

In case of emergency: be prepared for it

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

Any situation that is beyond your control or that of the people at hand is an emergency. And making sure that relief is available for that kind of situation is the job of the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program.

According to local area coordinator Chuck Hamilton, the program has come a long way since it was launched here two years ago. But there's more to be done.

For example, this week an introductory meeting will enlist support for an Emergency Social Services (ESS) group. Hamilton says two other Emergency Program groups — Search and Rescue and Communications — have already been successfully launched. The ESS is the next step.

"There's a whole segment of the community that needs someone to care for them in an emergency. We had a need for a Search and Rescue (SAR) group, and now we've got it. But what do you do with the victims who've been rescued by SAR? That's where we need ESS."

Local program marks Emergency Preparedness Week

The ESS meeting and other events are being held this week in conjunction with the third annual Emergency Preparedness Week, April 18-25.

Heavy snow, wind or a large forest fire are potentially serious emergencies here.

It is designed by the provincial government to focus public attention on emergency preparation.

So just what kind of emergency would be most likely to affect the Gulf Islands?

Heavy snow, wind or a large forest fire, says Hamilton, are potentially serious emergencies here. His responsibility is to make sure the island is ready for them.

He cited a power outage result-

ing from a natural disaster. On Salt Spring Island, Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods are the only institutions that have emergency power generators, apart from a small unit aboard one of the fire trucks.

Hamilton was surprised by the shortage of generators. "I was shocked that a lot of the first responders didn't have generators."

The fault is not with the first responders themselves, he pointed out, but with limited budgets.

When there's a power failure, Hamilton pointed out, there are no provisions for hand-pumping gas for the ambulance or other emergency vehicles.

That's the kind of contingency for which the Emergency Program must prepare.

"Sure there are 45-gallons of gasoline here and there... but that's too random."

The Provincial Emergency Program (PEP), a function of the attorney-general's ministry, has chosen individual preparedness as the main focus of this year's campaign.

For Hamilton, the family that is ready for an emergency makes his job easier.

Households are being encouraged to develop an emergency preparedness plan, and be prepared for every eventuality. A key part of the plan is to have a stock of emergency supplies, everything from bandages to medications, and candles to food.

Hamilton said Mouat's Trading has agreed to display emergency kits in their store and take orders for them. Residents can place an order

for a kit with Mouat's, pay for it, and the Search and Rescue group will deliver it when it has been assembled.

The preparation doesn't have to be expensive or complicated, says PEP director Tony Heemsherk. "If you can spend an afternoon during Emergency Preparedness Week organizing some supplies and agreeing on some procedures, you can have a major impact on your family's ability to survive a major emergency or disaster."

For Hamilton, the family that is ready for an emergency makes his job easier.

"As area coordinator, that's one less family that I have to worry about."

In the case of a major disaster, such as an earthquake or tsunami, food and hardware stores can be required to place their inventories in the hands of the area coordinator. The director of the Provincial Emergency Program has the authority to commandeer the goods and services he deems are neces-

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CRASH VICTIM: Playing the part of an injured victim, visiting Scout awaits rescue in brush. Exercise was made to look as realistic as possible.



COOKIE TIME: 1st Salt Spring Brownies and 1st Ganges Guides boarded a bus Friday and went camping for two days near Duncan. But before they left, they enticed a Driftwood photographer aboard the bus by holding out boxes of Girl Guide cookies. The girls wanted to remind islanders that they'll be selling the cookies this week, beginning Friday. Girls will be selling cookies door to door, but if you're missed, call Gail Temmel at 653-4613 or Frauke Prystawik at 537-5015.

Photo by Tony Richards

Few problems in disaster exercise

There were a few "rough spots" Saturday when emergency crews went to the aid of plane crash victims at Salt Spring Island. But on the whole the rescue effort went well, emergency program coordinator Chuck Hamilton said Monday.

The mock disaster exercise involved about 150 people, from police and ambulance crews, volunteer firemen and Search and Rescue personnel, to staff at Lady Minto Hospital.

The plane "went down" near Cusheon Lake at 8:30 a.m. An hour and a quarter later, the first "victims" arrived at Lady Minto Hospital. Hamilton said the time was "not unreasonable" as the crash site was far from the road.

The major rough spot was with communications. The first people on the scene were initially unable to contact the Search and Rescue crew in Ganges, because the site was in a basin.

The only other problem, said Hamilton, was a shortage of people to help carry out stretchers.

"The firemen did yeoman service carrying people out." But it's tiring work, Hamilton said, and more people would have helped.

In preparation for the exercise an old car — to represent the plane's cockpit — was hauled on to the site and a pair of dummies placed inside. Portions of the vehicle were then crushed with a backhoe to make it difficult for rescue workers to remove the dummies.

"They couldn't just walk up, open the door and get them out," Hamilton explained.

Pieces of culvert were placed with the car, to resemble the body of the plane.

A report from the hospital later indicated that "victims" played their parts well, crying and moaning as they were admitted. One was not quite as outgoing. "I have to go downstairs because I'm dead on arrival," he sadly confided to hospital staff.

While it was the first such exercise on the island in a long time, Hamilton was pleased with the results.

"Everyone worked really well together."

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I have been looking back on the days of my youth this past week and not simply because I find myself in the very land where those days were spent. Last week I marked a birthday and found myself in the more rarefied atmosphere of the truly old. It was 75 years since I came into the world to usher in my trailing twin brother.

At the age of 40 I was eager to find out how dangerous such an age might be. By the time I had found someone to be dangerous with I was too old. The next stage, at 50, was mildly traumatic, but the process of growing old is not so notable to a busy man. Or woman.

It was the first big "0" when I hit 60: the Big Six-0.

Despite all these highly publicized side-streets from the main purpose-path of growing up, the 75th birthday brings with it a realization that all those signs of the past have, in truth, come back to haunt me.

'I am so old that I can remember the pair of us walking for miles about the great Midlands city in which I grew up'

Sure! I got white hair! But I worked early to get it. I remember buying a used car in Saanich half a century ago. The vendor's daughter met a friend of mine and commented that I had acquired the Ford. She didn't know my name. She identified me as the man who looked a lot older when you first glanced at him than he did when you got closer. That's what the wrong coloured hair does for you.

And teeth! I've had dentures ever since I came to Salt Spring Island and that's nearly 30 years. I have my ups and downs with false teeth but I had a heap of downs with my natural teeth. And I get a helluva lot more fun out of dentures. Did you ever see a man freak out his wife by taking out his real,

Building fund boxes in place

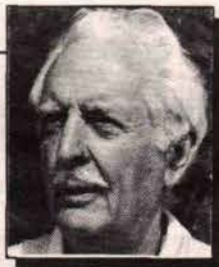
Collection boxes are now in place to take donations for a new Old Age Pensioners (OAPO) building.

The Ganges branch of the OAPO has launched a building fund to put up a new meeting facility for the group.

Collection boxes can be found in many local stores.

to be FRANK

FRANK RICHARDS



homegrown teeth? Of course you didn't! That's half the fun with dentures.

And getting medical. Like when I went for a scan. The nurse-receptionist asked me: Are those your own teeth? And I nodded. As she started the whole thing up I asked her whether I should take them out.

"But you said they were your own," she remonstrated.

Of course they were. Those teeth did she figure I'd be using? I'll bet she's more careful how she words it now!

I'm so old I can remember starting school. My seat companion was Miss Elsie Llewellyn who made a long-lasting impression on me when we were both five years of age. I remember her classic question in class, "Please Miss, how do you spell 'Oo-er'?"

I am so old I can remember my first communion, when my twin, Bill and I were properly clad in short white pants and white shirt for this initiation ceremony. I have to confess that the part of that purely religious ceremony that stands out so clearly is the meal we enjoyed afterwards in the convent of the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul who had tutored us in the doctrine surrounding the Eucharist.

I am so old that I can remember the pair of us walking for miles about the great Midlands city in which I grew up. I have memories of rolling mills, truck assembly, welding plants, turning, milling, plating. We showed up in every plant we could find. Sometimes we were promptly shown the street and in other instances the more outgoing proprietor or manager or foreman would explain what they were doing.

We walked miles through industrial areas, residential areas, and city parks. Yet, looking back it was not so much the plants that we saw and the processes which were later so familiar, that are the substance of my early memories.

It was the quiet of the period.

Waking up in the morning the first sound to come from outside, other than the occasional cockcrow, was the delivery of the milk. The sounds of the early birds or the sniffing dog were accompanied by the "clip-clop" as the milk float trotted along to the next street.

The occasional motor vehicle would be identified by the exhaust note if it should be a Morris with its very distinctive note or a Model T with its distinct whine of the transmission.

I'm so old that I can remember

when the slow-moving, under-powered heavy trucks were limited to a maximum speed ranging from eight miles per hour through 12 mph, 16 mph and 20 mph. There was no speed limit on cars.

But today, as I cast back into darkness for those memories, as I enjoy my own car as only a dyed-in-the-wool car buff can, as I travel freely and live comfortably I can see back down the tunnel of time to a slower pace and a quieter pace which may or may not be more desirable.

And as I recall the journeyings about a great and crowded city by two small boys, free as the wind, unaccompanied by adults, I look around the same world today at the children who may not leave the security of their homes for fear of molestation. I see the thousands of elderly people wary of walking streets during the day and terrified of doing so at night here and in many a Canadian community. I met elderly women who live a life virtually locked in lest a stranger force an entry and assault them.

I read of foolish philosophers who would have the world run wild for lack of control or discipline; of courts whose hands are bound and whose evildoers go their way unpunished.

And from this vantage point in a modern trend in a modern enlightened world I wonder how far have we advanced in my mere 75 years.

I am so old that I have walked abroad as a juvenile, untouched and unconcerned and I have seen my fellow citizens sitting behind unlocked doors with never a thought to intruders. I have greeted elderly aunts walking the streets by day and by night completely content in the thought of a secure society and a secure street where the person was inviolate.

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- APRIL 21: Lunch & Bake Sale, U.C.W. Burgoyne, Fulford Hall, (O.A.P.) 12 noon.
- APRIL 22: Greenhouse Fair, Fernwood School, 1-8pm.
- APRIL 22: OAPO Ganges Br. 32, General Meeting, Central Hall, 1:30pm.
- APRIL 23: Greenhouse Fair, Fernwood School, 9am - 3pm.
- APRIL 23: Power Squadron A.G.M., Sailing Club, 8pm.
- APRIL 23: Family Dance, Fernwood School, 8-11pm.
- APRIL 23: Legion Br. #92, roast pork dinner, members & guests, Meaden Hall, 6pm.
- APRIL 24: NDP, Spring Bazaar, United Church (lower hall), 9:30am - 12noon.
- APRIL 24: Thrift Shop Spring Sale, St. George's Hall, 10am - 2pm.
- APRIL 25: OAPO Ganges Br. 32, building fund, lower Central Hall, 2:30pm.
- APRIL 25: Earth Day Interfaith Celebration, Activity Centre, 2pm.
- APRIL 26: Lady Minto Hospital General Meeting, St. George's Hall, 2pm.
- APRIL 27: Island Paddlers meeting, slides by "Spoke Folk", United Church, 7:30pm.
- APRIL 28: Seniors for Seniors, Annual General Meeting, Drop in Centre, 2pm.
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sary to look after the community. But first the provincial cabinet must declare a disaster through an order-in-council.

Salt Spring Island's Emergency Program has nearly 100 volunteers, about 70 in the Search and Rescue group and 30 in Communications. SAR volunteers have a meeting once a month as well as a monthly practice where they carry out communications, map reading, search patterns, compass work and other exercises.

the south end last year, including attempted murder and assault. Searchers located two campsites and recovered caches of stolen goods.

Once this week's activities are completed, the Emergency Program will begin work on an emer-

gency plan for the island.

Its preparation will entail doing an inventory of all the resources that can be called upon in the case of a disaster, all the potential hazards and the types of emergency that might take place.

CRD grant will buy new equipment

A \$10,000 grant-in-aid from the Capital Regional District is helping the Salt Spring Emergency Program with equipment costs.

Program coordinator Chuck Hamilton said last week the money will purchase two generators, one for the Emergency Operations Centre, a command centre during a major disaster, and another, smaller one for field use to power floodlights and recharge radios.

A new radio and computer equipment will also come out of the grant. The budget had been higher but the money wasn't available, Hamilton said.

"We have a major disadvantage as there is no local, municipal government."

Most communities of Salt Spring's size have a municipal government that will fund an emergency program, he said.

Cities such as Nanaimo and Vancouver have full-time, full salaried emergency program coordinators. While basically a volunteer, Hamilton works under a fee-for-service contract that provides a small stipend.

Volunteers have conducted various searches for missing handicapped persons, missing children and lost hunters.

Before the SAR group was formed, their function was performed by volunteer firemen. But there were two problems under that system, says Hamilton: training and liability.

Firemen have no formal search and rescue training. "They're firemen, not search and rescue guys," Hamilton said liability arises when there's a fire call while the firemen are out on a search and rescue mission.

SAR volunteers have conducted various searches for missing handicapped persons, missing children and lost hunters. All the searches have been successful.

Another search was carried out for campsites used by a man responsible for a rash of crime at

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Fuchsias and geraniums take well now and will be ready for planting in mid-May. Seedlings will be at varying stages of progress and can be hardened off outside as the weather warms.

Most vegetable seedlings can be sown outside now except the more tender varieties like egg-plant and zucchinis, which should only be sown indoors. This also includes cucumbers, string beans and squash/pumpkin varieties.

Tomatoes should be quite advanced by now and if you are using outdoor varieties, hardening off during the day is wise but a little protection at night should be given as frosts will still damage or kill them.

It is a good idea to use the rains for certain garden tasks such as transplanting trees or shrubs. It will cause far less shock to the plants if they are transplanted in a wet spell as their transpiration loss (water evaporation through the leaves) will be far less severe.

Sowing lawns is another job that can be successfully completed during wet weather as the seeds need to be irrigated intensively during the first stages of growth.

However, the preparation of the soil should be tackled mainly when it has been dry for a couple of days because raking wet soil is not very easy and will cause more work than it accomplishes.

You may just have to plan it by ear.

With the wet weather came the slugs. They are inching their way through the garden now and seem to be doubling in size daily with all

green THUMB

DEREK DUFFY



the lush foliage to chomp on. They particularly like young plants in pots and so all the new plants that you may be hardening off should be regularly inspected.

I still think that physical checking and removal is the best way to deal with them and also gives you a chance to watch closely the development of the plants.

Snakes and toads are an excel-

lent predator for slugs and will eat their own weight daily. Ash, salt and sharp sand also slow them down considerably by interrupting the mucous production by which they transport themselves.

All in all, April is a time to tackle jobs when the weather becomes reasonable and it can be frustrating. Take heart: the long, hot summer is almost upon us.

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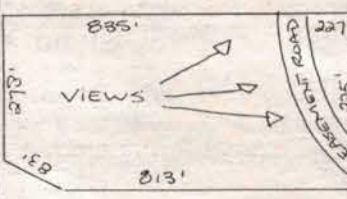


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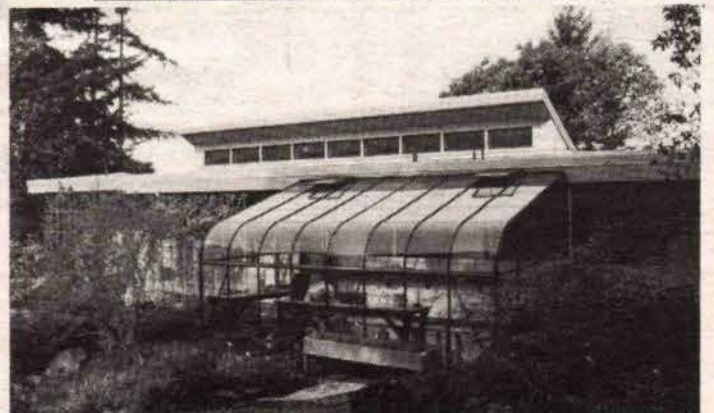
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On April 24, islanders will vote on two local waste initiatives, a landfill, and a liquid waste composting facility. The Island Watch Society (IWS) board has developed unanimous positions on both initiatives. We summarize our assessment here in the hope it will be useful to islanders in making up their own minds.

The IWS board extends its appreciation to the committees who exhaustively investigated these initiatives on the community's behalf. Please remember, both initiatives, and their cost recovery mechanisms, represent proposals developed by local task forces, not by the Capital Regional District (CRD). Also, these are separate initiatives. Each should be considered on its own merits.

As previous studies have shown, a properly designed landfill won't be cheap. We would pay \$611,000 per year in property taxes and tipping fees to establish and operate a landfill, and to take over the financing of our recycling centre from the CRD. The total annual tax bill (i.e. \$80/year for the "average" property times over 5,400 properties) would be \$447,000. Given a 25-year landfill life, this is equivalent to a lump sum in 1993 dollars of almost \$5 million!

The board feels there are much more responsible investments in waste management than a landfill — expanding our recycling effort for one. In fact, unlike our current disposal system which is entirely user pay, the landfill tax would discourage recycling, because you will pay it regardless of how much you reduce your garbage.

The per bag cost for using our own landfill would be substantially higher than the \$2/bag for hauling off-island to Hartland. To illustrate, the annual \$80/household tax bill for the landfill is equivalent to about \$1.50 per garbage bag, assuming one bag per week. Dump tipping fees will be \$110/tonne (about \$1 per 20 lb. bag) Furthermore, since access to the site will be difficult, particularly in winter,

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(road upgrading costs are not included in the cost estimate) it is likely that most islanders will pay an additional fee for a private pick-up service.

For most islanders, the cost of local dumping (including landfill tax and tipping fees) will average about \$2.50 per bag, plus collection fees.

Finally, a local landfill, would pose significant environmental risks, particularly as it is expanded to service a population twice our current size. As noted by the Water Preservation Society, the dump would be located in the pristine Mount Bruce area, known for its large runoff of clean water. The engineering consultant admits that breaches in the plastic lining of the landfill are inevitable.

The risk of leachate contamination or very expensive treatment associated with a local landfill, is too high and unnecessary, given that we have a well-established, less expensive alternative.

In a separate referendum, islanders will vote on a facility, lo-

cated in the Burgoyne Bay area, that will compost sewage sludge and septage with chipped wood waste (ultimately with any organic material) and apply the compost to forest and possibly agricultural lands. It will cost property owners about \$10/year to construct and operate the facility. In addition, there would be user fees for dumping liquid waste (privately handled as now) and wood waste. User fees could be reduced if markets for the compost can be found.

The rationale for a local liquid waste composting facility is simple and forceful. For a very minor cost, we could recycle all of our sewage and septage into a useful fertilizer, and eliminate the need for landfilling or burning wood waste.

What happens if the initiatives are defeated?

If the landfill referendum is defeated, we will continue to recycle what we can and send the rest to Hartland, at a lower per bag cost than for a local landfill. Our recycling effort will continue to increase, encouraged by the current

waste disposal system based entirely on user fees.

Tipping fees at Hartland and a CRD subsidy will continue to pay for our recycling program. We won't have to worry about Mount Bruce water.

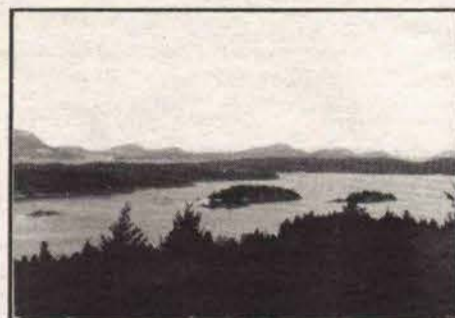
The alternative to a publicly-owned composting facility on Salt Spring is less desirable. A private liquid waste pit could be established at another location (Texada

is not willing to continue private disposal on its land). However, private dumps raise serious concerns about conflicts between the profit motive and environmental/legal responsibilities.

We could also haul our liquid waste off-island, but this would be much more costly than a local facility. Our liquid waste would not be composted and wood waste would be burned or landfilled.

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Rhodes wants community's help

Gulf Islands residents will be competing with other B.C. Ferry Corporation customers for dollars to upgrade vessels and docks as well as improved scheduling, Frank Rhodes said Monday in Ganges.

This area's service loses \$15,000,000 per year, the largest of any in the corporation.

The B.C. Ferries president and chief executive officer was speaking to a Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday attended by 40 people. He was accompanied by Captain Charlie Partridge, assistant general manager of operations, and Partridge's executive assistant, Bill Semple, who is involved with scheduling.

Rhodes told his audience there would be a fare increase this year as there is every year but service levels would remain "just about the same. There will be no major cataclysmic changes".

He added ferry users and the corporation will share a common future that is different from the past 33 years of operation.

Rhodes said a focussed partnership is required, adding that public involvement is crucial in decision-making. He cited the proposed Isabella Point terminal issue as one where there was no community consensus. "That conjured up the type of debate I would not like to revisit."

Demands for improved service, more efficiency along with low tariffs and low subsidies have to be reconciled. He said he could find people in favour of double the current services and an equal number who would be satisfied with once a week service. "At what point is community consensus forged?"

In the next six months Rhodes plans to have the corporation's community and client relations committee visit every community served by B.C. Ferries. Its members will be expecting communities to be ready with innovative ideas on how to deal with the pressures faced by increased demands and costs.

In the future Rhodes sees a mix of vessel types from passenger-only to super ferries, re-routing of commercial traffic away from Departure Bay and Horseshoe Bay, intergration with public transit authorities, pricing structures that reflect the true cost of business, variable season pricing, monetary incentives for high-occupancy vehicles, using Crofton for the mid-island express route and service to the mid-coast areas of B.C.

A broadly-based plan is needed

and communities on the Gulf Islands must be part of that plan, he said. "I need your help. We all have to understand the demands from every community we serve. We'll have to make tough business decisions while attempting to satisfy as many people as possible.

"Our biggest challenge is not to behave like a regulated monopoly. That's tough."

Rhodes' address was followed by a lengthy question and answer period.



SAY IT WITH FLOWERS: These five women put time and energy into this year's Old Age Pensioners' Organization Easter bonnet parade. In the foreground are Trudy Jackson, left, and Hilda Graham, in centre is Elvie Hislop and at back are Edie Gear, left, and Dolly Patterson. Photo by Graeme Thompson

Bonnets on parade

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

The Easter Parade at Central Hall was a sight to behold last Wednesday. The annual event put on by the Old Age Pensioners Organization attracts the inventive, the inquisitive and the just plain sociable.

About 20 members put their thinking caps on earlier this week to create Easter bonnets that dazzled and amazed the 30 or so others who attended. Gladys Slingsby was awarded the most original design. Mary McGregor had the most comical hat and Dolly Patterson, hailing all the way from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, had the prettiest hat, as judged by ballot.

McGregor's hat was adorned with the face of a rabbit, made of styrofoam, wire, material and pipe cleaners. The ears, which everyone admired, were made with twists of wire covered with masking tape and then pink and white paper.

The cheeks and nose were glued onto an old hat with the help of a glue-gun, which McGregor said

she learned how to use just for this project.

Slingsby's hat was voted most original because it was (almost) entirely recycled. Yes, recycling has now become a part of Easter. The hat was made from an ice cream bucket, with a pizza-box-lid brim.

Egg cartons were used to make eggshells, from which fuzzy chicks peeked out, and flowers in yellow and purple were made from plastic bags.

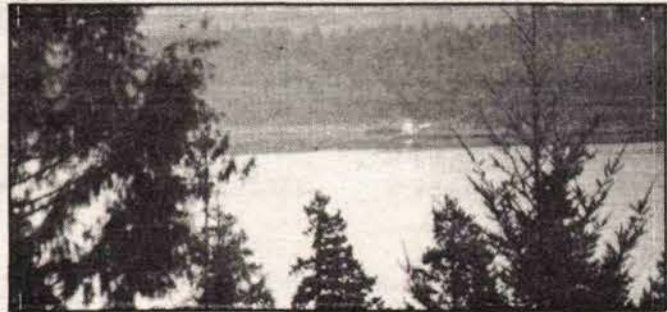
Patterson has been coming to the Central Hall Easter parade for 16 years now. She makes her own hat every year.

"You feel like spring is here (on Salt Spring) so you have to have a spring hat," she declared. "You have to find the things to match and it isn't easy."

This year's winning combination was a set of 21 purple floral sprigs on a green lacey foundation.

Patterson called the Easter parade "an opportunity to exercise ingenuity" and she was absolutely right.

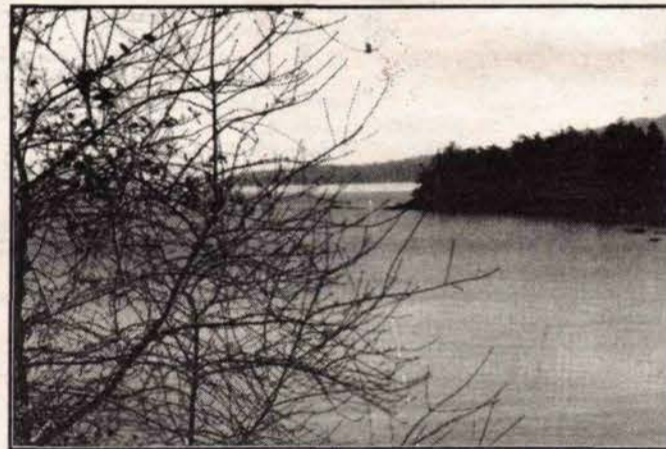
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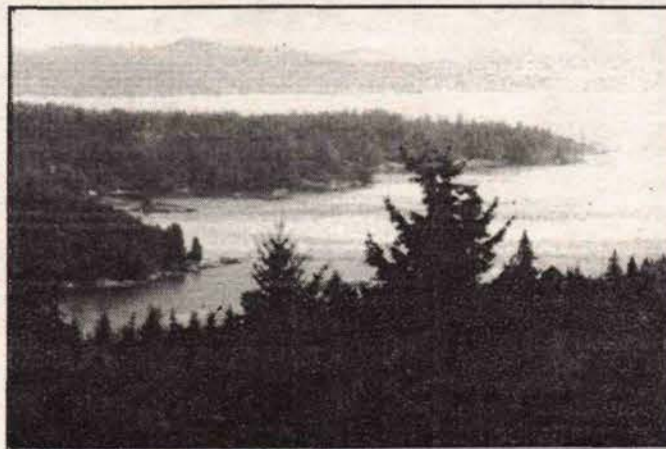
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Talking with angels: workshop shows how

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

"It is not our place as angels to remove your doubts for you, but simply to help you understand that we are real and that our relationship with you is of great value."

That was one of many messages conveyed to students by Archangel Raphael at an angel workshop provided last week by Susan Jolliffe. Jolliffe spent the day teaching eight women how to communicate with angels.

Just setting foot in her living room brings a feeling of peace. Soft music is playing, and on the mantle are glowing angels which seem to be watching over the room.

This is where she does her work. Jolliffe channels with guardian angels, allowing them to use her body to communicate with others.

"Absolutely anybody can do it. It's not tricky," Jolliffe says. "I'm not a greater or more special person because I do this."

Jolliffe began communicating with the angels six years ago. She was taught how by a woman from New York who was the director for the Ministry of Angels. She says most people don't think they will be able to communicate with angels, but she was an instant believer.

The main way to receive guidance and help from the angels is to ask for it.

To prepare for communication, Jolliffe recommends finding a quiet space, establishing an openness, a lack of fear, and faith in oneself. She will begin to meditate, offering herself to the angels as a vehicle for information. She asks the angels for information that is as accurate as possible, and makes sure that she relays the information objectively.

Archangels such as Raphael manifest themselves in many different aspects, while their assistants, the guardian angels, manifest one specific attribute. Jolliffe says she usually communicates with Raphael, who represents healing, families, relationships, children and water.

At the workshop, Raphael communicated with the students through Jolliffe. He asked the students questions, and provided them with information about angels and communication with them.

"We represent for you an opportunity of divine and deep love, and an emerging awareness of compassion and the attitude necessary to be your fullest and most rewarded selves," Raphael told the students. "Believe in yourselves and through

this, believe in our power of clear sight and guidance, most necessary in these times of tumultuous planetary changes and individual fear of change."

For participant Jennifer Gillett the angel workshop was a chance to refresh her metaphysical work. She has been involved in metaphysical and spiritual work for 10 years.

"In this day and age I believe we need all the help we can get because as human beings we aren't as capable as we think we are... we don't like to, but we need to ask for help a lot more," Gillett said.

Gillett participated in the angel workshop with her 16-year-old daughter, and was glad to find there were other people on Salt Spring who were on her wavelength.

"It was nice to know there were other people on the island that were of like mind, or similar mind," she said.

The most interesting thing she learned was the increased bond between her daughter and herself. Gillett said she was touched that her daughter was very open and curious about the angels, and that she wanted to listen to her inner voice.

"... if they can start younger then by the time they are my age they are going to be really well on the way to spiritual life and a lot of learning and a lot of growth."

Part of the workshop consisted of Jolliffe writing questions on a board. The participants were to write the questions down, and see what happened. Gillett said the women in the workshop were very

harmonious and in tune, and the answers to the questions flowed. "It was amazing how fast my pen sort of took over and the answer came," she said. "And sometimes the answer to the next question came as though on a different level you psychically knew the next question."

Gillett added that many of the participants noticed the same thing. "It's funny that when we finished one, we looked up on the board and we already knew what the next question would be."

The main way to receive guidance and help from the angels is to ask for it. Gillett says she will use her new abilities when she needs to ask what she is meant to be doing on a particular day. "You have to ask, and that is the key for yourself too if you ever believe in this kind of thing."

"You don't get the help from God or guides or angels if you don't ask. They are not allowed to interfere."

Another angel workshop participant wished only to be identified by her first name. Rachel had never done anything like it before, and found it a little difficult to concentrate. "We did some meditation, and once I sort of got into it, it became easier."

Rachel felt the workshop may have been more for people who had been dealing with angels for a while. "I was just sort of beginning, and I found most people were more able to talk to their angels than I was."

She added that the workshop has

had a positive effect for her. "I would say on the whole I feel better about myself because I know what I'm doing now. The angels are always there, you just have to listen to them, and I am sort of doing that more now."

The answers that came to her were mostly ones she already

knew, but there was one question to which she received a very strong, positive answer. She asked whether she will achieve her potential.

"I thought that that was definitely coming from my angel because it was not really something I could know, but it was something I could think. It's kind of hard to describe."

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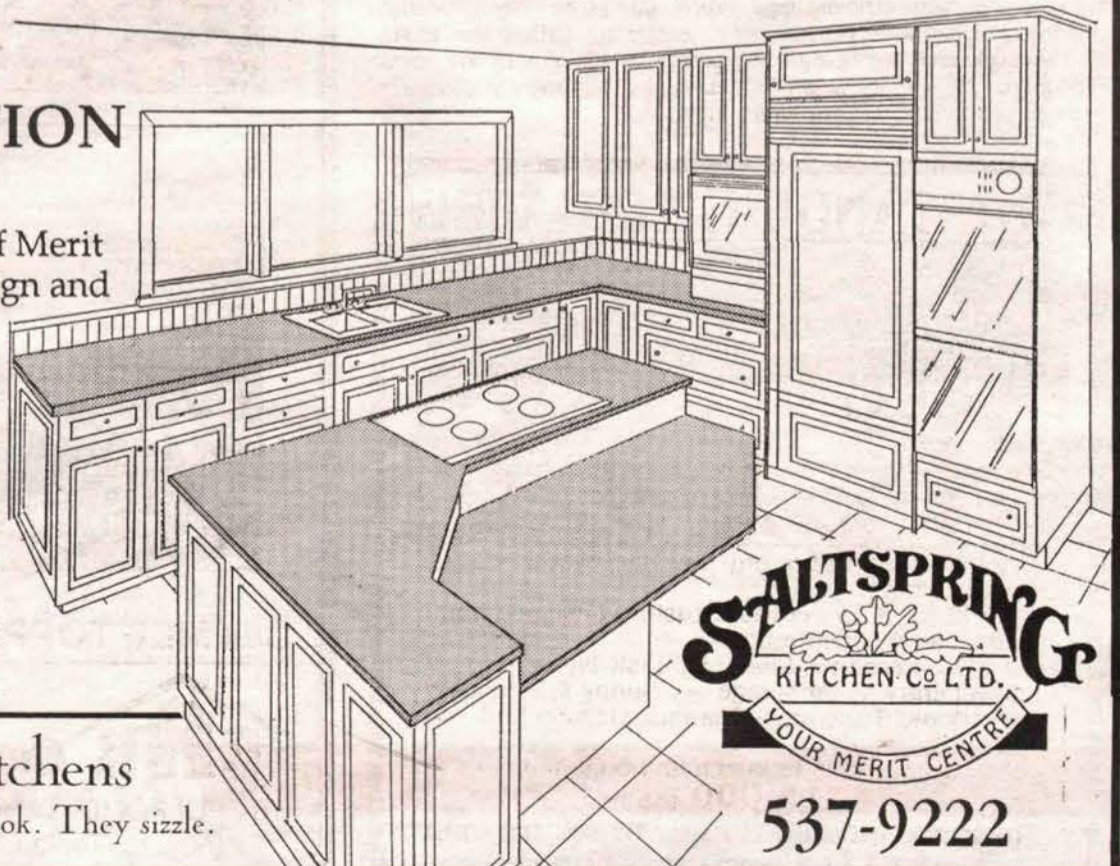
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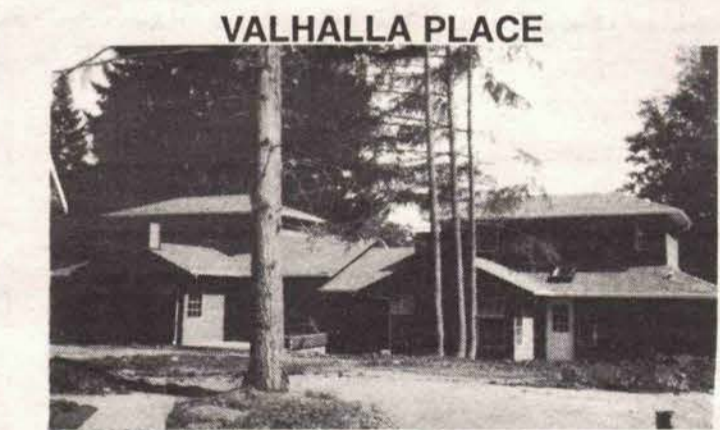
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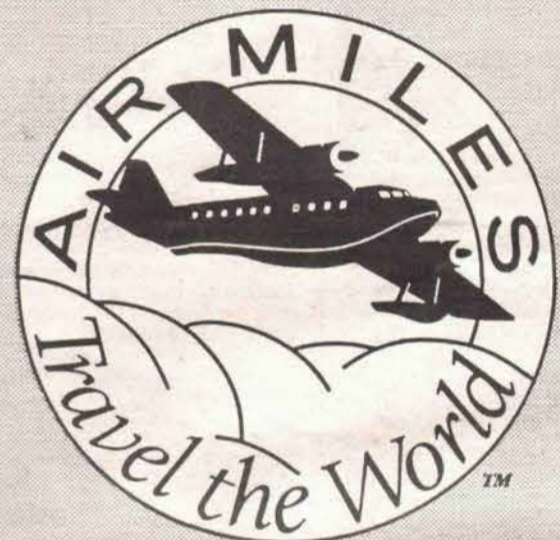


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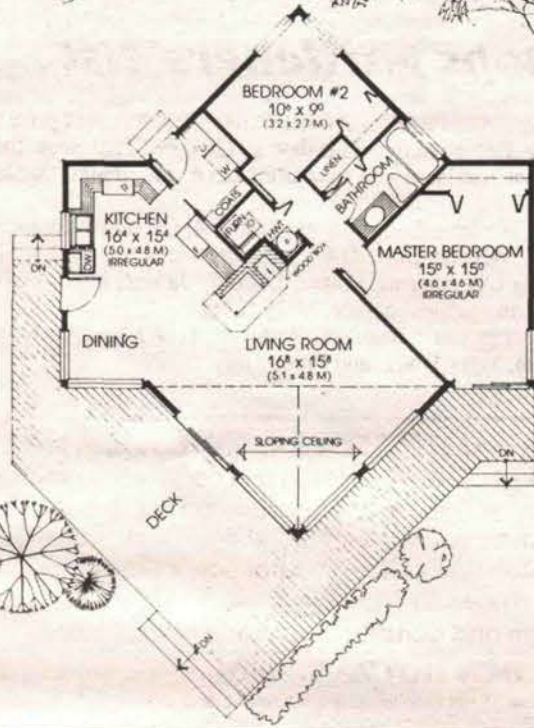
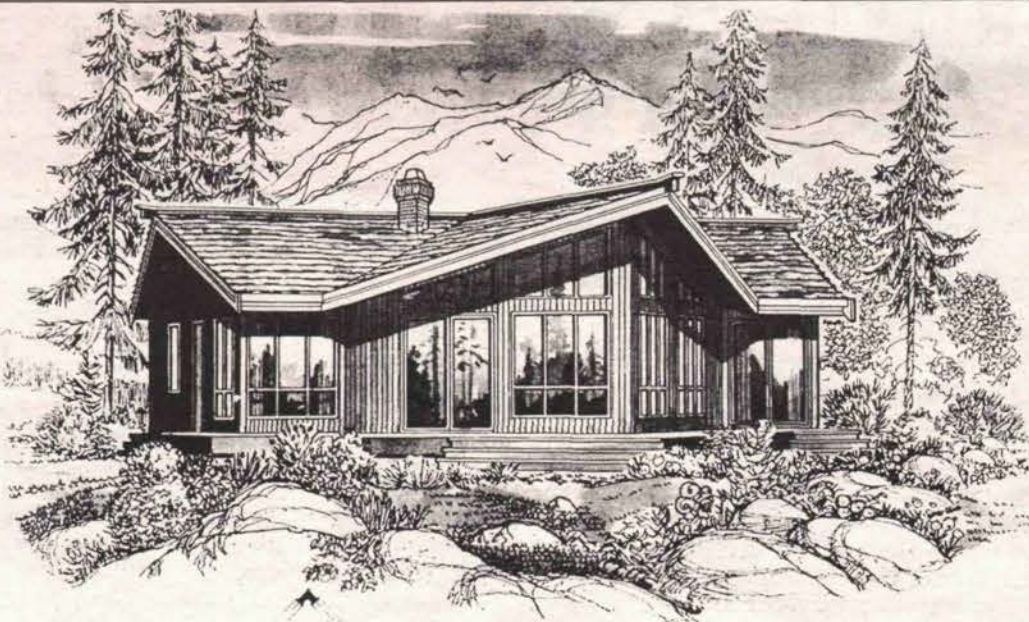
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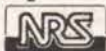
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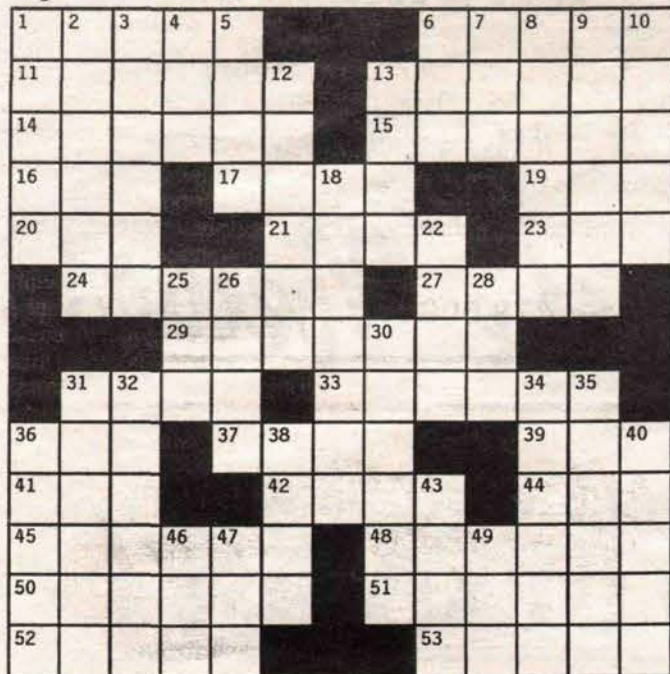
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Earth Day service moves to Ganges Activity Centre Sunday

Overflow crowds in recent years have forced the Interfaith Earth Day Celebration into the Ganges Activity Centre this year.

Matthew Coleman says islanders are invited to take an object of a sacred or significant nature to place in the Activity Centre during the gathering, to be held Sunday. By doing so, participants will transform the Activity Centre into a sacred place, he said.

The Earth Day gathering celebrates the personal connection each person has with the earth. Coleman said "the commitment to preserve and protect the good earth through individual commitment and even sacrifice will be emphasized.

"The coming together of all faiths in the spirit of cooperation parallels the interdependence of all life forms whether they be plants, animals or humans.

"We are all in the same boat and if we do nothing, we sink."

Representation is expected from Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian and Jewish faiths, and yogis and wic-

cans. People of other or undefined faiths are also welcome.

The 50-voice choir Tuned Air, led by Bruce Ruddell, will be on hand, and is working on a special number for the occasion. There will be singing of hymns and chants, readings from the different faiths, dance and a guest speaker, Dr. Mary Wynn Ashford, a past president of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Active in the disarmament movement for several years, Ashford currently represents North America on the executive commit-

tee of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

She was recently appointed to the board of governors of the University of Victoria.

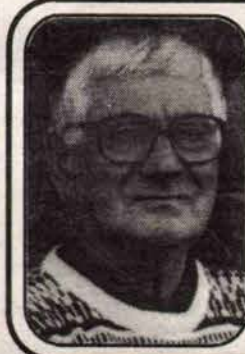
In urging people to attend Sunday's event, Coleman stressed the importance of cooperation. "Only by laying our differences aside... and working with a spirit of cooperation and mutual effort will we be able to pass on to the children of today and the succeeding generations all the beauty and abundance of the earth that we enjoy."

Teal tops gardeners' list

Salt Spring Island gardener Aileen Teal topped the list of prize winners at the spring flower show Saturday at Ganges. Teal won the grand aggregate, best narcissus and best floral art at the annual Garden Club event.

Organizer Marlene Langevin said the colours and fragrance of the display were "outstanding." Other winners were: best tulip, Kathleen Rathwell; best other spring flower, Dorothy James; best indoor plant, Betty Pellett; and judges' choice, Mary Hogg.

Raffle winners were: Kathleen Rathwell, E. Watson, Barbara Hicks, Joyce Holman, Mary Hogg, and Freda Gray.



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Good food, good company, and a good cause

By OLIVE MOUAT
Driftwood Contributor

Old timers will remember the Salt Spring Island World Development Tea, and newcomers have the opportunity of learning about it.

The World Development Tea is typical of Salt Spring Island in that it is unusual and that it does a tiny bit of good in a world where there is so much that is not good.

It is unusual, first of all, because it is ecumenical. The Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Church members work at it together.

It is unusual because it is entirely unselfish — all proceeds go to help where help is needed in Third World countries. It is unusual, in the third place, because it does not continue during the autumn and winter but is a once-a-year event, with arrangements being made by members of the three churches in turn.

The church whose turn it is to organize the tea calls a meeting of members of all three churches. Plans are discussed and a place in which to hold the tea is decided upon.

For each of the last several years, the tea has taken in about \$3,000

The organizers usually expect to serve the tea. The other churches are in charge of home baking table, a plant stall and a silent auction. Members of all the churches try to bring something to put on every stall. There is no competition and no criticism of each other's efforts. All members work as well as they are able and give what they are able. All enjoy working with the members of the other churches.

For each of the last several years, the tea has taken in about \$3,000. When contributions by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) are added, this amount of money can do a lot in a Third World country.

The baking and plants are good value. Those stalls usually raise several hundred dollars. The silent auction is fun. A person interested in some article writes their name, phone number, and what they're willing to pay.

Someone else looks, likes, writes name, phone number and higher bid. The first would-be buyer returns, looks, and either raises or does not raise. Half-a-dozen other people may have put in a bid too.

A few years ago a beautiful birthday cake made by Margaret Howell was coveted by everyone not on a diet. The paper for bids on the cake began to fill up.

The value of the bids began to rise. Gradually one bidder after another dropped out until only two were left. That cake brought in \$25 as well as enhancing an elderly person's birthday party, and helped to make the auction interesting.

The stalls and auction are capable of raising more than \$1,000 but it is the donation tea that challenges the generosity of Salt Spring Islanders, and that brings in most money. Cheques of \$50 or \$100 or even more are not unknown.

One year, a happy little family, father, mother and three children, came to tea. Father walked in,

World Development Tea set for May 8 at Ganges

making no donation; mother walked in, making no donation; the eldest little girl walked in, putting \$20 bill happily into the bowl.

Her brother smiled as he put another \$20 bill into the bowl and

the littlest one reached up and joyfully to add a third.

This year's World Development Tea is planned for Saturday, May 8, at the Legion Hall. Good food, good company, good merchandise

and a good cause. Everyone is invited.

Last year the World Development Tea provided \$1,500 for Ometepe where clean water is being provided by Gulf Islanders

(both Canadian and American) by putting in pumps and pipes. A second \$1,500 was given to UNICEF to help bring primary health care to an African village.

These are small projects, but each year help is given somewhere to some who are in need. And the help gradually mounts up.

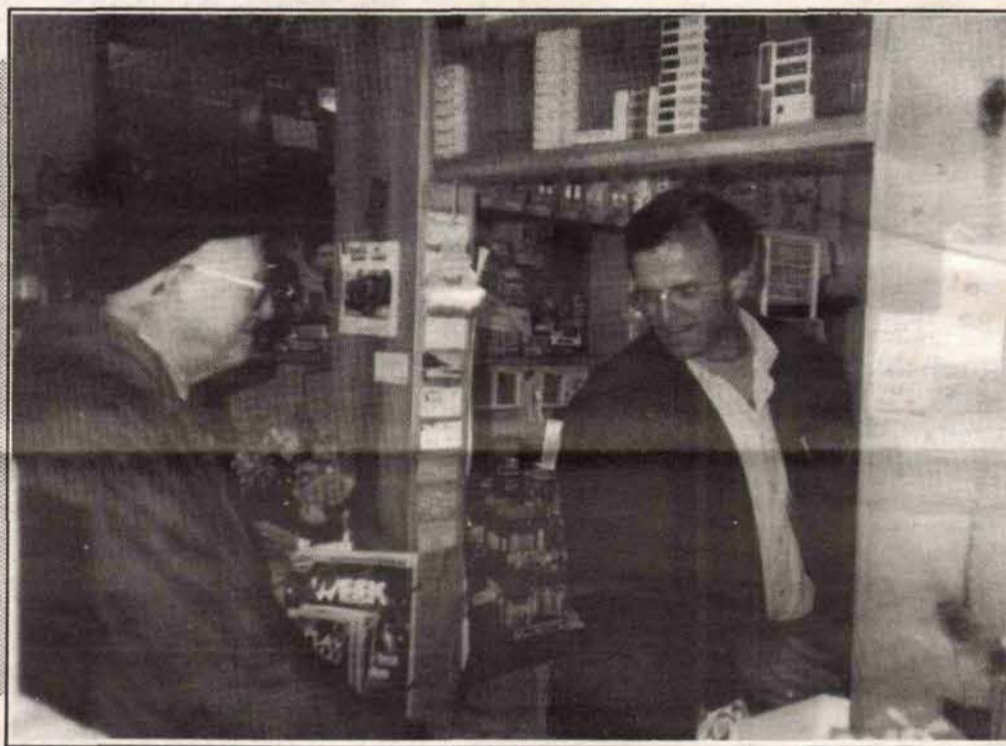
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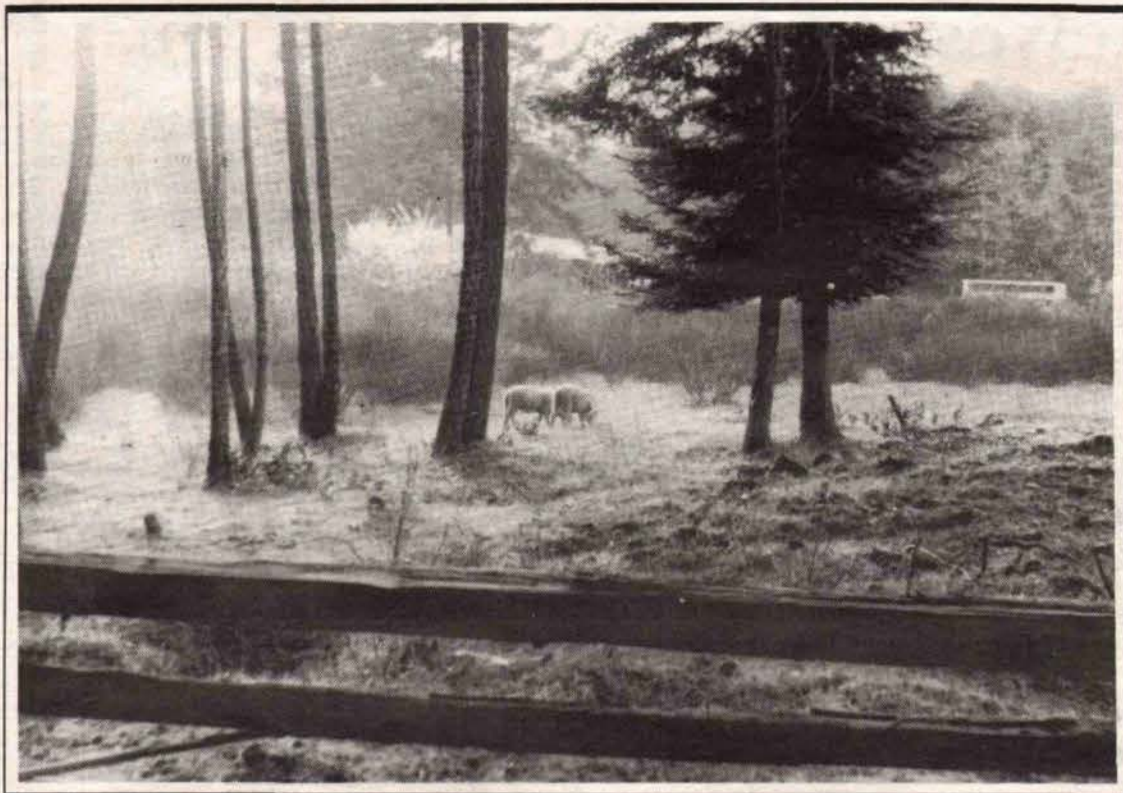
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Festival next week is fundraiser for new Anglican Centre at Ganges

Spring has stirred the creative juices of the Anglican Church community on Salt Spring Island, says a spokesperson.

A performance of music, dance, poetry and song by members and friends of the Anglican parish next week will raise funds for the Anglican Centre at Ganges.

St. George's Church will close at the end of April in readiness for being moved across Park Drive and expanded with a new parish hall, meeting rooms and offices.

Scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Apr. 30 and May 1, the Anglican Church festival will include May Day madness and Shakespearean serendipity, reports

Lottie Devindisch.

Director Cynthia Mason is in charge of organizing talent.

The performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 30 and at 2 p.m. on May 1, at Ganges United Church. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale at the Anglican Churches and Gulfstream Pro Hardware. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Tax receipts are available for anyone wishing to make a donation above and beyond the ticket price.

A model of the new Anglican Centre will be on display at the festival.

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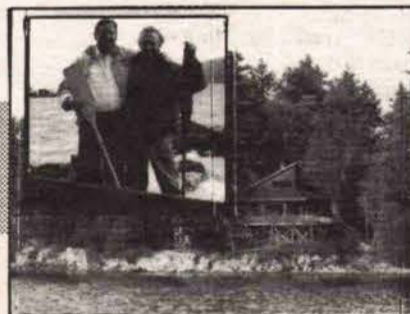
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Lorraine Campbell receives medal for community service

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Lorraine Campbell, one of Saturna's matriarchs, was awarded the Canada 125 medal for community service by Senator Pat Carney as part of the Crabfest on April 10.

Campbell has resided on Saturna for 48 years. She has served on almost every board and committee existing on the island during this time.

Currently the local school board trustee, Campbell remains active in the Community Club, Women's Service Club, Bridge Club, Lamb Barbecue Committee, Gulf Islands branch of the B.C. Historical Society, and St. Christopher's Church.

Campbell served on the Lady Minto Hospital board for many years and was instrumental in starting the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society. She was the first president of that society and helped oversee the building of the Greenwood facility.

She participated in many island beginnings including the first July 1 Lamb Barbecue and the organization of the Women's Service Club.

Lorraine and Jim Campbell raised four children on Saturna, all of whom were educated in the district. The Campbell family works a small active farm and for many years hosted visitors to a rural retreat on Saturna Beach.

Lorraine first came to the island as a child in 1932 and returned as a regular summer visitor until she and her husband Jim moved here permanently in 1945. They are considered one of the original pioneering island families.

Beach clean-up

The Saturna recycling committee is organizing a clean-up day for Saturna's beaches April 24, in conjunction with the B.C. coastal clean-up. The date was chosen for its particularly low tides which will facilitate the operation.

Volunteers are invited to meet at Winter Cove Marine Park at 10

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a.m. when they will be assigned a beach area and receive instructions. They will be asked to keep a tally sheet indicating the types and amounts of garbage found.

Afterwards, hot dogs and juice will be provided at the park by the recycling committee.

Several people have already offered to clean up beach areas near their homes. Call Jeanne Crerar at 539-2167 if you could volunteer the use of a small boat to help reach areas which might be inaccessible on foot.

Scientist in the school

Saturna elementary school is hosting Chris Aikman, an astronomer from the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Saanich, on April 30.

Aikman is coming to Saturna as part of "Scientists and Innovators in Schools," a program that brings volunteers from universities, colleges, industries and government laboratories into British Columbia schools.

This program presents a career-related approach to science in the schools using enthusiastic and knowledgeable role models for the students.

Dr. Sid Katz, a professor in the faculty of pharmaceutical sciences and executive director of Science World, is quoted saying, "Most people have never met a real scientist and don't really know what scientists do. It is a very important, therefore, to put a face or persona to the profession and we have to start with the students."

Crabfest

Pat Ropars, head of the Crabfest committee, sends a letter of thanks to all the volunteers who made the first annual Crabfest a resounding success.

The dinner was a great success

and all the profits will go to the scholarship fund. Many thanks to Pat Ropars for organizing the event and providing such great entertainment right here on Saturna.

Penelope the Easter bear revealed her name at the Easter bake sale. No one had guessed the correct moniker so Jacques Campbell who had named the bear, and Lil Cunningham decided to draw one of the entries to select a winner.

Lil's entry was the winner and she had chosen the name Jackie. After a good laugh Lil donated the bear back and drew another name. The final winner was Neal MacDonald with his guess, "Fuzzy Bear."

The draw for the hanging basket donated by Carol Money's Saturna Nursery was won by Melanie Gaines.

Winners of the draw at Narvaez Bay Trading Company, (formerly Saturna General Store) Customer Appreciation Day were Larry Moore, Kelly McDermid, and Karen Muntean. The prizes were \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively. Congratulations to all and many thanks to Pip and Dereck Woodcock for hosting the event and donating all the proceeds from the barbecue to the scholarship fund.

A trampoline club will have Saturna jumping in the near future. Barb Ropars is starting a club in affiliation with the B.C. Trampoline and Acrosports Federation.

Ropars has eight years' experience as a trampoline and gymnastics teacher. She holds N.C.C.P. level two certification and is qualified to give instruction for recreational or competitive purposes.

Safety, fun, fitness and fundamental are the basis of her sports philosophy. Barb invites people of all ages to join the club.

She will be available for group or private lessons. One-day workshops on safety and fundamentals for parents can also be arranged. Call Barb at 539-5219 for more details.

ISLANDS TRUST Mayne Island Trust Committee NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

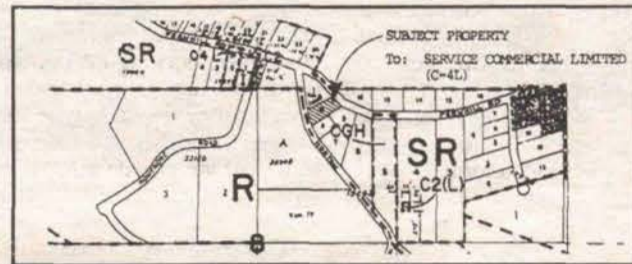
NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at the Public Hearing to be held AT THE MAYNE ISLAND AGRICULTURAL HALL, MAYNE ISLAND, B.C., ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1993 COMMENCING AT 1:00pm.

All persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in person, by a representative or by written submission on all matters contained in the proposed bylaws, at the aforementioned time and place.

In general terms:

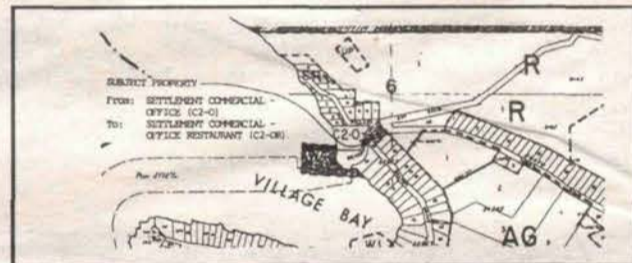
1. Proposed Bylaw No. 76 being "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1992" would amend the C-4 L (Service Commercial Limited) Zone to remove the requirement for repair and machine shops uses to take place entirely within a building, would permit sale of materials used directly in the repair of vehicles, would permit limited retail sales, defines machine and repair shop and would place a property in the amended C-4 L (Service Commercial limited) Zone.

The property located near the intersection of Fernhill and Montrose Roads is defined as Lot 10, Section 8, Plan 15263, Mayne Island, Cowichan District and is shown on the following sketch.



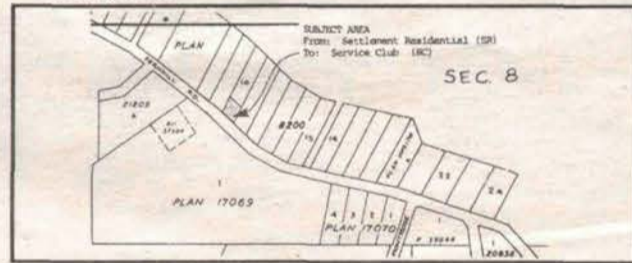
2. Proposed Bylaw No. 78 being "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 1992" would create a new C-2 (Settlement Commercial - Office Restaurant) Zone. This zone would permit a restaurant and business office as principal uses and a single family residence as a secondary use to be located in one building. Lot size for subdivision would be 2000 square metres (0.49 acres) and off-road parking must be provided as required in Section 25 of the zoning bylaw.

The property located near the ferry terminal at Village Bay is defined as Lot 36, Plan 22057, Section 6, L.D. 16, Cowichan District, Mayne Island, and is shown on the following sketch.



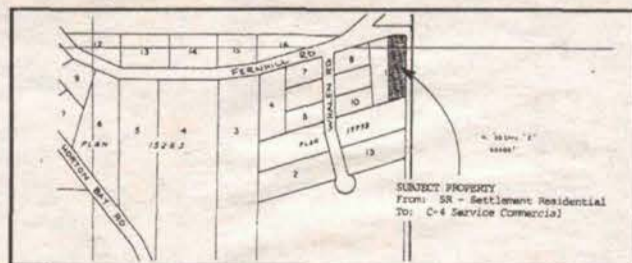
3. Proposed Bylaw No. 77 being "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 1992" would create a new SC (Service Club) Zone to permit social and recreational clubs, private clubs, lodgehalls and indoor recreational facilities, define private clubs and lodgehalls, and place a property in the new zone. Lot size for subdivision would be 4000 square metres (0.98 acres) and off-road parking is exempt from the requirements of Section 25 of the zoning bylaw.

The property located near the junction of Fernhill and Montrose Roads known as the "Neighbourhood House" is defined as Lot 10, Section 8, Plan 8200, Mayne Island, Cowichan District and is shown on the following sketch.



4. Proposed Bylaw No. 81 being "Mayne Island Planning Area Zoning Bylaw, 1980, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 1992" would place a property currently zoned SR (Settlement Residential) and C-4 (Service Commercial), entirely in the C-4 (Service Commercial) Zone to allow for a lumber yard, tool rental and contractor storage on the property.

The property located on Fernhill Road is defined as Lot 11, Section 8, Plan 17773, Mayne Island, Cowichan District and is shown on the following sketch.



5. Proposed Bylaw No. 82 being "Official Community Plan (Mayne Island) Bylaw, 1978, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1993" would remove sections 5.12.D (2) and (3) which address the location of commercial development on the island and the intention that commercial development within each Settlement Area is to be related to the needs of the Settlement Area in which it is located. The new wording of Sections 5.12.D (2) and (3) would establish Miners Bay and the junction of Fernhill and Montrose Roads as the major commercial centres and allow restaurant use upon site specific rezoning only. The replacement of these sections would ensure the proposed commercial rezoning bylaws would comply with the Plan.

A copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from Wednesday, April 14, 1993 up to and including Sunday, April 25, 1993.

For the convenience of the public only and not to satisfy Section 957 (2) (v) of the *Municipal Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Post Office, Mayne Island, B.C.

Gordon McIntosh
Secretary

★ horoscope ★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Formal occasions this week mean you should keep gloves and hat near at all times. You take a fancy to horses this week, which may be highly out of character but pleasantly rewarding. Saturday sport is in the cards.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Wednesday is a special day for bulls. Those with birthdays may be older but will feel younger. Liberal applications of Royal Jelly on all parts will produce desired results. Sunday is a day for buying a winning lottery ticket.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): A collect call from relatives in Windsor surprises you. Betty hasn't so much as sent a card in years. But don't go all forgiving and weepy until you find out whether you are in the will.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Spring inspires Cancerians to do crazy things, and animals figure prominently. A trip to the zoo is imminent and a friend's experience with the SPCA will inspire you to adopt a dog. Corgis have a sudden appeal.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Leos are up front — or way behind everyone this week. Phones figure prominently but golf links beckon. A strange, unexplainable urge makes you choose Royale plush-

plus toilet paper instead of recycled wax paper.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sep. 22): Old music comforts a broken heart this week. You gravitate to Queen and set the record player — yes, you even dig out the old record player — to auto-replay. Plug in the lava lamp and reread some of those college letters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Get outside this weekend and plant an apple tree. Give it love and maybe it'll bring you fruit. A magical evening Saturday makes the hard work of the week wash away, and rejuvenates you for the tough week ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): A battle between two friends may put you in the middle, but think like the Swiss and stay out of it. Saturday is decision day: to which Saturday market will you go?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Take a good long look at a mistake you made Monday. Maybe you did do something wrong? Thursday is the perfect day to fix it. You will receive a surprise Saturday which is sure to fill the wallet, but don't spend it all in one place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): A simple romantic gesture from that special someone gets the

heart going. Go with it, it's springtime! An angry message gets left on your answering machine-Saturday, but don't worry, the crazy caller dialed the wrong number.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18): Take some time out of your busy schedule to spend it with your kids this week. If you don't have some kids, try walking the dog. You will be greeted with a barbecue feast when you get home on Friday, but don't worry, they remembered the tofu-dog.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Read the instructions on all power tools before operating. A nail gun can be a deadly weapon if used incorrectly. Home renovations are always a nightmare, so remember when taping the gyproc not to get any mud on the floor.



Television comes to islands seeking conflict

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

Spring is finally here and with it the rain which seems to be doing all it can to raise the water table and fill our reservoirs. The erythronium now dot the eastern slopes of the island and the Indian paintbrush flourish on the drier western cliffs. In the garden, flowers less happy in the downpour, bravely open their petals to receive the rain.

Spring should be a positive time of year, a time for hope and renewal. Instead, our television screens show us accounts of man's greed, brutality and stupidity, be it in South Africa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Israel, Somalia or other areas. Conflicts over rain forests in the Amazon or here in British Columbia add to the general malaise of negativity.

Television crews were on hand on Mayne Island last week as we made our way to Victoria.

Three logging trucks, loaded with timber for shipment off-island, were in line for the early-morning ferry to Swartz Bay, as were 30 or more passenger cars and other vehicles. In order to serve both parties fairly and also leave room for later vehicles from Pender, the ferry loaded only one of the logging trucks. The other two, to protest their being left behind, then blocked both loading ramps, so that no one, other than foot passengers, were able to make that trip from Village Bay.

It is reported the second sailing took the other two trucks and all other vehicles whose drivers still wished to make the trip. The TV crews were there, and we saw it all again on the evening news.

A television crew was here on Galiano the next day (Wednesday). They obviously had been invited to the island to witness a protest march organized to bring attention to the extensive logging which is being carried out on the island at this time. What the newsmen saw,

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and what they showed us on the evening news, was about 60 islanders, many of them youngsters, milling around the private log sorting site with placards.

What these people seemed to be protesting were the logging practices of some of the new owners of former MacMillan Bloedel properties and the greed of these people in "making a quick buck."

Replanting does not seem to have been an issue. With the current prices being paid for logs, entrepreneurs are harvesting fibre at a rather shocking rate. Areas of the island are being denuded of trees (as they are on Mayne Island as well), but because the areas being cut are private land there is no requirement for the owners to replant.

This point seemed to be missing from the TV report. As usual there was nothing positive reported except, perhaps that 60 people were showing their concern.

Others interviewed (people not at the rally) commented about how all the island's recent problems began and how it has tended to split the community. The television report could have mentioned the positive things which are happening on the island but the reporters either did not hear about these positive things, or they did not think them important enough to "make a good story" and so they went unmentioned.

The reporters could have broadcast the attempts being made to save Bodega Ridge from the logger's saw, an area of pristine beauty. The ridge would have been logged already but for the efforts of a few devoted community workers, attempting to save what they can

from logging. The TV broadcasters could have cited the positive as well as the negative, but that's not good TV, that's not the news at supper time — murder, mayhem, swindles and scandals for one and all, that's what the public wants — or is it?

Compared with all this, the rain is as refreshing to islanders as spring and the blooms just outside the window in the garden. All of this is better for stress levels and for the digestion as well.

Italian supper and concert

Two money-raising events have been organized by the Galiano Island Forest Trust group, for Saturday, May 8. The first, at North Galiano, is an Italian supper. The second, a concert by Brad Prevedoros and friends, is to be at the South Galiano Hall.

The two events are scheduled so that those wishing to do so, may attend both — the supper which is set for 6 p.m. and the concert at nine. Tickets for the supper, which will be held in the dining room at Bodega Resort, are selling for \$16 each and are now available from Mollie Colson at 539-5950 or from Dorothy Ross at 539-2294. Tickets can be obtained at the NRS office at Sturdies Bay as well.

Information about the proposed Galiano summer Diner's Club will be made public at the Italian dinner.

The concert in the South Galiano Hall will be set up as a jazz club or bistro, with beverages and snack food available for purchase. Along with Brad Prevedoros, the artists will include J.C. Ward (bass), Ray Rothchild (percussion), Carolyn Bell (piano and vocals) and Diane Gentes and Colleen Savage (vocals). Tickets are \$8 each and are now available from Brad Prevedoros at 539-5336 or at local retail outlets.

Sale of modern antiques

The North Galiano Fire Auxiliary's Sale of Modern Antiques went off successfully on the Easter weekend. Although the weather, which had been extremely wet on previous days did not do too much for the grounds, the rain held off at North Galiano on the day of the sale, and all went forward as planned.

A count of cash receipts for the day suggests a profit of over \$2,900. Most items for sale were donated, a few were sold on commission. The Modern Antiques sale is really just an up-scale name for a community garage sale, but the name does have a good ring to it. The organizers feel "it adds a bit of class to an otherwise rather common type of fundraiser."

This year's sale was number 13. The staff and organizers have changed a bit over the years, but many of the faithful were still on hand doing their bit. Encouraging to these folk was the active participation of a younger group — the Gaylors, Geoff and Chris; the Mil-

lards, Ken and Linda; and the Moores, Gary and Barbara.

Preparing hot dogs with chef Bill Cook, were other young folk, Blais Bilney and Yvonne Creamore. Other helpers, too numerous to mention, did a marvelous job in setting up the hall, and then manning the stalls for the two-hour event.

Auctioneer Nick Francis, looking resplendent in his tails and funky T-shirt, carried things off most professionally, with the help of many others, of course. Bea Robson managed the raffle ticket sales. Island prize winners were Jennifer Moore — on a ticket bought for her by her grandma, Sheila Kincaid — an 18-inch chocolate bunny, Geoff Bonser, a cord of wood; and Dale Lyon, a side of smoked salmon.

The other two prizes, an Easter plant and an electric screwdriver went to visitors from the mainland.

Chamber of Commerce

A special general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Centre. The business of the evening will include amending bylaw 18 and the nomination and the election of the 1993 executive and council.

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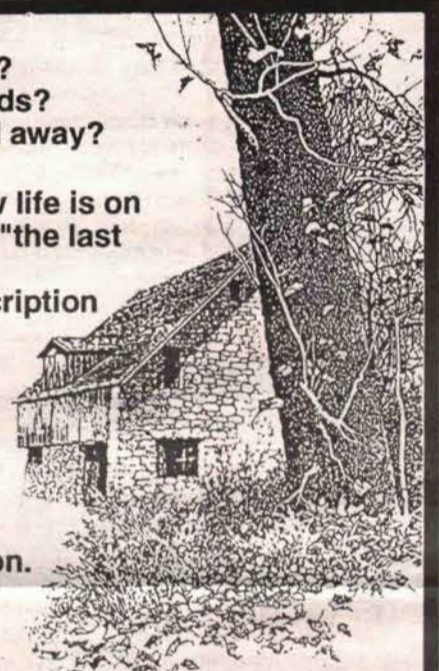
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MODERN ANTIQUES: Pat Hughes, left, and Carolyn Canfield price some of the items that were offered at the sale of modern antiques at Galiano.

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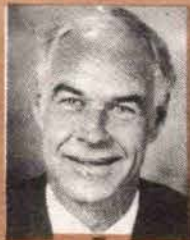
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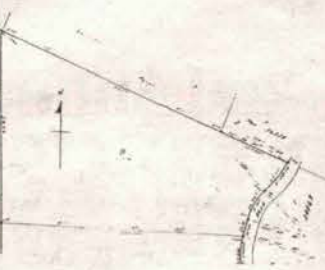
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