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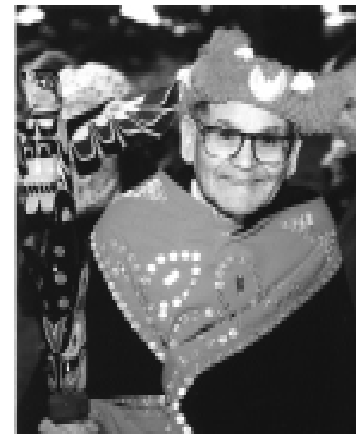
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On the cover:

The recently deceased Harry Assu in full regalia at May Day 1994, where he was honoured, he is holding the talking stick.

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Quadra Island Recreation Society

Events and Workshops

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Mitlenatch presents: The endangered Vancouver Island Marmot. Join biologist Andrew Bryant for a look at one of the world's rarest mammals, Friday February 12, 8 p.m.

The Quadra Island Pre-school is 20 years old this year! Come to the anniversary Valentine's Dance and dance to the big band sound of Campa. Check it out, Saturday February 13. Sue Rose has more information at 285 2512.

Quadra Recreation Society's Cultural Committee present: pianist, Erika Raum and violinist, Lydia Wong, Sunday February 14 at 2:30.

On February 20, 8 p.m. at the Community Centre join Pacific Yachting contributor Ian Douglas and Mary Jane Crawley for their bluewater sailing show „Five Years Round the Ring of Fire.“ Discover South Sea atolls, five the great Barrier Reef, tie up in a Japanese fishing village and winter in the Carmel of the North. All proceeds to CCAP.

Free Juggling Workshop sponsored by Q. Rec.'s Art Fest Committee: Melissa Aston and Laura Appleton-Jones are out to spread the joys of juggling. This workshop will give a good foundation for beginners to learn the basics. It's fun. It's great exercise and you will make balls to take home. Please wear comfy clothing and bring a light snack. Ages 13 years and up. Interested? Call Melissa at 285 3303. (Limited to 15 people.) Saturday February 20, 12:30-4:30.

Come out for an evening of video art guaranteed to challenge your world view, videos the likes of which you would never find on TV. Titles to be announced. Friday February 26, 7:45 pm. Michelle Buchanan at 285 2294 has the details.

„Batters up!“...Minor Fastball registration is Saturday February 27, 10 a.m. 2 p.m. in front of Q.Foods. Do you want to volunteer? Call Pauline Falck at 285 3682.

Adult Dinghy Sailing: Join Frank Wallace for a dry land introduction and beach session. This will be a basic overview of dinghy rigging and sailing theory, with a demonstration sail. Further sailing opportunities are available through Quadra Sailblazers Co-op. Saturday, February 27, 10:00-12:30. Cost is \$15. Another class can be scheduled at a later date if requested. Info at 285 2297.

Painting From Your Intuition: have you ever stared at a blank canvas and wondered, „What do I paint?“ or „How do I get started?“ Using still life, you will create a painting in 3 hours. The focus will be on „intuition“ rather than a logical approach. It's Saturday February 27 12:15-3:45. Phone 285 3243 to register. Cost is \$20. Hummingbird Office Supplies has the supply list. Artist, Polly Parrot is the instructor.

Island Calendar

•Every Sunday

-Winter Market
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Feb. 12, Fri.

-Van. Island Marmots presentation Community Centre
8:00 p.m.

Feb.13, Sat.

-Valentines Dance/Bad Fish
9 p.m.

Legion

Feb. 17, Wed.

-Skateboarders Meeting
4:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Feb. 20, Sat.

-Bluewater Sailing Slide Show
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

Feb. 21, Sun.

-Defining Boundaries
7:30 p.m.

United Church

Feb. 27, Sat.

-Women's Health Care
River
10-3pm, Watch for posters!!
-Whirlwind Family Dance
8:00 p.m.

Sportsplex Campbell

Community Centre

Feb. 28, Sun.

-Youth Soccer League Potluck
8:00 p.m.

call Leslie Kidd for details

March 13, Sat.

-Skateboarders Dance-Top Heavy Cats

Community Centre

March 21, Sun.

-Evening Service
7:30 p.m.

United Church

April 17, Sat.

-Whirlwind Family Dance
8:00 p.m.

Community Centre

April 28 & 29

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News & Events

United Church

Quadra Island United Church invites you to the evening service on **Sun., Feb. 21 at 7:30pm**. Dirk Van der Minne will present "Defining Boundaries". Sunday School continues weekly at 10:00 am. Everyone welcome. On Sunday March 21, our guest speaker will be Dawn Wood from Saturna.

Experience South African Adventures

Experience South African Adventures, a slides lecture at the Museum at Campbell River on Wednesday February 17. During the evening Joanne Keelan shares personal insights into two fascinating countries about which we hear little news. Keelan recently worked as a volunteer English teacher and High School counselor in Lesotho and South Africa. Her volunteer experiences were far different than she had envisioned before leaving Canada.

Keelan first worked in Lesotho, a mountainous kingdom landlocked by South Africa and one of the poorest countries in the world. The majority of inhabitants are Sotho, and about 80% are Christian. The small non-African population is engaged in administrative, commercial, or missionary work and is barred from owning land.

Keelan's work came to an abrupt halt when she was forced to leave, due to Southern African Development Community troops coming in at request of the Lesotho government. Citizens had been holding peaceful vigil to protest the country's May 1998 elections, which many thought were fraudulent. The government invited troops in to "calm" the situation. The tragic result was the decimation of Maseru, the capital, and the deaths of approximately 60 people. Many were forced to flee Lesotho. The country is now desperately trying to recover and parties are negotiating to form a Transitional Government.

Keelan then went to South Africa, where she assumed a new volunteer role as a High School counselor near Pretoria. There she learned about some of the struggles under the Apartheid Regime, as well as about serious difficulties that the country still faces. In 1994 South Africa held its first democratic elections, at which time Nelson Mandela was elected President. In May this year Mandela will step down as president and the country will hold its second elections. The rest of the world will no doubt be watching with interest.

Keelan holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree and is a community activist who has been involved in international development work and social justice issues for twenty-five years. Much of her work has been voluntary, grassroots groups formed to raise awareness on human rights issues in Canada and abroad. Since 1994, she has been volunteering with the Vancouver-Cuba Friendshipment, a group that organizes annual International caravans to Cuba. She believes that we can all have an influence on social change through being willing to learn and take responsibility for our part in the world community.

"South African Adventures" starts at 7:30pm. doors open at 7:00pm. Admission is \$5.50 adults and \$3.50 seniors and students. The museum is located at 5th Avenue and Island Highway. For more information call 287-3103

Entertaining People, Making Magic

Making a difference: John Kaplan has a couple of goals as a magician - to provide first-rate family entertainment and help organizations raise funds in their communities. There is no trick to making a living as a magician says John Kaplan, all it takes is a lifetime of commitment



Magician John Kaplan may mix up an occasional assistant, but not his philosophy of entertaining or of aiding community groups.

Only a complete believer can say something so sweeping and make it sound so easy. But Kaplan, who has been perfecting his craft since he first saw a magic show at age nine, is easy to believe. Kaplan, who is currently on tour with his MAGIC BUS SHOW, has been to the edges of the continent and back again, pursuing his dream. While he makes his living doing the shows, he isn't the only one benefiting. Audiences enjoy the magic and sponsors reap major fundraising dollars from Kaplan's shows. And it's contact with

the people who need the fundraising that provides Kaplan with the satisfaction he needs.

While a lot of magicians go for the mystical occultist aura, Kaplan wants his audiences to have fun. His high-energy showmanship, colorful sets and cast of performers is the secret. In addition to totally new and original illusions, Kaplan takes magic classics and, by changing the theme and re-working the music gives them a twist that audiences haven't seen before. It's one of the reasons that people return again and again to his shows.

John Kaplan brings his Magic Bus Show to **Quadra Elementary School Gym Thursday, February 25 6:45-8:45pm**.

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Quadra Island Cultural Committee

Violinist Erika Raum

Sunday, February 14th, 1999, brings a Valentine's Day treat to Quadra Island, with a visit from Erika Raum, one of Canada's finest young musical artists. Erika Raum has been playing professionally since the age of twelve, winning prizes and critical acclaim both at home and abroad. Born into a musical family, Erika began her training before the age of 3. In 1993, her mother, Elizabeth Raum, composed for her a violin concerto entitled "Faces of Woman", which was broadcast nationally by the CBC. Erika's sister, Jessica, produced and directed the award-winning documentary which recorded the event. The Toronto Star describes Erika Raum as "one of Canada's most talented young string players". She has played in many European venues, with such orchestras as the Budapest



Radio Orchestra, Hungarian National Philharmony, the Vienna Symphony, the Austro-Hungarian Orchestra and the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra. She made her Canadian debut in 1995 with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. She continues, as a recitalist and chamber musician, to perform across Canada, and returns often to international stages.

Accompanying Ms Raum is Lydia Wong, one of Canada's most sought-after collaborative pianists. Featured in venues across the globe from Carnegie Hall to London's Wigmore Hall, Ms Wong has been partnered with artists from Shauna Rolston to Joel Quarrington. Winner of Britain's Ivan Sutton Recital Prize, she has received numerous awards from the Canada Council and the Floyd Chalmers Fund.

The concert begins at 2:30 PM., at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Ticket prices are: Adults, \$15; Seniors, \$12 and Students, \$5, available at the door. For a ride from either the Cortes or Campbell River ferry, please call 285-3700 during the week before the concert.

Minor Softball Registration

Sat. Feb. 27, 10-2, Quadra Foods

Wed. Mar. 3, 4-6, Quadra School

Sat. Mar. 6, 10-1, Heriot Bay Store

*Bring your child's birth certificate for proof of age. A \$50 uniform deposit (separate cheque) is also required (made out to Minor Softball).

Minor Softball Clinics

Level 1 Coaching Clinic Feb. 20-21 Courtenay. Level 2 Coaching Clinic, Mar. 6-7 Campbell River, Contact Don Doolittle 285-3457.

Level 1 Umpires Clinic March/April Campbell River, contact Ken Munn 285-3346

Quilting Teacher Coming to Quadra

Janet Rice-Bredin of Parry Sound, Ont., one of Canada's leading quilting teachers, is coming to Quadra in April. Janet will be teaching a two day workshop on Wed. & Thurs. **April 28 & 29** called "Reflections of a Landscape," which will enable you to interpret a picture, or photograph in fabrics.

There are still some openings for this fun fabric project. For further details, phone Shirley at 3787 or Karla at 2393.

Aerobics evening class Be active again!

Join Marion Eberlein for a great aerobic workout, to a super music that gives you back your energie. Stabilize your cardio-vascular system, lose weight and find back to a healthy diet. Each session will be finished with a relaxed stretching. No fashion show or competition, we just want to have fun and feel better. The first class will be free for anyone who gives it a try. Mondays and wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall Costs \$ 40/8 classes, \$ 6 drop in.

For more information call Marion at 285 2895.

History Course

Campbell River Museum is offering a five-part Saturday afternoon series on local history starting on February 27th. Course instructor, Jeanette Taylor, is a Quadra Island-based historian who will present a panoply of characters and events from ancient times through to WWII. The final session will be on using archival collections, the internet and tape recorded interviews to collect local history. For prices and details please call Terry Hall, CR Museum, 287-3103 or Jeanette Taylor at 285-3651; e.mail - Jeanette.Taylor@CRCN.NET.

Swing Dance This Weekend!

A 15 piece swing band, CAMPA BIG BAND, will be playing at the Community Centre Saturday, February 13th at 8pm.

This is a Quadra Island Pre-school fundraiser celebrating twenty years of early childhood education and community building. Door prizes and Martini specials. Tickets are \$8. Contact Sue Rose for more information 285-2512.

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Five Years Round The Ring Of Fire



Need a break from the rainy-day blues? On February 20th, slap on some sunscreen, slip on your favourite Hawaiian shirt and sail on down to the Quadra Island Community Centre for "Ring of Fire" - a South Sea slide show documenting the misadventures of Mary Jane Crawley and Ian Douglas. During a five year cruise around the Pacific aboard their 38 foot sloop "Silver Willow", the Quadra couple encountered square-rigger shipwrecks, sharks with attitude and a zany cast of characters - Hammock Man, Fred the Navigator and his evil twin, Hollywood Fred. Find out whether

bluewater cruising lives up to its reputation of "days of boredom followed by minutes of sheer terror". Learn what an "oh-oh meter" is, and why it's not a good idea to navigate by moonlight in Tahiti. Sail into a sunken volcano, check out the latest dance steps from Papua New Guinea and discover what happens when you mix up temperatures when choosing a warm winter haven!

The show starts at 8 PM, admission at the door is \$5 per person or \$10 for the family. Proceeds go to the Community Centre Additions Project.

Quadra Writers'

A meeting will be held at 1287 Heriot Bay Road on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. for all writers interested in restarting the Quadra Writers' Group. Please bring your ideas for the format of future meetings. For more information call Jocelyn at 285-3705 or e-mail jocelyn.reekie@crcn.net

Climbing Wall for Quadra??

Anyone interested in establishing a climbing wall on Quadra or with ideas, suggestions etc... Give Heather Kellerhals a call at 285-3570

Carihi Fundraiser

Carihi Dry Grad Bingo Fundraiser Games Friday, March 5th, from 6-10p.m. Intermission, concessions - dabbers and tape available. Fabulous prizes, including cash prizes with final game of \$300.00. Two 50/50 draws. No smoking in school. See you there!!

At the Legion

Feb. 13th, Love Stinks, **Valentines Dance** with Bad Fish. 9 p.m. , \$7 at the door. Smell ya there! Plus regular impromptu jam Sat.

Buddhist Meditation

Buddhist Meditation is no longer at the Community Centre on Sundays. It has moved to private homes. The 1st and 4th Sunday of each month until June there will be meditation, tea, and a discussion at 129 Joyce Rd. at 11:00am.

The third Sunday of each month meditation is at Dan Bingham's house. If you have any questions please call 285-2882.

The 1st Sunday meditation will be Chenrezi, the Buddah of Compassion. The 4th Sunday will be Tara practice and silent mediation. All are welcome, especially those seeking to learn more about the mediative state of being.

Quadra Quilters

The first meeting of the New Year was held on Tuesday, January 12th at the Community Centre. Nice to see everyone back and eager to start our spring season.

Many members displayed some great projects done over the holidays. A number of the quilts were presented for Transition House. Following lunch various quilt activities were in progress, including the layering and basting of our Raffle Quilt. This is now being hand quilted by the members.

Plans were finalized for the workshop to be held at the end of the month. Our next meeting is **Tues., Feb. 9th at 9:30 am.** at the Community Centre.

John KAPLAN

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Thursday, February 25

6:45-8:45pm

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Friday Flicks-Smoke Signals



Smoke Signals is playing at the Community Center on February 19th at 7:45pm. Come early for the cappuccino and snack bar. Admission is \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for students and seniors.

Smoke Signals is the story of two young native American men, Victor Joseph and Thomas Builds-the-Fire, whose lives have been incontrovertibly intertwined since Victor's dad, Arnold, nearly took and then saved the lives of Victor and Thomas. The film focuses on the spiritual journeys of these three modern-day Coeur d'Alene men. The journey of Victor's estranged father has ended in death and is given to the viewer through flashbacks and through the perceptions of the young men as they embark on a Greyhound bus trip from their reservation in Idaho to Phoenix to collect the ashes of Victor's long estranged father.

While Arnold should be a tragic character - an

Campbell River Public Art Gallery

Open Studio Drop-In Art Making Sessions: at the Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery. Tuesday Evenings from 6:30-9p.m. Beginning on Tuesday, January 26th. Drop in Fee: \$8.00. A model is provided each evening. Please bring your own materials to draw or paint. A limited number of tables and easels are available to use. The program is designed for those people with some drawing experience, but some informal instruction is available from Richard Calver, the host. For more info. contact the gallery office, **287-2261**

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Video Night

Outskirts - an evening of country gal video

A Paddle and a Compass **by B.C. Author and video artist Shani Mootoo with Wendy Oberlander.**

How to be a Recluse **by Laurel Swenson**

All Good Medicine: Kon-a-wai kloshe la-mes-tin

By cease wyss, B.C. Native Women's Society

Chainsaw Mary **by Michelle Buchanan**

A Deconstructed Dollhouse **by Margaret Dragu**

And a Couple o' Lesbian Westerns, spag and transmission.

Everyone welcome. Friday, February 26th at 7:45pm. Pay-what-you-can admission \$5 to \$12, programmer - Michelle Buchanan at the Quadra Island Community Centre

emblematic reservation man embittered by marginalization in the white man's world - his character is played with beauty and magic and he is, in fact, too witty and self-aware to pin his misdemeanors on anyone but himself.

Victor more or less views his rescue from death as the mistake that led to his often unfortunate existence. Victor's inability to come to terms with his dad has left him angry and ineffectual, inclined to poke holes in everyone else's balloon, but the quirky and garrulous Thomas - a cross between a sage storyteller and a holy fool - sees it as another story that needs to be told in order to get at the truth of their struggles.

Director Chris Eyre's ***Smoke Signals*** is based on the story *This is How You Say Phoenix, Arizona*, which originally appeared in *Esquire Magazine* and was later published in the book *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist Fight in Heaven* by Sherman Alexie. ***Smoke Signals*** is a "superbly told, deeply moving portrait of coming to terms with one's father. The direction of the tale is full of the kind of truth, spirit and insight that only a remarkably original and genuine voice can offer" (Gilmore). It exhibits an almost ironic view of personal heritage through playful dialogue and whimsical tone.

"There are a lot of stories in this country that aren't getting told and ***Smoke Signals*** is a rare step in the right direction"(Tatara).

The Kitchen Party Will Not Be Crashed...

Due to the storm that stopped everything, the much anticipated ***Kitchen Party*** could not be shown on Feb. 5th. Because we hate to let you down we have rescheduled it for **Sunday, February 14th**. Same time (7:45) same place (Q.C.C.). Bring your honey for a Valentine's evening date.

Painting from your Intuition (with Polly Parrott)

February 27, Community Centre. 12:15-3:45, Cost \$20. Supply list available at Hummingbird Office Supplies.

What I want to do in this workshop is to set up a still-life using colourful fabric and interesting objects (each student to bring one of each). I want the colour and shape to say it all on the canvas. I want the whole canvas filled with paint without any kind of thinking. You see a colour you put it down. You see a light, dark, you make it happen. No teeny-tiny brush strokes allowed! What will happen is a freeing up of your mind and your inner energy will take over. There are no mistakes, all are learning tools for your next piece.

Because we are on collapsing time (3 hour or less) your focus is on painting and nothing else. It's fun and you will be pleasantly surprised. There will be an energy to your work.

The class is a relaxed atmosphere where we have fun. Some painting experience is required (oil or acrylic). However, if you are new and eager, we won't turn you away. I will call each person before class to clarify any questions. I hope you will join me.

Island Forum

Dear Editor,

There is no longer a safe place to walk/run/jog on this Island. Dogs? Yes, dogs. I was going to write this letter a few weeks ago when a rottweiler was loose on Drew Harbour Road, but it disappeared, so I thought I was safe to do my slow jog along the back road and through the campsite, as the Spit itself has been impossibly full of dogs for years now. But this morning a snarling dog raced up to me, teeth bared. I was scared, having been attacked by a dog in the past. The owners were not far behind, and called it, muttering platitudes like "oh, it doesn't usually do that" and "it won't happen again". I've heard that before. What I can't understand is that since two small signs went up forbidding firewood cutting, no one has cut firewood. But the signs asking people to keep their dogs on leashes are mostly ignored. So this leaves me with a choice - stop jogging or carry bear spray. I'd feel safer withholding my name, but, oh well.

Lynda van der Minne

Dear Editor,

We wish to thank all those who helped pull the Quadra Writer's Group Conference together.

Lily, Alex and Karen in the kitchen; without coffee served on time and without cleanup our event wouldn't have been very successful. Coffee is our life! Tanya on the door. Dona, who donated our book prizes, and Hilda who helped to pass them out. All the people who arranged furniture. Kent O'Neil for leaving great instructions for the sound system. Lois Taylor, Moe Davenport and Barb Van Orden for helping us with the publicity. All the folks in Campbell River who helped: Page 11, Book Bonanza, Campbell River Library, Willow Point Used Book Store, Inner Odyssey Books and Sound. Hilary who did the window in the Credit Union and designed the evening program handout. Sandy who helped us at the Community Centre. Philip who ran our ads in The Islander. Shirley and Frank Wallace of the Discovery Passage for printing our brochure and handouts. Heather Kellerhals and Rena Patrick for setting up and staffing the display table. Heather and Jocelyn for always being there at the end of the phone line or email keeping us on track.

Our guests - Philip Stone, Michelle Benjamin, Joy Gugeler, Dan Francis and Ann West, Marisa Alps. Each brought something different to the discussions. Each was extremely generous in sharing information and answering questions. We

saw them interacting with individual writers at the breaks and at lunch. It gave writers a chance to meet the people who have it in their power to get our writing out to readers. Many writers came away with a list of resources and motivation to keep on trying to knock down the doors of the most elusive publisher.

Elaine Assu Price was the moderator of the panel. She made a hard task look easy. Thank you Elaine for a magnificent job!

No conference succeeds unless an audience shows up, and this audience came from Victoria, Nanaimo, Denman, Sayward, Black Creek, Courtenay, Cortes and Quadra. 63 writers, published and unpublished, attended. Their insightful and challenging questions impressed the panel and made for lively interaction.

Planning a conference for travellers in January can be a concern, but the day dawned crisp and clear (and stayed that way!!) Thank you mother nature!

Remember...Keep on writing!!!

Diane Ettles and Mary Green

To the Editor,

The Regional District of Comox-Strathcona does not usually respond to letters to the editor. However, a recent letter to the Discovery Islander from Mr. Bob Binnersley, Proprietor of QC Disposals Ltd., contains errors of omission and errors of fact which are serious enough to warrant a reply.

The Regional District has not arbitrarily changed a 24 year old agreement. The agreement of which Mr. Binnersley speaks began as a verbal agreement in 1975. The term of the agreement was continually extended by the Regional District's administrators. Over time, due to increasing fuel and ferry costs and the implementation of tipping fees, the cost of the tax funded service rose from \$26,000 to \$45,000 annually.

In 1996, during the preparation of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, staff

discovered that no written contract existed between the District and Mr. Binnersley. As a result of their review and in light of the rising cost of providing the service staff recommended that the service be put to an open public tender.

Mr. Binnersley was, understandably, not in favour of tendering process and so negotiations began in February, 1996. The purpose of the negotiations was to bring an end to the era of verbal contracts. As a result of these negotiations it was agreed that Mr. Binnersley would be paid a monthly subsidy until the end of 1996. After numerous meetings between staff, the Area Director and Mr. Binnersley, a further 2 year extension to Mr. Binnersley's verbal contract was granted to allow him time to prepare a business plan for the day when the subsidy finally ended.

On December 15, 1997, Mr. Binnersley signed a contract with an expiry date of December 31, 1998. At the time of signing, Mr. Binnersley was informed that the contract would not be renewed or extended. The details of this contract, including its expiry date were published in an issue of the Discovery Islander in February, 1998.

As a result of these actions, a \$45,000 per year tax burden has been removed from Quadra Island and a 1998 operating surplus will be returned to local tax payers.

Bruce Williams, Administrator

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Forests as Carbon Sinks-Part Two

Forests stabilize Earth's atmosphere and climate by serving as carbon sinks. Before human intervention the world's forests contained about three times more carbon than the atmosphere. About half the dry weight of wood is carbon. As carbon is moved back and forth through growth and decay, forests regulate levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide thereby creating their own climate. Such a self-regulating process helps ensure appropriate global temperature and humidity, restrains greenhouse gases and establishes an optimum living environment for the other flora and fauna of Earth's biosystems.

Natural forests, those not modified by human influence, generally achieve and maintain a maximum storage of carbon over long periods of time, thereby stabilizing atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Photosynthesis, the process that converts the CO₂ to carbon (C) and releases oxygen (O), occurs at a rate slightly greater than rotting and burning. Some of this carbon is stored in fossil fuels and soils thus maintaining large quantities that are permanently removed from the atmosphere. But the most obvious carbon storage is in the wood itself.

B.C.'s forests excel in this function. And our coastal old-growth is world class. Even our managed forests—in their soils, debris and trees—contain about 1% to 2% of the total carbon in the global atmosphere. As of 1992, B.C. was cutting about 20 million tonnes of carbon each

year in logs. In total, more than a billion tonnes of carbon have already been harvested from B.C.'s forests.

Whenever the cut rate is greater than the growth rate—something that has been happening in B.C. for decades—the inevitable result is a reduction in carbon storage. Release of CO₂ is also increased by excessive slash burning, abusive logging, accelerated rotting, inappropriate wood processing methods, and wasteful use of wood products. The amount of carbon released into the atmosphere by wood harvesting and consumption in B.C. approximates the combined total released by all the province's fossil fuel burning.

When second-growth forests are harvested, even 100 years after old-growth logging, the amount of carbon stored in the existing wood products plus all the carbon in the new forests may be only 50% to 60% of the amount originally stored in the old-growth. The difference is added to the atmosphere. Since the rotation length of managed forests is usually shorter than 100 years—some on Quadra may be only 45 years according to TimberWest's plans—the net release of CO₂ into the atmosphere will be even greater. The shorter the rotation length, the greater the release.

The detailed study in *Science* (op. cit.), found that conservative estimates of the net release of carbon into the atmosphere by logging 5 million hectares of Washington and Oregon forests over the last 100

years is 1.5 to 1.8 billion tonnes of carbon.

These old-growth forests in Washington and Oregon stored on average 610 tonnes of carbon per hectare. Sixty years after logging, 305 to 370 tonnes per hectare were still in the atmosphere. As a comparison, this exceeds by more than three times the net carbon release of 92 to 102 tonnes per hectare by burning the average Amazon rainforest and converting the land to pasture. Even the denser Amazon forests store only about 300 tonnes of carbon per hectare compared with the temperate rainforest storage of 610 tonnes. Such statistics illustrate the global importance of temperate rainforests.

If the Walbran Valley's 10,000 hectares of high quality old-growth forest were cut and converted to a short rotation crop, the net addition of carbon into the atmosphere would be about 3 million tonnes. Logging in B.C.—depending on the source—cuts about 50,000 to 150,000 hectares of old-growth forest each year. While little of these forests would be of the Walbran class, the net release of carbon and the subsequent contribution to global warming is disturbing.

Today's cutting of old-growth forests probably releases less carbon into the atmosphere than in the past. Credit must be given to improved logging practices, fewer fires, less burning of waste and better lumber recovery. Recycling also helps. And provincial annual cuts have started to decrease. However, the expanded harvesting of short rotation crops presents other problems.

Younger trees have inferior qualities for carbon storage. They rot faster, produce less high quality lumber, yield more pulp wood—half of which is burned in the pulping process—and their

weaker fibres recycle fewer times in paper. The lower volumes per hectare mean that larger areas must be logged to maintain supply levels. Less carbon will be stored in the wood products and in the forests themselves.

Old-growth forests are the ultimate in carbon storage so those that remain must be preserved at all costs. To mitigate the effect of those already lost, we can reduce the harvest levels of second-growth forests to increase their rotation age. This will also improve the quality of wood and aid biodiversity. We can also recognize forests for their inherent ecological values and use them as scenic, recreation and tourist sites. Such recognition preserves the forests, maintains a larger carbon sink, reduces global warming, and still generates economic activity. Standing trees have to be regarded as something other than a resource to be cut down. The alternative is to continue on our present path. And that is becoming increasingly untenable.

Adapted from "Carbon, CO₂, and Commodity Forests" by Bruce Davies, an article that appeared in the February-March 1992 edition of *The Watershed Sentinel*.

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Dear Editor;

Thank you for including Tanya's article on being a Firefighter in your last issue. The article was accurate and informative, and we appreciate the publicity, especially when we are having a recruiting drive. I hope that anyone out there whose interest was tweaked by reading it and who has a little time to give to their community, doing an important and exciting job, will give the Fire Department a try!

I would like to make it clear that although I am a member of the South Quadra Volunteer Fire Department, the remainder of this letter is written from a personal viewpoint and not as a representative of the Department:

The Fire Department is composed almost entirely of volunteers (the chief's position, for good reason, is part-time paid). These volunteers put in hundreds of hours annually; training, learning, practicing, certifying, re-certifying, fighting fires, saving lives, protecting property.... Without second thought, when the pager goes off they drop whatever they're doing, or crawl out of bed, head out in any weather, for as long as it takes to get the job done. Like any volunteer organization, the people who do this work find their reward not in money, but in other ways - the satisfaction that they get from a job well done, from their knowledge they've been instrumental in saving a life, or a home, or a school, from knowing that they personally have contributed to the Community, and oh yes - from getting to ride on the big red trucks.... Also like any volunteer group, the knowledge that their hard work is appreciated becomes crucial to the morale, pride, and energy of the group and the subsequent success of the organization.

As citizens and taxpayers we are represented at various levels of government by people we elect for the job. I expect that most people could, with a little thought, name your MP, MLA, and Regional Director. But how many realize that, if they live within the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District, they have another five elected representatives looking after their interests? These are the Trustees of the Fire Department, elected at open public meeting every year. The Fire District, established by Letters Patent, is in effect another level of local government, which collects taxes to provide a service. The responsible spending of your taxes for adequate service is ensured by the Trustees. Comparisons to other levels of government stop there, as these trustees put in lots of their own time, receive no pay,

and have no pension plan...

So what's my point? Well, the Trustees are an important link between the Department and the community. Feedback that the Trustees get from the community is their main indicator of the kind of job we are doing. If all they hear is complaint from a small group of disgruntled individuals with an axe to grind, then the message that gets back to the Department is that we're doing a poor job. Unfortunately, it seems that sometimes only the negative gets through - and the squeaky wheel gets the grease... So, dear reader, if you ever have anything to say about your Fire Department, good or bad, I urge you to call one of the Trustees and make your feelings known. I know that many readers have been helped by the Fire Department over the years, and there must be some positive comment out there. Constructive criticism we also welcome, but not anonymous, malicious, insidious non-constructive attacks which do nothing but undermine the morale of the group and compromise the ability of the Department to do its job.

The present Board of Trustees is comprised of Craig McGowan, George Crawshaw, Bob Muress, Jim Evans, and Mel Doak. These names are probably already familiar to you, as they are all well respected, responsible, long time members of our community. This, of course, is why they were elected as trustees. Several have been firefighters themselves, one still is. You couldn't have better people looking after your interests.

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Dear Editor,

December 10, 1998 was the 50th anniversary of the signing of the International Declaration of Human Rights. To celebrate, the Amnesty International (AI) group on the island, the Quadra Island Women's Action network (QIWAN), set up a table in the Cove from 4pm to 7pm. Our aim was to bring awareness to this important date and also to collect money for victims of Hurricane Mitch. 100% of the money was sent by OXFAM Canada to the Rural Women's Committee of Léon in Nicaragua. Our Women's Action Network started the evening off with a \$250 donation. We are pleased to report that by the end of the evening, due to the generosity of passers-by, we collected \$1150. We thank all of you very much.

We have some good news to report. Some of you may recall a campaign that the QIWAN (and many other groups) carried out a few years ago, attempting to get the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) made illegal in Canada. FGM is the practice followed in some cultures of excising the clitoris and external genitalia of young girls and babies, usually without the aid of anaesthetic or antiseptic procedure. Worldwide there are presently 126 million women and children who have been genitally mutilated in the name of tradition. The good news is that it is now a criminal offence in Canada. Also, of the 16 countries which comprise the Community of West African States, the 3 member states of Ghana, Ivory Coast and Togo have passed legislation making FGM a punishable offence.

Recently, we heard of the work of Molly Melching, an American who has been living in Senegal for the last 20 years. Through the education of local women she has effected a change in attitude and practice. The village of Malicorinda in Senegal made history as the first village to stop practising FGM. A few months later, 12 more villages followed suit. The movement is spreading like wildfire. Molly Melching has been the recipient of CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) funding, but we understand that her funding has been completely cut. The QIWAN is writing letters to get more information about this decision.

As members of the QIWAN and AI, our major activity is the writing of letters to officials of other countries on behalf of female prisoners

of conscience. These are women who are being held in prison because of what they have said, what they believe, who they are, or to whom they are related. They are being held in contravention of the International Declaration of Human Rights.

The QIWAN meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at a member's house. New members are always welcome. For information call Susan at 285-3632.

Dear Editor,

As the fiscal term draws to a close, the Women's Sexual Assault Centre is extending an invitation to Quadra residents who are concerned about sexual abuse, to consider joining the Board of Directors for a one year term, commencing in May.

The North Island Survivors' Healing Society which operates the Women's Sexual Assault Centre provides individual counselling and group support at no cost to women who have Centre offers the only free counselling service between Courtenay and Port Hardy and is a busy full time operation. The primary funding comes from the Ministries of Attorney General and Women's Equality. The Society is in good standing with both Ministries, has a comprehensive Policy and Procedure Manual and an established process of service evaluation.

In particular, we are looking for Board Members who share the belief that quality service for survivors are important and public awareness is integral to stopping the violence. We want responsible people who respect commitments and confidentiality and have the capacity to work effectively as part of a group.

The Board meets one evening per month, 10 months of the year. Directors attempt to balance the seriousness of this important work with fun. For further information, please contact the Women's Sexual Assault Centre at 287-3325.

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Food for Thought

Nutrition for Super Kids

Darlene Booth R.N.C.

Whether you are dealing with a finicky toddler or a teen with the appetite on par with that of the Tasmanian Devil, adequate nutrition can be a challenge. In truth, it can be a full time job!

Proper nutrition is the key to a strong and healthy immune system. When this mechanism is in good working order, children [and adults] have the remarkable ability to heal themselves. Unfortunately, in this day of super- processed foods and mega-food manufacturers with huge ad campaigns, good nutrition becomes a monumental task. We have chemical cocktails disguised as "pop" or "fruit drink", pesticide treated fruits and vegetables, and never mind the numerous environmental pollutants we are exposed to on a daily basis. All this adds up to a constant undermining of the immune function and the gradual erosion of your child's resistance to disease.

Allergies are commonplace and ear infections are becoming synonymous with growing up. Degenerative disease, that was once an accepted part of aging, is on the rise in our adolescent population. The sad truth of the matter is that degenerative disease is a by product of immune dysfunction and not necessarily a required step in our aging process.

Optimal nutrition begins in the womb. The nutrients needed to nourish a developing fetus depend on Mom's diet. It is her immune system that protects the unborn child and will continue to do so in the first few months of life. At birth, the infant's defense system is immature and it will take the greater part of the first year to develop fully. This is where breast-feeding is crucial. Breast milk contains the nutrition and special substances that protect the child from infection and allergies. Breast is best in your child's first year, especially for the first 6 months.

In the second half of your child's first

year, you will begin to introduce solid foods and life long eating habits are formed. This is the optimal time to lay out the foundations of a healthful lifestyle. Provide a variety of quality wholesome foods. Limit or avoid all food that has little or no nutritional value. Hydrogenated oils and other unhealthy [nonessential] fats, sugar, refined carbohydrates, added sodium and phosphates. Read labels on purchased food and be aware of added chemicals used to color, enhance flavor or preserve freshness. These anti-nutrients lead to nutritional deficiencies and undermine your child's health.

As children mature and interact with the outside world, peer pressure and busy schedules may interfere with optimal nutrition. They may be too busy to eat or more interested in a classmates lunch bag than their own. These are the years when a strong immune response is crucial. They are constantly exposed to the viruses and bacteria that cause common childhood diseases. Whether it is a cold or chicken pox, a well functioning immune response will likely shorten the duration and lessen the severity. Remember that moderation is the key. As long as you are providing nutritious, wholesome foods on the home front, a few digressions will not be detrimental to their overall health.

The teen years offer even more opportunity to strain the defenses. Along with increased independence, these are the years of tremendous growth spurts and hormonal changes. Throw in exposure to alcohol, drugs, cigarettes and the lure of convenient fast foods and you have a recipe for some interesting years ahead! Typically, most teens would consider a diet of slurpees, pizza and chips.... Gourmet food. A vegetable or a piece of fruit are often viewed as excess baggage and tossed aside for a soft drink or hot dog. These are also the years when image is very important and the best way to achieve a lean body, great hair and skin is through proper diet and exercise. This is where your job as a role model is of extreme importance. You can't preach the evils of junk food to a teenager while chasing down a Twinkie with a Diet Coke! These are the years when supplementation can help to keep these busy teens from burning out. These are the years when supplementation can help to keep busy parents from burning out! Good health to you!

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Steven Halliday

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The good news is that if you have established a financial plan you can completely ignore the cacophony of sales pitches. A solid and well thought out plan alleviates the need to worry about whether or not one is investing in the right product, because you will have predetermined your course and will be adamant about sticking to the plan. A good plan will offer you the diversification between conservative and aggressive investing, depending on your comfort level and your stage of life. A good plan will address your insurance and estate planning needs. A good plan will provide the discipline required to reach the goals you set,

however lofty. And finally, a good plan is designed to factor in the changes that will be required as your age and portfolio grows. The secret of successful planning is to stick with the established plan, review it regularly, and modify it as your needs, life stage and resources change. A sure recipe for disaster is to be constantly trying to outsmart the market, moving money from one investment or another in the hopes of achieving the best return. A good blend of guaranteed investments with staggered maturities, blue chip equities and income producing instruments such as bonds or mortgages will generally give the holder a satisfactory return over time.

But suppose you are one of the 50% of Canadians who have no RRSP or financial plan. Most people in this category either do not have the money (or think they don't) to put into a RRSP, or they are procrastinating, or both. And that means they will be at the mercy of the marketplace once they have made the decision to purchase an RRSP (usually for tax purposes), which more often than not will happen during the first 60 days of the year. Under these frantic circumstances, it is unlikely that your investment will be made on the basis of a thoughtful plan with a distinct set of goals. In this situation, I would recommend making a short term guaranteed investment until you

have had an opportunity meet with a financial planner and get your plan together. But once you start having thoughts or worries about retirement (and you eventually will!), get some help. Take a serious look at your present situation, and be realistic. Determine how much you can invest on a monthly basis, as for most people this is the most comfortable method of saving. Next, think about your comfort level - does the stock market make your skin crawl? And before meeting with your planner, do a little dreaming. Think about retirement, when you would like to pack it in, and in what style and location you would like to live. And finally, when selecting your planner the most important element is trust - seek referrals from your friends and family or other trusted advisors. Look for an established institution or company, and make sure the person who will be helping you with your plan has some miles on them - I've seen a lot of "planners" come and go in my years in the financial business. You should expect to work with your planner for many years to come.

OK, having a plan won't make the noise go away. But at least you can change the channel or turn the page without wondering whether or not you've missed anything you need to know, sound in the knowledge that you have a plan.

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At Quadra Daycare we sometimes witness the anxiety parents and children experience during the initial separation period of coming to daycare. We hope this article from the Canadian Child Care Federation may help in alleviating some of this anxiety.

Entering into a new child care arrangement can be an emotional experience for both parent and child. However, careful planning, and the knowledge that some separation anxiety and tears are normal, can make the transition from parent to caregiver as pleasant as possible. How quickly the child adapts depends on a number of factors including: the child's age and stage of development; the child's past experiences in the care of others; the skills of the new caregiver and appropriateness of the new setting; and the adults' ability to prepare themselves and the child for the separation. Here are some strategies to help make the process go smoothly.

Share information with the caregiver

Share your child's unique likes, dislikes, fears, eating/sleeping habits and anything else that will help the caregiver understand your child, ease the transition and provide care that is reasonably consistent with yours.

Visit the new setting with your child

Show children where they will be eating, sleeping, playing and introduce the new caregiver. Familiarity will make the actual separation easier. Preschoolers may enjoy having a book read to them about going to child care.

Shorten the first few days

Shorter visits will give your child more time to adjust and will allow him/her to learn by experience that you will return.

Build trust

Let your child see you and the caregiver building a friendly relationship. Include the three of you in a brief conversation or play activity. Children often use their parents as a "bridge" for developing a relationship of trust with a new adult.

Prepare the night before

An unhurried, pleasant start to the day is crucial to successful separations. If the child is old enough, involve him/her in the packing of lunches and the selection and laying out of clothes. For younger children, a choice between items (e.g. white or blue socks, grapes or an apple) is enough.

Something from home

Young children often use an object from home (such as a favorite teddy or blanket) to comfort themselves. Other children prefer to put a family photo or parent's familiar scarf or glove in their pocket or backpack. Eventually, the need for these "cozies" or transition objects diminishes.

On the way, the first day

Have a calm, positive attitude. Babies and toddlers are especially sensitive to your moods and are quick to pick up any tension in your voice, face, touch, or mannerisms. Sing a favorite song or talk about what the child or you will be doing today. A specific detail ("I will be taking the elevator upstairs to talk to the boss.") is far more interesting than a vague comment ("I will be working at the office all day"). In terms the child will understand, explain when and where you will be picking him/her up ("After lunch and sleep, I will come. You will probably be playing outside then. I will know where to find you"). A common fear is that you will not return or that you will not find each other.

Develop a "goodbye" ritual

Rituals are reassuring, especially during stressful times. Plan a special way to say goodbye, such as a wave through the window or a lipstick kiss stamped on the back of the child's hand. You might ask your older child, "How shall we say goodbye? A kiss or a hug? One hug or two?" Giving them choices in little matters helps them feel that they have some control over what is happening.

Take time to say goodbye

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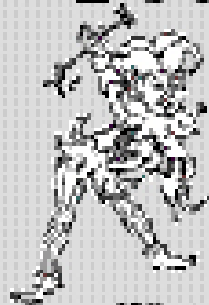
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Harry Assu Fondly Remembered at Service

Tanya Storr

Over 500 people gathered in Cape Mudge Community Hall for First Nations elder Harry Assu's funeral service on February 6. Harry, who died on February 1 in his 94th year, was fondly remembered by speakers at the service as a respected leader, teacher, and fisherman. He had friends and family members all over B.C., and many of those present had travelled long distances in stormy conditions to be there.

Harry was born on February 14, 1905, in the first modern house in Cape Mudge Village. His father, Billy Assu, was a famous chief who guided his people through the transition from a traditional to a modern way of life. Harry succeeded his father in 1954 as first elected chief councillor of the We-Wai-Kai band at Cape Mudge, a position he held for 16 years.

A commercial fisherman for over 60 years, Harry was a lifelong member of the Native Brotherhood. He owned the BCP 45, the boat

that is featured on the back of the old Canadian five dollar bill, from 1941 to 1959. Harry was an elder of the Quadra Island United Church at Cape Mudge, a member of the Campbell River Shrine Lodge, and founding board member of the Kwagiulth Museum's Nuyumbalees Society. He was married to Ida Dick, who predeceased him in 1983, and they had eight children.

A big storm the day before Harry's service had knocked out power throughout Quadra, but his family and friends worked hard to ensure the event went ahead as planned. They set up generators to run the lights, organ, microphone, and coffee machines, and had propane heaters going. Extra chairs were borrowed from the Thunderbird Hall and many people helped prepare food.

Juaneva Smith, who led the service, described Harry's life as one of service, goodness, and great teaching.

"Harry, who was affectionately known as Hally by his family and good friends, was a visionary coastal chief, respected elder, statesperson, accomplished fisherman, family man, neighbour, and friend," she said.

After everyone sang the hymn 'How Great Thou Art', accompanied by organist Joyce Baker, Juaneva read a



Harry Assu & Joy Inglis at the First Salmon Ceremony, Cape Mudge, May 1984.

Photo: Hilary Stewart

passage from Psalms about the importance of "living for the good of each day." It was an appropriate choice to mark the passing of a man whom many described as a true optimist.

Jimmy Wilson, one of Harry's numerous

grandchildren, gave the eulogy. He pointed out that Harry lived through a piece of every decade in the twentieth century, and witnessed enormous technological changes during his lifetime. He was born in an era when his people lived in big houses



Don, Louis, Cissy & Steve Assu at the Memorial Service.

Photo: Tanya Storr

and lived to see a time when space shuttles leave the earth's surface on a regular basis.

"Hally shared his knowledge and memories with his children, grandchildren, and others from the community," Jimmy said, adding that his memories were later acknowledged and published in collaboration with Joy Inglis in the book *Assu of Cape Mudge: Recollections of a Coastal Indian Chief*.

One of Harry's greatest attributes was to give of himself, Jimmy noted, and he touched many lives through helping others. Teaching people how to catch fish was one of the many ways in which Harry assisted others.

"Hally was a very successful fisherman and he never minded helping others learn. We were very fortunate we had a teacher in our grandfather."

After the eulogy, Diana McKerracher sang 'The Rose'. Her beautiful rendition of this song brought tears to the eyes of many. Diana previously sang this song at Harry's wife Ida's funeral.

Harry's granddaughter Bunny Clifton-Price read aloud a letter from Ron Atkinson, former minister of Quadra Island United Church, and his wife, Donna, who were unable to be present.

Ron described Harry as "an energetic, enthusiastic, and exacting man who knew how to get things done."

He was "a husband, father, grandfather, chief, and fisherman" and "his very bright and clear spirit lives on. How very grateful we are for the gracious life of that great man, Harry Assu."

Hilary Stewart read a passage from Joy Inglis' introduction to *Assu of Cape Mudge* (U.B.C. Press, 1989): "In telling his story, Harry Assu speaks out against the oppression of the past while remaining optimistic for the future of his people, and his fellow man. In the past his hopes rested upon higher education for native people, and this struggle in his most productive years was not in vain; seven of his descendants have attended universities . . . Harry Assu is a big man, in his position as an elder of the Cape Mudge people, in his physical stature, and in his understanding. He looks confidently to the future." Hilary also read a passage from the chapter about the Quadra Island United Church.

Ralph Dick, chief councillor of Cape Mudge, spoke next. "We are here to pay our respects and honour one of our great leaders. Harry was a kind, good, and noble man who will be sadly missed but always remembered."

Following the singing of 'Just a Closer Walk With Thee', Juaneva said a few more words about Harry. She spoke of how he shared his father's vision of what

was possible for his people in a rapidly changing world. She recalled that Quadra's May Day celebration was dedicated to him in 1994, and how he loved people and whenever he was invited to events, which was often, he went.

"Harry was proud to be a Shriner, proud of his membership and work in the Native Brotherhood, and glad for his boat and thus his people's success as fishers to be represented on the Canadian five dollar bill. He supported the maturation of the church from a missionary ministry to one that embraced the entire island," Juaneva said.

The women of the village, carrying wreaths and bouquets, led the procession out of the hall. They were followed by the

pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, chiefs, Shriners, family members, and the congregation.

Church bells rang as Harry's coffin was carried from the hall to the Cape Mudge cemetery. As Ray Grigg prepared to lead the graveside service, a gentle



Harry Assu's infamous BCP45 at the Maritime Museum, Vancouver,

Photo: Tanya Storr

Harry Assu....

rain began to fall on the assembly.

Adam Dick came forward and placed Harry's button blanket upon the shoulders of Harry's son Don. Steve, Don's older brother, stepped forward as witness and buttoned the blanket on his brother. In doing so, Steve was giving his blessing for Don to continue in Harry's place.

A wooden cross incorporating the wings and head of an eagle looking skyward, carved by Greg Henderson and Junior Henderson under the supervision of Bill Henderson, was erected at the gravesite.

Back inside, a delicious lunch of sandwiches and treats was served. Chiefs and representatives from several families gave speeches about Harry, many of them in Kwak'wala.

Bobby Joseph recalled some good memories of accompanying Harry, along with a First Nations delegation, on a trip to Hokkaido Island, Japan, in 1986. The trip was part of a cultural exchange with the Ainu, the First People of Japan.

"Hally was a good ambassador for all of us wherever he went. He had a big, striking persona you couldn't help but be impressed with. He was a proud man but also so modest and humble. Today the cloak of greatness Hally wore was put onto Don with the blessing of his older brother Steve. It's important for the family and community to support Don as he moves into the future."

Bill Assu said Harry was a great man who set a fine example to everyone. "He was a hard worker and very dedicated to his people and community. Our grandfather Billy Assu took us into the twentieth century and Hally made the transition a lot smoother."

After the speeches, a mourning song was sung in honour of Harry, accompanied by drumming. The singers and drummers spanned a wide range of ages. Don Assu then thanked all the people for coming to celebrate the life of his father and wished everyone a safe journey home.



Hurricane Force Winds Cause Widespread Damage

by Tanya Storr

Another ferocious storm blasted the B.C. coast on February 5, causing power and phone outages over much of Quadra and Cortes. Hundreds of trees blew down in the hurricane force winds, and hydro crews spent days repairing the damage to lines and poles.

Cape Mudge lightkeeper Jim Abram said wind gusts reached 80-90 knots (a knot equals 1.15 miles/hour) during the storm.

"We gave a special weather report at 11:30 a.m. letting Comox Coast Guard know that our wind was now up over 70 knots and gusting 80-90 knots. Hurricane force is 64 knots, and we had well exceeded that and it was a sustained wind. Comox was experiencing the same thing and they phoned Environment Canada. They ended up upgrading the forecast from storm force to hurricane force for all of Georgia Strait and all the waters of southern B.C. due to staffed observations," he said.

Jim added that the wind was definitely the strongest recorded at Cape Mudge in the last 25 years, and the force of it actually blew him off his feet when he went outside to do a weather report at 12:30 p.m. The power was out at the lighthouse until 11 p.m. on Sunday night.

Tom Franklin, Line and Design Manager for B.C. Hydro in Campbell River, said some employees who have been with Hydro in Campbell River for 20 years had never seen winds that strong.

"In the height of the storm we had 17 crews working in the Campbell River area, five of them on Quadra, five on Cortes, and the rest over here. Normally we only have two crews available for the whole area, but we got extra help from Hydro and contractors as far away as Victoria."

One of the most spectacular events

during the storm was when three trees on Harper Road uprooted en masse Friday afternoon and crashed down on the road, hitting the power lines in the process. The impact put a tremendous strain on all the power lines in both directions, tearing them down, and broke the top off a pole at the end of the line between the Cove Centre and Quadra Credit Union.

Jeanine Siemens was sitting in Lovin' Oven when the incident occurred.

"It was wild. We heard the trees come down on the stretch of road between the plaza and the gas station. There was a big crash and it put tension on all the lines, and they all came down one by one. Then the last power pole snapped and there was a loud explosion," she recounted.

Jeanine said her property on Quadra Loop was also hit hard by the storm. "Three big trees came down and their root wads tore up half the yard. One of the neighbour's trees came crashing down and took out our hydro and phone lines. We watched the whole thing from the house. The good side of it is we now have a lot more light in the yard."

Tom Franklin explained that the lines on Harper Road are the main power feed coming into Quadra, so most of the island was left without power. There were also trees on the line that brings power across to Quadra up at Seymour Narrows, so the customers on that feed—including Walcan—were out too.

The crews had to work in very windy conditions, and one worker sustained minor injuries when a tree fell on him. One crew had just finished repairing a line on Cape Mudge Road and were driving to a different area when they were informed they had to go back, because another tree had fallen on the line right where they had been working.

Many Cortes residents lost power as well, and Franklin said Hydro crews

were still doing major repairs there on Sunday.

"The majority of Quadra customers didn't get power back until late Saturday night, and most had been without for 32-40 hours. Cortes was out a little longer—various spans all over the place were down."

Franklin said he'd like to thank all Hydro's customers for their patience and cooperation during the storm. He also expressed his appreciation to Paul Horner for opening up the Lovin' Oven on Sunday morning especially to cook breakfast for the Hydro crews.



*Trees down on Harper rd.
Photo: Tanya Storr*

"Our guys have to eat to keep going, so we really appreciated that," he said.

Several island businesses, including both grocery stores and the gas station, had to shut down when the power went out and were not able to reopen until it came back on late Saturday afternoon.

Sherri Smith, operations manager of Quadra Foods, said the store closed when the trees on Harper Road knocked out power on Friday around 2:30 p.m., and it reopened in a limited capacity around 4:45 p.m. on Saturday.

"We had all the freezers blocked off because we had to assess the loss. All the ice cream, frozen foods, meat, and deli stuff went. We have loss insurance but it's not cheap."

People had been phoning all day to see if the store was open and there were lots of people waiting to enter when it did open. Sherri noted the main purchases were bottled water and candles, and the liquor department also had big sales.

The Hydro crews showed great patience throughout the outage, Sherri said. "They were incredible. It was a big job but they managed to be very friendly the whole time. People kept stopping and asking them when the power would be back on."

Heriot Bay Store and the gas station also reopened as soon as they could late Saturday afternoon. Quadra Credit Union shut down when the power went out Friday afternoon and didn't have power restored until Sunday night. General manager Steve Halliday said the credit union had to operate

without computers and the automated teller machine until late afternoon on Monday, as the data lines were also damaged in the storm.

Captain John Arnold was on the afternoon shift of the Quadra ferry on the day of the storm. The ferry managed to keep running until late morning and then stopped until 2 p.m., when it made a very windy trip over to town and back. After that the ferry didn't run again until 7 p.m.

"The wind dropped off dramatically around 5 p.m., but with the tide flooding

I figured it would still be pretty lumpy out there. When you've got whitecaps in front of the Landing you know it's blowing. When we made the 7 p.m. run it was still quite lumpy, but we were able to keep running for the rest of the night," he said, adding that the storm was the most severe he has seen in his 27 years on Quadra.

The Cortes ferry also stopped running for much of the day, and waited in Heriot Bay for an extra hour at the end of the day for passengers coming back from Campbell River on the 7:30 p.m. sailing.



*Hydro crews working on Noble Rd.
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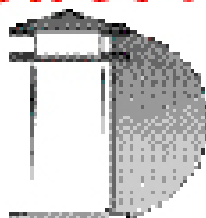
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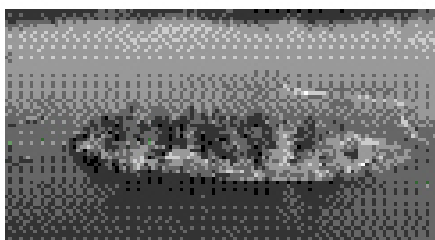
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