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• Artwork sent by fax cannot be published.

While every effort is made to include all items submitted, errors and accidental omissions do occur and the Discovery Islander should be only one part of your publicity efforts.

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To be added to the list, e-mail <u>updates@bcferries.com</u>, or fax your request to (250) 703-2340. Please be sure to identify your community.

> BC Ferries Communications Unit #101, 501 4th Street Courtenay, BC V9N 1H3



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Village Square				
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Quadra Daycare				
Quadra Elementary				
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QCC				
359 Cape Mudge Rd.				
Yak Shak				
March 15, Thursday-Quadra Island Garden ClubQCC7:15 p.m. Medicinal & Edible Herbs with Charlene West				
QI United Church				
QCC				
Inner Garden				
Bay Shoreline Park				

March 18, Sunday -Dance Theatre of Oregon 7:00 p.m.

QCC

Fall, Winter, Spring Markets

For all the islands. Ouadra Community Centre. Every Saturday, 10am - 2pm. Donation suggestions of \$5/table, \$2.50 half table or children. Quilters, crafts, garage sellers, jugglers, live music, fun etc. Better, cheaper and more convenient (no ferry fare needed) than Walmart, Zellers, Superstore etc. Come one, come all. Etc., etc., etc. for ever. For info. call 285-3766

Open Stage

Come and share your talents in an evening of variety entertainment for the family, songs, poetry, juggling, dance. Admission \$3.50. Students & performers \$2. 1st Friday each month, 7:30 - 10:00pm, Yak Shack Coffee House, corner of Taku Rd.. and Heriot Bay Rd.. Downtown Heriot Bay. For more info. call John at 285-2958

Wilderness First Aid

For outdoor guides, enthusiasts or anyone who works or recreates in remote locations. An Advanced Wilderness First Aid course will be held on Quadra Island March 14-23, 2001. For more info contact Greg at 285-3308



Aerobics with Marion

Loads of Fun & a Great Workout !!!

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm-7pm at the Community Hall. Join a complete body workout to a great music. High-Low Impact Aerobics with some Strength training, Floorwork and Stretching. 8 sessions \$32. Drop in \$5 .Students \$3. For questions call Marion 285 2895. Hope to see you there!

Yak Shack-Slide Show Night

Local photographers showing their best shots Travel- adventure -Wildlife-People. Wed. March 7, 7 PM

To show your photos call John 285 2121

Event classified available for promoting for-profit events or workshops. Cost \$5.35/40 words/issue or \$8/column inch for longer ads.

Trail Maintenance

March 8, Thursday
March 14, Wednesday
March 20,21 Tuesday,
Wednesday
March 28, Wednesday
Call Jim 285-2393. All trail maintenance begins at 9:00 a.m.



PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

Join in the Fools' Photo Show No rent, no commission! Bring work on Saturday, March 3rd, between 12 & 5 Show runs until March 31st

Gallery Hours 12 to 5 Wed-Sun Island Market, Heriot Bay

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DTO - Dance Theatre of Oregon

Quadra Island Recreation Society (Cultural Committee) is very pleased to present and welcome the Dance Theatre of Oregon. DTO, known for its exuberant and intriguing brand of dance theatre, offers much emotion and humour through their dances. They present a provocative blend of modern dance, ballet and theatre, giving the audience an opportunity to feel and experience. DTO, based in Eugene, presents three "home" performance seasons each year at the Hult Centre for Performing Arts, in addition to touring throughout the USA and Canada. From the dynamically technical and dramatically



poignant to the hilariously wacky and off the wall, Dance Theatre of Oregon provides a program of engaging professional dance theatre accessible to all ages. Don't miss them! Quadra Island Community Centre, Sunday, March 18th, 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$14 advance/\$15 at the door, students \$8 advance/\$10 at the door, families \$32 advance/\$35 at the door.

FRIDAY FLICKS - RATCATCHER.

Great Britain 1999

March 9th - Doors 7:30 Showtime 7:45

Adm: \$4.50, \$3.50 students/seniors Not Rated (mature subject matter)

It begins in silence and stop/start editing and then breaks into thick Scottish dialect. But, the words are quite secondary. We are among the mean streets and dingy council

flats of impoverished Glasgow during the

dustmen's strike of the 1970s.

Lynne Ramsay's powerful debut feature, "Ratcatcher" relates the story of James, a 12-year-old boy who lives in a shell of anguish after a tragic accident. "Ratcatcher" explores James's feelings of isolation within the family, and his friendship, deeper than secrets, with the girl who gives favours to the school gang. It captures the shared grief amongst women, the casual cruelty of boys at play, the poverty of hope in tenements that need to be pulled down, the sadness of the romantic heart.

The naturalistic, ensemble acting of the young cast is something to behold, and although the picture is harder than a Glasgow kiss and often unflinchingly bleak, it is also studded with quirky humour and

Quadra Island Minor Softball

Registration Dates:

Saturday Feb.24th Q.Cove 11am-2pm Saturday March 3rd H.Bay 11am-2pm Monday March 5th Quadra Elementary

2:30- 4pm

If new registration please bring child's birth certificate. A separate Uniform Deposit Cheque is also required from all players. Must have Quadra Recreation Society \$20. Lifetime Family Membership.

For more info call Registrar- Pauline Falck at 285-3682 Thanks!

quietly inflected lyricism. The latter is used so sparingly that each manifestation becomes a tiny epiphany. The humour is unpredictable; trump cards buried in a stacked deck. Bare of sentimentalism, the children look old before their time; the adults as if they were never young. Alwin Kuchler's camera is so watchful and so non-judgmental that the unfolding of events is seen with rare humanity.

Director Lynne Ramsay has given us a beguiling paradox in "Ratcatcher". At once earthy and dreamy, despairing and uplifting, it renders the ordinary mysterious and the tragic oddly painless. There is an artistic sensibility in Ramsay's approach to film. She writes tough, and has a painter's eye.

It is an unmistakable masterpiece, yet it resists conventional evaluation. That is precisely a measure of its cinematic quality. "Ratcatcher" is one of the finest British films about childhood in recent years. To engage with it verbally is very much second-best. It demands to be seen.

(review credits: UK Empire, The Irish Times, Inside Out Film, Film Journal International)

2001 Softball Calendars

Fundraiser for 1986 Bantam Girls for 2001 season. On sale at Hummingbird Art & Office Supply and KT's General Store. Only \$5!

Potato Shoot

Come out and try your luck -

Shoot a spud and win a turkey!

Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 359 Cape Mudge Rd. Refreshments will be available. Help is needed to construct 2 more spud guns. For details contact Bill Nutting 285-3394 or Garnet Patten 285-3546 (a chance to learn a new trade!) This is a Legion fundraiser so, come out, have some fun and support your Legion.

Do You Have an Announcement or Advertisement for Publication?

The Next Deadline For Advertising & Editorial 7pm Monday March 12th, 2001

Only Items Received <u>Before</u> The Deadline Can be guaranteed space in the upcoming issue.

Items can be dropped off at: Hummingbird Office & Art Supply Quadra Foods and Heriot Bay Store, or submit by fax: 285-2236

eMail: news@discoveryislands.bc.ca or call 285-2234 for an appointment.

Book Launch

Quadra's own Steve Moore will be reading poetry from his newly published book called <u>The Meaning of Life</u>. Admission is \$2, kids are free. Saturday, March 17 at the Inner Garden (on Cramer Road, Across from the Quadra Library), 7:30 -9:30 p.m.

Bring a hand drum for a jam after the reading. Wear green, it's St. Patrick's Day! For more information call Steve 285-3323.

Quadra & Cortes: Lao Tsu Updated

- A small island has fewer people Though there are machines that can work a hundred times faster than a human They are not needed, People take family seriously & do not travel far Though they have access to planes & power boats No one uses them, People walk a lot & travel by kayak & the government ferry & a ten year old car.
- Though they have guns no one uses them, Women write letters by hand Men add & subtract & divide with pen & paper, The food is home-cooked Their clothes are simple but warm Their wood stove is secure when the power goes out

They are happy in their ways though they live within sight of their neighbours, Deer wander freely Dogs & cats are not caged in, People leave each other in peace while they grow old and die *Steve Moore*

International Women's Day

Women on Quadra will be celebrating International Women's Day with a potluck, starting at 6:00, Saturday, March 10 at the Community Centre. Please bring a plate, cutlery, delicious food to share and \$2 toward expenses. Amnesty International will give an update as will the East Timor committee. On the lighter side, several women will entertain with readings, song, and dance. Come out, bring a friend and celebrate sisterhood. Want more info? Phone 285 3243.

Perform at Women's Day

Would you like to sing a song, tell a story, dance a dance? We invite you to perform! If interested please call Sunday Dennis before March 5th, 285-2633

Quadra Family Centre AGM

Family potluck, March 4, 5p.m. at the Quadra Daycare. AGM meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

Spring Cleaning??

Well you're in luck! We're having a Giant Garage Sale Saturday March 17th at the Community Centre. We need donated ITEMS FOR SALE in clean and working condition. Prearranged drop off would be appreciated but pick-up can be arranged. All proceeds from sale benefit Quadra children in our Softball Program. Help keep our kids active and involved in our Quadra Community. Thanks! Quadra Island Minor Softball.

For more info call-Michele Sjoholm @ 285-3747

Kindergarten Registration

March 5 through 9, 2001.

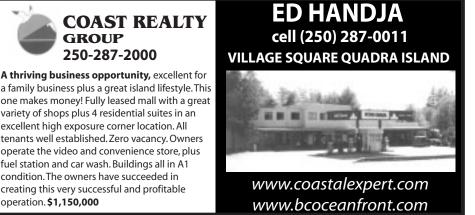
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at your neighbourhood school. Please bring your child's birth certificate.

Quadra Quilters

The February meeting of the Quadra Quilters began with the distribution of new name tags for all members, thanks to the hard work of Yvette Friday and Heather Van Der Est. Our space needs in the new expanded Community Centre were discussed as was the recent workshop held at the Kingfisher Inn, notable not only for the lovely accommodations but also the wonderful food.

Two more quilts were given to the Transition House in Campbell River and members showed many completed pieces of work. Upcoming workshops were reviewed and material requirements given. A one day Phototransfer Workshop titled "Capturing Memories on Fabric" with Louise Slobodan from Coastal Textures in Nanaimo is planned for March 27. This technique allows you to permanently transfer favourite photographs onto fabric for incorporation into a wall hanging, quilt, etc. There are a few spaces left for nonmembers. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Duncan for further details. The cost of the workshop will be \$25.

The Quilt Show for 2001 is going to be very different from previous shows. This year we are joining with the Garden Tour to show our quilts in the gardens. You will be able to enjoy not only beautiful gardens but also see some lovely quilts displayed amongst the flowers and trees. More details will be available later but please keep your fingers crossed for sunny weather on 23rd and 24th of June. Raffle tickets will be available from members before the tour and also during the tour itself.





Social Issues Film Festival

If you haven't already heard, the Katimavik Social Issues Film Festival is on Saturday, March 3rd at the Community Centre. Documentaries with topics ranging from the water we drink, to the W.T.O. protest in Seattle were chosen from the World Community Film Festival in Courtenay. They will be shown all day Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m. and going till 5:30 p.m. Lunch, prepared by Katimavik, will be available at Noon. If you are looking to donate food for the concession, or want more information about the festival please contact Andrew or Krista at 285-3243 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For title listings and show times, please see below:

Saturday March 3rd

 $10{:}00am\ till\ 5{:}00pm$, Admission By Donation

Times	Title	Description
10:15am	Water: Sacred and Profane	Without water there would be no plants, no food, no birds, no people.
10:45am	Public Education: Not for Sale	Public Schools used to create citizens; now with the introduction of ads and corporate logos in school, they are creating consumers.
11:15am	Subdivide and Conquer	Stemming the Tide of Urban Sprawl
11:45am	Gene Blues	Raises questions about the effects of gene research on how humans view themselves and the world around them.
12:15pm	Homemade Lunch By K	atimavik
12:45	Trade Off	No film better captures the spirit, chaos, joy, power and meaning of the Battle of Seattle then Trade Off.
2:10pm	Forsaken Cries: The story of Rwand	a.Contrary to popular opinion, the Rwandan genocide was not based on ancient tribal conflict. It was the result of Western Imperialism in the 19th and 20th centuries.
2:50pm	Not in Our Town	An inspiring story of one town's fight against racism.
3:20pm	McLibel: Two Worlds Collide	A Classic David and Goliath Tale. Two British Citizens take on McDonald's in the longest libel suit in British history.
4:30pm	Beef Inc.	Corporate giants are stamping out individual producers of cattle, sacrificing quality , health, and animals well-being all for a buck.

The Aroma Reader

Still calling for submissions of poems and short stories for this looseleaf book. It will hang out at Aroma Cafe and be enjoyed by many. Send your stuff to Eric Light at Box 577, Heriot Bay or e-mail elight@island.net, or call me at 285-2372. This is a flexible book in that it can be added to or subtracted from. So if you're not sure, try it out—you can always pull out later.

Discovery Islands Health Society

Discovery Islands Health Society is a newly formed non-profit society. We are a group of health professionals and interested lay people seeking to promote and advocate for the health and well-being of island residents. We are well underway in developing a questionnaire to identify local health care concerns. This survey will initially be distributed via mail, likely sometime in April. Please keep an eye out for this!!

Our next meeting is our first AGM. This meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 27th. We welcome new members from any of the Discovery Islands. For further information about our group phone Christa at 285-3030.

Nature Walk

Mitlenach: A Nature walk in the Oyster River Wetlands with Betty Brooks. 10:45 a.m., Oyster Bay Shoreline Park. Info? 285-2297 If you didn't get a chance to listen to the Eckhart Tolle tapes we played at the Inner Garden, you are welcome to borrow them from the Inner Garden's library.

Eckhart Tapes



Plant and wildlife info needed

I am interested in hearing from anyone who keeps track of wildlife (ie. birds at feeders, nests, salamander sightings) and/or timing of wild flowers on Quadra. Information to be used in CCAP fundraising book. Phone Ian @285-2827.

Traditional Music & Dance of Zimbabwe!

Marimba Mazuva with special guests Julia and Garadziva Shigumba (from Zimbabwe) will perform an evening of traditional Zimbabean music and dance on Friday, April 13th, 8:00 p.m. Stay tuned, further details in upcoming issues...

Quadra Island Garden Club

The first meeting of the garden club was attended by over 40 people and some decisions re the direction of the club were taken. It was agreed that there will be a guest speaker each month to give a presentation on a topic of interest and answer questions. Theresa O'Brien of Q Gardens set the tone for future meetings by giving a great presentation on the importance of building good soil. She gave all those present many ideas for improving the quality and tilth of their soil in an environmentally sound manner. The group also supported the idea of a Bring and Buy table to generated funds for the club. Members will bring extra plants, seeds, cuttings, etc. to the meetings for sale to other members at a nominal price. There will also be a magazine table for exchange and passing on of garden magazines, a show table to display what is interesting in your garden at the moment and some garden tips appropriate to the season for the new gardener. Tea, coffee and goodies will also be available at each meeting.

If you missed the first meeting, please join us on Thursday, March 15 at 7.15 pm when the topic is Medicinal and Edible Herbs with Charlene West. Charlene is a registered acupuncturist and has been a resident and gardener on the Outer Islands for over 22 years. She knows the vagaries of gardening in this part of the world. Bring your contributions to the Bring and Buy table, the magazine table and the Show Bench and talk plants with your neighbours. At this time of year is there any other topic but gardening?

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Our Valentine meeting, Feb.7, was catered by the men in the club, who provided a scrumptious, hot and cold buffet luncheon. Special love poems were read, both comical and serious. Most outstanding were: Cliff Hand, Jean Crawfoot, Robert Taylor, Ken Duncan and Hilary Stewart.

We also presented Frank Smirfitt with a western recording of Hanksnow, because Frank talks and sounds like Gary Cooper.

Win Goldstraw was the best dressed in a stunning red gown.

Three lucky valentines won chocolates: Marg Lasby, Hilary Stewart and Bob Taylor.

On February 14th, Valentine's Day, we all (25 members) went to Cumberland for our North Island O.A.P. Regional Meeting and Lunch. A museum representative spoke on the history of Cumberland. Members came from Texada Island, Fanny Bay, Black Creek, Union Bay, Campbell River. We had door prizes and reports from the clubs and a talk about ferries and health care by N.I. Steward Martin Amiabel.

We continue to have carpet bowling (10:30 a.m.) and Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.) every wednesday. Our club meetings are always the 1st wednesday of every month. On March 7th continuing care manager Kathy Young will be our guest. We are looking forward to her talk on this subject.

Jean and Jilly are walking every Sunday, 11a.m. on the Spit. All seniors are welcome young and mature. Contact Ruth 285-3801 or Jean 285-3740.

Ken Hamm at the Yak Shack !!

Ken Hamm is one of Canada's foremost interpreters of traditional roots and blues music. Since 1978, when he began touring solo, he has won a wide following for his stellar guitarwork on both acoustic and steelbody National, as well as for his original songs that reflect his rural westcoast life. In 1991 Hamm was awarded a Juno for best roots and traditional CD ("Saturday Night Blues" compilation CD) and was nominated three years running (1978,1979, 1980) as best acoustic blues guitarist by North America's "Guitar Player" magazine. In 1997 he was nominated as the Best Acousitc Act of the Year by the Toronto Blues Society and was featured performer at the Montral Jazz Festival. In 19999 the Toronto Blues Society again nominated Hamm as Best Acoustic Act of the Year, as well as nominating his 10 Discovery Islander #234 March 2nd, 2001 CD "Galvinized" as Best Recording of the Year. He was also a headliner at the Barrie Jazz and Blues Festival.

But beyond the awards and wellearned praise he has garnered, the most impressive thing about Hamm's music is how he is able to make the music he plays his own. When you see Ken Hamm in concert, it is obvious that he has absorbed, arranged and restated traditional blues and roots music and made it current and original. His ability to accompany himself with driving and intricate slide and acoustic guitar compliments the mix. The music fits him like old work clothes that have been shaped by his labour in the woods of B.C., his timeliving on the Gulf Islands and his honest and direct character

Check him out at the Yak Shack, March 11, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 advance/ \$12 at the door, available at Explore Gallery.



Museum at Campbell River

Wonderful Aunt Winnie has returned to the Museum at Campbell River with West Coast Tales of growing up along the ocean shore.

She has great new children's stories that she is very excited to tell to preschoolers when they visit her at her cabin any Wednesday morning in March at 10:30 a.m. She really would like it if the children's parents would call ahead and pre-register, so that her little cabin won't be too full.

Each pre-schooler pays \$4.00 each session so that Aunt Winnie can continue to live at the Museum. Call 287-3103.

Help with Work Search or Career Planning

Do you need help with your work search or career planning? Check out Opportunities Career Services!

Need a new resume or cover letter? Want to brush up on your job interview skills? Making a career change? We offer one-to-one appointments or workshops to help you with the tools for your job search or career planning.

Doing research for training or job search? Check out our Career Resource Centre, open on a drop-in basis Monday to Friday, 8:30 -4:30. The Career Resource Centre has a Job Board updated daily with new job ads, library of career planning and job search materials, five computers on cable Internet, and much more.

Need to send a fax or make a long distance phone call for job search or career planning purposes? Opportunities Career Services offers free long distance phone and fax services.

Looking for work? Sign up for one of Opportunities Career Services' mini workshops held on the following dates from 9 a.m. to noon:

Tues. March 6, 2001: Presentation on Employment Opportunities and Training in the Tourism Industry by Harley Elias, Department Chair of North Island College Tourism and Hospitality Programs.

Tues. March 13, 2001: Utilizing Community Resources while Job Searching. This workshop looks at what's available to assist and support an individual while he or she is job searching.

Tues. March 27, 2001: Self Marketing. Learn how to market yourself more successfully in your job search and interviews.

Tues. April 3, 2001. Presentation by Robert Duncan, Campbell River Indian Band Economic Development Officer, on the Cruise Ship Industry and the Economic Benefits it will bring to Campbell River.

Tues. April 10, 2001. Job Search Communication Skills. Do you want to feel more comfortable and confident in your communication skills? Come to this workshop to brush up your existing skills and learn new tips to enhance communication with employers.

Come and see us at Opportunities Career Services today! Call 286-3436 or drop by 210 Beech Street to find out more. We're open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Check out our web site: www.careeropportunities.ca

Opportunities Career Services is funded by Human Resources Development Canada, the Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security, community donations, and fee for service.

Women & Work in the Twentieth Century

Celebrate International Women's Day. Enjoy a humorous play by Theatre Works about Women & Work in the Twentieth Century. At the Royal Canadian Legion, 301-11th Avenue, Campbell River, Thursday, March 8, 2001. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, available now at Page 11 Books and Campbell River Women's Centre. Limited Seating, beverages and desserts for purchase. This event is organized by the Women Supporting Women Steering Committee of Campbell River.

14th Annual Campbell River Music Week

The fourteenth annual Campbell River Music Week, a non-competitive music festival for piano students, is approaching, and the syllabus and entry forms are now available.

This year's festival will begin on April 27, with Piano Carnival, for early grade piano students. Fiesta, for all other piano students, begins on Sunday, April 29 and runs for the rest of the week.

The festival's master teachers will be Linda Stobbe for Fiesta and Eddie LeBaron for Carnival.

Music Week is known for its unusual master class format and non-threatening atmosphere, enjoyed by students, teachers and audience members alike.

The syllabus and entry forms for the festival are available at the Music Plant in Campbell River and Dave's Keyboards in Courtenay. Organizers stress that applications must be made through the student's teacher. Deadline for all entries is Sunday, March 4. Contact is Sandy Havelaar 923-6627

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A Spanish Heritage

Let the Spanish history of the Northwest Coast come alive for you at the Museum at Campbell River on Sunday, Mar. 4th at 2:00p.m.when Robin Inglis of the North Vancouver Museum presents an illustrated talk entitled: *A Spanish Heritage: Exploration and Encounter on the Northwest Coast.* His talk details the close encounters of the Spanish kind that occurred right here and on the west coast during the late 1700's, and is an excellent enhancement of the popular Nootka Exhibit, in place until March 18th only.

Please pre-register early to avoid disappointment. Call 287-3103 between noon and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Cost is \$5.50 adults/ \$5.00 students and seniors.



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Pulp Mill Application to burn coal

Dear Editor.

I would like to draw your readers' attention to an Environmental Protection Notice in the Courier-Islander on Feb. 20th.

The purpose of the application is for approval for Elk Falls Forest Industries Ltd.to discharge or emit contaminants for a threemonth trial period to assess the benefits of using coal as an auxiliary fuel in two wood waste fired power boilers. The impacts on economics, operations, solid waste and air emissions will be assessed.

According to comparison charts of fossil fuels, coal is the most polluting for Sulphur Dioxide and Nitrogen Dioxide, and about the same as oil for Particulate Matter. Mercury and other trace elements are also a concern.

Anyone who has concerns may, within 30 days of this notice write to the regional Waste Manager at 2080-A Labieux Rd., Nanaimo, B.C. V9T 6J9 stating how he or she is affected. Be sure to quote Pollution Prevention File No.AA16544. Anything submitted is part of the public record and a copy forwarded to the applicant. The permit is signed by C.A. Easton, the environmental contact person at the Elk Falls Pulp Mill.

If there are any asthmatics out there who are concerned about this, please phone me at 285-3289.

When Love becomes a four letter word

Valentines Greetings:

It's time to grow up. There's nothing romantic for a single woman to receive an unsigned card or gift that spews a message of adoration and undying love.

When you climb out of the delusions of Hollywood and Highschool, women live in a real world full of real dangers. Not one of us escapes this horror unscathed. Ask a female you know how it feels to pass a strange man at night on the street alone, when there's no one around to hear your screams. To pick up a phone and not know who goes with a voice or worse, to realize the darkened figure at your door at night is no one you know. Ask her, then try to imagine what being a woman is really like. There's no room for game playing if you truly care about this woman's well being, and peace of mind. No reason in the world can justify the cruelty of what might have been a loving gesture. Might have, if you'd identified yourself. Ask yourself these thinas:

1. has she ever been stalked?

2. has she ever been raped?

3. has she ever been violently attacked by an unknown assailant?

4. has she ever been the victim of obscene phone harassment?

5. is there an ex in her past she may be hiding from?

6. could the ex be trying to kill her?

Can you answer any of this about many women you know? If you'd answered yes to any of the above, sign your gifts and cards. Otherwise, I think you need to take a long, hard look in the mirror. The face you see is the evil, psycho stalker that's the reality of every woman's nightmare. Think about that, Sicko.

Unsigned

Dear Sir,

Coming along West Rd, I see again wood waste ready to be burnt! Is it not possible to give that wood to people who heat with wood? I know many people who live on \$700 per month, some even less. Many are old age pensioners. I myself cannot pay \$100 a cord.

It is so nice when big companies think of it and help the poor especially during the cold of winter. The trees have been cut, no further damage can be done. Possibly a club could be responsible for organizing a firewood cut.

Sincerely

R. Michel

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Re-Defining Quadra's New Economy

By Ralph Keller

or nearly a year, Quadra Islanders have been divided by an intense socioeconmomic debate. It began last year with Raven's announcement that it would log (mostly clearcut) it,s very high visibility holdings near Quathiaski Cove. Immediately, lines were drawn between traditional resource camps and those favouring, for various reasons, preservation.

As the Raven land debate grew in intensity, I was traveling in Europe. It was late January in the famous Black Forest of Germany, definately not tourist season, and its forested hills were covered in snow. I drove into this picturesque region passing dozens of small towns and villages -some over a thousand years old, nestled among heavily forested hills. Summer postcards depicted quaint, historic villages alive with markets and people set against smog-free skies. In a crowded and nature-less Europe, the allure for visitors is simple: clean air, clean water and verdant forests of Douglas Fir, Hemlock and Spruce, laced with walking paths and dotted with lakes. If you show up after winter the region's accommodations are booked solid.

While generations of local families live out their lives here, the villages are literally frozen in time. Expansion or new construction is rare and highly regulated despite demand by tourists for increased accommodation. Scattered along the roads are ancient farms, with 300 year old farm houses still in use. For the outsider, it appears life has hardly changed these past centuries. Passing the St Blasien Dome, the third largest in Europe built by Monks in 800 AD, it seemed that the region was too historic for anything but outright preservation.

By Sunday evening, I reached Uhrberg (population 300,) in the heart of the Black Forest. I woke Monday morning to the sound of trucks and distant echoes of chainsaws reverberating through the hills. Over breakfast, my hosts pointed out that the Black Forest was not merely a living museum, but had a highly diversified economy, chief industries were tourism and logging. Whereever I drove I encountered logging trucks, even more than I might encounter on the Island Highway. Whatever trail I walked, I could hear distant loggers at work. Each village or town, no matter how small seemed to have an small operating sawmill, often with value added milling infrastructure attached. Especially noteworthy was the absence of Pat Martin/ Lee Luckhusrt style logging.

There were no "in your face" clearcuts that I could see. Clearly, along the forested walking trails there were stumps.

Both tourism and forest sectors here had reached a complimentary equilibrium. Neither seemed willing to hurt the other and as I met Hoteliers and Loggers, I was impressed with the spirit of cooperation and good will. I found out that Black Forest loggers earn more than BC loggers and with greater benefits. That there are 4 forest workers employed for every thousand meters cut (compared with 2/3 of a job on Quadra). And, I learned that the gross economic contribution of each industry is in the billions of dollars, all from a region half the size of Vancouver Island.

The new electronic economy was luring more and more professionals to the Black forest. Health care professionals, retired people, writers, artists and numerous crafts people have re-settled the region creating a full range of high quality services and retail outlets. Previously a back water of the German economy, this area now draws a new wave of residents who work and live there for fundamentally one reason-`the quality of life or more specifically, a new economy based on the appreciation of natural beauty.

I returned home to the reality of Quadra Island. To the self centered, self serving Raven Industries, the numbered companies of Mike Jenx, and Texada logging operations whose frontier mentality functions in complete isolation from the rest of the community. I was also re-awakened to the scenic values of the Discovery Islands which far exceed those in Europe.

The Raven clearcut did much more than downgrade the Discovery Islands from a first class international wilderness tourism destination to a 2nd class one. It downgraded the living environment for people- people who come here, live here and work here because of a fundamental appreciation for natural beauty. What does this mean for the Quadra Economy?

It means that a second class place can only charge 2nd class prices. That businesses will pay second class wages, that visitors who might choose to retire here might choose not to. That real estate will sell for less money and sell more slowly. That fewer houses will be built, fewer carpenters will be employed and retail businesses, from grocery stores to building suppliers will hire fewer people and stock less merchandise. Quadra, like Campbell River and other remote BC communities will have difficulty attracting health care professionals. Residents will have to travel farther for specialized medical attention and our aging population will leave earlier. There will be fewer children in our schools, and fewer teachers. There will be less money for roads, and less justification for maintaining ferry services. The Raven cut will touch us all, perhaps not so much by what will happen, but by what won't.

To the forest workers of Quadra I say protect your jobs, make a strong case for the forest industry because you are important to us. But your job is not so important that you should hurt the quality of life, and economy of an entire community.

We can have it all if we cooperate but if we continue to divide our community by placing our own needs above all else, then life here will be hard. For most of us here on Quadra, the bitterness of the Raven clearcut will remain long after the sweetness of your paychecks has worn off.



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Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department by Murray Johnson

Chimney Fires

We have been called out to several chimney fires over the past winter, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to take care to maintain your chimney in a clean and sound condition. Although many chimney fires go out fairly easily once the air supply is shut down, and others burn themselves out, at other times chimney fires can be much more dangerous, damaging your chimney or extending to become a house fire. You should have your chimney cleaned and inspected at the start of each heating season. If you use it a lot, burn at low temperatures, or burn poorlyseasoned wood, you may need to get it swept more often. Look in the yellow pages under "Chimney Service". If you do experience a chimney fire, shut down all sources of air to the fire, call 911 for the Fire Dept., and get everyone out of the house. There is some good information at

www.csia.org/home/chimfire.

Join Us...

As mentioned last time, the Fire Department is actively seeking new volunteers to join. If you are over 18, healthy, and willing to make a commitment to help provide a valuable service to your community, as well as having some fun, please consider it. To find out more, call Murray at 285-2773, Len at 285-2802, or Sharon at 285-3373, or just show up at the #1 Fire Hall in Q-Cove any Tuesday evening at 7:30.

New Fire Hall and Ambulance Station

As we wrote about in the last edition of this column, the Fire Dept. recently received title to the piece of land on Heriot Bay Road which has been provided for a new #1 Fire Hall and Ambulance Station. Although this project has been public in its planning stages for the past seven or eight years, finally moving ahead with it seems to have generated a bit more public interest. There will be a public information session on the project sometime in the next couple of months, please watch for announcements. Meanwhile, here are a few of the questions I'm hearing, and some answers:

A٠ Many reasons. About ten years ago the Department's long-range planning process identified the need for a replacement hall for the existing #1 Hall, to meet the requirements of the Fire Commissioner's Office, the WCB, the Building Code, earthquake resistance standards, home insurance company standards, operational needs, and an increasingly broad range of requirements imposed upon the modern fire service. The option of enlarging and upgrading the existing hall was considered and rejected as being just as expensive, and less suitable, than constructing a new building if an appropriate piece of land could be obtained for the right price (final purchase price: \$1, not bad..). The Quadra Unit of the BC Ambulance Service has always operated without an ambulance station. For years they've operated out of a bay in our fire hall, but their needs too have dramatically increased with time, and a proper station is long overdue.

Q: Will our taxes go up to pay for it?

A: ABSOLUTELY NOT. As required by the Municipal Act and the Fire Commissioner's Office, the Department undertakes long-range planning to ensure that capital projects, such as replacement fire trucks, large equipment items, and fire halls, are properly funded when their time comes. The new fire hall has been in the capital plan for the past seven or eight years now, and the Reserve Fund currently contains most of the funding for the construction. The present year's budget, along with donated or discounted services and some volunteer time. is expected to cover the balance.

Q: Will the land for the new hall be cleared of trees?

A: NO. Obviously, for the building, parking, and maneuvering areas, clearing will be done. However, great care has been taken to plan the site in a sensitive and appealing manner, with forested buffers, no unnecessary clearing, retention of individual trees within cleared frontage areas, and retention of natural areas wherever possible. A total of 30% of the lot area is planned for clearing. The site design work has been submitted to the Planning Department of the Regional District, who were pleased with the design approach and results.

Q: Is the new building going to be an ugly box?

A: No. The architectural intent of the new building is to present an attractive building which fits into the surrounding community and meets the general guidelines of the Official Community Plan for development permit areas. Obviously the building design is subject to budgetary constraints as well, but we think you'll be pleased with the appearance; come see it at the upcoming information session. The preliminary building design elevations have also been run past the Planning Department, who liked what they saw.

Q: When is it going to be built?

A: Current plans call for a start on construction by this summer, with occupancy hoped-for by the end of the year.

Again, for further information, please watch for an announcement of a public information session on the project. If you have specific questions, one of the Trustees may be able to answer them, or feel free to contact this writer.

This column appears in the Discovery Islander every second issue or so. Our thanks to the publishers for giving us this opportunity. If you ever have any topics that you would like covered regarding the Fire Department, fire safety regulations, etc., or questions that we may be able to answer, please feel free to contact us: QIVFD, Box 80, Quathiaski Cove, BC, VOP 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief Phone 285-3262 Fax 285-3273 You may also contact this writer at email <u>murray@island.net</u> if you like.

Money Matter\$ Surfeit of Surpluses

by Steven Halliday

ike most people who spend any time writing creatively, I am occasionally difflicted with writers block. One of my favourite columnists wrote recently "After labouring for hours I've reached the deadline, and upon rereading what I have produced so far I have determined it is such garbage that I'm trashing it. See you next column." Being a daily columnist published on a website owned by himself he can take such liberties. I, on the other hand, do not have such luxury. But fortunately something always comes up to provide fodder for thought, and today is no exception.

Like all British Columbians I received a lovely book in the mail courtesy of Ministry of Health, called the BC HealthGuide. 396 pages between glossy covers that will help us to avoid costly visits to our GP or the emergency room. Full of handy tips on how to diagnose your own case of athletes foot or know whether or not you are having a heart attack. This is just great, another sign that our government really cares about us and our health. Who would have ever thought to put out a book to help us poor dumb folks look after ourselves? Actually, many hundreds of others have had the same thought, as a visit to any bookstore will show you. In fact, I'm sure the majority of us already own such a book in one form or another. Now, I have no idea what the government actually spent on such a book, but I'd be willing to bet it was in the millions of dollars if you think about production costs and mailing. It's a safe bet they could have cut their costs in half if they had just given us all a discount certificate to a bookstore to purchase the home diagnosis book of our choice, and it would have had a much more satisfactory economic impact. But, of course, such thinking would be labeled

sensible, something our elected officials collectively avoid doing at all costs.

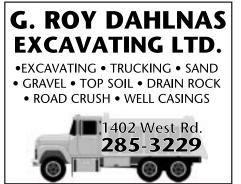
Our provincial government, along with most western governments, is now bragging about their fiscal acumen in generating a budget surplus in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Down in the good old USA George W. Bush III is getting close to having enough support to actually start spending their surplus, which comes in at a cool \$2 to \$4 trillion dollars. How does he plan to spend it? Most of it will go into tax cuts, but he has plans to spend a whole bunch of it in buying a bunch of new toys for his armed forces, as well as giving them all a nice big fat raise. He is also planning about 6% more general government spending, rewarding those constituencies who helped him gain office. Fortunately our Premier has not announced any grandiose schemes to spend our surplus (yet).

Some of you may be wondering "just what is Halliday's problem with surpluses, anyway?". Trust me, I don't have a problem with them. I'm a businessman, and surplus is just a synonym for my favorite word profit! Unfortunately in government circles this is not the case. The surpluses we hear about were not generated by fiscal genius, or masterful cost controls, or expanded market share. These surpluses have been created on the backs of the people, by cutting and slashing services on a massive scale. If a department managed to avoid a funding cut it has certainly experienced a spending freeze for several years. Most of my friends that work in the civil service have seen their purchasing power erode steadily as they have lived with seemingly never-ending wage freezes. Several areas of government responsibility have seen a high level of fiscal neglect, including but not limited to highways, heathcare, education, ferries, social services and environment. All of these areas are going to require massive infusions of cash, and soon. Healthcare is the priority, because if we don't improve the lot of our medical practitioners and their support staff we won't have any left – they'll all be practising down in the States. Hmmm, maybe that's why we all got that book.

It is sheer folly for governments to spend any portion of a so-called surplus without restoring (on an indexed basis) funding to the departments who have suffered the cuts. It is beyond folly, perhaps even lunacy, to plan to spend surpluses that haven't even been realised yet, as Mr. Bush proposes. Members of his own party are sounding the alarm that the surpluses might not even materialize, as they are projections based upon several flawed assumptions, such as the boom of the 1990's continuing forever. Nor do the projections factor in the energy crunch we are now seeing unfold. Nor do they make any allowance for increased interest rates, a real possibility now that inflation is starting to accelerate. In short, the Congressional Budget Office projections are extremely optimistic, and that factor alone should cause some hesitation before George whips out his cheque book. At least our Federal Finance Minister is not speaking about spending unrealized surpluses. Yes, he did give us a tax break recently, based on the historic, not projected, surplus. And, his plans include debt pay down, not spending increases, even though federal areas of administration are in as much need of attention as the provincial ones. We've all been told to save for a rainy day – that day has arrived for our governments. May they spend wisely.







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Fundraiser a Sweet Success

by Tanya Storr

Quadra Elementary grade 3 Valentine's Day fundraiser to raise money for homeless children in India was a sweet success. Diana McKerracher's class raised \$200 selling lollipops they made as a classroom project, and they are sending the money to Save the Children organization.

The grade 3 class decided to do the fundraiser after Diana returned from a five-week trip to India in early January. She and her husband, Rob, went to India to visit their younger son, Colin, who is studying at Mahindra United World College near Pune in Maharashtra State. The school board gave Diana a monthlong unpaid leave of absence so she could make the trip.

"I wrote to my class while I was in India, telling them how shocked I was to see homeless children living on the streets and sleeping on the sidewalks. I had the chance to visit two village schools, and told my class in the letter that our school is like a palace compared to those schools," she said.

Diana brought back photos of the village schools and showed them to her class. Shortly after returning from India, Diana and Rob hosted a Katimavik billet, Brenda Fennell from Kamloops. Brenda told Diana her grad class had made homemade lollipops as a fundraiser, and she showed Diana how to make them.

"I thought it was a good idea for a fundraiser and I talked to my class about it. The children liked the idea of raising money for the homeless children in India and enthusiastically jumped into it. They had real ownership of the project, and helped make the decisions about lollipop flavours, etc.," Diana said.

Adult volunteers Ellen Russell, Susan Johnson, Sue Graham, Kathy Fyfe, and Karen Holmes assisted with making the lollipops. The children did the measuring and stirring, and the adults heated the concoction up to 350 degrees F on the staff room stove. Once the mixture reached the "hard crack" stage with the candy thermometer, they poured it into muffin cups. "The trick is to transfer the lollipops from the muffin cups to a cookie sheet before they harden. Then you press popsicle sticks into the hot lollipops as they are hardening," Diana explained.

The children wrapped the hardened lollipops in saran and tied ribbons around them. They made four flavours: cherry, lemon, orange, and butterscotch. Each child was allowed one lollipop as a free sample.

To promote the lollipop fundraiser, the children created posters with heart motifs and slogans such as "Show You Care" and "Help the Homeless Children of India".

Diana made a tree display in the school's glass case and hung lollipops from it. Every



time the class walked by the glass case that week, the children would sing the lollipop song: "Under the lollipop, lollipop, lollipop, lolly, lolly, lollipop tree . . ."

The fundraiser was a big success. The students sold the lollipops for 50 cents each at a table near the lollipop tree, and in just a few days they were all gone.

"We could have sold many more than we had made," Diana remarked. "People bought the lollipops as Valentine's Day presents. It went very well."

The earthquake that devastated Gujarat State occurred during the lollipop fundraiser. Diana said Save the Children will decide whether the money her class raised will go to earthquake victims or to other children in need in India.

"The plight of these children is always desperate," she noted.

Diana and Rob's son, Colin, joined an

emergency team sent by his college to Bhuj, the epicentre of the earthquake, shortly after the disaster occurred. Diana read aloud a letter from Colin in her classroom, describing his experiences giving out food and setting up tents for earthquake victims.

Prior to raising money through the lollipop fundraiser, Diana's class had an "India Day" celebration during which they learned about India through the five senses. Katimavik participants helped with the event.

On "India Day" the students pretended to be on a flight to India. Diana showed a video about India for the "in-flight movie" and each child received a flight bag donated by Cathay Pacific containing

a sleep mask, pair of socks, and toothbrush. When they "landed" in India, Jordan from Katimavik stamped the passports the children had made.

The children then tasted chai tea served by a "chai wallah", Josiane from Katimavik. They paid for their chai with rupees that Diana had brought back. Natasha from Katimavik helped the students roll and cook chapatis.

The children tried on silk saris and wool shawls, ground Indian spices, and listened to Indian music. In the afternoon they made paper with the help of Leanne Hodges and Ellen Russell.

"I had visited an Indian paper factory and showed the children photos I took there, so making paper in the classroom tied in nicely with that," said Diana.

It was during India Day that Diana and the children first started discussing the idea of raising money for the homeless children in India. Diana said the best part of the lollipop fundraiser was that the children wanted to do something altruistic.

"The part I feel good about is it taught them genuine caring. They weren't raising money for their own fieldtrip or project. If anyone asked them why they were selling lollipops, they would say 'to help the homeless children in India."

North Island Green Candidate Selected

by Tanya Storr

Ralph Keller will be running for the North Vancouver Island Greens in the upcoming provincial election. Keller was selected as the Green Party candidate by the newly formed North Island Greens Constituency Association following a panel interview process on February 25. Don Malcolm, a Cortes Island resident and editor of the *Watershed Sentinel*, was the other nominee.

The nine-member interview panel was made up of Green Party members who have been involved in forming the North Island Constituency Association. The inaugural meeting of the constituency association was held in Campbell River on February 20 with BC Green Party leader Adriane Carr in attendance.

At the February 25 candidate selection forum, panel members asked the two nominees individual questions as well as directing questions at both of them as if at an all-candidates meeting. The interview process went on for three hours. After the nominees left, the party members held a discussion and vote.

"It was a very good process," said North Island Greens financial agent Wendy Richardson. "The two nominees were thoughtful, intelligent, and articulate."

In a cell phone interview from Read Island on February 27, Keller said he feels honoured to be the Green Party candidate for the North Island.

"It was quite a process to be selected—we were interviewed intensively and had to answer a lot of difficult questions. I'm going to do the very best job I can. I'm just a representative for a group of people who think a certain way. There are a lot of people behind me who believe I can deliver the message, and they will be doing a lot of the work," he said.

This is Keller's first foray into provincial politics, but as an environmental advocate for the past 15 years he has quite a bit of experience writing articles and doing media interviews.

Together with his wife, Lannie, Keller operates Coast Mountain Expeditions, an eco-tourism business specializing in kayak tours. The Kellers have a lodge at the top of Evans Bay on Read Island, and recently acquired the lease for the former Norwegian fish farm site at the end of Surge Narrows Road on Quadra. Coast Mountain will have five employees this season.

"We're calling our new site the **Discovery Islands** Lodge. At the new site we plan to include a little mountain biking, hiking, and interpretive tours for school groups. We're building a new ramp and dock. and renovating the building. It's a two-to-three year project," Keller said

Keller said it was a tough decision to take on the challenge of running for the Green Party c a n d i d a c y because he and Lannie are busy with the new acquisition to

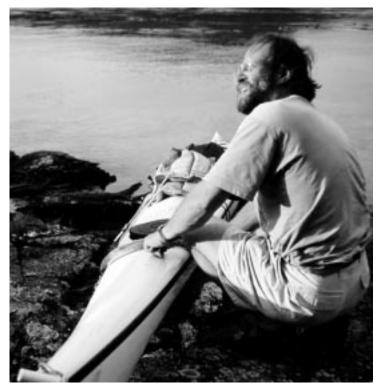
their business. However, he knows he will have the support of the constituency association and he believes the Green Party could do really well in the election.

"Some people are saying if we are careful we could win the North Island seat. The Green Party has been known as an environmental party, but is now leaving behind its one-issue status. We also have very solid healthcare, education, and finance platforms. It's really a very sensible approach to government. Our finance platform is actually very conservative, much more so than the NDP and possibly more so than the Liberals," Keller noted.

He went on to say that the Green Party doesn't believe in deficit financing and plans on running a balanced budget every year unless there's a major emergency. Keller said the Green Party is essentially based on sustainability.

"Industries working within the environment have to prove they are using sustainable practices, not only in terms of biology but also in terms of global opinion."

Keller said the reality is that BC endorses global trade, which is a doubleedged sword. "It's great that we can sell wood or pulp overseas, but in return we



Ralph Keller newly nominated Green Party candidate for the Green Party. Photo: Ian Douglas

have to meet the demand to harvest it in a sustainable manner. Weyerhauser and MacMillan Bloedel have lost large contracts in Europe because of their harvesting methods, and the boycott is starting to spread to Asia."

He added that the Green Party has a "no net job loss" platform for the North Island with respect to the forestry industry.

"Our goal is to convert to individual and community woodlots and value-added manufacturing through tax incentives, to not only stabilize job numbers but improve them. I'd like to see forestry given back to the people of the North Island."

Regarding the co-generation plant in Campbell River, Keller said the Green Party would insist on raising emission standards to at least what is required in the Lower Mainland.

Keller said other Green Party goals include diversifying the economy and resolving Native land claims as expeditiously as possible.

During the campaign Keller plans to visit every North Island community, fit in as many media interviews as possible, and attend all-candidates meetings where he will face questions alongside NDP candidate Glenn Robertson and Liberal candidate Rod Sanderson Visser.

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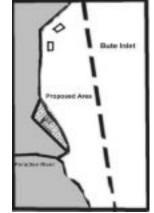
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Comments regarding this application may be made to BCAL, 2080-A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, Phone (250) 751-3160, Facsimile (250) 751-3103.

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