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Trust to pursue Crown properties

A request to transfer tenure for Crown lands on Salt Spring Island will be made to the province by the Trust.

The decision to proceed with the request was made last Wednesday night at a meeting called by the public land use task force of the Island Watch Society.

The meeting was attended by trustees Nick Gilbert and John Stepaniuk and drew representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club, Water Preservation Society, Garden Club, Community Planning Association, Trail and Nature Club, Woodlands Association, Salmon Enhancement Society, school board, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Salt Spring Ratepayers Association.

Gilbert said Monday the concept is to seek transfer of tenure of all Crown lands on the island — some 1,900 acres in eight areas — to the Trust, which would then vest authority for land use management decisions with a resource board made up of local residents.

Although the concept would be something completely new to the provincial government and might be difficult to work out under current mechanisms, it is possible under existing legislation, Gilbert

The Trust is in the process of acquiring licences of occupation for trail networks on Crown land on Salt Spring, "but this is a

wider initiative — in this case, we want the whole ball of wax," Gilbert said. "We want to take responsibility for deciding what to do on those lands."

Working in the Trust's favour, he continued, are the province's leanings towards reducing staff levels and ministry involvements, and a push towards giving communities greater authority over economic endeavours. The logic behind the move, he continued, may be difficult for Victoria to refute.

Last Wednesday's meeting produced a consensus that the Trust should acquire tenure over the land — a proposal the representatives will take to their groups. Gilbert said Monday that a strategy is just now being developed for the approach to the province, and that he expects it can be outlined at the Trust's regularly-scheduled business meeting set for this Friday afternoon at the Harbour House Hotel.

The Watch-sponsored meeting also heard two proposals put forward: that community representatives ask the province to give the Trust tenure over Crown lands on the island; and that they ask the Trust to pursue "every reasonable avenue to secure" those lands and report their findings to the group and the community at large. The Trust was also asked to write to each provincial ministry, noting that

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Nick Gilbert returned to Trust chair

Nick Gilbert has been elected to sit again as chairman of the Islands Trust.

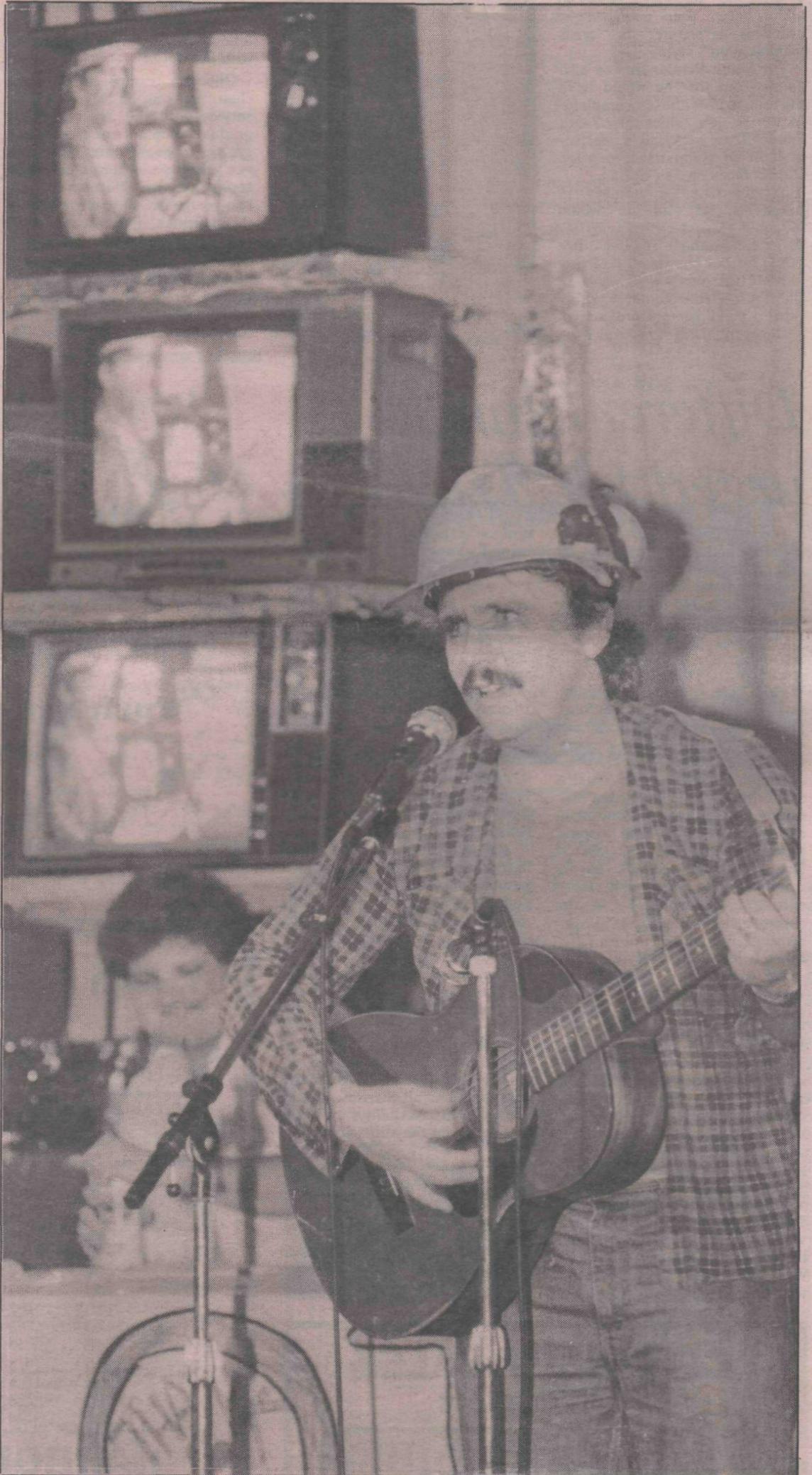
Gilbert won the chair Saturday in an election runoff with South Pender's Steve Wright. Votes were cast by 24 of the 26 Trust representatives meeting in Victoria as a council. No vote count was given.

Also featured at the council session was the naming of Carol Martin of Hornby Island and John Dunfield of Thetis Island as vice-chairmen of the Trust.

Wright and Martin were vice-chairmen for the two-year Trust term just completed. After losing his bid for the chairmanship, Wright was nominated for one of the two vice-chairmen positions, but declined to stand for re-election. His decision cleared the way for Martin and Dunfield to be acclaimed to their posts.

Prior to the vote for the chairmanship of the Trust, both Wright and Gilbert outlined their

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That's entertainment

Michael Hayes performs at last Saturday's Canadian Cancer Society Fund-raiser at Fulford Community Hall. Event featured music by Club Mongo, humour

from Salt Spring Hysterical Society and 'Videotho' setting erected by Bill Luker's Deliberate Fabrications.

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Rosemarie and Pat Keough salute Canada's north in just-released book. Page B1.

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Gilbert elected as Trust chairman; Wright declines vice-chairman bid

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positions for fellow trustees.

Wright said he was seeking the chairman's job because he believed the time has come for the Trust to become a "more positive and productive" body. He said the Trust has suffered from a lack of direction, and that it needs to adopt better time management practices to counter its "crisis management" style.

The South Pender trustee also pointed out that he would have the time to give himself completely to the job, since his South Pender Trust workload is relatively light in comparison to what Gilbert faces on Salt Spring.

Wright listed a number of initiatives he said he would launch if elected chairman. They included: establish regular office hours for the chairman, covering at least two days a week; revamp the Trust's subcommittee structure to make it more productive; better define the role local trust-



Steve Wright

tees play in the Trust; initiate meetings with regional districts

and other government agencies to better inform them of the Trust's role and responsibilities; ensure an adequate core level of staffing and funding for the Trust's Victoria office; and launch a public relations campaign to give the Trust a higher profile.

Wright also promised to hold a review of his performance in June and to relinquish the chair if fellow trustees were unsatisfied with his work.

Gilbert's campaign for the chair focused on his years of service with the Trust and his gradual acceptance of greater and greater responsibilities. He spent two years as a local trustee before service as vice-chairman for one two-year term, then moved up to the chairman's job last term.

As an experienced chairman, Gilbert continued, he was the one most familiar with inter-governmental dealings and the brand of "quiet diplomacy" needed to achieve results. He

added that he was used to working with each of the 13 local Trust committees and comfortable with the role he has to play with each one.

As for his workload on Salt Spring interfering with the duties of a chairman, Gilbert said Wright had "identified a problem

that is non-existent," pointing out that he had handled both jobs well when his former fellow Salt Spring trustee, Pat Byrne, became ill last year.

In a question period following those addresses, Wright responded to an enquiry about the chairman's role in local affairs by saying he would look to the Trust mandate for guidance if a disagreement arose with local trustees. Gilbert answered that the chairman's job is to move the committee towards a middle ground. There is a need to recognize local autonomy, he said, but there is also a responsibility to respect the Trust mandate.

Different thrust urged for Trust

The Islands Trust must grow in influence and ability if it hopes to properly uphold its preserve and protect mandate, South Pender's Steve Wright told fellow trustees last Friday.

Delivering his vice-chairman's report at the Trust Council's quarterly meeting in Victoria, Wright said a frank discussion was needed on the Trust's accomplishments to date, and on the challenges it faces in the coming years.

Wright noted that the Trust's authority is second or third in line to that held by other government agencies, leaving local bodies powerless to deal with major issues facing the islands. As an example, he noted that tree-cutting and clam harvesting are controlled by Victoria and Ottawa, respectively, while problems in those fields are felt locally.

He continued: "We have to approach issues from a global perspective. We can't let Galiano Island fight a separate battle with MacMillan Bloedel, for instance. There are issues with provincial and federal jurisdiction that, if they involve one island, will eventually involve all the islands."

The Trust must find a way to solve those problems, he added, suggesting one route might be to promote extension of the Trust's preserve and protect mandate to other government agencies.

"I'd like to see the Islands Trust become the model," Wright said. "Every government should embrace the preserve and

protect mandate, and use it to bring us into a new age."

The South Pender trustee said a way must be found to "bring the Trust mandate to life" in each area, and use the results as an example of the value and effect the Trust can have in preserving and protecting those areas.

To reach that aim, Wright said, trustees must establish a workable Trust fund (which would accept donations of land or the money to purchase and maintain lands), and it must convince provincial and federal ministries "that it should have authority over some of their jurisdictions."

Wright's address followed earlier comments he made on the jurisdictional question during a general discussion on issues facing the Trust. At that time, he said the Trust has responsibilities, but no authority.

"I'm not saying that's no good, but that it's not working properly," he noted. "There's no point in us creating large parcels of land if that land is going to be logged to the ground without us having any say. We face these contradictions all the time. If we are given responsibility, we must also be given the authority."

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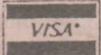
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Man in a hurry

The pickup went past me in a flash and a wisp of smoke as I struggled to keep my car running after coming over to Fulford on the Quinsam. Was there that faint odour of brimstone and sulphur in the air? By the grace of God he managed to get between me and the car coming south.

I thought to myself that if he drives far like that for long he isn't destined to drive like that for very much longer.

Clock that stopped

The clock ground to a halt after a few weeks of irregularity. You could tell the time but you couldn't tell it very much. Until the clock stopped and then you could look only at the calendar.

After days of looking at the clock only to remember that, unlike time, it stood still, I would have to have it checked, I decided.

Then I had a brainwave and I was right. I wound up the clock and it was running like a charm. Still losing steadily, but running. Ain't science marvellous?

But elegant!

Why does a car have to adopt high-sounding names? Everybody knows Ford, Dodge, Renault, Mercedes. Many drivers know where the cars come from.

It's the nicknames that I find unsettling. They often have overtones of internationalism.

For example, we find the Elegante stablemate to the d'elegance. But how to pronounce them? If I say "elegance" and prefix it with the D, am I about to lose status for such casual behaviour in the presence of a good-class car? Or "elegante?" Is it elegant English with an E, or elegant French with accents and a long A?

It could, equally, be Spanish and ending in a sounded final E like elegantay.

And there are two imports from oriental lands that pose a problem for any purist. What about Hyundai? It looks like an aspirated Y and a phonetic ending to make H'Yundie. Or, even High-un-die. But the dealer tells you it rhymed with Monday. Easy, isn't it? But why not spell it that way in the first place?

The other eastern enigma is the ubiquitous Nissan. I can even remember when it was a Datsun. But I hear Nissan driving across tubes everywhere and calling it Nee-son. Why not spell it Neeson?

And there are still a couple more that I can think of without unnecessary strain.

Should I say Mar-kwiss? Or would the manufacturers identify it as Mar-kee? Neither is wrong, but only one is right.

And the last is a bewildering matter of abbreviations. Some years ago we became accustomed to the Renault's ambitious identity as "Le Car." Le Car? Mais oui! And LeBaron? But no, that's just English!

Finally, the LE is capitalized and has an entirely new and undisclosed meaning. It can be the most mystifying of all. How about the COROLLALE? Mind you, Toyota doesn't write it just like that. It's normally the Corolla LE.

It's a grim experience paying tribute to automobiles and English: the impossible mixture.

Columnist joins lineup

We should have introduced our new columnist last week, but better late than never.

Inside *Driftwood* our readers will now find a regular contribution from Arthur Black, who syndicates his writings to about 30 Canadian community news-

papers but is best known for his weekly CBC Radio program, *Basic Black*.

A resident of Fergus, Ontario, Black is planning a visit to Salt Spring early in the new year to scout out a possible move to this portion of the West Coast. He

would then join his brother, Jim, on Salt Spring — and with *Driftwood*. Jim Black is a reporter with this newspaper who assures us islanders will enjoy his brother's writings. Nepotism has nothing to do with it, he added.

Christmas song, carol supplement

Our annual Christmas song and carol supplement is included with this week's edition of *Driftwood*.

The 12-page special section, produced with the research assistance of Murray Shoolbraid, supplies the words to 47 traditional Christmas carols and songs.

Additional copies of the supplement are available through the *Driftwood* office.

Rain levels charted for November

November's rainfall level exceeded Salt Spring's 10-year average but fell short of setting a record.

Readings kept by local resident Robert Aston show the island received 8.11 inches of rain in November, well above the 10-year average of 5.75 inches for the month.

The total was not a record for the month, however. In November, 1983, Salt Spring was given 14.15 inches of rain.

Meanwhile, Aston reports that the sum total of precipitation to date for 1988 stands at 31.3 inches. The 10-year average for Salt Spring is 40.41 inches.

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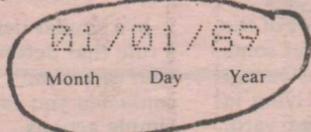
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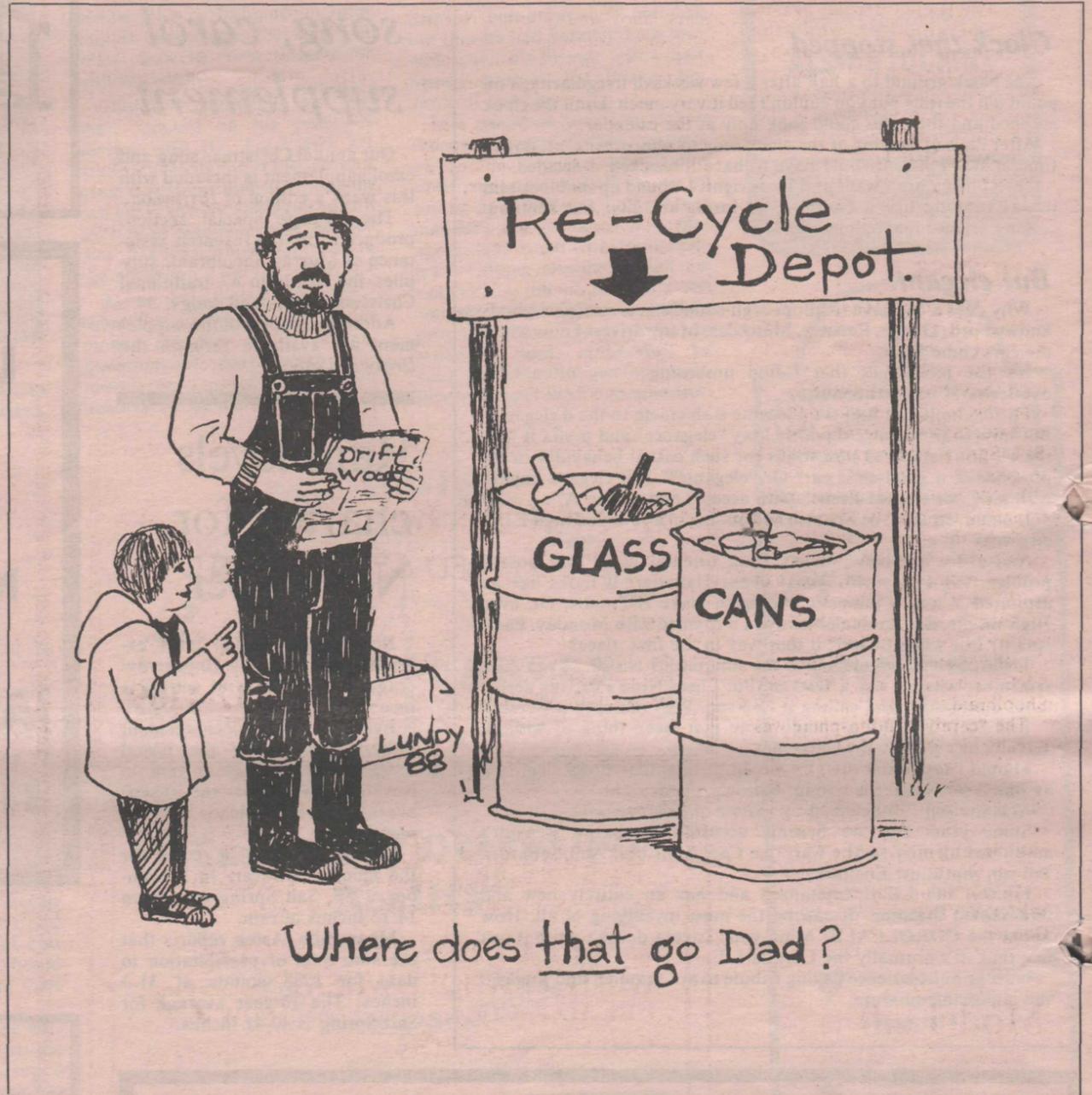
Land bid gives Trust chance to set example

Perhaps the greatest benefit the Islands Trust could gain from gathering tenure over Crown land on Salt Spring is not the guarantee it would give to the community of continued access to public land, but the opportunity the government body would have to set the standards for forest management practices on these islands.

Given the privatization leanings of the provincial government, where control of the lands is now vested, and considering the possibility of competing private sector interest in the acreage at stake, it seems clear that an Islands Trust bid for those same Crown lands will need to be anchored in a sound economic plan before Victoria could be convinced to transfer the appropriate authority. That, in turn, would appear to call for a publicly-operated woodlot operation of some considerable scope.

The challenge posed by that scenario is great, since it calls for a delicate balance to be struck between the community's pastoral interests and the demands of thorough economic and forest management. And therein lies the greatest opportunity.

The Trust is all too familiar with the drawbacks of conventional forestry practices on these islands, which cause it no end of grief. It has pointed out to individual operators and to the industry in general that the fragile nature of the Trust area demands a more sensitive approach to harvesting the forest. With validity, it has listed the methods employed by Merv Wilkinson in Cedar and, more recently, by the Municipality of North Cowichan as shining examples of the way it could and should be done if environmental and dollar factors are to be given



equal consideration.

Thus, it would be poetic justice if the Trust gained control of the Crown lands on Salt Spring and grasped the chance to institute a long-range

forest management plan that would show its doubters the economic and ecological wisdom of other ways—and, hopefully, to gain converts to those methods. Seeing might mean believing.

Video setting provided artistic focus for evening

A scattering of random notes:

The highlight of last Saturday night's Canadian Cancer Society fund-raiser at the Fulford Community Hall was not the performance of Club Mongo or the antics of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society — although both surpassed or at least equalled the highest expectations — but the set designed by "the video division of Deliberate Fabrications."

The multitude of television sets arranged throughout the hall (some working, some sculpted, some just there) by Bill Luker and his band of helpers transformed the evening into a high art experience. Whatever your thoughts of television and the television age, you found it underlined and expounded

my word

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by duncan macdonnell



through the blend of mock television and music video, seen live and on banks upon banks of monitors.

We don't have a complete listing of the volunteers, or a total of the amount raised, but we can start with the performers and a cast of volunteers that included Alex Hoeschmann and Gary Quiring on sound and lights, video

techs Oscar Riley and Video Jones, co-ordinator Betsy Dosco and Mr. Entertainment, Daniel Evanishen (great movies).

Great stuff. Can't wait for the encore.

Somebody's law, island-style: Spent most of last Wednesday clearing up the property (in subconscious anticipation of a

yard boat, perhaps?). Most of the work concerned clearing out some small trees downed in a recent storm, splitting firewood lying in bits and pieces around the yard, and bringing some semblance of order to the woodpile. It took all day, but the cleanliness of the yard was worth it.

You can guess what happened next. My load of firewood from the local Scout movement arrived Saturday while I was away. Turning into the driveway late that afternoon, my clean yard was cluttered (nicely, though) with more firewood than I cared to contemplate moving.

Maybe woodpiles expand to fill the amount of area you've just finished clearing. Or something like that. Ask me when I'm done.

In a similar vein, there must be a rule that determines the size of your community by the amount of confusion you can create through simple actions.

Also last week, I traded vehicles with a neighbour for a few days. Driving through town, I was astounded by the number of completely unknown people who lifted a hand in greeting or nodded a head in my direction. By the same token, I was troubled by the number of known people who did not respond when a wave or nod was offered from my side of the road.

They say that in Los Angeles, the shrine of the automobile, you are what you drive. On Salt Spring, what you drive identifies who you are. There's a lesson there, I think.

Poisonous?

Editor's Note: The following is an open letter to the ministry of forests and lands, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Effluent from the Crofton Mill sweeps back and forth along Satellite Channel with the tides. Shellfish from there are prohibited. Crabs and crustaceans probably should be.

I would never knowingly eat salmon from a fish farm so I do not regard myself in danger, but to allow fish to be artificially concentrated in poisonous water can only concentrate the poisons in the fish.

Somebody could have a very profitable lawsuit one day against you, personally, and the government of B.C., always provided they could trace the poison they had absorbed to fish from a farm in Satellite Channel that you had approved.

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Success

My daughter attends Salt Spring Elementary School; my husband teaches there; I belong, in a small way, to the Parents Group there. Nevertheless, I would like to offer this totally unbiased opinion on Saturday's Christmas Bazaar at Salt Spring Elementary: what a success.

I was impressed by so many things — the quality of the crafts made by the students and Parents Group, the wonderful "goodies" in the tea-room, the many hours of work by the Parents Group in organizing the event, and the quality of the entertainment by the Capella Sisters, Tuned Air, the SSE choir and Murray Shoolbraid.

The "carnival" atmosphere was a really nice start to the Christmas season. I would like to give my family's personal thanks to the Parents Group, students and staff of the school for organizing and participating in this event. May the whole school be encouraged to make this an annual event.

WENDY VINE,
Ganges.

Model gift

When we heard about the potters' wonderful gift of mugs, we were touched and gladdened. We said to each other: "This is how it used to be; this is how it should be." It made us happy to be a part of such a caring and giving community. Several of us asked me to write to you on our behalf, to say "Thank you, potters; thank you Sierra Club." Your gift is a model for all of us.

MAGGIE WARBEY,
Ganges.

letters

Generosity

The Gulf Island Chapter of the Registered Nurses Association of B.C. would once again like to thank the many generous people of the island who donated to our garage sale and raffle.

We had a great time and cleared about \$600, so we will be able to send an aid donation to Jamaica as well as carry on our usual community activities and health education projects.

Coming up in the spring will be a Health Fair (a roaring success two years ago) and another breast self-examination clinic (using a bigger room to meet the overwhelming demands expressed at the last clinic).

The raffle ticket winners were: gourmet basket, D. Kyle; raggedy dolls, D. Anderson; pillow, J. Ratzlaff; meat voucher, M. Jestic. Congratulations to all.

Many thanks to the businesses that donated to the basket. Each year, we all want to win it, it's so chock full of goodies.

The best of the holiday season to you all.

VONNIE SIMPKIN,
President,
Gulf Islands RNABC.

Not desired

While travelling around the northern Georgia Strait area this summer, I observed the operation of at least 40 fish farms. I was distressed to find that most did not own any of the land in front of their operations.

All of their facilities were on floats, including one- or two-storey buildings housing on-site staff, warehouses for storage of fish food, equipment, etc., diesel generating plants, and machinery for net washing. The noise from these operations (not to mention the associated barge and boat traffic moving supplies and workers) was disturbingly constant and pervasive.

I feel sorry for all those poor people who own property near any of these floating industries. Adjacent land values are obviously seriously reduced and those affected have little alternative but to live with it or sell at a loss.

Now there is a proposal to build one of these operations (many times the size of the relatively small fish farm at Cusheon Cove) on the Satellite Channel side of Salt

Spring. Although it will have no financial benefit for Salt Spring, it will seriously affect a number of island properties.

Even if fish farms are found to be environmentally acceptable and financially sound, the great amount of undeveloped coastline in B.C. means there is no necessity to place a fish farm in front of any residentially-zoned private property, and it is certainly not desirable on Salt Spring Island.

At the December 9 public hearing at the Harbour House Hotel, the zoning changes necessary for this proposition will be discussed, and I hope that we can show that big money doesn't always win out over the little man.
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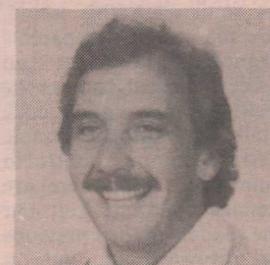
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Matilda's story...

Did I tell you the story of Matilda, my great-great-grandmother? She was a beautiful young maiden who travelled to Australia from England in the mid-19th century with her husband.

Alas, her husband (his name was Sidney) went on a voyage soon after, never to return.

Matilda, never one to be unhappy for long, went out

looking for gainful employment. Luckily she happened upon a merchant who had an overshipment of corks and saw her opportunity. She set herself up in the local mall, I mean market, and established a fair trade in corks. Home-made beverages of various kinds were popular then.

The flies were particularly bad that year and her normally

cheery disposition was severely hampered. Being innovative, she attached corks by strings to the brim of her hat, thereby starting a new fashion in fly management.

A swagman is one who travels the land (in Australia only) looking for work, food or whatever. Grateful they were indeed for the idea about the corks, and they named their only companion, their *swag**, after Matilda.

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Appearances

Now that we are under the control of the polly-tickers (a much more cunning and tormenting pest than the wood-ticks, which I've heard can chew their way into your brain if you lend an open ear), I must make a prophetic and poetic stand. The stand is beside the poor and not on top of them.

This stand has and will forever remain, for real honest human beings who care for their neighbours and kin rather than those who try to control and comfortably or richly profit off the neglect and increasing misery of their neighbours and kin.

I'm not merely talking about the poor in dollar bills. I'm talking about the poor and defeated in spirit, high and low, materially rich and materially poor. There is an emotional plague of this all over the world as well as in this community.

With all of the so-called prettification and economic constructions in Ganges, I see the smashed cars displayed and the sirens howling more and more. I watch friends I love sinking and staggering under alcohol, witnessing an unreachable sense of loneliness, futility and alienation.

These are not "bad boys" who need to behave according to the bureaucrats' well-profited professional "care" — these are strong, keen men and brothers and sisters who build the pretty blue and grey Babylon for people they (in most cases) will never meet and who most definitely will never want to meet them.

I'm talking about what is called the Horror House, where the workers of this Island go and where the cynically written-off hippie dream, which once danced and sang, now fights and howls in a slow torment and staggers home to another fix to cover the pain of the great, alienated division.

The polly-tickers have delivered to us all in their promises of "progress" which has and continues to reduce us as individuals suspiciously competing with each other in our powerlessness.

There is a great self-righteous smugness of some of the sixties and seventies settlers on this island. These are the middle age parents who cleaned up their pot and alcohol free love indulgences to the extent that they are economically and socially sober and respectable enough to try to impose control in this community. Yet where are their teenage children? Left but under the shadow of their previous lifestyles, disowned and put on hold like some impersonal answering machine that never gets back to you.

With all the professional care people and healer-dealers who

have arisen out of the ashes of the sixties, who can trust those who cannot love and heal their own, with any visible evidence to our senses? I don't judge them to my advantage, nor our war parents and grandparents who delivered the "war to end all wars" lie we've all lived under and profited greatly from in our "modern progress." It's all a tragedy that has to be resolved with compassion and patience in a world that is in a race to ruthlessly fast-hustle a glamorous appearance of success. **ROBIN WAKEFIELD,** Ganges.

Still there

One year after the referendum: where is the Pool Society? We're still meeting — in fact tonight, at 7:30; new and old members and any of the loyal opposition are welcome.

We've had time to reflect on "what went wrong" and have concluded that we'll never know exactly what was in each voter's mind to turn him or her against the pool question, be it taxes, the site, or the design. So, we're basically back to the drawing board, exploring possibilities as to what kind of pool, where to locate it, and how to finance it.

Every community comes up with a different solution to its recreation needs and goals. Victoria presented themselves in a certain way in order to secure the coming Games in their city. The Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Legion branch subsidizes their outdoor pool facility because they feel it's important for families in that town to be able to spend leisure time

together. A new arrival to Salt Spring sparked our imagination and enthusiasm at the Society's last meeting recounting how communities in rural Alberta got their facilities started — and finished.

We believe Referendum 87 was only *one* idea and there are plenty more good ones floating about. Please bring yours tonight to the Elementary School Library. Let's pool our resources.

LOIS PHILLIPS, Salt Spring Pool Society, Ganges.

Thank you

Thanks to generous support from the Ganges fishermen at their annual dance, the Salmon Enhancement Association has received over \$500 which will help to speed the completion of the new hatchery on Cusheon Creek.

The raffle resulted in Rolf Hildred winning Brian Foerster's donation of a raku Sea Lion, and Gary Lemarchant won Paul Konig's cord of wood.

Our thanks to Chris Acheson and Billy Egeland for the auction of the tee-shirt.

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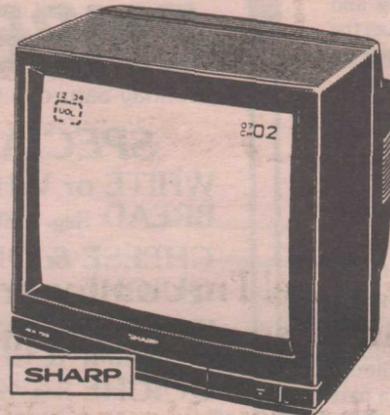
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I would like to thank the many individuals, merchants, artists and organizations who contributed to the overwhelming success of the Food Bank Auction. Together, we raised over \$4,000 to help our neighbours; but let's not forget that the need continues year-round. Donations of food and money are always welcomed and useful.

In addition to those named in our display ad on November 23, I would especially like to thank Fran Eide, Maggie, Michael and Caitlin Hayes, Kerry and Arvid Chalmers, Jim Bradford, Bruce Ruddell and Tuned Air, Brian MacDonald (Buckwheat), Terry, Robin and Annie Warbey, Charles Hingston, Kay Kos, Susan Blagborne, Renee Woodsend, Arlene Dashwood, Ann Lyon, Shilo Zylbergold, The Sierra Club, The CAC, Mary Toynbee, Alice Richards, Harlan's Treats, Sharon's, Stephen Berry, Mel Marchbanks, Olive Layard and Sue Mouat, Kay Catlin, Susan Just, Pharmasave, Gulf Islands Jewels, Mouat's, Patrick Hayes, Video Visions, Pegasus Gallery, Lee Sollitt, Masayo Hora, Margaret Cass, Video Ranch, Empty Nesters of Salt Spring, SSI Cinema Society, Island Cinema, Ganges Village Market, Christine Donnelly, Kevin Vine, Tom Mitchell, Don Layard, Tom and Irene Wright, Videathon, Joyce Parsons, Yvonne Follitt, Minzie Anderson, Pam Miller, Phyllis Marr, Ellen Mellstrom, Phyl Sinclair, Barbara Jordan-Knox, Beth Cherneff, Carole Fowles, Mary Comba, Claudia Clarke, Donna Regen, and of course, Duncan, Tony and Driftwood.

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SANDI JOHNSON,
 Ganges.

Thank you

Thank you to the Fulford Hall Committee for letting us rent the hall for our dance, to GVM for donating the pop, and to the people that set up, cleaned up, did the music, and ran the concession and the door. And thank you to the chaperons.

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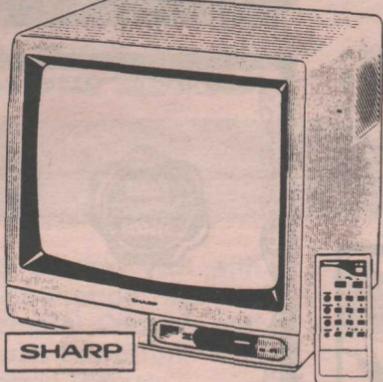
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Availability of liquor questioned by parent

The Fernwood Parents Group have raised concerns about the availability of liquor to minors.

Group member Margaretha Nordine told *Driftwood* she has seen first hand that minors are being sold liquor from the Ganges Liquor Store.

"I know that some of the kids in our neighbourhood are buying liquor from the store," she said. "I approached them (employees) at the store and asked why they are not asking for proper identification. They said they do but teenagers can always get the liquor anyway. I feel strongly about this relaxed attitude they

are taking at the store."

Liquor store manager Brian Gooding said that, as far as he knows, there is no problem. "Our staff is instructed to ask anyone they suspect of being a minor, for identification," he said.

Gooding declined further comment and directed other questions to the main office in Vancouver.

Kathy Gurton, assistant director for the Merchandising and Communication Department of the Liquor Distribution branch, said the government is pleased with the actions of staff in stores. "We are quite pleased with the

responsible manner in which our store employees operate," she said. "We train our members in two areas where they are not allowed to serve the public. First, is obviously they are not allowed to serve minors, and secondly they are instructed not to serve anyone who is or appears to be intoxicated."

She added that the only acceptable identification would be a passport, a B.C. drivers license, or a BCID card obtained from a licensing office.

But a local minor, who did not wish to be identified, told *Driftwood* it is not difficult to obtain

liquor from the liquor store. "A lot of my friends have gone into the liquor store and bought booze," the minor said. "Some of them look older so I guess they don't get asked for ID. If that doesn't work they can always hang around outside and get someone else to buy it for them."

Gurton agreed the one area they have trouble patrolling is when adults purchase liquor for minors. "It is difficult for us to control," she said. "We try to work in conjunction with police on this issue. But timing is very important."

The problem lies in that store employees have to witness the minors outside the store soliciting adults to make the purchase for them, then call the police. "The police can't always make it to the store on time," she said.

Sergeant Larry Wendell of the Ganges RCMP detachment said that if anyone is caught buying liquor for minors they would be charged and would have to appear before a judge to answer to the charge. "They would be charged with supplying liquor to minors, which has a maximum fine of \$2,000 or six months in jail," he said.

Christmas Counter Attack program ready for launching by local police

Local police say they would like to remind the motoring public to please check the expiry date on their insurance forms. As of late an unusual number of drivers have failed to renew their insurance premiums. The minimum fine for this offence is \$300.

Ganges RCMP are to begin their Christmas Counter-Attack program on December 8. The program, which will run until January 3, will be set up at random locations throughout the island. A spokeswoman for the police said officers will be looking for impaired drivers, seat belt infractions and automobile defects.

Police charged a 17 year-old male with impaired driving on December 3 at 2:04 am, after the youth failed to stop at a police roadblock set up on Fulford-Ganges Road near Ganges. He will appear in court on January 10.

Later the same day, police attended a single-vehicle accident on Cusheon Lake Road. The accident — which resulted in damage to the vehicle, a B.C. Hydro pole and a private residence — happened at 3:25 pm.

The driver, a 24-year-old male from Ganges, was charged with impaired driving and will appear in court on January 10.

Two people received minor injuries as the result of an accident which occurred on Seaview Road at 1:30 am on December 3. The driver, an 18-year-old female, was charged with driving too fast for road conditions. Damage to the vehicle was set at \$600.

Police wish to inform drivers attending craft shows and bake sales going on just prior to Christmas to make sure they park their vehicles properly — not blocking the roadways. Last weekend police handed out several warnings to people whose cars were encroaching on the roadways and have said they will start issuing tickets for parking on roads — which carry a \$50 fine.

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Planning staff reinstatement will be pursued by trustees

An increase in local tax levies will be sought by the Islands Trust and, if allowed by the province, be used to fund additional staff.

Meeting last weekend in Victoria as a council, trustees agreed their office needs another full-time planner and could use a part-time planning assistant.

Cost of filling both positions is estimated at about \$100,000 — a figure that includes salaries, benefits and expenses like travel to the islands.

The Trust currently has two full-time planners on staff, and one planner operating on a six-month contract. Because of the uncertainty of the contract position, trustees were told, it has been held by three different people in the last five months.

Trust manager Cynthia Hawsworth agreed with trustee suggestions that the shuffling of personnel has meant a loss of continuity in planning projects. She added that current workload means planners are tied down with day-to-day business and are unable to tackle larger tasks such as community plan reviews.

The motion endorsed by trustees agrees in principle with a request to be put to Municipal Affairs Ministry Rita Johnson for an increase in local tax levies to cover the cost of the additional

staff positions.

Earlier this year, Johnson endorsed a rise in local taxes to cover a \$71,000 injection to the Trust budget — money used to purchase computer system components, increase Trust honorariums and be set aside for professional services like consultants.

The Trust budget now sits at about \$250,000 a year, excluding the cost of staff and other services supplied by the ministry of municipal affairs. Currently, about \$196,000 is raised for the Trust each year through local property taxes.

Speaking to the motion to request an additional tax levy, chairman Nick Gilbert said trustees were "not asking for much for what the community gets in return — in some places, the Trust component (of local tax bills) is less than for garbage services."

Glen Snook of Denman added that at 1987 hearings held by a legislative committee reviewing the Trust's performance and mandate, residents of member islands expressed support for increased taxes if it meant the Trust would have the resources to properly handle its work.

After trustees endorsed the call for increasing staff levels and local tax levies, Snook suggested the ministry be asked to extend the

contract period for the third planner from six months to a minimum of one year.

However, other trustees replied that to agree with Snook's motion would be to defeat the intent of the one just passed. The issue, they said, was not the length of contracts but the fact that they were short one planner.

Steve Wright of Pender said the ministry should be told that constituents expected a certain level of service that was not being provided. The issue, he continued, is that the ministry "owes" the Trust a permanent full-time position, and that it has an obligation to fill that post.

After Snook's motion was defeated, however, trustees agreed to an amended version which asks that the planning position now filled on a contract basis be returned to permanent full-time status.

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Such symptoms point to one affliction: bloated billfold. It's time once again to administer a high colonic to my wallet.

Credit cards mostly. For some reason people keep sending me credit cards. Maybe they get me confused with Conrad Black? I don't know, but usually I'm so pleased to see my name spelled out in gold embossed plastic that I keep the cards — just stuff them in my wallet along with all the others. Then, twice a year on average, I haul out a pair of pinking shears and go through my wallet, separating the chaff from the chaff.

I've got some pips this year. Here's one from a Toronto-based firm that permits me to purchase up to a thousand dollars worth of mountaineering equipment.

Dumb cards to dump

I have conquered exactly no mountains thus far in my life, and that's a record I fully intend to take to my grave. How the hell did I end up with this card? Here's another one that entitles me to buy groceries in a Florida supermarket chain. I haven't been to Florida in three years.

Here's another that says I'm valued member number 726 of the Canadian Tire Video Club (Fergus, Ont. chapter) and as such, can rent video cassettes upon presentation of this card.

I happen to know that I can walk in off the street and rent a movie upon presentation of three pieces of green paper bearing pictures of the queen, so why am I lugging this card around?

Out, out.

I've got a lot of dumb cards to dump, but whenever my personal proliferation of plastic gets me down, I just pause and think of Walter Cavanagh of Santa Clara, California. Walter has more credit cards than I have. As a matter of fact, Walter has more credit cards than you and I and Imelda Marcos have put together. Walter has one thousand . . .

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A rather special wallet, to be sure — and not one that Walter packs in his hip pocket. It's a custom-made accordion-style job with pockets for 800 cards. Walter could take his wallet to the top of a 30 storey building and flip it over the side. Unfurled, it would reach all the way to the sidewalk.

Bloated hillbilly legend

Walter has cards that allow him to charge everything from an ice cream cone at Baskin-Robbins to a blackjack game in Reno, Nevada. He applies for at least 100 new cards a month — and gets quite a few of them. Why bother? Glory, partly. His name is already in the Guinness *Book of Records* and Ripley's *Believe It Or Not*. But Walter has a target as well. He reckons there are more than 10,000 different charge cards floating around on this continent and he intends to get one of each. "I figure I only have 12 per cent of what's out there. My goal is to get them all."

No doubt Walter's got his eye on the latest credit card to hit the market — fresh from the thermoplastic extrusion machines of Leader Federal Savings and Loan Bank in Memphis, Tennessee: The Elvis Card. No I'm not making this up. You can now get a black bordered credit card featuring a jukebox coloured rainbow and a shot of Elvis, legs akimbo, guitar rampant. The card can bear your name in one corner and the expiry date in the other.

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Be just my luck to receive my very own ElvisCard right after I clean my wallet out. If it happens, I know what I'll do.

Send it right on to Walter Cavanagh.

Better it ends up in his collection than mine.

Penders will host trustees

North Pender Island will host the next meeting of the Islands Trust Council.

The council, made up of the 26 trustees representing the Trust's 13 major islands, meets four times a year and rotates its meeting place. In 1988, it met on Hornby, Thetis and Gambier islands, and in Victoria.

North Pender will host the council meeting set for March. In June, trustees will converge on Gabriola, and in September they will gather on Saturna.

Council meetings cover two full days of general business and are open to the public. Normally, between 40 to 50 people are involved — including trustees, their spouses, and Islands Trust staff members from the Victoria office. The visitors are usually billeted on the host island.

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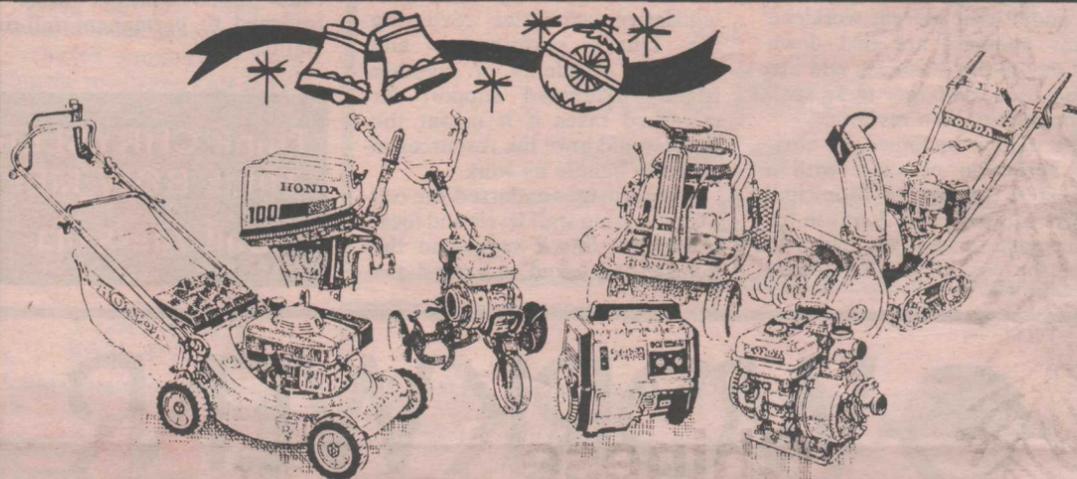
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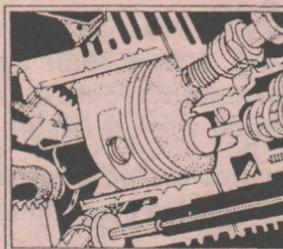
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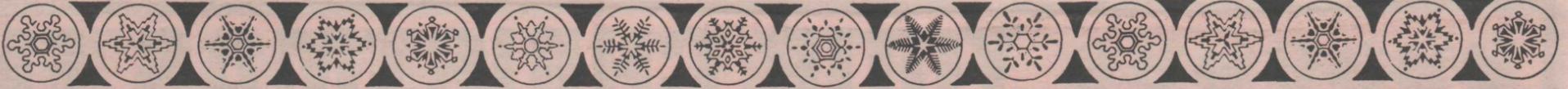


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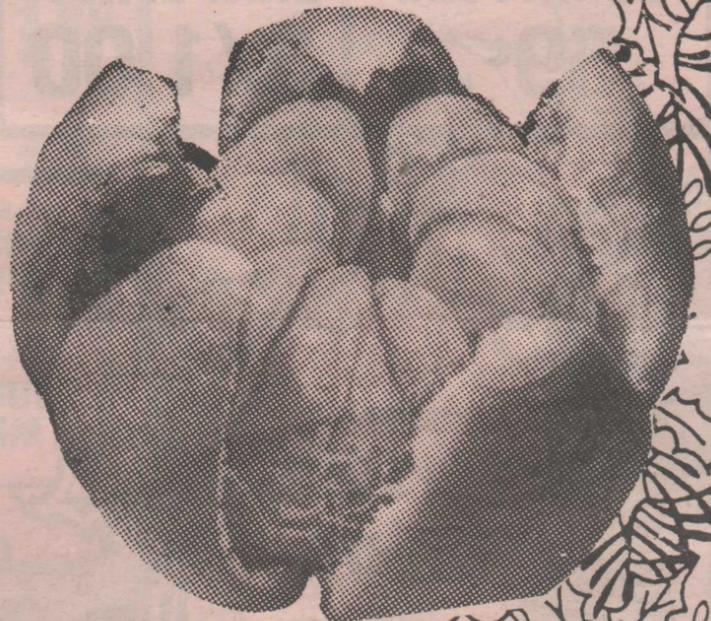
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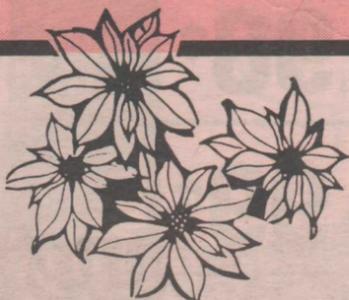
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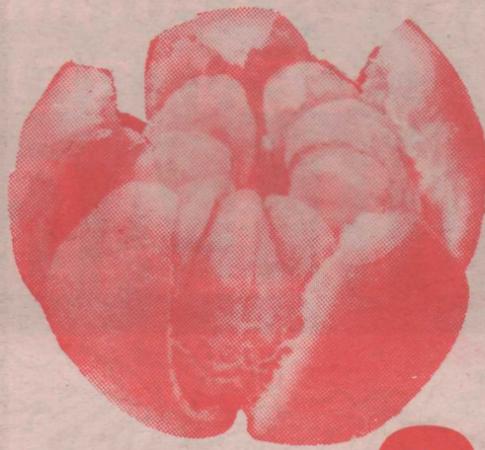
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Volunteers sought for Christmas bird count

On December 18 Salt Spring Islanders will be going to the birds.

The above-mentioned date is when approximately 150 local people will be spreading out around the island counting numbers and different species of birds for the 12th annual Christmas bird count.

This is not a phenomenon which strictly affects Salt Spring Islanders just before Christmas. All over North America bird watchers, bird lovers and just plain interested folks will be out within a week of Christmas, counting birds in their area.

All the data collected is forwarded to the Audubon Society, which has been gathering this type of information for close to 70 years.

Salt Spring Island resident

Chris Wooldridge has been the island co-ordinator for the past four years. "To some people this may seem a little strange, but the information is very useful," she said. "It helps us to keep track of the number of different species and the approximate total number of birds here on the island."

Wooldridge said that over the 12 years the count has been carried out on the island the numbers have been about the same each time. "It doesn't seem to matter if the weather is mild or cold or sunny or gloomy, the counts are fairly consistent," she said.

So one might ask, if the counts are relatively similar every year, why bother going out in the wet and cold to do the count? Wooldridge replied: "It is important. It gives us a good overall picture of

what is going on in the wild. This way we can see how the various contaminants like dioxins and PCBs are affecting the wildlife. We can keep track of the population counts and see if any one species is being adversely affected."

Salt Spring Island is home to approximately 100 different species of bird, she said, and has a total population of around 20,000 birds. "The number of species identified every year varies slightly," Wooldridge said. "Two years ago we counted 96 species and last year we had 106, so it averages out."

She added that some birds that are not native to this region have been sighted by the watchers, but none have been confirmed. "It is practically impossible to confirm these sightings because the per-

sons reporting them did not have a camera with them to bring back any evidence for the experts to check," she said.

The island does hold one record in the British Columbian feathered fraternity, however: there are more California Quail on Salt Spring than anywhere else in the province. The most common bird to be found here is the Western Grebe.

All of this data, which is listed as being unofficial, is sent to the provincial museum in Victoria where it is added to the provincial totals. The totals are then published in the *B.C. Naturalists Magazine* and sent along to the Audubon Society.

Wooldridge told *Driftwood* the island is divided into 11 sections with a co-ordinator in charge of each section. "We try to cover

every corner of the island to make sure we don't miss anything, but it is hard," she said. "If anyone is interested in helping us out, we would be very happy to have them along."

"You don't have to be an expert to get involved in this," she added. "The quickest way to learn about this is to just come out and get involved."

Anyone wishing to take part in this avian adventure can contact Chris Wooldridge at 537-2377.

Amnesty International will mark anniversary

By ANDREW GIBSON

December 10 will be the 40th anniversary of the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On that day the UN will again be considering human rights, because millions of signatures, collected in the 150 Amnesty International (AI) countries, will be delivered there, reminding that body that the 1948 promise has not been kept by a large proportion of the signatories.

Several hundred of the names are by visitors to the Amnesty table at the Saturday market.

AI is non-political. It cares not a whit if a government is right wing or left, monarchial, republican, autocratic, theocratic or tribal — but it does care when basic human rights are violated. Although it must concern itself with fighting against the darkest manifestations of the human soul, it is essentially an optimistic organization. It must be so, because the mainspring of its work is the belief that when the world knows what is going on in its Bastilles, its interrogation centres and its barriros, then the weight of world condemnation will force correction — eventually.

At first progress is glacial, then perceptible, and finally tyrants fall, prisoners are released, and their torturers seek anonymity. AI knows that, however bloody-minded a junta may be, common sense dictates that it is not profitable to be an international pariah.

AI may be known by what its enemies have said about it:

- "Amnesty International has blackmailed over 100 nations."

Idi Amin.

- "A tout of the US imperialism and its chief espionage and subversive agency."

— *Afghanistan New Times*.

- "All the lackeys of satanic powers like Amnesty International are

trying to suffocate the Islamic Republic."

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Why do these horrors happen? How can our species, uniquely gifted mentally and spiritually, and the only one able to escape from the animal here and now, be so ferocious to its own kind? How can loving family men, who consider themselves exemplary citizens, have 9-5 jobs in the secret rooms of detention centres, inflicting doctor-supervised torture on other people whose only crime is to exercise the freedom which we in Canada take for granted? How is it possible, in Central America or Brazil or Angola or Peru or Sri Lanka, for death squads to hunt down innocent people as if they were animals? How can men be found who, with good conscience, will drop napalm or poison gas on terrified villagers, or declare a countryside a free-fire zone, to be carpet-bombed? How is it possible for religious Iran to treat the gentle Bahai with such relentless inhumanity?

It is because our species, when it was given the capacity for sublime love, also was given the capacity to hate as an animal never could. It is relatively easy for demagogues to persuade us that certain other people are less than human, fit only to be abused or even — to use the current euphemism — wasted. When such beliefs become the norm, evil, to quote Hannah Arendt (who was writing about the holocaust) becomes banal.

Amnesty International fights against the results of such dehumanization. That is its job. It is the job of society in general to recognize, in its own country, when it is being coaxed by politicians, or theologians, or pied pipers of any hymn of hate, to treat others as if they had diminished human rights. Humanity, like freedom, requires constant vigilance — even in Canada.

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Islands Trust committees formed, staffed by council

The Islands Trust last weekend struck and staffed several standing committees to carry on work for the next two years.

At the first quarterly council meeting of the newly-elected trustees, held December 2-3 in Victoria, volunteers stepped forward to sit on the six standing committees established.

The forest and land use committee will include Steve Wright of South Pender, John Money and Harvey Janszen of Saturna, Margaret Griffiths of Galiano, Barry Kurland and Melinda Auerbach of Lasqueti, and Susan Yates of Gabriola.

The Trust's public relations committee will include Marie Elliot and Louis Valle of Mayne, Bob George and Doreen York of North Pender, Steve Wright of South Pender, and Carol Martin of Hornby.

The coastal zone management committee, which is concerned with marine resources, is made up of Barry Kurland of Lasqueti, Glen Snook of Denman, Susan Yates and Jack Sickavish of Gabriola, and Eric Jenkins of Thetis.



Carol Martin

The Trust Fund committee will include Margaret Griffiths of Galiano, Alan Fraser of Denman, Melinda Auerbach of Lasqueti, Jack Sickavish of Gabriola, John Stepaniuk and Nick Gilbert of Salt Spring, John Dunfield of Thetis and Carol Martin of Hornby.



John Dunfield

The highways committee will include Diane Cragg of Galiano, John Stepaniuk of Salt Spring and Alan Fraser of Denman. Members also agreed to open a chair for former Galiano trustee Donald Macdonald, who headed the committee from 1986 to 1988. Macdonald was defeated November 19 in his bid for another term on the Trust.

The water, sewage and waste management committee will include Bob George and Doreen York of North Pender, John Fletcher of Hornby, Eric Jenkins of Thetis, Jack Sickavish of Gabriola and Carol Martin of Hornby.

A seventh committee, to deal with tourism issues, is to be established in the coming months, once trustees review a draft position paper being prepared by staff.

Fish farm bid endorsed

Salt Spring's Advisory Planning Commission (APC) has recommended the Islands Trust approve an application from Mae West fish farms to shift the company's lease area in Sansum Narrows.

The new lease area would encompass underwater space necessary for a larger-than-expected anchoring system and bring the fish farm within legal boundaries.

The APC, which heard from Mae West representatives at its

mid-November meeting, decided at a subsequent meeting to recommend Trust approval of the application. It had withheld a decision until upland owners were given the opportunity to speak to the issue.

Noting that Mae West representative David Monday said the company would be willing to enter into a covenant restricting expansion over the farm's production level, APC members included that option in their recommendation to the Trust.

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Santa set to visit islands

Bellingham's Jaycees visit Salt Spring Island again this year, bearing Christmas gifts and good wishes for the community.

The latest version of the annual event sees the Jaycees arrive in Ganges Harbour this Saturday at 6 pm. Gifts and candy will be handed out to children at a later assembly, then Santa will distribute presents for residents of Greenwoods before returning to the Ganges firehall for a late dinner.

New for this year's visit is the

size of the flotilla being sent from Bellingham — in years past, one ship has carried Santa, the Jaycees and the gifts they bear. This year, owing to uncertainties over insuring the vessel normally used, arrangements were made to use either of two other ships. Although insurance was eventually obtained, organizers

decided to use all three vessels this time.

Before visiting Salt Spring, the ships will make stops at Outer Gulf Islands ports on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, they stop in the San Juans en route back to Bellingham.

The Jaycees' visit to Salt Spring is made possible by the

support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lion's and Rotary clubs, plus the assistance of island merchants, local organizer Pearl Graham said Monday. She noted that while the visitors provide the gifts, the supply of candy and assorted other needs — like Santa's dinner — is met locally.

Last year, toys and candy for approximately 1,000 Salt Spring residents were handed out in the gymnasium of Gulf Islands Secondary School — a total that forced the Jaycees to return to their ship for more gifts, and to be met the following day by a vessel sent from Bellingham with enough additional toys to meet demands on the San Juans.

This year, organizers are planning for 1,000 Salt Spring gifts to be distributed, and say about 1,500 will be handed out by the time the ships complete their trip.

High school students take part in RCMP ride-along program

By HEATHER THOMSON

Local RCMP have taken on some new recruits. In association with the Law 12, Consumer Education 12 and Peer Counseling programs, high school students are participating in an RCMP ride-along program.

Grade 12 student Mike Lord was the first participant. Lord, who is interested in criminology, recently spent time with officers on both the morning and night shifts.

At the station, Lord was briefed on what to expect of the program. In the morning, he attended an inspection for B.C. Tel concerning the tampering of a phone.

The night shift proved more active for Lord. Rounds were made to the Riding Ring where penalties were given for having open alcohol in a vehicle. After listening to calls from Nanaimo, Maxwell Mountain was the next stop. Four vehicles were searched, resulting in the retrieval of alcohol and a small quantity of marijuana.

After returning to town, Lord observed the procedures in charging a drunk driver. "I had a great time and learned a lot," Lord said while noting he did feel embarrassed when seeing familiar faces.

Last week over 300 Quebecois in the Hospitality Canada program returned home. On Salt Spring, Marie-Claude Ferland, Catherine Begin and Richard Desharnais were hosted by local families.

Sponsored by the federal government, Hospitality Canada arranges three month exchanges between Quebec and other provinces. Interested students applied for a position in October, 1987, and received notice by June, 1988. Selection was based on grades and a personal interview in the student's home.

Before arriving in B.C., communication was exchanged between the families.

"Two weeks before we left, I couldn't find Ganges on the map — I didn't know it was on an island," commented Ferland.

"I knew it was a small place — like something from an old American movie," Begin said.

"The people here are the best, more friendly and helpful. People I didn't know would smile and talk to me," Ferland responded when asked what she thought of western living. About the high school, all three commented on "the relaxed atmosphere, and the closer and more personal contact with teachers."

All three plan to return to Salt Spring sometime next summer before continuing their studies at a preparatory college.

On Thursday, students at Salt Spring Elementary will be entertained with music, story-telling, comedy and mime performed by Charlotte Diamond. Diamond

won the 1986 Juno Award for Best Children's Album.

The yearly arrival of the Bellingham Santa Claus ship is eagerly expected this Saturday, December 10. The jolly old elf will sail into Ganges Harbour at 6 pm that night.

To prepare for Saturday's event, Lyn Baker and Angela Vodden of the Fernwood Parent's group are looking for donations of decorations and community involvement, especially from students. School board trustee Charles Bazzard has arranged two Christmas trees for the high school gymnasium. The Community Centre will provide a box for toy donations towards Santa's Workshop.

Last Christmas, in his 28th annual visit with the Bellingham Jaycees, Santa handed out gifts to over 1000 children. Arrangements for the event are made by the Chamber of Commerce and the Salt Spring Island Fire Department. For more information contact Lyn Baker (537-2549) or Angela Vodden (537-5357).



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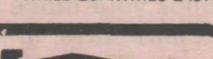
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by gary cherneff



Gag, rasp, gasp! You won't hear it by reading this column, but every word I dare to think has the hoarse, coarse grind of laryngitis attached, transmuting my normally sonorous utterances into a hacked-up, raw but whispered dialect of the English language.

Here's the story. You know those wonderful yard-long toy hockey games you can buy at Eaton's or the Bay; the ones where the protagonists seat themselves at opposite ends and twiddle and pull at rods connected to small metal facsimiles of the Habs and the Leafs? Well, I had the good fortune to relive some of my childhood, due to the skill and enthusiasm of a young lad who is at least one fourth my age. He soundly whipped my overblown ego into raw spaghetti. What matters is that I played with one less man than he, throughout the game.

I was once a star and could show this upstart a thing or two. But alas, the marble (read puck) rolled in his favour and my stumbling fingers could do little to prevent his scoring. So my vocal enthusiasm turned a receding case of the common cold into an embarrassing absence of vocal clarity. The good side of this is that I now know what I want for Christmas.

So be warned, young man. I will rise again like the Phoenix. Bluster, cough, sputter!

The other day I got in the mail a brochure which surprisingly outlined 19 different Canadian magazines dealing with the performing arts. A few of them I have seen at Parkside News in Ganges, a shop which seems to be willing to bend over backwards to please.

Some mags like *Music Works* and *Fuse* I have mentioned in past columns. Others like *Theatrium* look mouth-watering. It comes in five issues per year and "explores the nature of performance, exposes the working ideas of theatre practitioners around the world, relates concerns of the Canadian theatre community and reviews books and productions."

Canadian Theatre Review at over three times the price (\$37.50 for four issues) publishes playscripts, essays and photographs, interviews playwrights, actors and designers, and documents workshops and festivals.

If you're into film, *Cine Action* might be your ticket. It brings a politically activated view to mainstream and alternative cinema in four yearly issues. *Performance Arts in Canada* covers a broad range of disciplines from dance, theatre, ballet and film to opera.

Speaking of the latter, *Opera Canada* in a national and international way brings to the reader news, reviews and special features. *Music Magazine* is the one for people of classical taste, with interviews with soloists, conductors and composers, and historical articles. And let's not forget the current pop scene, represented by *Canadian Musicians* and *Country Music News*.

If you're interested in these and more, they are available through *Performing Arts Magazines*, 2 Stewart Street, Ground Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 1H6.

If you're really looking for a stocking stuffer for your little artist friend here's a few more hints. For the architecturally inclined the hard-to-find mag from New York called *Metropolis* is superb. It deals with everything from take-out restaurant trivia to cartoonists in Megalopolis; from Coney Island history to Space Station design for the future; from interior design for the living to exterior monuments to the dead. I guarantee it, you will not find a more visually exciting magazine anywhere. Look for it at the Vancouver Art Gallery Shop or Duthie's Magazine Shop on Robson in Vancouver.

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Schedule of festive events slated for Off Centre Stage

Off Centre Stage in Ganges will be a busy spot during the Christmas season.

- The entertainment agenda opens this Friday (December 9) with a concert appearance by singer-songwriter Willie P. Bennett, whose visit to Salt Spring is part of a rare west coast tour for the Ontario-based artist.

- On December 17, Off Centre Stage presents "The Office Party" and several associated events, including an innovative dance performance by the Turnagain Dance Collective and an appearance by the rock and roll band, *Just Wanna Dance*.

"The Office Party" will feature the Salt Spring Hysterical Society. Guests are invited to become a part of the festivities by dressing for the occasion — as a favourite office character, for instance, or as a favourite office fixture.

For the event, organizers will transform the Off Centre Stage premises to accommodate the expected large crowd and equally large lineup of entertainers. Walls will be moved and the risers removed.

The evening will also offer Christmas carols with the Capella Sisters, and festive food (included in the price of admission).

The December 17 presentation is also a benefit and membership drive for Off Centre Stage. The public is invited to join the Off Centre Stage society or to renew memberships. The party begins at 7:30 pm.

- A treat for children of all ages is set for Sunday, December 18, at Off Centre Stage. Tim Gosley, known as Basil the Bear on *Sesame Street*, brings an entourage of puppets to Salt Spring to present his version of the Hans Christian Anderson tale, *The Ugly Duckling*. Bill, an unattractive swan, must learn to adapt after he is ostracized from a pond by his peers.

The visual excitement of Gosley's show, coupled with his gift for communicating with children and their parents, have made him a favourite with audiences across Canada. He has appeared at numerous festivals, including the First International Children's Festival (Toronto), Winterlude (Ottawa), Edmonton's Summerfest, Canada Day celebrations (Banff) and the Montreal International Puppet Festival.

Gosley has also appeared on

CBC's *Fraggle Rock*, CFTO's *Miss Piggy Special*, and Children's Workshop Productions' *Sesame Street* movie, *Follow That Bird*.

The show is set for 2 pm on December 18.

- Valdy's *Christmas on the Coast* tour visits Off Centre Stage on Monday, December 19, at 2 pm. Specifically designed to appeal to the entire family, the Christmas performance marks the conclusion of Valdy's B.C.-wide tour. Tickets for this and all other shows are available at *et cetera* or from Off Centre Stage (537-5211).

gallery at Off Centre Stage will be appropriately decked out in Christmas fashion. Artwork by students from the various Gulf Islands schools will be on display, as well as a unique exhibit of original arpilleras from Chile.

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Concert to raise funds

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Vancouver-based reggae band last seen on Salt Spring during the Summer Festival of the Arts. The dance begins at 8:30. Tickets are \$6 and are available at et cetera. All proceeds will go to the hurricane relief fund for Nicaragua.

Gulf Islands students enjoy Young Author's Conference

Seventy-two students and about 10 adults enjoyed a busy and exciting afternoon of drama, writing and talking with an award-winning author on Friday, November 18th. Forty students and adults travelled from the outer islands by water taxi to attend the workshop organized by the Gulf Islands Teacher-Librarians' Association and held in the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre.

Victoria drama consultants Wayne and Jacquie Coulson led the drama portion of the afternoon. With a few props and some plain chairs they managed to set scenes that encouraged all the students to create their own characters and situations. These were then discussed and enlarged as students selected one character they identified with.

Some writing was done and then characters were shared with a partner. Small groups were created and each group set themselves into a tableau illustrating one portion of their story.

Following this, students were encouraged to write at home the stories or scenes they had envisioned. These writings will be collected by the teacher-librarians and compiled into a booklet to be sent to each participant.

Following a refreshment break, Welwyn Wilton Katz addressed the students, talking about how

she got the ideas for each of her books. Katz has won international acclaim for her writing and was the 1987 winner of the International Children's Fiction Contest for her novel *False Face*.

She outlined three steps that she takes in writing: travel (it might only be to the local museum), research and rubbing two things or ideas together to create the dramatic conflict. She showed photographs of the places she had visited while getting ideas for her first two books and samples of Indian face masks she had found during her research for *False Face*. She was an entertaining speaker and readily engaged and held the students' attention.

At three pm a draw was held for the four door prizes. The first number drawn was for an autographed copy of *False Face*. The succeeding three numbers were for paperback copies of books by Eric Wilson. Students were then dismissed to go home or to the waiting bus which took the 40 Outer Islands participants to the Long Harbour ferry.

It was a stimulating afternoon for both the students and teachers involved and organizers say they hope it will encourage more writing by participants, and a greater appreciation of what they read.

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by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — The other day, I had coffee with Jack Toovey. Toovey is the kind of guy who makes me feel guilty for writing nasty things about multinationals like Fletcher Challenge. That's because he's a genuinely nice guy.

But Toovey isn't only a nice guy; he's also very knowledgeable and competent in his field. He's vice-president in charge of timberlands and forestry for Fletcher Challenge.

Fletcher Challenge is the New Zealand-based company that has applied for the Mackenzie tree farm licence, covering about six million hectares, an area nearly twice the size of Switzerland.

A hearing on the application had originally been scheduled for November 21, but in the wake of growing opposition to the proposal, the government went on damage control alert and postponed the hearing until March 7.

Toovey was going to be in Victoria on business and phoned me ahead of time to say he wanted to discuss the Fletcher Challenge application with me. He had read my previous column on the issue and wanted to make sure I really had all the facts. It was Toovey's typically gentlemanly way of saying that, in his opinion, I was talking out of a cocked hat.

Toovey seemed genuinely surprised by the media's negative reaction to the tree farm licence application. He wanted to know what the company did wrong. He also wanted to give me the company's side of the story.

I told him why I thought the reaction was so negative. The application labours under a number of handicaps. First, Fletcher is a huge company; what's more, it's foreign-owned. The public tends to distrust both. Second, the sheer size of the area to be managed by the company. Third, the public's scepticism about the government's ability or, indeed, willingness to monitor the company's stewardship of the land.

Application defended

Toovey offered a sincere defence of the application. He said there wasn't much the company could do about public distrust of the government, but as for Fletcher Challenge, he'd like to say a few things.

He said Fletcher doesn't have a heavy-handed headquarters approach. The Mackenzie operation, he said, has maximum autonomy. He also stressed that B.C. Forest Products had been working in the Mackenzie area for 20 years prior to the Fletcher takeover, and had a reputation for being responsible land managers.

Fletcher Challenge, Toovey said, had shown its good intentions by agreeing to invest some \$500 million in the area over the next 10 years. That was hardly the modus operandi of a company which plans to move in, skim off the cream and get the hell out.

Toovey said the public was, for some reason, under the false impression that once the TFL application is approved, the company can do whatever it pleases in the area. Not so, he said.

"We don't just go in and cut every tree in sight. The government has to approve our management plan. We have to replant the trees we cut down. Right now, we're planting nine million seedlings a year, and will continue to do so."

Under the terms of a tree farm licence, Toovey said, the company must assume responsibility for total management of the area covered, including fire protection, wildlife protection and recreational uses.

"And there has never been any disagreement in the past that TFL land is the best-managed forest land, better than private land and better than land looked after by the government. Even Peter Pierce acknowledged that in his Royal Commission report 14 years ago."

Toovey said he dares anyone to inspect the company's Mackenzie operations and form their own conclusions about the company's role as responsible land managers. Even now, he added, the company did nothing without consulting numerous branches of government, and organizations such as the B.C. Wildlife Federation.

The people of Mackenzie, he said, are solidly behind the application, and they resent the interference from people whose jobs and future aren't at stake. "It's almost as if people in the Lower Mainland don't care about the 5,000 residents of Mackenzie," Toovey said.

And there it is. I can't say that Toovey made a Fletcher torchbearer out of me, but his views are compelling and deserve airing and consideration. Some points make a great deal of sense but have, so far, been lost on the public. And that gets me to Fletcher's information package sent to the media and to interested members of the public. It just didn't cut it.

The colored booklet, prepared by two well-meaning company foresters, was too slick, too lovely to believe, and the rest too dry and legalistic. Something straightforward and informative is needed if the company hopes to get its case across to the public.

If Fletcher could send an army of Tooveys on the road to talk to people, it might just have a chance of making it past the reef of opposition to the safe harbour of its coveted tree farm licence.

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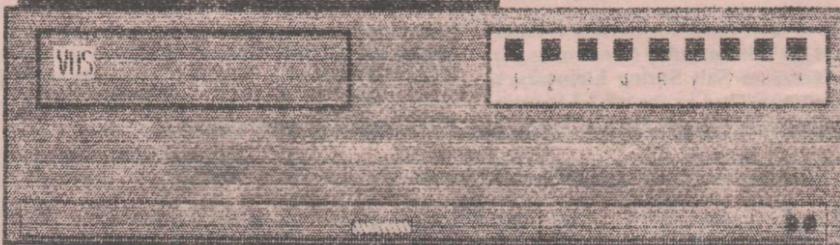
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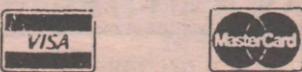
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World Bank loan to Brazil would destroy forest tract

A proposed \$500 million (U.S.) World Bank loan to Brazil, to build hydroelectric dams in the Amazon basin, would destroy a forest area the size of Great Britain and displace 500,000 people, including large numbers of native Indians. This underlines fundamental problems faced by South and Central American nations in managing economies staggering under a combined debt load of \$420 billion.

Brazil, with an annual inflation rate approaching 800 per cent and debts of \$120 billion, cannot afford the world's environmental supplications. Its prime strength is \$20 billion in export earnings (mainly timber and related products), of which over half pays interest on existing debt. Brazil has to export and modernize to survive.

At October's Latin American leaders conference, Brazil's finance minister called on industrialized banking nations to "lower debt rather than asking for repayment at a slower rate. Otherwise, it will be impossible to achieve economic growth and preserve political stability in Latin America."

Another Latin American leaders' conference is scheduled for December, but leaders are already calling on U.S. president-elect George Bush for debt relief. Nations are in arrears on payments, suffering staggering inflation, and in Peru 40 per cent of the population is chronically undernourished. To avoid default, they have cut back on essential imports, slashed government spending and seen economic growth evaporate. Latin Americans are poorer now than they were in 1980.

Brazil, Peru and Argentina all hold elections within the next 18 months and parties considerably to the left of current unpopular governments are expected to win. In some cases political instability may lead to military intervention and dictatorship.

The Reagan administration's opposition to military takeovers is credited with the survival of democracy in some Latin countries, but neglect of economic development may have weakened the future for democracy in Latin America.

New York Times/Globe & Mail/Christian Science Monitor.

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China Daily

Major blast

Satellite photos released this week by the Swedish Space Media Network verify previously unconfirmed reports of a major nuclear accident at Kysthym military nuclear complex in the Urals in 1957. The photos show a 160 square kilometre area of destroyed villages, abandoned farmland, a rivercourse blocked to prevent radio-active water flow, and additional facilities under construction at the still-operating complex. Soviet authorities have never admitted to the incident.

Globe & Mail

Villages out

Despite intense international protest, President Nicolae Ceausecu of Rumania has vowed to continue his plan to raze thousands of small rural villages and consolidate the populations into a few small modern towns. The object of the plan is to create more arable land, but the destruction of 13,000 rural villages, particularly in former Hungarian Transylvania, has caused protests from Hungary, the closing of diplomatic missions and cries of minority race persecution as elements of older ethnic architecture are erased.

Ceausecu defends his actions as a means of providing modern

housing for rural populations. "We start from the fact that socialism must create the best conditions of life for all inhabitants without distinction. We cannot divide the country in two, with one part in modern housing and other parts in shabby unhealthy housing." Ceausecu repeated his rejection of political and economic changes on Soviet lines. "The (Communist) party cannot share or relinquish its role without sooner or later disappearing."

New York Times

UN weakened

The U.S. refusal to grant Yasir Arafat a visa to attend the United Nations in New York not only contravenes Sections 11, 12 and 13 of the U.N. Headquarters Agreement, but also weakens the U.N.

Some diplomats contend moving the session to the U.N.'s European Headquarters in Geneva would encourage future American administrations to exclude people from the U.N. for political reasons. One Nordic diplomat, quoted in the *New York Times*, said: "Going to Geneva is running away from the real problem. The best course is to remain here and argue the case with the Americans."

A resolution was passed in the General Assembly "deploring" the U.S. action, with only U.S. and Israel voting against the motion. Britain abstained.

The U.S. representative to the U.N. said: "The denial of a visa to Mr. Arafat is fully consistent with the Headquarters Agreement ... this includes our right to protect our national security."

Section 11 of the agreement states: "Federal, state or local authorities of the U.S. shall not impose any impediments to transit to or from the headquarters district of representatives," and Section 12 underlines "the provisions shall be applicable irrespective of the relations existing between the government of the person and the United States."

Preparations are under way to move the session to Geneva in mid-December to allow Yasir Arafat to address the General Assembly.

New York Times/Globe & Mail.

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Youth soccer league offers close matches

By SYD WIGEN

Players in the junior and senior divisions of the Intra Island Soccer League delighted in Saturday morning's brilliant sunshine. All three games in the five- to seven-year-old bracket were close and exciting.

Jim Spencer of the Wildcats came close to scoring on the Eagles when his drive from right wing just cleared the crossbar. Eagles pressed to the attack and finally earned a goal after some great saves by Jules Pawloski. Late in the second half, John Edwards added an insurance marker when he neatly dropped a shot over the goalie's head.

An alert Firebirds team got an early goal from Jamie Wilkinson and made it stand up for the victory. Panthers pressed hard in the second half but were unable to score.

Cougars were shorthanded when they walked onto the field but, in the spirit of sportsmanship, were loaned several players by the Demons. An unusual footnote to the game was the scoring prowess of James Cagna, who earned a hat trick for the Demons, then poured in three more for the Cougars. Goalie Jonathan McDonald stopped several point-blank shots and cleared the ball well.

In the eight- to 10-year-old division, Sharks and Fury played a scoreless first half, although Sharks came close to notching a goal on a hard header. The second half was marked by fantastic action, including two late

goals by the Fury to earn the win.

Dundee was overawed, at first, by the strong Hornet side and gave up several goals in the first half. Just before the break, Richard Engle got one back with a good drive. The teams played with determination and on near-equal terms for the balance of the game.

Hawks benefitted from the loan of several players from Arsenal, and the teams played a game that was a pleasure to watch. Mandu from the junior division made a number of remarkable saves, and Greg Stringer of Arsenal cleared the ball well. Final score was 2-1 for Arsenal.

The remaining two games on the schedule were played at Salt Spring Elementary School, where the team had the experience of playing on a full-sized field and with regulation goalposts. Lazars had the edge over United, earning a 3-1 win. Jessie Anderson played particularly well for Lazars, and Peter Bagi was a standout for United.

A penalty shot driven off the goal post by Tyler Dakin gave Stingers an early lead against Rangers, but the club could not hold its advantage. Rangers won 5-2 behind the standout play of Thor Magnuson on defence and Jason Blomley in goal. For Stingers, Chris Urquhart's play was noteworthy.

Parents are encouraged to get their sons and daughters out to games promptly and regularly, or to keep coaches advised of plans.



Taking charge

Salt Spring Ladies Soccer team fought to a 1-1 tie with Victoria Castaways on Sunday at Portlock Park. In photo above, Ruth Barrett, of the local team, has control over Castaway player.

Selects use lone marker to post win over Lakehill

SELECTS 1, LAKEHILL 0
By MALCOLM LEGG

In soccer, to win means to score one more goal than your opponent. The Salt Spring Selects took this old adage to heart last weekend, as they only played well enough to score a 1-0 victory over Lakehill.

Lakehill certainly was the better team in the early going, as it pressed the Selects' defence for the majority of the half. But while Lakehill carried the play, it was the Selects who created the best scoring chances on counter-attacks.

Corbin Scott had two good shots on breaks up the middle, and Tony Marshall, in his first game as a forward, was stopped on a breakaway and chipped a loose ball just over the bar.

Late in the first half the Selects players became more involved in the game, showing more intensity and hustle. They carried this over into the second half and one knew it was only a matter of time before the effort would be rewarded.

Juda Shugar at centre-forward

led the aggressive play. He frustrated the Lakehill defence continuously with his hustling style of play, and began the play which led to the Selects goal, as he stole the ball from a Lakehill defender, then beat another defender to slip a pass to Charlie Hume.

Hume rocketed a shot goalwards that the Lakehill goalie managed to stop, but on the rebound Scott made a nifty move around the downed goalie to score the only marker of the game.

Rather than press for more goals, the Selects seemed to sit back and rely on the back wall of Mullin, Nordine, Aust and Shoobraid to protect the slim lead.

The fearless foursome played sound soccer for the remainder of the game and, coupled with some brilliant goal-keeping by Chad Little, the Selects hung on for the win.

Next week the Selects are home to Gordon Head (11:30 am at Portlock Park).

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Players improve win total

AJAX 3, PENINSULA 1

Ajax raised its season record to seven wins and one loss by downing Peninsula last Saturday afternoon at Portlock Park.

Peninsula notched the first goal of the game and had several other good chances to score before the Salt Spring squad settled down. Midway through the first half, Tom Hood scored the equalizer for the local side after taking a pass from Brian Davies.

The second half saw good end-to-end action, with both teams having fine scoring opportunities. Brian Davies produced the winning marker when, from the 18-yard line, he kicked a rolling ball high over the goalkeeper's head. Aidon Morris, who played a strong game at centre-half, earned the assist.

With only a few minutes left to play in the game, Graham Kayej iced the victory for Salt Spring. Tim Hood began the play from the Ajax end of the field; his long ball into a large gap in midfield was picked up by Kaye, who evaded two Peninsula defenders, then beat the 'keeper with a hard shot to the left corner.

Brian Davies played an outstanding game for Ajax, scoring the game-winning goal and earning an assist.

This Saturday, Ajax plays its final game before the Christmas break.

FC unaccustomed to place in league

By MALCOLM LEGG

At the mid-point of the soccer season and Salt Spring F.C. not playing due to a field closure, it is a good time to review FC's soccer season to date.

Going into last weekend the league standings were as follows:

- Gordon Head 13
- Elks 12
- Wanderers 11
- Cordova Bay 10
- O.B. Pacers 6
- Castaways 6
- Salt Spring 5
- C.B. Orange 5
- O. B. Spurs 2

As is evident, F. C. is sitting in an unaccustomed position, compared to previous soccer seasons — but in the team's defence it is playing at a much tougher level in Division 3, and the line-up has undergone some major changes.

The season started with the team

down the gutter

High scores of the week were: Terry Jenkins, 941 (268, 386, 287); and Josie Bergsma, 722 (244, 208, 270).

GOLDEN AGERS

Monday afternoon: Margaret Baker, 264; John Mulski, 250; Dorothy Armstrong, 221; Millie Young, 218; Bill Baker, 213, 207; Dick Young, 206.

Tuesday afternoon: Shirley Harnes, 203; Dorothy Sloan, 249; June Webb, 202, 308, 672; Alma McQuiggan, 214; Nancy White, 206; Ted Hammersley, 126 over average; Alma McQuiggan, 130 over average; Ruby Billington, 135 over average.

Friday morning: Jack Godwin, 257; Margaret Baker, 241; Bill

trying to fill the shoes of centre-back Trevor Tamboline, which took six games to resolve — only to then see the loss of both new centre-backs, Arne Hengstler and Lance Lomax, by game eight.

Meanwhile, mid-fielder Tony Legg missed five games through a suspension, and the FC offence lost its ability to score goals.

At the sixth game of the season the team changed from the 3-3-4 formation to a more attack-minded 4-2-4, and although the team has certainly been able to create better scoring chances, the goals still have not materialized.

FC has managed to re-stabilize the defence as Steve Legg and Jack Braak have taken on the centre-back roles, Tony Legg has returned from suspension and the offence is starting to gel.

It is only a matter of time before the goals come and the Salt Spring team moves up in the standings.

Baker, 211, 213, 207, 631; Bill Baker, 121 over average.

Friday afternoon: Ed Allan, 247, 205, 624; Gene Graham, 244; Vic Dodds, 230, 601; Penny Hague, 273; Dick Young, 202.

Smurfs: Jennifer Keating, 79; Lee Johnson, 75; Jimmy Marcotte, 69.

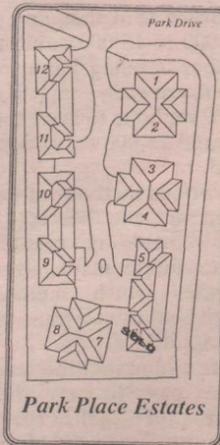
Peewees: Stephanie Collette, 121; Lee-Anne Shouldice, 107; Corry Schwagly and Erica Rico, 105; Jonah Marshall, 129; Joshua Marshall, 122; Jeremy Keating, 118.

Bantams: Kelly Laing, 183; Christy Bergsma, 173; Erin Bergsma, 167; Stephen Marcotte, 203; Allen Bedford, 132; Cameron Woodsend, 114.



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Early defensive shortcomings leave Slugs far behind in score

In Fuller Lake Recreational Hockey League action last Sunday, the Salt Spring Slugs came up short against the Silver Bridge Bullets.

In sharp contrast to the tight-checking game they played the previous week, the Slugs suffered several defensive lapses and spotted the Bullets a 5-1 lead in the first 10 minutes.

Salt Spring fought back in the

second and third periods, narrowing the gap to one goal several times, but couldn't keep Bullets' top line off the scoresheet. The final score was Bullets 11, Slugs 7.

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL:

Todd "Rhino" McIntyre broke out of his scoring slump with two goals and two assists against the Bullets. He attributes his success to abstinence.

Al "Rookie" Cook, up from the minors, is showing promise at centre but is having a tough time adjusting to the pace in the big leagues. Keep on pluggin', Al.

Hockey poolers — be sure to read *The Trail* next week. It will include the scoring and penalty statistics for all your favourite Slugs players.

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Locally-controlled woodlot operation outlined

A near-capacity crowd was at Off Centre Stage November 28 to hear Graham Bruce, Social Credit MLA for Cowichan-Malahat, explain some of the trials and tribulations that the municipality of North Cowichan went through to establish the province's first successful independent municipal forest.

Bruce, an advocate of greater local control over timberlands, was mayor of North Cowichan (from 1979 to 1986) when it began managing 12,000 acres of forest surrounding the area and owned by the municipally-owned land. He was brought to Salt Spring by the Island Watch Society, which is interested in seeing a similar plan put into action here.

Until 1980 the North Cowichan forests were managed by woodlot operators. The property was logged and left to self-regenerate.

"By 1980 we (North Cowichan) had received a half million dollars in revenues from selling the timber rights," Bruce said. "That money was used in dribs and drabs to fund community needs, like buying fire trucks. But none of the money was going back into the forests."

All of the money was held in a reserve account and was not squandered away, but little bits were used if council saw a good reason to, he added. In 1980 a group of six volunteers undertook the task of taking an inventory of the municipality's forestlands. "It took them about a year and a half to complete that and then they sat down and developed an extensive forest management program to put in place," the MLA said.

Bruce said North Cowichan did have a few things go its way when the decision was made to take on managing the woodlands. "We did have a big dollop of good luck. We already owned the land and we took advantage of the downturn in the economy to get things going."

The town used several government grants such as work programs and Job Trac to get the project on its feet, which had a positive affect on those involved, he said. "It gave the people involved a sense of worth," he said. "They felt like they were contributing to the community and creating a resource which would continue to benefit the community in the future."

North Cowichan now receives between \$300,000 to \$350,000 annually from its forest harvests. All of this money is put into the upkeep of the land.

Darrell Frank, the forester in charge of day-to-day operation of the North Cowichan lands, told *Driftwood* how the money is spent. "Some of the money raised through the selling of timber rights goes straight back into the forest," he said. "We use it for road construction, tree planting, fire prevention programs, or to pay everyday expenses such as vehicle costs and wages."

Frank said the municipality provides its own tree planting service. "What we do is usually contract out our tree planting or take advantage of Job Trac programs available," he said. "Most of the logging companies that come in here are small operations who are generally more efficient than the larger companies. So we don't usually have too much clean-up work to do. Last year we planted about 150,000 trees, two-thirds of that was done by contractors. In 1989 we plan on planting around 120,000 trees."

Frank said the municipality now has around \$300,000 in its

MLA gives details on North Cowichan experience

reserve account. "It's like a rainy day account," he said. "We look at it as being a backup for us in case we have a downturn in the economy — we will still be able to keep functioning."

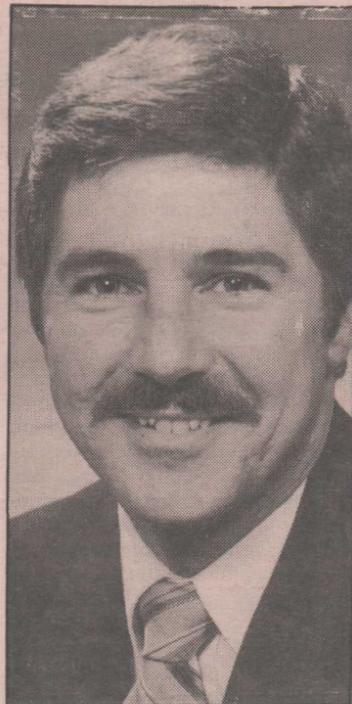
Frank is the only full-time forester working for North Cowichan. He does all the on-site inspections and answers to the forest management committee, which in turn answers to the town council.

Bruce said that approximately 13,000 to 15,000 cubic metres of timber is being harvested out of the forest each year. "By the year 2010 we hope to raise that total to around 26,000 cubic metres," he said.

Various methods of logging are used in the forest, including clear-cutting in small sections. "Our forest management board decides which method would work best in a certain area," the MLA said.

He added that the board sometimes pays to have the logging done, then sells the logs and accepts tendered bids from logging companies to come in, cut the timber and sell it.

"But we do not always accept the highest bid," he said. "We want to make sure that they do a



Graham Bruce

good job, not leave the place a real mess." Companies whose tenders are accepted must put up a performance bond which is held

by council to ensure the agreed-upon is done, with no renegeing on the original agreement.

"We have had some problems and concerns over the last few years, but we certainly learned a lot in the process," he said. Once the plan was set in place the municipality realized it would have to put back all of the money it was taking out of the forest. They launched an extensive fertilization program, for instance, which included the use of pesticides.

"There was a great deal of debate over the use of pesticides, but in the end, we decided to use them — in small amounts and only in certain areas to protect the seedlings from the overgrowth of alders and maples," he said. In other areas they were able to avoid the use of pesticides by thinning and spacing of the seedlings, he added.

North Cowichan used a high profile program of informing the residents of what was going on and what was going to happen in the future, Bruce said. "We got the newspapers and local television stations involved as much as we could," he said. "We wanted everyone to know what we were planning."

Although the municipality held no public hearings on what they were doing, it had a great deal of input from local environmentalists. "We listened to everyone's concerns," he said. "What we tried to do was educate everyone on what was happening."

So far, he said the program is working well. "We still have some problems, but usually we can work through them as we go along. This is still a new idea in a lot of ways so you are bound to run into problems you didn't expect. But the way we look at it, we have a double winner — both the community and the forests benefit from this, and not just in the short term but for generations down the road."

He continued: "There is no reason why this same idea cannot work here on Salt Spring. You have a smaller land base to work with, but the principles should be the same."

While North Cowichan has a forest land base of 12,000 acres which the town already owned, Salt Spring has approximately 1,900 acres of Crown land that the Islands Trust hopes to secure and eventually use to set a similar program in motion.

"There is no doubt that we had some good luck in North Cowichan and I can't guarantee that you will have the same success here. But I encourage you to try," Bruce said.

Community groups support trustees in proposed bid for Crown properties

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the community supports the bid to gain control of the Crown lands.

Representatives attending the meeting also asked the the Watch Society task force group to oversee formation of a coalition of community groups to examine potential uses for the lands. The committee would then bring its recommendations to the community for discussion.

The Crown lands on Salt Spring are found in parcels on Mt.

Erskine, Mt. Bruce, near Cusheon Lake, on Satellite Channel and on Hope Hill. Recently, the province has been re-assessing the status of those lands and raising the possibility of opening the properties up for private land-use bids, such as woodlots.

The possibility of the blocks falling into private hands prompted an ad-hoc committee of the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association to inquire about vesting authority for the properties with a local body, which led in turn to

last Wednesday's meeting.

Bob Andrew of the Island Watch Society's public land use task force told the gathering the group had spent four months studying the island's Crown lands, including the scouting of trails for the licence of occupation filed for the corridors on Block 43.

Andrew said the task force group "saw an urgent need to involve community groups in the decision-making process," and stressed the importance of the community acquiring control of

the land. He cited the potential for its loss to public use by various means, including downgrading of land status by the province or private or group initiatives to acquire the land for single-use purposes.

It was noted at the meeting that the community must work towards seeking control of the Crown lands, and that any individuals or groups wishing to become involved in the process should contact their Trust representatives.

Weldwood tree-cutting

Weldwood of Canada says it has no plans at present to log its Salt Spring Island property.

Sandy Gray, general manager in charge of the company's coastal logging operations, told *Driftwood* last week that logging of its Mount Bruce parcel is "not imminent."

The question of Weldwood's plans arose at the November 10 all-candidates' meeting for Islands Trust candidates, when the prospect of more logging activity on the island was raised.

"Our engineers have looked it over, but it is not on my plate to begin work there right now," Gray said. The earliest that work could begin would be six months from now, he added.

Before logging could start on the company's 700-acre parcel, Gray said roads would have to be built.

He added: "It isn't a large amount of timber we plan on taking out of there — somewhere between 25,000 and 30,000 cubic metres."

Once logging begins, Gray said, it would be completed in three to four months. Work would be contracted out, and the harvested timber would be shipped out through Burgoyne Bay.

Forest rehabilitation exceeding expectation

A joint federal-provincial program to upgrade B.C.'s forest inventory is expected to exceed its original goals, both levels of government say.

A mid-point assessment of the five-year, \$300 million Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA) notes the program is ahead of the schedule set to meet its goals, spokesman for Victoria and Ottawa say.

Release of the mid-point report came after questions about B.C.'s forest renewal performance and Ottawa's role in the same field were posed in Ganges to candidates seeking to represent the riding in the House of Commons.

At the all-candidate's meeting, held November 17 at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School, local resident Dietrich Luth asked the candidates whether they believed Ottawa

should cut off funding for joint federal-provincial reforestation programs if B.C.'s performance in the field proved unsatisfactory. He received a variety of responses, including Communist hopeful Ernie Knott's unequivocal yes to Tory candidate Pat Crofton's reply that the programs now in place seem to be working well.

The assessment of the FRDA program's accomplishments, conducted by an independent consulting firm, said the agreement will likely result in production of 600,000 cubic metres of timber annually and create 500 full-time and 15,000 seasonal jobs in logging, manufacturing and silviculture.

The agreement focuses on rehabilitation of Not Satisfactorily Restocked (NSR) forest lands, and incremental silviculture, in the province's forests.