

Trust looks for incentives to limit cutting

Proposals for land development bonuses and density transfers are being examined by the Islands Trust in response to concerns about clear-cutting of the former MacMillan-Bloedel properties on Salt Spring Island.

Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat

Byrne were scheduled to meet yesterday (Tuesday) with islander Ken Renaud to examine incentives the Trust might offer landowners in order to limit tree-cutting on the properties. Renaud, president of the Gulf Islands Woodlot Operators' Asso-

ciation, recently chaired an planning committee which compiled detailed studies of the former MB lands.

MB sold its island holdings — 4,800 acres covering seven blocks — to Salt Spring Lands Ltd. on December 31, 1987. The local

realty company has since re-sold a number of the properties to island landowners.

Gilbert said Saturday the Trust hopes to convince the new owners to take a long-term management view of their properties. The temptation is great, he explained,

to log and subdivide the lands in return for cash to pay off purchase prices, but the Trust believes it can offer equally-attractive alternatives.

"We'll be discussing incen-

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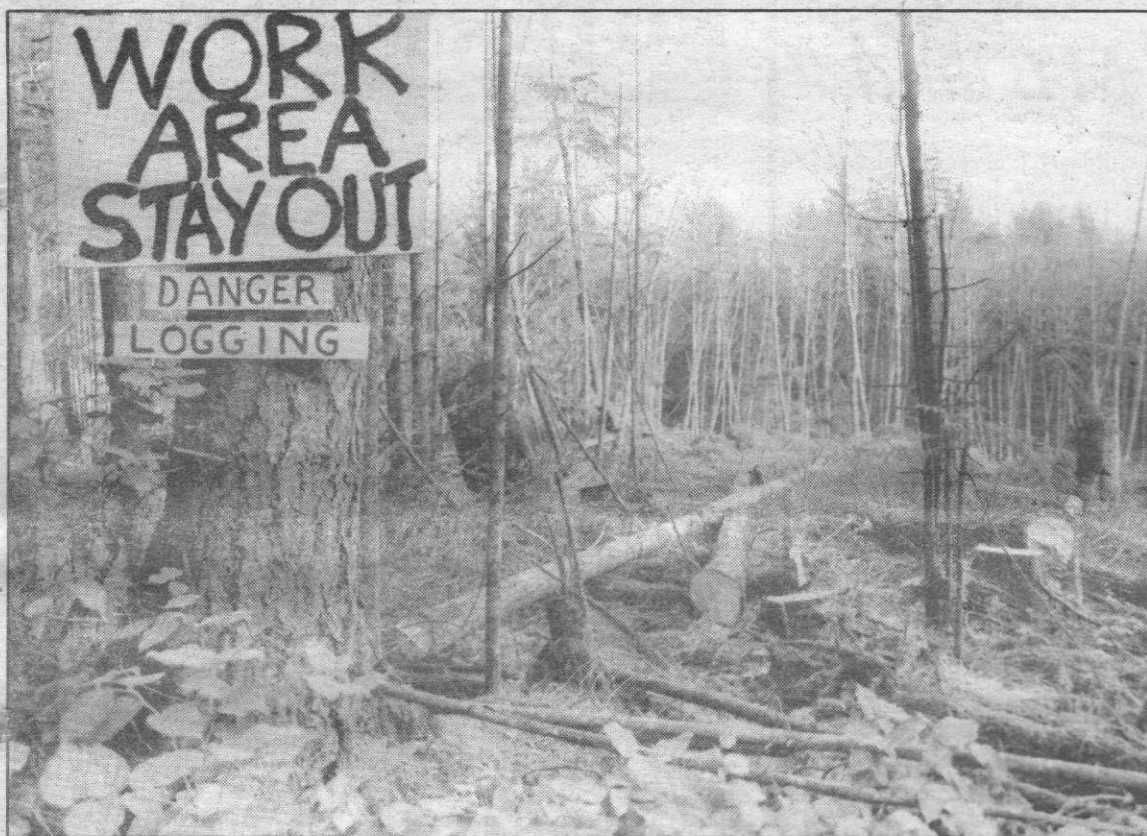
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Logging of lands begins

Tree-cutting began last week on one block of the Salt Spring Island acreage formerly owned by MacMillan-Bloedel.

The block, a 446-acre parcel between Stewart Road and the eastern shore of Salt Spring, was purchased by local resident Murray Cyprus in January, shortly after MB sold its 4,800 acres of island property to Salt Spring Lands Ltd.

Cyprus, who met with Island Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne on Sunday to outline his cutting and development plans for the property, told *Driftwood* he intends to clear approximately 150 acres of the block and phase in building lots.

The property is governed by zoning regulations requiring a minimum 20-acre average, meaning it could hold 22 lots of varying size. Cyprus said he does not

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Equipment was lined along road late last week

Separate real estate section added

Driftwood has grown to three sections.

Beginning with this week's edition, *Driftwood* has assembled all real estate advertising into a single, eight-page section. The move was made in answer to a request by local realtors for a pull-out section which could be

mailed in answer to off-island enquiries.

About 1,000 extra copies of the section, called the *Home Finders Guide*, will be printed for distribution by local realtors.

The remainder of the newspaper has experienced changes as a result of the new third section.

Action sought on alcohol problems

By SUSAN DICKER

Salt Spring Island has the highest per capita rate of alcohol-related vehicle accidents of any community in the Southern Vancouver Island region. Local police say the situation is worsening, and that alcohol and other drugs are at the root of a "tremendous" increase in juvenile crime on the island.

Police, concerned members of the community and parents of teenagers worry about growing alcohol abuse, especially among the young. While the problems is not confined to Salt Spring — and the reasons for alcohol abuse are varied — police believe some aspects of island life heighten the problem.

One island "peculiarity" seen as a contributing factor by RCMP Cst. Jim Harrison is frequent age mixing. He notes that at most parties, the group is made of up individuals aged anywhere from 13 to 40 years.

"We have more than our share of old teenagers," he said.

One large factor leading to alcohol abuse by young people everywhere, agree those interviewed by *Driftwood*, is the easy availability of liquor and society's promotion of its consumption.

Alcohol abuse causes millions of dollars in property damage every year, takes thousands of lives and disrupts many families. Still, society gives drinking a high profile: television commercials suggest alcohol lies at the base of everything "fun." And liquor remains readily available to the public — not just to those of legal drinking age.

According to a 1987 survey by the B.C. health ministry, three-quarters of the adolescents questioned in the province had used

alcohol during the previous year. The majority of grade 12 students said it is "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain liquor. Seventy-five per cent of Grade Eight students surveyed said alcohol was relatively easy to obtain.

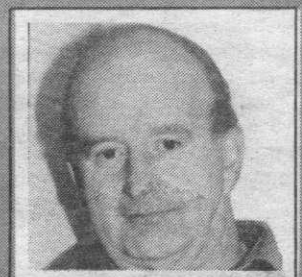
"I'm gravely concerned about young people abusing alcohol," says Sidney probation officer Neil Pierce.

The problem is generally "pushed under the carpet," he added. "Parents get upset with kids using other drugs, such as pot, yet they figure the use of alcohol is part of growing up."

Parents play a large role in alcohol abuse by adolescents, according to Salt Spring psychologist Alice Friedman. "Adolescents are reflections of adults: if they see it (drinking) as normal behaviour, they will de-

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Density transfer, bonus system being drawn up

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tives we could possibly offer," Gilbert said.

Yesterday's meeting was to work out a development density clustering system that would encourage the new owners to leave large tracts of land intact and uncut. With a formula in hand, the Trust plans to meet with as many purchasers as possible and ask them to work together to transfer densities to the blocks most suitable for development. Joint-ventures could take place on those blocks, with the remaining lands left as forest or woodlot.

Some of the properties pose difficult development problems — i.e., lack of easy access — which can be avoided if densities are transferred to more appropriate blocks, Gilbert said. The plan, if accepted, would also work to

Incentives to be offered for long-range stewardship

minimize the amount of land-clearing that might take place on separate parcels. For instance, development bonuses might be offered in exchange for leaving certain parcels or portions of parcels uncut.

Gilbert said the Trust will encourage limited cutting instead of clear-cutting, and point out the tax breaks available if properties are reclassified and operated as tree farms.

"The owners I've talked to sound responsible (about tree-cutting) but they may need some help and guidance," Gilbert said. "We'll look at ways we can help them work together. I recognize that some would like to create small lots, but it will be important

to try to arrange development to leave a common forest."

He added: "It will be tempting to cut quickly and pay off mortgages, but I'm fearful that will leave them in a difficult position, with no expectation of a reasonable economic return on the land for years to come."

Renaud, meanwhile, said the quality and quantity of merchantable timber found on the MB lands does not lend itself to profitable wholesale tree-cutting.

"In some cases, the owners might be able to pay off only 40 per cent of their mortgages from the timber," he said. "There's not enough net profit available, after logging costs, to let them cash out their mortgages."

One way to reduce the high cost of interim financing, he said, would be minimal-cost development of the parcels to the maximum density permitted. But by going that route, Renaud pointed out, the landowners would be bearing additional costs for provision of water and roads and running the risk of producing building lots with minimum aesthetic appeal.

The density transfer and development bonus proposals being examined by the Trust could help property owners overcome those problems, Renaud said. Through joint development ventures on the blocks most suitable for subdivision, and by reviving and properly managing the forested stands

they own, owners would realize a more profitable, long-term return on their investments. For instance, he said, tax breaks are available for land reclassified as managed tree farms.

"We're looking for a solution where everyone wins," he said. "The owners realize a good return, the buyers get aesthetically-pleasing lots, and the community gets to put the developments in the most suitable locations."

The community could also receive an expanded network of hiking trails. The topic of trails and trade-offs is expected to be brought up by the Trust in its discussions with the property owners.

Proposals for trail easements were plotted by Renaud's planning team before MB sold the acreage, and have since been re-drafted to minimize potential impacts.

Trust, developer meet to discuss start of logging on former MB land

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intend to develop any lots less than five acres.

Development will begin with five lots bordering Stewart Road, and view lots will later be created on the ridge on the property's northern slope.

The part of the property bordering Stewart Road was the first to see tree-cutting. That came last Wednesday, after heavy equipment was unloaded in downtown Ganges on Tuesday.

"I'm not trying to hide the fact of what I'm doing," Cyprus said of the high-profile arrival of the machinery. "I could have brought the stuff in at night and started out in the bush and hid behind a screen of trees," he said. "But I didn't disguise the fact I brought it in because I want to be up-front about what I'm doing."

Sunday's meeting between Cyprus and the Trust was attended by Driftwood. Gilbert and Byrne explained that they hoped soon to present development transfer and bonus incentives to buyers of the former MB lands (see story, above), in order to encourage retention of as much forest land as possible, and said Cyprus should consider becoming involved in that process.

At one point, Gilbert noted that the Trust cannot influence logging practices but it hopes to find creative ways to cluster developments on the land best-suited for that purpose, thereby leaving much of the forest land intact. It is also interested in minimizing clear-cutting.

Cyprus replied by expressing interest in the density transfer concept. He also told the two trustees he was willing to consid-

er both the dedication of trails on his acreage and a trade-off involving a portion of the property bordering on Peter Arnell Park. Several times, Cyprus said he was prepared to sit down with the trustees at any time, to discuss his development plans and options or any concerns they might have about his project.

In an earlier interview with Driftwood, Cyprus stressed that his development of the 446-acre block would be long-term and aesthetically appropriate. He said he has informed the forests ministry of his cutting plan, although that step was not required, and has brought in the best equipment and crews available for the work.

"The Trust doesn't have me to worry about this time," he said. "I'm not the only one who will be logging, and I won't be setting a bad example. I don't want confrontation — I just want to do the job the best way I can do it."

Referring to earlier land development and logging projects

which earned him some criticism, Cyprus said an important difference this time is that he has retained full control of the cutting plan rather than leaving the work to a contractor. He also noted that he paid cash for the property.

"I'm not into that piece of land for the short term," he said. "I'm going out of my way to do things properly — I have absolute control of the timber and the way it will be removed, I have the best equipment and people available under the circumstances . . . everything will be done to plan and under the tightest scrutiny."

He added that his logging plan will leave "obvious" sidehills intact, that a full cleanup will be made after cutting is completed, and that no logs will be trucked on weekends.

Although the wood cut on the property could be exported, Cyprus said, he has sold the logs to a new mill in Nanaimo and the rights to the firewood to a local operator.

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It's for the birds!

I heard mice.
 For nearly half a century the very word *mice* brought shivers down my wife's spine. Mice meant cats and cats brought fleas and Barbara was allergic to fleas. Fleas were to my life-partner what drafts were to a former associate of mine.

Many a midnight was shattered when the bedclothes were thrust back and Barbara frantically searched for the flea which she was sure had reached her. Nine times out of 10 she was right and would catch the little beast.

This sound of mice had me listening carefully, but I only heard it a couple of nights in the space above the ceiling and beneath the upper floor. One morning it was persistent and loud. I knew it for a rat: no mouse could create that disturbance. While I bathed and stewed in impatience to get some anti-rat ammunition, the noise persisted above the bathroom and I recognized it for what it was.

Occasionally we are visited by birds. We see something trotting around the house and it proves to be a bird. The small native birds crawl through the small spaces in the siding and reach the insulation above the ceiling and beneath the roof. Lost, the bird flutters its way clear of the insulation and finally finds the chimney opening in the fabric.

Last week I brainwaved and opened the closet door behind the fireplace. Within minutes there was a small bird running around the living room.
 It looked like a mouse and it weighed as much as a mouse, but unlike any mouse, it flew away out of the window.

Coincidence!

Remember me to Harry Graham, I wrote last week, recalling the verses of that humorist. I had a phone call almost immediately.
 Jim Campbell called me from Saturna to tell me that he is committed to coincidences.
 As he related it, he came in from the great outside — and there's a lot of that on Saturna — sat to a

coffee and picked up a book that Lorraine had left out for him. While he drank the juice of the good Colombia beans, he laughed over the book. But there was work to be done and he set it aside.
 Within hours he returned to the house and picked up *Driftwood*. The first thing he saw as he opened it at random was my reminiscence of Harry Graham, the writer. He couldn't believe it. The book he had found by his coffee was Graham's *Ruthless Rhymes*.

Pinned-up shirts!

I explained that I am fearful of pins in new shirts and the hazard of injury should I wear the shirt without removing every pin.
 I had an instant response from former Galiano Islander Bill Bamford, who edits the bulletin of the Army, Navy and Air Force Unit in Sidney. On page three of that publication for December is the paragraph terming an "acle" as that rogue pin which shirtmakers conceal in the most improbable fold of a new shirt.
 "Its function is to stab you when you don the garment."
 Bamford explains that he lifted this and other paragraphs from the *Book of Life*.

Cold water washing!

Growing old in a household populated mainly with women, I learned from loud screams and tears that certain articles of clothing don't wash so well in hot water. My own system has always been ruthless. I throw everything dirty into the machine and it comes out clean, mostly.
 But I was curious when a fellow lonely old man explained that he used cold-water detergent in his laundry tub. I asked him why and he explained that it saves the high cost of hot water.
 I like saving money, but for the life of me I can't figure that he saves all that much. The average week sees the machine run about three times, using warm water for the wash cycle and cold water for rinsing.
 I figure it's because he still thinks with a British accent. In that great land which once I adorned, the average household turns up the heat when a bath or a wash is in prospect and then turns off the heat to the hot water to save power. The majority of washing machines I saw are equipped with a heating unit to bring the water to the required temperature. I still haven't got it figured out how much you save by turning off the power to the hot water tank and running a heater on the washing machine.
 But I ain't screaming. At least, not yet!

For George De Long

Couple's lottery win a birthday surprise

Salt Spring Islander George De Long received an unexpected birthday present last week when he discovered his jointly-held lottery ticket was worth close to \$150,000.
 Last Friday De Long and Janet Foster collected a cheque for \$148,128.50 from the British Columbia Lottery Corporation.
 The two bought the Lotto 649 ticket on De Long's birthday — February 2 — from *et cetera* in Ganges.
 "I had a feeling of disbelief that went on for about three days," De Long said of the win.
 The winning numbers were drawn Wednesday, February 3.
 "At first I didn't believe it," Foster said. "I was watching the draw and checked off the numbers. For some reason I thought we had four numbers correct. I checked again and realized it was five numbers, plus the bonus number."
 The 36-year-old Foster is a dental assistant in Ganges. De

Long, 42, works for the B.C. Ferry Corporation.
 What will they do with their windfall? Maybe a trip to Europe — something they were considering prior to the win.
 De Long said that he, like everyone else who buys lottery tickets, fantasizes about how the winnings will be spent. However, he added that when the "reality strikes" everything is different.
 "It's not enough money to retire on, so I can't just go and quit my job."
 Both winners plan to invest their share — a little over \$74,000 each — until they have had more time to reach decisions.
 De Long suggested he would speak to different people before deciding where and how to invest the winnings.



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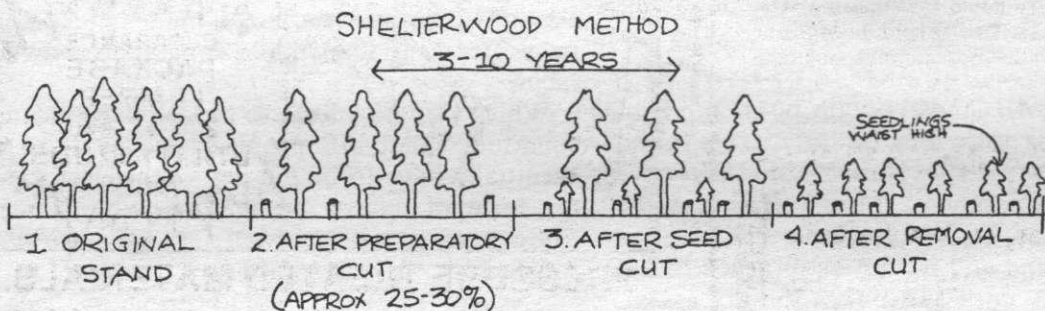


Diagram shows shelter cut scenario

Long-term tree management system offered as alternative to clear-cutting

The president of the Gulf Islands Woodlot Operators' Association says timber harvesting on Salt Spring's former MB lands would be best carried out under what is known as the "shelterwood" method.
 Ken Renaud, who earlier chaired a planning group which examined all of the MB lands in detail, said the shelterwood system is a long-range program with long-term benefits.
 It begins with a partial clear-cut — one that leaves standing a scattering of selected trees to "seed" regeneration. Since they will be the source of future

stands, the seed trees are chosen for genetic attributes (i.e., height, form and vigour).
 Along with providing seed, the trees left standing give shade and shelter for seedlings, and protection for the site. On the aesthetic side, they give the site a more natural appearance when viewed from a distance.
 Once in place, the system has three steps, "all of which yield saleable products and spread income over a period of 10 to 20 years," according to *The Woodland Steward*, a handbook for woodlot operators.

The first step is a preparatory cut, similar to thinning, which removes about 20 to 25 per cent of the regenerating stand to provide more growing space for the remaining trees.
 Step two is the seed cut, which removes all but the best seed trees while opening up the canopy enough to allow establishment of seedlings. Spacing might vary from 30 to 40 feet, depending on the species and site.
 The final step is the removal of the older trees, made after regeneration is assured and the new trees are about waist high.

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Trust proposal outlines control

Last week's start to logging on some of the Salt Spring Island acreage recently sold to private hands by MacMillan-Bloedel has given rise to public concern over its subsequent impact on these shores. If those concerns are not addressed, they threaten to multiply.

Fears about this latest step in the evolution of the MB lands, as registered with the Islands Trust and with *Driftwood*, are not linked to tree-cutting *per se*, but to the extreme-case scenario envisioned. The prospect of sufficient clear-cutting to cause adverse long-term effects on watershed areas and aesthetics, and of creation of enough new subdivisions to force a decline in overall land values on the island, are the main points raised in response to the sight of logging equipment.

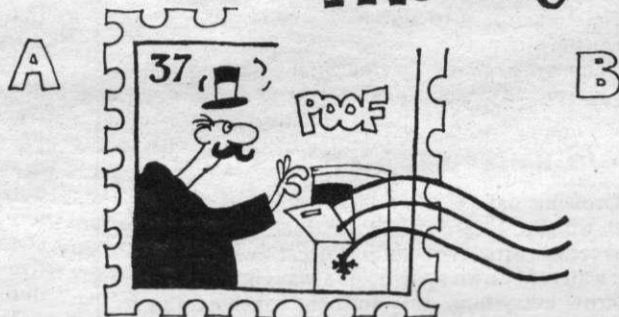
And fanning the flames, of course, is a frustration fuelled by the speed with which the land-clearing process has been launched, and by the apparent lack of influence the local Islands Trust has on the drama now being played out.

We say *apparent* because the Trust still has one card up its sleeve. Whether that card settles this hand is up to the other players and, ultimately, to the island populace at large.

While the Trust has no direct control over tree-cutting, it can exercise a measure of indirect influence if it manages to come up with a system of density transfers and development bonuses that is sufficiently attractive to the landowners who now hold the bulk of the former MB properties. The Trust may have to cut a deal to win over the owners — a deal which would go to the public by way of rezoning bylaws allowing higher-than-normal development densities and creation of subdivision clusters.

Essentially, the proposal the Trust hopes to put before the owners is the same one it discussed with MB: transfer enough densities to single blocks of land to allow a financially-attractive development and leave the bulk of the lands intact. The only

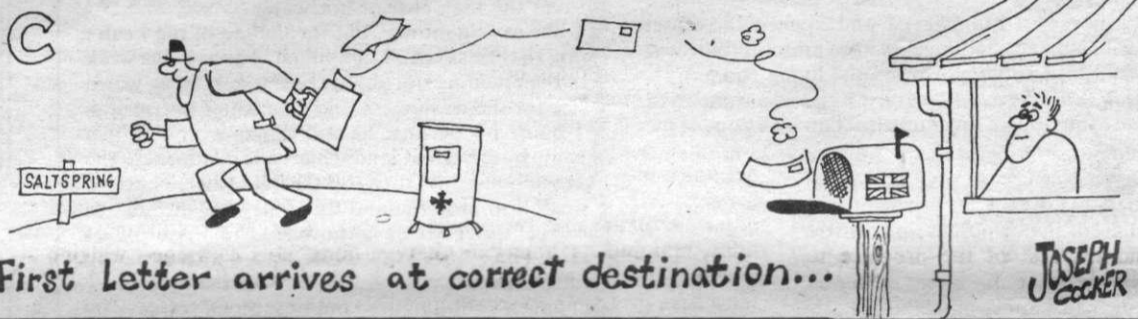
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difference now is that the Trust must deal with a collection of owners, not a single landowner.

But why would the new owners agree to give the Trust a degree of control over their properties that it does not now enjoy? Because the Trust may be able to offer them joint economic advantages that go beyond what the blocks of land offer by themselves.

Overall, the MB lands contain poor stands of timber (why else were they on the market for so long?) and too few sites suitable for attractive subdivision development. Moreover, since the start of this year, they have been reclassified as straight forestland and cannot be returned to full tree farm status until and unless the tax assessment branch considers them to be managed.

In other words, the clustering and density bonus proposals being examined by the Trust would presumably offer the landowners prime joint-venture development sites and a chance for tree farm status tax breaks. But to bring the owners on side, those incentives will have to be attractive enough to diminish the lure of immediate financial gain offered by the land-clearing and subdivision race.

Which brings us back to the public's role in the equation. Trade-offs proposed by the Trust will eventually have to be put before the electorate in the form of bylaws brought to public hearing. Endorsement, if merited, could prove as satisfactory as now appears possible to all concerned; dismissal would bring us back to square one.

Concern stems from speed of cut, uncertainty

The voice at the other end of the telephone link to Vancouver apologized for sounding emotional and betraying more than a hint of frustration, but... well, this logging on that former piece of MacMillan-Bloedel property on Stewart Road was upsetting as hell.

The caller owns property near the site now subject to tree-cutting. She was not, she stressed, anti-development or pro-trees or a rabble-rouser somewhere in the middle — she was just troubled that the area was quiet one day and crowded with machines the next, and no one seemed to know what the fallout was likely to be.

"Everything is happening so fast," the woman said, "that I'm afraid for what might be in six

months. We might be looking at stumps, and by then it will be too late."

The tone of that telephone conversation was repeated a few times throughout the day, by permanent and temporary island residents alike.

The common thread linking each call was the feeling that the tree-cutting activity dropped like a bolt out of the sky, that the community in general has had no opportunity to assess or discuss the potential island-wide impacts resulting from this and other logging projects expected on the lands just sold by MB, and that there was no appropriate course of citizen action open to them even if the chance to comment have been given.

Those calls came to me after

my word

by
duncan macdonnell

the people had spoken with Islands Trust representative Nick Gilbert. They accepted what he had to say — that the Trust has no authority to regulate tree-cutting on private lands — but found it disturbing to realize that such activities are not covered by the terms of the Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate.

(A point, by the way, which trustees from several member islands have raised at Trust Council meetings and have hopes of rectifying through a referral process with the forests ministry.)

Regardless, the sentiment most often expressed by my callers was that none was opposing to the Stewart Road logging *per se* — they just wanted to be reassured that cutting on lots bordering watersheds will proceed with care, that a wholesale flurry of development will not flood the local market with lots and drive values down, and that cutting will not denude vast pockets of landscape.

The swiftness of the arrival of the machinery, coupled with the absence of proper channels for some sort of citizen referrals, has

left those callers frustrated and upset. Faced with a toothless Trust, they spoke of going up the ladder to their MLAs to call for a temporary halt that would give time to assess what's happening to their island.

And here's the kicker: if that course fails, a few callers said they would be prepared to mimic the course taken in other areas. They cited the protests at Meares Island and on Galiano Island, and pointed out that those actions won concessions even though everyone said they never had a chance.

As my first caller put it: "If someone called me and said they were going up there to chain themselves to a tree, I'd be over in a minute."

It looks like we're in for an interesting few weeks.

Perspectives

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Municipal Affairs Minister Rita Johnston, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Our Planning Association has been pleased to participate actively in the review of the Islands Trust. We have read with interest, appreciation and concern Chairman David Mercier's report, and are writing to share with you our perspectives.

We appreciate and concur with the committee's unanimous support of the objects of the Trust, and the strengthening of its mandate.

We are deeply concerned at the proposal to assign to the Trust the responsibility of operating an Islands regional district, and that this has become the prime focus of the report. This was not a proposal put forth for discussion in the public hearings, and is not a subject receiving significant evaluation by the many individuals and groups who attempted in full conscience to participate in the democratic process.

We feel that the establishment of an Islands regional district would apply immediate pressure to maximize the tax base to pay for regional services. This would increase the incentive to develop the area, in absolute contradiction to the Trust mandate to preserve and protect the rural nature of the islands.

Only by combining the rural Islands with urban areas in the same regional district can the necessary transfers occur to allow adequate services, while at the same time protecting the rural qualities of the islands for the adjacent major population centres and the rest of the province to enjoy.

We feel that our concern about the regional district proposal in no way diminishes the importance or value of the Islands Trust study that you had commissioned. If the briefs presented in the day's hearings on Salt Spring were representative, a great deal of community thought and evaluation of the Trust went into the submissions. The mandate to strengthen the capacity of the Trust to "preserve and protect" has been clearly established. The need for additional funding to carry out this mandate has been endorsed. Within the texts of the submissions are concepts that merit much more attention than the statistical summary in the chairman's report.

We commend you for initiating the study.

Can we in any way assist your ministry in bringing the findings to fruition?

SYD WIGEN,
Chairman,
Salt Spring Planning Association.

Fortunate

Sir,
A big thank you to the Ganges Volunteer Fire Department, which responded so quickly to our call early Sunday morning.

We are a fortunate community to have such a large group of individuals trained and ready to come to our assistance 24 hours a day.

We all appreciated your

letters

competence, reassurance and cheerfulness.

THE JACQUEST FAMILY,
Ganges.

P.S. A special thanks to our cat, Buff, for waking us up.

Slink

Sir,
England and France have the Chunnel, and Spud Island has its Flink (fixed link). Are we less?

I propose the Slink, a floating semi-link with civilization and the big island: two floating piers with a short ferry run between (free enterprise, of course).

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Yet, best of all is the swimming pool — an air-supported dome with real waves (no fakes here), no powerline radiation and natural ozone. And the cost would be buried in the grand scheme.

Islanders write! Civilization is so wonderfully near, yet neatly kept at bay. Support the Slink.

L. WALLBANK,
Vesuvius.

Serenity

Sir,
This month has been a wonderful time for getting out and enjoying the island's beauty and serenity. Unfortunately, we get so caught up in making a living, working with committees and organizations, dealing with personal problems — and a host of other excuses and rationalizations, real and imaginary — that it seems such an effort to get out for a hike or a walk, or to simply sit and enjoy our scenery.

Fortunately, I have a number of friends who will make a point of calling to provide me with the impetus to take that walk or hike. Recently, I went up to Mt. Maxwell and was thoroughly surprised (and pleased) to see the wonderful road work done there.

The ditching and culverts to control water runoff, the grading and the pothole repairs have turned what was a torturous ride for vehicles and passengers into a pleasant trip. We parked at the first lookout and hiked to the top, for a totally relaxing and enjoyable day.

Another outing was made up

behind the old Y camp near Weston Lake, and covered much of a parcel of land recently sold by MacMillan-Bloedel. I suspect thanks must go to our local hiking club for making the trail so well. This is a special area because of the handful of huge, old and venerable fir trees seen along the way.

It took five people to encircle one of these "old friends of nature," and we all gave a silent prayer that they would be spared the indignity of being felled for the god of short-term profit, over the joy and beauty their long-term presence will bring.

DAVID CLEGG,
Long Harbour.

Home

Sir,
In the fall of 1985, with increasing awareness of the nuclear arms race, I realized that even the tiny island I lived on was threatened. It was so difficult for me to accept, I needed to know: Was it true? If so, will it change? Do others know this? Am I just overreacting? Maybe I don't have all the information.

These were questions I wasn't able to answer on Galiano Island. Then I heard about a walk across the U.S. from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. — a total of 3,700 miles. A perfect opportunity to ask my questions, especially since the U.S. is one of the two main players in the race for more arms.

So I walked. I walked with 500 other people, and I asked my questions and I listened. In Washington, I felt a little clearer, but there was still more questions, so I continued walking — this time in Georgia to Florida. I visited the people who were making the weapons I watched being fired and tested, and all I received was more questions. Then I walked in England, in Germany and in Greece. I returned to the U.S. and walked in New England. Questions and more questions. No answers.

And now I'm home. How happy I am, so safe, so secure. Such joy, such luxury, to sit with my feet up, with a cup of hot coffee, and read *Driftwood*. How I had longed to read about 4-H activities, church notices and golf notices.

But I turn the page, and there is a charming smile protruding from an armoured tank, and somehow I'm not amused. I read

on and am asked to compare the difference between a European car—"driving in its purest form"—and a CF-18 fighter plane, "slightly modified."

I try, but I think: Does the slight modification mean they both can kill, but one is modified specifically for that purpose? Is that considered slight?

Power, purity, prized possessions. And they better well be, for I read that we spend \$5 billion making them. I pause for a moment and try to visualize what \$5 billion of food and shelter would look like.

I read on, about the "bad, bad years of the 1970s" when spending money on weapons was not a priority. Where an informant (?) didn't get a chance to fire real missiles from his \$20,000 blow-pipe. I imagine how many carts of groceries you could fill for \$20,000.

So this must be the good news for the 1980s. I read the White Paper has plans to increase defence spending. I'm told that because of limited job opportunities, we now have more ambitious young Canadians in the Armed Forces.

Now I understand. It's not defence any more. It's economics. How silly of me to not know.

It's business, a lucrative business — build more weapons, create more jobs, make more money, build more weapons. More, more, faster. But another

question: the Americans have been doing this much better, and for a longer time, but as I walked I saw the homeless, the hungry, the deserted farms and factories. Maybe if I stop walking and move faster, I wouldn't notice.

But I did walk, and the German villagers and I, in the Fulda area, plugged our ears as those exciting planes screamed over their homes. They were not excited, as we would not be if this happened constantly over our tranquil Gulf Islands. They were not impressed when, picking blueberries in the forest, they walked into a MX missile. Nor was I when I looked down the barrel of a gun held by a soldier guarding his tank. I was too frightened, as was he, for me to ask if this was the latest Leopard tank.

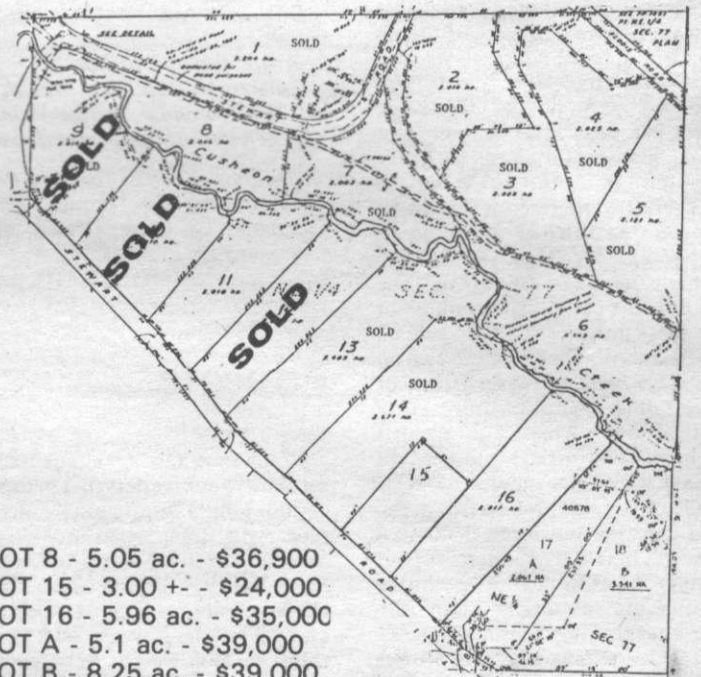
My memories are full, for when you walk you get to see many things. You also see the incredible beauty of this one and only home we have — one that we don't own, we just get to caretake and, hopefully, pass it on to the next generation.

I obviously still have a lot more to learn, so I will keep on walking and listening for as long as countries continue to believe that violence is the only way to resolve our differences.

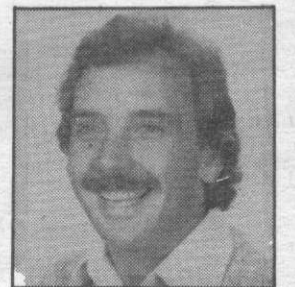
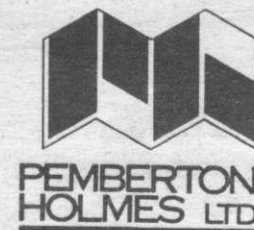
Interestingly, I now feel more optimistic about our future than when I left my home two years ago. But I sometimes find it difficult to understand how we can continue to justify and glorify an insane world situation.

DEREK YOUNGS,
Galiano Island.

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Central America: power, profits and paranoia

"(America) goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy ... the fundamental maxim of policy would insensibly change from liberty to force ... she might become the dictatress of the world. She would no longer be the ruler of her own spirit."

John Quincy Adams

By ANDREW GIBSON

Central America is a scaled-down Vietnam. In both, America has used her overwhelming military power to thwart the legitimate aspirations of de facto colonies; in both she has had massive recourse to subterfuge, lies and covert action.

The counterpart of Vietnam's infamous Phoenix program of assassination is the Nicaraguan contra assault on civilians. The 'secret' bombing of Cambodia is echoed by the secret mining of Corinto, and there are even My Lai, such as the Rio Sumpul massacre in El Salvador and at Finca San Francisco in Guatemala.

The military machines of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador are armed and trained by America, just as were those of the South Vietnam puppet regime. The attempt in Vietnam to portray feudal warlords like Diem as popular democratic leaders is succeeded by the propaganda transformation of Guatemala's Rios Montt and Mejia Victores.

America's sinister parallel government, the CIA, goes about its dirty work in Central America as in Vietnam. There is the same hysterical equating of reform with communism, the same visions of hordes of Marxists pouring across, not the Pacific, but the Rio Grande.

Most Americans aren't impressed by these predictable alarums (two thirds of them oppose aid to the contras), yet even after the Iran-Contra hearings exposed part of the flim-flam, there has been little of the unrest that accompanied the other quagmire in Vietnam.

There are two reasons for this, of which probably the more important is that it is not Americans who are dying. The other is the compulsive timidity of the mass media, striving to be seen as 'balanced'. There is always an *on the other hand*, always a neutral or favourable editorial for every critical one. Americans are left technically informed, but without a basis for a real opinion.

Of course, they have a free press, and can find out more than what they get between commercials, but most of them have more immediate concerns than the unpleasant things that may or may not be happening in little countries thousands of miles away.

But we in Canada should be concerned, because our economic ties with America, and hence our political and cultural ties, may soon be strengthened. Some indication of how we will be

treated by this neighbour 10 times our size may be revealed by how she has treated other countries in this hemisphere.

Her record is abysmal, and it is not necessary to go back many decades to demonstrate that. Let's begin in 1934, when she thwarted the Sandino revolution in Nicaragua, and installed the brutal Somoza dynasty.

America trained and equipped Somoza's infamous National Guard, and supported the tyrants for 45 years while they looted and terrorized the country. She only stopped supporting him at the end of a 10-year insurrection, when he was about to be overthrown (for

which she now claims credit).

When the Sandinistas, failing to kow-tow, instituted reforms, America created an army of mercenaries led by the National Guard assassins, leaned on the neighbouring countries to give them sanctuary, and trained them in forays against the Nicaraguan infrastructure — schools, health centres and co-operatives. Tens of thousands of civilians have been killed.

America also instituted an economical blockade, to deny this poorest of countries even humanitarian supplies. Now she is desperately trying to scuttle Central America's own plan to

bring peace to the region.

Nicaragua's neighbours are, except for Costa Rica, in even worse shape; each is ruled by a U.S.-funded military well trained in the techniques of terror. They have generated hundreds of thousands of refugees, and preside over some of the most miserable countries — or satrapies — in the world.

America's interventions, covert or overt, have thwarted reform in Guatemala, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic and Chile. She may yet do so in Nicaragua, and she has failed only in Cuba, by driving that country into the embrace of the Soviets.

Americans should be outraged that these cruel and inept policies are being carried out in their name. The nation will lose its soul unless this run-amok parallel government of covert action is brought to heel. Canadians should be outraged, too, because what happens to the peoples in this hemisphere is important to us. It is not in our interests to be allied with a state which, although proclaiming itself to be the world's last best hope, causes or encourages such violations of humanity as now torment so many countries once thought to be protected by the Monroe Doctrine.

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Mangling

Sir,
Please, Mr. Richards! Get your Oxford Quotations the right way up, or speak to your proofreader (have you got one?) about mangling your text. Harry Graham's deathless verse runs:

*Billy, in one of his nice new sashes,
Fell in the fire and was burnt to ashes;
Now, although the room grows chilly,
I haven't the heart to poke poor Billy.*

The same words are in Bartlett's *Familiar Quotations*. Little Willie is from another stanza, as I remember going:

*Little Willie from his mirror
Licked the mercury right off,
Thinking in his childish error
It would cure the whooping-cough.
At the funeral, his mother
Smartly said to Mrs. Brown,
" 'Twas a chilly day for Willie
When the mercury went down."*

Ruthless Rhymes for Heartless Homes and its sequel were reprinted by Dover Press, and probably still in print.
MURRAY SHOOLBRAID,
Ganges.

Educate

Sir,
Some time ago, it was suggested by one of your readers that because certain adults of all ages — of the type you find occasionally on South Moresby, Meares and in the Stein Valley — do not understand the fine points of logging, selective and otherwise, it would be a good thing to educate the very young about logging, in the schools.

Perhaps your reader had in mind distributing the "loggers' kit" mentioned in your recent editorial. In any case, there is, perhaps, a fair example of "logging or tree-

cutting" to be seen now on Stewart Road, just across from Arnell Park. Perhaps this is just one of the forthcoming six or seven examples from which the children may learn about land regulation, private ownership, and how citizens of Salt Spring Island can exercise their rights.

I would suggest to interested teachers of the young that, given the speed of "tree-cutting" these days, they should not postpone these learning opportunities too long. Also, Stewart Road is, perhaps, not at its best at this point in time; yet it may get worse by this spring.
LOWELL HICKS,
Fulford Harbour.

Victims

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Dr. Henry Morgentaler, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
You say you have won a great victory for women? I am appalled — the more so to know that you are by birth a "son of Abraham." May I respectfully remind you of a time in not-too-distant history when members of your own race were "unwanted" by the Nazis, hunted relentlessly, and sucked limb from limb from out of the womb of Europe. (Sounds a bit like suction abortion, doesn't it?) It has been said that those who have been the victims of abuse often become the abusers. It is a great tragedy that a member of the race that suffered the great Holocaust would now take part in another holocaust which is

terminating over 60,000 unborn babies each year in Canada. Fortunately for the Jews, there were many compassionate people who, believing in the value of every human being and at great personal risk and inconvenience, gave temporary refuge to many. Some even gave their own lives to save others. These are the true heroes — those who save life rather than destroy it, even when "expediency" might dictate otherwise. The Jews and those who aided them to survive were extremely


resourceful and were rewarded with better days. Not only do we as Canadian women have more resources and conveniences at our disposal than at any other time in history, but I believe we are more resourceful than we are being given credit for by some. The true heroines among us will also choose to temporarily give refuge to the "unwanted" in the womb, knowing that they are sincerely wanted by thousands now on lengthy adoption waiting lists.
VAL KONIG,
Ganges.

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Time for premier to 'eat his words'

VICTORIA — The recent ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada that our abortion laws are unconstitutional certainly put the cat amongst the pigeons.

Abortion king Dr. Henry Morgenthau greeted the decision with a jubilant *every child a wanted child, every mother a willing mother*; pro-choice supporters everywhere were ecstatic, while pro-life disciples went into mourning.

Here at home, Premier Vander Zalm was less than pleased with the ruling, but an NDP member "celebrated" it in a church basement. Health Minister Peter Dueck is trying to hang onto abortion committees by calling them something else, but doctors are refusing to go along with the government.

The ruling has instilled new life into B.C. politics. Old animosities have been renewed, ideological lines drawn and dictionaries of political platitudes dusted off.

Opposition Leader Mike Harcourt has called for Dueck's resignation; the health minister accused Harcourt of wanting everybody to have an abortion, whether they're pregnant or not.

Whether Dueck should resign is academic. He won't. Nor is the

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been disbanded by the Supreme Court. We are not trying to get them back. We just want a second opinion on whether an abortion is necessary for the health of the woman. That opinion can come from a doctor or an advisor or whatever," Dueck said.

It still sounds like abortion committees. The doctors must have thought so, too, because they immediately announced that they wouldn't provide any such second opinions.

It's a sad day when a premier and his health minister must be reminded that compliance with the law is an absolute necessity if our system is to work.

Governments are always eager to point out that defiance of the law is no way to bring about change. When Vander Zalm rammed Bill 19 down the unions' throats, he advised them to take their complaints to the ballot box, but not to defy the law.

It's time for the premier to eat his words. He may not like abortions. A lot of people don't. But that doesn't give him or anyone else the right to defy a Supreme Court ruling.

Vander Zalm and his health minister are the victims of a disease which strikes many politicians. They confuse their responsibilities to their consciences with their responsibilities to the public. They believe they know what's best for the public, and they will go to any length to impose their principles on others.

Well, that's not the way it's done. The premier probably knows better than anyone what's good for himself and his family. But to pretend he knows what's best for his fellow citizens is presumptuous and arrogant.

There was nothing wrong with the premier's initial attempts at stemming the rising tide of abortions in British Columbia. His government was within its rights to introduce any measures that would reduce the number of unnecessary abortions.

When his government established abortion committees, pro-choice supporters didn't like it, but they had to live with the law. Now that law has been struck down by the Supreme Court, and pro-life supporters must live with that decision.

No one is above the law, not even the premier. In fact, the premier least of all. It's time for the premier and his health minister to reaffirm that basic principle and start living with the law, whether they like it or not.

'They confuse their responsibilities to their consciences with their responsibilities to the public.'

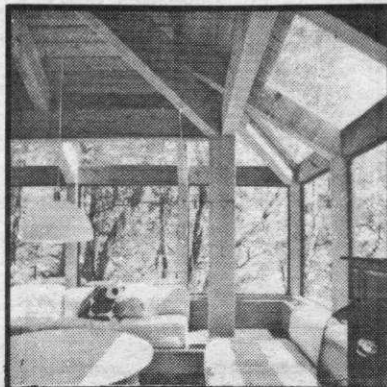
premier about to ask him for his resignation, although he should. The minister's response to the Supreme Court ruling was in clear defiance of an order by Canada's highest court.

The Supreme Court ruled that the nation's abortion laws are unconstitutional. It ruled that women are free to choose — in consultation with their doctors — whether, when and where to have an abortion.

Hours after the ruling came down, Dueck announced that the provincial government wouldn't fund abortions performed outside hospitals. He also said the government wouldn't fund abortions, the need for which wasn't certified by "some sort of mechanism" within the hospital structure.

That sounds an awful lot like the abortion committees which had just been declared unconstitutional and, therefore, illegal. Not so, said the health minister. The government wasn't trying to outlaw abortions. It was just trying to make sure that only necessary abortions are performed.

"Abortion committees have



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'Cargo Cult' comparison

Fixed link solutions found within islanders

By MIKE HUMPHRIES

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of debate on the question of whether to connect islands to larger adjacent land masses. Currently the debate rages in Prince Edward Island, and on Gabriola and Vancouver islands. It would appear that a similar debate in the United Kingdom has been decided, even though the jury will not report on the effects of that decision for many generations to come.

Throughout these debates, many reasons are given for decisions to proceed — but most of them can be reduced to questions of jobs, economics and the need for

development and progress.

As these arguments are advanced I am reminded of the "cargo cults" found in a number of South Seas islands. Every few years or so — led by their priests, pundits and what passed for politicians and developers — the communities would gather for potlatch-like ceremonies and consume all the available products of their labours (seafood, fruit, and root crops, for example), then sit along the beach while they awaited a solution to their self-imposed problems to arrive from across the sea.

In many cultures these actions were supported by creation stories

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linked to the notion that salvation would arrive in the form of cargoes carried by sailing ships from distant places.

In time, of course, the people would realize that no cargoes would arrive — not on that day, at least — and they would return once more to their normal activities. After a decent interval, as soon as stockpiles had been replenished, the high priests would once again invoke the power of the

ancient myth, and another cargo party would ensue.

The power of the myth would also be used whenever a major natural calamity occurred: once again, the people would gather at the sea's edge to wait for salvation to arrive from across the sea. Again, in time, realizing that no solution seemed in the offing from that direction, the people would turn around and look into their island, and through their own efforts find there the solutions they had sought elsewhere.

Eventually, some islanders heard rumours that other islands had received cargoes from offshore, but the list of imports

included strange diseases, enslavements, and some rather frightening religions. In time they accepted the value of the myth as reason for a party, but rejoiced that no ships appeared on their shores.

Real islanders do not need bridges, tunnels or even ferries. They can find within what is needed to flourish. The problem for all of us who live on islands is to decide how much we really wish to be islanders.

Mike Humphries is a Lasqueti Island resident and former chairman of the Islands Trust Council.

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Thanks

Sir,
I wish to thank all who donated to the Ethiopian relief drive held on January 29. A total of \$1,491.90 was raised for food, trucks and spares. If anyone missed the drive and would still like to donate, please contact me.

I would also like to thank the three bank managers, all the volunteers, and the lady who loaned me the poster that I would like to return, if she would please phone me.
JEAN KNIGHT,
Ganges.

Concerns

Sir,
Many people in our community — including parents, teachers and students — have expressed concerns over the years about certain aspects of the "all-night, after-grad" beach party held annually after graduation exercises in June.

In order to address these concerns and, hopefully, to develop constructive suggestions for dealing with them, the GISS Parents' Advisory Committee has scheduled a special meeting to be held Monday, February 15, at 7:30 pm in the High School Band Room.

All concerned students, parents, teachers, and other community members are urged to attend.
Parents' Advisory Committee.

Household pet nominated as hero for antics normally frowned upon

Buff the cat is a hero in the Jacquest household.

Under normal circumstances, his activities last Sunday night would have earned the cat some disapproval for causing another disturbance. But that all changed when his owners realized their cat was sounding the alarm for an early-morning fire.

Just before 6 am Sunday, the Jacquest home awoke to a sound of a "tremendous crash" down-stairs.

"I ignored it," says Pat Jacquest. She knew it was just Buff the cat knocking something off a shelf again.

But her husband, Peter, decided to investigate the noise. Down-stairs, he found the house filled with smoke and saw that the verandah was engulfed in flames.

The Jacquest family quickly evacuated the house and called the fire department. Luckily, the fire was located near a tap and hose, and Peter Jacquest was able to bring the flames under control by the time volunteer fire-fighters arrived.

The damage was not extensive,

according to Pat Jacquest, but the fire did burn through to the drywall on the corner of the house, and the deck needs re-building.

"It's a lesson learned the tough way," she says, pointing out that fire likely started from a bag of "dead" ashes, from the wood-stove, which had been left on the verandah.

According to the fire depart-

ment, the heavily-insulated wall of the house prevented it from going up in flames right away.

"We were lucky it didn't get going," Pat Jacquest says. "And that the cat woke us up."

The cause of the noisy crash was a metal lunch box falling from the fridge top.

As a reward, the Jacquests offered their cat a bowl of milk. Buff declined.



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IF, THEREFORE, humanity has come to a point of paralyzing conflict, it must look to itself, to its own negligence, to the siren voices to which it has listened, for the source of the misunderstandings and confusion perpetrated in the name of religion. Those who have held blindly and selfishly to their particular orthodoxies, who have imposed on their votaries erroneous and conflicting interpretations of the pronouncements of the Prophets of God, bear heavy responsibility for this confusion—a confusion compounded by the artificial barriers erected between faith and reason, science and religion. For from a fair-minded examination of the actual utterances of the Founders of the great religions, and of the social milieus in which they were obliged to carry out their missions, there is nothing to support the contentions and prejudices deranging the religious communities of mankind and therefore all human affairs.

The teaching that we should treat others as we ourselves would wish to be treated, an ethic variously repeated in all the great religions, lends force to this latter observation in two particular respects: it sums up the moral attitude, the peace-inducing aspect, extending through these religions irrespective of their place or time of origin; it also signifies an aspect of unity which is their essential virtue, a virtue mankind in its disjointed view of history has failed to appreciate.

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Canadian South Pole explorer Gareth Wood visited Salt Spring and received photograph last Thursday from Patricia Wright—daughter of the late Sir Charles Wright. Sir Charles was the Canadian member of Captain Robert Scott's Antarctic expedition, which took place 75 years ago. The presentation was made after Wood provided a visual recounting of his South Pole trek to a full house at the Activity Centre on Salt Spring.

Collection of best minds 'seek to predict future'

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— John Prine

Double that span and add two years. That's how far ahead of the times a group of 60 Surrey-area high school students will be when they converge on Salt Spring this February to plot a socio-economic profile of Booth Bay in the year 2020.

The 60 students possess the best and brightest minds in the Surrey school district, according to Norm Mackenzie, an assistant principal at one of the community's schools. Chosen from the district's total enrollment of 37,000 students, the Grades 10, 11 and 12 students "are the elite of the elite, academically and creatively," he said.

Each year for the past six years, the Surrey school district has picked those "best and brightest" students and taken them to a retreat for a three-day think-tank session. In the past, the retreats have been held in locales like Manning Park and Orcas Island; in 1988, it's Salt Spring's turn to host the event.

When they arrive on the island for the February 21-22-23 event — billed as an academic symposium — the 60 students will be divided into three groups of 20 people each. Each team will have the same task: design a complete socio-economic scenario for the Booth Bay area in the year 2020, covering topics like housing, energy sources, industrial base, labour-management relations and environmental considerations.

"It's like a mini think tank," Mackenzie said.

The three groups of students will be isolated from each other. One will stay at Green Acres Resort, another at Cusheon Lake Resort, and the third at Booth Bay resort. However, all will have equal access to a panel of speakers being brought to Salt Spring for the symposium, and to local residents being lined up to act as resource personnel.

The panel of speakers will include science fiction writer Crawford Kilian, assistant Surrey schools superintendent Dr. Art Tindill, and NDP MLA Joan Smallwood, her party's critic on the environment. The keynote speaker for the symposium will be Bruce Strachan, the provincial minister of the environment.

"The students must design an ideal community for Booth Bay for the year 2020," Mackenzie said. "To help them, we'll be bringing in engineers and architects and anyone else we think can help."

The symposium, which Mackenzie estimates will cost about \$8,000 to stage, will be more than all work for the students, however. With the help of Salt Spring resident Maggie Warbey, the Surrey school district is drawing up a list of local artisans and craftsmen who are willing to act as "mentors" for the students.

"Most of these kids are really creative," Mackenzie said. "What we'd like to do is match them up with other creative people — like potters and musicians and weavers and chess players — and let them spend three hours together on the Monday night (February 22) to pick each others' brains."

In all, Mackenzie estimates about 100 people will be visiting Salt Spring for the symposium.

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Community agencies seek solutions to abuse of alcohol by island youths

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fine it as a prerogative of adulthood."

If children are constantly exposed to parental abuse of alcohol, Pierce said, "it is inevitable (that) they will interpret it as appropriate behaviour."

Alcohol is not entirely an individual problem, Friedman explained. She compared it to a pebble dropping into the water, where the ripples keep "expanding and expanding, touching so many different levels."

The statistics on families with alcohol problems and subsequent abuse by children is dramatic, Friedman said, adding that the connection might be attributed to genetics as well as environment.

While family influence is a great factor, there are other reasons young people drink. While today's adolescents are generally more knowledgeable about alcohol than were youngsters of earlier eras, Friedman said there are large gaps and abuse often grows from experimentation. Young people can get themselves into trouble before they even realize it, she said.

Friedman noted that alcohol has a far-greater effect on the system of an adolescent than on that of an adult. "It's a poison to the system," she said, recalling a Washington case where a 15-year-old died from over-consumption.

Alcohol, Friedman continued, is a depressant — it affects the respiratory system and the liver, and depresses the body's ability to digest food. It also impedes the healing of wounds.

Crime is one of the social effects of drinking, Pierce said: "Alcohol contributes quite often to delinquent behaviour."

Friedman goes further, estimating that 75 to 90 per cent of the people in prisons are there for crimes committed while intoxicated.

Alcohol also leads to violence — by both younger and older abusers. A 1987 B.C. task force report on alcohol and drug abuse indicates that close to two-thirds of sexual and physical abuse of children occurs in homes where drinking is a problem.

At a recent Gulf Island Secondary School (GISS) parents' advisory group meeting, school district psychologist Dr. Ralph Miller said he is "sick to death" that virtually every crisis he deals with is connected to alcohol abuse.

Dr. Miller dispelled as myth the idea that alcoholism can be defined as *some people have it, and most people don't*. That's untrue, he said, since anyone can become an alcoholic by increasing consumption of the drug.

One difference between adult and adolescent alcoholism, Friedman said, is the lack of treatment centres for young people.

"Youth are not a priority," she charged, saying little money is spent on youth programs. "The idea is to get them off the street and out of sight."

There is an added difficulty when treating young people, she noted, because the family has to be involved. Adolescents must have the permission of a parent or guardian to continue treatment after initial counselling.

There are, however, other routes society can take to help steer young people away from

alcohol abuse. Education through the schools, preventive programs and peer counselling are among them, Friedman said. Many islanders have already begun to take steps in those directions.

Peer counselling, which trains students to help other students, is being introduced throughout the school district. One aspect of the exercise takes students through skits and teaches them how to say *no* in particular situations.

Other options include promoting non-alcoholic alternatives for young people. The YEP program, now operating through the community centre, is one example of that approach.

Dr. Miller offered a further suggestion to parents: help police enforce alcohol-related laws. As Cst. Harrison told the GISS parents' group, it is illegal for adults to provide minors with alcohol (with the exception of a parent's own child, under the family's roof and supervision). Some adults do not realize that they are responsible for those on their property, he added — i.e., a lawsuit could result if a minor who has been drinking on your property became injured in an accident.

But one of the most important things for the adult population to change, Dr. Miller said, is its attitude towards alcohol abuse: it must be made less acceptable in society.

Alcohol abuse is not confined to these shores, or to this era (as 1970s photo suggests), but those qualifications don't discourage islanders from seeking answers here and now.

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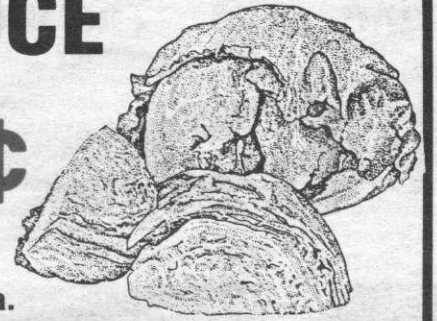
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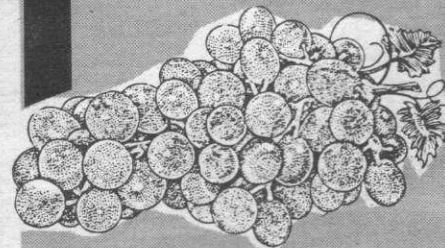
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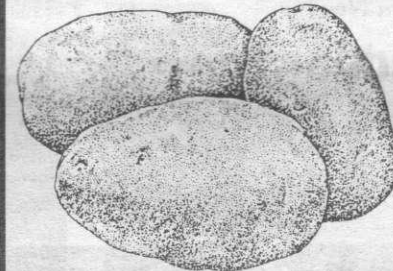
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Bob Walde's search for cure 'beginning to produce results'

By SUSAN DICKER

After bottles and bottles of medicine and a doctor who shared his problem, Bob Walde has a new — albeit guarded — outlook on the future.

For two years Walde has suffered a variety of symptoms ranging from heart palpitations to headaches, dizziness, nausea and memory loss. The ailment, diagnosed as an acute sensitivity to hydrocarbons, has plagued the former fireman since he helped clean up a 1985 fuel spill at Long Harbour.

Since then, Walde has been on an up-and-down journey. Doctors, apparently baffled by his condition, placed the Fulford man on specialized diets, sent him for acupuncture or simply shrugged their shoulders.

Last summer, Walde returned from a series of tests at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota with renewed optimism. But the end was not in sight. As winter approached, his symptoms progressively worsened.

Finally, after a call to MP Jim Manly's office, things began to turn around. The person Walde spoke to — Sheila McFarlane — recognized his symptoms. In fact, she said, she was helping a man with the same problem work his way through the workers' compensation process.

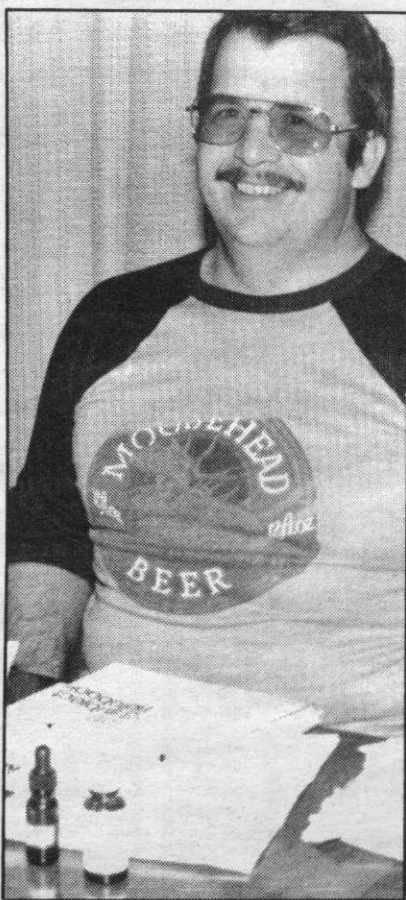
One of the several papers McFarlane sent to Walde described the effects of Xylene — a component found in gasoline, fuels and solvents — on the human body if prolonged exposure occurs. The symptoms were all there — headaches, confusion, giddiness, nausea, and fatigue; plus the effects on lungs, ingestion, liver, heart and the nervous system.

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Walde's next step was to a Vancouver doctor who had not only heard of Walde's ailment but had suffered from it himself.

"It was amazing to go to a doctor and not have to explain everything for hours," Walde says.

Dr. Ryder applied an electrodiagnosis technique called vegetesting to Walde. The method, common in Europe, uses an electronic instrument to measure changes in skin resistance at



Bob Walde

specific (acupuncture) points on the hands in response to placement of various test substances in circuit with the patient.

Walde remains slightly skeptical of the process. He notes, however, that the test to determine food allergies matched what an orthodox skin test had determined.

The result of Walde's Vancouver

'It was amazing to go to a doctor and not have to explain everything for hours.'

er trip was numerous bottles of medicine. The idea behind many of the drugs is similar to immunization, where the patient is fed small amounts of the virus or bacteria causing the difficulty in order to build an immunity to it.

Dr. Ryder told Walde he would notice a difference within three weeks. He said the food allergies would be gone within six months, and the symptoms alleviated within nine months.

Walde heard of a woman in Victoria who did get over the problem through this treatment. He also understands that with a subsequent severe exposure, she relapsed. So does he feel optimistic about the future?

"Yes," he says, but with a guarded tone. "I've been to other doctors who've said *we'll get you over this.*"

If he gets over it, great, Walde says — but if he doesn't, he feels he is entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits.

He approached the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) in May, 1987, providing it with a history of his illness, plus consultation reports from physicians and specialists. The board also acquired a report from the Mayo Clinic.

It took the WCB eight months to respond to Walde's claim, and conclude his diagnosis is a psychological one. Furthermore, the letter reads: "We do not have any record on file of a prolonged exposure or the kind of symptomology that you would expect on such and such an occurrence."

What does this mean? Walde posed the question to another islander who suffers from a similar problem. She said the board told her the same thing. So here, Walde says, are two people — three, including the man McFarlane is assisting — who have approached the board with problems similar to his. And still they have nothing on file.

Walde intends to take his case, once again, before the board. With him this time, he will have a series of letters written by friends and neighbours, documenting the change Walde has suffered since his exposure.

In the meantime, Walde says, people have been great.

"I've had letters and phone calls from people all over the place, who have the same thing. It's not really as rare as people like to think it is."

His fellow employees at the B.C. Ferry Corporation, for instance, have the windows open and space aired out before he arrives for work. He attended his first party in many months, when a friend prepared a non-smoking atmosphere.

"People are really great." And he can't forget all those on Salt Spring who contributed to the Bob Walde fund, raising close to \$10,000. The money allowed the trip to the Mayo Clinic and covered the cost of his Vancouver tests and medicine.

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 769 of the Municipal Act, the following Bylaw No. 1606, cited as "Soil Removal Prohibition Bylaw No. 2, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1988" is hereby published as at third reading and prior to submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A BYLAW TO AMEND CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 1472

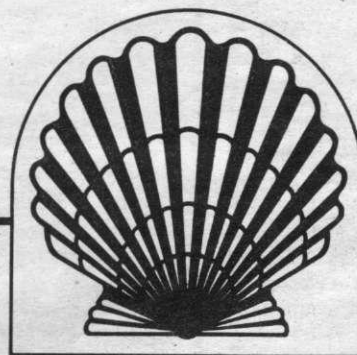
The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 1472, being the "Soil Removal, Prohibition Bylaw No. 2, 1986" is hereby amended by deleting Section 9(a)(iv).

A copy of the bylaw may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

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Water supply worries put rezoning big on hold

The impact a fish hatchery at China Cove might have on well-water supplies in the Beaver Point area prompted the January 29 meeting of Salt Spring's Islands Trust Committee to seek further information before deciding how to view the proposal.

The hatchery is proposed for a waterfront property on Salt Spring's east coast, between Beaver Point to the south and Cusheon Cove to the north. It would serve a fish farm approved for the site in 1986 but still in the process of becoming established.

To make the hatchery a conforming use of the property, the operators asked the Trust to rezone a one-acre portion of the site from commercial to agricultural status.

At the public hearing called for comment on the proposed rezoning, the Trust was told the hatchery would use an average of 40 gallons of well water per minute.

Consumption would vary according to the life cycle of the fish being hatched — rising from a low of 20 to 25 gallons per minute in the summer, to a high of about 60 gallons per minute at the end of each spring.

The applicant told the hearing the hatchery operation would not be viable unless well water was available — i.e., on-site storage of water was ruled out — and that machinery to recycle the water could be installed to cut the projected consumption in half.

However, no guarantees could be given that recycling equipment would be installed.

The hearing was also presented with a hydrological survey prepared for the applicant by a West Vancouver consulting firm. Done in 1985, it indicated other wells in the immediate area would not be adversely affected by the degree of water consumption forecast for the hatchery.

However, that observation was challenged by a geological engineer who lives in the Beaver Point area. A more thorough survey of the region would be needed to determine the full impact of the hatchery's water consumption might have on nearby wells, he said, explaining that the geological profile of the area is more

Hatchery would tap into Beaver Point groundwater

complex than the consultant's report indicates.

It was also noted that the hatchery's well would lie "downstream" of existing but undetermined groundwater supplies, giving it the potential to cause a "draw down" of water that would "add stress to an already overburdened system."

The Trust was asked to tie any approval of the proposed rezoning to assurances that a hatchery well would have minimal impact on neighbouring wells. It was also told that monitoring of local

well-water supplies should be carried out to determine if the hatchery operation was drawing too heavily on the area's groundwater resources.

However, Trust planner Dave Morris told the hearing that the provincial government has no provision to licence or monitor groundwater supplies. In other words, he said, groundwater belongs to whoever draws it into a well.

When the Trust debated the proposed rezoning at its regular

meeting following the public hearing, it agreed the hatchery's impact on existing wells could be substantial. It voted to give the bylaw no more than second reading and said it would wait for receipt of further information

— including comments solicited from appropriate provincial government ministries.

A third reading would be required before the bylaw could be sent to the minister of municipal affairs for approval. After that, it would need fourth and final reading by the Trust before the zoning change could become official.

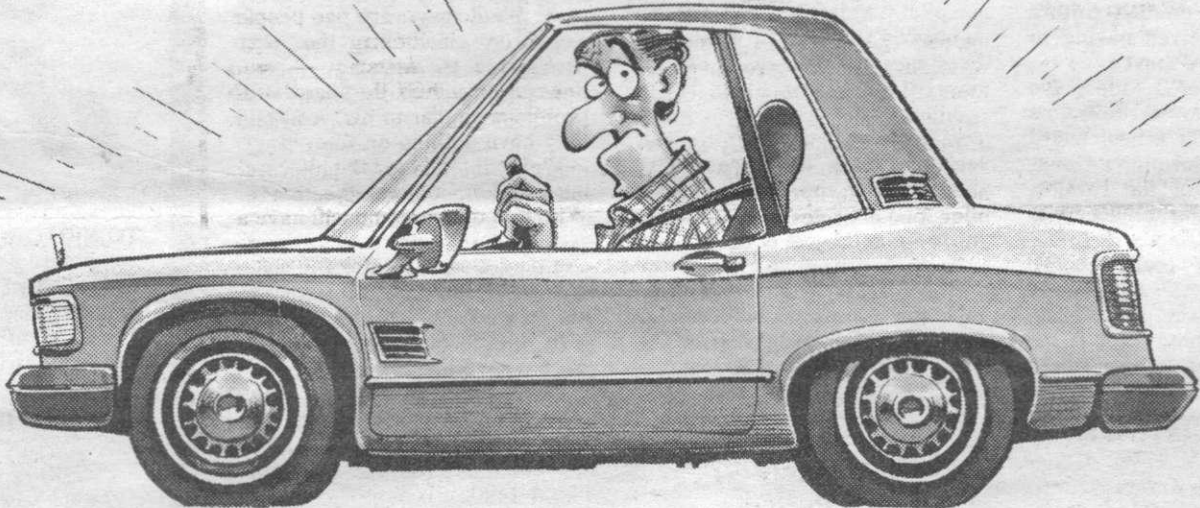
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Pam MacKenzie and Eleanor Deacon discuss file in 'new' office

Community Health office forced to remind islanders of relocation

Although they have occupied new premises for over two months now, staff at the Capital Regional District (CRD) community health office on Salt Spring still find themselves having to tell people they've moved.

As of December 1, 1987, the health office moved from its long-time space at school board headquarters in downtown Ganges to a portion of the Nurses' Residence building adjacent to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

"People don't really realize we're here now," community health nurse Pam MacKenzie said last week. One reason is the office was in the school board

building for so long; another is the signage identifying the office's new location — one small sign sits at the entrance to the hospital parking lot, and another is outside the Nurses' Residence building at the rear of the hospital.

MacKenzie said she hopes people have taken note of the new location, even if it's now two months after the fact — and if they haven't, that they will now make a mental note of the address change.

The office is open from Monday to Thursday from 8:30 am to noon. On Wednesdays, it is also open from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. An

answering service handles calls outside normal office hours.

The office houses MacKenzie, clerk Eleanor Deacon and home care nurse Sheila Zoltay. MacKenzie is responsible for preventative health care — i.e., immunization programs and liaison with local school education programs — while Zoltay undertakes treatment programs like in-home follow-ups of people recently discharged from the hospital.

In addition, the office hosts Tuesday and Thursday visits from the district health inspector, and a Tuesday call from the region's long-term care assessor.

Club members preparing for speech contest

On January 22, the Salt Spring Island 4-H Club drew about 25 participants to its first meeting of the 1988 season.

The meeting, held in the Ganges United Church basement, saw club members elect an executive for the new term: Jordy Koski, president; Julie Gilbert, vice-president; Gitta Baker, secretary; Andrea Rondeau, treasurer; David Koski, club reporter; and Rita Phillips, telephone committee chairman.

The club, which met again on February 5, has scheduled a public speaking contest for Friday, February 19.

The club has also issued a call for help — it needs a crafts leader and someone to handle bookkeeping.

— David Koski

bridge report

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 1 were:

• (North-South) Kay Harrison and Dawny Scarfe; Isabelle Richardson and Dorothy Crofton; Irene Hawksworth and Fred Struve; Lois Popkin-Clurman and Mona Coulter; Louise Foulis and George Lampier.

• (East-West) Vivian Storr and Marion Ashmore; Corinne Foster and Althea Morrisette; Stan

Stewart and Norm McConnell. Tuesday night winners were:

• (North-South) Noel Fowles and Mike Testart; Dawny Scarfe and Kay Harrison; Mona Coulter and John Sarginson; Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton.

• (East-West) Pat and Keith Lavender; June Knowles and Barbara Adams; Sue Bradford and Norm McConnell; Boyd Seimons and Jim Burford.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

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MOVED, Section 3(e) of the by-laws of Salt Spring Island Public Library Association be amended from:

3(e) The Annual Meeting shall be held within the first two weeks of February, notice of such meeting to be published in the local newspaper in two consecutive issues at least two weeks before the day of the meeting.

to:

3(e) The Annual Meeting shall be held between February 1 and March 31, notice of such meeting to be published in the local newspaper in two consecutive issues at least two weeks before the day of the meeting.

ALSO, at the Annual Meeting, there will be the following:

MOVED, that the annual membership fee for adults be increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

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Church to mark beginning of Lent

The Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island will mark the beginning of the period from Lent to Easter with activities on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, so named because it was the day when people were "shriven," or confessed their sins before Lent.

best way to clean out the larder before the beginning of the fast was to make pancakes.

On Salt Spring Island, Shrove Tuesday will be marked February 16 with a pancake lunch at St. George's Hall in Ganges, beginning at 11:30 am. Cost of the lunch will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under the age of 12 years.

Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on February 17, denotes the beginning of Lent. Its name derives from the tradition of marking people with ashes to remind them of their mortality.

In England, Shrove Tuesday is also called "Pancake Tuesday." During Lent, a fairly strict fast was kept; people did not eat meat, fats or dairy products. The

In keeping with Ash Wednesday traditions, February 17 celebrations of the Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held at St. Mark's Church at Central at 10 am, at St. George's Church in Ganges at 5:15 pm, and at St. Mary's Church in Fulford Harbour at 7:30 pm.

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Carol Dawn Guilbault, Paul Andrew Trenholm
Christmas season wedding joins Guilbault, Trenholm

A wedding ceremony held amid Christmas season decorations joined Karolyn Dawn Guilbault and Paul Andrew Trenholm on December 26, 1987.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Carol Guilbault of Salt Spring Island, while the groom is the son of Russell and Jane Trenholm, also of Salt Spring.

The Boxing Day wedding was held at the home of the bride's parents. Entering the room on the arm of her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown made by Inge Villadsen, a friend of the family.

The dress was of taffeta, with lace lily print sleeves and lace over a taffeta bodice. A three-quarter-length veil was held with a pearl headpiece, and the bride carried a bouquet of pink roses and baby's breath.

Attending the bride was her aunt, Anna Asha, from Quesnel, who wore a pink afternoon dress with a white and silver corsage, and pink flowers in her hair.

The groom and his attendant, brother Dave Trenholm, wore black suits and rose boutonnières.

Following the ceremony, a three-tiered cake made by the bride's grandmother and decorated by the bride's mother, was served to the wedding party and guests.

Music for the occasion was provided on the piano by long-time friend, Rick Parsons.

The toast to the bride was delivered by her uncle, Fernie Guilbault of Sidney.

Special guests attending the wedding were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rahn of Salt Spring Island, and the bride's great-grandmother, Mrs. Emma Farko of Vernon, B.C..

Out-of-town guests attended from Langley, Nanaimo, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Nakusp, Vernon, Vancouver and Sidney.

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Benefit plans being offered

Dental plans, medical plans, pension plans and life insurance don't usually come up in conversations among artists. However a relatively new organization called Artsfund is facilitating these and other services on behalf of working artists in Canada.

Artsfund, based in Vancouver, is a non-profit society whose mandate is to make accessible to artists those benefits which are most often available to employees of larger companies.

Artsfund does not seek or receive government funding and is administered by a board of 10 directors. Its membership fees are \$5 for artists under the age of 25, \$10 for those over 25, \$25 for organizations with under 25 members and \$50 for groups of over 25 members.

Artsfund is providing an alternative services plan for self-employed artists, most of whom subsist on the poverty line. So here's the scoop as far as I can make out.

Artsfund provides two different plans. Plan 25 is a preventative dental care program which provides 80 per cent coverage to a maximum of \$1,000 per year for: diagnostic services such as X-rays, oral examinations and consultations; preventative services such as cleaning and band and loop, space maintainers; surgical services, such as extractions; endodontics such as root canal work; and periodontics (treatment of tissue supporting teeth).

Plan One is more comprehensive (and expensive) and includes extensive dental care, extended health coverage, life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage.

Both plans include a probation period on the dental segment of three months and are only available to artists whose annual income exceeds \$8,000. Wage indemnity and disability insurance are available under certain conditions.

The plans are available to family units of the traditional and non-traditional variety. Family premiums are \$28/month for plan 25, and \$58.10 for Plan One. The two plans are underwritten by M.S.A./Blue Cross.

In addition to the above, Artsfund is providing artists with investment pension programs. Over 10 investment funds, managed by Royal Trust, are available with contributions starting at \$10 per month. Through the Bank of B.C., Artsfund members are offered special banking privileges, including free chequing and corporate prime rate on approved loans. And, during February,

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by gary cherneff

Artsfund co-ordinates a financial planning seminar. For a fee the Artsfund has a finance program available and offers a contract protection system.

Well, all this is a pretty big lump to swallow all at once, so I suggest

Fulford school to open 'gallery' for artworks

Fulford elementary school artists will soon have a location to display their artworks: the school's art committee is preparing a gallery.

Each year, according to the committee, Fulford school gets "more and more" into the arts, with students constantly improving their skills and techniques.

The gallery will give the young artists a chance to display some of their work. All students have been encouraged to contribute their art, and offers from the community and local artists are

that if you're interested you should contact Artsfund at 307-2228 Franklin Street, Vancouver. V5L 1R9.

As long as we're in the area of money and security you might be interested to know that the provincial ministry of industry and small business development makes available a large amount of information in the form of books, pamphlets, tapes and videos. These are available at the B.C. Enterprise Centre at B.C. Place on the Expo site.

also being accepted.

The gallery hopes to display a variety of styles representing all age groups. Simple paperworks — such as prints, pencil crayon, paint, pencil, felt, watercolour or charcoal pieces — would be best, the committee suggests.

Because space is limited, however, not all works can be accepted. To this end, contributions should be no larger than 60 centimetres by 70 centimetres.

All contributions for the gallery must be received by Fulford School by February 15.

Weavers plot schedule for demonstrations, workshops

The weavers and spinners guild of Salt Spring Island has scheduled a February 11 workshop for members interested in double-binding techniques.

The workshop, to be led by member Doris Mowbray, is part of the guild's spring program of instruction featuring well-known off-island and local teachers.

Also on the agenda are in-guild Thursday study groups working on projects like the design and weaving of a Salt Spring Island tartan and friendship quilt woven with various techniques of colonial design.

The guild floor loom, meanwhile, is in full use by members weaving their own "double corduroy" technique rugs.

In addition, a study group for beginners is meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

The spring workshop scheduled also includes:

- Guild member Judith McKenzie will instruct a March 17-18 session on advanced spinning.
- Well-known Vancouver instruc-

tor Diane Mortenson will lead a three-day workshop on "the loom as a tool," on May 17, 18 and 19 at the Catholic Church hall.

The guild holds business meetings in Mahon Hall on the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 10:30 am. New members or visitors are welcome. Regular weekly meetings are each Thursday at 10:30 am in Mahon Hall.

Further information on programs and memberships is available from president Al Pike (537-5134) or program convener Ena Nemeth (537-4430).

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Work of Indian stone carver incorporates guardian spirit

By REG ASHWELL

Among the many joys extant in the creative fields that surround art dealers and art collectors are the unique opportunities available to view and examine provocative and original new objets d'art.

Every once in a great while, a new artist appears on the scene to demonstrate an original and exciting talent, and those fortunate enough to view and handle the work count themselves as fortunate indeed. Just such an artist is Lorne Fineday, a Cree Indian sculptor who recently arrived on Salt Spring Island to settle in and join this fair island's ever-growing art colony.

Lorne was born in the Indian hospital at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, in 1951. A full-blooded Cree, he was raised on the Red Pheasant reserve at Eagle Hill until the age of six, when his grandparents sent him to an Anglican boarding school, where he remained for eight years. Those were happy times, in congenial surroundings, where the youngster soon showed a remarkable ability to draw.

"It was just kid's stuff — cowboys and Indians and horses," Fineday recalls, "but it awakened in me a desire to express my Cree heritage through the medium of the arts."

As he grew older, Fineday experimented with oils and other media and did a number of creditable drawings in ink. He moved to British Columbia's west coast in 1964 and immediately became fascinated with Northwest Coast Indian art, which he wisely decided not to try to emulate.

Fineday says he enjoyed a fair success with wood-carving but did not find a true outlet for his creative energies until he began working in stone, testing his skills in alabaster, marble, jade and soapstone.

He refers to his art as being abstract or impressionistic and agrees that his carvings are tinged with a powerful element of Indian Shamanism. The artist's work is steeped in his Indian heritage, and he is strongly influenced by traditional Cree beliefs — a fascinating element of which is the conviction that all living creatures have a personal guardian spirit watching over them throughout their sojourn on earth. This mystical theory is well defined in Fineday's soapstone head of an eagle (see illustration), where the powerful image of the "guardian spirit" protrudes from the eagle's neck feathers, below the beak.

Watching Fineday carve is a captivating experience, where the observer is tellingly aware of the artist's consummate skill as a sculptor. Without so much as a preliminary design or a rough drawing to guide him, he chips and chisels away at the rather colourless block of soapstone, all the while conversing eloquently about his Cree beliefs, and his hopes and ambitions for the future. It is not until after the artist has completed his extensive system of waxing and polishing that the true texture and vibrant colours of the stone emerge to add a rich lustre to the finished work of art.



Examples of Fineday's carvings

Fineday prefers to sculpt large pieces, five feet or more in height, which he feels offer a wider range for the more complex interpretations of his highly imaginative ideas and abilities. Nevertheless, the smaller pieces — ranging up to about 15 inches in height and diameter, and just as carefully and exquisitely executed — are affordable and thus extremely popular with collectors, who snap them up wherever they are displayed.

Fineday admits to a restlessness in his make-up, and by choice he has continued to live a semi-nomadic life. He retains an abiding interest in the Indian peoples of North America, enjoys mixing with the various tribes, and goes out of his way to understand their customs and absorb what he can of their art forms and tribal ways of life. His travels have taken him to many out-of-the-way areas throughout the United States and Canada.

Says Fineday: "All I need is my pack-sack containing my carving tools and a good sized chunk of soapstone and I can feel at home anywhere. When I'm travelling around the country, I like to seek out Indian bands in remote areas where the people have retained their original culture and lifestyle as far as possible. I learned a lot

while I was living among the Indians in the Mount Shasta area. Another memorable highlight was carving with Indians in Santa Fe, New Mexico. You get to understand a little more about what it must have been like in the old times, before the white man came and tried to change our culture."

Fineday originally planned to spend only a few months on Salt Spring Island and then to up anchor and away to wherever his restless urges might take him. But (loosely quoting Burns), "the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray," and the artist finds himself becoming increasingly infected with the magic of the islands. He recently went so far as to hint that he just might decide to buy himself a house on the island and permanently join Salt Spring's growing art colony.

There is a mystique about the work of this talented sculptor and his carvings have been successfully shown at many leading galleries throughout Canada and the United States. On the west coast, his sculptures, when available, can be seen at the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Marion Scott Galleries in Vancouver, the Quest Gallery in Victoria, and at the Pegasus Gallery in Ganges village, on Salt Spring Island.

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Burns' Night event features Vancouver dance



Bob Currie

By ALISTAIR ROSS

NORTH GALIANO — Robbie Burns' birthdate was January 25 and most celebrations of the poet's memory occur on or near that date — but not on Galiano. The reason is that a group of Scottish Country Dancers come from Vancouver each year to help the North Galiano Community Association stage the event and is available only after all the Vancouver celebrations are over.

With the ladies in Aboyne costume and the fellows in kilt, black tie and jackets, they have performed at seven Burns' suppers now. Their dancing always inspires Galianoites, dancers and non-dancers alike. The Cairngorm Dancers performed four dances this year. Two of them — *The Bees of Maggie Knockater*, a jig by John Dewry, and *Nottingham Lace*, a reel — showed off the dancers' technique most effectively. All four of their dances were well received — fun to do and

fun to watch.

The supper for 70, beginning with spinach dip and ending with mince pies and hard sauce, included the traditional ham, neeps, and haggis. Also on the table were pickled crabapples, rolls, oatcakes and chocolates — all home made, of course.

After such a meal the speakers had a serious competition for the audience's attention. Joe Fleming got things off to a good start with his amusing and gracious toast to the ladies, replied to by Audrey Cook. Michael Warren, of Victoria, gave the immortal memory, a well researched and scholarly tribute to Burns with appropriate quotations from the bard's works, in English and Lallans, the tongue of his day. As many do, Mr. Warren considers Burns' songs to be some of his best work. Later in the programme, with Ann Duncan at the piano, some Burns' favourites were sung by all.

Angus Wilson, a teenager from Vancouver, piped three short selections. Earlier, his father Les piped in the haggis, held proudly on its silver platter by Alistair Ross. Bob Currie's rich Scottish brogue cast a spell on the guests as he recited Burns' *Ode to the Haggis*.

A moment of hilarity occurred during the evening when the draw for a Texas Mickey took place. With due ceremony a name was drawn — Sam Wishart. Who is Sam? Sam is a five-month-old Dachshund puppy belonging to association secretary Edith Wishart and her husband Terry. His master tells your reporter that Sam had his photograph taken with his prize, but showed little interest really. Perhaps if the prize had been German beer or wine.

Drew Couture of Clanton Road won the door prize, a bottle of wine. He appeared to be both pleased and interested.

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At North Galiar centre, the Spanis two events of im place this past wee

On Wednesday, local ladies gathere the early afternoon friend and neigl James, with a Sandwiches, cake preceded the prese which included clc

Missing dog discovered after two weeks in woods

By FLORENCE DODWELL

SOUTH GALIANO — Stewart, the white West Highland terrier, has been found. Frightened by large dogs, he ran into the Bluff Park area on Saturday, January 23.

At the same time and in the same area, he was found two weeks later by Sandy Dolph of Cain Point. When she called his name, he leapt nervously into her arms. Then she put him into her van and drove home, where her excited children gave him food, water and affection.

It is suspected that Stewart had found food during his sojourn as he seemed to be in good condition. A large tick was removed and otherwise he just needed a good washing and brushing.

The owners from North Vancouver were phoned and they arrived the next day to pick up their precious pet. A happy ending to a co-operative Island search.

Book sale

The regular book sale by the women's auxiliary to the South Galiano Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Saturday, February 20, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Stocks of paperbacks are low and donations would be welcome. Please call 5737 or leave books at the Fire Hall.

Church notices

The Needle Guild is pleased to announce a presentation of baby quilts on March 6 at 3 pm in the North Galiano Community Hall. This will follow the 2 pm. Anglican Church service at the North End, with Dan Noonan officiating.

On Monday, February 8, newly-elected officers attended the parish council meeting at 9:30 am in the Sunday School. The bible study group met in the home of Arno Diehl at 2:30 pm.

- Sunday, Feb. 14: Ian Hooley will conduct the Lay Reader Service.
- February 17: Time to be announced for the Ash Wednesday Service.
- Sunday, February 21: For the first Sunday of Lent, a United Church Service will be conducted by Rev. Hugh Hunter.

Dance

A Valentine's dance will be held this Saturday, February 13, at the South Galiano Community Hall, beginning at 9 pm. Music is by *Roots Roundup*, a calypso and ska band from Vancouver, and the audience will be in costume. Advance tickets only are being sold.

Otters soccer

Last Saturday saw the Galiano Otters Soccer Club host the two top teams in the Inter-Island League, the Salt Spring Kicks and the Fulford Hawks. As usual, a large crowd of parents and supporters were in attendance at the community field to cheer the fine play.

The Otters once again displayed determination and excellent passing but came up short in both matches against the more experienced Salt Spring teams. Special mention should be made of Laurie Baines' tireless efforts as the Otters most effective striker, Colin MacDougal's outstanding play in goal, and 12-year-old Christopher Walker's competent refereeing.

Precipitation

It may be interesting to note that December was the only relatively normal month for rainfall on Galiano since April, 1987, as 5.5 inches fell during the month. January 1988 came up with only 2.75 inches, far below average.

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