Galiano Islanders last week forced a halt to tree-cutting being undertaken at two sites by contractors working for MacMillan-Bloedel.

The cutting, planned by MB as a prelude to logging in 1988, was to take place on land the company owns near Coon Bay and between Galiano Way and the garbage dump.

Opponents of the work, organized as a group calling itself Clear Cut Alternatives, confronted fallers near Coon Bay last Monday and caused them to stop work. Later, the group met the fallers near the dump and again forced a halt to tree-cutting. On Friday, the group staged a symbolic sit-in and picnic at Coon Bay.

Galiano resident Bill Paterson, a member of the citizens' group, said the Coon Bay work was opposed because cutting was taking place too near the shoreline and too close to the border of a proposed provincial park, while the work near the dump drew protests because cutting is to take place right up to the roadway.

Bruce Francis, manager of MacMillan-Bloedel's Chemainus woodlands division, agreed last week with Paterson's placement of the tree-cutting work. However, he said he has always been willing to discuss MB's plans with islanders and indicated he felt a meeting with the group could have taken place without a protest.

"If there are practical and rational alternatives, we are always willing to discuss them," he said. "We are always sensitive to any legitimate concern."

Francis had originally outlined MB's plans at a private meeting called October 22 by the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce. Paterson indicated that while those plans were explained, the protest was launched when islanders saw how close cutting was taking place to the proposed Coon Bay park site.

"(The cutting) was right up to the boundary of the park and within 100 feet of the water," he said. "The islanders got perturbed."

Booth Bay residents upset by late-night clam digging

By MIKE TURKKE

Booth Bay, and the quiet inlet that bears the same name, are recognized as two of Salt Spring's most scenic areas, providing island residents and wildlife alike with a refuge from the pressures of development.

But there is a new presence on the bay these days, and an unwanted one in the minds of many residents. Almost every night, as darkness falls and the tide begins to ebb, commercial shellfish harvesters arrive by the dozens in vans and small cars. Using high-powered lamps, these professional clam diggers scrape throughout the night at the bay's sandy soil, leaving in the early morning hours with hundreds of pounds of fresh clams.

The sudden influx of commercial clam diggers to the area has upset Booth Bay homeowners concerned not only for their privacy, but the survival of local shellfish populations. It has also convinced at least two residents that something must be done to protect the bay's clam beds from diggers.

"People have had enough of the nightly invasion. They're trying to organize," Paterson said possibilities for expanding the proposed Coon Bay boundaries have already been discussed with MLAs Terry Huberts and Mel Couvelier, and with representatives of the Na...
Severe storm cuts Gulf Islands power

Communities throughout the Gulf Islands experienced disruptions in ferry and electrical service Monday and Tuesday as the first major storm of winter hit the West Coast.

High winds buffeted the islands Monday afternoon and Tuesday. Environment Canada officials at the Pat Bay Airport on Vancouver Island — the closest weather monitoring station to the Gulf Islands — recorded gusts of up to 40 knots (74 kilometres per hour).

In the Gulf Islands, the storm created difficulties for B.C. Ferry Corporation vessels serving the region. A spokesman for the corporation said that while all ferries were apparently operating Tuesday morning, service was disrupted in some areas on Monday.

"The supplementary service between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay was out for a time on Monday and then there were some problems at Sturdies Bay (on Galiano)," the spokesman said. "The people who were to board at Sturdies ended up going to Montague, where they were taken by the ferry to Mayne Island, and then transferred to a vessel for Tsawassen."

John Langston, district manager of B.C. Hydro, said Tuesday morning that the storms left residents of Pender and Saturna Islands completely without electrical service.

Many areas of Salt Spring also experienced power failures and "brown outs" during the early morning hours of December 1. However, by noon Tuesday between 90 and 98 per cent of service had been restored on the island.

"It hasn't been without a struggle," said Langston.

Although classes continued Tuesday at all Salt Spring schools, those on Mayne and Pender were closed. A school district spokesman also said that while no message was received from Saturna, it was assumed the school there was also shutdown while repairs were made to the island's electricity distribution system.

Islanders halt falling work by MB

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ture Trust of B.C. He is hopeful that those talks, which included consideration of protection for 650 acres on top of Mt. Galiano and a portion of Mt. Sutili, will prove fruitful.

Paterson's group has also suggested an alternative to MB's cutting plans besides the road near the garbage dump. It wants the company to either leave large buffers alongside the road or construct a 20-acre suggestion. "The company has said for $10 an acre — or $90,000 for most of the island," he said. "We're saying they have to consider something other than the bottom line. They've already realized a return on investment thousands of times over what they paid — and they still own the land."

The two sides in the tree-cutting issue scheduled a Monday meeting on Galiano to discuss their points. Driftwood was unabled to obtain details of the meeting before the copy deadline for this week's edition had expired.

The meeting was arranged through the Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce, which last week decided to "take a mediary's role" in the dispute, according to president Bill Callaway.

"We are trying to bring the two sides to a satisfactory conclusion," he said. "We're not taking one side or the other — both have valid points."

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Whiskey denotes the product of Ould Gaeland, rich in the aroma of peat. I can smell it now! And when the Yanks turned their backs on the Celts and the Scots to produce their own Bourbon, they followed the Hibernian road and adopted the EY spelling.

Who cares, anyway! I found the right crock.

**Never like that!**

He was using the vacuum cleaner on the store floor and I congratulated Dick Clarke on doing it himself.

Why not, he retorted, when he was in the air force he had to iron his own shirts.

But the air force never provided airmen with vacuum cleaners. All they had was the so-called “bumper” vacuum. It was a thing of wood and heavy bristles weighted down with a lead block. It scraped the polished floor and had the user sweating.

I reckon Dick and me, we’ve been promoted since those days!

**Everyman his own!**

This working as your own housewife is too tough for the birds. I didn’t have to get involved but I had a brainwave: I’d bleach it!

For some hours my white shirt was steadily bleached until it turned pale yellow. And I think we are part of the national scene. I wish they wouldn’t.

One thunderbolt and you can bet there’d be some mixing up.

**Rezoning proceeds**

Salt Spring’s Islands Trust Committee is proceeding with a rezoning of the Royal Canadian Legion site on Blain Road.

At its November 20 meeting in Ganges, the committee gave three readings to a bylaw to change the property’s current Residential-1 status to Commercial-1.

The three readings followed a public hearing which heard no objections to the proposed rezoning. The bylaw will now be sent to the municipal affairs ministry for approval, then back to the Trust for a vote on final adoption.

The Legion is moving to new quarters under construction on Blain Road.

**Way cleared to reconstruct**

A development permit amendment covering the Harbours End Marine property has been approved by the Islands Trust.

The amendment will allow relocation of half of the former Salt Spring Lands office to the Harbours End site on Upper Ganges Road.

One half of the former office building is already on the site. The other half is currently located between the Kanaka Place Restaurant and the Ganges Fire Hall but is ready to be moved to Upper Ganges Road.

The Trust noted that 15 parking spaces would have to be in place for the two halves of the building. Eight spaces are currently in place, it said, and there is ample land area to accommodate the additional spaces required.
Inventories needed to preserve shellfish stocks

Among the many concerns raised here and elsewhere about large-scale collecting of clams from coastal beaches, the one point which deserves immediate consideration is the toll harvesting is taking — and will take — on shellfish populations.

This year's commercial clam digging activity, fueled by a rise in prices paid for the commodity, has already taken close to 3,000 metric tonnes from B.C. waters — double last year's take. The question is whether the resource can withstand the sudden pressure, particularly in light of fears raised that the scouring of beds likely sends undersized clams into collection sacks.

Officially, the federal department of fisheries and oceans maintains that limitations on the minimum size of clams which commercial diggers may take offers adequate protection of stocks from over-harvesting and devastation. At least one federal fisheries officer has also indicated it is hoped that when clam stocks on a particular beach become low — thus making it uneconomical to work the area — commercial diggers will move on to another stretch of sand.

But isn't that placing protection of the stocks in the realm of hopes and wishes? Ideally, a beach targeted for mass harvest would first have its clam stocks inventoried and have limits placed on the haul it will yield (much like what is done now for fish stocks). A follow-up would also be advisable, as would the strict imposition of penalties on diggers who over-harvest or take undersized clams.

The seam showing in this idyllic fabric, of course, is the tremendous amount of time and effort such a system would require of an already-thin enforcement corps. Like the clams on some beaches, fisheries enforcement officers are few and far between — and until that is changed, the pressures placed on shellfish stocks promise an uncertain future.

Uncertainty popular, judging from surveys

We are not, as has been noted several times, particularly enamoured by public opinion polls. Too often, the public pulse-taking is inconsequential, as in the recent poll of B.C. political affiliations, which showed more voter support committed to either the Social Credit or NDP. All this with perhaps three or four more years to go before a provincial election.

Not that all the information wrought from polling is worthless. For instance, the same survey which provided the above information tells us that roughly one in two British Columbians has no knowledge of the privatization issue. Findings of another poll, released at the same time, revealed that one in five Canadians is ignorant of the free trade debate. Several theories can be floated in hopes of explaining the public’s apparent lack of knowledge about these two important issues. Perhaps it reflects a lack of interest. Maybe it results from an aversion to the bafflegab of politicians, which the electorate cannot be blamed for finding convoluted. Or it might be that the issues themselves are not being presented simply enough to allow for easy digestion. And then again, it may be because don’t know is topping the polls.

Sporting event watchdogs being overzealous

A big, international sporting event is scheduled to take place in Calgary early next year. You know the one I mean — it occurs every four years and features the best athletes in the world competing in the name of their home countries for a share of gold, silver and bronze medals.

I’d like to spell out the name of the meet, maybe even publicize it in the interest of national pride, but my editorial budget isn’t big enough.

You see, the organizers of this athletic event have the exclusive rights to the word or words which convey its meaning. They also own the two numerals — hint: they’re both the same — which tell us the year this meet will take place. And everyone they find using the word or the numbers without their express permission is being asked to pay a hefty fee regardless of how long they’ve included the word in their business name.

The reason for the zealous clampdown is to guard against anyone profiting from an unautho­rized or implied link with this major event. After all, large companies are paying huge fees to be connected to the event — fees which will help defray its costs and ensure that the Canadian taxpayer is not saddled with an enormous debt.

But while the rationale for the enforcement action is crystal-clear, the extent to which it has been enforced is murky.

For instance, news reports tell us that many of the people caught to date for unauthorized use of the

my word

word have been small fish — the owners of insignificant businesses who have used the term for years, have no intention of cashing in on an association with the event... and who cannot afford to fight this kind of stupidity in a court of law.

At the same time, a prominent national concern just as ‘guilty’ as the others is being ignored — no doubt because the well-servers (dubbed ‘the word police’ by the media) know full well the company will tell it just where to stuff its nonsense, and has more than enough bucks to back up its words.

It’s hard to decide which aspect of this business is worse. Is it the presumption that a near-­generic term — which doubles as a place-name — can be ‘owned’ by anyone who wishes to make an insane real with which the ‘word police’ have defended their supposed ownership? Or is it the selective application of those ownership rights?

No matter, at this point. The die is cast and an appropriate response is in order. I am tempted to advise Canada’s news media to take the ‘word police’ at their word and refrain from any use of the outlawed terms, even in connection with advance publicity and coverage of the event. But that would be giving in to an intolerable ponishment.

A far better approach would be for all of us to flaunt the organizers by erecting large pla­
cards brazenly displaying the terms Olympic and ’88 and refusing to pay a fee.

There, I’ve done it. I’ve used both terms in a vehicle sold for profit — this newspaper — and I haven’t paid to acquire the right. According to the Olympic organizers, I must be guilty of something.

Which leaves me with only one thought. Orwell’s book is dated four years too early.

by

duncan macdonnell
Please give

Sir,
The first Christmas was signalled, we are told, by a light from the East, the light whose presence then later, Christmas was celebrated by the lighting of candles.

Today, we mark this great occasion in our own way, the lights both inside and outside the home and on Christmas trees. Wallingford's annual tree-trimming during the weekdays immediately preceding the holiday and you will see a most colourful sight as hundreds of lights blink out the message that Christmas will soon be here.

This is a time of great happiness for many people but not, unfortunately, for all. It is a time for the giving and receiving of presents. Many children will wake up on Christmas morning and find that Santa has visited them and has been generous with his gifts — but there are also those who, unless we can assist, may find that the giving of gifts is for the fortunate few.

And so we are appealing to you to help light up another and most wondrous light; to help to light up the eyes of a child on Christmas morning. Santa's workshop is operating again this year and we are asking you once again to donate used toys which will be refurbished. These can be dropped off at the following receiving stations:
- Driftwood Community Hall, Fulford;
- North Salt Spring Water Works; and
- Upper Ganges Centre (when open).

Please give. They will be all gratefully received.

BOB APPLETON,
Community Engagement, Community Centre, Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
It's hard to know where to start in thanking all of those people who have worked so hard and offered their support for the Pool Society over the past 18 months. It could not have been done without so much support from individuals, groups and merchants. So, to every last one of you who in any way supported the Pool Society campaign, an enormous thank you from the executive of the society.

And to Mark's Linens, Driftwood, was perhaps not mentioned enough before this, thank you for supplying us with the towels to be silk-screened with our logo. I must also add a personal thank you from me to the rest of the executive for their hard work.

Lois Phillips, Evelyn Harker, Mimi Gossett, Gary McCartney, and Shirley Birtuma. To be part of such a dedicated and energetic group has really been an honour and a pleasure for me. To Glenn Woodley and Hugh Borsman, please accept our appreciation and grateful thanks for your support during the feasibility study process.

The Pool Society is not dead. Look for a meeting in the near future to determine new strategies and direction.

And think about this — if people can afford to donate used toys to our public pool, why are we letting them destroy our water sources?

WENDY VINEY,
Chairman, Salt Spring Island Swimming Pool Society.

Grateful

Sir,
During a time of great vulnerability, it is always a tear that we will be somehow left alone. But I have found comfort in these last few months since the accident, I have left the fruits of the better world that I and so many others are working to build. I have felt such support in all aspects of my healing.

I am so grateful for the community support that you have shown me over the past few months since I was injured. The love, creativity, giving and joy that you have put forth in the benefit support is that reaches deep inside me. The money raised for me is a tremendous help, and far more than I ever expected.

Thank you to all the people who came out to support the event. And special thanks to all of the people who donated their time, craft, skill or food, and to Mike and Maggie, Hayes and Maureen Bendick for their work in organizing the event.

I have just begun working with the band again. I have missed the music and it feels great to be back. I look forward to our return to Salt Spring when I can thank you all in person and give back to you the gift of our music. Until then, I send you the warmest of thanks.

JAMI SIEBER,
Seattle, Washington.

Clincher

Sir,
I'm appalled that Driftwood actually put on a benefit that rubbishes all AIDS in the personal columns. We have a right to expect responsible dissemination of information from our community paper, not perpetuation of hysteria.

It is sheer misinterpretation of information and extremely irresponsible to say that AIDS can be transmitted in a swimming pool. As a matter of fact, if you were to take 50 cc of blood from a person carrying the HIV virus (the one that causes AIDS), and mix it in only a quart of water, then take a 50 cc sample of that water and inject it into a healthy body, that person would have an extremely slim chance of contracting the virus. Can you, guys, how many quarts of water are there in a swimming pool, whoever owns it?

GARY BRYNN-JONES,
Ganges.

Appalled

Sir,
Here's one more letter of complaint about our so-called ferry service.

A school bus with 50 grade one and two children was left behind when the November 19, 9:30 am, Fulford Ferry pulled out. This happened despite repeated phone calls by Fernwood School to assure a space.

All the children, teachers and parent chaperones were at the school by 8:30 am, looking forward to a field trip to Goldstream Park on Vancouver Island to observe the salmon run. Their enthusiasm began to wane after being virtually trapped on the bus for nearly three hours — it not being deemed safe for 50 children to get off the bus at the Fulford dock or on the ferry itself.

What are the priorities of the ferry corporation? Why can't a busload of school children arrive at departure time and board the ferry? The same boarding procedure should hold for the return trip. Waiting in a bus at the ferry parking lot is of no educational value.

Here's the clincher. A Salt Spring Elementary School class was denied bus space on this same ferry because space had already been allocated for the Fernwood bus. As a result, they had to car-pool their children (using six cars) but did make it on board this ferry. The Fernwood bus (four-car size) was not allowed its space on board, though it had arrived before 9 am.

I believe our children deserve our best. School buses ought to be among the first on and off our island ferries. What can be done to change the present unacceptable level of service to our school children?

I am raising this issue at our next Fernwood parents meeting. I am confident well I will pursue the problem until it is resolved to our satisfaction. I hope other parents will do likewise.

SHEILA SAYER,
Fernwood.

Discretion

Sir,
As principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, I have been asked by many parents to comment on the dance organized by students at the Fulford Community Hall.

During the past year, senior students have organized Grad Club dances at the Fulford Community Hall. These dances are sponsored solely by the students, who book the hall, organize the music and arrange for the entertainment.

The Grad Club have said that, in future, they will refrain from offering these dances to the community.

The staff arranges dances at the high school five or six times a year. These school dances are well chaperoned, and the result is that the dances are a delight to attend, as the "hanger on" element is kept to a minimum.

I recommend to parents that they exercise discretion by allowing their son/daughter to attend only school-sponsored dances at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

J. WELLINGHAM,
Principal, GIS.

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Sir,
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We are fortunate to have this fine performer in our community. He continues to do much, internationally, to enhance people's awareness of 20th Century Music.
This evening, send your child to Spindrift Resort for contributing a cozy resting spot for Yvr while he enjoys his Salt Spring stay.
Make an event out of the evening. Dust off the tuxedo and runners, grab a rose and come join us for the evening. Tickets, available at et cetera, are $10 general, $7.50 seniors and students. See you there.

Margie Korision, Lynda Jensen, Marianne Allen, Community Arts Council Programs Committee, Ganges.

Basic
Sir,
What are the educational basics? Who should pay? Should our children be taught about drug abuse? Child abuse? AIDS? Hunger? Who should teach them in these areas?
Do we want a greater emphasis on art, music, drama? Problem solving and critical thinking; are they being taught and learned? Should they be? If so, how?
Academic education, vocational education, social education — which should we stress? Should we concentrate more on general or specific skills? Are computers overrated?
Until the Post-Books, should we burn them?
What do we want from our local, provincial and federal governments? Should local parents have more or less say? What about taxpayers who don't have children in school?
Private schools — should they be funded with public tax dollars? Is residential taxation an appropriate way to fund education?
Can teaching skills be improved? What about evaluation methods? Should we have merit pay for teachers?
These and many other questions are being raised province-wide by individuals and groups appearing before the Royal Commission on Education. A hearing is scheduled for the Gulf Islands on January 25, 1988. Your school board is planning to make a submission. If you are interested in giving input or learning more about the process, please contact any of your school trustees, parent groups, school principals, or the School Board Office.
I believe this may be our best chance to influence the future of public education in this province.

Charles Hingston, Fulford Harbour.

No!
Sir,
On page two of Driftwood November 28, Wendy Vine, president of the Pool Society, is quoted as saying: "This is two decisive no votes in seven years." Surely a decisive no means just that.
Yet other comments by Wendy Vine, and the lead editorial on page four, suggest that the referendum should "not spell the end of efforts to bring such a facility (public pool) to these shores."
Most, if not all, public swimming pools in B.C. operate with an annual deficit. Big or small, a public pool is a losing proposition.
All pools in Vancouver operate heavily in the red. Even the huge, modern Vancouver Aquatic Centre in the west end has had a net loss in 1986 of just under $500,000.
G. Derek Laverty, co-ordinator of aquatics at the Aquatic Centre, and Neil L. Cole, supervisor of engineering and maintenance for the board of parks and recreation for Vancouver, stated that in their opinion Salt Spring Island, with its population base of 6,500, is in no way able to support a public pool of any kind or size.
The public pool in Tawasawen, with a population base of over 70,000, had to close two years ago. It is hard to understand how the 53 local businessmen who put their names to the two-page ad promoting the pool (page 34, section two, of Driftwood, November 18) could have been so insensitive to the true feelings of the people of Salt Spring.
Could they not see how impractical the whole project actually was?
The Society claims 2,000 members yet only 1,113 voted yes. Where were the others?
It appears that the defeat of the referendum will, in the end, have saved the proponents of the pool a lot of embarrassment, the taxpayers a lot of money, and will obviate the necessity of another costly referendum.

Norman F. Best, Ganges.

Shoot
Sir,
I just read about the newest toy from Mattel — a gun that kids can shoot at the TV screen, and the computer chips in the weapon tell them if they killed the enemy or the enemy killed them. Fantastic.
I'm going to rush right out and buy 12 of them for my grandchildren; then I'll know I've done my bit in training the soldiers for the Third World War.

Virginia Newman, Ganges.

Success
Sir,
We are taking the liberty of speaking for all five Guilds participating in the pre-Christmas sale to express our thanks to the sales committee for their efforts in planning and organizing such a successful sale.
Special thanks go to: Isee Leader, convenor; Bunty Gonzalez, who balances the dollars and cents; Marit Hale, who is always on hand when needed; and Aino Tammi, who looked after the Tea Shop and Gingerbread houses, a popular feature this year.
The sale could not take place without the craftspeople who produce the items for sale and the customers who purchased them. Thanks also go to the many volunteers from each guild who contributed in so many ways to the overall success of the sale.

Wynn MacLachlan, Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild.

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Our lovely Library Ladies. Are my favourite kind of dames. (I can't be more specific: I am very bad at names). They've kept the library open And never lost their poise In all the moving muddles And quite appalling noise. These lovely Library Ladies Deserve our thanks and praise For service to the public Throughout these hectic days.

Joan M. Raeside, Ganges.

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Vander Zalm unwilling to accept compromises

VICTORIA — A subtle change has come over Premier Vander Zalm these past few weeks. His boyish enthusiasm is somewhat waning. His smile looks a little forced, and his demeanor is becoming increasingly testy. The change is evident in the way in which he responds to reporters’ questions. He is becoming a tad touchy. Maybe he’s wondering why so many people are turning against him, why his popularity is not what it used to be. If that’s the reason for his crankiness he should examine both the style and the substance of his brand of government. He might even consider a bit of unsolicited advice.

Vander Zalm’s biggest problem is his inability to tailor his political agenda to the framework of conventional wisdom, and it is that inability which will eventually cost him his job. There can be no doubt of his good intentions. Vander Zalm is a man of high moral standards. His belief in the solutions he envisages for the problems this province is facing remains unshakable. But he is forgetting — if, indeed, he ever knew — that the public feels threatened by sudden and massive change, even if such change were desirable.

“If that’s the reason for his crankiness he should examine both the style and substance of his brand of government.”

There is ample evidence that the premier is either woefully uninformed or unwilling to accept some of the basic notions of parliamentary democracy, among which is the absolute necessity to compromise. There is no compromise in Vander Zalm’s cabinet. The premier’s views prevail. They are beyond accommodation. Even something as vague as conflict of interest is subject to one interpretation — the premier’s. He has made himself judge and jury of his peers.

But perhaps the premier’s unthinking determination to get what he wants at all costs is the root of problems. Vander Zalm is very much the same man he was when he took office — that the premier’s wrath by telling him he’s got to go. They took it for granted that he’d take steps to rectify the premier’s views prevail. They are beyond accommodation. Even something as vague as conflict of interest is subject to one interpretation — the premier’s. He has made himself judge and jury of his peers.

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Solid waste disposal plan cites transfer option

Last week the Capital Regional District (CRD) gave approval to the long-awaited solid waste management plan, which has been in the process of preparation for the last 18 months. It came up with a number of conclusions, valid for the peninsula but allowing local decisions of the Gulf Islands.

It is concluded that the 320 blocks of land owned by the CRD (only 18 blocks of which is now occupied by waste) in Langford was to continue to receive the estimated 155,150 tonnes of garbage per year (1987). Five years from now this will be 168,541 tonnes. The probable tonnage generated by Salt Spring alone is 2,567 tonnes, or 0.43 tonnes per capita per year.

The conclusions of the report, where the Gulf Islands are concerned, suggest continuing a landfill on Galiano and Saturna, with transfer stations on Mayne, Pender and Salt Spring. The indications from open houses held earlier in the year on the islands are that the residents of Pender, Mayne and Salt Spring prefer a transfer station with waste hauled to Hartland Road.

The situation on Salt Spring is that we have a landfill — the only reasonable alternative, that we have a landfill — belonging to Hartland Road. This choice was made after a bylaw requiring 40-foot setbacks from the rear of buildings on the two main downtown blocks.

The only reasonable alternative, as determined by a local waste committee two years ago, was a transfer station with haulage to Hartland Road. This choice was confirmed at our local information meeting, but this will have to be confirmed by all residents of the island.

At this point I realize that many of you will be wondering about composting and recycling. We do plan on an expanded recycling program, but composting is just not practical. One can argue that cost is not the only thing to be considered, but where the taxpayers would be asked to pay a very high premium for composting, with much of the material having to be sent to a landfill because of lack of markets for the material, it is impractical. However, when we get together to discuss the whole matter, there will be an opportunity to review the whole subject.

As noted in a previous report, I was hoping to persuade the CRD sanitation and water committee to have the region pay for a transfer station, and also to at least partly subsidize the cost of shipping to Hartland Road. I almost succeeded in the latter but finally failed.

The only reasonable alternative was a transfer station with haulage to Hartland Road.

I will now turn the whole question over to Tom Gossett, who is chairman of the solid waste committee. That committee will, presumably, after studying the masses of material available, probably arrange one or more public meetings, and then prepare a bylaw which will enable us to raise money through taxes to pay the $128,000 (estimated) I previously mentioned. To have a referendum for approval of these plans, and then to build a transfer station, will take us up to late spring.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask, but no final decisions will be made until you are fully informed.
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Influx of commercial clam diggers causing consternation in Booth Bay

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size area residents in an effort to force the federal department of fisheries and oceans to change the current laws relating to commercial clam digging.

Richard, Joan and their 11-year-old daughter China moved to Booth Bay two years ago, settling into a home which sits on a small rise less than 50 feet above Booth inlet. For the past three months, this quiet spot has been disrupted almost daily by off-island diggers scratching in the bay for clams.

"There was always a few native Indians who came to dig," noted Richard last week as he sat at his kitchen table. Through a nearby window, the bay — tranquil at high tide — lay like an irregularly-shaped pane of green glass.

"They always came to the door and asked for permission to cross the property and dig for clams. They were always very polite, and we never minded."

"The native Indians weren't really a problem," added Joan. "A few came, brought their families, took a few clams, and left. There was never the crowds like we're seeing now. They seemed to care about the environment, and were more in tune with nature than those we're seeing now."

The situation began to change at the end of August. The Goodhues started to see an increasing number of commercial diggers on the bay at low tide — off-islanders they'd never seen before.

"At first, they were camping in tents down at the end of Lavard Road (which runs north from Rainbow Road)," recalls Joan. "They had laundry strung out on lines, everything. When one of the local RCMP constables came down and asked them to move, they simply camped in their trucks."

It was the start of what has become a major commercial harvesting presence on Booth Bay. Now, because low tide occurs after dark, the diggers can operate throughout the night. They are using the Goodhues' private driveways, without asking permission, and simply ignore requests to stay away from the home.

Last week, Richard counted 30 lights on Booth Bay at 10 pm. The noise from the diggers was incredible, he said, and not unlike the scratch of fingernails on a blackboard.

"You can hear them all night," noted Joanne. "It's just scrape, scrape, scrape. The lights they're using are really bright, too. They must be halogen or something, and when they turn them a certain way, they shine right in our windows. They're keeping China awake at night."

She continued: "They drive their vehicles down our road by the house to load their sacks of clams. Sure, the sacks must be heavy — and I can understand not wanting to carry them far — but still it's disturbing at 3 o'clock in the morning. And they're quite loud, too. They yell to one another. When Richard asked them not to use the road, they just said: 'Oh, come on, man.'"

"The thing is, it's a commercial enterprise in a residential area," pointed out Richard. "It shouldn't be allowed."

The Goodhues are concerned about more than their own peace of mind, however. They wonder how long Booth Bay's clam population can sustain such heavy harvesting pressure. Each commercial digger, they noted, is taking about 50 pounds of clams per night.

"We're concerned about this area," they stressed. "Booth Bay is a precious spot, and we'd like it to remain that way. It's a small area, and it must have a fragility. The fisheries people say they feel the clam population can sustain the harvesting, but are they sure? Diggings of this magnitude has to have an impact on the beds. And federal fisheries doesn't have the manpower to have someone checking to ensure these people aren't taking undersized clams. It could be cleaned out before anyone can do anything about it."

"They (the commercial diggers) are wrecking the clam's lives," spoke up China. The Goodhues and some of their neighbours have contacted federal fisheries officials for assistance. Current fisheries regulations, however, offer shellfish populations little protection from "highly-motivated" commercial diggers.

Criminal and civil laws offer little protection, either, and Booth Bay residents are having no luck in convincing authorities that commercial clam digging of this magnitude should be disallowed near a residential area.

Frustrated by their inability to change the situation, the Goodhues are following the advice of a junior fisheries officer and forming a Booth Bay citizens' association. The group intends to lobby C.W. Shinners — the department of fisheries and oceans' director-general of the Pacific Region — for changes in clam digging regulations.

They have also approached Federal MP Jim Manly for assistance in changing the regulations. They also hope the RCMP may be able to make a test case of this matter, perhaps charging the clam diggers with disturbing the peace by making unreasonable amounts of noise.

"Of course, it's difficult to say what is an unreasonable amount of noise, but it seems to me that people shouldn't be out working around your home at three o'clock in the morning, shining lights in your windows and making a lot of noise," said Richard. "Sure, they're working, harvesting the clams, and it's the only time they can do it. But you certainly don't have him out cutting trees with a chainsaw at 3 am."

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Clam-digging issue covers entire B.C. coast

By MIKE TURKI

Concern over heavy shellfish harvesting in Booth Bay is part of a growing conflict between commercial diggers and residents of the West Coast — a conflict that has already turned violent in some B.C. communities.

At Lund, a small community approximately 10 miles north of Powell River, a group of local clam fishermen was attacked with rocks and threatened with clam rakes after confronting a group of transient Vietnamese diggers who were caught taking undersize clams.

Across Georgia Strait at Fanny Bay, the owner of an oyster lease lost a whole summer’s growing season after clam diggers from Courtenay repeatedly trespassed on his lease and removed sacks of clams.

The battle over clams stems from what many residents — including more than a few conscientious clam diggers — consider to be ‘inadequate’ fisheries regulations. The problem is compounded for oyster farmers by the fact that while the provincial government is responsible for administering the fisheries, the federal government allows anyone to purchase a shellfish licence and operate in open areas.

As pointed out recently by Randy Brahniuk, a federal fisheries officer in Duncan, federal fisheries officials do not consult with local residents before drafting existing shellfish regulations.

"Anyone can get a commercial clam digging licence by paying a $10 annual fee, provided he is a Canadian citizen," explained Brahniuk. "There are no restrictions on the number of clams they can take, and it allows them to fish in all open areas. Right now, in this area they only allowed to fish for Littleneck and Manila clams, because Butter clams are closed. And clams taken must be of legal size, no smaller than an inch and a half across."

By law, anyone who is a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant can obtain a commercial clam digging licence by simply paying the $10 fee. Once licenced, these diggers can operate anywhere in any ‘open’ beach on the B.C. coast. Furthermore, they can harvest as many clams as they like, provided none are under the legal size limit of 1.5 inches.

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Officially, the department of fisheries and oceans remains adamant that its restriction is the size of clams that may be harvested is adequate to ensure survival of stocks. The department of fisheries and oceans relies on these size limits — and the laws of economics — to protect shellfish populations from over-harvesting.

As one officer in Duncan noted earlier this year, fisheries officials hope that as the number of legal-size clams declines at a beach, commercial diggers will find it uneconomical to operate there and move on.

According to one provincial official, the after-processing price for Littleneck and Manila clams rose from 93 cents per pound in 1985 to $1.10 in 1986. Buyers are currently paying between 70 and 90 cents per pound for fresh clams, a rate that enables commercial clam diggers — who may now total 2,000 — to make between $130 and $150 per day.

The dramatic increase in clam digging is reflected in federal fisheries catch statistics. Last year, 1,427 metric tonnes of clams were harvested; 1,559 metric tonnes were harvested in 1985. Concerned B.C. residents, such as Richard and Joan Goodhue of Salt Spring, feel existing regulations may not adequately protect clam stocks. They also point out that the federal department of fisheries and oceans apparently lacks the manpower needed to monitor clam diggers to ensure they are adhering to size restrictions.

To date, new regulations relating directly to commercial clam digging have not been introduced. However, the federal department of fisheries and oceans, faced with increasing pressure from oyster farmers, has taken steps to regulate clam digging on oyster leases.

In a press release issued November 23, federal fisheries minister Tom Siddon and B.C. agriculture minister John Savage indicated that a "new system of managing commercial clam harvest on oyster tenures" has been negotiated.

The new plan will designate areas of the oyster tenures where clam harvesting can take place, and set out times when it can occur. The penalty for harvesting clams in closed areas will be a fine of up to $5,000.

Although the new regulations will provide oyster farmers with some protection from unscrupulous clam diggers, many B.C. residents note that nothing is being done to limit the activities of commercial diggers. Salt Spring residents such as the Goodhues wonder how long clam beds in places like Booth Bay can sustain such heavy harvesting.
Flak fired at Council reps should be aimed up the ladder

BY GARY CHERNEFF

The Explorations aim of the Canada Council came to Off Centre Stage last Friday evening. The reception, organized by the Community Arts Council, allowed a diverse congregation of artists to confer with, challenge and attack the nation's arts funding body. The large crowd expressed great frustration with the paltry resources this nation and, more chronically, this province dedicates to the development of the arts.

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A $100,000 expansion project at the Salt Spring Island public library is virtually completed. Library board chairman Marie Crofton said last week construction of an addition to the McPhillips Avenue building was expected to be finished by today (Wednesday), while finishing work — i.e., installation of carpets — should be completed shortly.

Winding-up of the project means the library will be closed at some point for the transfer and organization of shelves and books.

from the older portion of the building to the new section. Crofton said the closure will likely occur in January and be in effect for about one week. The addition covers 1,342 square feet, bringing the library’s total floor space to 3,902 square feet. Funded by a $40,000 grant from the provincial government and $60,000 the library society had in its bank account for an enlargement project, the increased floor space was deemed necessary to accommodate the growing number of books the library has on hand.

When the project was endorsed last spring, library officials said it would double the room available for books and meet space demands for the next seven to 10 years. At that time, the library said it did not have enough space for the number of books on hand, let alone any new ones purchased.

At its last annual general meeting, the library association noted that its inventory had topped the 18,000 mark, including 5,462 fiction works, 6,648 non-fiction books, 266 large-print fiction, 32 large-print non-fiction books, 1,458 junior books, 2,304 fiction paperbacks and 533 non-fiction papers. More books have since been purchased.

The addition has provided more ceiling height in the older portion of the building, an enlarged desk area, two washrooms (both built to handicapped standards) and an eight-foot high unfinished basement. Design criteria included practicality and future flexibility.
Fire Chiefs saluted at ceremony

By ALISTAIR ROSS

A good newspaper report has a lead story and is featured as more important, or of more general interest, than the other stories. Six events of some import have taken place in North Galiano in the last two weeks and, having been involved in most of them in one way or another, your reporter is not about to put them in any order of importance. They will, therefore, be featured chronologically.

• Dr. Terry Huberts, MLA for San Juan-and-the-Islands, spent Tuesday, November 17 on Galiano. Met at Studies Bay, he was given a drive up-island with commentary. He saw our roads department at work, visited the Fire Hall, had lunch, made a visit to Coon Bay and was at the hall by 2:15 pm for a public meeting. About 25 people attended.

The concerns of Islanders with the Forest Service, particularly on the Galiano-Swartz Bay route, were a prime topic for discussion. The frequent schedule changes, often announced only days before they come into effect, do not make it easy for residents to plan their trips to town for required appointments. A trip to Salt Spring is sometimes impossible. The prospects of possibilities are discussed in another story.

A second concern was the prospect of MacMillan-Bloedel logging near Coon Bay and in other even more visible areas. Many Islanders do not favour log-cutting and are concerned about erosion and a lowering of the water table as a result of heavy logging. Dr. Huberts promised to do all he could to find out why the land exchange of Coon Bay for other forested lands had not taken place during October as scheduled.

Fears were expressed, too, about the possible privatization of our roads department. Most residents feel we are well served by our present system and many favourable comments were given about the continued upgrading of Portier Pass Drive and other roads. A privatized island-zone system would not work in our favour, it was felt.

After the meeting Dr. Huberts was hurried away for a trip through the clear-cut logged areas on the east side of the island. He was apparently much affected by what he saw. A 4 pm meeting with South Galiano organizations followed at the Galiano Lodge.

• The Seventh Annual North Galiano Craft Fair took place on Saturday, November 21. The hall was apparently much affected by the rain, as it rained heavily. The hall was filled with Christmas—everything from the most professional-looking iced Christmas cakes and other baking, to knitted dolls, toll pictures, flower arrangements, decorations, chocolates and weaving. When the doors opened at 1 pm the shoppers swarmed in; by 1:20 pm about 100 pounds of Christmas cake had been sold and most of the Christmas arrangements were gone. A tribute to the many Saturday shoppers was paid in a public meeting. About 25 people attended.

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By CASEY O'CONNOR

Constable Brian Brown of the North Pender Island RCMP station and Jane Cameron, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Public Health Nurse, are presenting in-school seminars on the prevention of sexual abuse.

The pilot program was created by Canada's National Film Board and is entitled Feeling Yes — Feeling No. The program was outlined for Pender Island parents on November 16 and presented to the students of Grades Four to Six beginning November 17.

"Everyone, parents and students, have been really enthusiastic," said Jane Cameron from her Sidney office. "We're teaching skills. We're teaching children to pay attention to their feelings of what's right and wrong. We're teaching them how to avoid situations where sexual abuse can take place."

Const. Brown cites communication as the key to the program's success. "We want to help students feel more comfortable in discussing problems with parents and teachers," he said.

Const. Brown will be talking about the effects of marijuana use, in a program for Grades Six, Seven and Eight students on Mayne, Saturna and Pender islands.

"We don't intend to try and scare anyone," says Brown. "But marijuana has definite physical effects and some are long-term. We will present the facts as they exist and hope that students will then be able to make an intelligent choice."

The program gets underway on December 7 on Mayne. Saturna youth will hear the presentation on December 14. Pender parents will review the program on December 18 and the youth will attend on the 19th.
Christmas calendar filled with activity

The Galiano Trust Committee met on Friday, November 27, at the Community Hall to decide what action should be taken on six bylaws that were not dealt with at their meeting last Thursday.

Two of the bylaws were contentious: the first, to legalize the Fosters' Whaler Bay boat-building operation; the second, to amend the regulations governing tourist accommodation.

Because the proposed Foster bylaw did not define in full the rules that would govern the boat-building operation, it was dropped. It was suggested that the Whaler Bay boatbuilders apply for a temporary commercial or industrial permit. This permit would detail the rules under which the boatyard could operate. The permit could be renewed or a re-appraisal for rezoning could be made.

The committee suggested two revisions to the tourist accommodation bylaws. The first would limit the number of tourist accommodation units to 20 on any parcel of land. The second revision eliminated the operation of a bar in any resort area.

If the resort owners are not opposed to those changes, then bylaws will be amended and no further public hearings are necessary. Otherwise, the bylaws must be rewritten which would result in another public hearing.

After the meeting, local residents asked the Trust Committee if it could take any action about logging, and where MacMillan-Bloedel logged their property on Galiano. It was pointed out by the Trust that, under the Municipal Act, a municipality, district or the Islands Trust shall not adopt a community plan or bylaw that would have the effect of restricting or foreclosing management activity relating to the production and harvesting of timber on any land designated as forest land by the provincial government. The Trust Committee is powerless to take any action, but committee members did offer individually to help solve some problems.

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**Coming Events**

- **Thursday**, December 3, the Galiano historians men in Galiano School with members from other islands, to hear about *Discovery Re-enactment* planned for 1992, the bi-centenary of the exploration and charting of this coast. Greg Foster will be the speaker and the meeting will begin as soon after 5:45 pm as possible.
- **Tomorrow** — Friday, December 4 — pre-school, kindergarten and elementary grade children will be busy at school between 11 am and 3 pm at a Christmas-making workshop organized by the School of the Arts. For further details phone 54.
- **This Sunday**, the second in Advent, Lay Reader Michael Sharp will conduct the service at St. Margaret's beginning at 11 am.

- **The first Monday in the month** is Seniors' Day and will be celebrated on December 7 with a Christmas Dinner at Galiano Lodge. The senior citizens are also arranging a five-day holiday in Reno from February 13 to 19. Islanders of other age groups are welcome to join the seniors and information may be obtained by phoning Anthony at 5346.
- **Galiano's newest cultural group** will be making its debut this Christmas season. The Galiano Singers, the choral wing of the Galiano Players, have been rehearsing every Monday evening this fall and will be performing at the Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 9, in the South Community Hall, and at the Senior Singles Dinner put on by the Lionettes on Sunday, December 13.
- **Later that evening**, at 8 pm in the South Community Hall, we can look forward to lots of laughs when an exciting array of talent from Salt Spring's Off Centre Stage, led by Sid Fikowsky straight from CBC's Danger Bay TV series, presents *The Best of Comedy Nights from Salt Spring Island*, with stand-up comics and comedy sketches. Tickets at the door, $5.

Galiano is invited to contribute to a five to seven minute stand-up comedy. Those interested please phone Sid Fikowsky at 537-2256 or Avid Chatners at 537-2182, by December 9. Anyone interested in providing refreshments please phone Johanna at 539-5620.

To perform for us, this happy but insidious group must stay overnight on Galiano. Offers of billets should be phoned to Players President, Joe Fleming, at 2997.

- **Saturday**, December 12, should be circled in red, for on that day the Christmas Ship from Bellingham ties up at Galiano between 4 and 5:15 pm to bring the spirit of Christmas to children of all ages (including senior citizens).
- **Sunday**, December 13, St. Margaret's Church will hold an Anglican Service with Reverend John Timmis as leader. Later that Sunday, the Renaissance Singers led by Rosemary Walker's father, Harold Ball, will come from Vancouver to present their third consecutive program of Christmas choral music in the Activity Centre at 2 pm. Admission by donation. This should leave plenty of time for the over-40's singles dinner to be enjoyed, and give the Galiano Singers time to gain breath to perform after dinner. Seniors phone Mary Harding at 5580 for reservations and transport.

**Logging Issues**

A video documentary is now being made by George Harris (9-2430) and Ken Pattison (9-2173) about the issues of logging practices in use on Galiano Island, their effects on the community now and in the future, and how the residents and MacMillan-Bloedel deal with each other. An unbiased, objective story will be told. If you would like to be involved with these topics (on or off camera), please contact George or Ken. Help is needed to ensure a balanced picture of logging on the Island, both for community members and logging companies.

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**PERSONAL CARE WORLDWIDE**
Reformation efforts launched

By CASEY O'CONNOR

Pender Island residents and the regional parks department have launched development of 250-acre (101 hectare) Mt. Norman Regional Park.

Nero Island School have planted 200 trees over the past three years as a first step in a multi-year program that will see the acreage surrounding the school developed into a day-use area, with a system of logging roads in place to prevent erosion over the fall and winter.

Over the next six months the forests will be harvested by Douglas Fir seedlings for planting by Pender Island Scouts.

The 250-acre park is located at the divide on South Pender and was donated to the Capital Regional District by Southwind Estates Ltd. in April, 1986. Prior to 1986, the property was used as a gravel pit and belonged to Crown Zellerbach.

Christmas Seal It!

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Scottish dancers receive pointers

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months of preparations the organizers and the craftspersons had devoted to the success of this event.

The Noah’s Ark theme of the fair is reflected in a carved wood panel in the main raffle prize room. The panel, which was donated by the Church Needle Guild, under the direction of Wendy Roberts. It was won by Mildred Geoffrey of North Galiano.

The first prize was won by a beautiful Christmas cake, was won by Doris Darling of Morgan Road.

A group calling itself Clear Cut Alternatives was formed with eight island residents named to form a policy committee. They will work closely with a second group of concerned citizens, Andrusiak of the Naturalists, Hall Tingley and Bill Eaton.

A march to Coon Bay was held on Friday, November 27. About 60 folk from all over Galiano parked near the gravel pit and walked to Coon Bay, skirting the logged area through the yet-untouched forest.

An impromptu meeting was held at the logging site with a CBC camera crew on hand. The logging was being conducted at the logging site with a CBC camera crew on hand.

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Also honoured were recently retired foremen Norm Russell, Woody Coward, Terry Wishart and the late Bill Wijander. Their names appear on a larger plaque which will also be installed in the fire hall.

Two island residents were given to the gentlemen present and courage to our cause — Peggy Liddell, Doris Russell and Edith Wishart. The event was organized by Miriam Tingley and Jo Ann Waterman. Ains Haksi did the formalities.

A Scottish country dance workshop was held at the hall on Tuesday afternoon. Guest teacher was Highland dancer Joan Axford of Victoria. During the two-hour session, a group of 22 islanders plus four guests from Victoria learned to dance more correctly and attempted three dances — St. Andrews Fair (St. Andrews' Day, November 30), Jessie's Hornpipe, and the more complicated dance-medley, Johnny Walker. For those who wished it, instruction in Highland dance followed.

After a period of rest and refreshment, a potluck supper was held at the Ross residence. The dancers then returned to the Hall at about 7 p.m. where they enjoyed an evening of reels, jigs and strathspeys. A new dance written by Galiano's Jane Edwards and honouring the memory of the late Sydney J. Hennessey and Joy Wilson. By 11 p.m they were a "wee bitty" tired and on their way home to their "ain fowling lodge."”

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KAMABOKO IMITATION
Fresh Crab Meat 12.02 kg 2.99

— BAKING FESTIVAL SPECIALS —

SULTANA RAISINS 750 g 1.69
MARTIN’S THOMPSON 750 g 1.89
SEEDLESS RAISINS
MARTIN’S 375 g 0.93
CURRANTS
MARTIN’S 500 g 1.47
PITTED DATES
MARTIN’S 100 g 1.47
PECANS
ALOHA SHELLED 100 g 1.87
WALNUTS
B.C. POWDERED 400 g 1.97
ICING SUGAR
BUTTER OR CREAM 1 kg 1.77
BISQUICK MIX
CRISCO PURE VEGETABLE 1.27
SHORTENING

— CHRISTIE’S (all except cheese) —
RITZ CRACKERS
MINI ASSORTED 4’S 1.27
MINI PUDDINGS
UNICO 412 g 1.67
BABY CLAMS 450 g 1.97
POST CEREAL
FRUIT & FIBRE 1.27
FROM DARE
CRACKERS 225 g

— KRAFT PRODUCTS SPECIALS —
SELECT 1-A-SIZE CHEESE
MILD, MED. OLD 20% OFF reg. price
KRAFT
MILD 225 g 59
STRAWBERRY or
RASPBERRY JAM 500 ml 2.49
PHILADELPHIA SOFT or BICK’S PICKLES
MAYO
COUNTRY KITCHEN BONELESS 2.59
BEEF 2.59

— MAPLE LEAF DELUXE D/P —
TEA BAGS 20 G 3.18
WITH THIS COUPON YOU PAY ONLY
ONE COUPON PER ITEM. EXPIRES DEC 5/87

— MAPLE LEAF PILLOW SOFT —
TOILET TISSUE
ONE COUPON PER ITEM. EXPIRES DEC 5/87

— IVORY DISH DETERGENT —
PERKIER MINERAL WATER

— CLIP & SAVE AT SIDNEY SUPER FOODS —
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