
Some material or explanations were researched and written by staff specifically for the page, while other pieces are articles or part-articles, photos or ads scanned directly from newspapers. Often the items are there to give readers a sense of the issue, writing or graphic style, or the times, and are therefore not always complete.

Because of the non-uniform presentation, you'll have to sometimes read carefully to determine what was written now versus then, but taking your time will be worth it.

I hope you have as much fun reading this *Hot off the Press – 50 Years of Community Supplement* as we have had in creating it, and find yourself warmly reminded of why you've chosen to live and stay on the islands — whether you arrived last year, in the last 50 years or have family roots that go back even farther.

GAIL SJUBERG  
*Driftwood Editor*

## The SSI Public Library AND the Gulf Islands Driftwood



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MARY HAWKINS

# The Gulf Islands Driftwood: the who, the where and the when

The first edition of the Salt Spring Driftwood newspaper landed on island shores on Thursday, March 24, 2010, at the hands of editor-publisher-owner E.V. (Woody) Fisher and his wife Barbara (Bobbie) Fisher. The Fishers were from Kansas, but had lived on some of the smaller Gulf Islands since the late 1950s before choosing Salt Spring and the newspapering life.

Issue #1 of the Driftwood consisted of five double-sided, legal-sized gestetnered and stapled pages, and was delivered free to all residents on the island.

The first Driftwood logo was a pen and ink drawing done by Kay Lynen, who lived at Duck Bay.

From the early days, the Driftwood contained all the elements of any modern newspaper: hard news stories, more trivial tidbits, controversy, sports, entertainment news, letters to the editor and advertisements. Just the photos were missing, but only for a couple of years.

In 1962 a switch was made to offset printing, which enabled the reprinting of photographs on occasion and an easier process for the publisher.

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In 1963, the Fishers sold the paper to Jim and Arlene Ward. Arlene was already a staffer and knew what she was in for when she became the publisher. The major change during that time was purchase of the Gulf Islander, based on Galiano, from Jean Lockwood, and an expansion of the coverage area. The change was reflected in the paper's new name: the Gulf Islands Driftwood. The Wards ran the venture until selling it to Frank and Barbara Richards in January, 1967.

Frank Richards had been with the Sidney Review for 17 years and its editor for the previous 10. Barbara was a registered nurse but embraced her new business and an active life on Salt Spring until her death in 1987.

All three of their children — Jill, Tony and Valerie — were involved in the paper at various times, with Tony becoming as hooked on the business as his father had been. Tony and his wife Alice took over the paper from Frank and Barbara in 1979, although Frank remains the president of Driftwood Publishing Ltd. to this day and continued to write and contribute until 2003.

And while Tony retired from day-to-day involvement with the paper in 2004, he is still the company's managing director and keeps in regular contact with the staff and operation.

Both Frank and Tony have served on the boards of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association and the Canadian Community Newspaper Association, and both are recipients of the Eric Dunning



Driftwood owners have been: (top) Woody and Barbara Fisher; (above) Barbara and Frank Richards; (below) Tony and Alice Richards at the Driftwood's 25th anniversary party in 1985 (with Les Ramsey, wearing a wig and playing a judge in a funny skit); (below right) Jim and Arlene Ward.



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Integrity Award from the BCYCA. The paper's first office was part of a stationery store and book store located at the bottom of Ganges Hill. When more room was needed for the expanding operation in the 1970s, the Driftwood moved to Walter Carlson's sheet metal building on McPhillips Avenue. The paper's masthead cheekily described its address as "at the end of the yellow dirt road behind the Government Liquor Store," which was then on Jackson Avenue.

The next move was to a "quaint" house across from Salt Spring Elementary on Rainbow Road — the spot is now a parking lot — in May of 1980, and from there to the former Salt Spring Lands building (that had been moved next to Harbour's End Marine on Upper Ganges Road) in October of 1987.

In March of 1994 the operation went uptown to its current and comparatively palatial quarters in Upper Ganges Centre, next to the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary's Thrift Shop.


There's of course much more to the history of the Driftwood, but as it parallels the changes in our community in the past 50 years, we'll let the story unfold naturally in the following pages.



## Congratulations

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The motto of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club is "We Serve". Having just celebrated our own 50th Anniversary we know what an achievement it is. We would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to you for your many years of excellent service to the community.

For 50 years we have enjoyed our working relationship with you and wish you continued success for (at least) another fifty years. We truly appreciate the partnership and look forward to celebrating many more achievements in the years to come.



### OUR HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1959 1st Charter night at Mahon Hall, sponsored by the Victoria Lions Club;
- 1967 Pioneer Village finished, 1979 major reno's;
- 1960's First Ambulance service for the Island;
- 1974 Club purchases 10 acres of Millner property at Central for \$40,000.
- 1976 Tennis courts open. 1977 Officially named Portlock Park, after Thomas Portlock, then president of the club. Thomas Portlock died Sept 17 1976;
- 1977 Donate van to Lady Minto Hospital;
- 1980 1st telephone directory;
- 1982 Portlock Park – official opening;
- 1982 Microbiology lab donation to Lady Minto Hospital;
- 1984 Donated new bus for excursions Lady Minto hospital and Greenwoods, process of building Croftonbrook;
- 1995 Hart Bradley Hall completed. Grand opening Oct 26;
- 2004 Donated bus for Greenwoods;
- 2005 Kanaka Road Skate Park;
- 2008 Handicap lift for new swimming pool
- 2008 Flashing light crosswalk;
- 2009 Lions (Bus Shelter), next to Visitor's Information/Chamber of Commerce;
- 2009 Portlock Park playground installed

# 1960 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## First issue of the Driftwood makes a splash

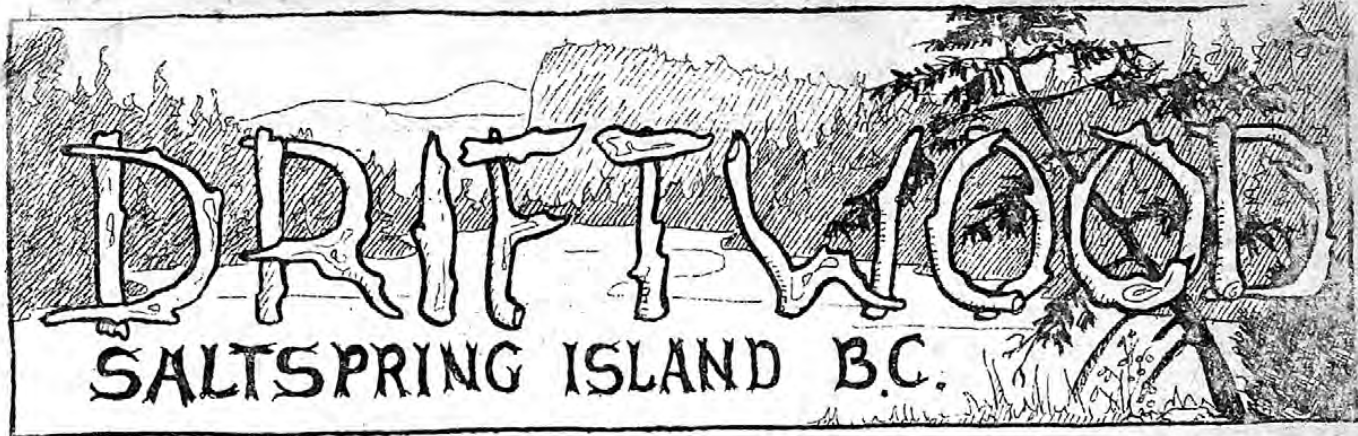
This is the first front page of the Driftwood, which would be published every Thursday on Salt Spring Island until the paper switched to a Wednesday publication day on June 5, 1974.

The "direct" writing style of editor Woody Fisher was a hallmark of the paper

and the times. The following page contains another example of Fisher's writing with an excerpt from a Facts, Fables and Foibles column.

Miss Bea Hamilton, who was the Fulford and Beaver Point correspondent and invaluable staff member right from

the paper's beginning until her death in February of 1973, also had an inimitable style. It is well-illustrated by her story about the discovery of a skeleton on the Olsons' property, also printed on the 1961 page along with some advertisements from that issue.



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### A NEWSPAPER FOR SALTSRING!

#### FULFORD FIRE TRUCK BEATS GANGES' TRUCK TO FIRE AT ST. MARY LAKE!

It looks like the old smoke-eater, ex-chief D. Goodman, got a little tired of waiting to see how the fire department worked without him. On March 11th, he built such a good fire in the fireplace, a chimney fire started. In a matter of minutes the fire truck was there, but the fire was out upon their arrival. Either the fire just upped and died from fright when the siren blew, or "Goody" knows more about getting a fire stopped than started. Mr. Goodman was impressed by the Fire Department's efficiency.

The report of a chimney fire at the Miles Acheson home, Sunday, March 13th, got more than the usual fine action of the Ganges Fire Department. Upon the alarm, two engines went racing to the scene, with the Fulford fire truck leading the way.

It so happened that both fire trucks were in Ganges for a practice session and the Fulford truck was in a better position for a flying start.

The fire department reports no damage caused by the fire.

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Today you are reading the first issue of DRIFTWOOD, a weekly newspaper, to be published every Thursday at Ganges. DRIFTWOOD will be delivered through the mails to every home on Salt Spring Island. It will be free.

We hope for three things: that you will like DRIFTWOOD, that we improve with each successive issue, and that we can be of service to Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands.

Our policies will be based upon our love for the Gulf Islands. We feel there is no finer place in the world than these enchanting islands. Five years ago we came to the Gulf Islands to spend a month. We are still here, hopelessly trapped by the magic spell of these islands.

We promise never to use DRIFTWOOD as a "privileged pulpit". We will attempt, at all times, to show both sides of a controversy equally and fairly. Our paper will always be open to anyone with something pertinent to say.

Providing we have the space we will print all "Letters-to-the-Editor", whether brick-bats or

#### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED AT VESUVIUS

March 16 - - Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Duke, well-known residents of Salt Spring Island, were honoured on the occasion of their golden wedding at an afternoon party given by their Vesuvius Bay friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Sharland.

The table, at which Mrs. R.T. Britton, Mrs. Gavin Mouat, Mrs. G.H. Holmes and Mrs. H.C. Giegerich poured tea, was centered with a large silver bowl filled with white carnations, yellow tulips, yellow freesias and mimosa, flanked by six golden candles in matching silver holders. The three-tier wedding cake was surmounted with yellow roses

### TOP STORIES

In March, **McGill's Bakery** was sold to Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bradley and Mr. Robert Taylor, all of Ganges. The bakery was first started in 1939 but ceased operations when Mr. McGill went to war. Upon his return he reactivated the bakery at the old Ganges Inn, and in 1958 moved it to the bottom of Ganges Hill.

The **Ganges RCMP boat** was called into action on April 5 when an aircraft turned over in very choppy seas at Shingle Bay, near Port Washington. The Vancouver pilot and his passenger managed to reach shore on Pender Island. The police were aided by Darryl Georgeson, owner of the boat Sophia.

The net taxable value of land and improvements in the **Gulf Islands School District** in 1960 was \$8.550 million. In 2008 that number was \$8.542 billion.

The Department of Public Works **relinquished its rights to the foreshore area** of the bay above the White Elephant property in Ganges, clearing the way for the proposed fill to accommodate a new fire hall in Ganges.

The **body of Jimmy Grosart** was found at the bottom of a cliff off Mount Maxwell on June 19 after a three-day search. RCMP Const. H. Bonner was commended for his leadership in the effort. Grosart was a Fulford postmaster, and insurance and real estate salesman.

**Salt Spring Island High School's track team**, coached by Jim Wickens, won the Sooke-Saanich-Salt Spring district track and field meet at Victoria High School on May 28.

The **Sidney-Tsawwassen ferry service** came into being on June 15.

The **Rod & Gun Club** agreed to purchase four acres of the Vic Jackson property on Scott Road for \$400 for use as a club shooting range for the group's 82 members.

The **Ganges Boat Yard** held its grand opening on July 2.

Children were **warned to stay out of Swan-son's Pond** in August because it was heavily infested with swimmer's itch.

Mrs. Ernie Booth and Mrs. Harry Bonner quietly spent a day at **Vesuvius Beach cleaning up** all the trash.

**Prior Park on North Pender Island** was being developed by the government, which had received the donated land from Mrs. F.L. Prior three years earlier.

**Capt. George A. Maude**, sr. capt. of the Gulf Islands Ferry Company, was honoured on Sept. 30 with a dock-side presentation at Ganges on the occasion of his 30th anniversary as skipper on the ferries in this area.

The **Salt Spring Lions Club** celebrated its first birthday on Oct. 21 with a cocktail party at the Legion Hall and a dinner meeting at the United Church. President Hart Bradley officiated and received the club mascot, a goat named Hilda dressed in pink net shawl and pink panties, from member Harold Hoffman.

**SALT SPRING ISLAND ARCHIVES**  
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# 1961 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

More than 100 people attended a meeting at Fulford Hall on Jan. 18 to learn about the **B.C. government's Community Recreational Program** that provided some funding for community-wide recreation programs.

**Morry Akerman won the 85-lb. division**, the trophy for Best Left Hand and the Most Likely Prospect award at the 11th Annual Emerald Gloves boxing card held at Vancouver College in January. The SSI Boxing Club also earned the Best Small Club trophy. Nearly 400 people turned out to watch a boxing card at Fulford Hall on Feb. 4.

Eleven people attended the **first annual meeting of the SSI Fire Protection District**: five trustees, fire firemen and insurance rep Slim Thorburn.

**Golf club founders** were seeking minimum \$50 subscriptions for a trust fund to buy the golf course property for \$20,000 and create a golf and country club. The campaign was successful by the summertime.

A **tourist information centre** was established in March by Mr. W.T.D. Jones at the Gulf Island Florist's office in Ganges.

**Mr. and Mrs. Dave Maxwell** of Fulford celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on April 13. Both Dave Maxwell and Clara Trage were born on Salt Spring.

**South Salt Spring ratepayers** were protesting a Gulf Islands School Board motion to amalgamate the South SSI Voting District with the rest of the island, thereby eliminating the exclusive rep for the south end among Salt Spring's five trustees. Of the island's 640 voters, 298 were from the north end and 277 from the south. Much rancour followed, with south island trustee Doug Dane resigning from the board.

The provincial government, which had established the B.C. Toll Authority Ferry System (BC Ferries) in 1960, bought the **Gulf Islands Ferry Co., Ltd.**, formed by islanders Gavin C. Mouat, Des Crofton, Capt. Geo. Maude and Joe Lautman 10 years earlier. Its ships were the Motor Princess, the Cy Peck and the Geo. S. Pearson.

**Mouat Park** was officially opened on Sept. 8 before a crowd of more than 500 people.

**Commuter tickets** were brought in for Gulf Islands ferry travellers. The basic rate for cars, not including the driver, was \$1.25 between Fulford-Swartz Bay and Vesuvius-Crofton, and any two of the following ports: Ganges, Galiano, Mayne, Saturna and Pender. Commuter tickets reduced the \$1.25 price to 75 cents. Passenger cost was 50 cents per trip but 10 for \$2.50 with the tickets.

Salt Spring businessman and farmer **Gavin C. Mouat died** on Nov. 26 at Veterans' Hospital in Victoria.

A **ferry terminal was proposed for Long Harbour** to enact a direct, no-stop service to Tsawwassen, with feeder ferries from the other islands to Long Harbour.

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### SHELL SERVICE

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**ANYONE LOST A SKELETON?** by Bea Hamilton...  
...Poor old Bones-the RCMP officer came and took him away on Sunday, and he had'nt done anything but just lie in his grave for maybe a hundred years, more or less. He could'nt possibly have done anything wrong. But there he lay a-grinning and a-grinning at Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Olson, when they unearthed him during the Spring gardening at their Beaver Point home. He was such a nice skeleton. Such lovely tooth, especially the lower ones- they were perfect, anyway, he turned up on Saturday morning as Mr. Olson was digging - and what a turn he gave Rudy Olson! And all it (the skeleton) did was grin at being found. How did he know they would turn him in? But that's what happened-and now poor old bones will most likely end up in the Victoria Museum. Wonder if he was an Indian Chief? Maybe he was a white man? It's too late now, but I'll bet he'd have "turned over in his grave" if he had known what was going to happen. But there he went-rattling along that stoney old Beaver Point road in a "Fire Wagon" - most likely his first ride in a car-too bad he was'nt there to enjoy it-(or was he? Ugh!) Well, all I can say is, they had better treat the old bones well-Indians don't like being disturbed from their graves! There are many skeletons to be found in the gardens around coastal areas, but they are not always in such fine condition as Mr. Olson's "Mr. Bones". He was about 5 ft. 7 ins. of lovely skeleton-perfect from head to heels. Usually they get broken up with the ploughing or digging so they get left where they were first put-with a pat and a "Bless you, old thing," and maybe a daisy or some plant to mark their grave. Can't do that in a Museum but at least there will be Indian relics and curios so maybe he'll feel at home there...and Mrs. Olson-she didn't sound the least bit disurbed about it all. In fact, no one seemed disturbed-except the Skeleton, of course, and he had no voice in the matter. Mr. & Mrs. R. Olson live on property that used to belong to the Don Frasers, and they have been there about two years, "and love it," says Mrs. Olson, ready for anything that turns up, in the garden or out of it.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

One of our young retired citizens got a new punching bag when he passed 85 years of age because he had worn the old one completely out.

We have a beautiful two-bedroom water-front home close in to Ganges and the riding lawn mower and all furniture - everything but a punching bag - is included for \$15,500.00




**CHARLES R. HOREL**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Wills - Mortgages  
Conveyancing - Documents  
PHONE: 52

## FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.....

The Post Office got a real blast last Wed. The concussion from the rock-blowing going on across the street, blew out a window, stopped the clock and jammed their safe...  
...What is likely to be known in Legion history as "The Battle of The Group Captains" occurred Monday night at the Legion Hall when Eric Dipple and Togy Layard clashed in a stupendous game of darts, with neither one being declared the winner. At one time the action was so furious that several members enjoying a quiet game of Five Hundred had to move their table into the vestibule to escape the flying darts. The dart board was unharmed...  
...Hilda, the goat, the mascot of the S.S.I. Lions was brought upon the stage to take a bow,

after the show last Sat. night. She promptly started to eat the grass skirt off one of the liula dancers. Hilda was hauled away in the nick of time... Signs Dept: On Scott Road (of all places) there is a new little shed. For the tourists who still think we are so rustic that indoor plumbing is unknown the owner has chalked on the door, "No lady, this is a PUMP house... Jonesy of the G.I. Florists has a hot water bottle hanging with the sign "Our plants get the best of care"... A spy of ours has reported seeing a lady pushing a pram in Ganges with the sign on the pram saying, "Victoria Sporting Goods Rental"... One man's description of S.S.I. is "Sin, gin and raffie tickets".....

Found in the 'some things never change' department, Jan. 12, 1961:  
A decrease in travel will follow any increase in fares in the Gulf Islands ferry service, Gavin C. Mouat, president, Gulf Islands Ferry Co. (1951) said Monday.  
He appealed to Premier Bennett to stop the proposed 25 per cent fare increase designed to place the ferry service on a better economic footing. Ferries, he said, are "an extension of the highway system" and as such need not be operated for profit.  
"If our department of highways had to be operated on a profit basis, I'm sure we'd have no highways worthy of the name."  
Cuts in the service were ordered Jan. 3.  
Mr. Mouat said, "It is now suggested that by increasing rates more revenue will result and we can again increase the service to the frequency that is needed. I cannot agree with this line of thought."




## Protecting the Island for as long as you've been writing about it!

### Happy 50th Driftwood!

from the

## SALT SPRING FIRE RESCUE



# 1962 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY



The scene at the head of Ganges Harbour, following a storm. The logs were from a boom owned by Armand Quesnel. This was the first paper to use a new offset printing process

While we had it in mind to use the entire front page of this experimental issue of DRIFTWOOD to tell you about "offset" printing, Typhoon Freida has usurped this space and we hope that the pictures of some of her destruction will give an indication of what we are trying to do.

What must rate as one of the worst storms to hit this area in all time, was an honest-to-goodness typhoon bred, born and raised in the Far Pacific. The "preview" blow on Thursday night was strong enough to rate as a nasty little gale, but compared to Friday night's buster, it was just a zephyr.

The Friday night storm was preceded by a deceptive calm, a very low bar-  
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## TOP STORIES

**The purchase of more than 3,000 acres of Crown forest land on Salt Spring by a German prince hit the news on Jan. 11. The purchase by Prinz Johannes von Thurn und Taxis gave him the second-biggest holding on the island, next to the 5,000 acres owned by MacMillan Bloedel. Purchase price was \$500,000.**

**Fulford residents expressed concerns in February about a suggestion for a south-island ferry terminal being established at Isabella Point.**

**The Salt Spring Salties won their first game in the Duncan & District Softball Association, defeating the Duncan Moose 16-7. Tom McIntyre and Al Seaboyer hit home runs, while Ted Akerman and Laurie Hedger pitched for the local boys.**

**Salt Spring Islanders were incensed with rising school costs, paid through property taxes. "Our assessments have increased 60 per cent, our mill rate 74 per cent while our school budget has only gone up 30 per cent since 1958. During that period the [provincial] government grant has decreased from 69 per cent to 19.5 per cent," noted a letter from Chamber of Commerce president C.R. Horel.**

**Miss Nancy Reynolds was crowned May Queen at the annual Victoria Day Celebration held in Ganges and sponsored by the Fulford Hall Committee. Of note was a float from some teenagers who had elected Norman Twa as their "May King."**

**Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rogers, who took up a homestead on 800 acres in the Cranberry area in 1902, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 14.**

**The Gulf Islands voted Conservative in the June 15 federal election, while NDP candidate Colin Cameron won the Nanaimo-Cowichan-the Islands riding. A minority Conservative government led by John Diefenbaker was the nation-wide result.**

**Montague Marina Park on Galiano was officially opened on June 30 by the Hon. Earle C. Westwood, B.C.'s Minister of Recreation and Conservation and local MLA.**

**Isabella Point Road was for the first time surfaced with a black mixture called a flush coat on June 6.**

**On Aug. 11, nearly 700 people came out to watch Saanich band members race war canoes on Bullock Lake, with dances, food and a sports event taking place at Lakeridge Camp.**

**Gulf Islands voters rejected a proposed new auditorium-gymnasium and science room for Salt Spring Island's school in an Oct. 5 referendum.**

**A new school board office and health centre was opened on the school grounds in November. Grant Cruickshank had won the contract with a low bid of \$17,955.**

**Guard rails were installed in look-out areas on Mount Maxwell.**

## The way it was . . . in 1962

Duncan Hepburn is now a retired professional project manager living on Beaver Point Road with his wife Emily Hepburn, but he grew up on Salt Spring Island and graduated from high school here in 1961. His mother was long-time island teacher Florence Hepburn and his father Arthur was a telephone lineman.

When Duncan was in high school he wrote a weekly school news column for the Sidney Review, and Driftwood founder Woody Fisher offered him part-time work soon after starting the paper at the office at the bottom of Ganges Hill.

"The job was Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school, plus Saturdays," recalls Duncan. "On publication day, Wednesday was until as late as necessary. I got 50 cents an hour!"

A year or so later he got a raise to 75 cents.

"The pay was enough to save up, and was actually a noticeable help with university expenses," he said.

Duncan worked there until September of 1961, then again for the summer of 1962. He was also acting editor for one issue in 1962 when Woody was ill, which meant he had to write the editorial for that week. Interestingly, the topic was about an upcoming referendum to fund construction of a gymnasium-auditorium and science room at Salt Spring's school.



Duncan Hepburn holds a copy of the Sept. 6, 1962 Driftwood containing an editorial he wrote while "acting editor," just before he returned to UBC for his second year of studies. He argued in favour of approving a referendum borrowing for a gymnasium-auditorium and science room at Salt Spring's school.

Forty-seven years later on Salt Spring he was chair of the building committee for the Salt Spring Public Library Association when it sought a similar kind of support to build a new library in Ganges.

When Duncan worked at the Driftwood, it was still created using a Gestetner duplicator, which involved use of wax-covered paper sheets.

"Typing or scribing made cuts in the wax, through which the ink was forced onto the paper," said Duncan. "Repairs and errors were fixed using a red fluid like nail polish to re-seal the wax coating."

The machine ran with an electric motor and automatic inking, but lots of hand-tending was required to make it work.

Between 1,200 and 1,350 copies were made each week. Usually there were 10 pages, printed double sided on legal sized paper. The pages were hand-collated from a rack, then hand-stapled and hand-folded. It was free to all Salt Spring mailboxes.

Duncan's job was to trace the drawings and lettering in all the ads using stencils; assisting with the printing; doing stapling; and working as a clerk in the Driftwood bookstore that the Fishers ran as part of the newspaper.

Duncan recalls having lots of fun working at the paper. (Most people who've enjoyed their time at the Driftwood in the past 50 years will tell you that having fun is a big reason they stay as long as they do.)

He also remembers when they produced an "extra" edition. W.A.C. Bennett was B.C.'s premier, and he had a summer place on Sunset Drive.

"There was a cabinet meeting on July 14, 1960, at the Harbour House. We produced a short extra to cover this, though

as I recall there wasn't much newsworthy that arose from the meeting."

Life was simpler then.

"If I forgot the office key to open up on Saturday morning, I just waited for Mouat's store to open, where I went and bought another skeleton key for 10 cents, to get in!"

The Driftwood used a golf-ball style electric typewriter.

"The carriage flew back and forth, which would cause some problems for the odd carelessly placed beverage bottle!"

"The original paper was quite different in style. This reflects the lifestyle of the island at the time, more than the editorial style, I suspect. For example, weddings were described with descriptions of the bride's dress, the flowers and who attended. There was a column headed 'Facts, Fables and Foibles.' This was a collection of one- or two-line items ranging from gossip to local events to what we would today call trivia."

The Tripp Journal was a feature inserted when extra material was needed to fill pages. Its preface was "Continuing the journal of Anthony Tripp, said to have been found with sundry letters in rubbish removed from a derelict farm on Maxwell, SSI, 1959."

"I thought it was probably bogus, but I never did find out who actually wrote it. It was well enough done to make it very believable."

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# 1963 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

Fresh cuttings of willows and alders with the unique but identifiable **teeth marks of a beaver** were discovered at St. Mary Lake in January by John Inglin and Cliff Wakelin of the highways department.

**James Akerman**, the last of the Akermans born in Fulford in the 1870s, died in Victoria on Feb. 25 at the age of 88.

While the nation voted for a minority Liberal government under Lester B. Pearson on April 8, the Gulf Islands preferred Progressive Conservative candidate W.F. Matthews, they **again got NDPer Colin Cameron**. The Driftwood reported: "1788 Gulf Islanders exercised their rights to vote and once again we can say, with pride mind you, that 'as goes the Gulf Islands, no one else goes.'"

**Fire completely destroyed** a garage and guest room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mailey at Welbury Point on April 16. Prompt action by their eight-year-old son Bruce in calling the fire department saved the family home.

**Archdeacon G.H. Holmes** was receiving congratulations on the 50th anniversary of his entry into the Anglican ministry. He came to Salt Spring in 1941.

Woody and Bobbie Fisher sold the Salt Spring Island **Driftwood** to James and Arlene Ward in May.

The **Village Bay wharf at Mayne Island** was totally destroyed by fire. Sparks from a cutting torch employed by the company renovating the dock were blamed. Village Bay had no fire protection service.

Gulf Islands voters rejected another referendum to build an **auditorium-gymnasium and science room** in Ganges by almost the same margin as the year before. A Galiano Island teacherage was added to this referendum question.

The **MV Queen of the Islands** made its maiden run between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands on July 4. The 40-car ferry would sail from Long Harbour twice a day. It could carry 400 passengers and employed a crew of 12.

**Ganges boat basin** construction was started and completed this year.

**Plans for a library building** on McPhillips Avenue were announced by the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association, which bought a former workshop on the street from Mrs. Cora Leggett for \$2,300.

A Sept. 30 **provincial election won by the Social Credit party** saw Nanaimo and the Islands elect NDP member David Stupich, who narrowly defeated incumbent Socred Earle C. Westwood.

**Ganges Pharmacy** changed hands on Nov. 28. Mr. Leslie Ramsey of Victoria took over the operation from Mrs. Margaret Wells, who had been the pharmacist for the previous 15 years.



MARSHALL SHARP PHOTO/SS ARCHIVES

A huge crowd gathers for inauguration of the new Queen of the Islands ferry held at the Ganges dock. Speeches were given by Premier W.A.C. Bennett, local MLA Earle C. Westwood and Chamber of Commerce president C.R. Horel.

## 'The old order changeth . . .'

*From the July 4, 1963 Driftwood:*

Today marks another step in improved ferry service for Gulf Islanders when MV Queen of the Islands sails in to Ganges dock at 12:20 p.m. on its maiden run between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands.

Ferries have always played a major role in the story of the Gulf Islands from the earliest days when each settlement had its own wharf. The CPR ferries were an early transportation link for the islands. When they abandoned the run in 1951, islanders, under the leadership of the late Gavin Mouat, started the Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Ten years later the ferry service was taken over

by the B.C. Ferry Authority.

MV Queen of the Islands will provide a fast service direct to the mainland. There will be two sailings each day, leaving Long Harbour at 6:55 a.m. and 4:55 p.m. and returning from Tsawwassen at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The new vessel is 236 feet long and can carry 40 cars and 400 people. It will travel at 15 knots and employs a crew of 12.

The ship is fully equipped with the latest electronic aids to navigation, including long and short range radar sets, radio telephone and gyro-compass.

A ship to shore telephone is provided for the use of passengers and a comfortable sandwich bar will be located in the

main lounge. A special turntable which allows cars to load and unload from the same end is featured on the new MV Queen of the Islands.

Enroute from the early run to Tsawwassen this morning, the new ferry will arrive at Sturdies Bay at 10:15 where Galiano residents will stage a water display in honour of the new ship. Mayne Island has arranged for a dockside ceremony when the Queen of the Islands calls there at 10:50 a.m. Following disembarkation of regular passengers at Long Harbour the new ferry will tie up at the Ganges dock at 12:20 when the ship will be opened to the public.

Acceptance program will be held on the dock at 1:15 p.m.

**NEW FERRY IN SERVICE**

Tuesday marked the beginning of regularly scheduled trips for MV "Queen of the Islands" between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen. The ship left Long Harbour at 6:55 a.m. and returned from Tsawwassen with about a dozen cars and 15 to 20 passengers, several of whom debarked at Village Bay where they waited only 15 minutes for the connecting ferry "Pender Queen" to continue to the Pender Islands and Saturna. Repairs to the Village Bay dock are expected to be completed some time next week. Captain G. Maude reports that the new ship made very smart landings at all docks en route and encountered no difficulties in its first day of scheduled trips.

**FOR SALE**

Family cow. Due to freshen March 1st - Price \$150. J.T. Bond, Phone 68-F

**business directory**

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Ganges, Salt Spring Island  
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**WORK WANTED**

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**WANT-TO-BUY**

Type-writer, portable or standard. State price, make and condition to 68-K.



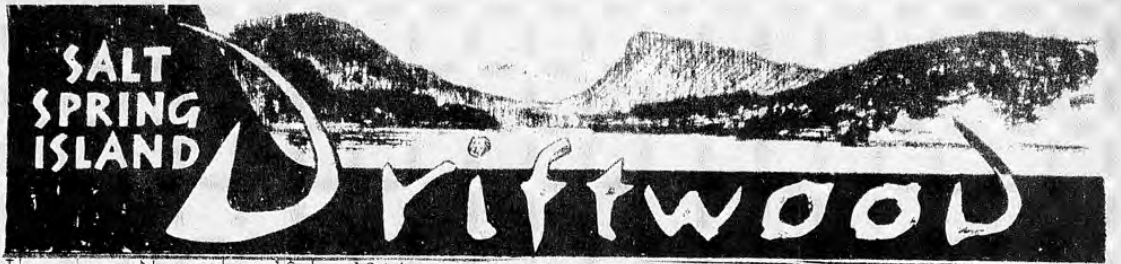
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# 1964 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY



## REMEMBERING ....1964

### FULFORD TIDE TABLE NOVEMBER, 1964

Day	Time	Hr.
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Th.	1015	8.7
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	2237	1.2
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Fr.	1113	9.3
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	1614	10.8
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	1326	10.0
	1647	10.6
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Mo.	0917	12.4
	1457	9.9
	1722	10.1
24	0137	1.2
Tu.	1013	12.3
	1702	9.4
	1756	9.5
25	0231	2.1
We.	1106	12.2
	1831	8.6
	1919	8.7

COUGAR FELLED NEAR  
CUSHEON LAKE  
Gavin Reynolds spotted  
the latest island marauder on



The Driftwood changed its look in the fall of 1964 with a brand new logo.

## Driftwood editorial decries popularity of "fugitives from the barber chair"

Beatlemania, Aug. 27, 1964

Last week the Beatles came to town to kick off the annual PNE celebration in Vancouver. Their particular contribution lasted one-half hour, for which they became reportedly \$90,000 richer, and left leaving a trail of damage, injury and emotional disturbance which can be impossible to estimate.

The arrangements made for their safety and security were more elaborate and bizarre than would have been the case if it had been Mr. Kruschev. Barbed wire entanglements on the fire escapes to the hotel in which they were supposed to stay; dozens of policemen, who could ill be spared from busy PNE duties, plus many other security officers; a "moat," no less, and a high wire fence between the stage on which they performed and their audience of yelling, screaming, hysterical youngsters.

All this in the name of good clean fun and so-called highly popular and acceptable entertainment fare for

our young folk! In this writer's opinion, at least, this spectacle was highly symbolic of the sickness of our age.

Even more frightening is the almost universal illogical frenzy with which a large group of our young people defend these fugitives from the barber chair. Asked what is so all-fired wonderful about these entertainers, it is readily admitted they have little talent so far as stage presence goes, and even less vocal or instrumental ability. The answer to this question, the only specific one I've heard, seems to be, "Who else could stand up before an audience in the thousands and get \$90,000 for half an hour's effort?"

This gem was offered as an answer by an adult to this question in a TV interview just prior to last week's debacle.

It's beyond us. Something seems to be very wrong with the way we teach human values. The worst of it is there doesn't seem to be any great protest or willingness to come to grips with the problem.

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### TOP STORIES

The old hospital building on Ganges Hill (now Community Services) showed signs of life on Jan. 5 as 15 high school students from the Outer Islands spent their first night in the building in its guise as a dormitory. The building was used to house students during the week until 1971.

The new Salt Spring Island Centennial Library opened on Feb. 1. Guest of honour was Mrs. W.A.C. Bennett, wife of B.C.'s premier. The couple owned property on the island.

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lowe at Lakeridge, the summer camp that was once the Bullock estate, on Feb. 11, while a cabin at East Camp on St. Mary Lake was lost two weeks later.

Thieves broke into the liquor store on Jackson Avenue, which had opened the previous year. Entry was gained through the rear wall when three cement blocks were removed from the building.

The new modern Shell service station building, operated by Alex McManus, was opened on April 4 in Ganges.

Bea Hamilton reported that \$52 had been raised through card parties held by the South Salt Spring Women's Institute and the Beaver Point Community Association to aid victims of the Port Alberni tsunami, which had struck on March 27 following an earthquake in Alaska.

The Crofton family sold the Harbour House Hotel to Vancouver owners headed by company president John M. Gurd, while Col. D.G. Crofton was named its managing director. Mr. Gurd's family was among the first guests registered at the hotel when it opened in 1916.

Gulf Islanders voted 71 per cent in favour of building a high school on Salt Spring at a cost of \$463,912, and a teacherage on Galiano Island for \$12,540.

Lady Minto Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Gulf Islands made the switch to automatic (or dial) telephones, bringing in the 537 exchange for Salt Spring and 539 for the other islands, on Aug. 16. Miss Josephine Overend, chief telephone operator for the Ganges exchange since 1958 and an operator since 1943, retired when the system changed.

First prizes in various categories for the baby contest at the Salt Spring Festival and Sports Day were won by babies/toddlers Loretta Dods, Debbie Cruickshank, Mark O'Donnell and Andrea Simard.

Three cougars were tracked and killed in one week in November. Bob Akerman, with sons Ted and Morry, plus Gavin Reynolds, Father W. Mudge and Ronnie Pappenburger were the various men involved with the Akermans' famed cougar hound Pearl. Since the provincial government did not pay bounties to private cougar hunters, the Farmers' Institute elected to provide \$50 to Bob Akerman for the service.

Two Richmond men were fined for shooting two tame deer on Bruce Campbell's deer farm on Beaver Point on Nov. 1.

## Congratulations Driftwood!

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# 1965 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

**Island Pride bakery**, previously known as McGill's bakery, at the foot of Ganges Hill, was sold to Ken Whyte and his son Lorne from Victoria in January. Pat Derkson had owned the bakery for a year and a half.

The Feb. 4, 1965 Driftwood front page carried a photo of a **flooded area of Ganges**, noting that the lack of a sewer system combined with the flooding caused "serious health hazards" when septic tank effluent backed up.

**Jim Campbell** of Saturna was elected Gulf Islands School Board chair for the third time.

Between February and June, the Lions Club raised the \$12,000 it needed to create the **Pioneer Village** seniors housing project.

**Canada's new maple leaf flag** was raised on the staffs of the local RCMP and ferries buildings at noon on Feb. 15.

**Scott Point Marina** was sold to Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Dickie of Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bradley had operated the marina for the past two and a half years.

**Leisure Lanes bowling alley** opened on March 6 under ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ralph.

Dr. Francis' **private hospital in Ganges**, which served 17 "chronically ill and aged" men, closed on April 14. The Driftwood said Francis reported "there was a trend on the part of the authorities to get rid of this kind of private hospital, made up from converted former homes of various kinds."

Some 200 guests attended the **90th birthday party of T.W. Mouat** in the Sunday school room at the United Church on May 1.

Mayne Island resident **Felix Jack** was rescued by W.F. (Slim) Thorburn and Mac Mouat when his dugout skiff capsized in active Pass on June 16.

**Marie Stark Wallace** celebrated her 98th birthday on Aug. 15 and was believed to be the oldest Salt Spring resident born on the island (in 1867).

**Premier W.A.C. Bennett** officially opened the new government building and court house at Crofton Road on Oct. 15.

The **Lady Minto Hospital sun room** was opened on Oct. 20. The Women's Auxiliary was especially thanked for its contributions not only to the project but for all other hospital and patient aid.

A scale model for the **future Centennial Park** (called Boat Basin Park at the time) was unveiled in November.

The **South Salt Spring Island Association** was formed on Nov. 16 after 70 people attended a Fulford Hall meeting, stating a desire for a voice in island affairs. Chairman Doug Dane said the island's Chamber of Commerce was a small group of businessmen whose aim was to promote business for Ganges. South-enders were also concerned about the chamber's promotion of a new ferry terminal for Isabella Point.

## ROLLER HOCKEY TROPHY WINNERS



Front row, left to right: Gordon Gibson, Larry Townley, Jay Rozzano, Gary Moulton, Jimmy Moulton; Back row, left to right: Alick Kitchen, Ken Kyler, Morry Akerman, John Roland, Norm Stevens.

Sports was big news on Salt Spring Island in the '60s, and roller hockey at Fulford Hall appeared to be king of them all in Driftwood coverage.

A timeless editor's message — Feb. 18, 1965

*Driftwood editor James D. Ward, after attending a school board meeting, commented:*

"Maybe the first comment could be summed up in an old newspaper 'saw' which says that those who, in public service, make a habit of requesting the press not to quote them, should first be sure they have something to say. For our part we cannot agree that persons in public life have a right to ask for anonymity when they make value judgments about questions on which there is unquestionably room for argument. If it is fair to make such pronouncements in such meetings, it is also fair for them to be quoted in public."

Thursday, March 25th, 1965



### IN BASKETBALL:

Seals go for dip. The Saltspring Seals met their match last Friday when they took on a top Sannich team. The game, played in Sannich, was a nip and tuck contest right through to the end of the second half. The Sannichers then took over command by making a series of fast breaks through the Seals' wary, but tiring defence, and wound up with a victory of 47-34. The top scorer of the game was Glen Woodby with 20 points for the Seals.

The Seals then invited the Sannichers to Saltspring for a game which was played last Sunday night. The Seals led the game by a small margin right up to the remaining ten minutes, but were then overpowered by the more experienced squad who edged them by 3 baskets in a final score of 39-33.

The Seals will meet the Duncan Hoopsters for the

by Morry Akerman. fourth time tomorrow night for a final showdown in Duncan.

The Seals will then turn to a season of Softball under the famed name of the Saltspring Salters.

### In Hockey:

Midget combat. The Fulford Hotshots downed the Northend Maple Leafs, coached by Les Wagg in a game played last Saturday by a score of 4-2. The three stars were: 1st - Rick Kitchen who slammed in 2 goals for the Hotshots. 2nd - The Leafs' goalie - Finbar MacMillan. 3rd - Herc Roland.

The sixth league game, played at 2:30 p.m. resulted in a close 4-3 victory for the Fulford Warriors which puts them in a temporary first place deadlock with the Ganges Prowlers, coached by Larry Cruickshanks and the Fulford Hotshots. The three stars were as chosen by the referee Art Moulton: 1st -

Paddy Akerman, who imitated his idol Dave Keon of the N.H.L. in keeping the Prowlers in check. 2nd - Gary Moulton, Eddie Shack of the contest. 3rd - Jay Rozzano, net minder for the Prowlers.

### Senior Action:

In the seventh game of the league, the Fulford Cougars kept up their undefeated reputation in faking out the Saltspring Leftovers by a score of 7-4. The three stars as chosen by referee Chuck Oxley: 1st - Morry Akerman. 2nd - Bob Moulton. 3rd - Terry Slingby.

The 8th league game resulted in the second and only two shutouts of the league by the Central Hawks agile goalie, Cam (the Cat) Humphreys. The Hawks also credit a great deal of their success to their sharp-shooting offensive men, Chuck Davis (16 g.) and Larry Ginn (12 g.) who are the top two goal scorers in the League.

The Hawks won by a score of 9-0. The three stars as chosen by referee, Stan Moulton: 1st - Chuck Davis; 2nd - Norm Stevens; 3rd - Cam Humphreys.

Hot action of the first and second games of the afternoon was filmed by C. B.C.'s cameraman, Mrs. Flett.

The Western Hockey League professional refer -

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### SCOUT CAMP

On Saturday and Sunday, March 20th and 21st, five Scouts and two leaders enjoyed a week-end camp on the Cusheon Cove property of Pat & Fred Saunders. This was a first-class qualifying patrol camp and Troop Leader Allan Holmberg came out of it with his First-Class camp cooking and kitchen completed, and his Camp Cook Proficiency badge. Well done, Allan, that was a mighty good stew!

Many thanks to the Saunders for the use of their lovely property.

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# 1966 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Some commentary on cartoons

Local editorial cartoons made their debut with the Driftwood on Sept. 22, 1966 with artist Tom Volquardsen. Then Art Simons, writing under the name of Salty, took over duties on Nov. 24 until 1972. Both men still live and produce art on the island.

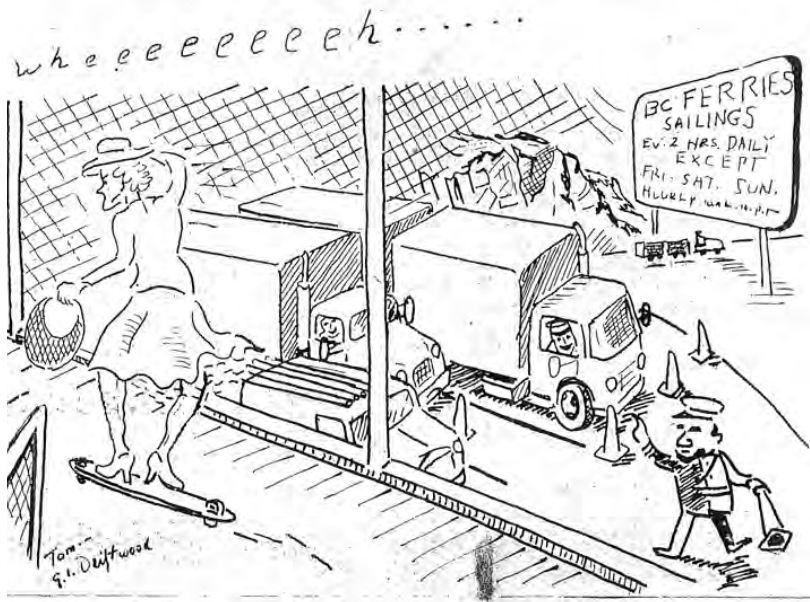
Not surprisingly, ferry travel was as easy a target for cartoonists then as it is now. Here's both men's take on the following situation.

Islanders were complaining about the long outside walk foot passengers had to take at Swartz Bay in order to access ferries to the Gulf Islands or to Vancouver.

As a Driftwood editorial from the time noted: "We walked, with a raw wind blowing, in the cold drizzle of early Sunday morning, from the Salt Spring Queen up through the maze of wired, concentration-camp-type walks that somehow give you an uncomfortable feeling you have strayed into the main thoroughfare of the Winnipeg stockyards. The distance is bad enough — and certainly must be something close to physical torture for elderly persons who may have physical disabilities. Surely there must be some other answer for such persons who suffer this kind of difficulty in this age of wheels."



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## Broadening the coverage area

On June 2 the Salt Spring Driftwood changed its emphasis to encompass the Gulf Islands, changing its masthead by adding the preface "Serving the Gulf Islands from Porlier Pass to Satellite Channel."

Its first outer islands correspondents were Miss Jean Lockwood from South Galiano, Miss Devina Baines from North Galiano, John McMaho, (AKA PapaJohn) from Saturna, Mrs. Elsie Brown from Mayne and Miss Francis Saville from Pender.

The Driftwood had purchased the Gulf Islander, printed on Galiano,

from Lockwood to effect the merger.

The papers' other correspondents were Bea Hamilton, who covered Fulford and Beaver Point and had been with the paper from its inception; Doreen Morris, who wrote a regular "Comings and Goings" column, plus special events in the Ganges, Scott Point and Vesuvius areas; and Doris Delong, who covered the waterfront from the Walker Hook, Fernwood and north end areas of Salt Spring. The Delongs operated a store at Fernwood.

### YOUTH SCOOP

by Heather Warren  
We had only three days of school the week before last, one of which the buses weren't running, so not many people came.

It was a relaxed week the girls were allowed to wear slacks, because of the cold, and attention was focused mostly on the work of the snow plow and power commission.

This week we all buckled down to work. Several new pupils have come to our school, I guess it is a sign that we are growing fast.

From the windows of the school, the progress of the new High School is being watched with interest. I hope we can move into it before the end of this year.

### BILLIARD TOURNAMENT IN SECOND WEEK AT REC. CENTRE.

16 players are competing for honors in the Billiard Tournament presently underway at the Rec. Centre.

The "Game of the Week" this week was a close battle between Bonar & Heinekey, with Bonar coming out on top with 200 points to 190.

In other games this past week Fiander beat Youds, Coles/Coutts, Gear/Duncan, Bonar/Heinekey, Mac Mouat/Laurie Mouat, M. Jones/F. Morris, J. Jones/Cruickshank, Alexander/Ramsey.

Sponsor John McManus predicts the "Game of the week" next week will be contest on Wednesday January 26th when Mac Mouat meets M. Jones.

The game gets underway at 7 p.m.

### WARNING

For sheep protection, please be advised that poison has been distributed on private property owned by Dr. B. Cupples, North End Road. Persons trespassing/on said private property do so at their own risk.

(signed) Wm. Eagles, for Dr. B. Cupples. April 26, 1966

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## TOP STORIES

The **Geo. S. Pearson ferry** took her last runs between Vesuvius and Crofton in January. She was to be replaced by the Vesuvius Queen, a sister ship to the Salt Spring Queen, which was already operating on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run.

**Arbutus Court founders** Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Reid sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. H. Van Dack from Australia.

90-year-old Salt Spring resident **Nicholas Morgesin** was hit by a car and killed instantly while walking on Fulford-Ganges Road on the night of April 9.

Bill Evans was named **Good Citizen of the Year** at the Chamber of Commerce installation dinner on April 15.

**Mac and Laurie Mouat** officially turned over the grocery department of Mouat Brothers to Ben Greenhough on May 2, bringing in the era of Ben's Lucky Dollar Store.

**Fulford Hall renovations** were completed, including the kitchen and dining area.

**Gulf Islands Secondary School was officially opened** on May 28 by His Honour, The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Major-General George R. Pearkes. "Unanimous opinion is that the building and setting rivals anything in or outside the province for beauty," noted the Driftwood.

A meeting was held on June 10 at Mahon Hall to discuss the possible formation of an **incorporated village for Ganges**.

Volunteers were working hard to ensure **North Galiano could get electrical service** before Christmas time. The \$81,000 project got underway in February and could only be accomplished if residents themselves supplied all the poles, dug the holes and cleared 13 miles of right-of-way north from Montague Harbour.

**Salt Spring Cablevision** advertised its services as of September, offering "8 channels of excellent quality viewing" from the cable tower on Cranberry Road to Fulford-Ganges Road and to Ganges village, including Churchill Road and up as far as Lady Minto Hospital. Next to be completed was a line from Lady Minto down Lower Ganges Road to Vesuvius.

Saturna Island School's new principal in September was **Manson Toynbee**. J.E. Hartwig succeeded J.M. Evans as principal of both the elementary and new high school on Salt Spring.

The first load of **topsoil for the new Centennial Park** was delivered in mid-September.

A large barn on the Luton property on Blackburn Road **burned to the ground** on Nov. 3 as a result of spontaneous combustion.

The Chamber of Commerce was told by B.C. Ferries that further discussion about an **Isabella Point terminal** would be "fruitless."



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# 1967 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

The year opened with announcement that James and Arlene Ward had **sold the Gulf Islands Driftwood to Frank G. Richards**, who had been a newspaperman in Sidney for 17 years.

Dr. J. L. M. Whitbread, senior medical officer of health for the Greater Victoria Metropolitan Board of Health, issued a stern warning about the **dangers of pollution of surface water and low-lying areas** taking place from the existing septic tanks and tile fields. One case of infectious hepatitis had been reported in the Ganges area but an epidemic was possible, said Whitbread.

**Valcourt Building Supplies Ltd.**, a lumber yard on Lower Ganges Road established in 1964, added hardware sales to its operation on June 2. Hundreds of people attended the grand opening, which saw MLA John Tisdalle cut the cake along with owner Phil Valcourt.

**Lieut-Col. Desmond G. Crofton** was named citizen of the year by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce on May 12.

The **Centennial Caravan** visited Salt Spring on May 24, with 1967 people reportedly taking the tour.

**Nellie Schwagly**, who operated the Dutch Beauty Salon on Salt Spring, and her daughter Mrs. Joan Smith were honoured by an invitation to wait upon Queen Juliana of the Netherlands when she visited Victoria in May. Frank Schwagly also attended.

**Pioneer Village** seniors project, spearheaded by the Salt Spring Lions Club, was formally opened on June 16.

On June 16, Gulf Islands voters rejected a proposal for **three classrooms plus an industrial education room** at GISS, an augmented dormitory and a teacherage at Pender by an ever greater margin than they had the previous December. The third time proved lucky when another vote passed in December 1967.

Also on June 16, eligible Ganges-area voters **rejected a proposal to incorporate the village** as a means of bringing in a sewer system. The vote was 109 against, 91 in favour, with three ballots spoiled.

Mayne Islanders were celebrating the arrival of **oil to keep the dust down** on some roads and blacktopping for almost a mile of the main road.

**Expo 67 fever** gripped the islands, along with the rest of Canada. Twenty Saturna school children and six adults, travelling by train to Montreal, were among Gulf Islanders who made the trek east.

The Gulf Islands became part of a new Victoria **regional hospital district** in October, despite islanders' protestations that they should be in their own district, and part of the Capital Regional District for zoning and planning purposes. Doug Cavaye was first appointed Salt Spring's representative and then elected in a Dec. 9 vote between himself and Gilbert S. Humphreys. Miss Joan Purchase represented the Outer Gulf Islands.



Lieutenant-Governor George Pearkes cuts the ribbon to Centennial Park in the company of Mrs. Lindsay Kyle, secretary of the Centennial Committee.

Centennial Park became the spot to honour Salt Spring's pioneers, with a special project spearheaded by Mr. and Mrs. P.G. James. Mr. James was a well-known agriculturalist and creator of the Salt Spring Sunrise tomato. On July 13, 1967, the Driftwood printed the list of pioneers and their dates of arrival on the island. As you can imagine, some errors may be possible in this list, and we apologize in advance if that is the case.

- Bevil Acland - 1945
- Rev. and Mrs. G. Aitkens - 1917
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Akerman - 1863
- Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Akerman - 1868
- Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Akerman - 1868 and 1876
- Douglas B. Alan-Williams - 1921
- Joseph Bate - 1947
- Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beddis - 1884
- Dr. and Mrs. Lionel Beech - 1904
- Jonathan Begg - 1859
- Capt. and Mrs. Paul Bion - 1910
- Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Borrodaile - 1898
- Estelon de Bittencourt - 1859
- Manoel de Bittencourt - 1859
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bond - 1916
- Mrs. Joel Broadwell - 1889
- Mr. and Mrs. John Brown - 1906 and 1910
- H.W. Bullock - 1892
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Byron - 1930
- Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Cartwright - 1904 and 1911
- Mr. and Mrs. Francois Chantelu - 1910
- Mrs. Annie R. Crofton, R.N., M.M. - 1914
- Frank Crofton - 1898
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crofton - 1899 and 1893
- Mrs. Doris Crofton - 1919
- Alfred W. Cooke - 1894
- Joseph de Macedo - 1951
- Rev. G.W. and Mrs. Dean - 1909
- Mr and Mrs. A.J.W. Dodds - 1905
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Drake - 1918 and 1892
- Mrs. Charlotte Eaton - 1922
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elliot - 1905
- Howard Estes - 1859
- Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Evans - 1912 and 1916
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner - 1904
- Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Garner - 1904
- Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Goodrich - 1919
- Capt. and Mrs. A.B. Gurney - 1943
- Michael Gyves - 1864
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gyves - 1890
- Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Halley - 1898

- Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Halley - 1905
- Mr. and Mrs. W.J.L. Hamilton - 1897
- Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Heinekey - 1919
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horel - 1869
- Arthur Inglis - 1918
- Mr. and Mrs. P.T. James - 1917
- John C. Jones - 1859
- Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Kingsbury - 1905 and 1909
- Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lang - 1911
- Lieut. Col. and Mrs. B.V. Layard - 1906
- Paul Lazenby - 1957
- T.H. Lee - 1892
- Dr. W.T. Lockhart - 1950
- Mrs. Annie H. Lowe - 1936
- Percy Lowther - 1907
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lumley - 1872
- Miss Margaret Manson - 1890
- W. McAfee - 1903
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McFadden - 1861
- J. McNulty - 1957
- H.T. Minchin - 1932
- Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Mollet - 1887
- Mr. and Mrs. V. Case Morris - 1909 and 1911
- Ray Morris - 1922
- Gavin Mouat - 1893
- Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mouat - 1886
- Jerry Mouat - 1894
- Laurie Mouat - 1890
- Miss Margaret J. Mouat - 1894
- Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Mouat - 1885
- Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Mouat - 1885 and 1938
- John Norton - 1859
- Mrs. Mary Palmer - 1906
- Harold Price - 1910
- Mr. and Mrs. Petley Price - 1909
- Reginald Price - 1909
- Robert Price - 1910
- Mr. and Mrs. Raffles Purdy - 1884
- Sidney Quinton - 1955
- Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Reid - 1911
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Rogers - 1877
- Chester Sampson - 1886
- Henry Sampson - 1859
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott - 1889 and 1898
- Geoffrey Scott - 1889
- Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Scott - 1889 and 1893
- Mr. and Mrs. David Simson - 1927
- Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Smith - 1900 and 1904
- Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Speed - 1907

## PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

For the Bicentenary of Confederation

As we begin our second century of Confederation, the pace of social and technological change in Canada and the world in which Canada exists has become so rapid that it is nearly impossible to forecast with accuracy the economic or political shape of things very far into the future. But I believe it is safe to predict that certain underlying moral values of civilization will not change very much: the principles of individual freedom and equality and the belief in the inherent worth of humanity. Canada, and indeed the world, will survive the next hundred years, provided that these fundamental human values also survive.

*L. B. Pearson*  
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- Mrs. Sylvia Stark - 1860
- Willis Stark - 1860
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevens - 1884
- John N. Stevens - 1885
- Wm. Y. Stewart - 1920
- E.H. Streeten - 1911
- R.F. Vapaavouri - 1953
- Mrs. A. Wallace - 1865
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walter - 1884 and 1888
- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walter - 1886 and 1897
- Frank Westcott - 1903
- Bill Whims - 1859
- Hiram Whims - 1859
- Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilkes - 1906
- Rev. E.F. Wilson - 1894
- Llewellyn Wilson - 1894
- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson - 1894
- Lieut. Col. and Mrs. B.A. Wolfe-Merton - 1932
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wood - 1893 and 1895
- Edwin Worthington - 1956
- Gerald B. Young - 1905
- Reginald Young - 1905



From the "some things never change" department: The July 13, 1967 cutline was: "Complete with squeak the rocking horse ranked high." That silly horse in Centennial Park has squeaked since day one!

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MARSHALL SHARP PHOTO/SS ARCHIVES

Men flip their pancakes in the 1968 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Races in Ganges.

## Pancake races, flower shows and social teas

Social news formed a huge part of the Driftwood's content in the 1960s. It seems as if every participant in every community event held by clubs, schools and churches, plus news about who was visiting whom and where islanders were vacationing was reported.

The annual Pancake Day Races held on Shrove Tuesday, sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary, was a popular annual event in Ganges, and a good one for photographs.

This was the front-page report from the Thursday, Feb. 29, 1968 paper:

*School teachers have the stamina, alright.*

*For two years in a row the international frying pan race at Ganges was won by the principal of the Ganges schools. Two years ago principal J. Evans took the pan and last year his successor, Donald Hartwig, led the field.*

*On Tuesday the teachers showed that it is not only the principal who boasts a well-rounded gastrocnemius. The vice-principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, Bob McWhirter, won the frying pan, while the vice-principal of the elementary school, G. Woodley, was edged into third place by realtor Ron Lee.*

*Pancake races have been staged each*

*Shrove Tuesday in Ganges for 10 years. No race in that decade has been run on more summery conditions than on Tuesday when the park took on the appearance of a mid-summer race.*

*Races are open to every youngster from kindergarten to grandmotherhood.*

For sheer oddity, the pancake races were rivalled only by the Greasy Pig Contest fundraiser for Centennial Park maintenance, which was started in 1968 by John Stepaniuk. He was a farmer, highways foreman, an islands trustee and a well-loved, much-involved community member, along with his wife Mary.

### TOP STORIES

**Beaver Point farmer Gavin Reynolds** reported the loss of 200 sheep without a trace in the previous year. Later that year, farmers called on the provincial agriculture minister to protest the incidence of sheep stealing among the islands.

School trustees approved a **\$300 expenditure for the measles vaccine** for Gulf Islands students.

Salt Spring Islanders were howling at a **reduction in ferry service** on the Crofton-Vesuvius run, which saw the late-night Friday and Sunday sailings cut, and then again in February when ferry workers walked off the job to protest the system-wide cut of 160 crew.

**Col. M.F. Peiler** was presented with the Good Citizen Award by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his work as chairman of the island's Centennial Committee.

**Mrs. Annie Barnes** became the new matron of Lady Minto Hospital in March.

In February and March, the Salt Spring Lions and the Chamber of Commerce outlined an ambitious new plan for a **recreation centre** at Ganges, with an ice rink for skating and curling, and a heated swimming pool.

**Sewage and development issues** dominated the islands. Magic Lake Estates subdivision on Pender received a permit to discharge partially treated sewage into Swanson Channel, but Salt Spring residents did not want to see the same for the Maliview Estates subdivision, and a proposed Mayne Island development calling for 100 new homes at Village Bay now and 400 later also aroused concerns about sewage.

**The Lions Club's annual Walkathon** raised some \$3,000. Youth Brian Pharis finished the eight-mile course first — in only 65 minutes — by running the whole way.

**George Lampier** replaced Percy Jones as Fulford postmaster in May. Jones was known for his "big cigar and big grin," noted the Driftwood.

**Cpl. Vernon Myers** became the RCMP member replacing Cpl. F.C. Rhodes in Ganges.

The **Bank of Montreal** removed its old building in Ganges and built a new one in its place.

**New Democrat Colin Cameron** was elected in the June 25 federal election that saw Liberal Pierre Elliott Trudeau become Canada's prime minister for the first time. However, Cameron died of a stroke in August. A by-election was held the following February.

**Forestry rangers** were gone from Salt Spring Island for good in July as the station on Ganges Hill was sold by auction to Alex McManus.

The new **Community Gospel Church** was hard pressed to accommodate the crowds who gathered to take part in its dedication at Ganges.

While working on a Galiano subdivision, **land surveyor Peter Arnell** was mistakenly killed by a hunter on Oct. 22.

## FULFORD

BY BEA HAMILTON

Mrs. Max Allard (nee Roberta Jean Akerman) spent a recent week end at her parents home, Mr. and Mrs. R. Akerman. She was accompanied by her children Michael and Linda. Young Danny Akerman is attending school in Port Alberni and staying with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cooke.

Two young women crammed a whole world of adventure and travel into about 10 to 12 days when they left Salt Spring Island to travel via jet to California. They were Mrs. Rex Daykin and Mrs. Robert Patterson.

They arrived home on Saturday — "We were very glad to see the green Coast again after the dry country of California," says Mrs. Daykin.

But Oh, what a good time they had! They travelled from city to city via jet, visiting and sight seeing in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Anaheim — Here they made three trips to Disney Land — (most of us are fortunate if we get there once!) They went through the works at Disney Land and were thrilled with the whole wonderful visit.

They went to San Diego where they were guests of Mrs. Daykin's sister, who accompanied the two travellers to Tijuana for the day. They hit the Santa Ana condition with the temperature ranging from 92 to 99. It was hot. They were hot.

They visited the San Diego Marine Land and saw the performing whales, they went to San Francisco's China Town and found it "absolutely fabulous" .. It is lucky they were only allowed about \$25, there were such lovely and different things to buy. Altogether, it was a happy trip and both girls are still dreamy-eyed about it all.

The Smorgasbord at the Fulford Hall is on October 12. Just a reminder!

The Garden Club's Fall Show was a beauty. Congratulations to Mr. J. Wallis winning the five top trophies. Last year, we were congratulating Mrs. Brenton who started the trend in mass winning. Nothing like it to cause a sensation. Mrs. Davidson's contribution of Oh, Deer! was stark tragedy made amusing. It didn't rate a prize but it brought lots of chuckles.

Wednesday night is adult Roller Skating night.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Dance (nee Dodds) are the proud parents of daughter Leanne.

Miss Dance was born in Kamloops on July 25 and weighted 8 lbs., 11 oz.

## GALIANO GARDEN PARTY PROVES BIG SUCCESS AT MRS. BELLHOUSE' HOME

The garden party, held in the spacious gardens of Mrs. Flo Bellhouse, at Galiano Island, was most successful, bringing in more than \$350 that Saturday afternoon.

This party was arranged by the congregation of St. Margaret's, and the goal set was \$500 to purchase a new heating system for the church.

Along with the proceeds of that afternoon, donations of \$170 already received puts the goal over the top.

Afternoon tea was served during the day, several guessing games, the home-cooking stall was sold out early, and the children enjoyed riding on Shona Neale's beautiful Shetland Pony.

Mrs. Bellhouse, always a gracious hostess, seemed to be everywhere, enjoying all of the festivities, and announcing that she was not the least bit tired afterwards. There have been many successful garden parties in her beautiful garden, and Islanders are indeed grateful to this generous lady for loaning her grounds for this, another good cause.

Some of the willing helpers seen at the Garden Party on Saturday were: Pretty girls serving tea: Arlene Rees, Margaret and Mary Day, Ruth Pixley, Connie Parminter, Margaret Robinson. In the kitchen:

## GATHERING OF THE PATTERSON CLAN AT GALIANO HOME

Galiano Island was invaded by Pattersons!

From all over they came for the big annual family reunion of Mrs. E. (for Eddie) Bambrick's relatives and in-laws.

The Montague and Sturdies Bay ferries were busy all morning last Sunday debarking participants for the big affair and by noon the spacious grounds of the Bambrick's at Sturdies Bay, were teaming with adults and youngsters gathered for the fun of the reunion.

A buffet table was set up in the Bambrick kitchen and cool shade trees everywhere made ideal spots for picnic eating.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tamboline of Ladner visited at the home of Mrs. Edith Cantrill, North End, at the weekend, and while here stayed at the Ship's Anchor Inn.



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# 1969 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

In January, W.M. Mouat, president of **Mouat Bros. Ltd.**, announced the sale of the 62-year-old company to Dick, Tom and Manson Toynbee, nephews of the firm's founders. Later in 1969, the company name was changed to Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd. It purchased both the Salt Spring Island Trading Co. and the Ganges Crest restaurant and applied to take over and fill the foreshore near its store.

One of the oldest buildings on Salt Spring went up in flames on Feb. 15. The home of **Col. and Mrs. C.E. Bailey** had stood overlooking Trincomali Channel since 1856.

**Volunteer SS fire chief Fred Donaghy** retired in May after nine years of service. Later in the year the island had its first paid fire chief in David Smith, who came from Langford. D.C. Goodman also retired as chair of the fire district board and was replaced by Ben Greenough, Sr.

A car crash on North End Road claimed the life of 18-year-old **Colin Richard Buckley** of Ganges in March.

The Capital Regional District Board gave unanimous approval to the call for a **survey of planning needs** for the Gulf Islands at a June meeting.

One of the oldest businesses on Salt Spring changed hands in July when **Salt Spring Lands Ltd.** was purchased by Pat Lee and G.S. Humphreys, salesmen with the real estate company that dated back to the days of Malcolm and Purvis. Vendors were C.R. Horel and Rodney Pringle, who had acquired the company with Colin Mouat in 1957 and bought Mouat's shares in 1960.

Heavy truck traffic was restricted between Crofton and Vesuvius in July when the **Crofton ferry wharf was condemned** by the department of transport for vehicles exceeding 10 tons gross weight.

A provincial order-in-council **banned the use of rifles** for hunting game from the Gulf Islands in July. Land surveyor Adrian Wolfe-Milner had presented an 885-signature petition, following the death of surveyor Peter Arnell by a hunter the previous year on Galiano.

Plans were announced for a **medical clinic** on Pender Island, in memory of the late Anglican Bishop Michael Edward Coleman.

**Socred John Tisdalle** maintained his Saanich and the Islands seat in the Aug. 27 provincial election that saw the Social Credit party win 31 seats, the NDP 17 and the Liberals 6.

Motorcyclist **Steven Edward Reeves**, 18, was the third person to die on the same section of Fulford-Ganges switchback road south of Garner Road, when he ran into a stationary school bus.

**Marc H. Holmes** of Isabella Point was elected Salt Spring's director on the CRD board.

Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Campbell imposed a **"breathing spell" on development** in the islands with new lots limited to a minimum 10 acres in size until community plans could be completed.



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Gulf Islands Secondary School's Class of '68, from left to right (top row) are: Wayne Taylor, Frank Reynolds, Rick Carlson, Frank Waterfall, Dave Stacey, Eric Booth, Lawrence Hollings, Matt Schubart, Norman Stevens; (middle row) Sylvia Atkins, Ann Harvey, Sherrin Stevens, Darlien Knight, Sandy McLeod, Lillian Cunningham, Nan Campbell, Linda Anderson, Pat Stewart; (front row) Debbie Deas, Laurie Mouat, Brenda Sharp, Linda Allen and Carol Bennett.

## GRADUATES ARE TOLD

# DON'T MAKE OUR MISTAKES!

Don't repeat our mistakes. Graduates at Ganges were warned on Wednesday.

Speaker of the evening during the graduation exercises at Gulf Islands Secondary School was J.M. Campbell, Saturna Island trustee, farmer and president of the British Columbia School Trustees Association.

Mr. Campbell spoke on schools and on islands.

He spoke of education "as I see it" and of Islands "as I know them".

Education, he commented, has been described as a 12-year rap but the kid didn't know what he got it for.

Students are constantly told that the world is changing rapidly and overwhelmingly, he told the graduates.

"I don't believe the changes are as large as they appear to be," he continued, "People are largely the same as they always have been."

Of education he reviewed some of his own experiences.

He was at a meeting of educators in California, he told the students, when the speaker ahead of him was the superintendent of education for the Los Angeles area. The big city educator told the meeting that the city was building one new, million-dollar school per week.

In his turn, Mr. Campbell spoke warmly of the expansion of his own community. In the past 20 years the population of his own island has doubled, he told the American teaching parley.

Population has risen from 65 to 130 in 18 years, he had boasted, and the school had grown to a two-room structure.

However, he just didn't want to live in Los Angeles, he said.

Mr. Campbell is convinced, he told graduates, that the people there have made all the mistakes it is possible to make in the destruction of human environment.

He moved from California to the Gulf Islands.

Important thing about the islands is that they are very-new, he observed. They are unspoiled.

He looked to another island.

Bermuda is almost the same size as Galiano, said the school trustee. It accommo-

dates 37,000 people. Water is scarce, there is not a lake, river or stream.

Capri, island in the Mediterranean, setting more than one popular song is the size of Saturna, continued Mr. Campbell. There are 9,000 people on Capri, with a tenfold increase during the holiday season. Water is brought in by tanker, he added.

"Vast changes are going to take place in our community in the lifetime of you graduates," he warned them, "I hope you will go away and learn what it's like elsewhere.

Then come back and help the islanders to avoid making the horrible mistakes made in other parts of the world."



## A note about the Campbells

Saturna Island sheep farmer James M. (Jim) Campbell was a Gulf Islands School District trustee from January 1958 to December 1969 and was board chair on several occasions.

He also chaired the B.C. School Trustees' Association and its Vancouver Island branch. In 1970 he was offered a life membership in the school trustees association.

He was also the charter president of the B.C. Educational Institute.

In 1971 he began his 10 years of service as the Outer Islands representative on the Capital Regional

District Board, and was CRD Board chair for seven years, followed by two years as an Islands Trust rep.

His wife Lorraine became Saturna Island's school board representative in 1983, and served for 13 years. She was also a Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital rep for 19 years and first president of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, among other community involvement.

Jim was a graduate from the UBC Faculty of Agriculture, while Lorraine had a Masters of Science in Agriculture from UBC.

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At left, Jim Campbell

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# 1970 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## WALKATHON BIG DAY SATURDAY

Brilliant sunshine greeted walkers when the Lions Walkathon opened at 1 p.m. in Ganges on Saturday. The weatherman was marching with the walkers and the weather cooled off until by 3 p.m. it was chilly standing around waiting for contestants to arrive.

Third annual event to be staged by the Salt Spring Lions Club brought a heavy entry and a large number of candidates for the big-money prize. The contestant with the largest sum pledged gains a trophy and a \$20 prize.

March was launched when the

siren on the fire hall was sounded. Walkers were assembled in the parking area of Centennial Park. At the first wail of the siren they leaped the fence, clambered over it or under it and set off. The first contestants ran from the park and kept running for the entire eight miles.

Route followed Scott Road to Welbury Bay, making a detour by way of Old Scott Road.

Walkers reported a second change in the pattern. A number of residents of Old Scott Road had set up refreshments outside their homes for the marchers.

Before two o'clock the winners were already at Ganges, breath-



Pat Lee and his wife have walked too far in Walkathon

The Lions Club Walkathon was a huge fundraising event for people of all ages held each spring on Salt Spring between the years of 1968 and 1980.

ing hard and resting on tables as they finally slowed down.

## TOP STORIES

A final appeal to prevent the **discharge of treated sewage** into Trincomali Channel for the Maliview Estates project failed on Jan. 19.

The **Fulford May Day Parade**, May Queen and May Day celebrations were cancelled by the Fulford Hall Association in the face of controversy over the process of selecting the May Queen and her attendants, but the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce picked up the event instead.

Also in April, Lady Minto Hospital chairman Doug Cavaye warned that **hospital services faced cutting** due to the provincial government's refusal to pay wage increases to staff.

The Gulf Islands School District marked **100 years of schooling** in the islands.

Salt Spring pioneer **Mrs. Pearl Reynolds** died on May 20 at the age of 89, leaving 92 direct descendants and a wealth of stories to be shared by her family and community.

The **653 Fulford** exchange came into being.

Galiano Island lost its major grocery and hardware stores through a **fire that razed the Galiano Store** on June 3. Almost every able-bodied man on the island assisted to ensure the fire did not spread.

The **Miners Bay Store** on Mayne Island opened in a new spot on June 10 under ownership of Dick and Sallie Pugh.

Ready-mix concrete came to Salt Spring when A.M. Brown disposed of his interests in the Rainbow Road gravel pit to **Gulf Coast Materials Ltd.** of Duncan, which indicated plans for a cement plant.

A raucous meeting at Fulford Hall saw 400 islanders **debate Salt Spring's first proposed zoning bylaw**. The Driftwood reported that most supported the CRD/Advisory Planning Commission process, while others expressed anger towards it and planning committee members. Committee chair Henry Schubart resigned as a result of the controversy.

At a July 10 meeting, **57 Saturna property owners** called for a plebiscite on remaining in the CRD, but Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Campbell turned down their request.

A CRD **building permit system** came into effect on Salt Spring in July. Inspectors were Charles Harris and Emil Luchmuth. Highways permits were also suddenly required for the siting of driveways.

The **Queen of Sidney** went aground while attempting to land at Sturdies Bay on Sept. 11 during hurricane force winds.

**Saanich MP Liberal David Anderson** proposed that the Gulf Islands be made into a national park, spawning much debate.

The **Galiano Fire District** was created when South Galiano ratepayers voted in December to establish a taxpayer-supported fire department. Pender Island voters narrowly rejected a similar proposal.

## EVERY CABIN IS RENTED

*The times they were a'changin' — big time. The peace movement, draft dodgers from the U.S. and youth liberation were in full swing in 1970 and dissection of the changes filled many a newspaper column. The following is from the Feb. 5, 1970 edition of the Driftwood.*

BY FRANK RICHARDS

He was one of many. Not yet 21, he came to the Driftwood and enquired of housing.

"Do you know of any cabins for rent?"

He was told that he would be lucky to find a chicken house. Everything on this island with a roof was in regular use. House, cottage, cabin, shack. If it keeps most of the rain out, it is a valuable rental property. Sometimes it is more valuable to the tenant than the owner.

The enquirer was not set back by the lack of homes. He had already found one, he explained but it was only big enough for two and there were four of them in the light truck.

She came off the ferry at the week end and stood on dry land. It was strange land, far from home and there was no one to meet her. She peered into the darkness and waited. Finally a car came fast down the hill to the wharf and a stranger addressed her by name. She had arrived, another of the youthful movement northwards from California. They live everywhere among the islands. The nameless, almost faceless, youthful nomads. Canada is freedom to many Americans. The west

coast is the end of the line to many Canadians. Canadians who have pulled up their roots to wander find the islands attractive. There is no bitter cold and a cabin is shelter enough from the chill of the rains. The islands are gentle and the pace is slow.

When the former Driftwood employee left Salt Spring Island for California, she aroused consternation among her American friends. Why

ers. They lived long enough at home and now in cabins and shacks in order to live free of adult supervision.

Not all have long hair. Few have the exaggeratedly long hair that was common on the island during the past few years. Most are casually dressed and none turns out in a smartly cut business suit. This movement of the youth to the islands is to be found in the most communities of

where on the continent, the churches are suspect.

Church is for those who preach one law and practice another. What else is there to do? There is no theatre on the islands. Salt Spring Island has had a theatre, but it has long since been closed. Two years ago there was a regular film showing in the local halls, but it was not profitable. For a time many establishments denied the admission to young men and boys with long hair. There are two service clubs on Salt Spring Island. Neither is concerned with this problem of youth and recreation.

There are churches. Congregations are mostly elderly people. Younger persons are rarely oriented towards churchgoing. The result is that the majority of churchgoers have not the faintest appreciation of what is going on around them. They have brought their own families up in a different era. Being unable to comprehend them, they are unable to help.

In the meantime, every ferry brings another island runner. Salt Spring Island needs a youth centre. It needs facilities for both the transient population and the island youngsters. There is a need for recreation rooms, entertainment and a meeting place. This need is not likely to diminish. It will grow and if it is not met the island will suffer. We have facilities for island adults and for tourists, but the need for a similar pattern of recreation on a younger scale is crying for fulfillment. It is a pity islanders are so deaf.

## WHAT IS THERE TO DO?

would anyone want to move south?

To the Californian youth, dodging the draft and bringing his girlfriend with him, perhaps Canada is asylum. Once here he may thumb his nose at the United States army authorities. Some don't. They are among the refugees who fear attack. When Driftwood asked a group of draft dodgers for their views, all but one declined to speak on the subject for fear of reprisals from the FBI. The more nervous bring their fears across the line with them.

The youth of the islands is by no means all American.

"Peace!" calls Broth Steve. No matter where he is, Steve is probably calling down peace on somebody's head. He hails from Toronto and has slowly slid westwards towards until only Vancouver Island remains between him and Japan. He lives quietly, carrying his message of universal love.

Some are Salt Spring Island-

Vancouver Island as well.

Boys and girls, some out of the school, some with curtailed school record, from south and east, all come to "escape from the rat race."

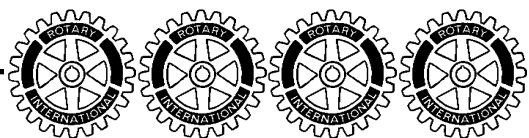
What are they all doing?

Some are working and some are not. Those that work support those who have no income. There is a freemasonry among the transient youthful movement that would shame their elders. A hungry visitor never leaves them. Their food is his shelter. Scorning the teachings of Christ, they have applied christianity which is not often to be found in church.

What do they do for kicks?

Everything.

They will drink alcoholic beverages if they get the chance. If there are drugs to be found, many will probably go for them. Many live as husband and wife, but marriage has adopted a new connotation, common-law, as else-

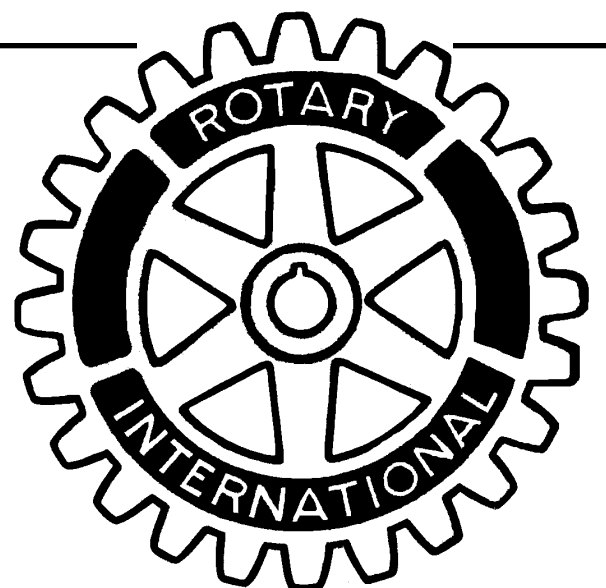


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# 1971 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

**Salt Spring's zoning bylaw** was given final adoption by the CRD on Jan. 14.

Named to the **first Salt Spring Community Planning Association** were: Jack Russell, Noel McConnell, I.C. Shank, John Stepaniuk, Bob McWhirter, T.E. Harcus, Ray Hill, Wilf Bangert, Matthew Schubart, Mrs. R.R. Alton, Mrs. A.M. Brown, Eric Donnelly, Mrs. Cynthia Woody and Mike Larmour.

**Reconstruction of Fulford wharf** commenced in February. The project would provide a parking area for cars waiting for the ferry.

The **North Salt Spring Waterworks District** announced plans to use St. Mary Lake to augment the supply from Maxwell Lake.

The Lady Minto Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary **Thrift Shop** opened May 22 on Vesuvius Bay Road.

Some 270 telephone subscribers on the Penders **received their new 629 telephone exchange** numbers in July.

Federal Fisheries Minister Jack Davis was pushing hard to protect the Georgia Strait waters by creation of a **national marine park**. Transport of oil by American tankers was a major concern.

A **school district proposal** to transport high school students from the Outer Islands to Salt Spring by boat on a daily basis was rejected by parents, but the Ganges Hill dormitory was still closed in the fall when a suitable administrator was not found. Students were billeted with Salt Spring families instead.

**Salt Spring Mobile Home Estates** was opened by Mr. and Mrs. Art Cade north of Ganges on Lower Ganges Road.

**Drummond Park** opened on July 31. The land originally donated for a children's park in 1969 by Capt. L.D.B. Drummond was augmented by a gift from his widow Betty Drummond and an additional parcel from the province.

The **King family of Saturna** lost everything when the old Macdonald house on Narvaez Bay Road caught fire in the summer.

**Transient youths** were monopolizing the free campsites at Mouat Park. Mrs. P. Grain of the Mod'n Lavender tourist bureau said she had heard about several unpleasant incidents in the park.

On Dec. 11, Gulf Islands voters **rejected plans for a total of \$750,000 in expenditures** proposed for school buildings on all islands, and to spend up to 1/10th of a mill for recreation purposes. However, the recreation vote was challenged and deemed passed the following February.

Former Gulf Islands School Board chair **Jim Campbell became CRD director** for the Outer Islands, while Marc Holmes was re-elected to the position on Salt Spring. Winning three school trustee seats from a field of nine Salt Spring candidates were Dr. E.R. Dixon, Mrs. Ione Guthrie and Charles Baltzer.



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Artist Alfred Temmel is seen working on a Salt Spring mural for Ben's Lucky Dollar Store (that later became the K&R). Temmel's murals were also in the Ship's Anchor Inn, the Harbour House, Ganges Crest restaurant and a tourist info sign that still exists today on Lower Ganges Road.

## Islands go artsy

Everyone knows the Gulf Islands are a mecca for the performing and visual arts, but what was the arts scene like in 1971?

Well, it was definitely in the blossoming stage, according to coverage in the Driftwood.

A Nov. 4 Driftwood article headlined "Interest in Art Leaps" described the growth in Gulf Islands Community Arts Council membership from only eight when it was formed in 1968 to 140 in 1971.

Council president Gordon C. Matthews reported that 2,200 tourists had visited the displays at Artcraft in Mahon Hall during the summer of 1971, although only 200 islanders were believed to have attended.

"Art is on 'pretty solid ground,' he remarked, and the drama group is going ahead," stated the Driftwood.

"There has been a keen interest among all the islands, concluded Mr. Matthews, and this was particularly evident when the council staged a workshop in Windsor Utley's studio at Ganges. There were visitors from all the outer islands to take part."

In the items duplicated on this page, Bea Hamilton reviews a Salt Spring Community Players drama and music event held May 1 at Fulford Hall, attended by some 150 people; and the paper's owner and editor Frank Richards (a self-described "philistine") offers his take on a painting by P.K. Bhattarcharjee and Artcraft 71.

### LIKE OLD TIMES

## MADNESS GOES ON AGAIN

BY BEA HAMILTON

It was like old times again to have a concert party on stage in the Fulford Hall where 150 or so people enjoyed the Drama and Music Night with the Salt Spring Community Players giving a professional touch to the drama, "Table Number Seven". No wonder that the group won all honors recently at the Duncan Drama Festival. There was only one trouble on Saturday night when someone forgot to turn on the sound system so some of the

a highly original quality.

Most popular of Betty Fry's six oils was a small boy, with dog, looking into the sunset, "Watching for the Fisherman".

Marjorie Haggart, 12 oils, had a fishboat, silver gray, like the beach logs, on Helen Point Reserve.

John Rainsford's fun-loving wife, (Chas Addams type), had a 24 in. by 18 in. poster, WANTED, with charcoal profile and fullface, of John. Oh, well; it's nice to be wanted. Versatile to a fault, one of Nancy's seven oils, was of toadstools; poisonous, no doubt.

Val Shulldes, seven had a striking city skyline, in the blue of the night.

Where was Galiano - just a glance away, across the Pass? Easter visitors would have enjoyed the Tea and Empathy - "the power to project one's personality into the object of contemplation."

Saturna would have spent all day travelling on the ferry; but why only three from the Penders, 20 minutes by SECHULT QUEEN from Village Bay?

A fine, fresh, fun show; an historic first; and the sister islands let it pass. Fie on them! "It was inspiring," said Ora Symes. And that summed it up.

fine dialogue may have been lost to the audience.

Their entire performance was excellent and they received prolonged applause.

As for Salt Spring Madness which followed - this needed no loud speaker system and the show went along with a polished touch. Several changes were made in performers as some of the original players could not be present. A. H. R. Howell filled in when sailor William Hubbard couldn't take his place on board the Spanish Ship with Robert Simons.

The Indian dances that opened the Madness scene seemed more authentic. Eve Marcotte was great!

All of the play was fun and so were the children doing their part in the early school scenes with Prof. John C. Jones, "That is where we got the name". Barbara Luke got up and told how Southey Point got its name; she was splendid!

The evening was well worth attending and we can be very proud of our Island Players. Directors were Olive Clayton and Virginia Newman, the lyrics were by Lou Rumsey with music by Virginia and Ray Newman. Mrs. Fred Anderson was the Irish colleen and Mrs. Frank Schwagly, the Dutch lady. Their lovely voices added beauty to the Bride Ship scene.

The Ladies Fire Brigade rang bells of memory as it came on to wind up the hour of fun. It was a lively and wild ending to the Madness.

Don Cunningham played several parts during the evening, and very successfully.

He went from his part in the Drama, to be the God of Fire on Mt. Tuam, and then waltzed with his partner Lou Rumsey at the Bride Ship scene.

### ART EXHIBITION MAHON HALL



BY FRANK RICHARDS

At first glance it is a hippie embracing a man of darker skin. And you ask, "Why?" so you look again and you see that the darker man has short fingers.

It still does not line up until you see the card, "Christ embracing the leper."

P. K. Bhattarcharjee always introduces a story into his painting. Last year at the art show in Mahon Hall he offered a straightforward painting with spiritual overtones. This time he's done it again.

Anyone who goes to any church regularly here would be

familiar with the healing of the leper. Neither old biblical version nor new could make its point more clearly.

PK's offering may not be the best of Artcraft 71, but it ranks high in its sharp message.

What is the best? Why ask a philistine?

There are a number of good offerings that appeal and a lot that don't. Equally, there are many good pictures that miss my boat. They're still good.

The showing in Mahon Hall has already attracted many visitors to the islands. It has drawn a few outer islanders. Very few Salt Spring Island people have signed the visitors' book.

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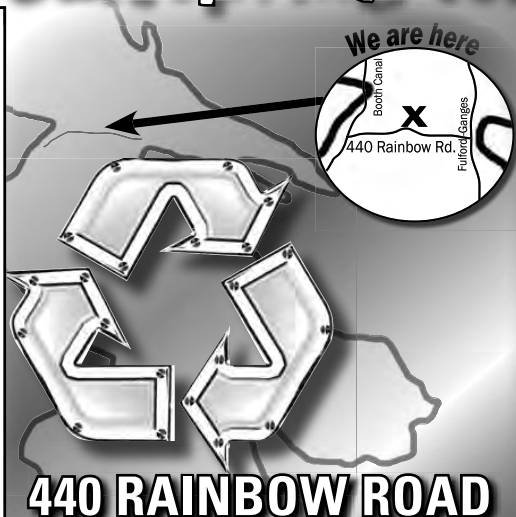
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# 1972 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Letters To The Editor

### DELINQUENCY AND \$3

Editor, Driftwood,  
Now that the elections and referendums are finished with, I would like to thank all the "old goats" that turned down the referendum on recreation, I hope they choke on the three bucks a year they saved by voting no. Perhaps, if they choke hard enough, we won't have to worry about them. With these "old goats" out of the way, we might be able to get some good, younger, community people into take their place. The trouble with the "old timers" is that they are afraid of small changes. The word "change" scares these "old goats". I think they are even afraid to change their underwear. Without proper recreation facilities in a community, we risk the possibility of juvenile delinquency. Perhaps, when one of these delinquents throws a rock through one of those "old goat's" windows and it costs him three bucks, he might vote yes next time.  
-Harry Woolley,  
R.R. 1, Fulford,  
Dec. 18, 1971.

### SPORT IS WANING

Editor, Driftwood,  
May I have a little space in our paper to reply to Mr. Woolley? I am very surprised that people of such fine intellect should come to this beautiful island to live amongst the smelly "old goats" although I do assure him they have water and keep themselves as clean as he. And their minds, I'm sure, are cleaner.  
I'm not an old-timer, I have only been here 25 years, but I have brought up my family on Salt Spring and as the last one only left school two years ago, I can speak on recreation.  
Both we and our family found enough recreation and we paid for it. We did not see the do so.  
With the extra wages our young people are earning why can't they pay the \$6 instead of \$3 a year. After all, we have been told at public meetings that the old-timers are in the minority.  
In fairly recent years and in the long ago, too, Salt Spring Island has played every kind of sport, but unfortunately even

roller hockey is now not as popular as it was.

We need people like you, Mr. Woolley, to get out and help the men and women who are really doing something about recreation in a practical way.  
Ethel French,  
R.R. 1, Fulford Harbour,  
January 24, 1972.

### INSURANCE RATES

GRATEFUL TO OLD GOATS  
Editor, Driftwood,  
In reply to a letter under the name of "Harry Woolley" dated Jan 20/72.

I suggest Mr. Woolley is a "Johnny come lately" to our Island and like many more newcomers, is not acquainted with the heritage of our beautiful Island.

I have only lived on this Island for 21 years so can hardly call myself an old timer.

To refresh your memory, the Fulford Hall, which is the largest on this island, was built by the community by free labor, free donations of lumber, nails, shingles, and all that goes to make a Community Hall for love.

It perhaps cost some more than \$3, which was a lot of money in those days.

A few years ago the Lions Club donated and installed a hardwood floor, marked off for all recreational needs even to the roller skates for young and

old. Little tots have been taught to roller skate, the teenagers, roller hockey, and we older ones to roller skate.

Basketball, badminton, motion pictures, stage shows including the Royal Canadian Navy Band, dances and many other things. Many of us "Old Goats" have given more than \$3 not only in cash but in helping and giving ourselves to this Community Hall.

I have a motion picture record of the doings of this community since 1952, and it might change your mind about "Old Goats". Why then don't you start the ball rolling for recreational centre by donations of labor, material, and hard work, instead of the taxpayer paying for it. Otherwise there are species of "woolley goats" way up on the Rockies - why not join them?

-Doug Dane, O.A.P.,  
Fulford Harbour,  
Jan. 24, 1972.



From left, Perry Polywkan, Jack Andrews, Mark O'Donnell and Rick Andrews were among 60 Salt Spring youngsters who took part in Red Cross swimming lessons at Vesuvius Beach.

## Increasing support for recreation on the island

In December of 1971, Salt Spring voters rejected both a proposal to spend \$50,000 for an activity centre with a stage for community and school use at Salt Spring Elementary School and to give further tax support to the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission by increasing the mill rate.

(Although when Bob Rush, who at that point divided his time between Salt Spring and Vancouver, challenged the math of the recreation vote interpretation, the CRD admitted it had made a mistake and that the close vote should have been approved but wasn't.)

Another vote was held in December of 1972 and this time both were approved.

Following the failure of the 1971 votes, a lively "Old Goats" letters to the editor exchange occurred in papers from early in 1972. Some are reprinted here. With referendum support

for school and recreation facilities often low (until a proposal came around for at least the second and maybe third time), property tax frugality was a recurring theme in the 1960s and '70s.

Prior to the 1972 "re-vote," the recreation commission laid out its plans for spending the \$5,200 per annum that would be raised by the extra 0.40 mill levy.

- They were:
- Part-time recreation director: \$900
  - Sports equipment: \$800
  - Swimming instructors and life guards: \$450
  - Travel expenses: \$200
  - Old Age Pensioners' Assoc.: \$600
  - Centennial Park: \$1,500
  - Drummond Park: \$750
  - Arnell Park: \$450
- At this time the commission functioned under the Community Recreation Branch of the provincial government.

## TOP STORIES

The **Extended Care Unit** of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was officially opened on May 19 by Premier W.A.C. Bennett among a crowd of 300 people. The acute care hospital had been opened in 1958.

An **HMCS Cowichan sailor died** when a car owned by Dale Empey of Ganges went into the ocean at the Ganges wharf.

A **student nurse from Royal Jubilee Hospital died in a car crash** on Cranberry Road while returning with five other student nurses to their campsite on the Hamer property on Mount Maxwell.

In May the **first plane landed at Salt Spring's first airstrip** in the Fulford Valley, a controversial project of Gordon Cudmore. The CRD soon applied for an injunction to stop its use since it did not conform to the zoning bylaw. The Supreme Court then determined that only the federal government had authority over airstrips. The saga continued.

Salt Spring Lion **Tom Portlock** was named district governor for Lions Club's international district 19.

Norman Mailey, 19, and Peter Allan Booth, 18, were **killed in a car accident** on Lower Ganges Road just south of the Canal Road junction on June 16. Both had grown up on Salt Spring.

Some **200 quarter-acre lots in a Walker Hook area subdivision** first approved in 1891 were finally offered for sale, but not for long. First the chief medical officer Dr. J.K.M. Whitbread refused to issue septic tank permits for the lots, and then the Superintendent of Insurance banned their sale pending an enquiry.

The **YMCA's new Camp Yawaca** at Beaver Point on land leased from forestry giant MacMillan Bloedel was officially opened on Sept. 9.

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce moved to improve the **unemployment situation** for the island's young people by opening an employment agency at Shane and Vicki Heinekey's McPhillips Avenue Shape-up Shop store.

Some 1,500 people attended the Fulford Seafood Barbecue at Drummond Park in July, where **Salt Spring rock band Chilliwack** "liven[ed] up the day" and people enjoyed Jack Roland's fabulous clam chowder.

**Two-year-old Peter Turley died** in a cabin fire at Musgrave Landing on July 27. A small colony of young people had been living in four abandoned cabins.

**Ben's Lucky Dollar Store** in Ganges became a branch of the K&R from Duncan after Ben Greenhough junior and senior stepped down. They had bought the grocery department of Mouat Bros. in 1966.

Salt Spring's **Bill Arnold** set out on Sept. 5 for a cross-Canada run to Halifax.

## MORE TOP STORIES

NDPPer **Tommy Douglas** was re-elected in Nanaimo-Cowichan-the Islands in the Oct. 30 federal election that saw a minority Liberal government led by Pierre Trudeau elected and with the NDP holding the balance of power.

Fire destroyed the old hotel wing of the **Harbour House Hotel** in the early morning hours of Nov. 14.

Valdy (Valdemar Horsdal) was chosen **Song Writer of the Year in Canada**, and his song Country Man was named Best Song of the Year, reported his proud mother Lillian Horsdal, a regular contributor to Driftwood pages.

An electrical failure caused the **Ganges courtroom** to be gutted by fire on Dec. 16.

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## TOP STORIES

The year 1973 opened with islanders celebrating the promised arrival of SAM, the Salvage, Assembly and Manufacture program. The first 200 islanders who registered with the CRD **could have old cars on their property removed** at no cost.

Unemployment would be eased somewhat by \$58,000 in **Local Initiative Program** funds distributed by the federal government. Improvements would be done to Fulford Hall, Drummond Park and school buildings throughout the district. In February there were 78 registered unemployed persons on Salt Spring, according to MP Tommy Douglas.

Islanders were among those in the dark about the NDP government's plans for agricultural lands of more than two acres in size, when a **development freeze** was enacted in February of 1973 through Bill 42. By July the process to designate land for the Agricultural Land Commission was underway on the islands. In September the Select Committee on Municipal Matters released its first proposal for an islands trust area.

**Mrs. Tom Power was killed in a fire** at her North End Road home on April 6.

**Greg Ralph Adair Lust was drowned in a boating accident** off Hall Island on April 20, while six other people in the 12-foot aluminum boat were rescued through the efforts of Rolf Hildred, age 19, who was on Hall Island when he heard their cries. A Jackscrew Island man was later fined \$300 for dangerous boating.

**Property damage and near riots caused by young people** were among the highlights of the May long weekend on Salt Spring Island, especially at Mouat Park. On Galiano Island, molotov cocktails were reportedly thrown among campers.

Citizens of the year for 1973 were the **Ruckle family of Beaver Point**.

The **Salties roller hockey team** were Victoria-area champions in July after an undefeated season and playoffs.

Professional actor and Salt Spring resident **Stuart Margolin** brought colleagues Margot Kidder and Joshua Bryant to the island for a presentation of Sea Marks at Fulford Hall.

Harbour House Hotel proprietor **Walter Hertzog was found shot to death** in his suite at the hotel in the early hours of Sept. 14. The door to the apartment had been burned and a gas can was found outside the building. Norman Morris Stevens, 23, was charged with capital murder two days later and found guilty of manslaughter in February of 1974.

**George Heinekey** became Salt Spring CRD director, beating Jim Wilkinson by a huge margin. Previous director and former Trust chair Marc Holmes had declined to run again. Jim Campbell got the CRD nod by acclamation for the Outer Islands.

Galiano Islanders voted **81 per cent in favour of a fire protection program** for the southern part of their island.

## OLDEST GOLFER AND YOUNGEST



They are the oldest and the youngest. Here are Lyle Brown and W. M. Mouat. There's more than 80 years difference in their ages, but there's no generation gap to be seen. Bridging the gap is golf. Lyle is the youngest golfer at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. W.M. is the oldest. Lyle is eight years of age; his golfing companion is 89. Lyle is the son of of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Brown of Ganges and W.M. is one of the island's senior citizens, having lived here 87 of his 89 years.

## Saturna via Papajohn

John McMahon was Saturna Island's colourful correspondent from 1966 to his death following a fall in April 1976. For some period of time his captivating style included creating alliteration with women's names — such as "jubilant Jan Crooks" or "impish Irene Hungle."

"There was no correspondent like Papajohn," wrote publisher Frank Richards on April 14, 1976, after McMahon's death. "He wrote exactly what came to him and then urged me to use a blue pencil to keep us both out of jail. I saw him a few times a year and I talked to him almost every week."

## SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

It has been a lonesome week. Granmarie is in Royal Jubilee Hospital; George Morgan is still in Lady Minto (which is where I wish Granmarie was) and Vi Shinduke has been away for a week on a First Aid Course.

Some good news is that Par-ky Joudry is home from hospital. Gramma Louisa Gal Mon-ey and Ann Bavis, after seeing Granmarie on Thursday, gave me some good news. Elsie Dangerfield has recovered from a bout with "A" Flu Bug. (Maybe if we treat these --- Flu Bugs with Capital letters in our press we "may?" get some respect from them???)

Dr. R. E. Dixon has lost a good partner, Dr. Allan Thomson, who has gone to New Zealand to practise. Sorry to see you go, Dr. Allan and hope your new practice is a happy one. Dr.

Rob Dixon is fortunate he has enlisted the services of Dr. Kenmuir-Evans and Dr. Peter Rowell. We haven't had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Kenmuir-Evans, except by phone, but Dr. Peter Rowell came over last Wednesday in Dr. Dixon's place. Dr. Rowell has spent quite a few years on the prairies and several years in the Outer Hebrides, but he has no "burr". Welcome to our Islands and though they are new to us they are not new to medicine.

New residents to Saturna are Gordon and Janet Dixon with Tina and Lance. We hope they find our island life happy. Think they are related to Tom and Karen Harvey, because people like the Harveys are good friends to have.

Frank and Mary Copeland are still busy moving over. Last week they had son Johnny and cousin Victor helping. Hope it does not take you as long to get settled as Marie and I.

Finally, thanks to Tommy Cowan, we got this epistle with all its grammatical errors ready for Uncle Art to mail tomorrow.

## CROWDS SWARM TO FULFORD

Fulford Hall was swamped with the hungry hordes of Salt Spring Island when the smorg- asbord opened on Saturday afternoon.

An hour after the launching time of 6 pm the crowd had thinned out, the volunteer staff had served everything prepared during the day and more than five urns of coffee had washed down a hot and cold meal.

Figures had not been analyzed by Tuesday and exact returns were not known.

## THEY ARE ALL LATE AT TIMES

Children coming to Gulf Islands Secondary school from the Outer Islands are about 45 minutes late to school on Monday, school trustees learned on Monday afternoon.

"It's not exceptional," confessed Principal Bob McWhirter, "Lots of Salt Spring Island children are 45 minutes late!"

## NOT EVEN SNOW STOPS BLOOD

Not even a heavy fall of snow could deter the blood donors of Salt Spring Island on Friday.

The blood clinic, which was expected to be a thorough flop in face of a sudden fall of snow proved to be almost as successful as previous clinics in balmy weather.

There were 111 volunteers and 102 were accepted.

The clinic was sponsored by

the Royal Canadian Legion on the island.

The snow was not the only hazard to quiet blood-letting. Half-way through the program the lights failed and the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department came to the rescue with a portable generator.

The Legion was not disheartened by the day's results and is already looking to another clinic in the spring.

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The HMS Ganges chapter of the IODE still holds its annual fashion show, as it did in 1974.

When HMS Ganges Chapter, IODE, marked the 60th birthday of the organization last week, a fashion show was staged, with the assistance of Mouat's Store. Models for the evening were the charming young ladies seen above. From left to right are Marguerite Lee, Yvonne T'oyneeb, Jeannette Larson, Jessie Sayer, Nan Jenks, Glad Lee, Liz Jenks, Edith McCandless and Joyce Parsons, all ready and eager to show the styles they have adopted for the occasion.

## TOP STORIES

The eight-year-old **Bowen Queen** was brought into service on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run in January to replace the smaller Salt Spring Queen, which moved to the Vesuvius-Crofton route.

The **Meals on Wheels** service was initiated on Salt Spring on Jan. 16.

**Community plans** for South Pender and Galiano islands had been passed by the province. Salt Spring Island's plan came into law in March, meaning the 10-acre subdivision freeze would be lifted after four years.

Two Salt Spring families **lost their homes from fire** early in 1974: Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Anderson of Walker Hook Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Donnelly on Reynolds Road. In October, Norma Lisa Allan died in a fire at her home.

Salt Spring Island **Centennial Library** would be given a new name following a motion passed at the Feb. 11 AGM. Mary Hawkins Memorial Library would honour the woman who was the prime mover in the library's establishment in part of Mouat's store in 1959.

The **51-foot fishing vessel 'Respond'** loaded with 30 tons of herring sank in 80 feet of water at Whaler's Bay off Galiano on March 1.

The International Joint Commission was considering a proposal to create a **Point Roberts-Gulf Islands Park**, primarily to solve Port Roberts' lack-of-water problem. A Driftwood ballot poll found 794 islanders against and only two in favour.

The **Activity Centre** in Salt Spring Elementary School officially opened on April 5, under joint administration of the school district and the CRD.

**Saturna's Lions Club** became the world's 27,000th Lions club when it received its charter on April 27. John MacDonald was first president of the Saturna club.

A man who served as Fulford's rural postman for 52 years — from 1919 to 1971 — was leaving the island at the age of 80. **Frank Pyatt** had delivered the mail on his renowned horse Major during the early years, recounted Driftwood writer Lillian Horsdal in a May 23 article.

**Ruckle Park** was declared a provincial park.

The **Beaver Point Bean Supper** served a record 380 dinners on June 1. The meal was followed by music from the Sod Busters.

Road crews were taking a meal break from repair work on Beaver Point Road near Stowell Lake when a **landslide wiped out the road**.

**Permits for 121 new homes** were issued in the Gulf Islands for the first half of 1974, 63 on Salt Spring and 58 on the other islands.

**Fred Bennett** of Mayne Island retired after 45 years with the Department of Highways. He had been born on Mayne in 1910.

**B.C. Ferries** announced plans to give the Village Bay ferry terminal a facelift, including widening of the approach road and provision of space for 85 cars in the holding area.

## The Islands Trust is born

Land use, development control and planning issues had made news headlines on the Gulf Islands from about the mid-1960s on. Realizing growth could get out of control if something was not done, in 1969 the Social Credit government of W.A.C. Bennett brought in the "10-acre freeze" — ensuring no lots of under 10 acres in size could be created through new subdivisions. But governments knew that wasn't a long-term solution.



Marc Holmes

Following the recommendations of an all-party committee investigating the future development of the islands, set up by the NDP in February of 1973, the NDP government announced its plans to create the Islands Trust in late April of 1974.

"Municipal Affairs Minister James Lorimer has introduced the islands trust as a superintendent standing over the islands, exerting new controls on construction and subdivision and not unlike an auxiliary regional district essentially concerned with planning and over-riding most other legislation exerting any control on development," stated the Driftwood's

first assessment.

An initial public meeting in Ganges "endorsed the summary of the act and unanimously opposed the new legislation," wrote the Driftwood on May 9.

As more details were released and the Islands Trust Act (Bill 112) was introduced on May 21, skepticism seemed to increase. Under the headline "Noisy meeting hears of Islands Trust" on the front of the May 30 paper, we read that more than 200 people at a May 24 meeting with Lorimer "booed and howled as [Lorimer] tried to explain the purpose of the Act."

Regional directors George Heinekey (Salt Spring) and Jim Campbell (Outer Islands) were also not thrilled with the perceived shift in power that could occur.

"[MLA Hugh] Curtis has tried to soft-soap this bill," Heinekey said, "but I think it's a travesty."

Outer Islands director Jim Campbell was also opposed. However, once it was in place, both men expressed a desire to cooperate with the Trust.

The structure saw three "general trustees" appointed from among the 13 Trust islands; and two trustees elected from each island.

First general trustees were Hillary Brown from Hornby Island, the chair; Marc Holmes from Salt Spring; and Dave Brousson from North Vancouver.

Further changes brought in by the Social Credit government, when Saanich-Islands MLA Hugh Curtis was Municipal Affairs Minister in 1977 and 1978, saw the elimination of the three appointed trustees, and transferring of planning, zoning and subdivision approval functions from the regional districts to the Trust.

BY PROVINCE

### New Islands Trust looming

Gulf Islands are popular this year.

Last week the provincial government published its new islands trust program for restricted development of the islands.

Municipal Affairs Minister James Lorimer has introduced the islands trust as a superin-

tendent standing over the islands, exerting new controls on construction and subdivision and not unlike an auxiliary regional district essentially concerned with planning and over-riding most other legislation exerting any control on development.

The new program comes in the wake of the International Joint Commission's pressure on the federal government to swap the islands for Canadian domestic water for the American Point Roberts.

When the Islands Trust Act was introduced on Wednesday last week into the provincial legislature, Hugh Curtis, MLA

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Islands Trust Act is of no value to those islands which are already mature and well-developed. In such cases it is duplicating the function of the regional districts, already capable of handling all the functions of the proposed Islands Trust.

Meeting in the high school gymnasium was called by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to hear Hugh Curtis, MLA, speak on the legislation and to enable him to gain islanders' opinions.

The meeting was sharply critical of the new trust, deplored the lack of guidance provided in the bill and vit-

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LORIMER AT SALT SPRING

### Noisy meeting hears of Islands Trust

MINISTER IS UNAWARE OF ISLAND PLANNING

BY FRANK RICHARDS

More than 200 Salt Spring islanders gathered in the gymnasium at Gulf Islands

as Municipal Affairs Minister J. C. Lorimer tried to explain the purpose of the Act.

speaker had neglected his homework and proved unaware of the progress of Salt Spring Island planning or the Salt Spring Island plan-

These were headlines of the times when the Islands Trust was first announced in 1974. Things have calmed down since then and islanders have often rallied around the "preserve and protect" mandate.



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## TOP STORIES

**Labour unrest struck Ganges** in February. A new fish plant opened on Rainbow Road by fisherman Johnny Christianson was picketed by members of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, and pickets from the Canadian Union of Public Employees showed up at the public health office in Ganges to protest use of that building during strike action.

**Jim Campbell of Saturna Island** was re-elected to his third one-year term as chair of the Capital Regional District Board by fellow CRD board members.

Walter Blatter of Kangro Road made local bowling history by **rolling the first perfect game** at Leisure Lanes on Jan. 29.

In March the provincial Pollution Control Board **revoked a permit** it had issued for a Ganges sewage scheme because of harbour pollution concerns raised by the Scientific Pollution and Environmental Control Society. The CRD first appealed the decision but later dropped the appeal.

**The home of 80-year-old Olive Auchterlonie** on Port Washington Road on Pender burned to the ground on April 4. Auchterlonie was able to escape from the house at about midnight, but none of her possessions could be saved.

A May 5 **robbery at Mouat's store** saw some \$2,000 stolen from the safe, which was destroyed with an axe in the process. A loaded gun was also left by the safe and a .22 had been fired inside the store.

The **Ganges fire hall had a new clock in the hose tower** in the summer, thanks to clock maker Roy Cronin, who said he also had "generous help" from fire chief Kelly Hanke, Les Wagg and hall volunteers. The hall and clock tower were designed by Old Scott Road architect Henry Schubart.

The **South Galiano Fire Hall** was opened on June 7 on land donated by Vic Zala.

In July, the **Saturna Island shale plant was closed** after nearly 20 years in operation. The company owned by British Columbia Lightweight Aggregates Ltd. had bought 345 acres of the north-western portion of the island after it incorporated in 1957, with further lands acquired later.

A **transfer of responsibility for ambulance services** on Salt Spring that began in July of 1974 was completed when Bill's Taxi owner Bill Simpkins finished the required training to become the only full-time employee of the ambulance service on the island. Ambulance services had previously been a project of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

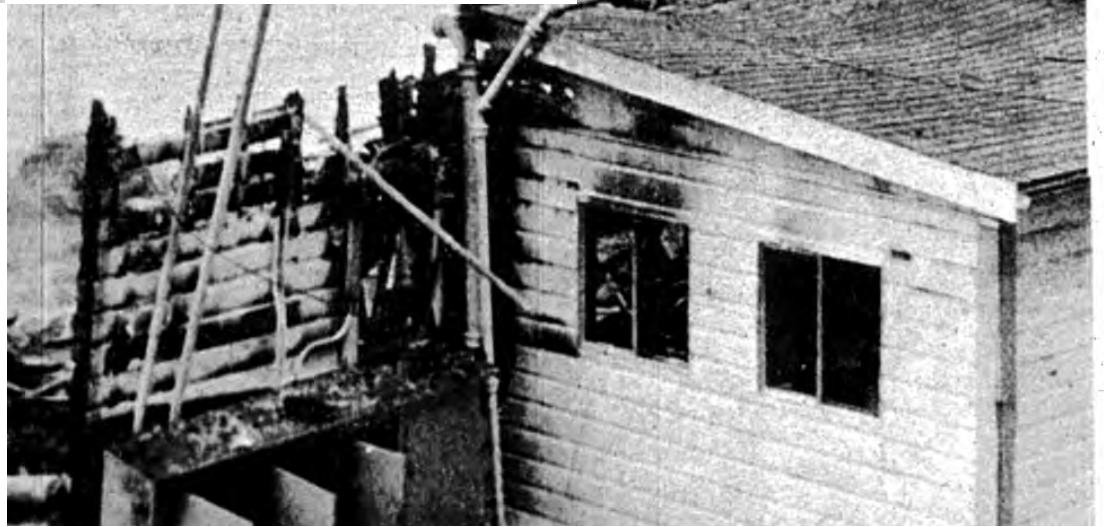
**Salt Spring's subdivision bylaw** was passed in August by the CRD Board after months of community wrangling and bringing to an end a 10-acre-minimum island-wide parcel size that had been in place since 1969.

Social Credit **MLA Hugh Curtis was returned to the Victoria legislature** in a Dec. 11 election, which saw the Socreds returned to power after three years of NDP government under Dave Barrett. Gulf Islands voters gave Curtis 49.5 per cent support, and voter turnout was 78 per cent among the 4,290 eligible voters.



## Fire report

Above, historic photo of building known as Bittancourt's Store, then the Vesuvius Lodge and Vesuvius Hotel. Below, the same building after the Jan. 12, 1975 fire.



The X-Kalay Foundation used the Vesuvius Hotel site as a hostelry, cafe, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.

Built in the 1870s by the Bittancourt family, it was originally a residence and general store, and then a hotel and restaurant. (See the 1979 page for details about its Inn at Vesuvius phase.)

Devastating house fires were more common in this era, due to the lack of in-home smoke alarms and various other factors.

In the July 30 Driftwood, fire chief Kelly Hanke included in his annual report a plea to householders to eliminate fire hazards.

"Please, for the sake of your family's safety, be aware of and correct the fire hazards and potential hazards around your dwellings," he wrote.

At that same AGM he reported that in 1974 the department responded to 79 alarms (25 related to ambulance matters requiring an inhalator), with 620 man-hours expended and 730 vehicle-miles used.

How much did fire protection service cost that year on Salt Spring? \$82,687, up from \$60,898 the previous year.

## FIRE RAZES X-KALAY'S VESUVIUS HOTEL

In a gigantic plume of flame a Salt Spring Island landmark and a social experiment came to an end at Vesuvius on Sunday morning. Outbreak of fire in X-Kalay's Vesuvius Hotel burned the old hostelry to the ground.

## TWO BADERS TWO DEER TOO MUCH!

Deer are for the birds, as far as the Bader family is concerned.

On July 16 Cec Bader was driving his late model imported pick-up on the Fulford-Ganges Road. A deer jumped out onto the road and the car ran into it.

Damage was estimated at \$400.

At the week end, his nephew, Larry Bader, was traveling along Rainbow Road when a deer wandered in front of his car. Result: damage estimated at \$500.

In both cases the deer suffered more than the vehicle.

## LETTERS

A LEPRECHAUN!

Sir, I regret to inform you that you have a leprechaun in your typesetting department. This particular little devil is well known in printing circles and cursed is the type set where he chooses to abide. Although seldom seen he makes his presence known by his twisted Irish sense of humour, i.e., "May Day will be celebrated on March 17 at Ganges..." as soberly announced in your newspaper last week.

Fortunately for you there is a remedy for exorcising this wee person. You must sprinkle the infected area liberally with holy water. In the event that you are out of holy water, Hennessy's 5 Star will do the job - or at least placate him.

Geoff Cue, Resident Leprechaun Exorciser, Box 525, Ganges, May 2, 1975.

## Schedule change

Day of easy memory of ferry schedules is gone. B. C. Ferries has introduced a new Fulford ferry schedule which has abandoned the practice of sailing at regular intervals.

New irregular sailing times eliminate the every-two-hour pattern of many years' standing. There will be no more sailings, but the early afternoon will be a blank period, with nearly three hours between sailings.

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# 1976 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

SECOND SECTION

Wednesday, January 28, 1976

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## Trustees of Gulf Islands School District at the board table



Women outnumbered the men on the Gulf Islands School Board when it met for the first time in 1976, but the Driftwood pointed out the gender balance was appropriate since 1975 had been International Women's Year. Sitting around the table from the left side in this photo are Nonie Guthrie, Roma Sturdy, Beth Beach, Tom Davidson, Bob Huestis, Ann Foerster, Larry Holbrook, June Knowles, Charles Baltzer, Don Fairweather, Sheila Fraser and Pearl Brau. Trustees were Foerster, Guthrie, Sturdy, Fraser and Baltzer from Salt Spring, Davidson from Saturna, Beach of Galiano, Fairweather of Pender and Brau of Mayne. The other people in the photo were school district administrators/employees. And, thanks to current school board chair May McKenzie of Mayne Island, we have a chance to correct a 34-year-old error. In the original photo cutline of Jan. 28, 1976, Larry Holbrook, supervisor of instruction at the time, was misidentified as "Len" Holbrook. Larry Holbrook was principal of Mayne school for a short time in the 1980s and later an islands trustee for that island.

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SECOND SECTION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1976

## Farmer's Market big attraction

It started as a means of disposing of surplus garden produce, but the Farmer's Market is a big factor in the summer activities of Salt Spring Island.

The stalls in Centennial Park are mostly formed by the vehicles which bring vendors to the park. Some use display tables and others use the paved ground.

It was originally a market place for garden produce and little else. That's all changed.

You visit the market in the heart of Ganges against the fence

of the Centennial Park. First stall against the fence is selling books and odds and ends. It stands as sentinel at one end of the line and at the other end is a vendor of cedar blinds. In between are clothing displays, eggs, garden produce and many other commodities. Honey stands alongside the surplus from the vendor's garden and two children are proudly selling surplus kittens. It was a buyer's market.

These pictures show different scenes from the event on Saturday



## TOP STORIES

The body of RCMP Const. Garry Van Zant was found on the beach after the officer fell from the top of a bank near St. George's Church in Ganges on Jan. 9.

Representatives from all seven regional districts told Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis they believed the **Islands Trust had become superfluous and should be dissolved.** CRD Board chairman Jim Campbell from Saturna was among the Trust's biggest critics.

In February, land clearing began for the **Galiano senior citizens' housing project.** Its doors were opened in August.

Rising fuel costs closed the **water taxi service** operated by Nigel Phillips of Phillips Marine Service on May 1. Salt Spring-based Stacey Charter Service agreed the business was a tight one but Mike Stacey said he and his brother David expected to be operating for years to come.

An April 10 referendum to develop **recreation facilities** at Central passed by a narrow 456 to 414 margin. The Lions Club had spearheaded the proposal, which called for a one-shot levy of 2.5 mills to acquire the 10-acre property and provide tennis courts, a soccer field, track and other facilities. Tennis courts were opened in July. The area was named Portlock Park in September, following the death of Lion Tom Portlock.

The **Salt Spring Recreation Commission** was eliminated as a function of the provincial government and brought under the authority of the CRD, with commission members to be elected by community members.

Islanders were stunned when Transport Minister Jack Davis announced a **360 per cent rate increase for Salt Spring residents** travelling to Victoria and 350 per cent for Outer Islanders travelling to Victoria with withdrawal of commuter ticket savings and a fare increase. After much protest, a residents' fare system came into being in the fall, involving the issuance of cards with the bearer's photograph.

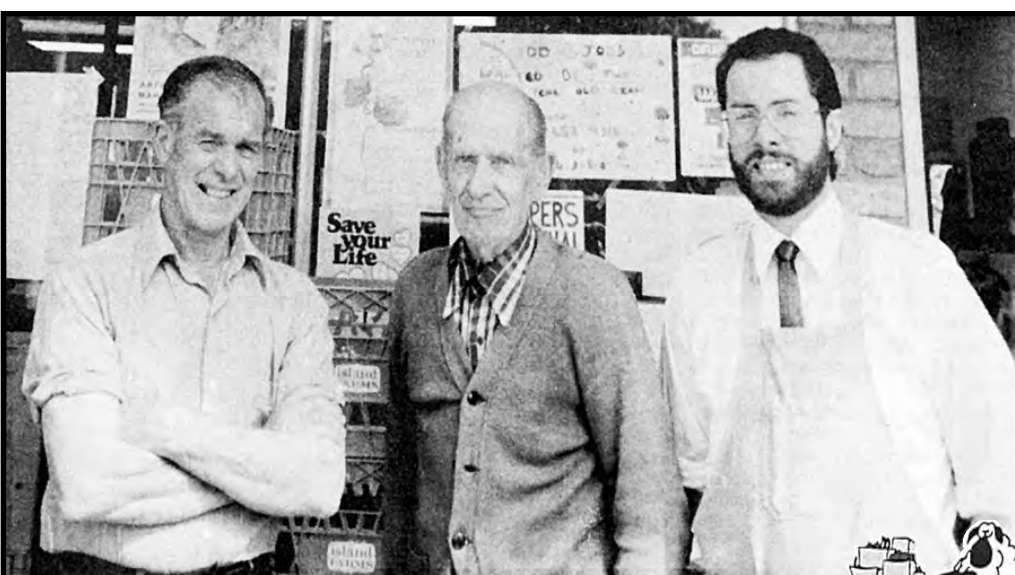
The **Mayne Island Health Centre** opened its doors in May, with an official opening event held on July 20. Mrs. Kay Adams, Dr. Peter Rowell and Helen Buckland took part in the first service offered there.

Newest member of the Ganges RCMP detachment was **Cst. Eric (Ace) Mainwaring**, who replaced Cst. David Lindsay. Mainwaring remained on the island for several years. Corp. Ray Stelter was the NCO.

**Cost to mail a letter** within Canada rose from eight to 10 cents on Sept. 1.

GISS students and community members **rallied to raise funds** so Ricky Andrews could receive bone cancer treatment at the Mayo clinic in the U.S.

The **JB Co-op Food Centre** opened in the Community Centre on Ganges Hill, later moving to Central Hall. In October, spokesman Colin Drummond said the new concept in food buying was catching on "remarkably well."



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# 1977 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

The Ship's Anchor Inn reopened under a new name and management when **Mrs. Rita Dods** acquired the business from Art Farrow and Jack Hassell. The hostelry and restaurant originally known as The Log Cabin would be known as Rita's Inn. Dods had run the catering service at the golf club for seven years. She had been a resident of the island for 23 years.

In January, Ted Akerman reported **losing 63 sheep** on the range near Cape Keppel. He also believed up to 40 others were killed by domestic dogs and the remains not discovered.

**Windsor Plywood bought the Salt Spring Building Centre** at the Valcourt Business Centre in Ganges in February.

**Mike Larmour** became superintendent of North Salt Spring Waterworks District after the retirement of Peter Cartwright in February. Cartwright had served for 26 years.

The recently acquired **Mount Tuam Buddhist retreat** was blessed in a ceremony in front of 65 spectators in March.

Responding to pressure from the **Centennial Park Society**, Salt Spring's recreation commission told the Saturday farmers' market folks to find new quarters. Market elimination would not be immediate, said chair Tom Marcus. A Driftwood poll of 229-8 showed islanders wanted the market to remain in the park.

**Tom Watson was chosen new principal** for Salt Spring Elementary School, after it was decided to separate the principalship of the elementary and secondary schools in Ganges. Bob McWhirter would remain GISS principal.

Junior-secondary-aged students from Mayne, Galiano and Saturna would be served by an **expanded school at Mayne Island**. Only senior secondary students would still commute to Salt Spring. Galiano parents were upset that their children would be forced to go to Mayne rather than Salt Spring.

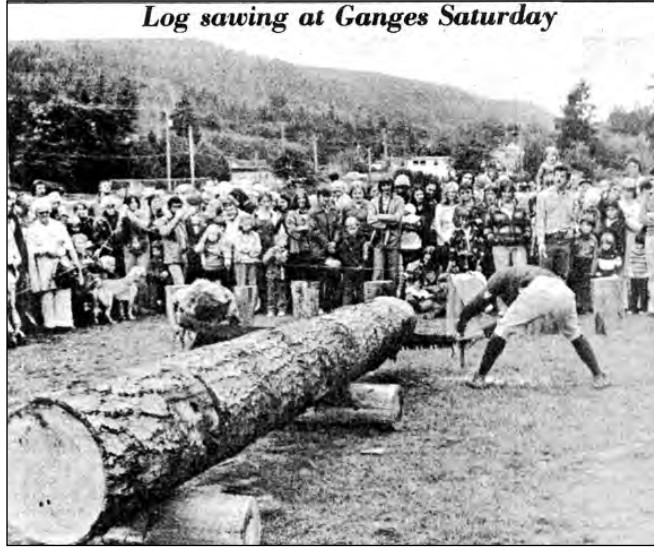
Salt Spring's **Dan Reynolds and George Moulton** returned from the Canadian Trap Shooting Championships in Vancouver in July with best-in-Canada titles in their respective classes.

More than 500 past and present **Pender school students and staff** attended a 75th anniversary reunion in August, while a brand new school was also being constructed on the island. The new school was officially opened on Nov. 26. Special guest was Nep Grimmer, who had started school on the island in 1895.

On Sept. 30, Canada switched **from miles to kilometres** when it came to speed and distance and road signs.

**Three plane crashes occurred within three months**. The first, on Sept. 5 at Mount Tuam, claimed the life of a RCMP special constable from Vancouver. Four Vancouver Island residents died when their Cessna 220 went down on the northwestern side of Mount Erskine on Nov. 25. On Saturna on Dec. 2, 14 people walked away from the crash of an Air West twin-engined Otter.

Log sawing at Ganges Saturday



Log sawing was one of the activities at the 1977 fall fair, held on Sept. 17 in Ganges.

## Second fall fair is a 'great success again'

While the first Salt Spring Island fall fair has been acknowledged as the annual exhibition of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural and Horticultural Society, held on the society's grounds in Vesuvius Bay in 1896, the island's fair was not held continuously through to the present day.

Although Driftwood issues of the 1960s and early 1970s describe various flower and garden shows, and agriculture is obviously a major part of island life, the 1957 Fulford Fall Fair was the last one on Salt Spring until 1976 when a full-fledged fall fair was resurrected on the school grounds in Ganges, following a resurgence of agricultural activities in the preceding years.

Tony Richards, who came to work for his father Frank, then publisher and editor of the paper, wrote glowingly of

the 1977 version of the fair, which drew 2,500 visitors.

"The number of entries this year was almost double that of last year: there were 1,850 entries in the 17 sections," he reported. "In the horticulture section alone, there were 600 entries this year, up from 250 last year.

"Saturday morning island farmers were rounding up their stock, including runaway pigs on Rainbow Road, and by 9:30 p.m., most of the animals were in the pens.

"About four of the classrooms in the elementary school as well as the Activity Centre were filled with the exhibits of all the sections that didn't include livestock."

In 1977, Pat Lee was chair of the fall fair committee and Marguerite Lee was fair coordinator.

## Some people would call it

## Baloney ... by Tony

There was a time when Salt Spring Island had close ties with the sea. But, judging by people's feelings on how the waterfront should be used, those ties are becoming quite weak.

There are undoubtedly not a few people happy to see the departure of the old island ferry, Cy Peck. And there are those who look with displeasure upon the prospect of the island's sailing club mooring boats on the western shore of Ganges Harbour.

Those who do not care for the appearance of boats in the water, be they of plastic or wood construction, are overlooking something. They can build their homes on the slopes of Mount Maxwell if they so desire. But the boat-owner is restricted to the waterfront.

The Salt Spring Island Sailing Club has good reason for putting in floats to supply its membership with moorage space: there is, at present, nowhere else to tie up. Scott Point Marina has been taken over by a private yacht club and space at Ganges is severely limited.

Let's keep the boats on the water and at the same time, let's not forget that Salt Spring is an island.

I must beg forgiveness from all the devoted readers of this column for the lack of material that is to appear here this week. Irrespective of the fact that I am overworked, underpaid and only a minor subordinate on the Driftwood staff, I have been unceremoniously dumped into the cold, hard chair of the editor, who is, at this moment, living it up in Europe.

It is, therefore, through no fault of mine that I have been unable to find the time to write anything substantial here this week.

I have been suffering. I have had to decipher the hieroglyphics of our sports writer, Malcolm Legg, who must assuredly be the descendant of an ancient

Egyptian scribe who is still learning how to hold a pen. I have strained my eyes to the limit over copy submitted by our pottery editor, Maggie Schubart; I can only conclude that the ribbon she has in her typewriter has been there since she moved to Salt Spring from California.

I have had to oversee the work undertaken by other Driftwood staffers who refuse to believe that I am not taking a night school course in grade 10 English grammar.

I have but one thing to be grateful for: the proximity of the Driftwood office to the liquor store.

## Registration deadline is Sunday for Craft Sale-Fair

The registration deadline for the Community Society Craft Sale-Fair is Sunday, November 27. Anyone wishing to operate a booth or contribute a few items for sale at the cooperative booth should contact the Community Society at 537-9212 or Gail Secor at 653-4281.

The society hopes to provide a market for local craftspeople, a source of locally made crafts for shoppers and a good time for all attending. The society takes a 10% commission on sales which will be used to maintain the Community Centre.

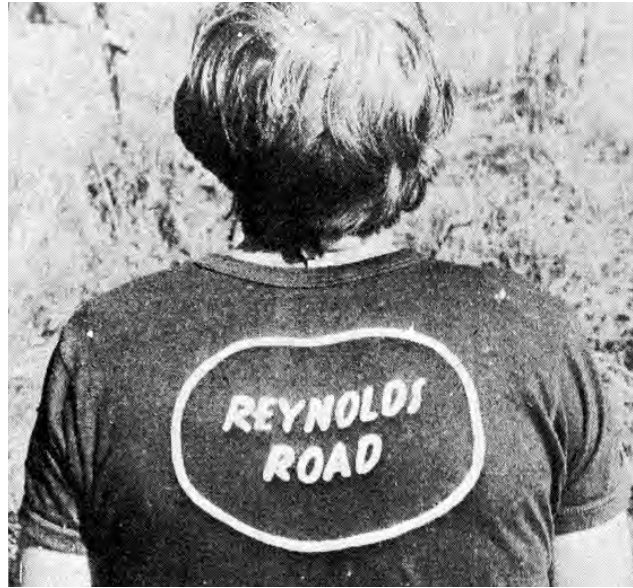
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## Rumour was not for real

Rumour proved empty when there were reports of a shooting incident last week in the Mobrae Subdivision near Ganges.

There was a story around the island of gunshots and helicopters involved in a chase. RCMP at Ganges knew nothing of such an incident.

It may have been a car backfiring.



(From the Oct. 12, 1977 edition)

Residents on Reynolds Road have been setting the trend lately with these new t-shirts. Someone at the north end was overheard saying recently that Reynolds Road is destined to become the fashion centre of the island.



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# 1978 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TO BE FRANK... by richards

Spencer Marr doesn't dither around hospitals. After all, what's an operation? On Sunday he went into Lady Minto Hospital in a rush and on Wednesday he was at home, far better off for the lack of appendix.

Ernie Brenton was jeering. When Tim O'Donnell went into Victoria in a hurry it cost them full fare on the ferry. When he came to Fulford he explained the driver was his daughter and she came for half fare despite the fact that she was from Seattle. Nobody can be right all the time.

It's a game of put and take when it comes to pounds, what I figured the three T's were doing in the hotel the other evening. There were Theresa and Terry and Tara and they were enjoying a Women's Lib dinner. And I know their organization, I think: Putting on pounds succulently: that's POPS!

Don't despair! If you can't afford roll-ons or roll-offs or you're allergic to deodorants, Lillian Horsdal has the answer. Use ordinary baking soda, she says. A little dab will do you! And it's cheaper! And what took you so long?

Thanks for not eating or drinking said the sign on the store door. They aren't going to keep their customers!

He came a day late. On Monday a red twin Otter was in at Fulford airstrip. The 19-seat de Havilland is one of the bigger domestic aircraft, using two turbo-prop engines. It would have been a welcome addition to the Sunday air show.

Manson Toynbee is on Salt Spring Island for a visit with his family. He tells me that mail service to the Netherlands Antilles is not always prompt. Indeed, the day he left he received a mass of Driftwoods. They were the papers for all of October, November and December. The three months all came together and late. They were very late. They were all dated 1975!

The traveller added his own comment that the Canadian mail service is among the poorest. He gets mail from Asian lands quicker than from Canada. It prompted him to ask why the Canadian govern-

ment would be offering advice and guidance to third-world nations on setting up their postal services. Perhaps many of those countries could offer valuable assistance to Canada on maintaining the service in this country!

He speaks English, and when you figure he lived in BC for about 13 years that's not surprising. Louis Tatin is from Paris and he has close ties with British Columbia. With Mme. Marguerite Tatin, he came to Salt Spring Island last week to mark his 70th birthday. He'd been here a week or so before, but he came back to spend his birthday, to bring a fish, to cook that fish and to prove that when it comes to making a sauce or a garnish, there is no way but the French way. Marguerite is not bilingual and spent several days on Salt Spring Island dependant on people like Tim and Chris Meade who could chat with her indefinitely. The couple came to a party at the home of Denny and Muriel Denison, Margaret Road, where they met an old friend, young Ruth Lea Taylor, lawyer in Vancouver. Ruth, Denison's goddaughter, spent a couple of years in France and Louis and Marguerite provided her with a headquarters in Paris.

The trans-Canada hook-up of British Columbia and Newfoundland brought together representatives of the two Canadian geographic extremes. Among British Columbians visiting the eastern island province was the son and daughter-in-law of George and Hazel Truefitt, of Ganges.

Tom and Daphne Truefitt and their two sons, Ian and Lance, were in Cornerbrook during Canada week. They were, in fact, the first to identify themselves as Pacific Coasters to the Tourist Chalet there. If Prince George can be considered a coastal city. It's more so than Edmonton, anyway! They've been travelling coast-to-coast in a camper.

Ever noticed that the more conservative he is, the less likely he is to embrace conservation? Yet the very liberal element is the basis of conservationism. Even beyond that, the radical who would tear out by the roots is usually vitally concerned over conservation and determined that none shall disturb a root.



**'IT HAS EVERYTHING... EXERCISE, ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND THE WHOLE SCHOOL BOARD AGREED ON IT.'**

Adrian Raeside's cartoons now appear in more than 250 publications around the world, including the Victoria Times Colonist, and he is the author of 12 books to date. But back in 1978 he was 21 years old, a Salt Spring resident, the son of Joan and James Raeside — and the Driftwood's editorial cartoonist. The above cartoon refers to the controversy surrounding the transporting of Outer Islands students to Salt Spring for high school. In 1978, parents received a travel allowance that could either pay for boarding with a family on Salt Spring or ferry/private water taxi travel. School board chair Ivan Mouat said in the Aug. 2 Driftwood that any changes to the system hinged on receiving an increased transportation allowance from the education ministry.

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### Coming Events

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## TOP STORIES

A Jan. 25 Driftwood headline declared: **"Sewer system to be installed at once"** after the Pollution Control Branch issued an order for a sanitary sewer to be installed in the Ganges area "without further delay." See the summaries of subsequent sewer happenings on the 1981 and 1986 pages.

Despite virulent opposition expressed by Fernwood-area parents and others, the school board **voted to build a half-million dollar elementary school on Fernwood Road** as a way to alleviate crowding at the schools in Ganges.

The **1978 school district operating budget was \$2,615,530**, the highest in its history and the district had 1,029 students. The 2009/10 enrolment is 1620 and the budget is \$17,090,672.

A **bull calf was born aboard the Bowen Queen** on Feb. 20 while its mother was being transported from Friday Harbour via Sidney to Salt Spring by Tom Gossett of Foxglove Farms. The registered Polled Hereford bull was named the Bowen King.

A **family centre** was opened in the basement of the Salt Spring Community Centre building. Salt Spring Community Services Society was established in 1974.

More than **200 fishboats** hit Ganges-area waters for the herring fishery in the last week of February. Gillnetters were reportedly getting \$430 a ton, up from \$350 the previous year. The seiners were getting \$220 a ton, compared to \$173 in 1977.

In March, the Mayne Island Fire Department organized a **bulk purchase of smoke alarms** for \$29.90 (\$20 below retail value) and offered to install them free of charge to islanders needing assistance with the task.

Salt Spring Island's **new fire chief** was Bob Leask, who replaced Kelly Hanke.

The Capt. Cook Bicentennial was marked on Salt Spring with a **Sea Capers festival** in June. It included a parade, bath-tub races, sabot races, rowboat races, a walk-on-water contest (won by Erling Jorgensen), a dance and other events.

The **Beaver Point bean supper** marked its 25th year. The first one in 1953 had been held at Solimar and initiated by Marj Fraser and Mrs. E.J. Wilson.

**Five people died** when a Cessna 185 owned by Renton Aviation of Washington crashed immediately after taking off from Bedwell Harbour on South Pender on July 22.

**Central Hall renovations** were unveiled on Sept. 23. They included kitchen facilities, rest rooms, basement, new roof, new stage, new entry and a ramp for wheelchairs. Heating and lighting were also upgraded.

**Movies were brought to Central Hall** by Dan Evanishen and Gill Smith. The first film shown was Annie Hall on Oct. 14.

**John Rich of Bowen Island** became the first chair of the Islands Trust elected by the other trustees, following amendments made to the Islands Trust Act.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON GANGES HILL

## SSI Community Centre

Wed., June 7, 7.30 pm, Psychic Development;  
Thurs., June 8, am Swimming program for adults;  
Fri, June 9, 7 pm, National Film Board presentation;  
Sun, June 11, 10 am-6 pm, Spectrum on Awareness, presented by the Humanity Foundation of Victoria.  
Wed., June 14, 7.30 pm, Psychic Development;  
Thurs., June 15, 12 noon, Seniors' luncheon; 8 pm, Community Society Board Meeting; 7 pm, "Men's Circle";\*  
Sat., June 17, 11 am - 3 pm, Rummage Sale\*  
Week end of 17-18; Stanley Napoleon, Indian Chief speaking for Project North.  
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## TOP STORIES

The Salt Spring Library Association announced a **\$75,000 fundraising campaign** to pay for a planned expansion that included purchasing the lot next door.

**Fernwood School was finally ready** for its students on June 4, five months later than predicted by secretary-treasurer Wilf Peck predicted it would do so late the previous year. The main delay was caused by an incorrectly installed septic system. Alan Marsh was the school's first principal.

The **first AGM of the Salt Spring branch of the SPCA** on March 3 saw Dr. D.B. Wooldridge, Mrs. H. Thomson, Mrs. D. Stewart, Mrs. D. Marshall, Mrs. G. Bracher and J.B. Stewart elected to the board.

Pender school trustee John Zacharias proposed a **separate school district for the Penders**. Zacharias felt Pender wasn't receiving a fair share of school board funds and that it wouldn't change while there were five trustees on Salt Spring and four for the Outer Islands.

**Pender Island writer Bill Deverell** won the Canadian First Novel Competition for his book *Needles*, from among 275 competitors.

A **fierce battle ensued** between the owner of the Mayne Inn on Bennett Bay, Weldon Pinchin, and opponents to his plan to build a marina in accordance with a provincial government-issued water lease.

The **new door to Lady Minto Hospital** opened on May 12, following completion of some \$450,000 in renovations and additions. Mrs. Warren Hastings, who had been a hospital board member as early as 1942 and was one of the prime movers when the hospital was built on its present site in 1958, and current board chair Mrs. Iola Brookbanks did the honours.

**Hugh Curtis was again the Saanich and the Islands MLA** as the Social Credit party was returned to power under Bill Bennett. Islanders were urged to get their free B.C. Resources Investment Corporation (BCRIC) shares.

**Greenwoods was formally opened** June 4 in front of a crowd of 200 and with Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving in attendance.

Const. Bernie Hopp was the **first female RCMP officer** to serve the Gulf Islands. Women had only been in the force for five years.

The Queen of Alberni truck **ferry ran aground on Collinson Reef in Active Pass** just after 7 a.m. on Aug. 9. Jack Hughes of Gulf Islands Water Taxi and Horst Klein, Pender Island volunteer rescue agent, helped evacuate 93 passengers and 21 crew members from the ship. No one was injured although a race horse on board died during the day. Later in the year, BC Ferries requested that Active Pass be closed to all small craft and recreational fishermen.

The Morningside Drive summer home of H.T. Miard of Victoria **washed into Fulford Harbour** when the bank it was standing on gave way, following heavy rains. According to Ganges weather observer Robert Aston, 2.73 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period from Dec. 16 to 17.



He sits and thinks. That's Mr. Davis, who has his own corner of the table at Vesuvius Inn. He is on the right. His companion is Dave Roland. Mr. Davis is a sculpture — the work of Bert Hickman. Mrs. Louise Hickman is a member of the staff at the inn.

## A real neighbourhood pub

The Inn at Vesuvius opened in April. An April 25 Driftwood article described it as follows:

*The exterior has the air of the old Vesuvius Hotel and inside it looks old before its time.*

*The main bar has been complemented with an ancient looking floor and the doors and windows follow the same decor. It has the air of a seasoned home, although it has only just*

*been built. Hotelier [Don] Small was the contractor responsible.*

*The dart room opens off the main bar.*

*The new hotel may be the only hostelry in the islands with its own library for the entertainment of patrons. The library even has its own books.*

The inn's partners were Don and Mary Small, Jack Birney, Michael Hobbs and Lois Pharis.

## Soccer troupes are back at it

**BY MALCOLM LEGG**

Well, it's time to kick-off once again as the Christmas break is over and the S.S.I. Youth Soccer Association opens the second half of its program.

Yes, it's time to find those soccer boots buried behind Christmas presents at the back of the cupboard, drag out the balls hidden in the garage and head out for the frozen soccer pitches on Salt Spring.

The coaches are ready, knowing full well their turkey-stuffed charg-

es are all out of shape and more than likely have forgotten all they were taught in the fall.

This weekend will see the S.S. Rotary Canadians, S.S. Kicks, S.S. Strikers and the S.S.I. Sea Products Ltd. Sockeyes return to action, weather permitting. They will be playing the final third of their league schedule and then enter District Cup play.

The Intra-island schedule will commence Thursday, January 18 with league play. Until Fernwood

School moves out of Ganges all games will be played in Ganges. A reorganization of the schedule will occur after the new school is opened.

As for the spring events, the association hopes to have several interesting and fun-filled events including a disco dance, an exchange with the Wesburn Soccer Club of Burnaby, a girls' exchange with Squamish and the annual soccer tournament on Salt Spring and the banquet.

There is lots of soccer to go. The competition should be tougher but so should Salt Spring's soccer teams.



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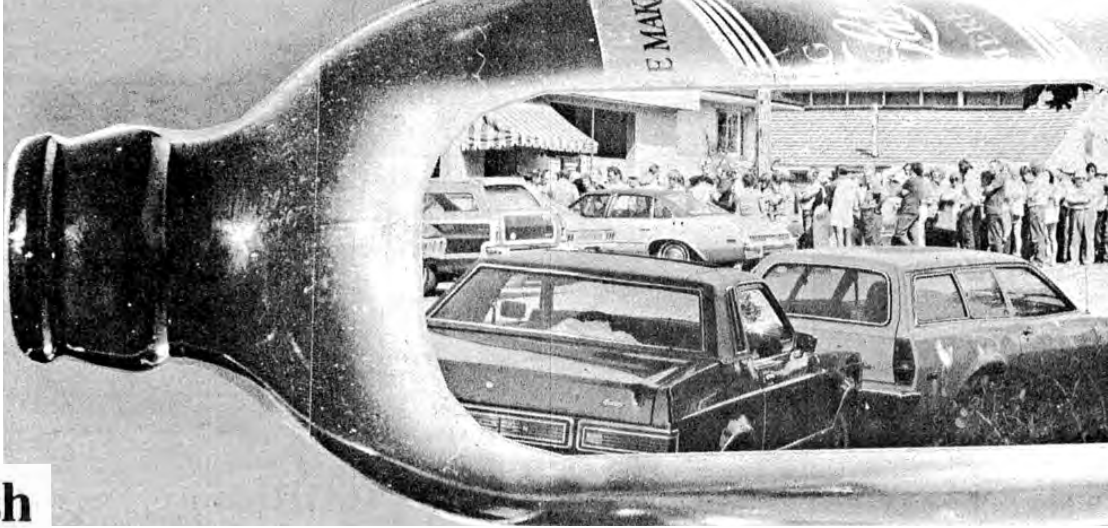
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## Volcanic ash falls on Gulf Islands

The Gulf Islands got a thin dusting of ash Sunday night following the latest eruption of Mt. St. Helens. A thin layer of ash was visible on car windshields Monday morning and was also seen on boats moored in Ganges Harbour. The weather office at Pat Bay Airport in Sidney said Monday afternoon that no further ash was expected in this area, as northerly winds are forecast.

## Dry people line up for chance of two cases of beer

Beer came to Ganges for a few minutes on Friday.

The sale of 800 dozen bottles was accomplished in some 90 minutes. A line-up was formed outside the

Government Liquor Store on Friday morning and the people and cars occupied half of Jackson Ave.

Sales were restricted to two cases a customer and the line-up

continued until the stock was exhausted.

Forewarning of Saturday's lock-out in provincial breweries led to the panic buying.



And they're off: 32 sailboats entered the annual Round Salt Spring Race, sponsored by the Salt Spring Sailing Club. In 2009, 115 boats competed in the 35th version of the event.

## In or out? Ping-pong saga of the transit levy

News in 1980 was dominated by a head-spinning back-and-forth on the inclusion or exclusion of the Gulf Islands in the transit service area and subsequent payment of a transit levy.

Following is the summary of the front-page stories written on the subject:

**JAN. 30:** Salt Spring Capital Regional District director Yvette Valcourt informed the regional board that Salt Spring wanted to be excluded from the transit service area. This occurred after the CRD board recommended to the Urban Transit Authority that all areas in the region be included. However, Finance Minister Hugh Curtis, Saanich-Islands MLA, promised islanders that they would not have to meet transit costs against their wishes.

**MARCH 26:** While it was still uncertain if the Gulf Islands would be included in the CRD transit area, regional directors passed a bylaw that would see a transit surcharge added to district Hydro bills.

**APRIL 2:** Curtis expressed concern that the CRD board had taken no action to exclude the Gulf Islands from the transit service area and Hydro surcharge despite the fact "benefits from transit appear very marginal at best."

**APRIL 30:** The CRD voted, passed, then rescinded, voted again and defeated two motions to amend the transit service area and exclude the Gulf Islands. With the motion defeated and the Gulf Islands still in the service area, directors then discussed the possibility of pro-rating the transit levy.

**JUNE 4:** There was a "strong possibility" B.C. Hydro would disconnect power service to Gulf Islands residents who refused to pay the transit levy on their Hydro bills.

**JUNE 18:** Salt Spring Island was out of the transit service area. At first, it appeared that Valcourt's motion to have the island excluded was defeated; however, board chairman Jim Campbell later said the vote had been wrongly stated and that the motion had carried.

**JUNE 25:** Saanich Mayor Mel Couvelier said it was likely the CRD's request to have Salt Spring excluded from the transit service area would be accepted by the Urban Transit Authority, especially since the move had the support of MLA Curtis.

**JULY 2:** The CRD decided that the earlier decision regarding exclusion of the Gulf Islands was not valid, and that

the matter would be tabled for two weeks in order for Saanich director John Mika to be at the board table to cast his ballot.

**JULY 16:** Although the CRD voted to exclude the Gulf Islands, Port Renfrew and Jordan River from the transit area, board chairman Jim Campbell — an opponent of exclusion — announced he was exercising his veto and that the decision would not be implemented until it had been reconsidered by the board within 30 days.

**AUG. 6:** Commercial users who had refused to pay the transit levy on their Hydro bill were warned they would face a power cut-off if accounts were not settled by Aug. 11.

**AUG. 20:** All islands were back in the transit service area following a CRD board vote that rejected a motion to exclude them. According to the Driftwood, "Directors who supported the islands last month had been replaced by alternates who are opposed to island relief."

**AUG. 27:** Two amendments to the Urban Transit Act, which would have given the islands a break in the transit scheme, were defeated in the provincial legislature. The first amendment was to pro-rate taxes for

transit services and the other was to exclude Islands Trust islands.

**SEPT. 10:** B.C. Hydro sent out 60 disconnection notices to islanders refusing to pay the transit levy. An estimated 40 per cent of Hydro accounts in the Gulf Islands had not paid the levy.

**OCT. 1:** The CRD examined a new resolution calling for exemption of the islands from the transit levy. "By this measure, the islands would remain in the transit service area, but until there is transit laid on, they would have no liability for payments."

**DEC. 17:** The bylaw to exclude islanders from paying the transit levy was reportedly bogged down in cabinet.

**DEC. 23:** The CRD was considering calling a special meeting to vote the islands out of the transit levy area. The board was warned the transit bylaw would have to be passed in the current year to make it retroactive.

**JAN. 1981:** The transit levy would not apply to the Gulf Islands, according to Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm. Although the CRD bylaw had not yet been accepted, Vander Zalm assured islanders the levy would be lifted and repayment made retroactive.

## TOP STORIES

**Debates over the installation of a sewer system** in Ganges continued to rage, with CRD director Yvette Valcourt pulling out all the stops to have it stalled or stopped. However, it continued to move forward, and in April, it was forecast to be completed by the spring of 1981.

New Democrat **Jim Manly** was elected MP for Cowichan, Malahat and the Islands. In Ottawa, Manly joined a Conservative-New Democrat opposition as the Liberals formed a majority government under Pierre Trudeau.

The **Gulf Islands School District** approved a budget of \$3.5 million, representing a \$532,000 increase over the previous year.

A feasibility study for a **recreation centre in Mouat Park** got underway after the government agreed to turn over subdivided sections of the park for a pool facility.

A **proposed fixed link** between Vancouver Island and the mainland was being considered by the provincial government. According to a map of the proposal, a tunnel or bridge would connect the mainland with North Galiano Island, run across Trincomali Channel and Wallace Island to Salt Spring, landing near Southey Point. A highway would run down the middle of Salt Spring, cross Booth Canal and then leave the island across Sansum Narrows, just north of Burgoyne Bay.

The **proposal for a new pool facility was defeated by referendum**. Capital cost of the proposed facility was estimated at \$2.12 million, with annual costs of \$153,000. It included a pool and viewing area plus change rooms, etc. (6,280 sq. ft.) for \$592,000; a 200-seat theatre (4,180 sq. ft.) at \$418,000; a 2,920 sq. ft. multi-purpose area, \$195,000; and several other features such as a racquetball court, offices and kitchen. The referendum failed by a vote of 1,373 to 878.

Police statistics showed a **dramatic increase in B&E offences** on Salt Spring and Galiano islands. Crime against property in the first six months of 1980 was up 166 per cent from the first six months the previous year.

One man was arrested and another still at large following an **armed robbery on Jackscrew Island**. Police said rifle shots were exchanged between the owner of the island and one of the men, who was wounded in the thigh as the robbers two escaped in a power boat.

The **incorporation of Salt Spring** came under debate after the island's community planning association formed a committee to study the issue. The plan would involve special legislation to remove Salt Spring from the Islands Trust.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation **upped the cost of ferry travel** for the first time in four years. Under the new rate structure, non-resident, return-trip vehicle fares between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island would increase from \$4.50 to \$5, while the resident fare would increase by 50 cents to \$3.50.

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## TOP STORIES

Plans for **improved parking at the Fulford Harbour ferry terminal** were announced by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The plan, which initially hinged on a purchase agreement for two properties in the area, was later cancelled due to public opposition.

Ganges RCMP arrested 23 people, ranging in age from 14 to early 20s, following investigation of a **three-month crime spree**. The five adults and 18 youths were arrested and charged with breaking into various island businesses and residences.

The provincial highways ministry was receptive to a **bypass around Ganges**, according to Salt Spring islands trustee David Lott.

A special team from Colwood RCMP joined local forces in a **man hunt for an assailant** in the stabbing and sexual assault of well-known singer Shari Ulrich. The incident occurred on Churchill Road.

A **health centre on Pender Island** was opened in memory of Bishop Coleman. The centre, a long-time dream of the bishop, was built with government grants and local contributions.

Pacific Mobile Homes of Victoria announced plans to **expand a mobile home park** on Salt Spring with the addition of 100 units. The park, located near Lower Ganges Road, would have a total of 123 units upon completion.

An **arsonist struck a barge** loaded with plastic sewer pipes moored in Welbury Bay. Once the flames had been extinguished, the cost of replacing the destroyed pipes amounted to over \$250,000.

Salt Spring Parks and Rec announced plans to seek voter approval the following February for a **proposed swimming pool** to be located in Mouat Park. The project would cost upwards of \$1 million. However, a provincial government announcement in November — cancellation of the recreational facilities program — likely spelled the end of the project. The move meant Parks and Rec had lost a major source of funding for the proposed pool.

Excavation for footings for an 8,400-square-foot **building on the Farmers' Institute grounds** began. When completed, the building would house the annual fall fair as well as other events.

A **dog guarding** the Ganges sewer outfall project was shot and wounded.

Local elections returned **Yvette Valcourt** to the position of Capital Regional District director for Salt Spring, while Vern Roddick would represent the Outer Gulf Islands. Strick Aust, Charles Hingston and Jack Albhouse were named Salt Spring Island school trustees.

**Metric measurement** came to food stores in the Gulf Islands as Metric Canada decreed Jan. 4, 1982 as the date in which foodstuffs would be measured in metric. Owners and operators of various island establishments said the cost of the new weighing devices would be expensive.

## Sewer debate

*The Ganges sewer debate came to a head in 1981, when an arsonist set fire to a barge containing plastic pipes for the sewer. The Driftwood ran a two-page summary of the 20-year-plus debate, and here are some excerpts of that summary:*

**May 28-31, 1962:** Health Inspectors L.E. Benham and N.L. Lewis undertake a survey of septic tank systems in Ganges. They list 29 inoperative and one which was formerly offensive but is now working. It was reported that some discharged into the creek, others into the sea and yet others on to the streets.

**1964:** A canvass of Ganges property owners undertaken by the sewer committee of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. Members pledge \$1,000 for an engineering survey of the community. Initial report shows 84 in favour of the formation of a sewer improvement district and 36 opposed.

**Dec. 22, 1965:** Ganges sewer committee reports to the Comptroller of Water Rights on progress. Engineering study undertaken by W. Allen Ker and Associates. Provincial health reports quoted: "nearly every business, a great many residences and every institution in the area were in drastic need of proper sewer facilities."

**1966:** The proposal to form a sewer district was abandoned and incorporation of Ganges as a village municipality was proposed in order to enjoy more extensive government aid.

**1967:** Village vote attracts a 45 per cent support and the project fails. Sewer cost is estimated at \$168,000.

**Dec. 1970:** Engineer Bill Gerry reports Ganges sewer system would cost \$331,000. This would be raised by a levy against each taxpayer of \$200 per year. It was deemed "not economically feasible."

**July 1972:** Gulf Islands School Boards calls a public meeting to debate the needs for a community sewer.

**October:** Property owners give the green light to a further investigation of sewers at an estimated user cost of \$108 to \$276, according to the use of the property. A new three-man committee is formed, of George Heinekey, regional director, Tom Toynbee and Frank Richards.

**November:** The Capital Regional board votes \$6,600 to a sewer study.

## DRIFTWOOD ASKED THEM:

### 'What do you think about the Ganges sewer proposal?'



MARG BENNETT

"Something should be done about the pollution problem in the harbour. At one time you could swim here and eat the seafood caught near the public wharf but now you can't do either without risking your health."



DICK ROYAL

"There's nothing wrong with pumping sewage into the harbour as long as there's nothing floating past my place. A sewer system for Ganges is just what we need. It would promote development, bring lots of people here, which is just what the island needs."



TOM VOLQUARDSEN

"A sewer system should have been installed in Ganges a long time ago. We couldn't put the system in now for one third of what the cost would have been 15 years ago. The longer we wait the worse it's going to get."

**March 1974:** Mike Larmour, re-elected to SPEC, states two objections to plan: the sewer system would allow dense development in the area served and an overall plan for Ganges should be developed before such development occurs and secondly he is fearful for the harbour.

**1977:** Health inspectors give Ganges school complex 60 days to clean up sewage discharge. Islands Trust refuses change to community plan to allow apartments without sewers.

**September:** Ganges Hill residents strongly protest inclusion to sewer plan and charge they have been misled by petitioners.

**October:** Petition is accepted by regional district with 250 signatures from a total of 365 potential. "It is the end of a fantastic nine-year project," says Heinekey. Committee of Concerned Citizens challenges petition validity.

**November:** Dennis Young reports a 68 per cent majority in the sewer petition and it is certified. Regional board agrees to suspend further activity on the sewer until the validity is settled. Yvette Valcourt emphasizes that she is not against the downtown area getting a sewer but it must be at their own cost. Phase two is phased out and only phase one is to be considered. Yvette Valcourt asserts only 61 per cent were in favour of sewers.

**1978:** Tim Stafford refutes his signature on the petition

when Yvette Valcourt charges it is forged. Director Jim Bryce reports that between 75 and 80 per cent of property owners in phase one supported the sewer project. Pollution Control director William Venables issues his order to the regional district to proceed immediately with the installation of a sewer system.

**May:** Charges of falsifying documents and imposing the will of outsiders on the islands are heard at a public meeting in Ganges.

**July:** Phil and Yvette Valcourt announce appeal to Supreme Court against the legality of the order to install the sewers in Ganges.

**October:** Mr. Justice Callaghan denies injunction against the region to stop work on the sewer on the grounds that the director of pollution control has the authority to take such measurements as he sees fit.

**February 1979:** Lady Minto Hospital and the Gulf Islands School Board sound urgent for sewer system.

**March:** 150 people hear a report on the sewer system at regional board meeting in Ganges. Sewers to be operating by summer, 1981, using a bio-disc. Lady Minto Hospital faces acute disposal problems as two septic fields are malfunctioning. Greenwoods system seeping sewage on to the ground.

**September:** Permit issued for Ganges sewer with 1.5 miles of outfall pipe.

**October:** Twelve people appeal sewer permit.

**November 1979:** About 350 attend a hearing in Central Hall before Dr. C.J.G. Mackenzie as the Pollution Control Board sits for 38 hours of presentations.

**January 1980:** CRD orders no new permits where sewage disposal is not possible.

**February:** Pollution Control Board revokes discharge permit and calls for extension of outfall by 2,000 meters.

**March:** CRD estimates cost of extension to increase total cost from \$3,094,000 to \$4,017,000.

**December:** The CRD approves sewer plan as province allocates final federal grant of \$800,000 to Ganges.

**April 1981:** Sewer Alternatives Committee wins as Judge John Gould rejects Venables' order for installation of sewers. Region asserts that sewer project is now based on amended letters patent and that Gould's decision will not affect the project. Director Valcourt protests, but finds no board support for motion to halt work on the project.

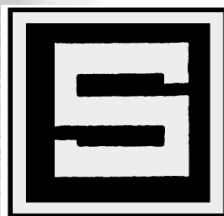
**July:** About 75 take part in a demonstration in Victoria protesting the pending legislation to validate the sewer project. Sewer Alternatives Committee launches appeal against the sewer on grounds that residents were not properly advised of an amendment to the pollution permit.

**August:** Judge Tom Berger rejects appeal against sewer order.



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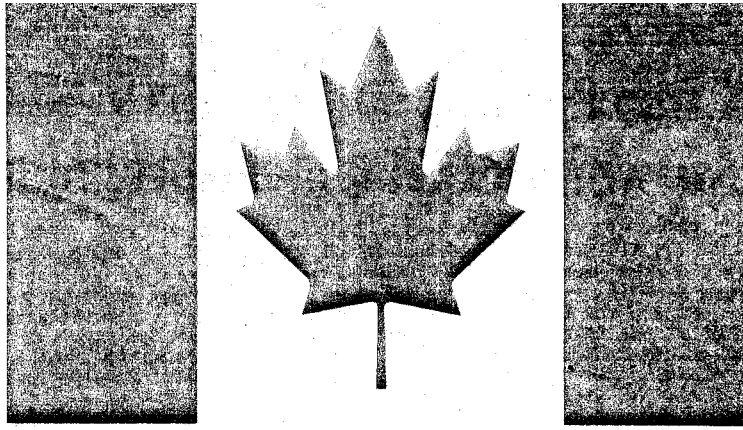
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The **price of gas** went up and islanders were paying about 42 cents a litre.

Large increases in property assessments prompted **1,200 islanders to file appeals** to the court of revision. Fifty per cent increases were common throughout the Gulf Islands, while the value of some properties doubled.

Census figures released by Stats Canada showed the **population of the Gulf Islands stood at 7,966** — a 25 per cent increase over the previous census in 1976. This included 5,443 people living on Salt Spring; 1,020 on Pender; 721 on Galiano; 553 on Mayne and 229 on Saturna.

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission decided to **scrap plans for a community swimming pool** in Ganges. Although a significant number of people supported the project, the provincial government's spending restraint program resulted in a shortage of accessible funding.

The Islands Trust would attempt to define a **"cottage industry,"** following complaints about people setting up various businesses in their homes. A bylaw covering the situation would be reviewed.

The Ministry of Health would be asked to look into charges of **mismanagement of funds** levelled at Lady Minto Hospital by Salt Spring's director to the Capital Regional District Yvette Valcourt. She claimed the hospital's administration mismanaged sewage disposal to a cost of more than \$112,000 over two years. Later, it was determined that Lady Minto had saved money in its laundry operations and had not wasted it as charged by Valcourt.

The **provincial restraint program hit Lady Minto Hospital**, which needed to cope with receiving \$275,000 less than it had anticipated from the government. The health ministry approved a \$2.3 million budget for the hospital, rather than the \$2.5 million proposed. A hospital spokesman said staff would be reduced and/or beds closed as a way to reduce the budget. At one point in the year, it appeared the hospital could face bankruptcy as the ministry refused to cover a \$110,000 deficit carried from the previous year. Lady Minto ended up introducing a user-pay policy to counter its financial woes.

The **Saturday market in Ganges** drew criticism from several quarters. Vendors complained of lack of space, while buyers and the public complained of the "flea market" atmosphere. Ultimately, PARC decided it would hold a "straw vote" to determine whether islanders wanted the market limited to local produce and/or moved to a new location.

Land-use legislation introduced in the legislature by Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Vander Zalm **could mean the end of the Islands Trust** and put local planning in the hands of the CRD. The proposal drew an angry and noisy response from islanders. A poll conducted by the Driftwood showed 81 per cent in favour of maintaining the Trust. However, the issue became moot following a cabinet shuffle by Premier Bill Bennett. The new minister, Jack Heinrich, said he did not intend to do away with the Islands Trust.

## Restraint hits school district

School district finances and cuts to education dominated the news in 1982, as the province endured a recession and the provincial government launched its spending restraint program.

In January, the Gulf Islands board, headed by chairman Strick Aust, announced it had trimmed its numbers and set a proposed budget of \$5.5 million — a 30 per cent increase over the previous year. However, word came back from the education ministry that spending restraints meant the local school district had to cut an additional \$200,000. It appeared the cuts would result in the immediate loss of at least nine positions, including a school psychologist, speech therapist, the hospital-homebound teacher and six classroom aides.

Discussion between the Gulf Islands Teacher's Association, represented by Mike Hayes, and school trustees resulted in the classroom aides keeping their jobs until the end of the school year. To accommodate this, GITA agreed to postpone an agreement that would have relieved teachers of noon-hour and bus supervision. The money saved by the postponement would be sufficient to keep the aides in the classroom.

In the meantime, a five-year budget comparison report conducted by the Ministry of Education showed the cost of running Gulf Islands schools had gone up 95 per cent between 1977 and 1981 (from \$2.2 million to \$4.3 million).

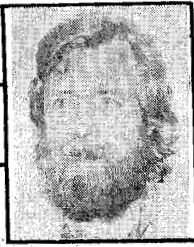
Some of that increase was in teachers' salaries, which had been upped by 79.4 per cent, from \$1.3 million to \$2.3 million (but also covered the addition of 13.2 full-time equivalent teachers).

Inflation occurred at a rate of 12 per cent in each of those years.

In September, further school district dollars were trimmed by cutting back bus service and reducing the hours of a secretarial position at the school board office. A small amount of money was also shaved off the dormitory and boarding account because increased water taxi service reduced the number of Outer Islands students needing accommodation on Salt Spring.

In October, Gulf Islands teachers decided to implement a work-to-rule policy, protesting the introduction in the legislature of the Interim School Finance Act. The protest marked an effort to draw public attention to the government's restraint program and how it affected local schools. The teachers were also poised to join a province-wide walk-out if called upon to do so by the B.C. Teachers Federation.

Tension between the school board and GITA heated up, but Aust called on everyone to work together to preserve the school district.



Tony Richards

**LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSES** may be facing stiff competition from a quarter that they never would have expected to get into the entertainment business.

Whether that competition materializes depends on a decision by Island Savings Credit Union to continue its Friday afternoon floor show.

Just before six o'clock last Friday credit union staff and customers were treated to a strip show. And I'm just thankful that there wasn't a *Driftwood* photographer on the premises to catch my act.

Last week I wrote of the motorcyclist's biggest danger: the other driver. His second biggest danger is bugs.

As I rode into Ganges on the afternoon in question, I could feel a bug crawling up my arm. After I'd covered two miles, he'd covered a couple of feet and was soon heading across my back.

I was standing in line at the credit union when my passenger, whom I'd forgotten, decided to attack.

The sting came quickly and painfully but equally quick was the response by Louis Renaud, who was ahead of me in the line.

Death was instant for the wasp when Louis pronounced the last rites (in French, of course) and gave it a good squeeze while it was still in my shirt.

The strip show followed but removal of jacket and shirt was all that was required to locate the attacker.

If there is another show this week, don't expect to find me there. I think I'll stick to newspapers.

**THE SWEET SMELL** of Alberni pulp is in the air this week as an ex-islander is on Salt Spring for a visit.

Jennifer Cudmore brought with her news from Port Alberni where, I understand, officials are about to create the position of honorary mayor.

Number one candidate for the position should be IWA president Jack Munro.

**HONESTY IS** on the wane. Last year, roughly 65% of travellers on the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen ferry proved to be honest. This year the figure is in the high 50's.

The statistics were calculated following a check of our own records. Two weeks ago, 58% of the travellers paid for their copy of *Driftwood*, which is available at an honour box on the ferry.

**A SALT SPRING ISLAND MAN** is trying to come up with the means of unloading several barrels of goat's milk soap.

In exchange for building a chimney, stonemason Andrew Currie has been offered soap in lieu of cash. But now he's wondering what he can possibly do with it.

It's easy, I told him. He could offer to supply it to the ferries in exchange for free travel, to local restaurants in exchange for meals and to the laundromat in exchange for clean laundry and showers.

He still wasn't convinced.

**I'M NO LESS** fond of computers despite the problems I've been experiencing with some software I purchased for my TRS-80.

I've been delaying buying programs because learning how to write some of them has proved fascinating. Unfortunately, those I've written have been rather useless.

So I bought a payroll program. It was a big step. My computer was about to go to work for me, instead of providing hours of fun and frustration.

I entered the company payroll, pressed the necessary keys, and out came the figures.

I am, to say the least, very satisfied with the results.

My computer tells me I'm getting paid \$700 an hour: which ought to be just about enough.

**THE ONLY TIME** I ever remember jokes is when I'm sitting at my typewriter. So here's another.

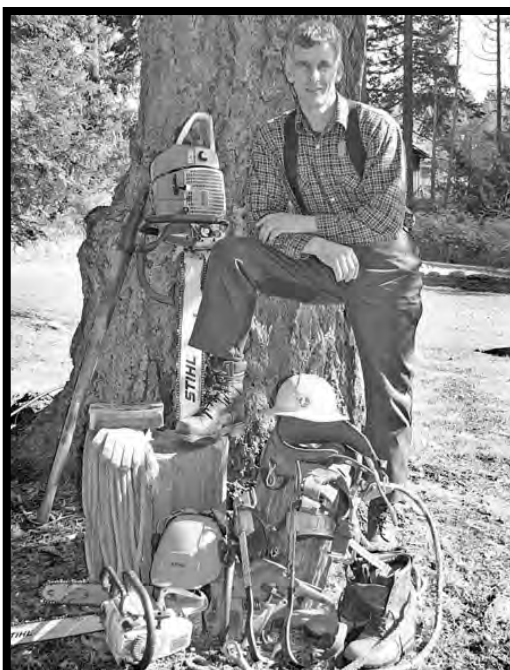
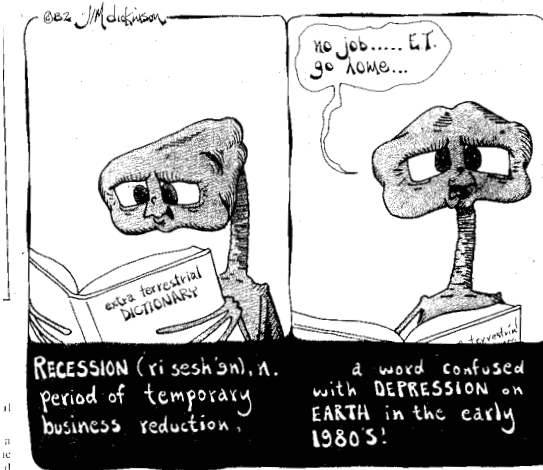
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## Nude photos ruled out for now

Despite a move by a major American magazine publisher, *Driftwood* has decided on a wait and see attitude before running a photograph of a nude woman on the front page.

Latest entrant in the field of pornographic publications is *Newsweek* magazine, which ran a nude photo on the cover of its June 7th issue.

*Driftwood* has decided to monitor the response to *Newsweek's* move before considering any changes.



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## TOP STORIES

The **Ganges Farmers Market** was in the news throughout 1983, starting in February when about 30 people turned up to a Parks and Rec meeting to protest any plans to change the market. PRC was responding to a community "straw vote" that showed public support for imposing some controls on the market. In April, the market was the subject of a special CRD directors' meeting, which considered the role of the market and what the region could do with it.

Coinciding with PRC's quandary over the market came a warning from the B.C. Lands, Parks and Housing Ministry, which said **Ganges could lose Centennial Park** if something wasn't done about the market. The ministry was in the process of clearing a lease for the land with the CRD and the presence of the market was against government policy for use of parks. By September, the market had been given 60 days by the ministry to cease activities or the lease for Centennial Park would be in jeopardy. An island committee was formed to look into the situation, and a few weeks later the ministry gave the market a reprieve, giving islanders until March to find a solution.

The Islands Trust turned down a proposal to develop **600 acres at Musgrave Landing**. The plan had called for 30 lots under strata title clumped close to the sea with the remainder of the tract left untouched. Ultimately, the plan was denied because it did not meet the requirements of the Salt Spring Community Plan.

A provincial election was held and the ruling **Social Credit Party maintained power**, increasing its number of seats. Hugh Curtis held onto his seat in the Saanich and the Islands riding, while overall, the Social Credit Party won 31 seats to the NDP's 26 seats.

The **Vesuvius Queen rammed the ferry wharf** at Vesuvius in August when a signal to put the vessel into reverse was not answered. The collision between boat and dock caused extensive damage to the loading ramp as well as several vehicles on the boat. Apparently, an engine room worker had been injured just prior to the accident and was unable to answer the call from the bridge. The ferry was unable to unload the vehicles and had to return to Crofton. Estimates of the time needed for repairs ranged from 48 hours to three months, however, a few weeks later the dock remained damaged and no movement to repair it had occurred. A petition urged the ferry company to fix the dock and re-open ferry service to Crofton. In the meantime, a Vancouver water taxi service won the contract to ship people between Vesuvius and Crofton (a service which had been provided in the interim by islander Don Small). The ferry company eventually put dock repairs to tender and announced it would cost \$500,000.

**Hugh Borsman** defeated Yvette Valcourt in an election for the position of Salt Spring director to the CRD. Voter turnout on Salt Spring was 70.5 per cent, and Borsman won by 138 votes.

## Building Fulford Elementary School: a reminder to check the zoning first

After a rocky start, the foundation for a new school in Fulford was set.

By early 1983, it was reported that money had been allocated for the new school and working drawings of the facility were awaiting approval from the Ministry of Education.

A price tag of \$1.4 million had been put on the project, and the Victoria firm of Herb Bates Ltd. was the successful bidder to construct the facility, located at the corner of Beaver Point and Stewart roads.

By January it was reported that "work in progress" at the site included installation of a septic field and removal of trees from the building site.

A debate over the name of the new school was also underway, with most people referring to it as South Salt Spring Elementary.

The parents advisory group in Fulford also wanted to know if the area around the school site was "free range" and, if so, they wanted the school board to request farmers in the area

to fence their property.

A Driftwood article in February noted that over the past several years, the board had received numerous complaints about free range animals, particularly hogs, running loose and frightening children at bus stops.

However, things ground to a quick halt at the beginning of June when a stop work order was issued after the application for the building permit came to the attention of the Islands Trust and it was discovered the property was in the Stowell Lake watershed.

The zone (Watershed 2), which had not been checked when plans for the school got underway, did not permit facilities such as schools.

The error was discovered when the application for the building permit came before Islands Trust planner Richard McKellar.

The site had been chosen after more than two years of searching — several other sites had been deemed too

costly or unsuitable. Although the location initially met widespread opposition in Fulford, it got the go-ahead when it was decided that further delays would create severe over-crowding at the Ganges elementary school.

The district immediately applied to have the zoning changed, and was warned by the Trust rezoning would involve both a change to the zoning bylaw and the official community plan. In the meantime, several community groups stepped forward to oppose any plan to change the zoning of the property.

A meeting of island residents to discuss the school site fiasco resulted in a unanimous decision to move the school to another location rather than attempting to have the zoning on the current land changed.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee subsequently refused the application to change zoning requirements for the site.

In the meantime, the school

board received support from two different groups — the South Salt Spring Residents Association and the Parent Advisory Committee — to seek another site and move ahead with plans to build the school.

School trustees did have their eyes on another site located on South Ridge Road near the Fulford Village and had taken an option to buy it.

However, this time around, school officials were being more cautious, waiting for approval from various ministries before moving ahead with purchase of the five-acre property.

A committee of school trustees studied the school site fiasco and concluded no one was to blame. The board was also looking for ways to recoup at least some of the \$242,000, including the \$98,500 purchase price, spent on the initial site.

Opening date for the new school was eventually set for September 1984.

## Shopping for groceries isn't what it used to be

The world was a different place in which to live and grow old in 1938. People then, as now, looked forward to the end of a depression. Shopping for groceries meant spending as much as \$5 to feed the family for a week.

Pounds and ounces were the measure of food rather than litres and kilograms.

Groceries which had cost \$5 in 1938 spiralled in price to \$21.78 by 1969. In 1978, the same groceries cost \$54.21. But buying the same amount of groceries this week means parting with \$75.12.

That \$5 spent in 1938 bought the following list of groceries. The prices of today are in the column on the right.

	1938	1983
Milk, half-gallon	.20	1.95
Bread, 2 loaves	.10	1.90
Bacon, 1 lb.	.40	2.39
Butter, 1 lb.	.28	2.43
Meat, 6 lb. prime rib	.90	21.06
Jam, 4 lbs.	.40	9.08
Eggs, 1 doz. large	.23	1.74
Cod, fillet, 3 lbs.	.45	3.83
Tea, 1 lb.	.42	5.16
Lard, 1 lb.	.14	1.07
Oatmeal, 5 lb.	.25	3.49
Rice, 1 lb.	.05	1.02

Ketchup, 13 oz.	.08	1.51
Syrup, 32 oz.	.30	9.46
Cheese, 1 lb.	.28	3.89
Salmon, 2 large tins	.52	5.14

Through the years, \$5 bought less and less. By 1948, the grocery shopper with \$5 to spend could buy:

Milk, 2 quarts	.30
Bread, 2 loaves	.21
Bacon, 1 lb.	.98
Butter, 1 lb.	.74
Meat, 4 lbs.	1.60
Jam, 4 lbs.	.65
Eggs, 1 doz.	.52

In 1978, however, the \$5 grocery list had shrunk to:

Milk, 2 litres	1.25
Bread, 2 loaves	.75
Butter, 1 lb.	1.42
Jam, 1 lb.	.98
Cheese, 4 oz.	.60

Today, the grocery shopper can spend \$5 on the following:

Milk, 1 litre	1.00
Bread, 2 loaves	1.90
Butter, 1/2 lb.	1.39
Cheese, 3 oz.	.73

Nostalgia, says the sage, isn't what it used to be...but neither is grocery shopping.

## MORE TOP STORIES

Teachers joined the growing list of those on strike against the provincial government's **restraint program**. With teachers off the job, the number of "Solidarity" strikers soared to 80,000 and more workers were planning to join the action.

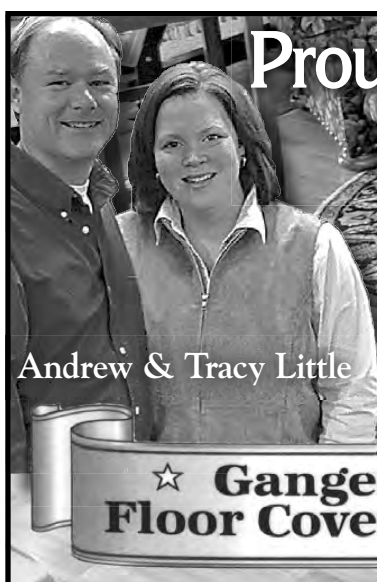




The **anti-nuclear group** on Salt Spring hosted several other groups for a march through Ganges to a meeting in the hall of St. George's Anglican Church. The visitors came from Victoria, the Outer Islands and the American San Juan Islands.

**Rob Tranter** (aka Mr. Mystery) was named Mr. Salt Spring Island after a "light-hearted" pageant at Fulford Hall. Twelve island men competed for the title.

**Ferry fare hikes** announced by the B.C. Ferry Corporation would mean an average increase of 27 per cent on Gulf Islands routes. Along with upping fares, the corporation announced it would discontinue free inter-island travel as well as residents' fares.

**Elimination of the special residents' rate** meant islanders travelling to Vancouver Island would pay 47 per cent more per passenger (\$1.25 each way) and 36 per cent more for a vehicle and driver (\$5.25 each way).

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# 1984 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

Hank Schubart was an architect, activist and visionary involved in many different groups and associations during his time on Salt Spring. He died in 1997. Following is an article from the April 18, 1984 edition, in which Schubart talks about island planning.

## Salt Spring entering phase of rapid growth, says Hank Schubart

A problem which must be addressed in the Salt Spring community plan is lack of affordable commercial space, Hank Schubart told a meeting of island residents last week. The Salt Spring Planning Association called the meeting to determine opinion on the community plan.

The island is entering another phase of rapid growth, he said, and that growth challenges the community plan to ensure that something of what the island currently is remains after the growth peaks. The plan, as good as it is, is lacking in certain areas, he noted, and pointed to water resource management as a shortcoming. The plan is also silent on how islanders can make a living on the island, he said.

The plan does not deal with destiny, and the population of the island has been estimated to grow to 15,000. But, said Schubart, the population has increased at a greater rate than anticipated. He said that seasonal cottages and basement apartments are being rented which has added to the growth figures. With the growth, traffic in Ganges will become unmanageable. But he said that the community could handle the increase in traffic and lack of parking space in the village.

"Just let it get all plugged up, and people won't come."

A way around congestion in Ganges is to create two or three "satellite towns," he said. But the solution will cause more debate. The controversy will come, he said, because "this is one of the feistiest communities I've ever been in."

But he added, that's a healthy sign. With other centers for commercial activities, e limitations of space would also be solved, he

suggested. Currently, the major share of commercial space on the island is located in Ganges. And the rents are expensive, he noted.

"We have to deal with reconsidering the whole nature of planning on the island," he said. The choice as he sees it is to deal with planning or "let history take its course."

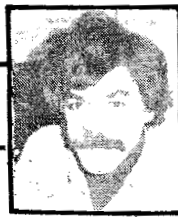
In the same view, Schubart said that the Ganges plan has to be dealt with at the same time as the island plan. The Ganges plan is going to be controversial but it has to be looked at.

"You can't consider the body without the heart," he said. The concept of cluster development should be looked at, he said. But the North Salt Spring Water District urges a retention of the existing pattern of growth. The board of directors has based expansion plans on that pattern and if changes are too radical, growth on the island could become expensive when the water lines have to be rerouted.

Cluster development would include a twist in the current development plans. To ensure that the clusters were of sufficient density so as not to spill over, the sale of development right would be introduced. Under such a scheme, if a developer asked for more development that was allowable on a property, the second person might not want to subdivide the property density to the first person. A covenant or restriction be placed on the second property and the first property would be allowed to be developed to the combined density. Schubart explained that it would than become a case of moving the density from one section of the island to another.



While a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber carried a cruise missile over Canadian soil in a test run, about 50 Salt Spring Islanders carried their own cruise missile through Ganges. Seen here, Biz Whitby (far left) leads the way as the missile — made by Ray and Beth Hill — is laid to rest in Centennial Park.



### Bill Webster

And so we see, once again, proof positive of how Silt Sprungers get along in such harmony.

The Perks and Wrecks Commissars are at odds with each other over, what else, the Fermenting Market in the Park.

'Tis another lingering saga of futility here on the rock.

Way back when, someone noticed that things were getting out of hand in the parking lot. The idea had originally been to sell veggies and other neat things to the populace on Saturday morns.

But some people began to introduce mobile garage sales and offered other such items for hawk in the park.

When something was attempted, something being controls on what was being sold, there began a howling that has yet to cease.

The market could be there on the weekend because the Perks folk from Nanaimo didn't work but five days per week.

And unbending attitudes imposed a rigidity upon the scene.

The Perks and Wrecks were supposed to make it possible for islanders to enjoy sports and walks and whatnot. But they got dragged into the fray, unwillingly but with a certainty.

Sides formed. But as with everything on the rock, it wasn't one side against the other or even a third side thrown in. As a local wit commented: such things on the rock resemble geodesic domes rather than triangles or squares.

The Perks and Wrecks peons decided to try to get out of the mess but somehow it clung to them like crazy glue. And so others joined the group and suddenly the group began to sound much like resident commissars.

In the confusion of events, things recreational got shuffled to one side, the better to talk and talk and talk about the market and other such things.

Meetings, which only a year or so ago took less than two hours to conduct, began to stretch and stretch. Although the meetings took place once per month, there were suddenly too many words getting between thoughts and actions.

Several times several members of the Perks and Wrecks were told that the market and the mid-week folk were subjects of small interest to the group. But those several members spoke about the matter regardless.

Which brings us to another aspect of the harmony of the rock.

Some people here don't appreciate being told what they can and cannot do. But those same folk are quite willing, even eager, to tell others how life should be lived.

There is one aspect of rock life that they seem to forget. The island is supposed to be a slower pace of events than, say, in Crofton. Island life is supposed to be rural as in slightly disorganized.

Which is why many people have arrived here to live.

Which is why many of the talkers arrived here to live.

But somehow their fears, frustrations and other attitudes creep into the way they indulge in intercourse with others on the rock.

And that's too bad. Life on the rock could be so much simpler. Life on the rock could be so much easier.

If only those who don't want to be told things would stop trying to tell others what to do.

The appointment of members to the Perks and Wrecks is not an action which sits easy with many people but if that is what is necessary to end the endless talk which in turn disrupts the process of recreation, then it has to be done.

We here on the rock should talk to each other. But more importantly, we should listen as well.

There was no other reporter like Bill Webster, who was hired and fired twice by the Driftwood, and loved to write a column.

### TOP STORIES

The year 1984 kicked off with **big changes announced by B.C. Ferry Corporation**. A new fare of \$5.25 for a vehicle and driver would have to be paid at both ends of Salt Spring-Vancouver Island routes. To counter the increase in rates, the corporation re-introduced commuter tickets. However, the new policy of collecting fares at both ends of the route caused ferry delays.

The Salt Spring Transportation Committee was seeking **legal action against the ferry corporation**. The suit would be based on the contention that ferries for the Gulf Islands were the same as the highways system was for the mainland.

The Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing decided the Saturday Farmers' Market in Ganges could stay, but **mid-week vendors** would have to find another place to sell their wares.

**Defeated CRD director Yvette Valcourt** appealed successfully to the B.C. Supreme Court to have the CRD executive director check the names signed in poll books against names on the voters' list. Valcourt had already challenged the results of the election — in which she was beaten by Hugh Borsman — but the margin of votes did not change. Her new allegation charged that some people had voted twice. (Ultimately, she was proven wrong.)

The Gulf Islands School District was considering **daily water taxi service** for students from the outer Gulf Islands who were in high school on Salt Spring. Students from some islands currently commuted every day, others (especially those from Saturna) boarded in homes on Salt Spring during the school week, returning on weekends.

Some 55 students graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in the **Class of 1984**. Graham Lee was valedictorian.

A **railway linking Vesuvius and Fulford** was under consideration by a group of island entrepreneurs, which was apparently ready to begin construction.

A public meeting learned of a proposal to develop 1,433 acres of land on north Salt Spring between St. Mary Lake and Sunset Drive. The developers told the meeting that when fully developed, the plan (**Channel Ridge**) called for 394 lots and a potential population of 1,265 people.

The CRD passed a **bylaw to control smoking** in public places. People who lit up where "no-smoking" signs were posted could face fines of \$25 to \$500. However, the local RCMP said they would not enforce the bylaw, and the CRD also said it wouldn't enforce it. Signs for no-smoking areas were available and the public was expected to cooperate with the spirit of the bylaw.

Tom and Pat Wilson of Quadra Island were the **winners of Twilight Island** in Ganges Harbour. Islands 86 had set up a lottery with Twilight Island as first prize as a way of funding promotion of the islands during Expo 86.

A meeting of Fulford residents attracted 125 people to discuss a **proposed community plan** for the area. The message quickly became clear: the people of Fulford did not want a community plan.

## Thieves make off with safe

Driftwood office was the target of thieves Sunday night for the second time in two weeks.

And publisher Tony Richards' worst-fears about having a safe on casters were realized.

Entry was gained by breaking a window—in the same manner and the same window as the last time.

But on Sunday the thief decided to go for broke and took the whole safe by wheeling it out the front door on its castors.

Greatest loss was in the safe itself, valued at \$200. It contained some documents and a small amount of cash.



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## TOP STORIES

Another step for the **preservation of water quality** on St. Mary Lake was taken when a boating restriction of electric motors only went into effect. The lake was the last on Salt Spring to receive the restriction. Until then, gasoline engines of any size were permitted on the lake. Two lakeside property owners — resort owner Rick Rockcliffe and realtor Ed Davis — collected 140 signatures on a petition that urged a reversal of the ban.

A study by the Community Planning Association on the **consequences of incorporation** — led by islander Clair Nutting — indicated Salt Spring taxpayers would have to pay an additional 42 per cent in property taxes under incorporation of the island as a district municipality. The association's report said \$1.35 million would have to be raised through property taxes to cover municipal costs of \$2.17 million.

A bill allowing the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to **appoint Islands Trust staff** was tabled in the legislature — a move that was termed "a major blow" to the local governmental body. Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert said the bill gave the minister power to remove Trust staff and "prevent us from doing our job."

Salt Spring residents were urged to sign a petition in a bid to have the **spelling of the island's name** officially recognized from Saltspring Island to Salt Spring Island. The petition was initiated by the Chamber of Commerce and contained a preamble by Chuck Horel and Tom Hoover.

The development of **Channel Ridge** received Islands Trust approval following a public hearing, despite some concerns expressed by islanders, regarding garbage and fire protection, and a call for assurances that trails and park areas would be preserved and the number of units in the application not be exceeded.

**Long-awaited developments in Ganges** were getting underway and plans for further changes in the village were in the works. Development and re-development had been put on hold several years earlier by the CRD until a solution to the sewage disposal situation was worked out. With the sewer set to open in January 1986, expansion plans were going ahead.

The CRD approved in principle a **pub in Gasoline Alley** in Ganges. Chuck Beasley, owner of Dagwood's Restaurant at the Valcourt Centre, was the applicant.

Salt Spring's Rotary Club was the newest entity to investigate the **possibility of a pool for the island**. President Tim Stafford stressed that the feasibility study looking at capital and operating costs was to gather information, which would later be presented to the club. Once the information was in hand, the club would decide whether or not to proceed with building a pool.

**Housing on Grace Point** and redevelopment of the adjoining property was the thrust behind a rezoning application slated for an Islands Trust hearing. The proposal would see 23 housing units built on the point and tied to an upgrade of nearby commercial property. The concept had already been endorsed by the Trust's advisory planning committee.

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## Residents express concerns about subdivision



**School opening Saturday**

Photos by Barb Woodley

Who are they? Pioneers in an early photo of Salt Spring Island? No, the photo was taken in 1985, Saturday to be precise, at the official opening of Fulford School.

Members of the school staff (who don't always dress this way) are, standing, from left, principal Bob Brownsword, Liane Huntley, Jacqueline Taylor, Susan

Underwood and Tim Stafford. Seated are Arlene Sadler, Wendy Wickland, Barb Aust and Bev Byron. More photos, Page 15.

A public information meeting to explain Channel Ridge, the proposed subdivision at the north end of Salt Spring, will be held February 12 at Central Hall.

Hank Schubart, project manager, will explain the concept and answer questions about various aspects of the proposal to develop the 1,400-acre site. The subdivision covers an area north from Vesuvius Bay Road, west from St. Mary Lake and east of Sunset Drive.

When the date of the meeting was set at last week's meeting of the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, several initial concerns about the proposal were expressed.

The concerns centre on access to the site as well as sewage disposal for the development. None of the speakers at the meeting expressed strong opposition to the plan.

William Bacon of Broadwell Road suggested that additional access roads to the subdivision from Sunset Drive would ease traffic on Broadwell which would be one of three proposed accesses to the site.

He also expressed concern about the potential pollution to Duck Creek which runs along the bottom of a bluff at the south end of the area. The run-off from septic fields could harm the creek, he said.

J. W. Hoadley of Lakefair Drive also expressed concerns about the potential problem of sewage disposal. Lakefair Drive runs from Tripp Road to the bluff at the south end of the property to be developed.

Hoadley said his concern was that his well might be affected by the discharge from septic fields at the top of the bluff. There is insufficient geological information about the area, he suggested.

Schubart responded briefly to the concerns. He said that access roads to the south of the subdivision from Sunset Drive had been considered. But the area has a steep grade from Sunset to the subdivision land and any attempts to run a road through

would "scar the area".

He went on to say that there were no designs or decisions on the method of sewage disposal at this point. There would have to be a more comprehensive study of ground conditions before such a decision could be made, he said.

A preliminary engineer's report on sewage disposal for the area had isolated several sites which might be suitable for septic fields. The engineers had reported that the methods for sewage disposal with greatest potential seemed to be "drainfields and exfiltration ponds".

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## Fulford plan laid to rest

The Fulford community plan was laid to rest for the time being by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee last week.

Islands Trust planner David Morris reported to the meeting on the negative response the proposed plan received at a meeting in Fulford. That meeting had been called as a means of determining the feeling of the community toward the proposed plan.

Up to 90% of the people attending the Fulford meeting expressed opposition to the community plan.

When the matter came before the Advisory Planning Commission several weeks ago, a decision to recommend that the plan be put on hold was reached.

Following the report from Morris, Luke Harrison moved that the plan not be proceeded with at this time. The motion was accepted unanimously.

## Trust attempts to deal with duplexes in Burgoyne Valley

A duplex which sits on farmland in Salt Spring's Burgoyne Valley is proving to be a vexing problem for the Islands Trust.

Texada Logging, which owns the property, had brought several houses to the island several years ago. The company said the houses were to be located on farmland which in turn would become hobby farms for the tenants.

But when the houses were put in place, the structures became duplexes.

Under terms of the island's zoning bylaws, a farm may have a single-family dwelling for the farmer plus additional dwelling units "where necessary for farm use."

The duplexes, however, were rented and no efforts to farm were made.

The Islands Trust Committee of Salt Spring decided to have the agricultural land commission deal with the problem.

The land commission recently wrote back to the Trust to say it was not concerned, which brought the problem back to the committee.

Islands Trust planner Dave

situation in a report on the matter.

"...the zoning bylaw requires that the additional dwelling be used for farm purposes. Therefore the duplex conforms to the zoning bylaw when it is occupied by farm workers or when it is vacant."

"Renting to non-farm occupants would be contrary to the provisions of the bylaw."

He suggested that to police occupancy would prove difficult if

not impossible. A way around the matter would be to change the zoning bylaw for agricultural land to allow for additional dwellings.

A motion was made at the meeting calling for one additional unit for each 20 acres of land. The motion lost and the duplexes remain non-conforming.

The committee decided to send the problem back to staff for further study.

## Music festival planned

A Celtic music festival will be held at Salt Spring Island April 27 and 28.

The festival is the second to be held. The first took place last year at Hornby Island and drew about 200 people, according to spokesman Bruce Pearson.

Events for the first day will include workshops in traditional instruments and dance, an open stage for registered performers and demonstrations by pipers and Scottish Country, Highland and

A supertime concert will be followed by an evening concert and dance featuring guest artists.

On the following day, Sunday, a brunch will be accompanied by a costume and combat display by the Society of Creative Anachronisms. Stage performances will follow through the afternoon.

All the events are scheduled to be held in halls in the Ganges area.

The festival is being organized by the Salt Spring Folk Society, whose next meeting will take place next Monday at 8 pm in the Mahon Hall.

## Public opinion wanted on sports complex idea

A proposal to create a sports complex at Gasoline Alley in Ganges has been put forward but the organizers are seeking public opinion on the matter.

Dave Wilkinson researched indoor sports as well as fitness facilities on the island and found some gaps in what's offered.

The proposal for the complex in Gasoline Alley is to put in either racquetball or squash courts, a fitness and weightlifting room, a steam bath and sunroom as well as a play area for children.

Other aspects of indoor sports could include a tennis court and a

tennis practice wall and an indoor driving range for golfers.

Wilkinson is seeking public opinion on the matter with a questionnaire in this issue.

The complex would have an area for aerobic exercise as well as an area for use of nautilus or hydro weight equipment.

"Perhaps we can answer the questions about indoor recreation but we need help to do so, Wilkinson said.

In addition to answers to the questionnaire, he wants thoughts ideas and opinions on the proposal for a sports complex in Gasoline Alley.

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## Decades of acrimony end with sewer opening

The following contains excerpts of stories written by Mitchell Sherrin in the Feb. 15, 22 and March 1, 2006 issues of the Driftwood, to mark the 20th anniversary of the sewer's opening.

A seething controversy that spawned court cases, divided islanders in bitter acrimony and attracted national attention over decades came to a quiet resolution as of Feb. 19, 1986.

During the sewer debate, islanders witnessed parades, protests and arrests. The controversy, which also hit the Supreme Court and the legislature, reached a peak when a barge containing plastic sewer pipe was torched in August 1981. Dietrich Luth, who later became the local director on the Capital Regional District Board, was hired for security after the fire and his dog was shot while it guarded the barge in October 1981.

Laying 3.5 kilometres of six-inch pipe in 1,000-foot sections along Ganges Harbour during rough weather for six months was difficult enough work without divers having to worry about violent attacks, said Luth.

Even after the pipe was laid, it took another five years to complete the project against a tide of public opinion.

"It's amazing really that the construction itself was a lesser problem than selling it to the public and getting the community to agree with it," Luth said, adding that many islanders saw the sewer as facilitating development that threatened their way of life.

The Ganges sewer system opened officially on Feb. 19, 1986 with a ceremony attended by Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Ritchie, Saanich and the Islands MLA Hugh Curtis, CRD board chairman Howard Sturrock and about 75 onlookers.

Sturrock said he had no



A quiet ceremony attended by government and local dignitaries on Feb. 19, 1986 marked the end of decades of controversy over installation of a sewer system in Ganges.

intention "to revive any of the bitter controversy which for a time divided this community; suffice it to say that the system has now been completed and is in operation and it contains one of the most sophisticated sewage treatment plants on the west coast of North America."

At that time, the plant served 144 users and offered ultra-violet treatment. The \$4.5-million facility was bankrolled by a \$2-million federal-provincial grant, \$250,000 a year in revenue-sharing grants to cover 75 per cent of the project's debt load, a special provincial grant of \$794,000 for the school and hospital, plus \$636,000 earned in interest on grants and debentures.

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It was a turbulent path that saw a sewer system completed in Ganges, but Tom Toynbee feels great pride in the cutting-edge result.

He remembers a time when Ganges suffered deplorable septic systems and efforts to bring in a sewer were mired in decades of controversy.

"In many ways, it brought out the worst parts of human nature."

Toynbee became involved with the sewer fracas when he moved back to Salt Spring in 1971 to run Mouat's Trading Co. The controversy had already been underway for 10 years, an incorporation referen-

dum (based on the need for a sewer) had failed in 1967 and the health inspector prohibited any further Ganges development in 1977 due to the poor septic systems.

"All the commercial buildings in the core had failed systems of one kind or another."

Schools discharged effluent into the harbour, Lady Minto Hospital had a leaking septic field and most businesses in Ganges required pump-outs from holding tanks — weekly in some cases.

As a supporter of the Ganges sewer system, Toynbee faced a constant barrage of opposition from activists, environmentalists, opposing businesses and even CRD director Yvette Valcourt.

"It permeated everything."

After a sewer permit was granted by the Pollution Control Branch in 1979, the Sewer Alternatives Committee launched a court case to overturn the order and won in 1981, but the provincial government then legislated a special law, Bill 31, mandating a Ganges sewer system.

In hindsight, Toynbee believes that the fight between factions became an issue that eclipsed the actual situation in Ganges, he said.

"We lost sight of the objective, which was to cure a problem."

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CRD environmen-

tal services manager Jim McFarland first got involved with the Ganges sewer debate when he worked with a private engineering firm that made a preliminary design for the system in 1977.

"There were many interesting people involved with protesting this system. The main concern appeared to be protecting Ganges Harbour . . . the underlying concern, which they never seemed to state, was about development in Ganges."

Public hearings over the sewer went on for a decade, McFarland said.

"I remember seeing them on the national news. I can't recall any other similar kind of situation."

And media attention seemed to help acquire federal and provincial grants as the project gained a higher profile, he said.

"By the time the job actually happened, we had grants that were greater than the cost of the job. I think that's a first, too."

The only down side was division within the community, he said, recalling that CRD public health nurses removed decals from their vehicles to avoid harassment.

"You forget that during this time, the medical health officer had put a stop work order on the community for no development and no modifi-

cations to existing structures until there was an existing sewer system in place."

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As a member of the Sewer Alternatives Committee, former islander Danny Evanishen felt the battle was lost, but recalled a few highlights.

"We wanted to stop the development, or slow it down at least," said Evanishen.

He remembered several protests. During one at the legislature buildings in Victoria, SAC members chanted "Poo on Hugh" as a serenade for Saanich-Gulf Islands MLA Hugh Curtis. And crowds of anti-sewer demonstrators gathered with Laurier Lapierre in Ganges to hear Valdy perform the Sewer Song, which was written for the occasion.

Another highlight was CBC TV coverage of the Great Ganges Sewer Debate on the Fifth Estate in 1983, Evanishen said.

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As a past member of the Harbour Protection Association, Sharon McCollough said Ganges sewer debate became a crucible for many different issues at the time.

"It certainly was not all about effluent. It has a legal aspect, a sociological aspect, an economic aspect and an environmental aspect," McCollough said. "It was an issue of its time and it lasted a long time."

### TOP STORIES

A rash of measles cases spread through the local high school, with 40 cases reported to the Ganges Public Health office.

Off-island vendors and overnight parking in Centennial Park were causing "absolute and total confusion" at the Saturday farmers' market. A huge influx of off-island vendors at the Aug. 1 market forced some stalls to move around the corner and, in some cases, onto federal land. Other vendors saw their tables moved and some were squeezed out of traditional locations.

TNFM, a radio station that operated illegally on Salt Spring, was ordered to shut down by the federal department of communications. The closure order followed a complaint by American authorities who picked up the FM station's signal as it was being simulcast on a short wave band. Alan White, who had operated the station from his North End home on Saturday and Sunday nights for the past four years, doubted he could come up with the \$25,000 necessary to meet CRTC licensing requirements.

Predicted enrolment increases and existing facility limitations made it imperative that Gulf Islands Secondary School (located on the hill above Salt Spring Elementary School) be expanded, said the Gulf Islands School District. The school was 500-600 metres short of the necessary space to accommodate 400 pupils — a number the district expected to exceed in the following year. Some 45 Grade 12s were graduating, but would be replaced by up to 85 Grade 11 students. And "hundreds" of students were coming up from kindergarten and Grade 1.

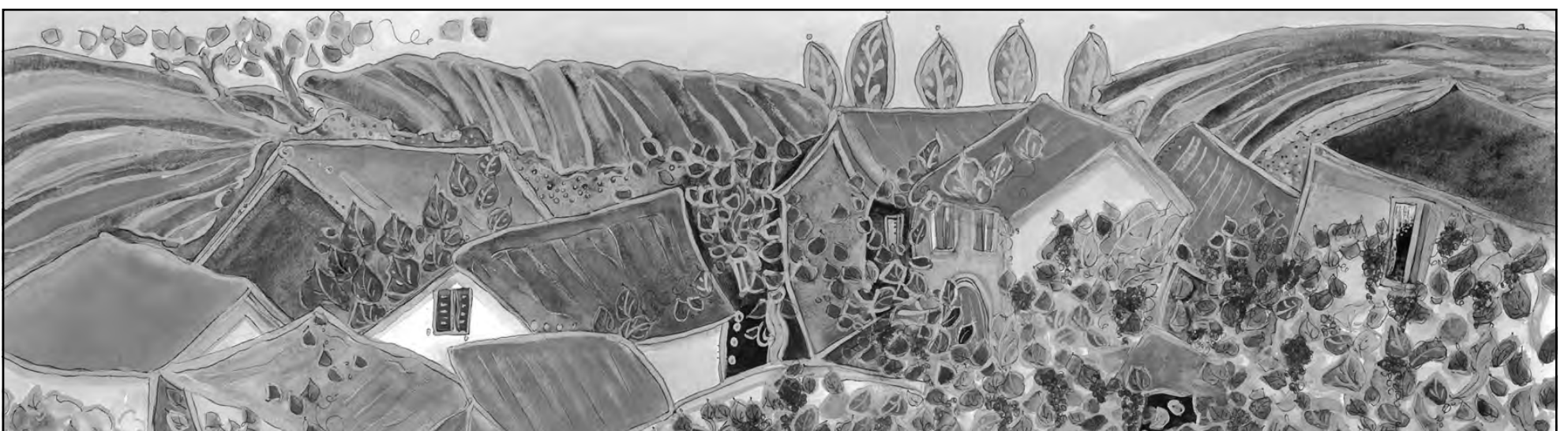
The need for more affordable single-family housing on Salt Spring, particularly near Ganges, had prompted a group to consider establishing a cooperative housing organization here. The group was headed up by Jackie Truscott and architect Bob Hassell.

An outboard motor ban on St. Mary Lake was being challenged in B.C. Supreme Court.

One-half of the estimated \$17,500 needed to construct a Cy Peck display on Salt Spring was provided by the provincial government. As one of his last acts as a provincial cabinet minister, Hugh Curtis directed \$8,750 in B.C. Lottery Fund money to assist in construction of the display.

Incumbent Salt Spring Islands Trust members Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne were returned in the fall elections. Other Islands Trust races saw John Money of Saturna returned, along with Jim Campbell; Doreen York and Peter Campbell on North Pender; Elaine Jacobson and Steve Wright on South Pender. Winning by acclamation on Mayne were Louis Vallee and Marie Elliott, and Donald MacDonald and Arthur Wood of Galiano.

Newly elected Gulf Islands school trustees were Bert Beitel and David Eyles (board chair) who won the election on Salt Spring, and Joy Ridley (Pender), Margaret Howell (Galiano) and Lorraine Campbell (Saturna) were returned by acclamation.



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# 1987 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

To fill the need of boaters having nowhere to moor their boats in Fulford, Salt Spring resident Pat Corneille began ground-clearing work in January with plans to build a **public marina in Fulford Harbour**. Although government approval was still forthcoming, the Islands Trust had rezoned the land for marina use the previous year.

In January, **Off Centre Stage** on Salt Spring received a \$48,000 Canada Employment and Immigration grant to staff a cafe/gallery/performing arts facility and to renovate the existing Off Centre Stage building. Few art programs existed at the time in the country. The group wanted to supply a "bistro-type" environment to its audiences in Upper Ganges.

Students at Fernwood Elementary School and Gulf Islands Secondary School had the opportunity to **"test drive" 60 new computers** in January.

A **27-year-old man was found dead** in his Ganges residence on March 9, hours before he was supposed to appear in court on charges of manslaughter. The officer on scene believed it was linked to his having to appear in court.

Gulf Islanders donated \$10,000 to **Rick Hansen's Man in Motion fund** for spinal cord research. Donations were collected from local fundraising initiatives and events that included a Fun Run and a challenge among Salt Spring bartenders, initiated by the Harbour House Hotel, where they donated their Saturday tips. The provincial government matched the community's donation.

Sascha Williams, age 14, of Salt Spring Island, along with Shirlyne Denning, age 37, of Mayne Island, were chosen to be a part of the **Olympic Torch Relay** held in June, leading up to the 1988 Calgary Olympic Winter Games. Each ran 1.5 kilometres.

After islanders protested at a July public hearing, the Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee **abandoned a bylaw to incorporate a new Ganges bypass route** into the official community plan. The proposed route that would have run from Charlesworth Road to Rainbow Road at Atkins Road was lambasted for its steep grades and residential proximity. The route became part of the OCP passed in 1997.

Salt Spring **lost its vehicle access to Crofton** when the Crofton dock was deliberately set on fire on July 24.

Consultant Tom Moore of Victoria was retained by a Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce committee to complete a **study into incorporation of Ganges**. Much of the work for the study had been done by island volunteers but the chamber committee felt Moore's expertise would give an overview and direction for the study. Moore's \$5,000 fee was covered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A November referendum that sought \$1.3 million to construct a bells-and-whistles **indoor pool at a Brinkworthy site** was defeated.

**GISS purchased a computer system worth \$1,600** to help make running the school faster and more efficient. The hard drive of the main computer was 40 megabytes.

## New development a benefit, says Gilbert

Despite the criticism it has received, the Grace Point Square development in downtown Ganges will be a benefit to the community, Islands Trust representative Nick Gilbert said last week.

Gilbert noted that while it has been criticized publicly for sheer size, apparent lack of parking space and close proximity to the street, the project was "carefully planned and considered."

He continued: "Controls were in place, and there was careful thought and due process throughout."

All aspects of the project's design, Gilbert explained, were endorsed by the Trust's advisory design panel and conform to guidelines for development in downtown Ganges.

Panel chairman Peter Vida agreed, saying that all aspects of the development coming under the scrutiny of his group are in accordance with current guidelines. However, he added that the panel has no authority over parking and setback requirements, since those project elements were controlled by bylaws beyond its jurisdiction.

The panel's guidelines are contained in a 25-page document ratified by the Trust. Several sections dealing with development in downtown Ganges relate to the Grace Point Square project. Among them are recommendations that:

- services should be placed underground or in service ducts;
- seaside walkways, built on pilings, could weave in front of



Grace Point Square as seen from the Ganges boat basin. Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert feels that despite public criticism, the recently-completed project will be a benefit to the community.

behind buildings on the waterfront;

- trade-offs and relaxations should be possible for allowing such waterfront use, and with parking requirements and building heights;

- along streets, buildings should come right up to the sidewalks with perhaps small courtyards and squares interspersed; and
- wide roof overhangs and covered sidewalks are to be encouraged.

Gilbert pointed out that bringing the building to the edges of the property line resulted from a request made by the Trust, and was made in the interest of enhancing pedestrian access and encouraging off-street parking.

On the issue of parking, Vida said that despite criticisms voiced about an inadequate number of

stalls provided for vehicles, the development "has the proper amount of spaces" in its interior courtyard to meet current requirements.

Vida added that the developers co-operated with the design panel from the start, and were more than willing to incorporate suggested changes.

"They listened to us," he said. "Some developers just ignore us."

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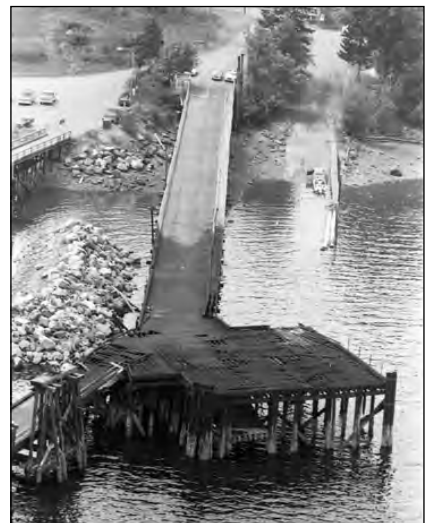
## Vesuvius-Crofton link lost to arson

An arson-caused fire at the Crofton ferry dock on July 24 severed the Vesuvius to Crofton connection for vehicle traffic for more than four months. All 27 members of the Crofton volunteer fire department battled the fire, which took five hours to extinguish. A barge-mounted pump supplied by Crofton Mill was used to fight the fire underneath the deck.

The Coast Guard vessel Skua and crew from Ganges also helped fight the blaze, as did a Zodiac equipped with a pump from Ladysmith.

In February of 1987, some \$830,000 had been spent upgrading the Vesuvius and Crofton docks, although not the wharf itself at Crofton.

Foot-passenger water taxi service was provided until the dock re-opened on Dec. 11.



Crofton ferry dock after the fire.

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# 1988 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Local oddballs emerge from obscurity

In 1988, the Salt Spring Hysterical Society was percolating its plans for an original hit play called Paradise Lots. After it debuted the following year, it would go down as one of the group's greatest comedic triumphs.

Inspired by the development boom that hit Salt Spring in the late 1980s, it featured former businessman Frank N. Stein, whose love affair with a local hippie chick drove him to give up everything for a life on pristine Salt Spring Island. Then he met local realtor Milt Bottomley and soon ended up at "Hookers' Walk."

"That's probably when we emerged from obscurity," Sid Filkow told the Driftwood in 2010 while recalling events of the late 1980s. "It was a neat time, a creative time and a time where we were all very much enjoying the island and all the things that were here."

Beginning in 1986, the society's shows, consisting mainly of island-centric skits, were a hit with local audiences.

Original members were Filkow, Arvid Chalmers, Shilo Zylbergold, Mary Williamson, Anne Lyon, Mike Hayes, Reid Collins and James Wilkinson.

The island-based sketch comedy troupe had amassed a series of quirky characters and laughable storylines based on



Sheri Nielson, Arvid Chalmers, James Wilkinson, Anne Lyon, April Curtis, Sid Filkow, Shilo Zylbergold.

everything from a pregnant man to BC Ferries' mysterious Sunshine Breakfast.

Musical numbers like the Queen of the Diner and 537-653 would routinely leave local audiences in stitches.

Part of the Hysterical Society's hook, Filkow commented, was the group's ability to take day-to-day issues of the island and add humour.

How else could you get Stumpy, an orphaned tree stump played by Filkow, at a time when the island was under a more-than-decade-long standoff between loggers

and protesters?

Poor Stumpy — his parents were cut down in their prime, Filkow recalled.

"We were trying to say something and get people thinking as much as laughing," he said.

Even folks over at Victoria's Belfry Theatre thought the group's members had lost their tops when the 11-member Hysterical Society went ahead and booked the theatre for four performances of Paradise Lots.

The opening night audience was small, but they spread the word about Salt Spring's unique brand of comedy and the group

played its final show to a sold-out crowd.

Paradise Lots made way for further sketches and a series of one- and two-person stand-up routines over the following decades, most notably the Geezers sketches by Filkow and Chalmers.

Geezers shows are still a hot commodity today.

"This island has no shortage of material," Filkow said. "Part of the comedian's job is to take reality, bend it and turn it so that it becomes funny. What makes it fun is that there's a grain of truth to it all."

### TOP STORIES

RCMP officers and community groups vowed to take action on **alcohol and drug abuse**. A study indicated that Salt Spring Island had the highest per capita number of alcohol-related motor vehicle accidents of any southern Vancouver Island.

Approximately **150 protesters** spent a **February afternoon** at Peter Arnell Park to speak out for a moratorium and controls over logging on a 446-acre Stewart Road property.

By the year 2020, **Booth Bay** will be the centre of a **small self-contained high-tech village** or the scene of a thriving tourist industry, predicted a group of high schoolers discussing the island's future during a March workshop.

Salt Spring trustees **withdrew a proposed tree-cutting bylaw** as a result of fears it could lead to intensified cutting.

**Johnny Canuck, aka John Wilcox**, took his 1941 Chevrolet on the road to protest the proposed free-trade agreement between Canada and the United States.

A Salt Spring man who wanted to **install a landing strip** on his north-end property raised the ire of neighbours. Residents of the Fernwood and Maliview neighbourhoods collected a 120-name petition opposing the proposal.

The **skeleton of a young girl** was discovered less than two feet under the surface of Harbours End Marina while a backhoe operator was digging a trench on the property. It was discovered that the girl lived anywhere between several hundred and 1,000 years ago.

Islanders got an additional 15,000 square feet of retail grocery space as the **Village Market** opened its doors in the Upper Ganges mall in May.

Beginning in June, **ink used to print weekly editions of the Driftwood** changed from the petroleum-based precursor to a more environmentally friendly and biodegradable product made from soybean oil.

A Pender Island man sailing a B.C.-built boat to its new owner on the East Coast was intercepted and detained by Cuban authorities. **Hank Auchterlonie** and fellow crew members had cleared the Panama Canal and were on their journey's final stretch to Florida when they were held and questioned by Cuban authorities for 24 hours.

A **two-seater Piper Cub float plane** collided with a **12-foot aluminum boat** on St. Mary Lake in August. No injuries were reported. Total damage was estimated at \$600. The boat's three occupants were visiting the island from the Lower Mainland when their fishing excursion was abruptly interrupted.

Construction of the **Ganges Seawalk** got the green light. The \$402,000 project was expected to begin in early 1989. Chamber president Jack Cherry said the project would be "the icing on the cake of the new Ganges . . . the last piece needed to make it a truly gracious town." As of 2010, the full seawalk has yet to be fully completed.



PHOTO BY DUNCAN MACDONNELL

The paint job and licence plate on the truck belonging to Johnny Canuck (John Wilcox) expressed his opposition to the U.S.-Canada free trade deal.

## DEFINITION OF A NEWSPAPER: Part #1: Who are we?

The primary office of a newspaper is the gathering of news . . . comment is free, but facts are sacred."

The words of Charles Prestwick Scott are no less appropriate today than when they appeared in the Manchester Guardian 62 years ago. And for the people involved in the production of the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, those words are not to be taken lightly. Since the paper was founded by Woody Fisher back in March, 1960, its owners and staff have worked hard to provide Gulf Islands residents with a weekly review of current, local events.

The *Driftwood* began life as a mimeographed sheet, but graduated to the offset process within a few years. Woody Fisher sold the paper to Jim and Arlene Ward in 1964, who sold it to Frank and Barbara Richards in 1967. They ran the business until 1979 when son and daughter-in-law Tony and Alice Richards took it over. They continue to publish the paper today. It has grown from an average eight to 12 pages a week to the 1987 average of more than 40 pages. But its growth is only a reflection of the growth of the community it serves.

From news and advertisements reproduced in typewritten form to typeset copy produced by modern computerized, phototypesetting equipment, the *Driftwood* has endeavoured to stay abreast of technological change. Today, reporters use computer terminals instead of typewriters. Subscribers' mailing labels are output by a computer that manages the newspaper's circulation system,



Tony Richards

and an ancient method of maintaining accounts is currently being dropped in favour of a computerized system.

As the newspaper has grown, so have its requirements for office space. The staff of 11 full and part-time employees moved recently into 1,800 square feet on the waterfront next to Harbours End Marina. Here, the people in the various departments—from editorial to advertising sales, from composing to accounting—work together to bring you your newspaper.

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# 1989 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

A lengthy land-use bylaw case came to an end. After hearing Dee and Lloyd Kinney defend their case for close to a year, Judge R.E. Hudson dismissed charges of violating an Islands Trust bylaw. Judge Hudson said Hal Wright's use of the Kinneys' Kings Lane property (from where he ran a trucking operation until 1988) fell under the definition of a legal non-conforming use.

About 40 Gulf Islands farmers told the Capital Regional District medical health officer they **opposed a meat inspection bylaw** proposed for the region. The controversial bylaw received three readings from the CRD and needed one final reading prior to adoption. The bylaw would prohibit the sale of uninspected meat to the public and, opponents said, make the Gulf Islands one of the few rural areas of the province subject to meat inspection.

Higher taxes, a divisive effect on the island and loss of land use control topped the concerns of islanders attending a meeting to discuss the **possible incorporation of Ganges**.

The annual general meeting of Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods societies **rejected a proposal to amalgamate** the two facilities. Amalgamation was key to forming a community health services society. Participants in the meetings expressed favour for the health services society, but were against joining the two facilities under one administration.

Ganges RCMP laid theft **charges against a former CIBC bank employee**. The 46-year-old woman allegedly took more than \$60,000 from various customer accounts. The withdrawals occurred between 1987 and 1989. All the victims had been reimbursed by the bank.

With the announced intention of closing the **Blackburn Road garbage dump** on Salt Spring, the CRD indicated that a garbage transfer station would be created in Fulford to ship waste to the Hartland Road dump in Saanich. The proposal met with immediate opposition from south Salt Spring residents.

The **seawalk in Ganges** came under attack from the Farmers' Institute, which claimed the scenic walkway did not conform to either the community plan or zoning bylaws. Institute president Ian Clement also took the Trust to task for approving a scheme to landfill a portion of the harbour shore.

Almost 300 people from the Gulf Islands joined a **demonstration** at the gates of Fletcher Challenge pulp mill in Crofton. The group was protesting air, noise and water pollution at the mill, which had been listed earlier in the year as one of Canada's 10 worst polluting mills.

With a promise of a proclamation of the new **Islands Trust Act**, the 26 trustees of the islands in the Strait of Georgia began a reorganization effort. The result of the new act would be autonomy for the Trust with the severing of close ties with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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## Isabella terminal plan raises island ire

"Hell hath no fury like an islander scorned," notes an April 1989 Driftwood editorial: it wasn't so much the announcement that the "go-ahead" had been given to build a ferry terminal at Isabella Point, but the fact islanders had not been adequately consulted.

"By announcing a start to the Isabella Point project last Friday, transportation minister Neil Vant thumbed his nose at those islanders who believed they would hold some influence over the same question when they appeared at regional transportation committee meetings called by the province. . . .

"Twisting the knife, the minister declared that consultations on Isabella Point had been held with islanders, and that the terminal was an acceptable solution. All of which was news to Salt Spring residents."

Although Saanich-Gulf Islands MLA Terry Huberts and finance minister Mel Couvelier immediately said the new terminal was "not a certainty," a B.C. Ferry Corporation spokesman said the proposal had been "given the go-ahead" by the government.

In addition to being furious that the government had not adequately consulted islanders on the project, residents denounced the proposal as a "threat to the island's rural lifestyle."

Some 160 islanders gathered at the activity centre in Ganges



From left, Kathy Scarfo, Bob Andrews and Sid Wigen at a transportation meeting.

at what was supposed to be a meeting to formulate a submission to the regional transportation committee set to study the Isabella Point option. Instead it became an opportunity to condemn the province and the ferry corporation for announcing the project before it had been studied.

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said, "Our whole effort has been pre-empted by this announcement. It (the new terminal) destroys our links with the Outer Gulf Islands, it destroys a very large payroll on the island, it displaces workers, and it puts a monumental piece of pavement down the back of our island, which we don't want."

The proposal called for a ferry terminal at Isabella Point to replace the terminal at Fulford Harbour, cutting the sailing distance between Fulford and Swartz Bay in half, and

allowing for hourly service between the two points. The project would also mean closure of the Long Harbour ferry terminal and subsequent shifts in inter-island routes and terminals, including a fixed link between Mayne and Saturna islands.

Couvelier stressed that the ferry corporation's announcement was premature, but noted that money for the project was included in the budget as a means of ensuring it was available "if and when" it was needed. Target date for the project was 1992.

He added that no matter which way the final decision went, the problems that the Isabella Point terminal would address would not go away.

"We need to address space problems that will force us to act in three or four years," Couvelier said.

In announcing the project,

Vant said: "It appears that's going to be an acceptable option . . . generally the decision has pretty much been made."

The proposal generated a rift between different south Salt Spring groups.

Bruce Patterson, representing the Fulford Business Association, said some Fulford businesses were concerned any expansion of the terminal would "ultimately consume the village." He also expressed concerns over congestion in the village and the need for an expanded highway to accommodate increased traffic flow.

He added that while his group shared a number of concerns with those opposed to construction of a terminal at Isabella Point, "if it has to be us or them, we'd prefer it was them."

Speaking on behalf of the Isabella Point Protection Association, chairman Harry Leader said the association's concerns included inherent engineering problems with the site (the area is vulnerable to storms and low tides), its popularity with sports fishermen and divers and its aesthetic beauty.

Islanders were also concerned about increased traffic to Isabella Point and the subsequent need for a new road.

After more than a year of back-and-forth on the issue, the ferry corporation ultimately withdrew the proposal in September, 1990.

*"The more things change, the more they stay the same"*

...isn't that the old adage? The qualities that have brought islanders here have always been the same: community atmosphere, caring spirit, environmental observance, love of beauty, the allure of the sea, the desire to be "slightly apart". So glad to have called Salt Spring "home" since 1989, and so lucky to have been able to help others to enjoy ownership here. Congratulations, Driftwood, for having been the Island's interpretive voice, all these years!



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# 1990 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Ganges seawalk comes to a halt

*Second of Two Parts*  
Creation of the seawalk at the head of Ganges Harbour has occurred with a great deal of enthusiasm from all corners of the island, however, the project seems to have ground to a halt.

By BILL WEBSTER  
*The Driftwood*

In 1988, a group of representatives of the Chamber of Commerce began putting together plans for the seawalk. The original budget for the public portion of the project was set at close to \$230,000. At the time, the private land owners were expected to kick in a further \$173,000 to cover the costs of the seawalk across their land holdings.

Mouat Bros. Trading Company went ahead with the portion running from the government wharf to just past the Harbour Building. That portion, according to Mouat's manager Tom Toynbee came to slightly more than \$110,000.

Various grants were applied for. Organizers sought an original grant of \$134,000 from GO BC as well as \$70,000 from the federal government.

With the help of local M.P. Lynn Hunter, the federal grant, under the Canada Works program, came in at \$135,000.

Donations were budgeted at \$15,000, while organizers expected volunteer labour and materials to total \$10,600.

By the time construction began in the early summer of 1989, the seawalk organizers had close to \$295,000, mostly grant money, available. With the expected costs to private owners of \$173,000 and the \$110,000 spent on the Mouat Bros.

part of the seawalk, the project financing came to a total of \$576,000.

As work progressed, the Chamber applied for a second GO BC grant of \$29,000 to help pay for the landfill for the corner of the harbour near the commercial parking lot. The total cost of the landfill in that portion came to more than \$87,000.

All of the bills for the constructed portion of the walkway have not been covered and the Chamber is seeking a further provincial lottery grant.

Somewhere along the line, something went wrong and no one is sure where it happened.

"We (the Chamber) proceeded in good faith," said current Chamber president Glen Moores.

Agreement from the private land owners has not yet been granted to allow completion of the project.

Lois Johnston owns the only residential property along the proposed route of the walk. She told the *Driftwood* no one has approached her about construction of the walk in front of her property.

She does not want it there. If the walk is built across the seaward side of her property, she would lose her privacy, she said. Johnston is seeking legal advice on what to do.

Dick Durante of Salt Spring Marina (formerly Harbour's End Marina) said he would be willing to put the seawalk along his foreshore, if he knew what was expected of him. He noted construction of the walk along his end of the harbour was a stipulation of the development permit he held for the plans to expand the marina. He is willing to live by that stipulation, he said.

To date, no one has explained to him who would be responsible for liability, for future maintenance or shown him construction plans for the boardwalk itself.



### TOP STORIES

Longer hours of service on the **Vesuvius-Crofton run** were announced by B.C. Ferries in January. "Contrary to the belief that we don't listen to the island," said ferry corporation spokesperson Bill Bouchard, the service was being extended into the evening hours because of "feedback from islanders."

Jarrod Booth's accomplishment of receiving **more than 200,000 greeting cards** from around the world was recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records in January. The young islander and his parents, Cindy and Eric Booth, journeyed to London, England to accept the recognition. The eight-year-old island boy died from a brain tumour in September 1990.

In May, **protesters occupied the logging site on Mount Bruce** and Weldwood stopped operations to avoid confrontation between loggers and protesters. Meanwhile, a special meeting of the Islands Trust called for a moratorium on logging on the Gulf Islands until a logging plan could be formulated for the islands.

Wallace Island in Trincomali Channel became the province's newest **marine provincial park** in June.

Islanders were afraid the **Fulford post office** could close due to cost cutting by Canada Post. A protest to keep the post office open was being organized in July.

**Tensions at the Saturday market** in Ganges eased when vendors agreed to certain controls over the affair. Saturday parking in the village was at a premium and vendors agreed to park their vehicles elsewhere. A permit system to control who sells what would be initiated in 1991, said the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Miners Bay on Mayne Island** was the scene of a fierce blaze as the wharf went up in smoke in August. The fire broke out in the early morning and consumed half the wharf.

The proposal to construct a **new ferry wharf at Isabella Point** on Salt Spring sparked a united protest from islanders. Fulford ferry terminal had been the subject of a speculated move for many years and a group of residents formed a protest committee in an effort to stop BC Ferries from going ahead with the plans. The company withdrew its proposal in September.

**Logging equipment on Mount Bruce** was the target of vandals who poured sand into the engines of several machines in August. Ganges RCMP investigated the incident at the disputed logging site. Mike Hamilton, who owned the logging equipment, said 13 of his machines had been tampered with. Tempers on the island ran high as a result of the sabotage.

In October, Justice Millward of the B.C. Supreme Court reversed an earlier high-court decision and **upheld the validity of the electric-motors only regulation** on St. Mary Lake.

Plans to obtain a parcel of Crown land behind the cement plant on Rainbow Road for a **recycling depot** met with opposition from Salt Spring residents in November.

## From old to new: the Driftwood launches a redesigned newspaper

### Gulf Islands Driftwood

THIRTYFIRST YEAR, NO. 6 | GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1990

#### Islanders threatened by plans

By BILL WEBSTER  
Islanders (over the beach) are threatened by plans to build a seawalk along the shore of Ganges Harbour. The Chamber of Commerce is seeking a second GO BC grant of \$29,000 to help pay for the landfill for the corner of the harbour near the commercial parking lot. The total cost of the landfill in that portion came to more than \$87,000.



#### Islands shiver under blanket of white stuff

Local highway and ferry services were kept busy last week as a blanket of snow covered the Gulf Islands. The snow was the result of a low pressure system moving through the area. The snow was the result of a low pressure system moving through the area.

#### Cheers and catcalls for funding system

A group of islanders gathered for a meeting to discuss the funding system for the seawalk project. The meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce.

#### Local MP considers Salt Spring concerns

Local MP Lynn Hunter is considering the concerns of Salt Spring residents regarding the proposed ferry wharf at Isabella Point. The concerns of Salt Spring residents regarding the proposed ferry wharf at Isabella Point.



#### Environmentalists meet to discuss Carmanah

A group of environmentalists met to discuss the Carmanah Forest. The meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce.

#### A facelift marks our anniversary

The Gulf Islands Driftwood celebrates its 30th anniversary. The newspaper has undergone a facelift to mark the occasion. The newspaper has undergone a facelift to mark the occasion.

#### Residents seek help for hazardous roads

Residents of the Islands are seeking help for hazardous roads. The roads are in poor condition and need to be repaired. The roads are in poor condition and need to be repaired.

#### First grants are released

The first grants for the seawalk project have been released. The grants will be used to fund the construction of the seawalk. The grants will be used to fund the construction of the seawalk.

#### At the pulse of native culture

The Gulf Islands Driftwood is proud to be at the pulse of native culture. The newspaper covers the traditions and customs of the islands. The newspaper covers the traditions and customs of the islands.

### What's going on?

To the Editor,  
While walking to town, which I do every day -- weather permitting -- I go from the Salt Spring Marine along the shore to the beginning of the Seawalk.

So, I have reached the Seawalk and slowly, enjoying every easy step along the way, I continue on my walk. I pass the ramp and I am impressed by all the designing, construction, excellent workmanship and expensive material which went into it and the following boardwalk. How thoughtful were the instigators to make it possible for the elderly and handicapped to have such easy access to this area.

It always saddens me, when I have to turn back at the end of it and exit by the stairs. This morning, I was trapped! The exit was blocked by heavy lumber nailed across. Being almost 70 years of age, I could not see myself climbing over it, so I went down the stairs and back to the ramp.

Continuing my walk along the road toward town, I felt frustrated

and angry. I was still forced to walk on a sometimes very small strip, unprotected and watch out for the rather fast moving traffic towards me, while putting up with the noise and exhaust fumes. As I pass the top of the stairs, flashy signs: "DO NOT ENTER" and "PRIVATE" are prominently displayed.

Now I ask you: "What's going on?" This seawalk was supposed to be built for the public. Significant amounts of money, yours and mine, have been spent so far and more will be spent for the completion of it -- whenever that will be.

When I say "Money, yours and mine" I mean just that. In this modern world, nobody lives entirely on his own. We all depend on one another. Just think about it: Where does all the money you use come from? Somebody else has to pay it.

Let's get the "Cat out of the bag" and tell us, why we have all that delay and even regression, who is responsible and what can we do to complete such a wonderful project.

**JOHN F. VOLC**  
Ganges



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# 1991 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

Plans for **MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.'s holdings on Galiano Island** were made public early in 1991. MB announced it had started talks with the Ministry of Parks to turn the north end of the company's Galiano property into a provincial park while offering the rest of its private holdings for sale to B.C. residents only for a three-month period. The ensuing debate over Galiano's forest-lot properties remains unresolved to this day.

**Smokers within the Capital Regional District** had fewer places to "puff" in January following implementation of the district's new clean air bylaw. Bylaw 1851 made it illegal to smoke within any public premises or workplace excepting designated smoking areas.

Managing **pressure from population growth** is the "key issue" on the Gulf Islands, said provincial New Democratic Party leader Mike Harcourt at a meeting in Ganges in March.

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.

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

A **grey whale** was spotted in Ganges Harbour by several island residents in April.

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. The logging company sold the property for \$243,000, nearly \$100,000 lower than its initial asking price.

**Tom Shelby Pool** opened at Portlock Park on May 20 after years of volunteer effort. Eager children took inaugural plunges into the 28-degree Celsius water after a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting.

Norman Twa's request for a **one-year delay of the Blackburn Road dump closure** was rejected by the Capital Regional District's environmental 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 on Dec. 21, 1991.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee decided to not consider any rezoning applications changing properties to multi-family zoning **until Ganges sewer planning was complete**.

Disagreement over costs between the education ministry and School District 64 officials in December **threatened progress on construction of a new high school** on Salt Spring.

## A dream is realized as pool opens

Years of volunteer effort and determination were rewarded Monday at the official opening of Shelby Pool.

A blast of sunshine overtook the cloudy morning just as a large crowd gathered at Portlock Park and volunteers took care of pre-opening details.

Wayne Taylor introduced Parks and Recreation Commission members and staff and some of the pool society volunteers who worked to get the project off the ground. He said an island pool had been a dream of some residents for 15 or 20 years.

Tom McKeachie explained that the pool was named in honour of Tom Shelby, Salt Spring resident and Coast Guard worker who drowned in the line of duty in January, 1989.

"It seemed really most appropriate to remember Tom because of the link between water safety instruction and the rescue operation Tom participated in," said McKeachie.

Shelby's parents Alex and Helen Shelby handled official ribbon cutting duties which opened the way for the first group of eager swimmers.

Almost 100 people took the plunge into the 85 degree Fahrenheit water throughout the afternoon:

The pool opens for public and school swimming programs on Monday, May 27.

Season swim passes are available from the Parks and Recreation Commission office at Portlock Park or the



Islanders who volunteered labour at the pool site take the first plunge.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg

Continuing Education office in Mouat's Harbour Building.

Pass prices are substantially reduced if purchased before June 15. (See May 8 Driftwood for full prices and schedule.)

Ganges Pharmasave is sponsoring a further \$10 reduction in season pass

prices when a coupon in this issue of Driftwood is presented at time of purchase.

An extensive island store and restaurant discount system for season pass holders is also in the works, reports PRC administrator Tony Hume.

## Locals resigned to the new GST

Local response to the Goods and Services Tax has been varied, with most Ganges retailers and restaurateurs reporting limited grumbling from those forking out the extra seven per cent.

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Staff Writer

Several store and restaurant operators surveyed by the *Driftwood* said customers were swallowing the new tax without much complaint.

Lorelei Rondeau of Nibbles, Scribbles and News said "most people seem resigned to it."

She said some customers did seem a bit impatient while waiting for her to calculate the new price of items. Until her cash register was reprogrammed she had to manually remove the Federal Sales Tax and then add the new GST. However, said Rondeau, increased prices had not affected sales to date.

Garth Stewart of Parkside News also said he had heard "very few complaints" from store patrons.

Mixmasters owner Dennis Anderson concurred with Rondeau. Be-

sides hearing "the odd snide comment," his customers have been "reluctantly accepting" the GST.

"The consensus seems to be *what can you do?*" said Anderson.

He suggested the government could have made everyone's life simpler by adding a lower tax to everything instead of exempting some items and quantities, eliminating the penny coin and rounding things to the nearest nickel.

He added that implementation of the new tax system should have been more gradual "to give everyone time to adapt." Mixmasters is still waiting for a technician from Victoria to reprogram its cash register.

Embe Bakery owner Brian Taylor has seen a different response to the GST. He told the *Driftwood* customer response has been "generally very unfavourable."

"I think it is very confusing and totally the wrong way to tax people to start with. Probably 75 per cent are very upset at it with good reason."

Taylor said he thinks the tax will have a "super-inflationary" effect,

NEW TAX A2

## HYSTERICAL ANTICS



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring Hysterical Society returned with shows in Ganges and Beaver Point. Clockwise from top left, Arnold Schwarzenegger (Shilo Zylbergold) says "pump me up;" a "Legion geezer" (Arvid Chalmers) laments the loss of "good wars;" and Zylbergold with Sid Filkow flunks a progressive men's group.

## In 1991, Salt Spring Island Cheese was just a glimmer in the eyes of David and Nancy



Wood and a cheesy mess in the corner of the kitchen. Much has changed, but what remains is our commitment to making the best cheese we know how to, and the opportunity for awareness that each moment of the cheesemaking day offers.

For Virginie Leveillé, shepherdess from 1997 to 2002, it was the realisation that "Everything in the universe is mutating but milking just is, always has been & always will". Others, particularly Josh and Dan (pictured here with Virginie), have expressed their views on milking a little differently: it is no surprise that our cheeses perfectly reflect this variety of creative expression.

handmade cheese from *salt spring island* cheese

# 1992 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Market in the Park makes, bakes and grows the island's reputation

Life down at the island's famous Saturday market wasn't always a walk in the park.

In the years prior to 1992, Salt Spring's market may have offered an eclectic hodgepodge of products, but there really wasn't all that much separating it from any old-fashioned flea market in any other small town.

"It was more of a social event than a sales venue," says island potter Mark Meredith. "The locals all came to town on market day. We all had our cars in the space where the front of the market is now and we sold off the front of our cars... It was a lot of fun."

Tensions rose over the course of the 1980s as word of the market began to spread off island. Too much of a good thing, it turned out, wasn't a very good thing at all.

Seeing an opportunity to turn a profit, more vendors began selling imported goods like sunglasses and handbags that they'd bring from off-island.

Even the fruits and vegetables were shipped in by truck from the Okanagan, said Meredith, who played a critical role in developing the modern market, along with the "make it, bake it, grow it" standard.

"You know, I didn't think it would stick, but it sure did," he said.

In an effort to resurrect the market's local flavour, Meredith and a handful of other local vendors formed the "Friends of the Market" in 1988. The group's main adversary was the Market Vendors' Association (MVA), which he says contained significant numbers of off-island vendors, but was an energetic force to be reckoned with.

"That was an unbelievable time," Meredith recalls. "It was a major war."



The Parks and Recreation Commission tried to cool things down and reach a compromise, notably through the long "market mediation" process of 1992.

"We met at the basement of the United Church off and on from the late summer until well into winter. There was a very sophisticated mediation process where everybody involved had a say in what they wanted 'the market' to be," Meredith said.

Based on islanders' input, it was decided that the island's market should have a stronger emphasis on locally made or grown products as well as more arts and crafts. Local merchants also spoke about how the influx

of imported retail goods was hurting island businesses.

In short, the Market in the Park's distinctive Salt Spring feel and flavour immediately forced the MVA contingent to the sidelines and the market locals have all come to know, love (and sometimes avoid) was born.

"[The other vendors] had gone to the Harbour House parking lot with the MVA in protest of the new rules," Meredith said. "Slowly, the old vendors who qualified, who 'made it, baked it or grew it,' started to come back... It wasn't long before people started changing their products."

Meredith said that, although community markets are now

commonplace, Salt Spring's was the first in the province to focus exclusively on local arts and crafts.

As word got out, Salt Spring's market evolved into a destination for tourists, small-time market vendors became the owners of successful island businesses (think Barb's Buns and Salt Spring Soapworks, for example) and new vendors moved in to carry on the tradition.

"In 1992, Salt Spring became a brand name. Before the market, Salt Spring wasn't even on the map," Meredith said.

"We didn't sell the steak, we sold the sizzle," he added. "The sizzle was the market."

### TOP STORIES

A Salt Spring youth centre opened at Community Services on Feb. 15 with hundreds of islanders of all ages touring the facility and enjoying outdoor activities. Less than a month after it opened, the centre closed for several months after a rowdy evening overwhelmed volunteers.

Municipal Affairs Minister Robin Blencoe approved the controversial Galiano Island forest land bylaws. Blencoe said, "The bylaws enjoy local support and are in keeping with the mandate of the Trust to preserve and protect." The bylaws removed residential capacity from most forest zoned land and increased minimum parcel sizes from 20 acres to 20 hectares. Debate over the move is ongoing to this day.

More than 110 mountain bikers from across the province descended upon the island in May to participate in the first-ever Spoke Folk Fest Mountain Bike Race.

Lady Minto hospital administrator Vicki Curtis said use of the hospital must increase or some of its services could be lost. "If one doesn't use the services to their full extent then there is the danger of either reducing the role or changing the role of the hospital," she said in a June interview.

Salt Spring Islanders celebrated Canada's 125th birthday in style on July 1 with a parade, fun run, air flights, flag-raising ceremony, cake cutting and unique contests.

A new ferry was implemented on the Vesuvius Bay-Croton run. The Howe Sound Queen could carry 70 cars and 330 passengers, more than double the number of cars and passengers of its predecessor, the Vesuvius Queen.

A first-ever lama-thon held Aug. 15 at the Farmers Institute grounds raised about \$7,000 through pledges, admission fees and food and refreshment sales. "It was beyond our wildest expectations," said ArtSpring's Ida-Marie Threadkell.

Construction of Blackburn Meadows Golf Course was set to begin in September, said owner Delia von Schilling.

In October, Patrick Gordon Troywalchuk was found guilty of attempted murder and assault stemming from a Feb. 24, 1992 incident on Salt Spring. Troywalchuk was found guilty of attempting to murder Marie Te Charlebois and assaulting her nine-year-old daughter Saharan at their Beaver Point home. Troywalchuk was later sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Salt Spring unequivocally voted no to the Charlottetown Accord on Oct. 26. Across the nation, 54 per cent of Canadians rejected the deal to amend the Constitution of Canada. Roughly 85 per cent of Gulf Islands residents turned out to vote in the October referendum.

Census results released in November indicated that 7,871 residents were living on Salt Spring, an increase of 28 per cent from 1986. North Pender had 1,400 permanent residents; South Pender, 137; Mayne, 739; Saturna, 245; Galiano, 909.

WEDNESDAY, September 9, 1992

## Mediation begins on market issue

Market vendors and store owners came together again last Tuesday to begin a mediation process aimed at resolving controversy over the Saturday market.

Gordon Sloan chaired the session held September 1 in the United Church basement.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, Market Vendors' Associa-

"Before the market, Salt Spring wasn't even on the map."

MARK MEREDITH  
Island potter

## Commission looks for help in market-related activities

Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission is advertising for participation in a Saturday market advisory group and a market co-ordinator.

These requests come as part of a long process of community discussion about the Saturday market in Centennial Park, culminating recently with a 10-week mediation process.

The advisory group is a standard procedure for the PRC, commission member Allison Lambert said.

"This is the way the PRC operates. The PRC es-

quilibrium task forces are just a few of the working groups the PRC has created to get community input into the commercial and social activity at the market each week.

"We're asking these groups would they like to be involved in the market," PRC chairwoman Ke-

## 7 Generations on Salt Spring



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# 1993 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

Salt Spring's resident judge was sworn in as **Mr. Justice Ralph Hudson** of the Supreme Court of the Yukon Territory after serving as a B.C. provincial court judge in Ganges and Sidney for more than 11 years.

In March, Salt Spring residents rallied against Agriculture Canada's **plan to aerial spray Btk** to combat the dreaded gypsy moth, resulting in an agreement to undertake a limited ground spray program instead.

A B.C. Court of Appeal decision **upheld a ban on gas-powered boats in St. Mary Lake**, which had first been introduced in 1985 and was then appealed in 1990.

Salt Spring's **first automatic debit machine** was installed at Salt Spring Automotive Parts and Supplies in March.

A **break-away Saturday market** created by the Market Vendors Association set up for the season at the Harbour House Hotel grounds on March 27.

**Lorraine Campbell** of Saturna Island was awarded the Canada 125 medal for community service by Senator Pat Carney as part of the Saturna Crabfest on April 10.

An April 24 referendum saw **voters reject a solid waste landfill on Mount Bruce** proposed by the CRD by a 1,214 to 331 vote. However, a liquid waste composting concept for the Burgoyne Bay area on land to be leased from Texada Logging was passed by a 1,110 to 440 margin.

Local grocery store **Gulf Island Trading Company** closed its doors on June 23, marking the end of 81 years of business on the site. Grant and Binda Carignan had owned the business since 1972.

**Thrifty Foods** opened its new store in Ganges on July 7, with owners Dave Hogarth and Dan Lee.

Four **Galiano Island land-use bylaws** that had restricted MacMillan Bloedel's forest lands to forestry uses were quashed by a B.C. Supreme Court decision on July 30, ending another chapter in the long-running saga. The Galiano Local Trust Committee launched an appeal of the decision later in the year.

**Hereford and McPhillips avenues** were turned into one-way streets in October as part of a new traffic pattern system for Ganges.

The first **"community mail boxes"** appeared on Salt Spring as part of a Canada Post overhaul that bid adieu to the traditional V0S 1E0 and V0S 1C0 postal codes and old green mailboxes.

**Reform Party candidate Jack Frazer** of Salt Spring was elected Saanich-Gulf Islands MP in a federal election that saw the ruling Conservative Party lose all but two seats across Canada. The Liberals under Jean Chretien were given a strong majority. Frazer defeated NDP incumbent Lynn Hunter.

Eighteen-year-old **Yarah Hooley** died when her car left North End Road and plunged in St. Mary Lake on Oct. 27.

**Dietrich Luth** unseated Julia Atkins as Salt Spring's CRD director in local elections.

## salt spring says . . .

**we asked: Are you in favour of the proposed youth centre at the old Luigi's?**



**Justin Beaumont**  
(resident)

It's a good idea for young people. If they stay off the streets they will keep out of trouble.



**Charles Alsberg**  
(resident)

It would be an excellent place and it's long overdue.



**Trudy Lynch**  
(resident)

I sure am for it because it'll give the kids something to do. They need something that's more in town.



**Garner Butler**  
(resident)

Fantastic. Young people should have a place to be downtown. It'll be a place where kids will see role models.



**Charlotte Kennedy**  
(non-resident)

I think it's a good idea. A lot of kids need some direction...a place to do something (that is) constructive and interesting.

## Youth centre started in name of lost teens

The death of two 16 year olds in a stolen vehicle was undoubtedly the most tragic event of 1993 on Salt Spring Island.

As the Driftwood reported on July 14:

*Two Salt Spring Island youths are dead and two are in hospital following a two-vehicle, head-on collision early Sunday morning.*

*Ilan Corey Nelson, 16, and Kiowna Corin Lalonde, 16, died after a 1973 Toyota station wagon in which they were driving collided with a 1976 Chev pick-up on Reynolds Road near Fulford Harbour.*

*The first fatal motor vehicle accident on the island since September 1989 also sent two other passengers in the Toyota to hospital. Thirteen-year-old Ryan*



*Bonfield and 15-year-old Sunya Relph are in Victoria General Hospital. Nelson was driving the Toyota when the accident occurred.*

But from their deaths came

Trying to establish the centre was acted upon quickly. While the community had long realized that island youth needed more to do with their time and a place to call their own, the two teens' deaths made the project an imperative.

Youth worker Trish Nobile spearheaded a successful campaign to buy the heritage building known as the old Garner residence, which had most recently been home to Luigi's restaurant, at 134 McPhillips Ave.

By Aug. 4 the Driftwood could report that \$150,000 of the estimated \$250,000 purchase price had been raised, with \$125,000 of that amount pledged by a Salt Spring resident.

The Core Inn officially opened on Nov. 4, 1995.

## Luth winner in CRD race

• Election vote tallies—A3  
By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

The surprise upset of last weekend's local elections was undoubtedly the sweep to power of Dietrich Luth as Salt Spring director to the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Luth received 1,146 votes compared to incumbent Julia Atkins' 856, for a total voter turnout of just over 2,000. In the 1990 election, Atkins defeated Jack Frazer with 1,698 votes, in an election that drew nearly 3,000 to the polling stations.

Returning officer Thomas Moore was unable to provide voter turnout figures before presstime Tuesday.

"I had a pretty good indication during the day there was a pretty

strong vote in my favour," Luth said of his victory.

Making sure the island is represented to the CRD board is his primary concern, but first he is getting "acclimatized" to the CRD, its background, function and services.

"Accessibility, availability and a willingness to listen" are characteristics he will promote in his new job, he said.

"If I can avoid getting people's feathers ruffled and hides scorched, I would be happy," he said. "There's no reason to develop a supercilious or arrogant attitude about constituents' ideas.

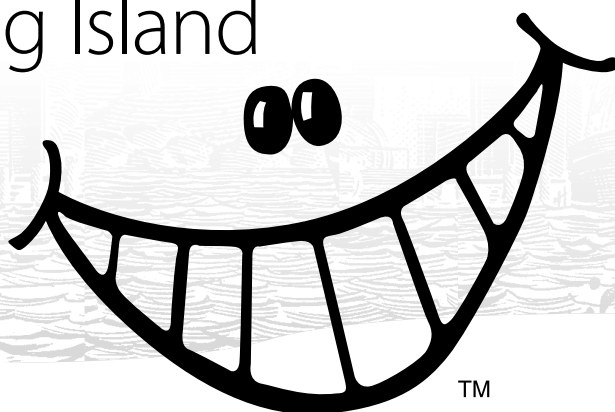
"Be reassured there isn't some wild man over here," he added. "The comments made in the *Times-Colonist* were not very nice. They

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**NO WILD MAN:** New regional director Dietrich Luth reacted to off-island media reports about his election by saying he was not "some wild man."

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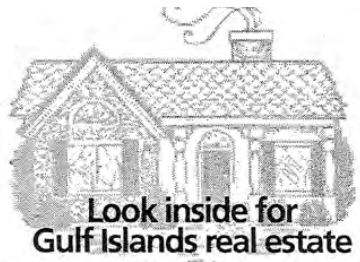
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# 1994 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Gulf Islands Driftwood

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### TOP STORIES

A January report saying **lot prices on Salt Spring were soaring** drew mixed responses from local real estate agents, who saw both detriments and benefits to dealing with the fastest increasing lot prices in Canada. The Century 21 report indicated lots on Salt Spring recorded the highest increase in the country. The average price of a serviced, one-acre lot rose from \$68,000 to \$91,000 (33.8 per cent) in the course of a year.

Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth summed up his opposition to a **sludge composting project** proposed by the liquid waste committee by describing it as "taking on the proportions of a sludge gate."

Controversy over the **installation of condom machines** at Gulf Islands Secondary School attracted a standing-room-only crowd to a parents' advisory council meeting held in March. "The fact is that we are going to have sex," one teenager told the crowd, summing up the main argument for installing the machines.

Lady Minto Hospital's acting administrator Karen Davies reported 5,186 visits were made to the **hospital emergency ward** between April 1, 1993 and March 31, 1994, up from 4,952 the year before.

A stash of goods stolen from the **Mobile Market in Ganges** was found and returned by an eight-year-old boy who chose a yogurt ice cream bar as his prize.

A **musical marimba band's** summer practice session was punctuated by gunshots, but the exact reason for the shots was still under investigation by Salt Spring RCMP. According to police, a 60-year-old man appeared to have discharged a firearm within 100 feet of a building, contrary to Wildlife Act regulations. Although the man said he was shooting at crows, members of the band said the man, who appeared intoxicated, fired the shots and then ordered the group to stop playing.

Queen Elizabeth would enjoy a taste of Salt Spring while in Victoria for the Commonwealth Games, thanks to the efforts of Zoe and Lynn Woodside of the **Fat Rascal in Ganges**.

Salt Spring divers Ken Perry and Dave Rayment were among seven men receiving **medals of bravery** in a September ceremony for their part in a daring rescue attempt to save six people trapped under a capsized boat in Active Pass in July.

The legalization of in-law suites, the easing of building restrictions and allowing for seasonal cottages to be used for permanent residences were among several recommendations of a Salt Spring **task force on housing** released in October.

**Tourism in 1994** brought in as many as 200,000 visitors annually to Salt Spring and was worth \$12 million to the local economy, according to figures collected by the Chamber of Commerce.

# AGGOG *Students and staff admire new school*

By GRAEME THOMPSON  
Driftwood Staff

The Gulf Islands' new high school, which opened last Tuesday, has students, staff and visitors alike agog with admiration. Clean, bright and spacious are the most common adjectives people use when asked their impressions of the new facility.

And while not every program is able to start on time and not every aspect of the new school is exactly what was expected, all agree the new facility is a quantum leap from the old one.

During a tour of the school last week, a Driftwood reporter picked up comments made by students, teachers and staff about their new facility.

- The new school has opened "surprisingly smoothly," vice-principal Scott Bergstrom said, helped to no small degree by the fact that rooms were numbered. "The first day back, kids were positive and patient."
- "A lot bigger. There's more space," Grade 11 student Dave Greig said. "It's a cool spot to skate."
- "It's modern. It's much better designed," fellow Grade 11 student Jeremy Miller added. He likes the school's fibre-optic link with the rest of the world. He added the new semester system would be good for studying for final exams since he would not have to study for all of them at once.
- The classrooms are bigger, and in general, the facilities are "way better," were the words of one



counsellor Maggie Allison said, as she whisked through the meeting place on her way to a meeting. "It feels great. It's spacious. The design has beautiful attention to the natural light."

• Len Sokol, who teaches senior English classes, said the students were "calmer" in the new school, perhaps because there was so much more space to be in. They had room to move around now.

• Grade 12 student Sonnen Sloan called the school "rad" and particularly liked the windows, the light and the architecture of the new buildings. The school lockers need some attention though, as they can be easily opened, she said. While Sloan is still sorting out a timetable and courses which

student who is returning to finish high school. Cree Binkley, in Grade 11, is happy to have the semester system in place because it allows him to finish school faster than the full-term system would.

He also likes the fact that there are lockers for everybody and they are not out in the courtyard, like they were at the old high school. Overall it's a "pretty nice school."

• It's just about the same, Marie-Claire Gardner said, just like the old building.

• Maintenance man Chris Oliver said the new school is "wonderful." He wonders whether the landscapers will come back to finish some of the rough edges, though. The new school undoubtedly

means more work for the maintenance crew. The new high school has far more grass to cut and maintain, 300 rose bushes to look after and no more staff. But the fields at the new high school do have their own brand-new irrigation system, which Oliver is happy about.

• "It's bigger. It's more comfortable and it's not as dirty," said Grade 12 student Charlotte Akerman. Classmate Emily Ramer said the gymnasium is good. "It's big and light and new." She said it might even make her team's volleyball game better. Rebecca Stratholt, also in Grade 12, said the new facility is a "more welcome place to learn."

"You're more proud of it because it's new," Ramer added.

"I'm glad we get to spend at least one year here," Akerman said. "We deserve it."

• "It's a lot nicer than the old building. It's more colourful," Grade 10 student Dave Howell said. "But woodwork's changed a lot."

"It's pretty lame," Grade 9 student Jesse Hlady added. "Everybody walked out."

On the positive side, he said the new school had more choices for things to do and places to go.

• "It's wonderful. It's exciting. It's light," career preparations

fit into a schedule and her requirements, she is looking forward to the theatre and art programs at the school and the career preparations co-op program.

• Head custodian Bob Bidwell remembers the old school well and how far-sighted the original design was meant to be. But the courtyard in the old school was not designed with students' feet in mind, because they always cut across the square and tracked mud everywhere.

"One thing I've noticed is it's so quiet," he said. He attributes this to wider hallways and the spread out design of the buildings in four main areas. The students are spread-out too.

"It's a school the kids can really be proud of."



Left to right: Charlotte Akerman, Rebecca Stratholt, Emily Ramer.



Chris Oliver



Jesse Hlady



Sonnen Sloan



Dave Howell

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# 1995 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

**Salt Spring dancer Brad Magnus** learned he would be a key performer in the Variety Club Telethon of Hearts. Magnus, who has Downs Syndrome, had already danced in Vienna and the U.S. Japan was among his future tour spots.

Gulf Islands School District **trustees were in the line of fire** when students and parents converged on the school board's office in February to express anger over the budget crisis. Trustees endured waves of hostile comments and questions throughout the three-hour meeting.

The island's Parks and Recreation Commission announced **closure of Mouat's Park to campers**, tent trailers and motor homes. The 15 campsites would be restricted to tent campers who walk or cycle to the Ganges-area park.

**Three passengers and the pilot escaped unhurt** from Hanna Air's Norseman float plane after it crashed near Kuper Island in March.

Islanders got a new place to hang out after the spring **opening of a climbing wall** on property owned by Salt Spring Community Services.

A **Victoria fitness equipment firm repossessed \$21,000 worth of weight machines** from Gulf Islands Secondary School in April after it gave up waiting for payment. The company said it planned to sue the school for \$10,000 for depreciation and expenses after the school failed to pay its invoice.

A haven for Gulf Islands women escaping abusive situations was opened in June thanks to the anonymous donation of a four-bedroom home. The **transition house, run by Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA)**, would house victims of domestic violence. A separate group, Island Women Against Violence, was later formed to run the facility.

Keys areas in the Strait of Georgia, including land in the Gulf Islands, would be acquired for **ecological reserves or parks** under a \$60-million program announced by the federal and provincial governments.

**Contaminated material from the bottom of Ganges Harbour** would not be dumped in the old landfill on Blackburn Road, according to a July decision by federal officials. The Islands Trust and residents living in the Cusheon Lake watershed voiced opposition, which led to the government's decision.

Flutes made from PVC by Salt Spring resident **Palu Rainbow Song** caught the attention of industrial giant The Geon Company.

CRD board members broke with tradition and **voted against Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth** and passed a bylaw to regulate the market in Centennial Park. Changes required vendors at the market produce their own products and gave preference to Salt Spring products.

Store owners and GISS students worked together to dispel a conflict about **the number of students hanging around the Harbour Building** in Ganges.

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## Board approves plan to cut \$800,000

By **GRAEME THOMPSON**  
Driftwood Staff

Plans to cut nearly \$800,000 from school district spending over the next five months have angered teachers and other district staff, who may face layoffs or salary reductions as a result.

A budget reduction plan designed to avoid a massive deficit in the current fiscal year was presented to trustees last Wednesday after two days of behind-the-scenes talks with affected employee groups.

Representatives of the Gulf Islands Teachers Association and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) met behind closed doors with school trustees and administrators in a bid to cut \$800,000 from the \$12.4 million budget.

"There has been a great deal of work and a great deal of discussion ... as to how we will balance this budget," secretary-treasurer Ken Starling told trustees at their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday. "We are providing services to students and other parts of the system that we cannot financially support. That is the bottom line."

The deficit is made up of two parts, he explained. There is an estimated over-expenditure of \$600,000 and an actual deficit of \$175,000 from last year. The reason the school board must eliminate the deficit in the remaining five months of the school year is that the School Act does not allow boards to run deficits. As if to reinforce that message, the district received a letter from Education Minister Art Charbonneau approving last year's \$175,000 debt on the condition it be retired in 1994/95.

At Wednesday's meeting, the board approved the budget reduction plan, which includes cuts of \$300,000 in salaries to CUPE members, \$150,000 from capital planning funds, and \$175,000 from school operating funds.

"It's drastic. It's bad, suffice to say, but it can be done," Starling said.

School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert pleaded more than once for those around the table to come together to work on

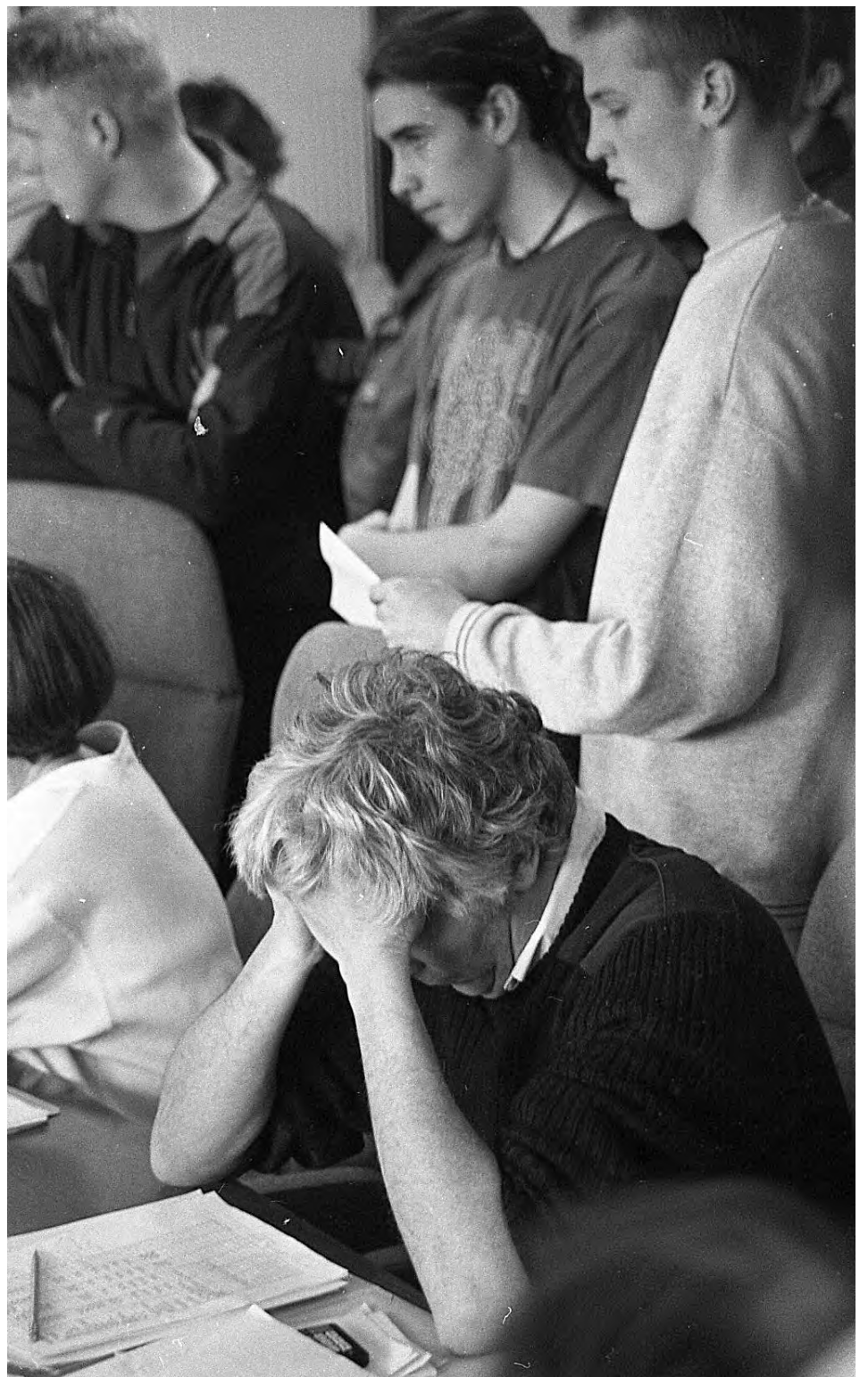


PHOTO BY TONY RICHARDS

Believe it or not, Charles Hingston is still a Gulf Islands school trustee 15 years after this photo was taken at a stressful meeting in a crowded school board office to talk about major budget cuts. Hingston has been a trustee for Salt Spring continuously since 1981. He was also a ferry worker and became a captain before retiring in 2008.

BUDGET A7



The Public Hall (known now as Central Hall), was constructed by the Farmers' Institute, beginning in April 1896.

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# 1996 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## AFTER THE STORM

Stories and pictures from the great storm of 1996

Wednesday, January 15, 1997

### Emergency plan passes test situation with minor cracks

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

Salt Spring's emergency plan coordinators guided Salt Spring through heavy snowfall, severe flooding, mud slides and eroding roads two weeks ago with only a few glitches in the system.

"We were extremely pleased with the number of volunteers who turned out, how hard they worked and their calm, professional manner," said Salt-Spring Island Emergency Plan coordinator Chuck Hamilton last Friday. "It all fell into place."

More than 200 volunteers grouped together to bag sand and then use the sandbags to battle rising waters, put up barricades, re-direct traffic, evacuate three homes, and supply medicine and food to trapped islanders.

Volunteers at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) went on

alert at their headquarters in the ambulance building on Ganges Hill during the afternoon of December 31.

For the next 48 hours, they compiled data collected from a flood of phone calls and verbal information, and painted a picture of what was going on in every area of the island. EOC maps provided a visual indication of where floods, slides and road erosion were occurring.

"We prioritized situations and then allocated resources," Hamilton said. "We kept full phone logs, full radio logs and a separate list of physical conditions."

He described the situation as an excellent test to point out any loopholes in the emergency plan system. "There will always be rough spots, but we don't want to make the same mistakes next time."

Hamilton said communication

was the only area identified as needing improvement.

Hamilton said an overload on the phone lines, plus the closure of agencies due to the New Year's Day holiday, left workers unable to talk to each other.

"We'd phone an agency and there would be an answering machine on," he noted.

Eventually, walkie-talkies were handed out and telephone numbers for inside lines were passed around.

Emergency Social Services (ESS) coordinator Sharon Crouse said the island needs to get its emergency plan written down on paper: "We need to know exactly what each agency is doing so no overlaps occur."

But she also noted that the test emergency proved her group "has the flexibility, maturity and train-

EMERGENCY B2

### Bader search ends ok

EXCLUSIVE: Tuesday night's press run was delayed for the following story.

By SUSAN LUNDY  
Driftwood Staff

A massive manhunt employing an RCMP tactical squad, dogs, and a helicopter came to a peaceful ending Tuesday evening, 96 hours after police began searching for an armed man who shot at a Mountie early Saturday morning.

Gary Douglas Bader, 42, was taken by an RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT) to Victoria where he would likely undergo treatment for hypothermia. Bader was expected to appear in Sidney court today (Wednesday), where he will face a number of weapons charges.

Ganges RCMP Sgt. Lorne Bunyan said he was "absolutely elated" that the situation ended peacefully.

The drama unfolded last Friday evening when local RCMP, including off-duty police and auxiliaries, surrounded Bader's parents' home after learning that a man with a gun was behaving irrationally inside.

Police evacuated neighbouring houses and began surveillance of the area.

Bunyan said that at close to 3 a.m. Saturday a shot "from a high-powered weapon" was fired. Const. Gerard Choquette was hit in the leg by debris from either a bullet or a rock.

The shot prompted the immediate arrival of ERT personnel via water taxi. ERT vans and equipment arrived later by ferry.

### TOP STORIES

Vancouver Island RCMP emergency response team members were called to Mount Erskine Drive in early January after local RCMP Const. Gerard Choquette was grazed by a bullet or rock debris caused by a firing gun while monitoring a house where Gary Douglas Bader was living with his parents. Bader evaded police and fled into the woods during snowy conditions. He emerged Jan. 23 and received treatment for hypothermia. He was later charged with attempted murder and a number of weapons offences. Bader was later found not criminally responsible for his actions.

At their February meeting, Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee gave first reading to a bylaw that would downzone Bullock Lake property owned by Salt Spring Island Village Resort from Commercial-4 to Rural at their February meeting.

Chester Ludlow went on a hunger strike to protest the "chemical soup" he said was caused by materials used to construct Gulf Islands Secondary School. Ludlow was refusing to eat until the school was tested for toxicity. His hunger strike lasted 10 days.

Release of the 307-page first draft of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan in April stunned a number of islanders who were perplexed at the document's "sheer volume and complexity." The Salt Spring Preservation Committee was formed in opposition to the document. Much mayhem ensued.

The Mayne Queen made an unscheduled five-hour stop at Piers Island after it lost steering control during a mid-summer sailing. The ferry ran aground, stranding the 88 passengers aboard until the vessel could be floated off the rocks at high tide.

Budget cuts threatened the Coast Guard station in Ganges Harbour. A preliminary cost-cutting report advocated transferring the station to Victoria. The plan was eventually abandoned and the station remains in operation to this day.

Community fundraising and money from the regional and provincial government came together in a successful court bid to purchase the 640-acre Mill Farm for a park. Property owners agreed to accept the provincial bid — despite a higher bid from a logging company — since they preferred to see the site preserved as a park.

November saw more than 100 protesters who turned out to stop development at the Salt Spring Island Village Resort on Bullock Lake. The protesters started at Bullock Lake, made their way through downtown Ganges and ended up at the Driftwood office.

The Driftwood capped off the year by launching its inaugural internet edition at www.driftwood.bc.ca. Included in the site was an online edition of a few stories from the newspaper, the Gulf Islands Visitors' Guide and a copy of Island Living.

A record 23.3 inches (60 cm) of snow fell during a 24-hour period, bringing the total snowfall as of December 30 to 52.7 inches (133.9 cm), and shutting down the islands.

### Fighting about the plan: the OCP ruckus

The sheer heft and detail of the first draft of Salt Spring's 300-page official community plan caused a near revolt when it was first released in April by trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew, and head planner for the Salt Spring Trust office, Linda Adams.

The Salt Spring Preservation Committee was formed in opposition to the draft. Trustees eventually listened to islanders' concerns, agreeing to remove some of the contentious bits regarding development permit areas (DPAs), and references to building colours, among other items.

The most memorable meeting occurred on May 2 at Fulford Hall, when one copy of the draft plan went flying, and an earthquake even occurred at the same time.

According to a May 8, 1996 Driftwood story:

[Islands Trust Advisory Planning Commission] chairman Gary Holman spoke out

against what he sensed was a call to "toss" the entire plan, saying there were some "innovative things we could lose." He urged people to "try to work with this document."

Some speakers commented on the hostile nature of this and previous meetings, and a few dubbed the crowd a "mob."

[Long-time island resident] Tom Toynbee disagreed with that term and recalled historic conflicts between Fulford and Ganges residents, as well as his uncles "shouting at each other" over land-use issues.

"In the good old days they really knew what fighting was about."

The next OCP draft came back later in the year at 112 pages, with DPAs then detailed in a separate document. The OCP's eventual municipal affairs ministry adoption on June 3, 1998 capped off four years of hard labour that began with volunteer focus

groups gathering and articulating ideas about what kind of island and community Salt Springers wanted.



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## TOP STORIES

**Thirty animals removed from Quail Meadows Farm** were expected to be officially placed in the custody of the Salt Spring SPCA. One goat had already died, but four llamas, four dogs, 13 pigs, three piglets, two boars, two goats, a ferret and a cat were recovering from neglect.

**Reform Party candidate for Saanich-the Islands Gary Lunn** was part of a Western Canada Reform Party sweep, taking the June 2 federal election.

Great for cars, less great for people was the conclusion of passengers aboard the **new Skeena Queen** "century-class" ferry, which started a six-month trial run on the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route. The new ferry offered more space for cars but spartan lounges and little comfort for foot passengers.

The **Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre** opened on Salt Spring, but founder Jeff Lederman still needed government approval to run a seal rehabilitation program.

The Ministry of Education was considering **computer-based distance learning** as one solution to the Gulf Islands School District's financial problems. The district had projected an \$850,000 deficit in the coming year and was seeking ways to cut costs.

Former Mill Farm co-owner and resident **Bruce Williams was up to his ankles in cement** as a symbolic message to the Capital Regional District, which had evicted him from his home. Williams spent three days with his feet encased in concrete.

A Pender Island couple was thinking about going shopping after **winning \$2.5 million** in a July 6/49 lottery draw. Dorine and Wilf Mather based their numbers on a combination of birth dates and had played the same combination for 15 years before hitting the jackpot.

A group of girls walking on Cusheon Lake Road in August had a **narrow escape during a lightning storm**. Eleven-year-old Jessica Mack reported that she and the other girls were caught in a flash of light and felt a tingling through their bones. A doctor suggested the girls had felt the current from a nearby strike.

The 11th-hour campaign to **prevent closure of the Ganges courthouse** gathered almost 1,200 letters, which were delivered to the provincial attorney general's ministry just before the last scheduled court date. The courthouse remains open to this day.

Pender Islanders were aghast following a **city-style bank break-in** where perpetrators bored through a wall to enter the island's Hong Kong Bank of Canada branch. Thieves jimmed a lock in an adjacent craft store, then used various tools to make a hole in the wall and crawl into the bank. A pry bar was used to bend back the safe's door and a large amount of money was stolen.

An airborne **Cessna 180**, struck on the side by a gust of wind on the afternoon of Nov. 28, overturned and crashed into Ganges Harbour. Pilot Gene Bellavance was unharmed and rescued by nearby boaters.



## Church fires shock island

Fires at approximately the same time in two heritage churches in the Fulford valley on Aug. 23 led police and firefighters to conclude that both were caused by an arsonist.

Damaged in the fires were Burgoyne United Church and St. Paul's Catholic Church. The greatest damage occurred at St. Paul's.

Charges of arson against Michael Wells were later dropped when the judge would not admit certain Crown evidence.

## Man in custody for church fires

Ganges RCMP arrested a Salt Spring Island man Tuesday in connection with three recent church fires.

Sgt. Cliff Doherty said on Tuesday afternoon that a man is in custody for the arson of the Community Gospel Chapel on June 18 and Burgoyne United Church and St. Paul's Catholic

Church on August 23.

Charges will be laid within the next two days, Doherty said, at which time police will release the man's name.

However, the Driftwood has learned that Michael Wells, also known as Michael Andrist, was the man taken into custody for the fires. He had been staying in the

home of an island couple who asked not to be identified.

Police reopened their investigation of the Community Gospel Chapel fire after the two fires on August 23. The Gospel Chapel was gutted in the first fire; the other two churches sustained some interior damage.

### 29 LOST AND FOUND

**LOST DURING** the G.I.S.S. locker clean-out, 1 purple Boa and 1 pair of black platform shoes. Sentimental value, reward, return to the School Board Office, no questions asked.

**RIVENDALE FARM** Sign in cedar, missing from Walker Hook Road. 537-0780.

**FOUND:** NEAR Foxglove, very lovely and affectionate long-haired, smallish tortoise shell (pale calico) female cat. 537-2123, S.P.C.A.

**LOST:** MAILBOX key with cardboard tag attached with "mail" printed on it. Lost in Ganges area anywhere ranging from GVM to Grace Point Square. 537-2355.

**LOST:** NAVY blue sweater, mallards across front, Portlock Park, July 5. Ann. 537-9250.

**MISSING:** PRETTY, friendly, much-loved little cat. Tabby with white face & tummy. Tabby tail. Vesuvius area. Please call 537-4739.

**FOUND:** LEATHER pack sack, containing Poncho. 537-9523 to claim.

**LOST:** NECKLACE with carved flower pendant, looks like ivory, great sentimental value. 537-9566.

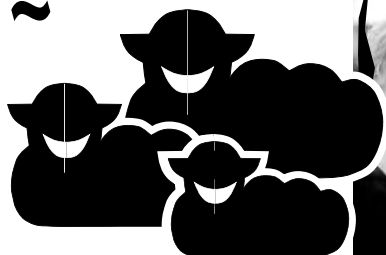
**FOUND:** BROWN shaving case, corner of Old Divide and Cranberry Roads. Can be claimed at the Driftwood office.



When Brian Hauff of the controversial Salt Spring Island Village Resort development at Bullock Lake called islanders who were opposed to his plans "Goofers," it prompted Eric Booth to create "Goofers' Pig Farm" on his family's property next door. Everyone else wondered, "What is a Goofer, anyway?"

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Youths from an overturned vehicle comfort each other before emergency crews arrive on the scene. The driver suffered a broken arm. This photograph won Driftwood photographer Derrick Lundy one of numerous awards since he started at the Driftwood in 1989.

## Letters

Following is an excerpt from a letter regarding Central Hall from theatre co-owner Louise Nye.

Though our beloved island is about as close to heaven that we want to get for the time being, all is not utopian at Central Hall. Having just returned from the AGM (details in Driftwood article), the cauldron of discontent that's been simmering behind the scenes came to a full rolling boil for all to see. The ingredients in the nasty brew were: pounds, cups, tablespoons, pinches and dashes of poor communication, misunderstandings, incorrect information, personality clashes, unfounded accusations of lying and subterfuge, bullying, malice, anger, stress and tears. Strangely enough, both "sides" want the same thing ... what's best for Central Hall — but just can't agree on just what that would entail.

The cinema, being the prime contributor to the hall, is the big hand that feeds and it's not only being bitten but is in danger of being chewed off and spat out! The good news is that a mediator is going to be called in and hopefully that obnoxious stinking pot will be scoured and abandoned. . . . .

LOUISE NYE,  
Nose Point Road

## TOP STORIES

As of Jan. 1, Gulf Islands women were given the choice of delivering their babies at home, with the costs of a **midwife covered by provincial medical insurance.**

An initial payment on the **McFadden Creek Heronry** made in January secured the 12.5-acre site for preservation as the third-largest heron colony on the West Coast. The \$235,000 purchase price would be paid off over four years. The purchase was spearheaded by Nina Raginsky and the Waterbird Watch Collective.

Growing concern over noise generated by **floatplanes in Ganges Harbour** sparked a campaign for the use of three-bladed propellers.

With Fulford's ferry terminal closed for repairs, Salt Spring's link with the rest of the world was threatened when a semi-trailer ripped up the aprons at Long Harbour's loading dock and **shut down all sailings.** That left the Vesuvius-Crofton link as the only way to get on and off the island for three weeks.

**RCMP auxiliary members** withdrew their services following an April decision to take away their guns.

A survey determined strong interest among islanders for a **locally run radio station.** Islanders would have to wait more than a decade before Salt Spring's first radio station hit the airwaves. CFSI.FM went on the air in September, 2009.

A **long-standing feud** between the Central Community Hall board of directors and its biggest tenant, Cinema Central, came to a head over a dispute about whether the cinema's movable chairs scratched the hall floor.

A Ministry of Education "**efficiency advisory team**" confirmed what local school trustees had been saying for years: the Gulf Islands School District had a chronic structural funding problem.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs approved funding for a **Salt Spring incorporation feasibility study** in August. The ministry agreed to provide funds for a professional consultant to complete a detailed report on the costs and implications of incorporating the islands.

**Salt Spring Island Village Resort** on Bullock Lake went into receivership in November. However, Vancouver-based developer Brian Hauff said he would seek further financing for the project.

About **300 Gulf Islanders** rallied on the steps of the legislature at "high noon" on Dec. 4 to demand adequate funding for education in the school district.

## Gas prices chase motorists off-island for better deals

Some local gas retailers are seeing their customers fill up off-island despite a recent drop of two cents a litre in island gas prices.

But the price reduction to 63.5 cents a litre from 65.9 doesn't impress drivers who see gas going for 49.9 cents a litre across the water in Crofton. In Victoria and Vancouver, gas hovers at the 54.9-cent mark. Drivers who fill up off Salt Spring can save just over 13 cents a litre in Crofton; eight cents a litre in Victoria.

Denis Beech, owner of Salt Spring Payless, sees customers pick up \$5 worth at his gas station while noting that they are filling their tanks on Vancouver Island. "I find it really discouraging," he said.

His station switched recently from Esso to Payless. One reason for that switch was to attempt to bring local gas prices more in line with Victoria prices, he said. "We've got customers who are going off-island to fill up their tanks. Our whole intent was to have prices compatible with those in Victoria."

But Beech said switching suppliers didn't work out as he had hoped, with his price having increased four or five times since he signed on with Payless. He's raised the issue with the company but has not been happy with the response.

"We seem to get the run-around. Most of the companies view us as a very small entity in their big wheel." Some Vancouver Island gas stations are able to sell gas at

retail for less than Salt Spring Payless can get it at wholesale, Beech observed.

Although he has been told the cost of delivery adds to the cost for Salt Spring gas stations, Beech doubts that accounts for the entire difference in pricing.

But Tom Humphries, Payless manager for southern Vancouver Island, said the Salt Spring Payless station determines its own selling price. He said it does cost extra to get fuel to the island and noted the especially low cost for gas in the Crofton-Duncan area is due to a new gas station in Duncan, which lowered its prices to draw customers.

He declined to discuss differences in wholesale prices charged to dealers in different areas or the impact of transportation costs on the retail price of gas.

Mary Ann McColl noted that McColl's Shell pays more for the gas they sell while PetroCan owner Lynda Brown also reported higher wholesale prices for gas retailers on Salt Spring.

"I don't set the prices. They're set in head office," she said.

She noted the gas war in Duncan is pulling people over there to fill their tanks. "People get \$5 worth and tell you they're getting gas over there. It gets frustrating for us too."

Brown would like to see the money stay on the island. "I'm a big advocate of shopping in town."

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## TOP STORIES

**Two men were killed in the crash** of a DC-3 cargo plane on Mayne Island at 6:30 a.m. on Jan. 13.

Almost 100 people attended a meeting at Beaver Point Hall on how to prepare for potential problems related to the **Y2K millennium bug** in early February.

**Dave Enfield** was chosen as new Salt Spring fire chief. He replaced the retiring Les Wagg. Enfield came to the island from Surrey where he lived and worked for 27 years. He served as chief until his retirement in 2009.

**ArtSpring was given its absolutely official opening** with a gala weekend April 17-19. Events included a ribbon-cutting by Birgit and Robert Bateman, and three concerts: Bob LeBlanc, Carol Welsman and contralto Maureen Forrester accompanied by Peter Tiefenbach on piano.

A **low-cost seniors housing complex** proposed for land behind Lady Minto Hospital was turned down by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, cited as being contrary to the official community plan and on Agricultural Land Reserve property.

Former island resident **Geoff Ballard** received the Order of Canada for his role in refining the hydrogen fuel cell.

A swift community response had Portlock Park's **Shelby Pool back in shape after a July fire** in the administration building closed the facility for a week.

A **full-fledged "gas war"** at Gasoline Alley's fuel station heated up over the summer and revealed that Salt Springers pay up to 15 per cent more than anywhere else in the province.

A huge summer lightning storm **spooked 21 island dogs from their homes**. All of the canines were back home safe and sound within a couple of days.

The **appearance of blue-green algae** in Cusheon Lake prompted the Capital Health Region to issue a warning to local residents to avoid contact of any kind with the lake's water. Lab results determined water quality was back to normal by the end of September.

In the biggest land sale ever recorded on Salt Spring Island at the time, **Texada Logging Company of Germany sold its entire island inventory** to Vancouver-based developers Derek Trethewey and Rob MacDonald. The 4,500 acres stretched from Mount Maxwell through the Burgoyne and Fulford valleys and up to Mount Tuam. Logging on Mount Tuam was soon met with local protests.

A Capital Health Region spokesperson told a December emergency preparedness meeting that the region was **"overdue" for a major 9.5 magnitude earthquake**. A 4.0 magnitude quake was recorded that very month.

## Welcome to ArtSpring — officially

By DENISE FEHR  
Driftwood Staff

With a drop of a curtain, a snip of a ribbon and a few tasty sandwiches, ArtSpring was declared officially open Friday afternoon.

The ceremony took place on the patio outside the long-awaited arts centre, where about 50 residents and visitors gathered in anticipation of islanders and major supporters Birgit and Robert Bateman cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

After a brief luncheon for guests and members, the unveiling of the donor wall took place. Artist Jerry Ringrose's glass masterpiece of marbles and plaques hung like a prism of colour when the Mexican blanket hiding it from curious eyes was removed.

After the unveiling, Ringrose described his artwork. Then, Bob Weeden of the official party guided people to the outdoor patio where the ribbon cutting ceremony took place.

"I don't think (the arts centre) is going to change the island," commented ArtSpring volunteer Pat Byrne. "It's going to draw people together, perhaps."

People on the island had been awaiting the opening day for quite some time, yet the anticipation and energy surrounding the centre doesn't seem to be fading fast.

"People will be excited about (ArtSpring) for a while to come," said Byrne.

Full houses attended three entertainment events held for the opening gala weekend — Maureen Forrester and Peter Tiefenbach on Friday night, Carol Welsman and Peter Appleyard on Saturday, and a Sunday matinee performance of Bob LeBlanc's show called *A Tribute to Broadway*.



Robert and Birgit Bateman cut the ceremonial ribbon at the official opening of ArtSpring, as Bob Weeden, past president of the Island Arts Centre Society, looks on enthusiastically.

Photo by Denise Fehr

## SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Now that ArtSpring is open, how do you feel about it?



**Keanu Meyers**

*It was an amazing parking lot for youth to hang around in on Friday nights. Too bad they had to put something there.*



**Rhema Cossever**

*I'm enjoying performing there, being part of the audience and volunteering in the box office. A wonderful venue.*



**Rainer Funk**

*I feel that it gives an opportunity for island artists to evolve in a small community.*



**Michel Jutras**

*I'm glad we don't live in a cultural wasteland. I wish I had contributed more before it was built.*



**Jade Damara**

*It's nice to have a venue for artistic outlets. We would appreciate open community access, fair pricing and one*

## Y2K — imperative to get this thing looked at now

A major warning sign about computer problems sure to hit the world at the turn of the millennium is the soothing language being used by grassroots awareness groups.

It is the same tone a doctor uses to explain that the spot on your lungs might need a closer look.

It is intentionally comforting, but with an unmistakable imperative to get this thing looked at — now!

If you've heard of the Y2K Bug, you are part, like the rest of us, of a cyber generation that has transferred virtually all of its technological

responsibility to machines.

And now all the world's experts are telling us the decision is about to come back and bite us in very sensitive places.

The Bug is basically a computer glitch caused by the machine's inability to read the year 2000 correctly — its final two digits could be mistaken for the year 1900.

The result is almost surely to be faulty commands which cause everything from an error in communication to a complete shutdown of the machine.

The major problem is that no one knows just

what is going to happen. If you think about it — no expert anywhere is willing to predict anything with 100 per cent accuracy — that is the really scary part.

It is a matter that requires due diligence.

To better help our readers understand what problems they may face as the digits change at midnight on December 31 this year, the Driftwood starts an ongoing look at the Y2K Bug scenario.

In this paper we provide an overview: what the problems are and what questions they raise.



*"It takes a long time to become young."*

~ PABLO PICASSO



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# 2000 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Harry Potter hype is hot

More eagerly anticipated than a stunt under the Sorting Hat at Hogwarts, or a trip to Diagon Alley is the much-hyped release of the fourth Harry Potter book on Saturday.

Island book outlets have for months been taking reservations for J.K. Rowling's hotly anticipated volume, now known to be called Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.

As of Tuesday the island's four outlets had reserved 172 copies of the 640-page book which will sell for \$35.

Gail Robinson, book manager at West of the Moon, said "It's a really intensive event in the book-buying world," with retailers having to sign a restriction-filled contract amid all the hype. One clause states that the book cannot be sold or looked at until July 8.

Salt Spring Books is taking the official release time literally and selling the book one minute after midnight on July 8 — the exact time people in England will be getting their first fingerprints on the treasure.

Yes, it's a "pajama party," running from midnight Friday to 1 a.m. Saturday. According to store co-owner Andrew Haigh, hot chocolate will be served and people arriving in pajamas will receive a little extra bonus.

During the light of day, some of Salt Spring Books' planned activities are cos-

POTTER A3



PHOTO BY SUSAN LUNDY  
Patrick Michard looks into the eye of a 13-metre-long grey whale which beached itself in front of Moby's Pub early one morning. Michard, who arrived to clean Moby's at 5:30 a.m., was one of a handful of people to see the whale alive. This photo was taken about one hour after it died.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY  
Aylwin Catchpole passes the time fastened to a wrist brace in the front seat of a car parked to block the movement of supplies to the logging site.

**"The most memorable was this girl Aylwin. A welder had welded an arm brace onto the transmission. She was there for a number of hours. Initially the cops came and then a logging guy came and they had to get welder out to get her shackle off. I remember her just lying there. She was very vulnerable and the loggers were all cursing at her and calling her an idiot. It was a big scene with her."**

DERRICK LUNDY  
Driftwood photographer

## Texada logging dominates news

Protests against the logging of lands owned by Vancouver-based Texada Land Corporation heated up in 2000, with people locking themselves to logging trucks or sitting in trees, and other direct action occurring for several months, including the blocking of a logging truck one day in the middle of Ganges.

Eleven people were eventually charged with criminal contempt of court for disobeying court injunctions to not halt the logging trucks. They were Rod McGuckin, Jason Flis, Eric Plourd, Mike Witneben, Aylwin Catchpole, Angela Hughes, four youths and Janet "B" Nevill, who was 88 years old at the time.

The protest atmosphere is well captured in Mort Ransen's film *Ah... the Money, the Money, the Money: the Battle for Salt Spring*, which was released by the National Film Board in 2001.

Briony Penn's *Lady Godiva* ride on a horse through downtown Vancouver with other bare-breasted, placard-carrying supporters was another high-profile action used (in January of 2001) to draw attention to the logging.

If island protesters had to face the music in court for their actions, Texada Land Corporation was also reprimanded when it was fined \$13,000 for violating a section of the Private Land Forest Practices Regulation governing logging near streams.

**"I was in communication with both sides. The cops would talk to me easily... the protesters would call me the night before arrests or protests... When they were done, it was a devastated mess. To be neutral was hard."**

DERRICK LUNDY  
Driftwood photographer

## TOP STORIES

Sixty-four acres of wetland, farmland and forest bordering **Ford Lake** were saved in early March. Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program, together with individuals, won the bid for the \$725,000 property. Today, local conservation groups and schools utilize Ford Lake habitats to teach nature education programs.

**Pender Islands School got a \$2-million boost** in April with an education ministry grant. The community had outgrown the size of its school, built in 1977, and it was projected to continue growing for a decade.

The **Pender Islands Community Hall** officially opened over Easter weekend.

Residents of Vesuvius Bay protested further **development of their shoreline** on Sunday, Aug. 6. About 30 people attended carrying signs that read "fouled bay" and "we've been hauled," taking issue with the Ministry of the Environment, Lands and Parks for granting permits to build a private dock and ramp on Crown shoreline. A petition was circulated that called for an immediate moratorium on building wharves, ramps and floats in the bay.

Playboy magazine was among those interested in the **Preserve and Protect calendar** produced by Salt Spring women. Created as a fundraiser for the Save Salt Spring Campaign that aimed to purchase watershed lands threatened by Texada Land Corporation development, the models and their photographer Howard Fry became suddenly famous in late August as media outlets gobbled up images of the women baring their souls and a little bit more for a cause they believed in. Some 9,000 copies sold in the first seven weeks the calendar was available.

**Betty Fox**, the mother of Terry Fox, helped kick off Salt Spring's 20th annual Terry Fox run in early September.

A 34-foot pleasure craft from Port Angeles **collided with the Spirit of Vancouver Island** ferry just outside Swartz Bay on Sept. 14, despite initial warning horn blasts from the ferry. The pleasure craft's two passengers died shortly after they were rescued. The scale of the incident was small, but the spin-off was huge, with the RCMP, BC Ferries, North Saanich Fire Department, the Department of National Defence, Coast Guard and Emergency Health Services attending the scene.

**Save Salt Spring Society** sued the province in mid-December over failure to protect Salt Spring's drinking water. The society issued a petition to the Supreme Court of Canada calling for a court declaration that every B.C. resident has an equal right — under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms — to protection of their drinking water sources and watershed.

A \$6-million lawsuit was filed against **Salt Spring Village Resort Inc.** by 593018 B.C. Ltd., a second mortgagor on title. The action claimed the company should have known as early as 1995 that the project was not financially viable when it sought further investors.

### HARRY POTTER JULY 8



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- Adina, Andrew, Aidan & Chloe



**Salt Spring Books**

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# 2001 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

Eleven individuals arrested in February for impeding Texada logging operations through blockading and locking down to logging trucks **faced contempt of court** charges in Victoria Supreme Court. Following a 10-day trial in Victoria Supreme Court, Justice Peter Lowry handed down jail sentences ranging from one day to two months to seven of nine arrestees.

A **Feb. 28 earthquake** measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale 17 km north of Olympia, Washington had computer monitors dancing and people talking.

**The Geezers** (Arvid Chalmers and Sid Filkow) launched themselves and a freezer into Ganges Harbour on April 8. The comedy duo took its show *The Topic of Cancer* on the road to Niagara Falls and Hamilton, Ontario. It garnered national attention.

The **bronze mermaid statue** created by sculptor Tom McPhee was unveiled in Rotary Marine Park in April. He had worked with the Rotary Club on the project for four years.

Saanich North and the Islands **MLA Murray Coell** was sworn in as minister of human resources in June.

A **community party at Burgoyne Bay** on June 21 celebrated the preservation of Canada's largest intact Garry oak woodland. The \$3.5-million deal saw the Nature Trust of B.C. purchase the 250-hectare (620-acre) Burgoyne-area parcel from Texada Land Corporation with funding from Forest Renewal B.C.

In August, the Capital Regional District board voted to approve its funding portion of a **\$1.8-million upgrade of Lady Minto Hospital**. The project would see a modernized operating room and a palliative care suite at the hospital.

The **Fulford Valley airstrip was sold and closed** in September. Three Salt Spring families, the Alkoffs, Frys and Pubkys, purchased the contentious airstrip and preserved the 42-hectare property as farmland.

The Queen of Nanaimo was evacuated and quarantined Oct. 15 after an **Anthrax scare** on the Long Harbour ferry.

Driftwood Publishing Ltd. purchased the **Barnacle Island Journal** on Nov. 1.

As a \$15.9-million deal between **Texada Land Corporation** and the provincial government drew to a close, Salt Spring fundraisers quickly raised the final \$350,000 needed to cement the 665-hectare (1,642-acre) Nov. 30 parkland purchase.

Police searched Salt Spring for three suspects after Fulford resident **Charlie Ward was shot at his home** Nov. 15. The 30-year-old shooting victim was transported to Victoria and Vancouver to recover from a paralyzing shot. The case remains under investigation as of 2010..

**Texada land activists celebrated** the formation of new parkland and the protection of the Maxwell Lake watershed at an all-day party Dec. 16.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

High school students Tegan Adams and Gary Lucich raise the American flag at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Salt Spring residents were shocked by a catastrophic attack on the World Trade Centre on Sept. 11. Over 800 students and teachers from Salt Spring schools gathered in mourning for the flag-raising ceremony at GISS on Sept. 14 and hundreds of islanders also congregated at Centennial Park.

## PAPER TRAVELS DIGITALLY

To readers, the change would have likely gone unnoticed, but when the Driftwood sent its first digital papers to the printer, it revolutionized the way the newspaper was produced. Before the technology of sending newspaper page files via an FTP site to the printer, Driftwood staff member Tao Kimball would rush with the "flats" of pages in a box to catch the ferry where he would hand-deliver the pages to press outlets in Victoria or Ladysmith. If the Driftwood was still working to complete some pages, Kimball would have to take a second trip to deliver the remaining flats.



Today, each newspaper page is uploaded at the production manager's desk every Tuesday and arrives on the printer's server in Ladysmith within 60 seconds, and last-minute changes can now be made and the pages re-sent. While the newspaper now arrives at the press independent of "ferry time" — it still has a drop-dead deadline as it always has.

**"Rick MacKinnon and Lorraine Sullivan were two Driftwood staff members who were very involved in following the Survivor television show and so I was treated to a running commentary every week of what had happened the night before (to the point of distraction, actually). Lorraine said to me one day, "You should figure out a way to do this in the Driftwood." It took months, but one day it all came together. It was fun, advertisers and readers loved it — they talked about it and they voted. Other newspapers liked it and ran their own Survivor contests and, as icing on the cake, the Canadian Community Newspapers Association awarded us three national promotional awards for Survivor, Survivor Too and Survivor Reunion. Hmmm, anyone for Survivor Seniors?"**

PETER MCCULLY  
Driftwood Publisher

The Survivor contest saw Driftwood readers' ballots determine which contestant would be eliminated each week, after their answers to a new round of questions had been answered. John Dolman, representing the "north end tribe," was the winner of the first Survivor contest. His chosen charity, the Salt Spring Food Bank, received \$500 from Driftwood Publishing as a result of his win.

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NORTH END TRIBE				SOUTH END TRIBE			
<b>JOHN DOLMAN</b> Age: 40 Occupation: Video store owner Hobbies: Movies, golf, skiing Favourite book: The Temple Of My Father: Alice Walker Favourite food: Peanut butter sandwich Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: Food Bank, because you can get pretty hungry on an island. You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: Video tape recorder. If you could win 1st place in the Fall Fair for an entry, what would	<b>MARGUERITE LEE</b> Age: 50 Occupation: Sales at Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply Hobbies: Gardening, photography Favourite book: Any cookbook Favourite food: Whole grain sandwich with turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce & mayonnaise. Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: The SS Foundation because they distribute their funds throughout the community to assist clubs, groups and associations with their individual projects. You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: Deck of cards. If you could win 1st place in the	<b>DR. RON REZNICK</b> Age: In progress Occupation: Body mechanic Hobbies: Gardening & moving fast Favourite book: How To Boil Water Favourite food: Steak & blueberries Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: Operation Eyeight You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: Gas (100). If you could win 1st place in the	<b>DEB TOOLE</b> Age: 44 Occupation: Harlot, oenophile, teacher Hobbies: Reading, acting, walking Favourite book: The Diviners Margaret Laurence Favourite food: Cheese or waffles Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: Indoor recreation facility, so we could all swim in the winter, which would improve our collective fitness levels and temperaments. You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: A good bed, I can handle anything I get a good night's sleep. If you could win 1st place in the	<b>ADAM DAVIES</b> Age: 17 Occupation: Grade 12 student @ GISS Hobbies: Debating, baseball, volleyball, singing, acting Favourite book: One Hundred Years of Solitude Favourite food: Muffins, halibut Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: Myor (charity), because I love the sport, & it makes me sad that the sport is dying here. You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: My pitch book, so that I could continue to sing & maybe teach myself something. If you could win 1st place in the Fall Fair for an entry, what would	<b>NANCY MACDONALD</b> Age: 46,713 Occupation: Site who must be silenced Hobbies: Collecting junk from the beach, spectator sports Favourite book: Huck Finn - he knew how to build rafts and "tighten" out! Favourite food: Sushi Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: Foster Parents Plan because it's great to help kids. You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: Deodorant. If you could win 1st place in the Fall Fair for an entry, what would	<b>BRUCE PATTERSON</b> Age: 43 Occupation: Store manager Hobbies: Reading, golf, fishing, music, walking, cooking Favourite book: Cheque book Favourite food: Everything except creamed corn, yuck! Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: New York Firefighters 911 Disaster Relief Fund. To support the many children, spouses & family members left behind by the firefighters & emergency medical personnel who perished in the World Trade Centre You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: Tarp If you could win 1st place in the	<b>SHILO ZYLBURGOLD</b> Age: 52 Occupation: Private tutor Hobbies: Digging new potatoes, mastering the baritone ukulele, musing for humour Favourite book: Chard's Web Favourite food: Maple walnut ice cream Favourite charity or community betterment project & why: Terry Fox Run because participants actually get out and do something and because it nourishes our hope. You're about to be shipwrecked on a deserted island for the summer, with 7 other castaways. What 1 luxury item will you happen to have with you?: Helicopter. If you could win 1st place in the

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# 2002 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## Investigating (and rejecting) incorporation

Following a request to the Province made by islands trustees David Borrowman and Bev Byron, and electoral area director Kellie Booth, funds for a local government restructure study for Salt Spring were approved in August of 1998. By the spring of 1999, a local government restructure study committee, chaired by David Wood, was hard at work and chose B.C. local government affairs expert Tom Reid of Sussex Consultants as its consultant. Besides ex-officio members Booth, her alternate Allisen Lambert, Byron and Borrowman, initial committee members were Wayne Fraser, Marc Holmes, Richard Kerr, Peter Lake, Gundy McLeod, Judy Norget, Li Read, Bob Rush, Chris Schmah, Rod Scotvold and Bob Watson.

In a May 2002 info update, consultant Reid estimated that a municipal tax hike from \$13 to \$24 would occur each year under incorporation for the first eight years for an average-assessed (\$245,000) property, levelling off at \$105 to \$192 above the 2002 rural tax level.

A June 22 referendum was held on whether or not the island should become the second Islands Trust area incorporated island municipality, following Bowen Island, which had incorporated in 1999. The proposal was rejected by a 70.2 per cent margin. Voter turn-out was just over 50 per cent.

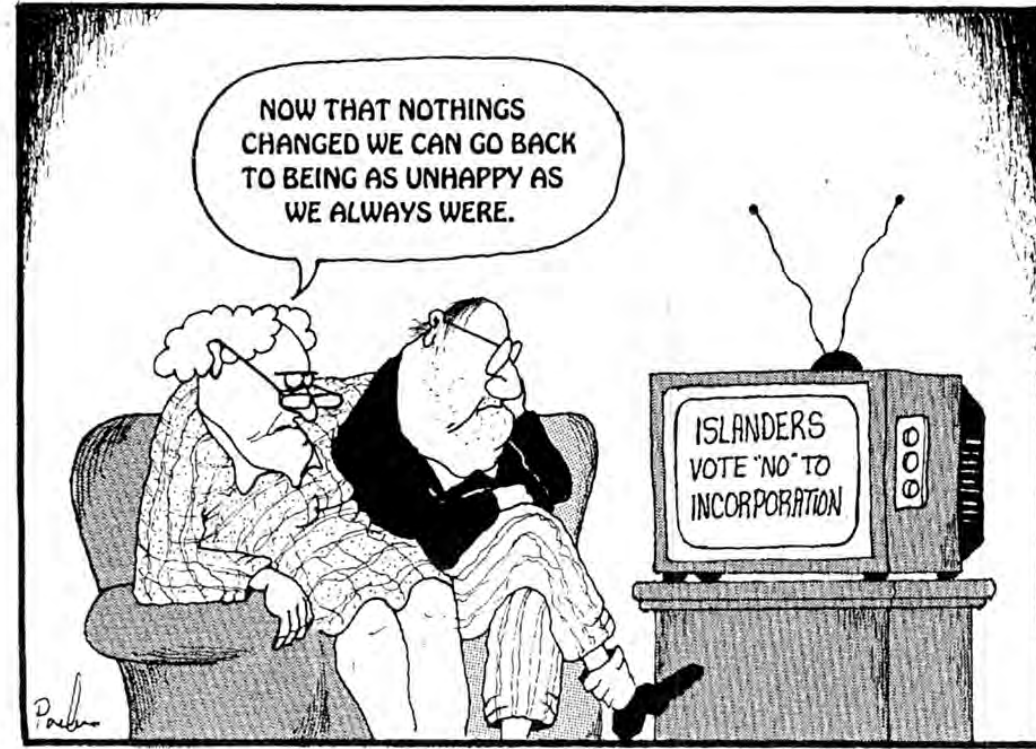
We asked two men active in community affairs to recall events of the time.

### For the "Yes" side

*Peter Lake developed his own chemical products company, working in Canada and overseas before retiring to Salt Spring Island. He was a member of the restructure committee and also served several terms as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner.*

**DW: Briefly describe your time on the local government restructure committee, its dynamics and the conclusions its members came to.**

PL: The committee worked for three years through a change of provincial government and consisted of one of the most intelligent and devoted group of people I have ever had the pleasure



to work with. The impetus was to investigate all aspects of local government before and after incorporation, its probable cost impacts over a period of 10 years and report to the public. The policy of our committee was to maintain an arms-length position and not to be seen as advocates for incorporation. I was the only person to resign in order to do so.

**DW: In your view, what would the biggest advantage to incorporation have been?**

PL: The centralization and co-ordination of the practical aspects of administering services to a population of nearly 10,000. The managing of multiple improvement districts and differing authorities is inefficient. A weekly meeting of a council with a published agenda would make it possible for anyone interested to keep informed on matters of importance to them and allow greater transparency. It is almost impossible to have a life and keep up with the multiplicity of committees and groups under our current system.

**DW: Why do you think the June 2002 vote ultimately failed?**

PL: 1. There was no co-ordinated campaign to support it. The people who had spent three years studying the matter had agreed to stay out of the debate.

2. I doubt many had actu-

ally read the report and understood it.

3. The well-orchestrated "No" campaign seized on "rampant development" and "taxes will increase" and scared most into voting it down. By the way, check your taxes since and see what has happened and ask "what has changed in what I get for the taxes."

The unfounded fear by the many that incorporation would destroy the Trust. There is also I think a legitimate concern by those who have looked at the legislation.

### For the "No" side

*Economist Gary Holman was Salt Spring electoral area director from the November 2002 election until 2008. He had also been chair of the Advisory Planning Commission and involved in a number of land-use issues on the island. Holman became a vocal opponent of incorporation and remains so to this day.*

**DW: Describe how the "no" campaign took shape and your role in it.**

GH: The "no" campaign seemed to be a spontaneous, grassroots response triggered by real concern that the community was not being adequately informed about the impacts of incorporation. I was one among a number of people who engaged in the debate in whatever way we could — advertisements, let-

ters to the editor and day-to-day conversation.

I was invited to participate on a finance sub-committee of the Local Government Restructure Committee. Along with Elizabeth White and Murray Reiss, I also participated in two town halls sponsored by the restructure committee. To the committee's credit, they invited some opponents of incorporation to sit on panels at town hall meetings in Fulford and Ganges to try to ensure that all points of view were heard.

**DW: In your view, what would have been the biggest disadvantage(s) to incorporation for Salt Spring?**

GH: The most significant concerns about incorporation relate to the impact on the financial capacity and mandate of the Islands Trust, the additional taxpayer cost resulting from taking on policing and hundreds of kilometres of roads, and the tendency of municipalities throughout the province to fund these responsibilities by promoting development.

**DW: Why do you think the June 2002 vote ultimately failed?**

GH: Basically, I think most people thought that overall, the disadvantages outweighed any advantages. For some people, the impacts on the Trust mandate was the key concern. I suspect for others, the tax impacts alone were the decisive factor.

## TOP STORIES

Salt Spring Islanders were among those offering support to former island resident **Sonya Handel** following the loss of her six children at the hands of her husband Jay Handel, the children's father, who also lived on Salt Spring before the family moved to Quatsino on northwestern Vancouver Island. Jay Handel was charged and ultimately convicted of six counts of first-degree murder. On March 11 he had shot the children before setting their home on fire.

A March 20 snowfall of between five and 12 inches led weather observer Robert Aston to declare it "the worst March" he had seen in 26 years of recording.

The controversial ship's hull brought into the harbour by the new owners of Ganges Marina, referred to as "the barge" by locals, was removed from Ganges Harbour, under order of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

In July, a promised \$650,000 contribution from the **Lady Minto Hospital Foundation** saved an operating room expansion plan that was threatened earlier when the Ministry of Health Services pulled its full contribution of capital funding for the project.

Over 1,000 people attended a Galiano Island memorial service to honour the lives of five islanders who died in a **tragic boating accident on Aug. 13**. Kathy Mabblerley, her children Amanda and Wyatt, and cousins Rod Wilson and Tony Head (of Salt Spring) drowned when their seiner — the Cap Rouge II — capsized at the mouth of the Fraser River. Mabblerley's husband and Head's father were rescued from the vessel.

Islander **Claire Rustad** helped the Canadian national soccer team win silver at the FIFA Women's World U19 Championship on Sept. 1.

In October, while one set of islanders moaned about a **lack of water in wells** and lakes from an extraordinarily dry year, the Salt Spring Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission floated a \$4.5-million fundraising price tag to build an indoor pool for the island.

In the fall, Salt Spring farmers sought to create a **seed sanctuary** on the island to preserve plant diversity from contamination by genetically engineered organisms.

Onlookers were amazed to witness a pod of orcas attack a **minke whale** in Ganges Harbour just a few metres offshore on October 15.

In November, PARC approved spending **\$84,000 to improve nine parks and recreation facilities**.

B.C. Hydro crews **replaced a two-kilometre-long electrical conductor** at Sansum Narrows in November just as the provincial government announced plans to divide the utility into two Crown corporations that would allow independent producers to sell power to consumers.

**The B.C. Ferry Corporation was restructured** into a separate company governed by an independent regulator in December. The first act of the B.C. Ferry Authority was to increase fares by 3.8 per cent and announce a four-year annual increase of 4.4 per cent on Gulf Islands routes.

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# 2003 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

Thousands of Gulf Islanders were left without power as a **wind storm** helped blow in the new year.

Islanders of all ages and backgrounds took to the streets of Ganges in February, joining millions of people around the world to protest a **looming American-led war against Iraq**. Organizers of the Salt Spring peace rally seemed stunned by the horde of people — estimated at 1,000 — who marched in a traffic-halting swarm around town.

A fledgling flag and a newly minted contract marked the beginning of a new chapter for B.C. Ferries in April. The **new privately owned B.C Ferry Services Incorporated** took over the formerly government-run operation.

Some 176 people took part in a **Splash fundraising running event** in May, competing in either a half-marathon or a 10-kilometre event, and raising between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Gulf Islands Secondary School was lauded as one of the **top schools in the province**, receiving a 15th-place finish in the Fraser Institute's annual Report Card on British Columbia's Secondary Schools in March.

Island-raised first baseman **Brandon Kaye** was headed for major league baseball after signing a contract with the San Diego Padres in June.

Salt Spring lost a devoted family man, a creative character and a fun-loving friend when 39-year-old **Russell "Rusty" Collins** died in a motor vehicle accident on Mount Tuam in July.

In September, **Channel Ridge Properties Ltd.** unveiled its plans to proceed with a \$170-million residential and commercial development following the outline for a Channel Ridge village in the Salt Spring official community plan.

**Revealing fashions** were getting a closer look from students, staff and parents at GISS as the community examined its current dress code in response to concerns in October.

Salt Spring's October rainfall record and the **"continuous rainfall record"** were broken following a major deluge. But the island was relatively unscathed in the storm that caused at least two deaths, 800 evacuations and incurred millions of dollars in flooding damage province-wide.

In November, after years of carefully guarded privacy, rock legend and Salt Spring resident **Randy Bachman** announced support for **Splash** by offering to perform in two benefit concerts set for February. Show tickets sold out so fast that Bachman later added a third.

Salt Spring Islanders moved into panic mode, buying up gas and groceries, as a dispute between the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union and B.C. Ferry Services led to a shut-down of the ferry system. In total, **ferry riders did not run for about 48 hours** in December. The Driftwood published a special ferry strike issue.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

One hundred and seventy-six runners from all around the region gathered to compete in the island's first half-marathon and 10-kilometre running events as part of a Salt Spring Pool Association (Ssplash) fundraiser for an indoor pool. Organizers estimated the event raised over \$3,000 and it helped put a spotlight on the sport of running for youth and adults alike.



Wendy Shea, LMHF president, accepts Gordon Ford's OK Tire contest winnings for the hospital fund. The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation beat its fundraising goal after an anonymous donor gave \$75,000. Within months of launching a campaign to raise \$650,000 towards construction of a new operating room suite and palliative care suite, the foundation hit its goal. The \$75,000 donation pushed the total over the \$700,000 mark.

### REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR

## Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island Operating Room Expansion & Addition

The Vancouver Island Health Authority and the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation invite General Contractors to submit expressions of interest and fully completed Canadian Standard Form of Contractors' Prequalification statement (building Construction) C.C.A. Document 11 to the Project Manager and members of the Project Steering Committee. The project will be located at the rear of the existing hospital, 135 Crofton Road, Ganges, B.C. on Salt Spring Island.

The scope of work consists of a two-storey addition of approximately 190 sq. meters to expand the operating suite and post anesthetic recovery area over a shelled space in the lower level. The project includes renovation of adjacent space within the active Hospital and relocation or replacement of the hospital's mechanical and electrical Systems. Construction will be non-combustible, comprised of concrete and steel with interior partitions of steel studs and drywall. Construction will be done in at least three phases to minimize the impact on hospital operations, which will continue throughout the duration of the project. The architectural and engineering design and tender documentation is currently in progress for tendering early in February 03 and a construction start mid March 03.

The criteria for selection of suitable general contractors will be based on the following:

1. General Contractors' ability to demonstrate experience in construction of a similar size, and a history of building construction with related experience in working with architectural and engineering consultants on hospital projects.
2. A satisfactory completion and submission of C.C.A. Document 11, outlining examples of recently completed projects and satisfactory client references. A corporate profile and detailed resumes of those management personnel and staff proposed to manage and supervise the project must be included.
3. Current outline of contractors' workload and obligations and written permission for the Project Manager to review the contractors' current project references and financial status. The construction contract for this work will be based on a standard stipulated sum contract requiring the general contractor to be fully bonded for the tender amount.
4. Only experienced general contractors with good references and required outlined experience need to apply. The Project Steering Committee retains the right to reject any contractor applicant for prequalification with or without cause. Reference checks will be kept confidential and will not be reviewed or discussed with contractors applying for prequalification. The selection of prequalified contractors will be final and will not be subject to further discussion and debate.
5. All contractors submitting a request for prequalification consent to allow the Project Steering Committee and their representatives and consultants to check and verify the information provided in the submission. Any submission may not necessarily be accepted.

One signed original and 4 copies of the application for prequalification must be submitted to the Project Manager no later than 4:00 p.m. January 17, 2003 at the address below.

Cecil Rhodes, MAIBC — Project Manager, Vancouver Island Health Authority  
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1952 Bay Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1J8  
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## Local dollars hit SSI

Environmental "celebrities," including David Suzuki, Robert Bateman and federal Environment Minister David Anderson, spoke at a gala event at ArtSpring as the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation launched its new bills in January of 2003.



A photo of island pioneer Kimiko Okana Murakami graces the front of the \$100 bill, left, while Robert Bateman's painting of Mount Maxwell is on the back. At right, the \$50 bill features Fulford settlers Ted Akerman and Ellen Gyves Akerman, and Carol Evans' watercolour called "Feeding the Swans" on the other side.



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# 2004 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## A Day *in the* Life of Salt Spring Island

### TOP STORIES

**Mahon Hall** received a welcome 100th birthday present with news in February that the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council would receive \$250,000 in Shaw Family Legacy funds to help pay for Mahon Hall restoration. However, the money was soon locked up in a Law Society of B.C. action involving Salt Spring lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd, who, it was ultimately discovered, had misdirected more than \$4 million in trust funds from 14 estates, individuals and companies. Oldroyd resigned from the Law Society in April pending an investigation.

Salt Spring lost a well-loved, "larger than life" islander when **Gene Bellavance** died in a floatplane crash near Thetis Island in May. The plane crashed as Bellavance flew photographer Mary Steernburg over the Ladysmith Regatta. Rescuers got Steernburg out of the plane; she was taken to Chemainus hospital in critical condition but survived the ordeal.

Skateboard enthusiasts got a huge boost from the Lions Club, which donated \$100,000 for construction of a **new skatepark** on Salt Spring.

Islanders drew major talent and international attention about the Crofton pulp mill by organizing a **benefit concert** featuring Randy Bachman, Tal Bachman, Neil Young and the Barenaked Ladies. The Clean Air Concert was set for Sept. 17 at the Cowichan Centre. The event sold out a few days after tickets went on sale.

**Freedom Camp squatters**, who set up an encampment at Drummond Park beach in May, generated complaints and a backlash from some islanders. The camp was dismantled after storms arrived in October.

The Ganges branch of the **Bank of Montreal** was robbed in June after an armed, masked man jumped behind the customer service line, pulled open cash drawers and stole about \$6,000. Police said he appeared to be carrying a rifle. The man then fled the bank by the back entrance.

Resistance to a four-day school week, introduced in September, persisted as the **Keep Five Alive Coalition** of parents, teachers, students and workers planned a public demonstration in front of the school board office, coinciding with the first day of school.

A **Canadian Survivor competition** that went wrong and saw 25 people rescued off a Mount Washington trail in September was completed by Salt Spring resident Fiona Foster, who overcame the odds and persevered through to the finish line.

Continuing opposition to the installation of a **cell-phone repeater** on the Ganges fire-hall tower came in loud and clear at a fall fire protection district meeting when trustees were presented with a petition signed by over 1,000 individuals.

Salt Spring Islanders took the plunge for an **indoor pool** with 67.58 per cent voting to borrow \$4.212 million for a facility on Rainbow Road in a November referendum. Some 46.8 per cent of the island's 7,535 registered voters showed up at the polls, with 2,358 votes in favour of the referendum question and 1,131 opposed.



5:25 am: Bruce Dow, co-owner of Embe Bakery, removes freshly baked bread from the oven. Photo by Ken Sakamoto.



6:30 am: Salt Spring Stingrays swim team in the pool for a practice session. Photo by Ken Sakamoto.



Early afternoon: Middle school students wave their report cards kicking off their summer holidays. Photo by John Cameron.



5:30 pm: Art Pilon takes aim during a snooker game at the Legion. Photo by Mitchell Sherrin.



12:45 pm: Aidon Morris carries pipes at a Ganges construction site. Photo by Derrick Lundy.

## 24 HOURS, ONE ISLAND, 6 PHOTOGRAPHERS

In 2004, when A Day in the Life of Salt Spring Island was first printed as a special supplement in the July 28 issue, the Driftwood did not anticipate the idea would end up being an award-winner. Nor did we predict readers would eagerly await its return every year from then on.

Armed with cameras, keen eyes and lists of activities, photographers Ken Sakamoto, John Cameron, Derrick Lundy, Mitchell Sherrin, Peter McCully and Jen-

nifer McFee set out on June 29, 2004 to document all aspects of island life. The images they returned with would set the stage for excellence in the years to come.

A Day in the Life won first place in the Driftwood's circulation category for photo essay in 2005, 2006 and 2007 in the Canadian Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competition, and it also took first and second place in various categories at B.C. and

Yukon Community Newspaper Association awards over the years.

While Driftwood photographer Derrick Lundy and regular contributor John Cameron have participated in each one since, the rest of the cast has changed.

In a Day in the Life, the ordinary becomes extraordinary through the lenses of local photographers who are poised to capture the spirit of the place they call home.

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My husband Ken and I thank you for our years on Salt Spring and our many fond memories. Congratulations Tony, Peter, and wonderful crew.

**Penny Sakamoto**  
Publisher, 2004-2007



# 2005 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

Locals were left freezing in the dark during a **January snow blizzard** that ravaged Salt Spring and left thousands without power — sometimes for several days. The storm spurred the opening of Salt Spring's emergency centre, which galvanized volunteers to help stranded people get groceries and medicine. Some 6,800 homes and businesses lost power during the blizzard, in which 54 centimetres (21 inches) of snow fell on the island in a three-day period.

Five **Salt Spring homes were evacuated** over fears of local mudslides following a fatal slide in North Vancouver the week before. Heavy rainfall soaked melting snow packs, forcing the evacuation of three homes on the Devine Drive cul-de-sac. A Tripp Road house was hit by a mudslide that piled some four feet of debris along one wall; and a voluntary evacuation also occurred at a Walker Hook residence.

**Stan Lam** was set to retire at the end of March from his position behind the counter at Harbour Food Market, where he had become an island icon after 22 years as owner of the business.

**Planning for Salt Spring's indoor pool** dove into the fast lane in March with approval for a \$2-million infrastructure grant, conceivably allowing PARC to reduce property owners' debt load for the \$4.5 million project on Rainbow Road.

Continued frustration over an allegedly illegal **gravel pit operation** prompted Stewart Road Residents Association members to create a human roadblock aimed at preventing gravel trucks from accessing the property.

One of the island's most cherished peaks — **Mount Erskine** — was offered for sale to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy by its long-time owner, sparking a fundraising campaign that needed to raise \$650,000. An anonymous donation of \$60,000 made in April gave the campaign an early boost and the final chunk (\$125,000) came from the Nature Conservancy of Canada in late July.

- **Stewart Road drivers** prepared to find an alternate route as a 10-year plan to upgrade the mid-island road, including paving of the remaining gravel portion, got underway in April.

- A battle to stop PARC from purchasing a fabric-covered **indoor tennis facility** for Portlock Park was kicked off in August when islander and professional tennis coach Mike Best questioned the process PARC and the CRD used to get bids for the project.

- Islanders rallied around Salt Spring resident **Josip Budimcic** after he was branded a "war criminal" in a front-page story in the Victoria Times Colonist on Nov. 1. Budimcic was unable to speak in his own defence before he consulted with his lawyer after accusations were made public that he'd tortured and executed prisoners during the war in the former Yugoslavia in 1991. He submitted a written statement to the Driftwood the following week, outlining the circumstances around the "false accusations."

## The life of a theatre cat



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Fritz the Cinema Cat made headlines when he was taken from his home at Cinema Central by a woman from Richmond who feared for his safety at the busy Central intersection. The cat was returned the following day amid a huge community outcry.

- 1996:** Born
- 1998:** Ran away from his original home near Fort Street
- 1998-2000:** The wandering years; Fritz' walkabout
- 2000:** Took up residency at Central Hall
- 2005:** Cat-napped by off-islander, returned the following day after community outcry
- 2006:** Cinema named in his honour
- 2007:** Hit by a car in front of the theatre, rushed to veterinarian Malcolm Bond, but was dead on arrival. He died from internal injuries on Feb. 21. Well-wishers placed flowers and notes in front of the theatre within hours of his death.

A well-attended memorial at Central Hall featured a song fiddler Jaime (Zav) RT wrote in his honour.

## Same-sex couple ties the knot on SSI

Local business owners John Dolman and Tim O'Connor were legally married on Christmas Eve, 2005, six months after the Civil Marriage Act (Bill C-38) allowing legal recognition of same-sex couples was passed.

The owners of Island Star Video (and now also of T.J. Beans) had been together for 17 years before they officially tied the knot. A Dec. 28 Driftwood news story explains how the men were given a "kick in the pants" to marry before the federal election results were finalized in case Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party came into power and changed the law:

*The following is an excerpt from a Dec. 28, 2005 story by Driftwood reporter Sean McIntyre:*

Regardless of whether you lived in the city or the country, Tim explained, life was very different for gay men and women 20 years ago.

But despite the passing of Bill C-38 last summer — which gave legal recognition to gay marriage — they never really felt the need to take the leap until the federal election campaign got underway in November.

Setting off a preliminary salvo in the election battle, Conservative leader Stephen Harper took little time to raise the same-sex marriage issue, saying he would ensure a free vote on same-sex marriage in Parliament. Offering a free vote on the issue would, he said, allow MPs to vote with



Well-known community members Tim O'Connor, left, and John Dolman decided to get married while they could still legally do so in Canada.

their conscience, unbound by their party's official position. He believed same-sex couples should be recognized through civil unions only and promised to preserve those legal marriages already held in Canada.

Following legislation in Holland, Belgium and Spain, Canada became the fourth country to legalize same sex marriage after Parliament passed Bill C-38 by a vote of 188 to 133 last summer.

## Q&A with The Fritz Cinema owner and Fritz the cat's companion Michael Levy

**Q. How did Fritz become the famous Fritz cinema cat?**

A. Pam Budden grabbed the plastic bag stuck on his butt and started feeding him regularly whenever she came to work at the cinema. Cathie Newman fed him and looked out for him for years. Geoff Levy built him his famous "palatial" house with his name on it and then people knew what to call him. Louise Nye wrote two books about him. Arthur Black wrote and spoke about him — regularly! TV news provided national coverage during his "cat-napping." Stuart McLean told a story about him on his radio show and I named the cinema after him in 2006,= immortalizing him. All of which helped create the urban legend known as Fritz the Cinema Cat.

**Q. How did moviegoers respond to him?**

A. They loved him! People would come to any movie just to get a chance to see him. He was very, very good around kids, especially at Halloween.

**Q. What were the top three quirks islanders will remember most about him?**

A. Choosing a particular lap to sit on during a film; only letting me, Pam or Cathie pick him up; sitting on top of the phone booth watching traffic go by at Central.

**Q. What are some fond memories of him?**

A. Him running to my car to greet me every time I came to work. I still look for him every time! And watching him saunter down the aisle looking for an appropriate lap; we could see what he was up to but the audience couldn't because they were so focused on the film.

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Communications manager Ian Mott and Jan O'Gorman on site at the Ganges Marina floathouse, which contained the facility's reception desk and gift shop, after it sank on July 6, sending hundreds of wooden toys stored in the building out into the bay. The floating structure had been a subject of controversy on the island since it arrived in 2002. In May 2006 the Islands Trust ordered its removal by the end of July, but it didn't actually leave until 2009. It was bought by the Point Roberts Marina Resort.

## Float camp sinks; toys bob in Ganges Harbour

The following is an excerpt from a July 12, 2006 story.

Life at Ganges Marina has floated from tragic to absurd since the wooden barge supporting the facility's reception desk and gift shop sank to the bottom of Ganges Harbour last week.

Buoyed by news the tragedy had not resulted in any dangerous spills, and after working through the weekend to salvage what they could from the structure and find a way to lift it from the sea floor, employees were treated to an unusual surprise as hundreds of small wooden toys stored in the marina building escaped



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

With float camp toys, from left, Danica Lundy, Ben Desrosiers, Caz Johnston, Walker Tottman and Orion Dawn-Prince.

from the structure and landed on the shoreline of Ganges Harbour Monday afternoon.

"We have an entirely different kind of spill on our hands," said Ian Mott, the marina's

communication manager, in an interview from the site on Monday afternoon. "We've got toys floating all over the place and spread out throughout the harbour."

"The entire harbour is peppered with these little toys and this has turned into a beach-comber's bonanza."

The incident saw lucky onlookers patrolling the shoreline for a chance to salvage one of the palm-sized wooden toy birds that were being stored in the float camp.

One lucky group of skateboarders plucked more than 50 toys from the area.

## Garner Road roosters sing their final crow

A Garner Road resident was forced to find new homes for her prize-winning roosters when CRD bylaw enforcement officers issued her a \$100 noise violation ticket for failing to silence her birds' controversial crows.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Elizabeth Cooper spent most of last week seeking alternate arrangements for 25 of her prize-winning roosters after bylaw enforcement officers from the Capital Regional District (CRD) issued her a \$100 noise violation ticket for failing to silence her birds' controversial crow.

"This has been a big deal for her," said Benjamin Cooper, speaking on behalf of his wife who remains in Kamloops where she has arranged to house the birds on her sister's property. "My wife is not taking this well. Our whole life has been upset because of one person's complaints."

Despite the roosters' forced relocation, Cooper said, he is

somewhat relieved to finally see a resolution to what has become an exhausting feud, hatched earlier this spring when a neighbour complained the roosters' crow disturbed her sleep and ruined her and her family's quality of life.

"I've had my fill of all this," said Cooper. "Either everyone can leave us alone to raise these birds or we can get rid of them once and for all."

Cooper said his wife still has several dozen hens and eight young Japanese Bantams, but cannot see how she will be able to continue raising what he considers some of the most unique birds found in the province.

For now, the remaining birds will be raised on the couple's five-acre Garner Road property until they are fully grown.

Following a meeting with her neighbour and CRD bylaw enforcement officers in late-May, Cooper attempted to silence her birds by adding insulation to her four chicken coops, covering windows and moving one of the noisier buildings

farther from the property line. Despite her best efforts, additional complaints forced the CRD to issue the ticket.

For the time being, neighbour Lucille Lamarche remains content something has finally been done after dealing with the birds since building her home across the road nearly five years ago.

For the past three weeks, Lamarche has devoted herself to documenting every time she hears a rooster crow. Recently, she said, the roosters have started to crow as early as 3:30 a.m.

"This has just been such a painful thing for me," said Lamarche, adding she's had to take time off from her landscaping business to cope with stress suffered during the ordeal.

"I hope the farmers realize I don't have anything against farming. Basically, it was

like being tortured." According to Section 26 of the CRD's Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, no person may keep any animal "which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment,

comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood in which the animal is kept."

According to bylaw enforcement officer Don Brown it is always unfortunate when neighbourhood disputes cannot be resolved amicably.

"We can't ticket someone for roosters who crow after sunrise. That's just what roosters do," said Don Brown. "When roosters start crowing before it's light outside and people complain, then we've got to get involved."

He added CRD inspectors would check up on the Cooper residence to ensure the couple complies with the CRD order to remove the birds.

"If everything is in order, we will withdraw the ticket and that will be the end of the story."

According to Brown, similar disputes pitting neighbours against one another are on the rise where increased density has brought people within closer proximity.

"It's kind of sad," he said. "This is one of those cases where the urban begins and the rural ends."

### TOP STORIES

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee approved the **Channel Ridge development permit** at a February meeting, giving the nod to construction of 327 residential units and 3,068 square metres of commercial and community facilities. The first phase would include construction of 118 units.

Salt Spring's **first official pothole count** on Feb. 18 tallied over 5,000 potholes — in just 39 per cent of island roads.

In February, following a **public outcry over near misses at a crosswalk** at the intersection of Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads, the Ministry of Transportation agreed to lower the speed limit, increase signage and remove the two stalls where parked cars reduced visibility.

Twenty-eight people on Salt Spring responded to a survey in February describing themselves as **"homeless"** while an additional 42 said they lived in sub-standard housing such as a tent or car.

Thanks to a generous donation by property owner Chris Hatfield in March and funds from the provincial government, **Ruckle Park would acquire an additional 100 acres** of forest, farmland and foreshore. The area known as Cusheon Cove borders Ruckle Park and had been owned by Hatfield for the past 20 years.

BC Ferries crews and ferry travellers were shocked by the **sinking of the Queen of the North** when it struck Gil Island during a routine sailing between Prince Rupert and Port Hardy on March 22. Two people died in the event.

As of May, **Lady Minto Hospital** would receive a \$1-million upgrade with work in the pharmacy area and heat and ventilation systems expected to begin by the end of the year.

A **summer labour shortage** on Salt Spring had employers concerned. Restaurant owner Barry Kazakoff said he could hire between eight and 10 full-time staff immediately, but could not find anyone to fill the positions. He had even posted a \$300 recruiting reward.

A Victoria pilot was **"lucky to be alive"** after his ultra-light float plane crashed into St. Mary Lake in October.

Some 30 islanders staged a protest in October to highlight **pedestrian safety concerns** for seniors at the crosswalk of Lower Ganges Road and Park Drive near Ganges Village Market.

A **19-year-old Salt Spring man was charged with armed robbery** after he entered the Ganges branch of the Island Savings Credit Union armed with a machete and garden implement and made off with \$20,000. In March of 2008, Koby Trociuk was sentenced to several months of house arrest.

In December, PARC **scrapped a plan to build a two-court, fabric-covered tennis facility** at Rainbow Road, citing the project as too expensive. Projected cost came in at \$1.1 million, as opposed to the \$650,000 budgeted. PARC had looked at a Rainbow Road site after it realized a height variance would be required to place the structure at its first choice, Portlock Park.

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## TOP STORIES

Owners of the Kings Lane bowling alley property accepted a \$1.1 million purchase offer from the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. **The fire district announced it would seek approval for \$5 million for the new firehall** on the property through a counter-petition process. The plan was scrapped amid community controversy.

In January, the **library also announced preliminary financial plans** for a new \$6.85-million library on McPhillips Avenue.

Dot-com success story **John Lefebvre**, who moved to Salt Spring and vowed to resurrect the Vesuvius Pub, was arrested in January and charged under the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act. He was later released after posting bail \$5 million.

**Pilot St. Clair McColl and passengers Mary Paul and Jonathan Yardley** were hailed as heroes in March after rescuing a father and son from the Strait of Georgia, where their 16-foot aluminum boat had overturned. In 2008 the three received awards from the Lifesaving Society of B.C.

High-profile environmental activist **Bri-ony Penn** stunned political junkies across the country when she announced plans to seek the Liberal nomination for the federal Saanich-Gulf Islands riding.

A March gathering of more than 50 Ganges business owners and concerned citizens **vowed to reclaim cafes, parks and sidewalks** in the downtown core before criminal activity spiralled further out of control.

**Two prospective radio stations** applied to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission for broadcasting rights on Salt Spring. In October, the licence was awarded to Salt Spring Radio Corp. filed by Richard Moses and Gary Brooks.

In September, a CRD-commissioned study by KPMG Advisory Services **found PARC had lost \$238,254** on a failed indoor tennis structure project initiated in 2005, and spent \$60,000 defending a related court action.

**Joe "Somebody" Budimic's refugee status** hearing was held in December. Islanders rallied behind him, with a huge demonstration in October. But the island handyman, convicted in absentia for war crimes by a Croatian court, would have to wait another year for the results of the hearing, which ultimately dismissed the allegations and secured his future in Canada.

Greenwoods nurse **Katherine Chorney was killed** in a two-car collision on North End Road in October. A Campbell River man was charged with several offences following the accident, including impaired driving causing death.

**RCMP were investigating a murder-suicide** in Fulford after a tradesman found the bodies of David Denovan, 63, and Nancy Denovan, 75, in the bedroom of their home on Morningside Drive in November.

**Mouat's Trading Co.** celebrated its 100th birthday.

## Up in flames: Salt Spring Village Resort

Firefighters from Pender, Mayne and Galiano islands came to assist local fire crews, along with the B.C. Forest Service and the Maracaibo neighbourhood group who volunteered to help, when the Salt Spring Village Resort lodge burst into flames on July 9.

An emergency evacuation centre set up at Community Gospel Chapel received evacuees from 20 residences surrounding the resort property.

The incident highlighted the low number of local volunteer firefighter numbers at the time; there were 29, but fire trustee Mark Wyatt said they should have had 50. Only two firefighters suffered injuries over more than 10 hours of work.

The resort was still in construction phase when it caught fire. It was another bump in the road for developer Tuan Development Inc., which had applied for and received long-term creditor protection in early June.

After the flames were doused, all that remained of the main lodge was its elevator shaft. The completed first phase of the project was valued at \$54 million.

Cause of the fire was never determined. The development again went into receivership.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring volunteer firefighter Brian Hartley communicates via radio while attacking a devastating Monday night blaze at Salt Spring Island Village Resort. This photo (which ran in colour) won best spot news photo in Canada for its circulation category at the national newspaper awards.



PHOTO: DERRICK LUNDY

Dukes Road looked like it had been rocked by an earthquake after flowing waters broke apart the asphalt on Monday, Dec. 3.

## Weather woes = road woes

Salt Springers saw their winter wonderland turn to mush as soaring temperatures and heavy rain contributed to widespread flooding across the island.

Drainage ditches overflowed onto roadways from Isabella Point to Sunset Drive, and residents were left scurrying to save their belongings and businesses as water began to rise on Sunday night, after more than 24 hours of snowfall turned into heavy rain.

## MORE LETTERS

### Kept safe

A big thank you to all firemen, police and all the volunteers who helped keep us safe on Monday night when a huge fire broke out at Bullock Lake, where one of the huge structures burned down.

I especially thank the neighbours who came around and checked on us as one of us is somewhat disabled

and we were very worried because the huge cinders were coming down all around us. The sky was full of burning pieces. My neighbour had three fires burning in her yard. Volunteers were helping by driving all around Cedar Lane and Mansell Road to keep us safe and spot any new fires. Thanks, friends and neighbours.

**JIM AND DOLORES BIRD,**  
MANSSELL ROAD

## RANTS and Roses

### Roses show how islanders help out islanders

Heaps of flours to Bruce the baker at Thrifty's, who showed off his culinary arts when I asked him where on Salt Spring I could get a "challah," the traditional Friday night bread. At that very moment, Bruce rolled out four thin dough "snakes" and braided them into the challah-style shape. All I had to do was bake it when I got home. All the family agreed it was one of the best we ever had. HB

A heartfelt bunch of Canuck-coloured roses to the kind soul who generously fixed the hockey nets at Portlock Park following their recent near-death experience! Those of us who play pick-up ball hockey on Sunday mornings truly appreciate your community spirit. Go Canucks Go.

Thirty huge roses for Jim Proctor on the Fulford ferry on Saturday, April 21 who helped our son and daughter make their connecting ferry to Tsawwassen by giving them \$30 to replace the \$40 they had lost minutes before. In return for your generosity we understand you locked your keys in your car when you got out to give them money. We're so sorry. We'd like to pay you the money back. Thank you so much. G&K Belavance

Huge thanks to the Lady Minto Thrift Store for allowing us to buy some toys for our antsy two-year-old on Monday when they were closed. You saved us a lot of fussing. Richard and Phyllis

Roses for all the kind people who stopped to help me when I fell off my bike on North End Road August 14. Special mention to Carol of Thimble Farms for delivering me to the hospital and to Hans who delivered my bike home. Bouquets to my friend Andrea and for the kindness of friends and neighbours. Barbara

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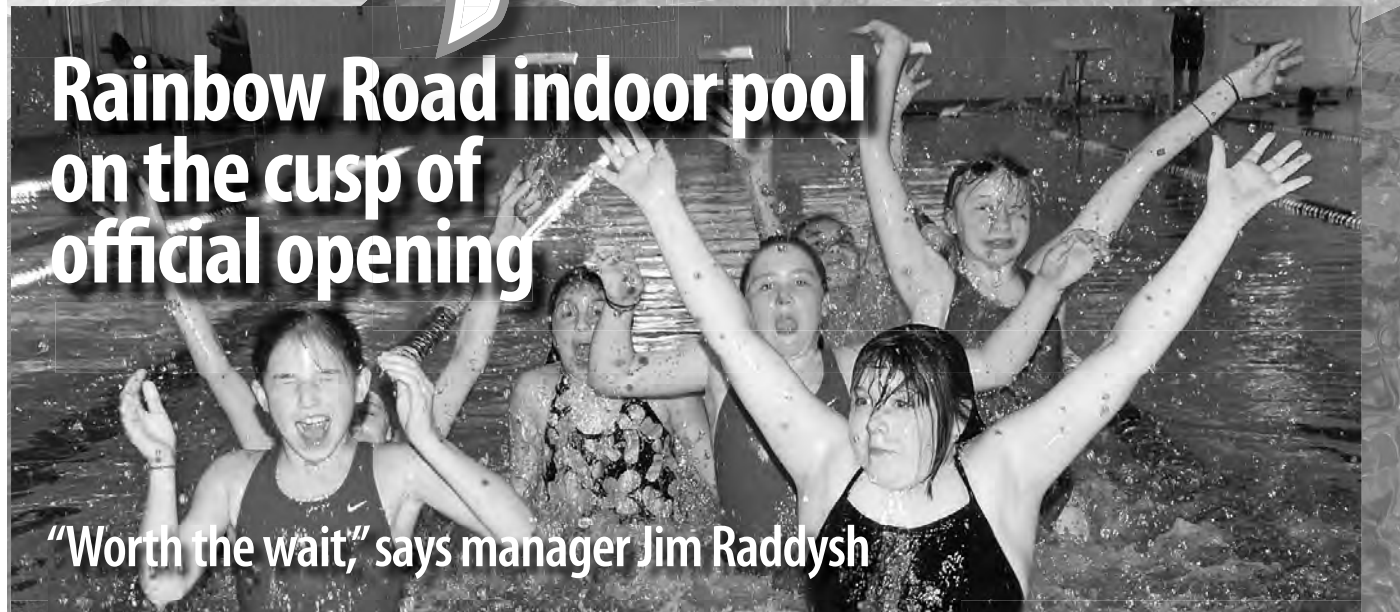
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# 2008 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

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## Take the Plunge!

### Rainbow Road indoor pool on the cusp of official opening



"Worth the wait," says manager Jim Raddysh

After decades of debate, discussion, surveys and votes, Salt Spring's first public indoor pool opened on May 17, 2008 on a piece of CRD-owned Rainbow Road property next to Gulf Islands Secondary School.

#### TOP STORIES

**Seven-year-old Jasmin Wilson** was met at the Long Harbour ferry terminal by a huge welcoming crowd in January as she returned from a long stay at B.C. Children's Hospital in Vancouver. Diagnosed with Compartment Syndrome, Jasmin and her family were the focus of numerous fundraising efforts on the island.

An April referendum saw **islanders turn down a proposal** to purchase land for a new fire hall at 300 Upper Ganges Road.

**Islanders for Self-Government** announced in May it was seeking three candidates to run on pro-incorporation study platforms.

In June, of the **55 cases of pertussis** (whooping cough) reported in the Capital Regional District, 25 were on Salt Spring. Health authorities urged parents to have their children immunized against the disease.

**Tupperware bins of snakes** were removed from shelves in a Rainbow Road area home, making national news in June. Forty-one snakes were found crammed into plastic containers. Charges were pending under the Cruelty to Animals Act.

Beginning Aug. 1, **ferry riders would face a 10 to 17.6 per cent fuel surcharge** on all ferry routes. For those not using the Experience Card discount, the cost of the Fulford to Swartz Bay route would jump from \$37.70 for a round trip to \$42.45.

Salt Spring's **Blain Pharis was mauled by a black bear** in Port Renfrew in September. The bear swam from a dock and boarded the boat Pharis was on before attacking him. A group of bystanders attacked the bear with a fishing gaff, hammer and pocket knife before it finally died.

The Islands Trust launched legal action against John Quesnel's **Rainbow Road scrap metal recycling business** in October, saying it violated a land use bylaw by using a split-zoned rural and agricultural property.

A volunteer-driven environmentally safe **gypsy moth** eradication program on Salt Spring was deemed successful by the Ministry of Forests and Range when no moths were found in traps in 2008.

**Local elections in November** returned George Ehring to the Islands Trust along with newcomer Christine Torgrimson, while pro-incorporation candidate Garth Hendren narrowly beat out six-year incumbent Gary Holman as the island's director to the CRD. The Islands Trust referendum to increase the size of local Trust committees failed, while a liquid waste referendum passed.

Seniors, medical professionals and concerned citizens packed Central Hall in December for a public meeting focussing on **concerns over the future of Lady Minto Hospital**. LMH's \$3-million, state-of-the-art operating room remained closed as VIHA had not yet named a new surgeon to replace Dr. Roy Preshaw, who had been forced to retire at the end of June when the OR was shut down.

## Press play

The stories of the Gulf Islands are diverse and the Driftwood newsroom has multiple ways of sharing them with readers.

But what we call the "reader" has fast become a "news consumer." And the pencil and notepad carried in reporters' pockets has grown into a multipurpose tool pack of digital technologies that include audio recorders, cell phones, SLR cameras . . . and, after July of 2008, a portable video camera.

A new dimension of news coverage hit the Driftwood in 2008 with the purchase of a tiny yet cutting-edge Flip video recorder. Video became another way for staff reporters to tell stories.

The most popular video thus far, with 686 views, was Twilight New Moon actor Cameron Bright's visit to Salt Spring in December of 2009, published before the actor even left the island that evening.

With the advent of online news sharing, the ability to post video footage has revolutionized the way the Driftwood and other media share the news. Videos can be published almost immediately, viewers hear the stories from the mouths of the newsmakers and the medium caters to a new breed of news consumers that experts argue is a growing generation with shorter attention spans who only want the meat without the fat.



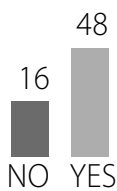
A performance by the B:C Clettes was the first video created by the Driftwood and posted online to bclocalnews.com the following day.



## The wheels on the bus . . .

The launch of the Salt Spring Transit public bus system on Jan. 7 ushered in a new era for Salt Spring residents. Roughly 125 exuberant participants cheered and applauded the transit system's highly anticipated arrival at a two-hour ceremony at Meaden Hall.

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: Will you ride the bus?



In the summer of 2009, Salt Spring Transit operator Ineke de Jong accepted a Canadian Urban Transit Association award for the local bus system at an ArtSpring event.

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## Congratulations Driftwood

Congratulations to the Driftwood on being an outstanding community newspaper for half a century! We appreciate your past and ongoing support and promotion of leisure facilities and activities on Salt Spring Island. Keep on swimming!

Rainbow Road indoor pool

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# 2009 | 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY

## TOP STORIES

The Court of Appeal in British Columbia sided with the Islands Trust in January in calling for the **removal of the infamous "floating structure"** moored at Ganges Marina. The issue had been before the courts since 2006. It was finally removed in November 2009.

About 40 people attended the first public ad hoc **Save Our Surgery Committee meeting** in January, which passed a motion giving the group permission to act on the public's behalf in future communications with the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Longtime **Liberal MLA Murray Coell** retained his seat in the provincial election, but faced a tough challenge from NDP candidate Gary Holman, a Salt Spring resident and former CRD director.

A dramatic fire in April **destroyed Salt Spring's ambulance station** on Kings Lane. Fire investigators ruled out foul play.

A tow-truck driver pulled an unusual catch from St. Mary Lake in June after a **man drove his luxury sports car into the lake**. The driver exited the car and made it part-way across the bay via paddle boat before being stopped by emergency crews.

Salt Spring market vendor **Wendy Beatty was banned from travelling aboard BC Ferries** for six months after she experienced a flash of frustration after arriving too late for the Crofton ferry and "nudged" a ferry worker blocking access to the boat in July.

The **Salt Spring Coffee Company's application** to rezone a property at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road and build a coffee processing facility there was defeated in August by the island's local Trust committee.

Lorn Nelson was handed a six-month conditional sentence after he pleaded **guilty to slashing two men** outside the Fulford Inn with homemade "Freddie Krueger-style gloves."

A bid by former children's entertainer Raffi to open a **Centre for Child Honouring** on Salt Spring took a huge step forward in October with the donation of the use of a house and 22-acre property on Long Harbour Road.

Spectators cheered and waved Canadian flags on Halloween as the **Olympic torch** landed in Ganges via floatplane.

In November, Salt Springers learned they must wait at least two years before the government would even consider funding an **incorporation study** and subsequent referendum.

Some 336 islanders rolled up their sleeves for an **H1N1 vaccination** at Salt Spring's first clinic, held Nov. 19 at the Fernwood Elementary School gymnasium.

Six people died in December when a **Seair floatplane crashed** shortly after takeoff from Lyall Harbour on Saturna Island. Only the pilot and one passenger survived the crash, which occurred at 4:12 p.m. while en route to the Lower Mainland.

## Islanders vote for new library

After the last vote was counted on Dec. 5, it wasn't even close.

Salt Spring residents voted 78 per cent in favour of borrowing the \$2.75 million needed to build a new facility in downtown Ganges.

"I'm very pleased," said Tilly Crawley, library board chair. "This is a very clear mandate for the library to go ahead."

"This is a giant step. If it hadn't passed, we wouldn't know what to do."

The vote was 1,870 in favour and 519 against.

The decision meant the library board could access a \$4.55-million Building Canada Fund approved by the federal and provincial governments.

"It's an enormous bonus," said Crawley. "A lot of people must have felt that they couldn't let this

grant go."

The Dec. 5 vote capped more than four and a half years of effort by Crawley and her fellow board members to move ahead with plans for a downtown library. A 2005 referendum had already approved purchase of the lot next door to the current library site on McPhillips Avenue so the library could remain in downtown Ganges.

However, siting of the facility continued to be contentious, with many islanders feeling the CRD's Rainbow Road Pool property was a more appropriate spot.

The library board's immediate priorities were to conduct an environmental assessment of the site, work out zoning issues with the Islands Trust and obtain all the necessary building permits.

## Christmas colours

By 2009 the Driftwood production department has ever-growing options, only a few mouse-clicks away, for illustrating the news — from searchable stock photo sites to wielding the powers of the modern graphic designer's magic wand: Photo-Shop.

Yet the 2009 Christmas issue was a testament to the fact that in a world of increasing complication there is sometimes no replacement for the simple, heart-warming, hand-drawn originals of local high school students who know better than anyone the true colours of a Gulf Islands Christmas.

Since 1979, Gulf Islands Secondary School art class members have provided the cover art for the Driftwood's Christmas edition. Caroline Hamilton, the art teacher at the time, initiated the project. It then became a Driftwood-sponsored contest and an art class lesson in cover design.

At least 50 per cent of students whose art has been featured on the cover have gone on to Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design and other schools to pursue art careers, according to a 2006 interview with GISS art teacher Sandra Locke.

When the Driftwood won first place for Best Christmas Edition at the CCNA Better Newspapers Competition in 2006, the judge remarked, "And there was something about the cover — submitted by a student — that really caught my eye."

Sometimes handmade is simply better.



Photo taken Jan. 15, 2009 at the Nairn Howe tournament in the dim lighting of the GISS gym. Casey Knight has the ball. (Canon 1D MkIII/35mm lens/1/320 sec /f/1.8 /ISO 1600)

"Action, the ball, the faces, the decisive moment. All are part of a sports photo. A low or high angle often gives the viewer an unusual way of looking at the usual. [In the above photo] the good guys are in white, bad guys in black. And the white 'V' of the GISS players leads the eye into the black area of the net; that's clearly where the ball is going."

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## Sometimes we want to have a little fun (and we do)

Over the years, the Driftwood editorial department has had a little fun.

For a period of time, staff delighted in making “mock” front pages for different islanders, like pharmacist Les Ramsey, RCMP officer Gerard Choquette, a few firefighters and Driftwood staff. The page looks like a Driftwood front, but the stories — told in an authoritative journalistic voice — are all made up and humorous.

While copies of these mock front pages were

handed out to relevant people, the Driftwood was never able to go public with them. So, in 1998, staff members were gleeful to discover April Fool’s Day landed on a Wednesday.

Amid much chortling, they eagerly created mock stories to fill pages 1 and 2 of the Driftwood. Of course, not everyone realized the stories were fake . . .

Following is a sample of the stories written for that April 1, 1998 edition.

### Carousing seniors trash home

A Brinkworthy home is in shambles and the owners enraged after a group of carousing seniors crashed a quiet party Saturday night, overturning flower pots, scrambling board games and launching a game of carpet bowling in the living room.

Police are hoping that a set of false teeth, discovered in a flower bed outside the home, will lead to at least one of the perpetrators.

In the meantime, homeowners Burt and Edith Alden are stunned by the damage which they claim will take weeks to mop up.

Most devastating to Edith Alden is the destruction in her kitchen where party-goers dumped tea canisters and spice containers over counters and on the floor.

Edith believes at least one senior mistook a jar of dried mint for a pot stash — she found several half-smoked “joints” among the rubble.

Other damage included dented and broken furniture in the living room, where a bowling ball was let loose with apparent force; tea stains on a couch, pastries crushed into the carpet and a collection of board games dumped in a corner.

Police say one party-goer apparently missed the front door when he left, smashing a side window with a walker.

Missing from the home is a set of silver spoons, a deck of girlie playing cards and a hand-knitted tea cosy.

Edith Alden told the Driftwood she invited a few friends over to play cards, drink tea and share a little sherry early Saturday evening, after her husband, an Old Age Pensioners Organization (OAPO) delegate, left for a provincial meeting.

“We just wanted a quiet evening with a little girl talk and maybe some amaretto in our tea,” Edith said. “But I guess the word got out.”

Seniors started arriving in

droves just after 8 p.m.

“At first I thought I could handle them — even the carpet bowling didn’t seem like such a bad idea.”

The party dissipated quickly once police arrived just before midnight. Several agile seniors slipped out through a bedroom window; however, one individual who solicited help to push a wheelchair through the opening was unsuccessful and apparently exited via a back door.

Although police have interviewed several Brinkworthy residents, none appear to be missing teeth, and no one is pointing any fingers at who may have caused the damage or taken the stolen goods.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

Meanwhile, the Aldens are left with the labourious task of picking up the pieces of their home and wondering if they should sell their remaining mint leaves to cover the costs.



#### No injuries

Driver Jeremy Byron escaped serious injury when his pickup slid into a large pothole Sunday on Walker Hook Road, where maintenance crews have been unable to remedy the road’s slippage problem. Meanwhile, a local

contractor has designed pothole plugs in several different sizes in the hopes of selling them to the Ministry of Highways. However, none is big enough to fill the new hole at Walker Hook.

Photo by Tony Richards

### Newspaper price to be \$1.50

Some Driftwood readers complained they were given no warning the last time the newspaper’s newsstand and subscription prices went up. So publisher Tony Richards is giving advance notice of the next increase.

That will take place next week when the single-copy price rises to \$1.50.

Richards said in an interview from his vacation home in Mexico that readers would be getting a bargain at \$2, a price he expects to begin charging some time next year.

Richards spends a lot of time in Mexico following his purchase of a home near that of former Canadian Senator Andrew Thompson.

### New RCMP building opens: drive-through breathalyzer

Traffic snarl-ups have become commonplace since the completion of the new RCMP building in Ganges.

The latest occurred Monday when five tour buses attempted parking in front the building to allow their passengers a chance to stop and take photographs.

But it’s not just visitors who have been captivated by the unique design and colour scheme of the facility. A publishing firm has produced a new series of full-colour postcards that depict the building from different angles.

And members of the local painters’ guild last week used one of their regular outings to set up their easels on the roadside in front of the building to capture its lines on canvas.

The Islands Trust reports that several developers have amended development plans to introduce some of the new building’s special features into their own projects.

In other news:

- Local Legion members have mixed feelings about their new neighbours, Salt Spring RCMP, particularly since the new drive-through breathalyzer opened on the weekend.

According to one report, an RCMP officer spent several hours on the corner of Blain Road directing traffic from the Legion into the testing facility.

Motorists simply drive up to a device, not unlike the ordering terminal at a McDonald’s restaurant. Instead of placing a burger order, a driver takes a plastic hose from the device, blows into it and drives on through.

Drivers who are impaired have a photo taken before they leave (by a camera similar to those used for photo radar). The surprise summons arrives in the mail about a month later.

### Voracious beetle returns to island

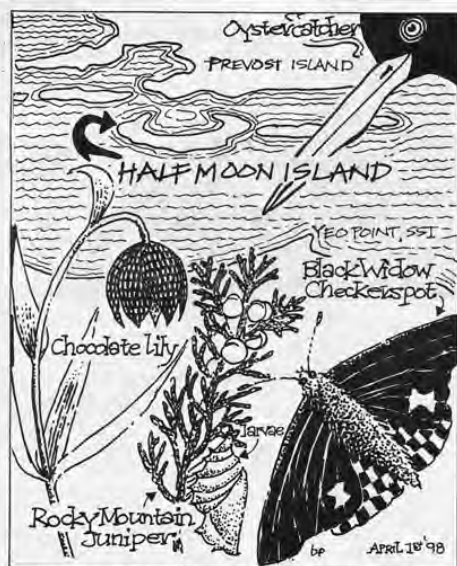
A beetle with a 70-year hibernation cycle returns this spring to threaten island gardens, according to Environment Canada.

Known colloquially as the Rip Van Winkle, the Dormus Coleoptera is black with gray wings and has a greenish abdomen and thorax. It measures an average of two centimetres across.

The beetle is found throughout the Gulf Islands and is reportedly a voracious eater. In 1928, the Ministry of Agriculture received reports of significant damage to the roots of garden vegetables, flowers and fruit trees.

In order to protect plants, Environment Canada is recommending the roots be wrapped in tinfoil before planting.

The beetles are also reported to be very fond of the fishnet with which many islanders protect their gardens against deer. For this year only, Environment Canada suggests replacing the fishnet with electrified wire fences.



WHERE IS IT: Artist Briony Penn’s drawing shows the location of Halfmoon Island, and some of its many attributes.

Even then-columnist Briony Penn got in on the April 1 action, drawing a sketch of Halfmoon Island, which a Driftwood story claimed had been purchased by the Islands Trust Fund.

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