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THE ISLAND'S MARKETPLACE **NEWS & EVENTS**

Boil Water Advisory - Fulford Water System

The Capital Regional District (CRD) in consultation with Island Health has issued a Boil Water Advisory for the Fulford Water System on Salt Spring Island. Residents in the impacted area should BOIL their drinking water until further notice.

Fulford Water System Area Map (PDF)

Water quality may have been compromised due to low chlorine residuals within the system. As a precaution, the Boil Water Advisory will be in effect until flushing and water samples indicate the water quality no longer poses a risk to public health.

Residents in the impacted area should BOIL any water used for drinking, food preparation, ice cubes and dental hygiene until further notice. During a boil water advisory household tap water may be disinfected by boiling vigorously for one minute.

The boil water advisory will be removed when Island Health is satisfied that the drinking water does not pose a health concern and issues an 'ALL CLEAR' notice at which time the impacted customers will be notified.

Boil Water Frequently Asked Questions (PDF)

For more information on boil water advisories, please visit What to do During a Boil Water Notice | Island Health.

For updates, please visit www.crd.ca/alerts.

Land & Lineage: An Embodied Ceremony of Belonging

The Imaginelle Mystery School and Naomi Jason present Land & Lineage: An Embodied Ceremony of Belonging. A series of solo prayerperformances by local Salt Spring women, showcasing Naomi's work as a dancer, choreographer, community mentor and ceremonialist.

Land & Lineage is an invitation to tune into the roots of our lineages and the lived connection to the land across time. We dance as an offering of allyship to the stewards of these territories. We dance for the repair and reclamation of our own ancestral wounds and gifts. We dance as a ceremony of reconciliation with what has been. We hold a prayer for wholeness, integrity and peace and a commitment to show up more fully for this land that we live on. We hold this prayer as a rite of passage into deeper leadership within our communities.

July 4 - 7pm - ArtSpring

Community Challenge: Portlock Park Parade

ParticipACTION is a nationwide initiative throughout the month of June to get Canadians active. The Diverse Village (a non-profit serving families raising neurodivergent children in the Gulf Islands) is hosting a FREE family friendly Parade event at Portlock Park to raise awareness for more inclusive and adaptive sport opportunities needed on Salt Spring. Show your support by joining the fun on June 28th at 1pm at Portlock Park.

Enjoy: Live music, Face Painting, Decorate your wheels station, Walk the track and be part of the Parade, Sensory Quiet zone, Fire Truck, and Bubbles and Fruitsicles

Anyone can help The Diverse Village by pledging to be active, a one time sign up at: <https://www.participaction.com/programs/community-challenge/>

More about The Diverse Village online: thediversevillage.ca

Drama Queen Album Release with Chasm Audio

Synth-pop revivalists Drama Queen have released their debut album "the Death of a Romantic" and are throwing a party, with support from Avro and DJ set by Graham Van Pelt!

The all-ages event on July 4th is located at Blackburn Garage (570 Blackburn Rd), and guests are invited to arrive at 7:00 PM. There will be a bar (ID required for alcoholic beverages). The show begins at 8:00 PM, with DJ Graham Van Pelt playing tunes throughout the night and in between sets.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drama-queen-album-release-party-wavro-dj-set-by-graham-van-pelt-tickets-1411094404349>

Parking is available on Blackburn Road.

Listen to their first single "Don't Love You Back" on bandcamp: drama-queen.bandcamp.com/track/dont-love-you-back

AVRO - Influenced by synthpop, classic new wave / cold wave, minimal techno, and with a pinch of post punk, Avro first released their first EP 'Anatomy Act' in 2016. Now back as a solo artist, Avro will be releasing their upcoming 'Psychopathé' EP in August 2025. avromusic.com

GRAHAM VAN PELT - Graham Van Pelt has been releasing music and touring internationally for nearly two decades. His solo work spans many genres from guitar- and synth-pop to vocal house, techno and ambient music. www.grahamvanpelt.com

DRAMA QUEEN "the Death of a Romantic"

With the stately album opener "Paint My Eyes", synth-pop outfit DramaQueen conjures the rain-slicked city at night, a smear of traffic lights and neon beneath a glowing radioactive sky. The rest of its debut album the Death of a Romantic is no less evocative, and no less strange and incongruous given the band's eccentric origins.

Formed in 2023 DramaQueen reunites vocalist Knick Tomlinson and keyboardist Pierre Vincent Forgues—both previously of antic folkies Superfeather—with the hermetically tight rhythm section of Harley Dunn and former Sun Wizard and Shilohs drummer Ben Frey.

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and enemy poor
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Tom Varzeliotis

Oh Canada! When will we Stand on Guard for Thee?

By Sandi Poystila

There is so much betrayal, injustice and deceit in this world that we have to believe in something hopeful, good and true, so let us believe in ourselves and our great nation of Canada, which has always been True North, Strong and Free!

Are we going to let “them” take that away from us?

(Them being the globalists, the 1%, the billionaire corporations and media moguls who feed us lies, tell us what to think, and what to buy while taxing us into poverty).

Canada is not broken.

Our system of government is broken!! Almost every member of our federal government belongs to an unelected organization called the World Economic Forum that pushes a New World Order called Agenda 2030 that will completely destroy Canadian democracy and sovereignty. A selected European banker for PM that has broken every campaign promise and has publicly announced his foreign interference, while neglecting transparency.

Our justice system is broken! Convicted criminals run ram-

part in the streets with merely a handshake after committing felonies of rape, murder, theft and destruction while patriotic peaceful protesters are imprisoned for years over misdemeanor mischief charges. Judges consider child pornography “mild” while immigrants invade our borders to parade in public waving other nation’s flags and baring arms against everything Canada is.

Our Health Care is Broken. Once a trusted institution of compassion and care, hospitals and clinics are nothing more than legal drug dealing centres, where common sense and good practice are pushed out the revolving door along with the patients. Canada’s healthcare now offers euthanasia instead of health and experimental injections proven fatal are continually pushed on us.

Canada is not broken. Canadians are.

Canadians who once stood proud, courageous, strong and free under a red and white flag are allowing our nation to be destroyed by woke-minded climate-crisis-creating unelected lunatics.

Have we completely forgotten what our forefathers fought and died for? When will we **Stand on Guard for Thee?**

Counter Current

By Riley Donovan

10 Benefits Of Canada’s New 0% Population Growth

By Riley Donovan

In 2023, Canada’s population grew by nearly 1.3 million - 97.6% from immigration. Polls showed that the majority of Canadians – of all ages, regions, political parties, both white and non-white, both native-born and foreign-born – supported immigration restriction.

In October 2024, the Trudeau government slashed immigration. According to StatsCan, growth has temporarily fallen from 3.2% to 0%. I put it to you that we should make 0% growth a permanent policy. Here are 10 reasons:

- **Cheaper houses:** As a result of reckless immigration, we face a shortfall of 3.5 million housing units. With 0% growth, Canada can work on catching up on this shortfall instead of digging ourselves further into the hole.
- **Lower rent:** As Ottawa’s October immigration cut has taken effect, rent has been gently declining in much of urban Canada. In many cases, the landlord-tenant power dynamic we are used to is being reversed, as population growth starved landlords are forced to offer incentives like one month’s free rent or free parking.
- **More job opportunities:** According to StatsCan, Canada’s rising unemployment in 2023 and 2024 was driven by population growth outpacing job growth. Across the country, Canadian teenagers seeking summer jobs at fast food joints are being outcompeted by international students and foreign workers.
- **Higher wages:** As the supply of something increases, its value decreases. This applies to labour just as much as goods. Immigration expands the labour force, benefiting bosses. Before the advent of political correctness, labour unions used to passionately advocate for immigration restriction.

- **More accessible healthcare:** Since Brian Mulroney scrapped Canada’s historic “tap on, tap off” immigration policy in 1990, consistently high population growth has hit our healthcare system like a wrecking ball. In 1990, the average number of hospital beds per 1000 Canadians was 5.99; by 2022, this ratio was 2.53 per 1000.

- **Higher GDP per capita:** In January 2024, the National Bank of Canada revealed that mass immigration had led Canada into a “population trap” where the population is growing so fast that any rise in living standards is impossible. The Parliamentary Budget Officer has confirmed that Canada’s immigration cut will raise GDP per capita.

- **Reduced pressure to pave farmland:** According to Canadians for a Sustainable Society, Canada loses 530 square kilometres of prime farmland near our large urban areas for every million people we add to the population.

- **Less classroom overcrowding:** Classrooms are being overcrowded by immigration, hurting students of all backgrounds. Surrey, BC’s fastest growing municipality, is forced to use 400 portables as classrooms overflow.

- **Reduced road congestion and transit overcrowding:** With an endlessly growing population, gridlock has skyrocketed. As a result, Canada is forced to devote endless resources to the useless task of endlessly building and expanding roads and transit.

- **Stronger social cohesion:** Foreign-born residents now account for 23% of the population. This risky social experiment is steadily reducing social cohesion – a decline that CSIS recently acknowledged in its annual report. With 0% population growth, we will be free to focus on assimilating the diasporas already on Canadian soil instead of continually importing new ones.

THE ISLAND'S MARKETPLACE

BY TOM VARZELIOTIS

CATCH OF THE DAY!**Prophets of the System****By Tom Varzeliotis**

My previous column was about the May 27, 2025 opening of the Canadian Parliament by King Charles the Third. The show was a reaction to President Trump starting his plan to annex Canada to the USA which he deems pending since 1812. Because the yanks like to try again after they fail; and because Trudeau failed to Apologise & Pay for the 1812 refusal to surrender Canada to the Pax Americana cause. To make the long story short, our current Leader sent for the King to come over to save the day for us from Trump. The King came, went to the "House down there on the Hill, (Norman DePoe ©) and read for us and Trump a synopsis of the war plan. I reviewed it in my last column and was impressed by some of its content, I am left in doubt by others, hence the paper at hand.

I will re-read from the transcript:

* "The system of open global trade that, while not perfect, has helped to deliver prosperity for Canadians for decades, is changing. Canada's relationships with partners are also changing."

The system the King refers to is the Free Trade Agreement between Brian Mulroney and the USA. This wording being intentional, meant to suggest that it was more than the Canada – USA – Mexico pact. Mulroney and his handlers faced with strong public objection to the FTA came up with a diabolic scheme of Public deception. Even we who push the FTA, do not really know what it is, they said. So do not ask us to explain it and do not listen to those who reason out that it is bad. Free Trade is a sweet dream, an item of faith, an opportunity to grab and surely it is not a devil to reject. Let us be brave and do it. After all, if it does not work, we can drop it. Thus they lied to us and stole Canada from us. Yes, knowingly and willingly incapacitated us to recognise the Devil, they stupidified us so that we could not resist their stealing Canada from under our feet.

The assertion that the "system of open global trade", (this wording used in lieu of FTA, NAFTA, CUSMA, etc) "while not perfect, has helped to deliver prosperity for Canadians for decades", is deceptive. It distances it from Canada, and refrains from measuring the "deliver[ed] prosperity". Better said, it hides the "stolen prosperity".

I remember a semi truck-trailer owner-operator interviewed sometime after the enactment of NAFTA. "It keeps me forever rolling he said, hauling Canadian candy to California and American candy to Canada". It caused economic growth, equal to both free trading partners. Every one gains, no one lost and prosperity flooded all.

The King then asserts:

"Building new relationships with the United States and the world - The Prime Minister and the President of the United States, for example, have begun defining a new economic and security relationship between Canada and the U.S., rooted in mutual respect and founded on common interests, to deliver transformational benefits for both sovereign nations."

If indeed Mark Carney and Donald Trump are secretly conspiring to produce "benefit for both sovereign nations" Mark Carney should break out of the dungeon and make friends with us. We have reason to mistrust politicians and a duty to examine them like the cardinals who assess the masculinity of every Pontiff to be.

It is quite easy to do it safely. All we need to do is to start where Mulroney left off. Lets evaluate the half-century of life under free trade. This must be done in the open. Entirely in the Open ...

I will start it myself by reminding you that before Free Trade one parent working in the market would be able to raise a few offspring in a bungalow with a backyard and a plum tree. Under Free trade, it takes two parents working in the market to raise one child in a condo reinforced concrete balcony ... Prosperity?

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A FOREST THROUGH THE TREES

BY NOWICK GRAY

Snapshots from the Simple Life

By Nowick Gray

A bit of apple, on a white chocolate beach. Semitropical sun, swells of seagreen calm.

We enjoy these simple pleasures though we don't own the million-dollar mansions on the shore. Those absentee lords are busy elsewhere, buying up more.

Bobbing on the water, a lone swan floats, monitoring harbor traffic. A nearby Canada goose watches the outlet, standing on guard. Where are their mates?

Two passing kayakers.

I dream of an abandoned zoo, defaced with graffiti slogans. Truth and lies. Peace and war. Freedom and conformity. Mass market radicalism.

These themes interlink and overlap, like all issues in this spinning yarn-ball of a planet these days, where global control ascends on the same trajectory as individual awakening, multiplied at scale. The constant factor is media, since that is the space where all discussion is held under the spotlight.

The easy answer is simply to tune out, revert to organic discussions. And when these are realized to be largely opinions derived from the mediasphere, they too can be sidelined in favor of precisely that which the global reach of information seeks to overwhelm: locals hashing out issues face to face; friends sharing stories, complaints and comforts; relationship sailboats checking daily weather; solo journeys of soul discovery.

So I scroll through my news feed ever faster, trending toward a total fast.

No news is good news.

The news is the death of poetry, dearth of good books. Tasty sound bites arrive on demand: sports features, weather alerts, startling discoveries from the mills of science... the sum of human knowledge and invention literally at our fingertips. Plus, at no extra cost, all the latest gossip.

AI engines grind away in the night, producing all the content we could ever want (harvested, after all, from all that we have so carelessly gushed, laundered, and passed off as truth, over these last fifty centuries of our sojourn on this otherwise wordless planet). Tellingly, the AI training data omits the lived experience of those who went before. Deprived of that sentient ancestry, the AI voice is crafted to pithy slogans and cheeky confidence, displaying a precocious ability to simulate meaning from haphazard narratives.

Nothing new under the sun... just recycled waste, repackaged, to fulfill one mandate: Look alive!

To fast is to cleanse the bodymind system of toxic input, including the world news, however curated and processed to appear digestible. Garbage in, garbage out. I strive for cleaner fare.

I browse like the tourists at the Saturday Market, content in the moment of sensory stimulation, of baubles and sweet treats, the babble of background voices. Where there is no overarching story to hold the threads. No framework of bordered tapestry; no story arc of song, chorus and verse. Only the intrusion of more voices from afar; the random beeps of incoming notifications. A chaos of

possibilities, intruding on silence.

Another breath, slowing, heralds the whiff of fresh sea air.

The silence deepens. The space expands.

I let the birds carry the tune. The punctual morning owl, or the one with the long-throated warble, to beautify the background hum of the manufactured habitat.

In morning sun, indecipherable dreams are lost to the fading dark. The cat stretches happy on her back in the garden, sunning plush belly fur, after a night of wandering under stars and lurking under the cedar boughs.

Where is this forest home I'm so fond of dreaming of? Will it have snakes and biting bugs?

Another breath, slower, and the click of an opening door.

Plunging in the lake, moving in the water, floating on my back, held in the womb of the world under the blue sky and summer sun. Immersed in the present moment, all time to swim in, stroke by stroke.

Later, I imagine, this must be "life's purpose" for a porpoise. But what do I know? They like we might just as well be preoccupied with "getting and spending," their currency in krill, and fear of killer whales.

Still, there are the moments we choose or are given, out of a business of days, of vagaries of weather, of restless sleeps or relentless obstacles of work and worry.

When the sense of touch is activated body-skin-wide, in the flow of water, the rush of variant temperature. Then, surfacing...

A pause of breath, a wonder.

Nature, the missing connection. What does it mean, in this day and age? Is there still that idyll of a pathway to survival, either social charter or private hermitage, that plays more in tune? We still recall and have access to the aboriginal ways, our ancestor's ways...

History intervenes, says give it up. We're counting on you up to help make progress happen. Forget all that savagery, violence and plunder. We've got all that covered, under wraps. We've gamed the system, for everyone's benefit. If you don't believe us, it's just a matter of time. We are your future.

Back in the forest, the trees bear witness. The summer-dry creekbed, the scree and chirrups of attending birds, unidentified insects...

Cue the mosquito. The sacred forest is not without inducement to flee. It's excuse enough to say, enough of this. Back to the home office, to continue in a more conciliatory mood. Counting the compromises, the departures, the destruction and neglect. Explaining, justifying, surrendering....

For now, rise and walk.

Nowick Gray is a local copy editor and writer, whose work also appears at NowickGray.com and <http://nowick.substack.com>. On the island you can find his books at Salt Spring Books, the Saturday Market, and the Salt Spring Public Library.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Email your event to: info@islandsmarketplace.com



Events are located
on Salt Spring Island,
unless otherwise noted

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Neighborhood Story Time for babies through 7 year olds and caregivers, at the library at 11am.

Meat Draw at the Legion, 5-7pm 120 Blain Road. Karaoke and great food available.

Youth Games at the Library for ages 9 to 13, 1pm

ASK Saltspring at the SIMS (former Middle School) classroom guests. 11am. **BC FERRIES PRESIDENT NICHOLA JIMINEZ!**

Something Else DJs at Moby's Pub from 9-11pm.

Lions Club Garage sale on from 10am to 12 noon just off Drake Rd.

Seniors coffee time at 10am at the SS Seniors Centre.

Tyger and the Strypes at the Treehouse 6-9pm.

Live Music at Waterfront Country Cafe from 1pm to 3pm with Denny

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Meat Draw at the Legion 5 to 7pm

Doug and his Buds at the Legion from 7:30 to 11:00pm

Portlock Community Parade and Family fun day 1pm. See page 2.

Live Music at the Waterfront Country Cafe 1pm to 3pm with Steve Richardson

Saturday Market at Centennial Park, Make it Bake it, Grow it or Play it or Make it! 9am to 3pm.

Live Music with Fawkes & Hownd at the Treehouse Cafe. 6pm

CD and Vinyl Sale at SIMS from 11am to 3pm - Fundraising for Salt Spring Radio.

Join us for our Old Times Cafe - It's An Open Stage Event at the Fulford Hall Annex, 7pm to 11pm. Refreshments available. All ages welcome. Call Helga or Michael for more info 653-9856. Saturday Market in the park from 9am to 3pm at Centennial Park in Ganges.

Rock Yacht at the Osborne Pub, 1534 Joan Avenue, Craofon, BC Smooth Sailing songs of the 70s and 80s.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Blues Jam at the Legion with Bert's Blooze Banned from 3 to 6pm Everyone welcome.

Wandering Wolves at Stonewell Farm, 1852 Fulford Ganges Road, 4:30pm, Mediterranean terrace with tapas drinks, multiple performances and wood oven pizza.

Rollerskating at the SIMS Gym from 2:30 to 4pm.

Live Music with Andy Meyers at the Treehouse Cafe

Community Gospel Church welcomes everyone to service at 10:30 am, everyone welcome.

Live Music with Geoff McFarlane Band at the Waterfront Cafe, from 1 to 3pm

Grace Jordan presents Salon Sundays at Stonewell Farm. 1852 Fulford Ganges Road, 12-7pm, parking on Lee Road. Live Music, Movement and Dance, Open Mic, Spoken Word, Food and Beverage by Mama G's Eatery. \$10

Coin Fu in Centennial park Ganges from 10am to 4pm.

Dad and Me Pancake Breakfast at Family Place. 120 Park Drive 8:30 - 10:30am Join other dads and kids.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Yoga for the People. All Saints lower hall 110 Park Dr. 4:30 PM Low barrier yoga. By donation.

Dart Night at the Legion on Blain Road. 6pm

Music at the Treehouse Cafe in Ganges at 6pm

Pig Roast at Off the Hook near Fernwood dock, with live music, cold drinks and great times.

Taoist Rai Chi (R) practice Introduction to Tai Chi at All Saints by the Sea, 110 Park Dr. 4:30 - 5:30pm

TUESDAY, JULY 1 CANADA DAY

Canada Day Lamb Barbecue at Saturna Island, Winter Cove from 10am to 4:30pm. Join us for food, vendors, beer gardens and family fun with live music and more!

TUESDAY, JULY 1 CANADA DAY

Canada Day at the Legion from 1:00- 8:0pm with outdoor BBQ, Beer Garden under the Big Tent. Legion Pipe Band, Swing Shift "Oh Canada" 1:00 - 2:00 with Muchachos 3:15 Local Motion 4:00pm and All Star 7:00 to 8pm.

island favourite: Everyday People! at the Treehouse 6pm

More Canada Day events on next page...

Drop in Adult Touch Rugby, 6:00 to 8:00pm Portlock Sidefields. No experience necessary. Try something new \$20 for the summer \$2 tdrop in. First Drop in FREE.

Women's Only AA Meeting at the Baptist Church from 6 to 7pm. Safe peaceful and supportive.

Karate for Kids at 3:45 - 4:45 at the SIMS Dance Room. Contact PARC 537-4448 for details.

Teen Lounge at the Library at 4pm

Taoist Tai Chi (R) practice 4:30-5:30 pm at All Saints by the Sea, Upper Hall. All welcome!

Art as Action bi weekly gathering of artists 5:00 to 6:30pm at the Library to discuss how art creates positive changes.

Trivia Night at Mobys 7:30pm

Live Music at the Treehouse 6pm

WED., JULY 2

Swing Dancing with Harry Burton at the Legion at 7pm

Live Music at the Garden Faire Gallery 1 to 4pm on Rainbow Rd.

Knitting circle at 5pm. Come and join us. to knit, crochet, any form of needlework, and share. All levels are welcome. SSI Library.

Taoist Tai Chi Continuing to Tai Chi at All Saints by the Sea, 110 Park Drive. 6-8pm, Lower Hall.

Badminton from 5 to 7pm at the SSIMultispace (Sims). Cost \$6.85 per drop in. show up and play!

Codependents Anonymous (Women's Group) 5:15-6:15 at the Por-table behind Lady Minto Hospital.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

Meat draw from 5 to 7pm at the SSI Legion. Open Mic and Jam With Rough and Tumble at 7pm

Aquafit at Pool, 6:15 pm.

Live Music at the Treehouse Cafe at 6pm

Dance Temple at Beaver Point Hall from 7-9pm.

Thursday Night Live at Mobys 7pm

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Youth Games at the Library for ages 9 to 13, 1pm.

The Imaginelle Mystery School and Naomi Jason present Land & Lineage: An Embodied Ceremony of Belonging. 7pm at ARTSPRING

ASK Saltspring at the SIMS (former Middle School) classroom 11am.

Woodley's Kitchen Party Open Mic at 7pm

Drama Queen Album Release Party on Blackburn Road at 6pm. See page 2 for complete details.

Music at the Waterfront Country Cafe 1pm to 3pm with Shades of Grey

Seniors coffee time at 10am at the SS Seniors Centre.

The Show must Go On! - Art Opening at SS Gallery, 135 McPhillips Avenue with works by Olga Szkabarnicki

Seniors coffee time at 10am at the SS Seniors Centre.

Music at the Treehouse Cafe at 6pm with legendary Canadian Musician TOM HOOPER!

Live Music at Mobys Pub 9pm

Meat Draw at the Legion, 5-7pm 120 Blain Road. Karaoke afterwards.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Music at the Waterfront Country Cafe 1pm to 3pm with Geoff

Saturday Market in the park from 9am to 3pm at Centennial Park in the heart of downtown Ganges.

More events on the next page...



SATURDAY, JULY 5

THE FRACAS AT KANAKAS Skateboarding Competition at the local Skatepark at 10am, off Park Drive featuring live music with Zelk Shlormis and Junk, the Something DJs plus Barbecue, prizes and demos -a fun day watching our skaters do their thang!

Live Music at the Osborne Pub in Crofton, 1534 Joan Avenue. call 250-324-2245

Woodley's Kitchen party with Doug and his Buds at 7:00pm at Harbour House Hotel.

Live Music with Tyger Jackson at the Legion 8:00pm 120 Blain Road.

Guided Breathwork Journey at The Space, 320 A Upper Ganges, 6:00 - 7:45pm.

CD and Vinyl Sale at SIMS from 11am to 3pm - Lots of music Fundraising for Salt Spring Radio.

Community Accupuncture 12-4pm at Rainbow Business Centre, 127 Rainbow Road. \$25-\$50

Basketball at 10:30 to 12pm at SIMS Gym. Self led.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Community Gospel Church welcomes everyone to 10:30 am service for everyone in the family.

Live Music at the Osborne Pub in Crofton 1534 Joan Ave. call 250-324-2245

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Jazz Jam at the Legion from 3 to 6pm Everyone welcome. Frank Allen Band

Rollerskating at the SIMS Gym from 2:30 to 4pm.

Coin Fu in Centennial park Ganges from 10am to 4pm.

Live Music at the Waterfront Cafe, 149 Fulford Ganges Road, 1pm with Mark Nordine

MONDAY, JULY 7

Dart Night at the Legion 6pm

Taoist Rai Chi (R) practice Introduction to Tai Chi at All Saints by the Sea, 110 Park Drive. 4:30 - pm

TUESDAY, JULY 8

Women's Only AA Meeting at the Baptist Church from 6 to 7pm. Safe peaceful and supportive.

The Tuesday Farmers' Market is on with lots of early season veggies and more. 1:30-5:30pm

Live Music at Treehouse cafe 6pm

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CANADA DAY EVENTS!



Annual SS Cruisers Car Club Show and Shine 10am to 3pm with 50/50 draw, Lions Club BBQ, **Live Music with SUGARBEAT featuring Bill Henderson as special guest.**

Rainbow Road Middle School Field.

Canada Day at the Legion from 1:00- 8:00pm with outdoor BBQ, Beer Garden under the Big Tent. Legion Pipe Band, Swing Shift "Oh Canada" 1:00 - 2:00 with Muchachos 3:15 Local Motion at 4:00pm and All Star 7:00 to 8pm.



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Salon Sundays at Stonewell Farm

Every community needs places for humans to gather, to feel safe and nurtured, held and heard. Stonewell Farm is such a place. So join us on the last Sunday of every month from June until September starting this Sunday, June 29th at 4:30pm with Wandering Wolves.

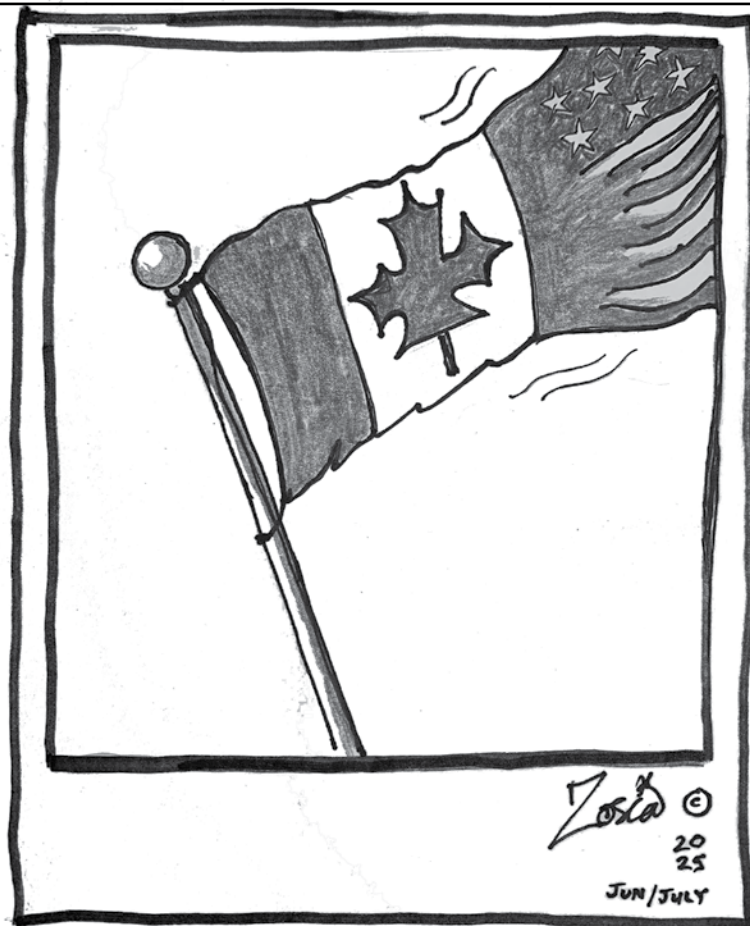
Salon Sundays are magical mini festivals intended to be affordable and fun for everyone. Come immerse yourself in the creativity and culture found in our community! There will be movement and dance, live music and poetry, as well as an Open Mic for those who want to take a leap or those moved to share. There will be workshops, conversation, meditation, community and culture, laughter and love.

Mama G's Eatery will be serving up local, organic food and pizza, with a licensed bar to sip local beverages.

We are a small family run farm that likes to have some fun, so bring the whole family! Stay for the day, or come and go. Find a blanket and eat under our apple trees, sit quietly with our 5 goats, or wander the property with our very friendly chickens. Groove to some funk, listen to a new voice, play games with your friends and neighbours, take it all in, and relax, because it's a Sunday afternoon in the summertime.

Give your heart some sweet medicine — fun, connection, and community in an intimate, relaxed setting. Stonewell Farm is truly a unique venue with a barn for lounging, a yurt for yoga and meditation, an eatery, and several outdoor stages for the many talented acts coming to perform here this summer. All ages and all walks of life are welcome at our Farm and at our Table.

Salon Sundays at Stonewell Farm – Live, Love, Express!



★ SUDOKU PUZZLE ★

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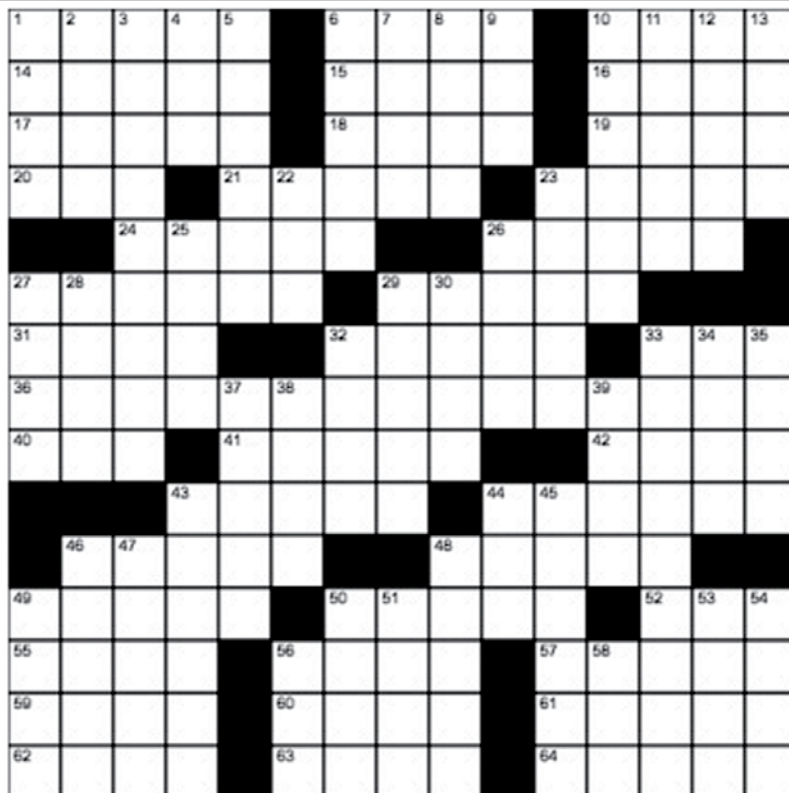
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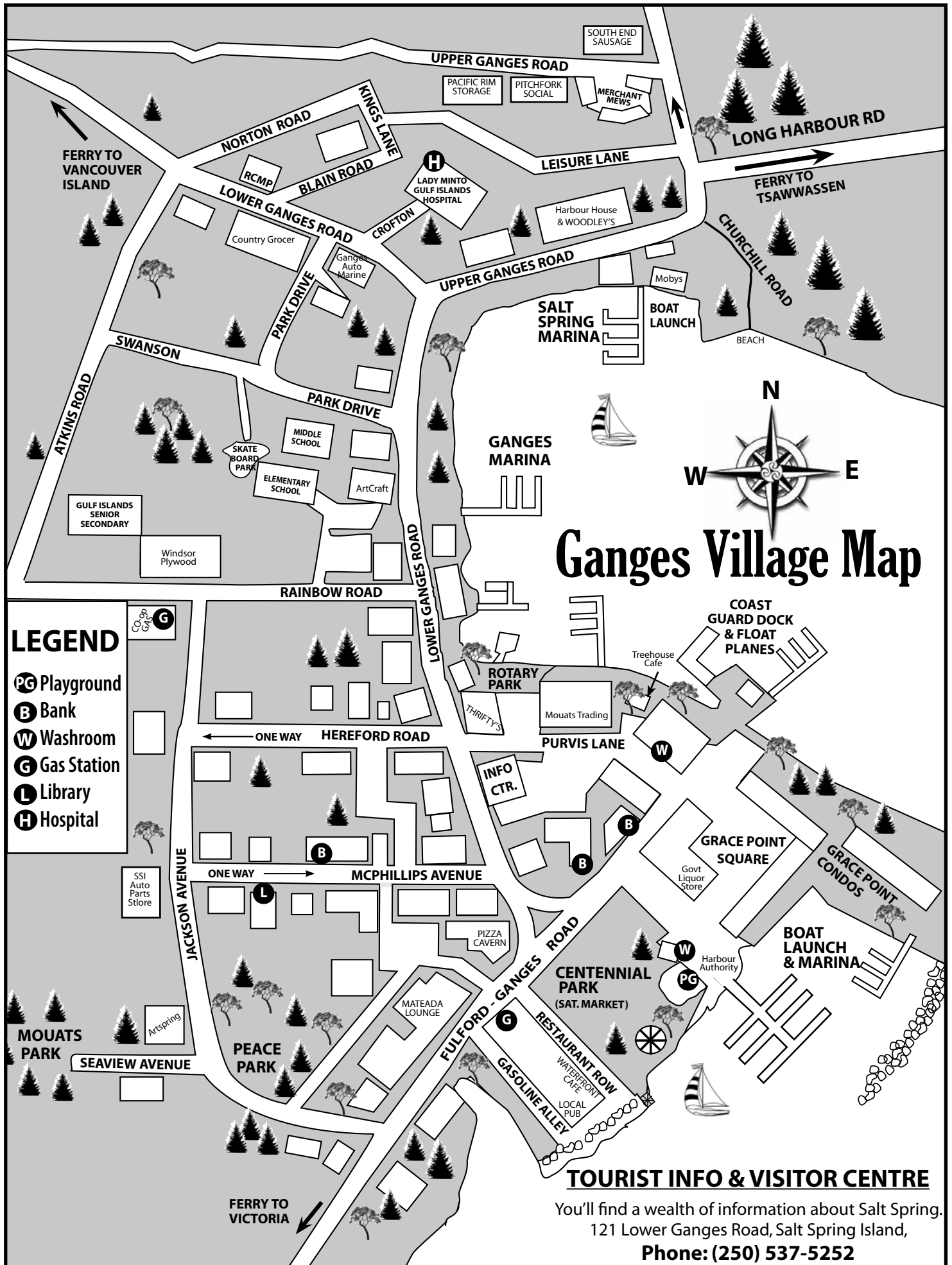
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1- Yoga posture; 6- Pianist Myra; 10- Invitation request; 14- Shoe ties; 15- Europe's highest volcano; 16- Hydroxyl compound; 17- Long-tailed parrot; 18- Smell ____; 19- Fill to excess; 20- ____ Lanka; 21- Like some vbs.; 23- Enticed; 24- Challenged; 26- Sniggler; 27- Spanish rice dish; 29- Factory; 31- Tolstoy's Karenina; 32- Raccoon relative; 33- ____ live and breathe!; 36- In spite of; 40- USN rank; 41- Library no-no; 42- Nabisco cookie; 43- Wonderland girl; 44- Deer horn; 46- Foot-operated lever; 48- Check endorser; 49- Permit; 50- Flawless; 52- TV listings abbr.; 55- Hideout; 56- Egyptian fertility goddess; 57- Blender maker; 59- Novel ending; 60- Toast topping; 61- ____ lift?; 62- Departs; 63- Takes home; 64- Femme fatale;

Down

1- Donations; 2- River to the Moselle; 3- Mishaps; 4- PBS benefactor; 5- Moving around; 6- Listened; 7- French 101 verb; 8- Hitch or glitch; 9- Took a chair; 10- Outcome; 11- Entrap; 12- Elector; 13- Answered a charge; 22- "Michael Collins" actor; 23- Bolshevik leader; 25- There oughta be ____!; 26- I could ____ horse!; 27- Window section; 28- Prolific author, briefly; 29- Sheriff's band; 30- Overdue; 32- Modish; 33- Aerogram; 34- Dagger; 35- Aviation pioneer Sikorsky; 37- Relative by marriage; 38- Work hard; 39- Lavish affection (on); 43- Idolizes; 44- Highest bond rating; 45- Hose; 46- Aristotle's teacher; 47- Select group; 48- Mexican moola; 49- Shake ____ (hurry); 50- Capri, for one; 51- Cut calories; 53- "Venerable" English monk; 54- Irish island group; 56- Charged particle; 58- Cinque follower;





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Carney's European Pivot Could Quietly Reshape Canada's Sovereignty

By Isidoros Karderinis

As Prime Minister Mark Carney attempts to deepen Canada's relationship with the European Union and other supranational institutions, Canadians should be asking a hard question: how much of our national independence are we prepared to give away? If you want a glimpse of what happens when a country loses control over its currency, trade and democratic accountability, you need only look to Bulgaria.

On June 8, 2025, thousands of Bulgarians took to the streets in front of the country's National Bank. Their message was clear: they want to keep the lev and stop the forced adoption of the euro, scheduled for Jan. 1, 2026.

Bulgaria, a southeastern European country and EU member since 2007, is preparing to join the eurozone—a bloc of 20 countries that share the euro as a common currency. The move would bind Bulgaria to the economic decisions of the European Central Bank, replacing its national currency with one managed from Brussels and Frankfurt.

The protest movement is a vivid example of the tensions that arise when national identity collides with centralized policy-making. It was organized by Vazrazdane, a nationalist, eurosceptic political party that has gained support by opposing what it sees as the erosion of Bulgarian sovereignty through European integration. Similar demonstrations took place in cities across the country.

At the heart of the unrest is a call for democratic accountability. Vazrazdane leader Konstantin Kostadinov appealed directly to EU leaders, arguing that Bulgarians should not be forced into the eurozone without a public vote. He noted that in Italy, referendums on the euro were allowed with support from less than one per cent of citizens, while in Bulgaria, more than 10 per cent calling for a referendum have been ignored.

Protesters warned that abandoning the lev without a public vote would amount to a betrayal of democracy. "If there is no lev, there is no Bulgaria," some chanted. For them, the lev is not just a currency: it is a symbol of national independence.

Canadians must consider how closer EU ties could erode national control and economic sovereignty

Their fears are not unfounded. Across the eurozone, several countries have experienced higher prices and reduced purchasing power after adopting the euro. The loss of domestic control over monetary policy has led to economic decisions being dictated from afar. Inflation, declining living standards and external dependency are real concerns.

Canada is not Bulgaria. But it is not immune to the same dynamics. Through trade agreements, regulatory convergence and global commitments, Canada has already surrendered meaningful control over its economy and borders. Canadians rarely debate these trade-offs publicly, and almost never vote on them directly.

Carney, a former central banker with deep ties to global finance, has made clear his intention to align more closely with the European Union on economic and security matters. While partnership is not inherently wrong, it must come with strong democratic oversight. Canadians should not allow fundamental shifts in sovereignty to be handed off quietly to international bodies or technocratic elites.

What's happening in Bulgaria is not just about the euro—it's about a people demanding the right to chart their own course. Canadians should take note. Sovereignty is not lost in one dramatic act. It erodes incrementally: through treaties we don't read, agreements we don't question, and decisions made without our consent.

If democracy and national control still matter to Canadians, they would do well to pay attention.

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Aries - March 21 - April 20

this week is not the day to try to come people by giving them ultimatums. Don't go hog wild when it comes to entertainment or you could find yourself short of funds at the end of the month. Take time to deal with the concerns of children. You are best not to confront situations that deal with in-laws or relatives.

Taurus - April 21 - May 20

Don't overspend on friends or children. Friendships will be ruined if you let too many people get involved in any disputes. You will be full of energy and you need to find something constructive to do. Risky financial ventures will result in unrecoverable losses.

Gemini - May 21 - June 21

You should be looking into making changes around the house. Try not to overspend on luxury items. Your attitude is changing rapidly and your plate is overloaded. Problems with colleagues are likely.

Cancer - June 22 - July 22

There may be opportunities to attend social functions that are linked to work. Someone close to you will get upset easily if you are insensitive to their needs. Finish projects that have been hanging over your head. Get on with business.

Leo - July 23 - August 22

Minor health problems may flare up if you haven't been taking care of yourself or have been burning the candle at both ends. You need to keep busy doing things that you both enjoy. You might find it difficult to control your emotions. Try to mix business with pleasure while traveling.

Virgo - August 23 - September 22

You may want to talk to your boss about your future goals. Don't lament to a friend about any grievance regarding your mate, or it may be hard to rectify your relationship. There might be one who is quite willing to take the credit for your work. You could experience unusual circumstances and meet eccentric individuals.

Libra - September 23 - October 22

Don't second guess yourself, just go to it. Put your thoughts on paper. It might be best to spend time fixing up your premises and making changes that will be appreciated. You can accomplish a lot if you direct your thoughts toward starting your own small business on the side.

Scorpio - October 23 - November 21

They didn't fully understand what was expected. Restrictions may be difficult for you to live with. You can make professional decisions this week that will affect your position. Don't let your emotions get out of hand.

Sagittarius - November 22 - December 20

You will meet a person who may turn out to be more than just a friend. Don't lend or borrow. Trying to deal with your mate will be unproductive and possibly hurtful. Recognition can be yours if you present your ideas and stand behind your beliefs.

Capricorn - December 21 - January 19

Hard work will not go unnoticed. Your boss may not be in the best of moods this week. You may find that someone you really cared for in the past has come back into your life. Pleasure trips will turn out to be better than anticipated.

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18

Listen to a good friend who is truly looking out for your best interests. You have made an accurate assessment of the situation and have come up with ideas that will save money. You must follow your desires and dreams. Arguments with children or friends may leave you steaming.

Pisces - February 19 - March 20

Consider applying for a job in another part of the world. You don't want to give anyone fuel for the fire. Colleagues may try to undermine you. You will enjoy getting together with friends.

CELEBRATE BEING CANADIAN!