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•Every Thursday-Jam with Moe, Quadra Legion 8pm

•1st Friday of every month-Open stage @ Yak Shak Coffee House 7:30-10pm

March 15, Friday-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist SocietyCommunity Centre8:00 p.m.-Catholic MassQuadra Island United Church5:00 pm-Catholic Mass-Catholic Mass

March 24, Sunday -Michael Kaeshammer 7:00 pm

March 26, Tuesday -Town Hall Forum 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27 -Quadra Island Cemetery Trustees AGM 8:00 pm

**April 7, Sunday** -Quadra Daycare's AGM Time to be announced

**April 8, Monday** -Quadra Island Garden Club 7:00 pm

**April 9, Tuesday** -Quadra Island Quilters 9:30 am

**April 14, Sunday** -Quadra Daycare's Celebrate Yourself 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

April 19, Friday -Catholic Mass 5:00 p.m.

**April 30, Tuesday** -Town Hall Forum 7:30 pm Community Centre

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# **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

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# **Town Hall Forum**

#### - 7:30pm – 26<sup>th</sup> March (last Tuesday)

#### - community center.

Should property taxpayers pay for Q Cove ferry parking?

Director Jim Abram "has been working with the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, the Ministry of Transportation and the Harbour Authority so see about a cost-sharing setup to remove parking fees", as quoted in the CR Mirror, 27th February 2002. CSRD cost-sharing, would mean additional taxes paid by Quadra Island's property taxpayers. Should property owners be picking up the parking tab to the Harbour Authority for ferry commuters parking? Do you agree? Is there a financial solution to the ferry parking chaos? Come to the Town Hall Forum and express your opinion. You won't be heard unless you're there. There'll be a straw vote, Yea or Nay!

In a participatory process, we'll also identify issues of concern by Islanders. Bookmark the last Tuesday in March, the 26<sup>th</sup> to attend, learn, and participate in Quadra Island's Town Hall Forum, 7:30pm at the community center. ......... Information is power, but if you snooze, you'll loose.

Next month, being April, taxation will be the issue: Regional District of Comox-Strathcona per year increase last year was 24%, only 10.2% this year, and just 17.8% scheduled so far for next year – which will mean over \$1,800 in taxes per day to the CSRD next year. Bookmark the last Tuesday in April, the 30<sup>th</sup> to attend.

## **Quadra Seniors**

Quadra Seniors have been busy as usual. On Feb. 13 th we had our Valentine Party, Prizes, Valentines etc. We helped Cliff and Anne Hand celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, by giving them a heart filled with kisses for the next 50 years. The men where in charge of our great Pot-Luck Luncheon. And we enjoyed music by Joyce Baker on the Piano, Thank-you Joyce.

About ten Seniors went down by Bus to Victoria, on the 23rd of February, to protest the Cut-backs by the Provincial Government.

On March 6th we were entertained by Laura and the Quadra Juggling Club, they gave us an outstanding performance, of Juggling Tricks, just like the old Vaudeville Days. Helen and Russ Swanson were congratulated on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Bob & Margaret Lasby were also celebrating their 48 yrs. in wedded bliss.

We have a trip planned to Chemainus Theatre, Sointula Malcolm Islands for their 100th anniversary Celebration, 2 nights there. And a Boat trip on the U-Chuck to Friendly Cove, to visit the old haunts of Maquina the famous native chief. Also a walk at Tsakwaluten, to see where the Kwagiulth met the famous Capt Cook, and to also find some petroglyphs with Joy Inglis and Marcy Wolter.

We are a very active club. and welcome all Seniors to join us in our companionship, and ventures, Contact people are Ruth Amiabel 285-3801-Bob Lasby 285-3501-Joyce Hargreaves 285-3971 our meetings are usually held on the 1st Wed. of every month at 10:00a;m at the Royal Canadian Legion, every Wed. 10:00a;m Tai -Chi, with Frank Smirfitt, 10:30a:m Carpet Bowl with the Gang -SEE U THERE '.



# Regional Directors Report

#### Hello to all....

This is going to be a short report today since I have just come in from more Regional District meetings and have to go out the door in a few minutes to attend the APC meeting.

I just want to congratulate all of the people from Area J that took the time to attend the protest in Campbell River on Saturday, during the most foul weather imaginable!

I was a delegate to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) which is where the protest was staged, prior to and during the appearance by the premier, Gordon Campbell. There were a few Ministers and a few other MLA's in attendance also, along with over 250 delegates representing all local governments from Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and the Central Coast, right up to Bella Coola.

It was an honour to be able to come out at our break and address the crowd for a few minutes and I thank you for the warm reception.

I want you to know that what you did was very admirable in the face of all of the negative measures that are effecting our communities up and down the coast and all across the province. More and more people are speaking up and making their views known regarding the cuts to much needed programs. We at local government are being told that we are being "spared" but the reality is that with no increases to funding from the province we are taking a cut due to inflation and we are also finding that there are more and more services that will be eliminated if we at the local level don't pick them up. This equates to offloading... whether it be passive or active it is still offloading and we were promised by this gov't that this would not happen.

I want you to know that your voices were heard inside that building by all of the above mentioned people and it will have an effect. You also got local, regional and national coverage in the news media. This is phenomenal for such a small community. It is yet another example of how we at the local level CAN make a difference.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!!!! You should be proud of yourselves for standing up for what you believe in. Keep up the good work.

Jim Abram, Director, Area J, CSRD

# **Friday Flicks**

"I know audiences are very cynical, but I would hate to make films that cause people lose their lust for life and their sense of belonging. I think it's amazing to make a film that will make people talk and touch each other. That's my only aim," says director Paul Cox. This philosophy forms the core of *Innocence* the poignant story of two seventy year-olds, one trapped in a 44-year-old but passionless marriage, who meet after a separation of many decades and rediscover the love they enjoyed in their youth.

"Poignant, visceral and cinematic," Innocence evokes memories of young love that have ripened into full bloom. Essentially two love stories merged into one, *Innocence* moves between the youthful past and the present journey, exploring the complexities, mysteries and realities of rekindled passions in later life. Beautiful to look at, images of today meld into those of distant youth.

Successfully portraying two lovers in their seventies is no mean feat, and *Innocence* is a very rare sort of film with its emotional honesty. It is "exuberant with the inner complexities of life's adventures of the heart." The winner of audience prizes at the Toronto and Montreal festivals last year, *Innocence* could turn out to be the global hit feature film director and documentarian Paul Cox has long deserved.

The film has received some adverse reaction to its frankness in presenting the erotic life of seniors. "It's just crazy when people say, 'You can't show things like that,'" says Cox. "But is it all right to show someone's brain splashing all over a room?...The body needs to be caressed, to be held. Do you think that fades when time goes on? It doesn't."

Innocence is not a flawless movie, but it is a cut above the average motion picture romance because it addresses familiar issues from a different perspective than that of every other love story. The rhythms are less hurried, less desperate, more respectful and gentle. Yet there is much passion ~with moments of great comedy~of life and the healing power of real love and companionship. "This tender and thought-provoking motion picture will reward moviegoers the effort made to find it."

# Michael Kaeshammer

Live Performer of the Year, Musician of the Year!!

Winners of the West Coast Music Awards were just announced on Thursday evening March 7, 2002; and **Michael Kaeshammer** received two of the most coveted awards; Live Performer of the Year and Musician of the Year. The Quadra Island Cultural Committee, after waiting patiently for a long time, is very excited to welcome **Michael Kaeshammer** to the Quadra Island Community Centre on **Sunday, March 24th**.

A keyboard wizard, he is one of Canada's most exciting young stars! The JUNO AWARD nominated pianist is building an international following with a series of crowd-pleasing tours across Canada, Europe, and the U.S. Kaeshammer has also released a pair of top-selling, critically acclaimed CDs and a recently recorded gem "No Strings Attached", that features a flowering of the 24 year old musicians compositional talent and musical contributions from the cream of the Canadian jazz and R&B scene and the kings of New Orleans funk.

While he loves to play raucous and reverent note for note covers by boogie woogie masters like Albert Ammons, more often than not, Kaeshammer uses boogie woogie as the basis for his own, evolving style of playing, arranging and composition. The result is creative, smoking music that manages to be highly personal.

As a boy, Kaeshammer, studied classical piano in Offenburg, Germany. After seven years of classical training, the 13-year-old piano prodigy discovered the boogiewoogie stylings of the form's master. Three years later, the 16-year-old Kaeshammer was playing boogie-woogie piano in clubs, concerts, and festivals all over Germany. When the Kaeshammer family moved to Canada, the teenage pianist's standout performance at the 1996 Terrifvic Jazz



Party in Victoria signaled the arrival of a new Canadian jazz star. Breathtaking shows thru out that summer's Canadian jazz and blues festal circuit stirred up more interest.

Kaeshammer's most recent CD, "No Strings Attached includes a supporting cast of Canadian jazz stars as well as 'big easy' legends such as Art Neville, Eddie Bo, Johny Vidaclvich, James Singleton and the Dopsie Brothers.

In 2001 "No Strings Attached" was nominated for a Juno Award as best jazz album and Michael was named Male Artist Of The Year at the West Coast Music Awards. Throughout his career, Kaeshammer has maintained a busy schedule of live performances. He and his band have toured relentlessly in supports of his recordings, numerous times criss-crossing Canada, Europe and the U.S. Michael is a dynamic, charismatic entertainer with brilliant technical skills. With his fine, young working trio, bassist SIMON FISK, and drummer DAMIAN GRAHAM, Kaeshammer will continue to tour across Canada, the USA and Europe throughout 2002.

You will not want to miss this live performance in an intimate venue at the Quadra Island Community Centre, Sunday March 24th at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$18. **Tickets available at** Page 11 Books, Hummingbird, Quadra Crafts



# **RCMP** News Release

#### File 2002-121

Quadra Island RCMP are requesting the public's assistance in locating the vehicle responsible for a hit and run which occurred on Saturday, March 9, 2002 between 5 p.m. and 8p.m. in the Legion Parking Lot during the meat draw. Extensive damage was caused to the victim vehicle's front grill/radiator. If you are responsible for this accident or if you have information regarding this hit and run, please contact Quadra Island RCMP at (250) 285-3631 or Crimestoppers at (250) 287-8477.

#### File 2002-127

Quadra Island RCMP received a complaint of 2 males (late teens/early 20's) in a truck, harassing and threatening pedestrians in the area of Quathiaski Cove on Saturday night at approximately 10:00 p.m. If you witnessed this or have any information, you are asked to contact Quadra Island RCMP at (250) 285-3631 or Crimestoppers at (250) 287-8477 (TIPS).

Several Complaints have been received regarding "ownerless"dogs running at large in the Hooleyville area. Please keep your pets under control and dog owners are reminded that they are responsible both civilly and criminally for their dogs actions.

#### File 2001-797

Quadra Island RCMP is requesting the public's assistance in locating a generator which was stolen on Cortes Island during the power outage in December 2001. The generator which belongs to Telus and was placed on Mary Pt Rd. to assist the local people with communication. Telus is unable to replace the generator which leaves those residents without backup communications during the next power outage. It is a Generac 5 KW, valued at \$2000.00 and has "FD" marked on it in red. If you have any information, please contact Quadra Island RCMP at 250 285-3631, Cortes Island residents please call 1-866-888-0088 or Crimestoppers at 250 287-8477

## 6th Annual Walk for the Elimination of Racism

Saturday, April 20th. Meet at 11:00 am, Campbell River Community Centre, 401-11th Avenue. Refreshments and entertainment provided after a short walk. Call 830-0171 or 286-1161 for more information.

# **Celebrate Yourself**

Join Quadra Daycare and *Celebrate Yourself* at our annual fundrasing event **Sunday April 14th 11-3 pm**. Admission at the door is \$2 and proceeds go to Quadra Daycare. Vendors can register now and before March 18th receive a \$5 discount on the \$40 table fee which will apply after that date.

For more information and to register call Dana Gordan at 285-3960

# Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society.

Quadra Island is surrounded by some of the clearest water on the planet, making it a wonderful place for diving and observing our rich marine ecosystem. The next meeting on March 15 at 8.00 pm in the Community Centre will feature guest speaker Kevin Bates. Kevin, a well known local diving instructor, will present Underwater Life around Quadra Island. Kevin, a marine biologist, worked for Fisheries Canada for 15 years and has been diving and taking underwater photographs for over 25 years. For the last 10 years he has been a diving instructor based in Campbell River, frequently using the waters around Quadra Island for practical classes. Kevin's presentation will focus not only on the incredible marine life that exists below our intertidal zone

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but the relationships between the various animal classes and their role in the ecosystem. Come and see the incredible creatures that live around us under the ocean surface and learn of their complex interrelationship. Everyone is welcome.

# A Quadra Players QTV Co-production

Quadra's very own television station, QTV, in conjunction with Quadra Players, will be giving the public a taste of its inaugural season on April 4th, 5th and 6th at the Community Hall. "Spy on Quadra", as this sneak preview is named, will feature a large cast of familiar and new faces. We will be airing shows from the entire spectrum of television production, including local news, educational programming, sports, popular shows from other networks, and a soap opera. The doors will open at 7:30 for our studio audience.

# **Genetic engineering**

#### - Presentation and discussion

Almost everything we eat nowadays contains organisms manipulated by genetic engineering (GE). There are serious concerns about the effects of GE on food supply safety. Other risks involve crosspollination and dangerous patented-seed trade practices. A growing body of evidence reveals GE may be creating organisms and situations which fit squarely into the category of sinister products like lead, DDT and tobacco smoke.

To help understand this complicated subject a presentation of the new National Film Board production entitled: "Genetic Take-over" - together with an address by Richard Bocking, followed by open discussion - is being jointly sponsored in the public interest by the Sierra Club - Quadra Island Group and the Campbell River Environmental Council.

Richard Bocking is an agricultural economist and former CBC TV documentary producer. He is also the author of a number of books - including the award-winning "Mighty River: A Portrait of the Fraser". From his continuing interest in agriculture, Mr. Bocking has developed a concern about, and participation in, the debate over the influence of genetic engineering on food safety, the environment, university research, the future of farming and control of the global food supply. Mr. Bocking's first book "Canada's Water - For Sale?" dealt with the issue of water export from Canada and was adopted from his film of the same name.

This promises to be a most informative and interesting presentation on a subject which affects each one of us. It takes place at **North Island College Theatre on Tuesday March 26 at 7.30 p.m.** Admission by donation - everybody welcome. To car-pool, if you need a ride, call Ken at 285-2580.



#### **Thank You!**

To all the people who helped when my mother collapsed outside of Quadra Foods last Wednesday. She is highly allergic and went into anaphylactic shock. We are still not sure what sets it off, but she is now doing fine. These attacks, similar to what happens to people who are allergic to bee stings, can be fatal. She once had an attack at her bank because they had just shampooed the carpet! Suffice to say that she is chemical sensitive and has to eat all organic foods which is one of the reasons Quadra Foods is her favorite store! She is up visiting from Vancouver, and loves to shop there when she is here.

Again I would like to say thank you to the staff at Quadra Foods, the ambulance attendants, and all the people who helped especially the man who kneeled by her head and gave me his shirt. I don't know your name but you were of great comfort and I never got a chance to say thank you. I moved to Quadra for many reasons, and at times like this I can add one more!

Forever Grateful. Heidi Ridgway

#### Sierra Quadra - Notes

In a report on "Quadra Island Eagles" in the January 2002 Mitlenatch Field Naturalist's Newsletter, Terri Martin writes, "... I'm watching the School Road site on the Raven Lands with particular interest. While logging was under way last year, a pair [of eagles] was perched in the area every time I drove by. It wasn't until late summer that I saw the nest quite by accident.... Unfortunately that tree was one of the many trees that came down during the Dec. 13/14 wind storm. The pair is still around, but I've yet to see any sign of them starting a new nest. Often eagles miss a breeding season when the nest has has been lost, but they usually remain on site to defend their property."

#### **Dear Editor.**

Here is a letter I received last week from the Regional Waste Manager. You are welcome to publish all, or parts, of it. I personally favour the bits where they say the mill can burn coal for a 3-month "test burn" starting March 5th but they don't actually have to report on the emissions until September 30th. I am also quite smitten with the line: emission quality with respect to other ptential contaminants will be "acceptable" and any changes from the current levels will be "small".

#### **Dear Marna Disbrow:**

Re: Application Pursuant to Waste Management Act on behalf of NorskeCanada (formerly Elk Falls Forest Industries Limited), dated January 8, 2001, for a threemonth trial to assess the economic and environmental impacts of using coal as an auxiliary fuel in the existing wood wastefired power boilers #3 and #5.

The subject application, to which you expressed concern, has now been adjudicated and this letter is to inform you that an approval, which authorizes a test burn of coal in power boiler #5, has been issued on March 5, 2002, under the provisions of the Waste Management Act.

The decision to issue the approval was based on the following considerations:

~ A new wet electrostatic precipitator was installed in July 2001 and, as a result, particulate emissions from the power boiler #5 now meet very stringent levels.

~ Based on the recent monitoring data and fuel analysis our assessment indicates that the emission quality with respect to other potential contaminants will be acceptable and any changes from the current levels will be small.

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In order to verify the above expectations and for the protection of the environment the approval is subject to the following conditions:

~ The energy generated from the burning of coal during the trial shall not exceed 15% of the total energy output from power boiler #5.

~ The discharge of salt-free and total particulate matter shall not exceed 50mg/m3 and 115 mg/m3 respectively.

~ The air emissions and solid residues (ash) will be subject to an extensive monitoring program under a variety of operating conditions.

~ The results of the monitoring program must be submitted as soon as they are available.

In addition, the mill is required to prepare a comprehensive report summarizing all monitoring data and environmental implications including those related to the emissions of greenhouse gases. The report is to be submitted by September 30. 2002.

You should also be aware that the emission and ambient air monitoring results will be continuously evaluated and. based on this evaluation, the mill may be requested to cease burning coal.

I appreciate your concerns on these issues. You may examine a copy of the approval at our regional office located at 2080-A Labieux Road in Nanaimo. Yours very truly

D.F.Brown, B.Sc. **Regional Waste Manager** 





# **Cortes Island Oyster Industry Reality**

#### Re: "Enough A'ready" and the oyster industry. #258, Feb. 1st, 2002 edition (on Cortes Island)

Mr. Creurer must not have been attending the Cortes Island aquaculture meetings organized by our Regional Director, Mr. George Sirk.

Mr. Sirk spoke of the mechanization of the oyster industry and a video was shown at the last two meetings. The 20 foot cranes, and the noise that accompanies the generator, sorters, tumblers, etc, and the power washing equipment on rafts, was demonstrated, directly in front of island residents.

"Low tech – one step up from cottage industry" you say. It is possibly so, for some of the beach culture operations, but not so for the raft culture, which is still evolving with more and more machinery.

I believe that the oyster industry is a viable sustainable industry, but the mechanization should not be imposed on the island landowners. There are areas on the island zoned for mechanized aquaculture. The Shellfish Growers Code of Practice allows for 85 db of noise. 90 db of noise causes hearing damage. That is why we have aquaculture zoning, as we have land zoning. Gorge Harbour was zoned with input from islanders and the Regional District, for raft operations - nonintrusive, low level operations. This is a residential community. Lease agreements were drawn up by BC Assets and Lands regarding the number of rafts and the sizes of the raft sites. Both lease agreements and zoning bylaws are being ignored by some oyster companies and individuals.

One industrial operation – not yet legally approved by BC Assets and Lands,

interrupts the tranquility of Gorge Harbour for all – tourists, recreationers, and residents. Seven such noisy operations in the various locations zoned for low impact, non-intrusive raft operations could occur, if approval is given to the mechanization. Imagine that noise ricocheting around Gorge Harbour from the seven raft sites. Many of the waterfront owners are in close proximity to three or more raft sites in the Gorge, where the hills act as an amphitheatre for all sound.

As George Sirk stated at the meeting, Government officials are working on the problem of compliance and enforcement.

The Alliance for Responsible Shellfish Farming is made up from a group of communities and organizations around coastal BC, who are concerned about the environmental and social impact of the oyster industry expansion, without due scientific study.

Two scientists working on both the environmental issues, (especially with beach culture) and the health issues, (related to cadmium levels in West Coast oysters) were present at the last island meeting. Their work continues.

A feature documentary was produced by CH TV (two part) demonstrating the mechanization noise, environmental disruption and the plans for expansion of the oyster industry. This video is available for purchase for a small fee from the television station.

For a free video of the Gorge Harbour oyster industry please contact – by email nfec@shaw.ca, fax (250) 741-8250 or mail #408 – 530 Fifth Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 1P1.

From

Mary Kemp

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We stumbled over trunks and stumps of those whose ninety-five year lives were lost in some unconscious, sweating moments: chips of fear scattering like drool from the mouths of the condemned.

Ancient beings, once,

whose life-rich exhalations, our necessity were thrown down like old forgotten coats as razor-chains ripped through connective flesh. And caulked in steel denial stood, tightly gripping the bottom line when challenged to remember how they nourish us with their breath, hold the soil of our survival, and the water for our thirst.

Their roots, then, yanked like rotting teeth and piled disdainfully to burn like witches: women, girls and crones whose wisdom and strong reverence for this earth for the force of healing

pulsing green in leaves and roots denied, despised, and silenced under pretense of respect

for man, machine, and myth

They burned.

Their fervid screams embedded deep in our ancestral ears, and we repeat not reaching present thoughtfulness, nor human soul, they burn again today and further foul the fragile air.

And as the winds, bewildered in their paths break loose the tarnished seas fermenting, rise; the cancers thrive while species cease; and we stand dumb amidst these stumps beneath this empty, weeping sky.

Louella Baker



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# Money Matters Banking on Electrons

### **Steven Halliday**

n a recent airing of NBC's political drama "The West Wing", a scientist visited the White House seeking assistance for a funding bill that was stuck in the Senate, a victim of partisan infighting. He was a particle physicist, surely pure science at its best, and in defending the value of the project he was heading he summed up the obviously intangible nature of the expected benefit as "discovery". In other words, scientific researchers rarely know the outcome of their efforts - the discovery of new things is the true reward. He used an analogy relating to the discovery of the electron, which, as we all know without which you and I would enjoy far fewer conveniences today. Pardon the pun, but a light bulb went off over my head, specifically because of a news piece I had seen earlier that was still bugging me. In a nutshell, the reporter was making a subtle accusation that the banking industry had gone out of its way to hook the consumer on electronic transactions, and was now cutting back on all non-electronic services, whilst raising the costs of electronic banking services. As a banker, this riled me somewhat.

Almost without exception, most people I know have developed some form of dependency upon an electronic banking service. Debit card, ATM, telephone banking, PC banking; take your pick. In my case, I wear out my debit card long before its renewal date. Electronic banking has essentially done two things - it has improved access to both our funds and information about those funds, and it has made these services broadly available. In the case of the institution I work for, the costs of these services are not high, affording access to most people. But the categorization by the Global reporter that people are "hooked", and to even imply that it may be the result of an intentional effort on the part of financial institutions is nothing short of delusional. In fact, these services have been developed and introduced (at horrendous expense, by the way) for very logical reasons. As most businesspeople are aware, it's getting tough to make a buck. Every industry has its own reasons, but with one situation we're all in the same boat. Competition is fierce and getting fiercer. Thinner margins and steadily increasing supplier costs don't help either. These factors, amongst others, are the drivers behind the electronic revolution. Delivering faster, better and more convenient services are a demand of the consumer, rather than an initiative of the supplier. In my business, failure to deliver in such a manner would quickly relegate us to oblivion.

As to reductions in non-electronic services, you certainly wouldn't see such an effect in my office. The human element of our business is more important today than it was long before ATM's started becoming a fixture of our lives. If nothing else, somebody has to show us how to use all these wonderful new electronic services! But along with electronic services today's consumer also wants quality personal service, and the only vehicle to achieve this is a human being. Preferably an interested, committed and knowledgeable person. So it follows that while today's business environment makes it tough to make a buck, you must provide the best of both delivery streams to your customer to succeed. And, finally, the issue of raising fees. In this instance I can only speak knowledgeably about my own operation, but I have researched some numbers from the Royal Bank. We try to balance the cost of service delivery across a broad spectrum of service and transaction fees, and some services actually are delivered at a loss. Believe it or not, lending, the raison-de-etre of banking, is a money-losing proposition. My credit union's operational costs represent 103% of my net financial income - that is, financial earnings on loans and investments minus interest costs paid for our deposits.

In the Royal Bank's case, that same measurement is 179%! If the Royal had no other income sources they would have an operational loss in excess of \$4 billion. This situation developed over the last 20 years, as new banking laws and strong foreign competition has shaved interest rate spreads to a paper-thin level. Unlike the Royal Bank my scope of operations is very limited, which means that we must make up the shortfall, plus try to generate a profit, from service charges and transaction fees. We do not own huge brokerages and insurance operations, which incidentally yielded the Royal a \$3.9 billion dollar profit before taxes. We, too, generated an operating profit due to other income sources, but at a level far less spectacular than the Royal's.

So there you have it, Banking 101. Rather than market manipulation (a summary description of Global's reporting slant), you are seeing industrial evolution driven by consumer demand. I know some feel that banking transaction fees are ridiculously high, but believe me the costs of providing the service represent the lion's share of the value. Those who disdain banking fees of any kind still have access to basic cash services, at no cost, at least in the case of the credit union that employs me. You may securely store your cash, putting it in and taking it out as often as you like, with no charge for us taking your cash and giving it back to you. Admittedly you won't earn very much interest, but it won't cost you a cent in fees. Alternatively, you can have access to all services, electronic and otherwise, with a reasonable number of transactions, for about 10 bucks per month. It's a matter of lifestyle and individual choice. And it's also a matter of those electrons, without which we would have no electronic services and this whole analysis becomes moot.



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# **Spring In!** Darlene Booth RNC

Well, it seems that I have some apologizing to do. Before Christmas I had started an article on energy and left you waiting for part two. With the festive season, the storms and power outages, part 2 became quite late but I had it written and ready in early January. Regrettably, I forgot to submit it! So here is a modified version of the original!

Though the winter chill is still apparent, my spider senses are tingling in anticipation of spring. Don't get me wrong. Winter has been fun and I have spent more than my fair share of days on the ski slope, but my bones are longing for the warming of the earth that only spring can bring.

Often the winter months lull us into a state of idle comfort. Shorter days and longer nights find us nestled by the fire with a good book while outside the blustery conditions pelt unrelentingly upon our windows. The circle of life slows down. It is siesta time for Mother Nature and we can't help but be affected by it on some level. Our batteries are not quite as charged up as they could be.

Spring brings about the energy of rebirth and rejuvenation. Mother Earth is awakening and we can tap into her energy. If your vitality is dwindling after the long winter months, these ideas might help to bolster your reserves. Start with some housecleaning on the dietary level. Lighten up the menu for a week or so. Some nourishing broths, fresh vegetable salads and light meals. You



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Remember that our thoughts are like magnets. Like attracts like. When the mind is always dwelling on negativity, the negative energy will have an influence on the whole circuit. And this won't be a "positive" influence. It will have a draining effect. Be especially aware of your thoughts and realize that your energy has an effect on a global scale. Just like throwing a pebble in a pond and watching the ripple effect. Know that what you put out there will often come back to you...

Take some time each day to connect with nature. You may just find yourself sitting on the beach watching the seagulls or out for a hearty hike up Chinese Mountain. Whatever your pleasure, when we tune into Mother Nature we can tune out other influences. Fill your lungs deeply with fresh air. Belly breathe! Oxygenate your bloodstream. Feel it nourishing the cells and energizing your system.

Take some time for some personal TLC. Bodywork such as massage, acupuncture, reflexology, acupressure and many other forms of alternative therapies are beneficial in keeping our energy systems in balance. Think of your body like a giant circuit board and each joint, organ, muscle or membrane as a transformer. It's a bit of a stretch but can you get the picture? When there is pain or inflammation in any one area, it creates an energy block. The circuit is down. Bodywork can help to release the blocks and keep the energy moving. The same thing happens on a deeper level when a specific organ is working too hard or becomes sluggish. The system is thrown out of balance and energy is not used efficiently. The impact will be felt in other areas of your life. If any one part of the whole is stressed, it will affect the whole.

Meditation, prayer, reflection. Whether you have a God in mind or just like to plug into the universe, taking some time on a regular basis to quiet the mind has been shown to be beneficial in noticeably reducing the effects of everyday stress. Blood pressures lower, sleep patterns balance out, a greater sense of well-being permeates the soul. And with that – comes more energy!

We are so used to reaching for a quick fix to relieve fatigue. Sleeping pills will knock us out. Stimulants like coffee will pick us up for a short time only to let us crash back down until the next fix. Over time, this can actually place stress on our glandular system which will just create a snowball effect on your general state of health. Don't look for your energy to come in a bottle or a pill. Keep your circuits free and open and spring in to a healthier lifestyle! Good Health to You!

# **Usland Report Quadra Credit Union** by Tanya Storr **Donates \$10,000**

Thanks to generous donations from the Quadra Credit Union, the Community Centre Addition Project (CCAP) and Quadra Island Seniors' Housing Society (QISHS) are now significantly further ahead in their goals. The credit union gave \$5,000 to each cause, allowing CCAP to reduce its debt and QISHS to move closer to building affordable seniors' housing on Quadra.

Quadra Credit Union (QCU) general manager Steven Halliday said the credit union is proud to provide support to community organizations.

"We view community support as a cornerstone of our business operations," he said.

2001 represented the 60th complete year of operations for the credit union, and it was one of the cooperative's best years ever in terms of financial performance.

"In keeping with our cooperative philosophy of returning the majority of our profits to our member/owners, the board allocated sufficient funds to pay dividends and a patronage bonus," Steven noted.

"Even after the distribution to members of some \$82,000 of profits, we realized we would still be paying significant income taxes, so it was determined that we should make an extraordinary donation that would both benefit the community and cut the tax bill."

After consideration, the board determined that \$10,000 would be donated,





CCAP treasurer Nancy Allwarden and QISHS president Ken Duncan accepting the cheques from Steven Halliday (R) and QCU board vice-president Ellen Russell (L)

and that the monies would be split between the Community Center Addition Project and the Seniors' Housing Society.

"The community center is a true community asset, and assisting them to pay off the addition project debt was of value to the entire community. Similarly, the seniors' housing project will be of great benefit to Discovery Islands residents who at present must leave the Islands when it is no longer feasible for them to maintain a residence unassisted. We trust this donation will help to bring their project to fruition," said Steven. CCAP treasurer Nancy Allwarden and QISHS president Ken Duncan accepted the cheques from Steven Halliday and QCU board vice-president Ellen Russell at a presentation on March 9.

"We are very pleased to be able to do it," said Ellen. "The board made the decision we'd like to donate to causes the whole community can benefit from."

Nancy said the donation will reduce CCAP's outstanding balance to \$10,500.

"Quadra Credit Union has always been very supportive of the Community Centre Addition Project. CCAP members are thrilled









to receive this generous donation. When I announced it at a recent fundraising committee meeting, there was a big cheer and an incredible burst of energy," she said.

Many people probably aren't aware that CCAP has an outstanding balance to pay off, Nancy added.

"This is our first cash donation since the building was finished. We have a commitment to become debt free before continuing with the interior finishing, such as installing flooring in the upstairs meeting room."

Donations to CCAP are very welcome and can be sent to Box 649, Quathiaski Cove, VOP 1NO, or dropped off to Nancy at the Discovery Islands Realty office. Nancy said the upcoming garden tour in June will help to further pay down the CCAP debt.

She noted that the new rooms are being well utilized and the community is enjoying the addition.

"We are receiving lots of positive feedback," she affirmed.

Ken Duncan said the credit union's donation will help bring the dream of seniors' housing on Quadra closer to reality.

"When I told the seniors about the donation at Wednesday's OAP meeting they were very happy. Including this donation, we have raised approximately \$35,000 to date," Ken stated.

At present QISHS is working on a funding application to the Infrastructure Program, a combined initiative by federal, provincial, and local governments. Ken explained that 80% of the money allotted to BC is slated for "green" infrastructure and the remaining 20% will go to other projects, including housing.

A total of \$800 million is available in BC and \$37 million has been donated to date. QISHS is currently waiting for a development permit from the regional district in order to complete the funding application.

"How close we are to constructing the



seniors' housing depends a lot on whether we can get the Infrastructure funding. If we are successful we may be able to fund the whole project and build all the units at once, instead of in stages which was our original intention," Ken observed.

Eight seniors' housing units (four duplexes) are planned. They will be built on a one-acre parcel in Q Cove donated by Bill O'Connor. The estimated cost for construction of the units—including landscaping, driveways, sidewalks, lighting, and sewage—is \$530,000.

If QISHS is successful in its application for Infrastructure Program funds, the society will have to raise 1/3 (\$180,000) of the seniors' housing project costs and the funding will cover 2/3.

"I think that with all the support we have from the community and the regional district, we have a good chance of getting the funding," Ken commented.

QISHS has a waiting list of people who are interested in occupying the independent living units, which will be wheelchair accessible and designed with many conveniences. All the units will be ground level.

Ken said donations to the seniors' housing project are very welcome and can be sent to Box 456, Quathiaski Cove, VOP 1NO. Buying a membership in QISHS is another way you can help. Individual memberships cost \$5/year and corporate memberships cost \$100/year. The society currently has nine corporate members.

By donating \$5,000 each to CCAP and QISHS, Quadra Credit Union brought its total donations for 2001 to in excess of \$18,000, including scholarships. Total monies returned to the community by way of dividends, bonuses and donations for the year totaled over \$100,000.

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