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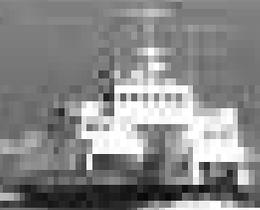
# DISCOVERY ADVERTISER

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*Cover Photo: The Cortes Island ferry making a rare crossing this winter under clear skies and calm seas.*

*Photo: Philip Stone*

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# Greetings!!

It is with great excitement that we launch our first issue as publishers of the Discovery Advertiser. As Quadra Island residents for a couple of years, we quickly came to respect the importance of the Advertiser as a forum for community news and debate.

David Broadland's guidance for the last 5 years will be a difficult act to follow and his influence will surely be missed. On behalf of the readership across the Discovery Islands we offer our thanks to David and wish him every success with his various ventures for the future.

The Advertiser is a natural addition to our existing business in graphic design and photography. Philip is a regular contributor to Courtenay's "Big Valley"

and has been published in numerous magazines across Canada and the US and Sheahan has spent the last two years in a management program at NIC and working as a marketing assistant for Campbell River Tourism . These skills will hopefully hold us in good stead as we tackle this new endeavour. We look forward to the challenge of publishing the Advertiser and the associated role it plays within the community.

We are looking for suggestions and/or opinions on changing the name of the Advertiser to better reflect the content and would appreciate any input on this from the community at large.

*Sheahan and Philip Stone*



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# Island Forum

## Aditor's Encore

March 19, 1997

Dear Editor: Well, it's been fun, a great learning experience, and now it's time to move on. Edition #132 of *Discovery Advertiser* was my last as publisher. The business has been sold to full-time Quadra Islanders, Philip and Sheahan Stone.

The *Advertiser* has been popping up every two weeks for the last five years and I'd like to thank everyone for what you've given to it. In particular, Craig and Vicki McGowan for all their hard work over the last 66 editions. They've spent a good part of every second weekend for the last two and a half years printing the paper, never once missing a publication date. A sincere thanks to Tanya Storr for her excellent writing on island issues, events and people. Islanders are very lucky to have Tanya to chronicle the 90's Quadra scene. She's an aditor's dream reporter come true: good judgement, fair-minded, enthusiastic, dedicated - and *always* on time. Thanks Tanya. Thanks also to our reliably witty cartoonist, Bruce Johnstone. I never saw any of Bruce's cartoons until well after they'd been published so it was always a great relief to find that he'd created a cartoon which was unlikely to land me in serious hot water.

Many thanks to all those Quadra businesses who have used the *Advertiser* to get their message out to island residents. Without supportive advertisers over the years, the paper would not have been possible - they pay for everything that goes into creating this biweekly chronicle of you life and times. My parting request to islanders who appreciate the *Advertiser*: please support the businesses that advertise in these pages.

So it's to the future. Best wishes to Philip and Sheahan as the new publishers of this paper. They're just what the paper needs: new energy. From

what I've heard of their plans, I know I'm leaving my baby in good hands. As for me, I'm working on an exciting new publishing project down here in Victoria. Although I don't get to come back to Quadra very often these days, I think of the people and the place a lot and I'll be forever grateful for the opportunity Quadra Islanders gave me to become involved in the publishing business. Thank you!

*David Broadland*

## Rumbling on..

In response to Barry Hatelts article of "Time to Rumble", he was quite right that the issues on Quadra are not small and are varied in scope. His remark on a Superstore being the ugliest building is quite true but goes further than architecture. Stores like the Superstore and Wal-Mart, to name only two, have the makings of the destruction of a community. People believe that they will save a lot at these places, but do they? What about supporting smaller local shops that are community oriented and have limited buying powers? How about your local, but corporate style food stores? They pay their employees good, fair wages which in turn enrich a community in many, many ways. Superstores and Wal-Marts pay their employees very little, put too few dollars back into the local economy, and are definitely retail predators. They'll put local stores, large and small, out of business and I don't have to spell out what that will do to local operations. After comparing, you'll find your local stores prices aren't all that bad, because selection and service have no price tag and the employees are on the front line with the customer and interact with their needs and concerns. This enriches a community and economy and benefits everyone. So next time you patronize those types of Mega-stores, take a long hard look and then compare again.

*Ken Johnson*

**Islanders are encouraged to use the *Island Forum* to express themselves in letter form.**

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- 2. Fax it to 285-2236**
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- 4. Mail it before the deadline to Box 482, Heriot Bay, BC V0P 1H0**

This following excerpt, from a *Cottage Magazine* article, was submitted by Ken Johnson;

**Fact:** Beach wood should not be burned in a metal stove or a unit with a metal chimney. Regular burning of saltwater wood transforms the steel or iron walls of a stove or chimney into a weakened bubbly substance that experts describe as resembling popcorn. What actually happens is this: heated salt from wood forms a crystal that yields hydrochloric gas.

Molecules of hydrochloric gas then attach themselves to ferrous molecules in the stove and form chlorides. As the metal stove or chimney heats and cools, these chlorides move through the metal walls of a stove, altering its chemical makeup and weakening its integrity.

The strength of a wood stove that has had saltwater wood burned in it is "totally compromised", said Paul Ericson, president of Pacific Energy Wood Stoves, a Duncan-based manufacturer of wood and gas stoves sold across North America and overseas. Ericson says that he has seen wood stoves ruined after as little as 2-3 years of steady burning of salvaged salt wood. "We've seen 1/4 inch plate material with a hole rotted right in the middle," he says.

Burning salt wood is such a hazard to wood stove that manufacturers, like Pacific, advise against it in their instruction manuals. Pacific has developed several ways of detecting stoves that have had salt wood. The simplest is to run a finger in the burn box and taste it. A stove fuelled by ocean wood will taste salty. They are also able to detect salt by taking a scraping of metals and putting in a chemical solution. A wood stove fuelled only with regular wood will have a salt level of 1/2 part per million, a stove that has regularly burned sea wood will have levels as high as 20/50 parts per million.

**Fact:** Beach wood can safely be burned in a brick and mortar hearth and brick and mortar chimney. According to Bill McEwan, of the Masonry Institute of BC, an industry organization that

provides technical information to architects and designers, saltwater wood is harmless to chimneys. "It's not a problem," he says. Although many people assume mortar to be similar to concrete (which typically is vulnerable to salt) it is actually a much more stable compound. In fact, residential refractory mortar differs little from mortar used in pulp mill stacks. And mortar that can stand up to a 24 hour a day industrial test, suggests McEwan, will be fine in a home.

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1. The QISES does a great job releasing thousands of salmon into the system each year. Why do only a few come back? Is it the environment in the lake or in the ocean?

2. I have watched many kinds of people drag canoes, kayaks and motor boats through the spawning gravel in Shad-owbrook. Can baby salmon tell the good guys from the bad guys?

3. Why can't the kids go water skiing in July and August while the fisher people are out on the ocean killing salmon?

4. Should I row my boat up the lake to our cabin so somebody in a motor boat can go salmon fishing on the saltchuck?

5. Will the regulatory people need a high speed boat to catch offenders and will this tax resources now that the firewood thing has broken out at the Spit?

6. Do we need more regulations on our great Island? Couldn't common sense and courtesy prevail?

Yours Truly,

Bob Evans  
285-3716

## Restriction Concerns...

*[Island residents are encouraged to send to the Advertiser letters they have written to government agencies, politicians, etc., on issues of general interest to the community]*

The Honourable David Dingwall  
Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Honourable Minister:

We have become extremely concerned about the national and international initiatives to restrict the use of dietary supplements and traditional herbs.

We are adamantly opposed to the actions of the Codex Alimentarius Commission-and any Canadian endorsement of its initiatives-in what seems to be a corporate pharmaceutical initiative to restrict our right to

seek alternative nutritional and health food products.

We are also concerned about the Canadian government's own initiatives to re-classify dietary supplements and traditional herbs as drugs.

Changes in Canadian government regulations regarding dietary supplements and herbal remedies would seriously restrict our ability to go to the local health food or grocery store to purchase the health products that we have discovered to be effective in maintaining our own health. We do not think the government should regulate and restrict our right to choose our own alternate health care. People who prefer a nutritional or non-drug approach to health care should have the same rights and privileges as those who prefer drug therapy. We totally oppose the objectives of Codex Alimentarius and the Canadian government's initiatives to take dietary supplements and herbs out of the realm of food and treat them as drugs.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce Baker  
Ray Grigg

cc: **Jean Cretien**, Prime Minister  
**Ron B. Burke**, Bureau of  
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**Dr. Mary Cheney**, Canadian  
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## In detail...

**Q.I.C.S.S.** Welcomes Biologist Jenny Balke from Denman Island to present a slide show of her 4 year study on the "EFFECTS OF ALTERNATIVE SILVICULTURE ON WILDLIFE" in a group Section Trial of Timber West property on Quadra Island. **April 3, at 7 pm Quadra School Field Trip on April 3 at 2 pm** on the site. Meet at Walcan Rd. and Dr. Heath's Junction. Call Julie Mallanby at **285-3978** for more information.

**Singing on the Move.** The folk song group has moved their time slot to **Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8 pm** to prevent further conflict with all those fine events on Saturday nights. Still at the **Lovin' Oven II**. Come for coffee, pizzas, mandolins, drums, guitars & singing, of course. You don't have to bring an instrument if you bring your voice and sing. Bring your songwords too. Info: Smokey George at **285-2447**

**Herb Hammond** who was to speak at the next Mitlenatch meeting on March 14 is unfortunately not available. Watch posters for announcement of Evening's event.

**The Community Centre Additions Project** Fundraising Committee will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at 7:30 PM.** All Welcome. Call **285-2841** for more information.

### Yoga - Spring Miniseries

Joyce Elliot will be offering 4 classes of multilevel hatha yoga from April 5th - May 3rd (no class April 19th). Classes are Saturday mornings starting at either 9:00 or 10:45. Cost is \$28 for 4 classes. Joyce is a certified yoga instructor with a clear and gentle style. For more information or to register, call **285-2960**.

An **Umpire Clinic** will be held on Sunday, **April 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at the Community Centre. Ages 12 and up.

### Old Time Country Dance

Quadra Recreation Society present another old-time country dance at Quadra Community Centre on **Saturday, April 12, 7:30 pm.** Adults, \$5, Kids \$2.50. Dances taught and called by Bob Sutherland, live old-time and celtic music by Quadra's "Whirlwind". Dances will include reels, rounds, squares and waltzes and no experience is necessary. The dance is for all ages; kids should be accompanied by an adult. For more information call Shawn or Kent at **285-2551**.

### Mittlenatch Field Naturalists

**Friday, April 11, 8 pm** at the Community Centre. "The Mystery of the Marbled Murrelet" - Research and Conservation - A slide show and talk with Dr Alan Burger of the University of Victoria Biology Dept.

Where do they nest? How was the first nest discovered? Are they threatened by logging of the old growth forests?

### Friday Flicks.

Igmar Bergman's *Cries and Whispers* will be shown on **April 4th** at the Community Centre. This is your **LAST-CHANCE LAST-CHANCE LAST-CHANCE** for a Friday Flick till fall, so come one, come all for distinguished movie viewing, scintillating company and superlative snacks. Admission is \$4.25.

*Cries and Whispers* is set in an elegant manor house at the turn of the century where Agnes, A "spinster" (!) in her late thirties is dying of cancer. It provides a decadent and isolated setting for the playing out of the interrelationship between Agnes, her two married sisters who have come to attend to her through her final days, and the stalwart maid.

Bergman begins his pictures not with a plan or a plot, but with a sensation, a colour, a vision. In the opening shots the house is shown in a series

of autumnal landscaped, creating an other-worldly quality which follows through the film achieving at times, the look of the paintings of Edvard Munch; "as if the neurotic and the unconscious had become real enough to be photographed" (Kael). The film itself is predominantly black and white and red. Said Bergman of the colour scheme, "Ever since my childhood I have pictured the inside of the soul as a moist membrane in shades of red" (New Yorker).

The four women in *Cries and Whispers* are cast in terms of obsessive aspects or allegories of women. The dying Agnes is devout and innocent. Liv Ullmann's Maria is a seductress and Karin is dark and "hate-filled". The maid Anna is the servant to the three. Each of the four suffering women represent a "different metaphysical approach to life and death" (Kaufman).

The movie is built out of a series of "emotionally charged images that express psychic impulses and Bergman handles them with the fluidity of a master" (Kael). The film achieves oracular power through it is derived from unconscious or not fully understood associations. When asked himself to explain a scene, Bergman may reply,

"Its just my poetry."

In *Cries and Whispers* Bergman is a wizard at building up a scene to a memorable image, then dissolving into the red that "acts like a fixative" and we know "as we see these images disintegrate before our eyes that we will be taking them home with us" (Kael). In crafting this stylized-dream-play atmosphere Bergman "never falters in rhythmic control" (Kaufman.)

### Mayday Committee Meeting

Come on out and support the 99th Mayday Celebration on Quadra Island. The committee will be meeting on **April 1, 10:00 a.m.** at the Community Centre. If you would like to help, please call **285-3243**.

**Mt. Seymour Hike.** The Mitlenatch Field Naturalists Society will be hiking the beautiful Mt. Seymour trail with Noel Lax on **April 13**. Meet at the Heriot Bay Store at **10:00 a.m.**

**Slides of the West Coast** with expert kayaker Dan Lewis, put on by Friends of Quadra Is. **April 13, 7:30 p.m.** at the Community Centre.

**Dear Aditor** Many people have been stopping members of the Harpoons

and asking them whether Annette Funicello will be appearing on stage here **April 19**. Nooooooo, she will not be here. April 19 is **Quadra's skit night**. It has nothing to do with the mouse skiteers. Before you ask – neither D'Artagnan nor Dumas will be there either. Your friends and neighbours will be there however. Some will be on the stage, some will be in the audience and some will be in both places at the same time.

There are some spots still open. **If you would like to be involved you can call Chris at 3695 or Carol at 3737.** You don't have to have a skit to join in the fun. If you just want to do a little skiteering call us and we will give you a script and enough compatible people to make it work

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# Island Calendar

## At a glance...

<b>March 25, Tues.</b>	"Ancestral Voices" exhibit	Kwagiulth Museum	10 am - 4:30pm
<b>March 29, Sat.</b>	"Spectrum" Dance a.m.	Quadra Legion Hall	9p.m.-1
<b>April 1, Tues.</b>	Mayday Committee Meeting	Community Centre	10:00 a.m.
<b>April 3, Thurs.</b>	Q.I.C.S.S. Biologist Jenny Balke		
	Slide show	Quadra School	7:00p.m.
	Field Trip	Walcan Rd & Dr. Heath's jctn.	2:00p.m.
<b>April 4, Fri.</b>	Friday Flicks	Community Centre	7:45 p.m.
<b>April 6, Sun.</b>	Umpire Clinic	Community Centre	9:00am-4:30pm
<b>April 8, Tues.</b>	C.C.A.P. Fundraising Committee	Community Centre	7:30 p.m.
<b>April 11, Fri.</b>	Mitlenatch Slide Show	Community Centre	8:00p.m.
<b>April 12, Sat.</b>	Old Time Country Dance	Community Centre	7:30 p.m.
<b>April 13, Sun.</b>	Mt. Seymour Hike	Heriot Bay Store	
	10:00 a.m.		
	Slides of the West Coast	Community Centre	7:30p.m.
<b>April 19, Sat.</b>	Quadra's Skit Night	Community Centre	7:30 p.m.
<b>April 22, Tues.</b>	Unrelated Bone Marrow	Carihi Sec.School	
	7 - 8:30 p.m.		
	Donor Info. Session	Gym	
<b>Weekly</b>	Meditation-Sundays	Community Hall	10am-12 noon
	Folk Song Group-Wednesdays	Lovin' Oven II	5:30 - 8 p.m.
	Hatha Yoga- Saturdays	Community Centre	9:00 a.m. start
	10:45a.m.start	Aerobics-Mon,Wed,Fri	Community Centre
	6:20 a.m		

Dear Neighbours,

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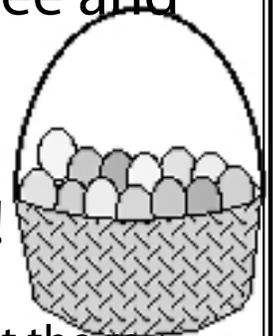
There will be prizes awarded by age categories  
to the  
children who find the most eggs.

The hunt will start at 11:00am and the prizes  
given out at 12:00pm

Following the Easter Egg Hunt and prizes  
there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee and  
refreshments



We look forward to meeting you!!



If you have any questions please call Neal or Lynda at the re-  
sort.

# Island Report

## Emergency preparedness meeting

by Tanya Storr

Over 80 people attended an emergency preparedness meeting sponsored by Quadra Safety Council on March 6 at QCC. Chair of the safety council Judy Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the council had received a number of inquiries from residents wondering what planning has been done for Quadra in the event of an emergency. She said the meeting was set up to inform the community about the emergency planning that is in place, give people an opportunity to learn how to be better prepared, and gather public input for Quadra's emergency plan.

Quadra fire chief Bill Williams spoke about the history of the island's emergency plan and the services available. He said eight years ago a group got together and started looking at a disaster plan for Quadra. They decided to focus on the worst case scenario—a large quake—and plan for that. They ended up with a plan that was “way too big for the resources we have”, so they started over, making lists of available resources on the island such as the fishing fleet, heavy equipment operators, and people with first aid training.

“A lot of planning for a major disaster is almost false security,” Williams said. “For example, we can plan for a certain building to be an emergency hospital but if the building is no longer standing we can't use it.” He stressed that people must be prepared to be self-sufficient for a period of time and offer help to one another. Williams said that with the emergency services available on Quadra, any accident with more than two injuries is a disaster; however, first responders within the fire department can stabilize injured persons until the ambulance can get to them.

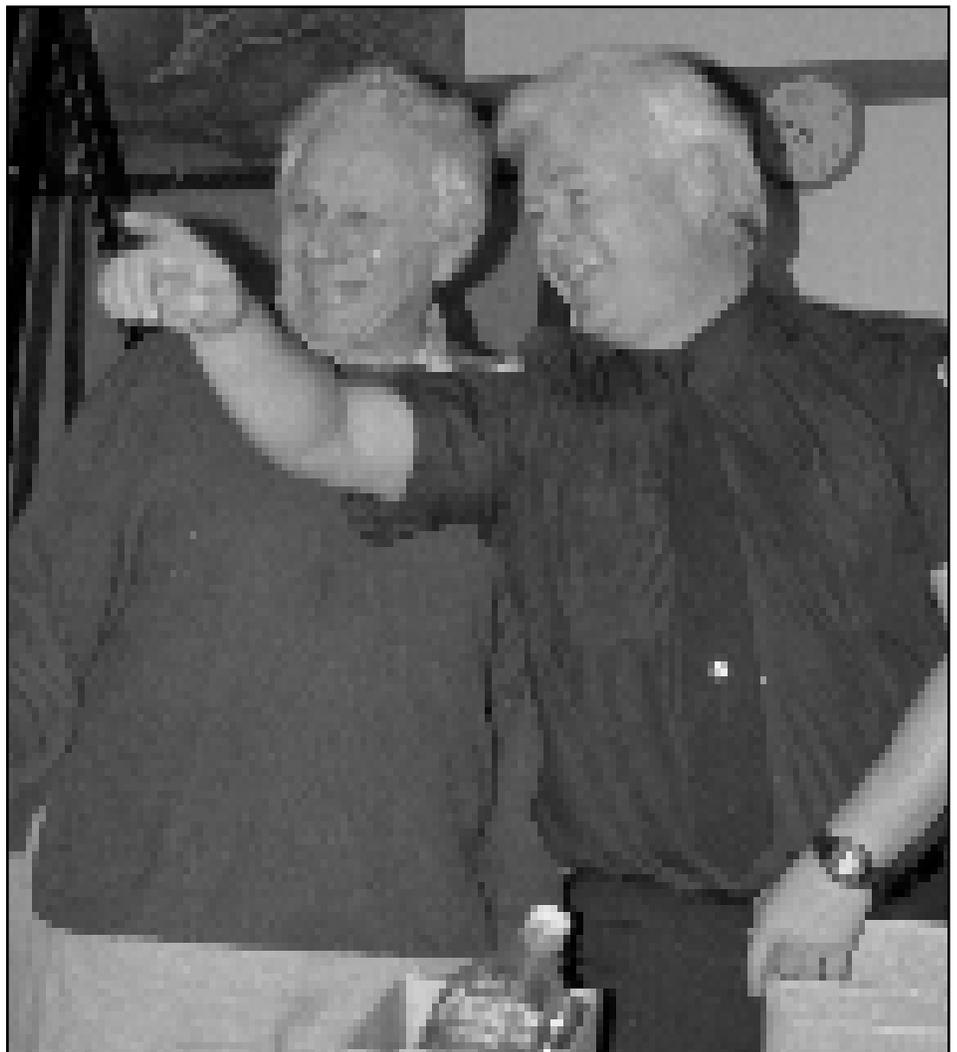
Constable Steve Arthur from the Quad-

ra RCMP agreed with Williams, saying disaster plans are by necessity very skeletal. He said potential disasters on Quadra could include earthquakes, plane crashes, marine accidents, forest fires, and bus crashes. “The school bus accident on March 5 was a prime example of a disaster we're that close to,” Arthur added.

Arthur said in the event of a major disaster such as an earthquake the statistics show that people must be self-sufficient for 3-5 days. The island's emergency services would have a coordinating role, but all families

should have their own plan and food, water, etc. stored in an emergency kit. Envisioning that the island would be cut off from electricity and ferries, Arthur said the top priorities of the emergency services would be to look after the injured and clean up downed wires and chemical spills.

In Quadra's emergency plan, the fire hall and RCMP detachment would serve as coordination centres. QCC is designated as a morgue, the lodges and hotels as emergency shelters, and Quadra Elementary and the Legion as emergency medical treatment centres. The school and Homewood buses are earmarked for emergency transportation, and food distribution would be handled through Quadra Foods and Heriot Bay Store. Arthur reiterated



Noel Laxof of the Quadra Island Conservancy Society and Milt Swain from the Campbell River Fire Department  
Photo Tanya Storr

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that although such sites can be set aside in the plan, 100% of these designated buildings could be lost in a major disaster.

Arthur said he has been on Quadra 18 months and is very impressed with the response of the community in emergency situations. "People come to the aid of their fellow citizens. I've seen it time and time again and I'd venture to say it wouldn't happen in a big city."

Quadra Elementary principal Kevin Kavanagh spoke about the school's emergency plan, designed to provide care for 250 people for three days. "When it happens and we're stuck at the school, 20 staff will be trying to take care of all of your kids. Everyone will be scared and worried." Kavanagh said every staff member has some first aid training, and the school conducts regular earthquake drills. Parents are given a two-page document listing everything the school needs to know to take care of their children, and they are asked to send a ziplock bag containing comfort food and other small items to school for use in emergencies.

Gary Falck, vice-principal of Phoenix Middle School, said a letter has been sent home asking parents to let the school know of an emergency billet in Campbell River for their children. "We are certainly prepared to keep the children at Phoenix for as long as we can in the event of an emergency, but our plan is only in place as long as the children stay at school."

Tom Franklin from BC Hydro said that the company has been producing emergency manuals since 1980. "We want to train our staff so that when an emergency hits our people come back to work after making sure their family is intact." Franklin explained that there are two hydro feeds to Quadra: a submarine cable to Quathiaski Cove and an overhead distribution line over Seymour Narrows. He joked that BC Hydro has started to prepare islanders for an earthquake because three-day power outages have already occurred and that probably isn't going to change."

Franklin said BC Hydro's normal procedure is to concentrate on the main feeder lines first and then to get everybody back on. He mentioned that mud slides, fallen trees, and flooding could prohibit workers' efforts. "Hydro isn't going to save you—it's up to you. It doesn't really hit home until there really is an emergency." Franklin cautioned that before cutting up fallen trees for firewood after storms, people should check to see if the trees are touching a wire. Many different types of wire can hold voltage sufficient to kill a person, he added, including telephone wire if it is touching hydro wire. He also stressed that people who use generators must remember to switch off their main power switch so that power doesn't flow back into the lines and injure hydro workers.

After a coffee break, organizers showed an American Red Cross video detailing what to do when an earthquake hits. The best thing to do is stay inside and drop, cover, and hold onto whatever it is you are crouched beneath (i.e. a table) until the shaking stops. If you are outside, try to keep away from trees, power poles, and the sides of buildings. After the shaking stops, check for injuries and do first aid, look for fires and leave the building if you cannot put them out, and check for gas leaks and broken or sparking electrical wires.

Milt Swain from the Campbell River fire department and Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) said it's very important to have an emergency kit at hand, but not to worry about getting it all together at once. One crucial item to include in your kit is 4 litres of water/person/day, and Swain said plastic pop bottles last longer than plastic milk containers. Add a few drops of bleach per bottle and seal it with wax. Hot water tanks are also good sources of drinking water in emergencies, and they should be fastened to the wall with steel strapping.

Securing bookshelves and storing heavy objects down low is also a good idea, he said, as most injuries and deaths during earthquakes occur as a

result of things flying around. Propane tanks should be strapped down also. Every family member should carry a card with the phone number of a friend or relation at least 150 km away on it; this person can then relay messages if the family is separated. Pay phones will be back in service first after an earthquake (include change for the phone in your emergency kit), and people are advised to keep dialing even if they do not hear a dial tone.

Swain also talked about the importance of neighbourhood preparedness, saying statistics show that neighbours are the first people who come and help you in a disaster. He is currently organizing the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program in Campbell River, with each neighbourhood divided into teams headed by a captain and co-captain. The teams have specific functions: safety and security, first aid, shelter and specific needs, search and rescue, damage assessment, and communications. In rural areas a neighbourhood consists of "as far as you can see either way down the road," Swain said. He added that this type of neighbourhood plan has worked well in the Oakland area. With a few dollars and several volunteers, a neighbourhood can get organized in 12-18 months. "The amount of skills in your neighbourhood will amaze every one of you," he commented.

The floor was then opened for questions. One woman said her son has to take medication and asked if the school would administer it to him in the event of a disaster. Kavanagh said the school does not administer regular medication as a rule of thumb, but if a supply of the medicine was kept in the office, staff could give it to the child in an emergency situation. Another resident asked if glass windows typically explode outwards in an earthquake. Swain said typically yes, but Williams observed that he saw pictures of a house in California with all its windows blown in.

In answer to a question about how bad the effect of an earthquake would be on trees alongside roads, Swain said we should anticipate that there won't

be any transportation and rely on neighbourhood plans and home preparation. Put your emergency kit in the safest possible place, Swain said. Williams pointed out that people should also store a minimal emergency kit in the trunk of their car. If you are in your car when an earthquake occurs, stop and stay inside the vehicle. Try not to block the road so emergency vehicles can get through.

Williams cautioned that people should try to conserve their fuel and avoid driving after a quake. When asked if it is safe to drive over a downed power line, Franklin said yes but don't get out of the car. "We don't recommend that people drive over power lines, but in an emergency it may be hard to avoid doing so."

As for the danger of a tsunami in an earthquake, Swain said there won't be one here "because there isn't enough area in the Georgia Strait to generate a

tsunami." The west coast of Vancouver Island would be a different story, he added.

Kavanagh said that after three days, the school would start looking for people in the Cove to take kids in until their parents are found. "After you check your own homes in an earthquake situation, please give a thought to walking to the school to lend a hand." He explained that every school has a policy that the teachers don't leave in an earthquake but stay with the kids, "so we'd ask you to do us a favour and check on our families for us."

Judy Johnson pointed out that families are often split up during the day and in summer, so each family should have a plan about how they are going to meet up. She said a neighbourhood emergency program for Quadra is in the works and volunteers are needed. Milt Swain has offered to include a couple of islanders in Campbell

River's NEPP training program, who will then share what they have learned with other islanders. If you are interested in finding out more about this program or would like to sign up to help out, phone Judy Johnson at 285-2488 or Maureen McArdeell at 285-2371. Pamphlets on preparing for an earthquake and putting together a home emergency kit are available at the RCMP detachment. TS

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# Island Report

## Recycling Update by Tanya Storr

### Shopping spree beats storm by Philip Stone

Braving an unexpected snow storm that dropped a generous 10 inches of the white stuff on Quadra Island last Thursday morning, Gowlland Harbour's Maggie McCallum claimed her prize in the long anticipated \$1,000 2 minute Coca Cola shopping spree at the Heriot Bay Store. Asked by store manager Mike Van Giesen if she would like to postpone the event in light of the weather, Ms McCallum declined and walked through the snow from Gowlland Harbour to reach the store for the 8am start.

countdown came over the .a. With a resounding "GO!" Maggie whipped into action racing around a pre-planned course through the store's aisles. Two minutes never seemed so chaotic as cases and cartons flew through the air into Maggie's carts. The dust settled and the total rang in at a whopping \$737.98. Ms. McCallum said it was "wonderful" and "a great gift". Congratulations and enjoy that salmon Maggie!!



Shopping spree winner Maggie McCallum beams with her loot. Photo: Philip Stone

A recycling depot on Quadra could be established as early as this summer, area 'J' director Jim Abram said recently. After the regional district board finalizes the budget for the Comox-Strathcona solid waste management plan at the March 24 board meeting, recycling should go ahead this year. Throughout the regional district, four pilot recycling centres are slated to go in by summer and 15 more will get the go ahead by December. There are 30 recycling centres in the plan altogether.

"Quadra is going to be right up there lobbying to be one of the four places chosen for pilot recycling centres," Abram said. The pilot centres will be comprised of unsupervised drop-off bins of a few different styles that the regional district wants to try out. "They want to see how they work, what quantities they'll hold, and how easy the pick-up of recyclables will be from the different containers." After a month or two, the preferred style of container will be chosen and the regional district will buy the remaining containers needed for the other 11 sites.

Recyclables from Quadra will be transported to a depot in Campbell River. The regional district's contract with Campbell River Returns will expire soon, Abram said, and a contract call will go out for recycling centre proposals. The details of transporting the goods from Quadra to Campbell River have not yet been determined.TS

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	1220	6.4	2.0
	1730	12.5	3.8
	2325	7.1	2.2
<b>Tues</b> 25	0530	13.2	4.0
	1240	5.8	1.8
	1815	12.6	3.8
	2350	7.7	2.3
<b>Wed</b> 26	0555	13.1	4.0
	1305	5.3	1.6
	1900	12.6	3.8
<b>Thur</b> 27	0025	8.3	2.5
	0620	13.0	4.0
	1330	5.0	1.5
	1950	12.6	3.8
<b>Fri</b> 28	0105	9.0	2.7
	0650	12.9	3.9
	1405	4.7	1.4
	2045	12.6	3.8
<b>Sat</b> 29	0155	9.7	3.0
	0650	12.7	3.9
	1445	4.5	1.4
	2145	12.6	3.8
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	2255	12.8	3.9
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	1415	12.3	3.7
	2025	4.9	1.5

## Out of District Issue to Go to Counter-Petition

by Tanya Storr

The fire department could once again be providing out-of-district emergency services by June, if the regional district gains the consent of electors to provide assistance response as a local service for the area. Two years ago, fire trustees learned that their out-of-district guidelines were no longer valid. They have been corresponding with various governing agencies ever since to try to resolve the issue, but with no solution in sight last December they made a decision that the department would no longer respond to out-of-district calls due to liability concerns.

Two recent out-of-district motor vehicle accidents (a flipped-over logging truck on February 13 and a collision between a school bus and a highways department truck on March 5) have heightened concerns over this issue, and a February 26 meeting between representatives from the fire department, RCMP, and regional district made progress towards finding a solution.

In order for a fire department to provide emergency services out of its protection district and be covered for liability, it must have a written contract with the governing body for that area. The governing body for the north end of Quadra (the area outside the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District) is the regional district. Without a contract, fire fighters could be sued if, for example, they took the department's auto extrication equipment to a motor vehicle accident near Village Bay Lakes and then an accident requiring the same equipment occurred within the fire improvement district while the volunteers and equipment were still at the lakes. With a contract, they would

be protected by the Municipal Act.

In a telephone interview after the February 26 meeting, area 'J' director Jim Abram explained that the regional district cannot enter into a contract unless there is a designated service area to provide services for, so the electors living outside of the protection district must give their assent for the designation of a Local Service Area. The approval of the electors will be sought through a counter petition process; after the first, second, and third readings of the bylaw at the March 24 regional district board meeting.

Bylaw 1917, "A Bylaw to Establish Assistance Response as a Local Service to that Portion of Quadra Island that is outside of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District" states that the local service to be operated is for the provision of assistance in response to: 1. a request for assistance in the extrication of persons from damaged motor vehicles.

2. a request for assistance in the removal of persons from damaged buildings or structures, or as a result of natural hazards or disasters. 3. an emergency where the equipment and personnel of the fire department is required and the police or ambulance personnel are unavailable or unable to respond adequately.

As in the past, the fire department would not go out of district to protect property.

Abram said taxpayers in the new service area would be required to pay two cents/\$1,000 of assessed property value (\$2 for a property assessed at \$100,000) for the assistance response service, an amount which could only go up through another counter petition process. "The Ministry of Municipal Affairs will not allow a bylaw to go through that does not have a way of collecting fees, not only for the service but for the administration of the service," he explained.

Fire trustee Matt Martinelli said, "We're trying to keep it down as low as possible for two reasons: we get very few



# Quadra Island Credit Union

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

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out-of-district calls generally and we can get some money back from the Provincial Emergency Program to help cover costs. We're not on a major highway here where cost recovery is a big factor." The fire chief and trustees, with input from the ambulance service and RCMP, plan to write a letter to voters in the out-of-district area stating why they feel the service is needed, how they will provide it, and what it will entail (i.e. emergency response only and not fire protection).

After the March 24 board meeting, the regional district will place advertisements in local papers describing the proposed new service area and details of the service. If an elector does not approve, he or she may fill out a form to register an objection within 30 days. The issue must go to referendum if more than 5% of the area's registered voters object, and it will fail outright if more than 50% object during the counter petition process. There are 90 registered voters within the area, and Abram said the counter petition method is generally chosen when very little contention is expected.

If the voters give their assent to the creation of a service area through the counter petition process, the regional district board will then forward the by-law to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for approval, which Abram said could take anywhere from two weeks to a month. The bylaw would then come back to the board for final adoption, and if all goes well, the fire fighters could be able to provide emergency services out of district without being personally liable by June.

"I would certainly suggest to people that this is an essential service for the good of everybody who lives in that area. I hope there won't be any objection to this—I would hate to see the process have to go beyond the counter petition. It's already lengthy and if it goes to referendum it will be even lengthier. In the meantime, the area is unprotected," said Abram.

Martinelli said fire department members "just want to be able to do the job they're trained to do for their neigh-

bours without having to worry about being personally liable." He added that this kind of emergency service is really needed and the two recent motor vehicle accidents in the area "have just underscored the whole thing—the real horror show that was averted by 15 minutes was that the school bus didn't have any kids in it."

"We're really happy that the process is underway at last. It needs to be done as quickly as possible—we'd be happier if it were done," said Martinelli. Fire chief Bill Williams echoed Martinelli's sentiments, saying, "This can't continue for the long term; it has to be dealt with one way or another. We have more than enough other worries without having to deal with this."TS

## Bone Marrow Donor Info Session

by Tanya Storr

It was standing room only at an unrelated bone marrow donor information session on March 12 at Quadra Elementary School. Approximately 120 people attended the information session presented by RCMP constable Paul Bateman, and 96 of those present signed up to be on the Red Cross Unrelated Bone Marrow Registry.

Bateman spoke about the procedure involved in donating bone marrow, which is most commonly used in treating leukemia, and stressed that by joining the registry "you are making a long-term commitment to help anyone you might match."

After Bateman had finished speaking and answered everyone's questions, those interested in joining the registry filled out consent forms and health screening questionnaires, and received appointment cards for their

first level blood test. Bateman thanked everyone for coming and commented on the great turnout. "It's a very worthwhile cause, and I'm glad to be able to help out in however small a way. This program gives donors the chance to act locally and think globally."

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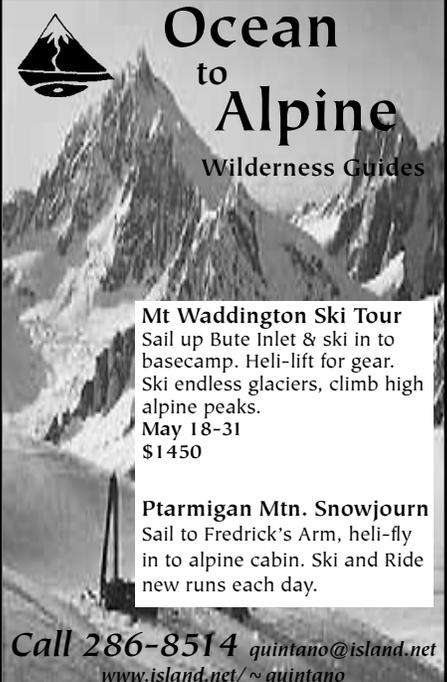


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