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- Aroma Café
- Heriot Bay Inn
- Heriot Bay Tru Valu
- Fermentations
- Landing Pub
- Tsa-Kwa-Luten
- Quadra Foods
- Nikos Sushi
- People's Drug Mart

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- Cape Mudge – The Legend of Dzunukwa
- Belly dancers – The Original Sheroes
- Mairi Marlow, Jeannie Annett, Hailey Crighton, Leah Windrim - Justice League

Beach Structure Winners

- Tyler McPherson
- Kyle Fhea
- Jody Hewitt

Walkers

- Celeste Lessard – Kragen & Jose - Piggy and Kermit
- Wendy Walshe & Julie Frank - Mother Theresa and Gandhi
- Rachelle Mellanby & Elliot
- James - Rosie Riveter & Hamlet

Children's Best Costume

- Aquilina Mitchell - Xenia Warrior Princess

Best Overall

- Turner's / The Farm House - Diana of the Moon & Hunt

The Royal Court

- Libby Bawks – Smith & Keller
- Anderson – Queen & Escort
- Maia Windrim & Grant Mitchell – Princess & Escort
- True Dennison & Brandon Boyes – Princess & Escort

Apologies to anyone who's name may have been accidentally missed from this list

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7 pm. Monday, June 18th



CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

Rebecca Spit Provincial Park

Sunday, July 1st

5:30 - 11:00 pm

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Childrens' Festival

starts at 5:30 pm

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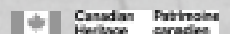
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Island Calendar

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The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now Open Fridays & Saturdays at 3:30 pm until 1:00 am
- **Every Monday** - Badminton, 7:30 Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept.to Apr.
 - Sketching group at Firesign Studio 10 am-12:00 pm
 - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Childrens Centre
- **Every Wednesday** - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Thursday** - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
 - 7-9:30 PM: Life drawing sessions at Firesign Studio 285-3390
- **Every Friday** - Free Pool, Darts and Shuffleboard at the Legion 4:00pm to 1:00am
- **Every Saturday** - Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30
 - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
 - Sunday Celebration, Centre for Positive Living - CRCC 10:20 - 11:20 am
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw or gift certificate. Quadra Legion 6:30 pm

Next Deadline: Monday, June 18th 2007



A wayward, immature Brown Pelican who alighted at Gowlland Harbour Resort last month for a Quadra visit. Photo: Maggie MacCallum

Corrections to article Quadra's Water pg. 8

The two reports mentioned were written for the Ministry of the Environment.

- The 2005 report is only a draft.
- MOE does not endorse taking water from the lakes- The author of the 2005 report offered this as an example of increased costs if groundwater is not properly managed.
- Wells on Gabriola are not being drilled deeper, that would compound the problem.

• The arsenic survey is not a provincial project, it is a special joint project called a geo-chemical survey, surveying a full sweep of elements in groundwater and is initially only for Salt Spring Island. - M. Stahnke

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On the cover



Susan Westren, Geraldine Kenny & Lola Murray as latter-day sheroes at May Day 2007
Photo: Sandra Spearing

Day by day

For the month of June

-Nomads - the artwork of Davyd Oram
open 12 - 6pm
DRAW Gallery
Village Square

Friday-Sunday, June 8-10

- Quadra Island Trout Derby
Registration all weekend. Don't forget your license from Campbell River
Village Bay Lake

Saturday, June 9

- Dr. Linda Gilkeson
on Natural Insect, Weed & Disease Control
Q.C.C.
7:30pm

Wednesday, June 13

- Quadra OCP next steps meeting
FMI www.comoxstrathcona.ca Quadra OCP or call 250-334-6016. 7 to 9 pm
Q.C.C.

Sunday, June 17

- Raw Foods Potluck with video presentation
5 - 7 pm
Q.C.C.
Room 1

Tuesday, June 19

- Presentation - Quadra's Water Supply
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Q.C.C.

Saturday & Sunday, June 23 and 24

- 2007 Quilt & Garden Tour
10 am - 4 pm both days
Various locations

Sunday, July 1

- Canada Day Celebration
Rebecca Spit

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5 Day Forecast from Environment Canada

Thursday	Thursday night	Friday
High 17°C POP 30%	Low 10°C	High 17°C POP 30%
Chance of showers	Cloudy periods	Chance of showers
Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 14°C Low 13°C	High 15°C Low 11°C POP 40%	High 17°C Low 10°C POP 70%
Periods of rain	Chance of showers	Chance of showers



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To: the Honorable Kevin Falcon
Minister of Transportation

Good Day Mr. Falcon,

I represent the interests of Walcan Seafood Ltd; a fish processing business located on Quadra Island. We are the largest employer on Quadra and a significant employer for the Campbell River region. Over the past 30 years we have grown from a small business working out of one room with seasonal employment for 15 workers into a large facility with docks, two processing plants, fishing and packing boats and over 100 full time positions. We handle a wide variety of commercial and farmed seafood products year round.

The service and cost of using the ferry system has had an impact on our ability to do business over the years, however since the privatization of BC Ferries this has increased dramatically. This is due to three factors; the rising cost of fares, a decrease in service, and the privatization of the Ferries service on the coast.

Service Issues

Our service has been decreased over the past few years with no compensation or conversation to find alternatives or solutions. Despite injecting the value of a minimum of two trucks and twenty vehicles daily into this route, we have not been treated with any consideration or courtesy by the management group at BC Ferries. Walcan is clearly the single largest user of this route, and our economic impact on this community trickles into further utilization of this ferry, yet BC Ferries has continued to reduce and restrict our transportation access while increasing our direct and indirect costs.

Examples of Poor Service:

The Powell River Queen is only capable of loading commercial truck traffic down the center lane due to structural integrity issues.

We were instructed to reduce our loads to 75% of normal highway load capacity with no discount to off-set our loss of revenue.

We have been denied access to provide loading priority for perishable products.

This route has no discount for off-peak sailing times despite common over-loaded sailings during the day and an under-utilized ferry in the evenings. This type of service is offered to businesses on other routes.

Due to the improper construction of the terminal in

Campbell River we are forced, with little or no warning to have trucks sit on either side of this route for up to 8 hours because the ramp can not accommodate the traffic it receives on a regular basis if the tides are too high or low. Again, no discount or concession is made to our business even though this is BC Ferries problem with their dock.

At no time has anyone from BC Ferries attempted to manage these problems. We are left to absorb the lost revenues we encounter due to poorly maintained or managed equipment and polices; meanwhile businesses on other routes do not share these problems.

Impact of Fare Increases and Fuel Surcharges

The rising cost of Ferry Tickets coupled with fuel surcharges has impacted our company in the following ways:

- Eating into our ability to provide competitive rates for our customers and affected our ability to bid fairly on contracts.
- Reduced loads due to the poor maintenance of the fleet means less return on each shipment Walcan sends out.
- Reduced load capacity means we have to use more trucks to transport the same amount of goods we shipped previously.
- Delays in sailing times affects our costs in labour, ability to turn over loads quickly and longer shifts for drivers.
- Increases in the direct costs of transportation obviously eat into our margins.

There are direct effects on our employees. Nearly 55% of our workforce travels on the ferry every day.

NIEFS and Opportunities in Campbell River have reported that potential employees are not interested in working here due to the expense of riding the ferry.

Workers who use the ferry daily feel a direct impact on their paycheck. It costs them anywhere from 50 cents to \$1.75 PER hour from their paycheck just to ride the ferry

It should not take an accountant or mathematician to figure out that our business is severely impacted by increased fares and diminished service. If the intent of the Ferries Act is to have "sustainable routes" why are the costs being raised so high that the users of the routes are forced to travel less, move, or shut their doors to business? How is this sustainable?

Points of consideration

I have some comments on points that have been made in the media and in general conversation with other citizens of this Province regarding the Ferries system. The most common I have encountered are: the validity of the "where a citizen 'chooses' to live" argument, the "sustainability of routes" concept, whether or not a ferry route should be considered "a highway" or part of the highway system and the lack of creativity in finding solutions

Where we "choose" to live

I believe that there is a responsibility within the Ministry of Transportation to maintain all highways and routes of transportation in the province, yet we are seeing an attempt to pass the costs on to specific tax payers in particular regions.

One must wonder why people in the Northern Interior of the province are not required to fund the cost of maintaining transportation routes like the highways they utilize themselves... after all; they chose to live there didn't they? I don't need those roads. Why are my tax dollars going towards their transportation requirements?

It is commonly known that the ferry routes in the interior are free to use. Odd, considering those citizens can drive around these routes. They are not even necessary, unless one considers the saved travel time for those lucky citizens! Why do my tax dollars support their ability to get home quicker? They chose to live there after all!

I am sure every person reading this letter has heard the argument "they chose to live there" regarding citizens living in coastal communities and the Ferries. The fact remains, that the Ministry of Transportation is required to maintain routes of traffic for the entire province, not select areas. It doesn't matter where you live, as long as it is within the borders of British Columbia. The "you choose to live there" argument has no validity, although it is very clear that this argument is an attempt to segregate the tax payers of British Columbia. This is not acceptable.

Sustainability

It is problematic that the word "sustainability" is used to justify passing on more and more of the cost of keeping the transportation routes open in this Province by directly taxing the users. In fact, it is utilized directly in the current Ferries Act as a way to justify raising fares.

It is always fashionable to use the buzz word of the day in an effort to evoke change... or control, and I am concerned that just as words like "suitable" and "stakeholder" are used to forward agendas with

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comfortable “PC” sounding words, so too is the word “sustainable” being abused. This word is not being used as it is intended, that is to have something that will not be “diminished or destroyed by being depleted without renewal”. Sustainability requires a consideration of the entire system in question. If the ferries become so taxing that no one uses them and businesses like ours shut their doors, how can they be sustainable?

A Part of Our Highways

The most common remark made by a user of the Ferries is “this is a part of our highway”. The reason this comment is repeated so often is quite simple. It is because it is true. Does not the Ministry of Transportation have an obligation to maintain our routes of Transportation? Why has the word “Transportation” been redefined to exclude the Coastal Ferry Routes? We have Ferry Routes in the interior...why are they a part of the highway system? This is not logical.

Quite simply, the Ferries are basically floating bridges used to transport citizens and commerce through out a large portion of this province.

It has been pointed out that the Lyon's Gate Bridge was originally a toll bridge until it paid for itself (by Alan Fryer, a business associate). A creative way to deal with the cost of construction, and once the cost was paid, the toll was removed. We need creative solutions that do not involve an unfair gouging of certain residents of the province.

Otherwise, it would clearly be imperative to reduce all road and transportation costs to a Municipal level, thus equalizing the residents of the province fairly. What I mean is that if we are going to run this province in a manner that is selective, based on where residents live in the province, it should apply to everyone so that tax dollars are utilized fairly. Dismissing the fact that these Ferry Routes are a part of the highway system does not occur because it is logical, or fair. It occurs because it is convenient for budget setters. This does not make it a false statement however.

We are at risk of being driven out of business if this cost is not properly managed by the government as our ability to hire workers, transport goods, bid on contracts and serve our customers properly has been directly affected. We need the Government to do the appropriate job of managing the funding required to keep Ferry routes truly sustainable.

The Ferries are a part of the highways, they are a method of Transportation, and the Government does have an ethical obligation to ensure that these routes are truly sustainable. This means considering the economic impact of fares that rise at three times the rate of inflation. It is clear that this June; the Government needs to ensure that they provide the appropriate funding so that the ridiculous increases we have seen are tempered to the point that families, businesses and the taxpaying citizens of this Province are SUSTAINABLE.

I appreciate your time in reading my letter. Please consider our perspective, and note that there are numerous families, businesses and citizens depending on you!

Tom Skillman
Walcan Seafood Ltd.

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\$1,267,100 Gone “What’s a million?”

When he was known far and wide for his arrogance in his role as the de facto Liberal Government some six decades and more ago, The Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, was frequently quoted as having said “What’s a million?”

In last decade, and before, have the Directors of the Comox-Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) including Director Abram, adopted C.D. Howe’s arrogance without having a wit of Howe’s managerial ability? Given the recently aborted Official Community Plan (OCP) futile exercise, with the waste of \$1,267,100 paid by local taxpayers solely for planning in the form of tax requisitions from 1996 thru 2007 inclusive, I think so.

Sheest planning based on “popular consensus” in the absence of base data and at the expense of “informed opinion” despite that “popular consensus” is rarely, if ever “informed”. In perspective, you wouldn’t expect shipyards to build ferries nor ferry crews to sail them based on “popular consensus” for if they did, they soon sink. Does the recent sinking of the “Queen of the North” ring any bells? Ships are built and sailed based on “informed opinion” utilizing and re-checking accumulating base data, for very good, sound and valid reasons. So should it be with local government and planning too.

Where did the Regional District find the this last head planner, Carlos “what’s-his-name” who arrogantly insisted on not wanting to know anything in the form of base data, such as water sources for example, to update the OCP other than developing a “popular consensus”, those warm and fuzzy feelings generally attributed to the trendy left chattering classes. I can’t help but think that it’s obvious that the CSRD has to be so dysfunctional that they hire a arrogant planner, who in my mind, clearly and most likely easily passed through his Peter Principle threshold years ago, long before he came to this part of the world, and like all the CSRD head planners before him, he will be very shortly gone elsewhere. The CSRD planning department is characterized by it’s head planner’s “revolving door” syndrome. Head planners come and go.

Should the CSRD’s Carlos bear the full responsibility for this recent OCP debacle? I don’t think so, as he was only the instrument and the reflection of the CSRD Directors’ dysfunctional incompetence. But then are the CSRD Director’s entirely responsible. Again I don’t entirely think so. We, as a collective bunch of entitled voters, are undoubtedly very wealthy, so tax dollars wasted is not important, and we are collectively apathetic as to whom we allow to mismanage our governmental affairs. As Pogo quoted in a cartoon years ago, “I see the enemy, I sees us”

Ted Conover



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Quadra's Water

During our recent land use discussions many people expressed concerns about water. How will future development affect water quantity and quality? How can we protect aquifer recharge areas? Where does our water come from? How can we ensure that development won't exceed the capabilities of the resource to sustain it? Do we need a water study? Should we have more information before we proceed?

To help answer these and other important questions a public presentation will be held at Quadra Community Centre Tuesday, June 19th 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Presentations will be made by Sylvia Kenny, Groundwater Protection Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Water Stewardship Division & Gary Anderson, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Land Use/Water Consultant .

Many people have expressed concerns about the quantity of water available and problems with insufficient water. Equally important is the issue of quality. Well and aquifer contamination carry serious consequences. Issues of both quantity and quality will be discussed. This will be a very interesting, informative presentation and everyone is invited to attend.

In addition to this presentation, the Ministry of the Environment runs two groundwater programs, a water monitoring program and an arsenic survey. We have an opportunity to be included in these programs.

The following are excerpts from a draft report completed in April, 2005 entitled 'Feasibility and Recommendations for Implementing an Observation Well on Quadra Island'

"In 1961 an Observation Well Network was established to collect, analyze and interpret ground water hydrographs and water quality data from various developed aquifers in BC. The focus was primarily to place observation wells in areas of high population density, that were easily accessed and where there was a strong level of concern with groundwater resources...With little options for surface water supply on the southern end of Quadra Island,

the majority of the population depends on groundwater as their water supply; however, there is little known about the groundwater of the Island...If the groundwater is not managed properly to allow for a lasting supply, the cost of supplying Quadra Island residents with a water supply would greatly increase as it would have to be transported from the many lakes in the Northern part of the Island. This could also upset the ecology of these smaller lakes."

It's not as important to know the exact quantity of water available to us as it is to know whether or not we are drawing more water from our aquifers than is being replenished. By monitoring wells in specific areas we can learn if we are over drawing, when the overdrawing occurs, how long it takes for the aquifer to recharge, etc. We can see if lack of rainfall in some years, or an over abundance in others has an effect on supply. Based on such information we can adjust our water use and our development plans. On Gabriola Island, which has five monitoring wells and where water has been monitored for ten years, results show that water levels drop during the summer but the aquifers are recharged in the winter. Therefore wells must be drilled deeper if people are to be assured of a constant water supply.

The draft report of 2005 is centred around Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay which are on separate aquifers. The report recommends an observation well for each community and even suggests locations for the wells. It would be prudent to establish a third well in the Pine Tree Drive area to monitor the aquifer that supplies the Animal Farm Road and Smiths Road neighbourhoods and the golf course.

Heriot Bay has additional water issues. Heriot Bay residents are considering a community wide water system. The location of the well(s) to supply that system is an important question. The following is from a report dated May 21, 1969, entitled "Note on Groundwater Investigations on Quadra Island" - "...The extent of these aquifers [at Heriot Bay] offshore is unknown. Contamination of potential aquifers by saltwater intrusion is possible. The position of the saltwater-fresh

water interface is unknown but it depends, in part, upon the hydraulic head in the aquifers. Pumping from an aquifer may lower the hydraulic head sufficiently to cause salt water encroachment...It is felt that a test hole should be drilled to determine if suitable aquifer materials extend far enough inland to provide adequate storage of fresh water and also to determine the feasibility of placing a production well sufficient distance from the sea coast to minimize the danger of salt water intrusion."

That report was completed 38 years ago. Since then more development has occurred and more wells have been drilled. Apparently some wells in the area do go dry. There is no saltwater encroachment yet, but this is a perfect example of why it is important to understand our resource.

All of Quadra's water comes from rainwater. We receive about 58 inches per year in rain and a small amount from snowmelt. There are no underground rivers from the Coast Mountains or the Vancouver Island Range. At least as early and 1968 community water systems were being considered for both Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove. Perhaps this is the most beneficial way to manage our water requirements.

The Arsenic Survey is a new provincial program, which starts this month. Arsenic and other elements have shown up in wells especially in the Schooner Road area. Most likely the arsenic found in those wells is from weathering of arsenic bearing minerals and ores. Acceptable maximum levels of arsenic in drinking water have just been reduced. The arsenic survey, which may also survey for other elements, may determine the source of the contamination, and the potential for its infiltrating a larger area.

Do we have water problems on Quadra Island? Yes, we do. Not knowing the extent of our water resources is a problem. Failed, failing and undersized septic systems, well head contamination, increased development in areas where wells produce only 1-2 gpm all are problems which we need to resolve. Please remember the meeting on June 19th.

Michael Stahnke

Dear Fellow Islanders

I am writing to you like many others these days regarding the LAP/OCP review process that has and is happening on the island. In addition of course the meeting coming up Wednesday June 13th our chance to share with each other as a collective of concerned community members.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those on the island and off who have worked so very diligently on the LAP/OCP review process to date. Many of our neighbours, acquaintances, friends, family and other have contributed many hours during their very valuable evening and weekend spare time on this significant topic. For this effort these particular islanders should be applauded!

Secondly, I would like to speak to the Wednesday June 13th meeting from 7-9 at our community centre. This is our next chance to speak up and be apart of the shaping of our islands future while at the same time keeping what we love about Quadra alive. You need to come to this meeting to be heard, the islands future is standing idle.

Anyone interested in or involved with; keeping our school and children's centre vibrant and busy, employment for local business thriving, affordable and available housing increase's, those that are concerned current land owners or renters and of course in general terms anyone who lives, loves and breathes in what Quadra stands for, please we urge you to come out and be apart of the process.

Thank you for your ears and hearts! I look forward to seeing you there!!

Kirstie Stewart

Dear Editor,

There have been many letters to this magazine about the L.A.P. meetings and process. Most letters were reactions to incomplete information, wrongly drawn conclusions and misinformation.

The facts are this island is changing and many people do not readily accept change in any form, good or bad. Our demographics are switching from young family units to retired couples and singles. This in itself is not a bad thing. But without supporting service providers, this trend will mean the decline of our community's vitality and spirit.

We must encourage opportunities for young families to stay, live and grow.

This means shuffling our personal agenda's and desires and considering others besides ourselves. Change has been inevitable since the beginning of time and nothing we can do will stop it. What we can do is direct the change to something that is livable for the majority of us on the island. This needs to include both affordable housing and available housing. As has been stated in other letters, some people do not want to live in the Cove or in Heriot Bay but on our simulated rural. Many of these same lots have secondary dwellings that are rented to local people. Many of these same people are the ones who want to have personal ownership of land and their landlords are willing to divide and share of their bounty. This is good change that does not strain our resources, just allows legal possession.

Will this cause your taxes to go up? Maybe, but taxes always go up and often without direct cause. Do we have enough water? There has been enough information given by at least three individuals that confirm there is indeed enough water for twice the population.

The Cove has a basic sewage system in place and the R.D. is looking into helping Heriot Bay develop a desperately needed one there. This is good. We need to show respect for the environment in which we live. There have been many examples and models for sustainable living promoted by various people. Is there one example that will meet our needs? Not likely. This world and indeed ourselves are far from perfect. However we have opportunity to put our heads together

and try to reach the best compromise. That is why community input from many people is good.

The upcoming meeting is an important step towards keeping this community vibrant and alive. Will everyone be satisfied with the result? No. However you cannot please all of the people all of the time. What we can do is to please most of the people most of the time by thinking of others first and the struggles they will have to endure to survive here. Some people speak of loving and caring for others and the environment however their politics speaks of somewhat the opposite. We must match our politics with our passion and move forward, leaving the playground-type politics behind.

When I first moved to Quadra, there were fewer than 1,000 people on the island. Is the island a better place with almost 2,000 more? Definitely yes! Will it be better with an additional 2,000 more? Only if it contains young families willing to step up and take their place in this community and give back to the community as others have before them. That is what makes this island so precious.

Respectfully yours,
Pat Nowazek

Dear Islanders,

Quadra sailors would like to thank the following persons and organizations who generously supported the sailboat races in Drew Harbour on Mayday.

Taku Resort, Lynden McMartin - dockage and facilities.

Discovery Island Realty, Nancy Allwarden - rescue boat and skipper

Bill's Tree Service, Bill Bradshaw - loaned his Laser to the dinghy sailors

Frank Wallace and Gavin McIntosh - keel boat race committee

Shirley Wallace - coordinated and assisted rigging dinghies for student sailors

Bev Barclay - rescue boat crew

Kirsty Stewart - rescue boat and skipper

Brian Simmons - keel boat handicapping

Rod Stewart - keel boat course set-up

Congratulations to the winners - Nigel Phillips and expert crew won the keel boat division and Barb Turner in a Sailblazers Laser won the dinghy division.

Dear Islanders,

The community lunches are finished until the fall and I would like to give a public thanks to all the many bakers who delivered delicious treats for us to enjoy. Many of these people baked every week and some also worked in the kitchen. Thanks to these generous folks; Wendy Abram, Linda Bell, Joy Bird, Anita Fraser, Karen Gair, Peter Gibson, Sioux Hartle, Heriot Bay Store, Karen Holmes, Heather Kellerhals, Tara Kaye, Eileen McKay, Muriel McKay, Lloyd McIlwain, Marian McMeekin, Trudy Parkyn, Randy from Heriot Bay Inn, Eileen Sowerby, Steiner Bakery, Teresa Tate, Ann Toelle, Betty Toelle, Cecelia Valeriotte, and Marie Wood. If you aren't on my list but contributed baking thanks to you as well. Hope to see you all in the fall.

Thanks again
Bev.

Dear Editor:

Once again we would like to express our sincerest thanks to generous local businesses for their unfailing support of our children and our community.

Kudos to "Shelley in the Deli", Kent and staff at Heriot Bay True Value who presented our grads and their families with another spectacular picnic feast.

To Walcan Seafood Ltd. who again donated the delicious smoked salmon platter and who are always there to offer their support. To Betty and Brandon Doak for helping to set everything up so beautifully and to Linda Richards for helping to clean everything up (also beautifully). Our special thanks to the families and to Mr. G (and the future Mrs. G), for joining our grads in this special celebration.

Sincerely,
Karen Lakberg
Grade 6 Picnic Person

The Plan

The OCP and the LAP
Oh! what a bru ha ha
The islanders are screaming
Don't change our Shangri la

Some want it big, some like it small
Some want to go, some like to stall.
Some stir the pot, some sit on the fences
How will we ever reach a consensus

But come it will as come it must
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
For life is change and change is growth
We need a plan before we're toast

Studies and drafts cost lots of money
If it's all for naught, it's not so funny
The best laid plans can go astray
No matter what the blueprints say

If we all agree....Will we live to rue it?
We will never know... if we never do it.

Ann McLean





June 8, 2007

Jim Abram

Dear Fellow Islanders,

Seniors' Housing is moving ahead after ten years of struggle to acquire land, design appropriate apartments and garden, raise funds and meet the increasing costs of building. Recently a generous islander has come forward with the offer of the kind of donation that makes things possible. The sum of \$250,000, and we are deeply grateful for it. What is needed now is a donation toward a goal of \$500,000 which will put us in a position to arrange a loan for a mortgage and launch the building.

Many of us who live here have made good on rising property values and may want to consider giving back to the community in the form of a substantial donation that will permit our seniors to remain on island.

Seniors' Housing will provide independent seniors with apartments built for convenience and security, and at an affordable rent. Eight units will be built in Quathiaski Cove. You won't have to find a place for your mother off-island where she does not want to be; and your grandpa can come out of the basement suite which is not always the best solution for the family. Couples will be able to move in. A senior living alone in a wilderness setting may apply. Our seniors will be able to live out their last years of independent living on this beloved island where the family can conveniently reach them for visits and outings.

This was the vision of long-time islander Dr. Ken Duncan. Some of the Directors who have worked with him on the project have been active since its inception.

The first donation to Seniors Housing came from the O.A.P. (Quadra Island Seniors), followed by a gift of land by Bill O'Connor. Many years of fund-raising followed, cup-cake by cup-cake, while promised government grants fell through and costs rose.

One more substantial donation would permit us to get the first units built and rented. We ask you to consider being the one, or one of many who will match the generous gift recently offered for Seniors' Housing.

the present Directors are: Ken Duncan - chair (285-3787, Bob lasby (285-3501), Murial Krook (285-3216), Carol Woods (285-2652), Riki Vogt (285-2640), and Shirley Duncan (285-3787).

Joy Inglis

So where to start... a friend of mine recently said, "Stay calm. Be brave. Wait for the signs." Probably has been said before, I know, but it is timely. The staying calm part is something that I must always work on as an individual and especially as your Director. The being brave part is something I must always work on as an individual and especially as your Director. The waiting for the signs part is something that I am always watching for as an individual and especially in these times, as your Director. And what are those signs? Back to the beginning of the paragraph. Where to start!

Quadra Island has been through a lot in the past many years. I have had the privilege and honour to be a part of the evolution of this island since 1985 when I moved here and since 1988 as your Director. We have been through a lot together. Key word: together. Some highlights... It started with the Shoreline Zoning process of 1990.. first of its kind anywhere in B.C. We then did the Rural Land Use by law for the outer islands (Read, Maurelle, Sonora, etc.). Then came the outer reaches of the rest of Area J. All zoned for the purpose of bringing local control to the local people. We did our OCP in 1995, debated over the regulation of the lakes system, created a major Provincial Park, procured all of the Crown Land around our beautiful community centre, were involved in dozens of other major initiatives on the island or in the area (such as the skateboard park, the trails, etc.) and then started a bylaw revision process that took more than 3 years and ended in no resolution. Since then we have created a beautiful dock for the outer islands at Hoskyn Channel (Surge Narrows road end), established a regional park at Granite Bay with a parking lot, boat ramp and wharf and floats for public access purposes, and now are in the process of preserving some of our heritage and culture at the Lucky Jim Mine site.

All was well...

Ah, but the signs! The signs of things that may not be as good as they might be. The questions. Are we going in the right direction? Is everything as it should be in a healthy community? Is there "growth". Not just numbers, but actual "growth". Are we providing for the young that follow us and for the aging that precede us and for the "us" that are becoming the "aging"?! Are we making sure that this community will continue beyond our short time here and that it will be as exciting and fulfilling as it was for us during our time?

Hence a new intrusion into your personal time and mine. Planning for the future. Somebody has to do it, right? I am sure that there are those who would say, "why can't we just leave well enough alone?". The "signs", remember the "signs". I would love to be part of the "leave well enough alone" philosophy. However, I think that we all are aware of the fact that change is occurring all around us as we speak (write). Some of it is good and some of it is not so good. I want nothing but the good for Quadra Island and the people that I represent. I want us to be "live" to the pressures of the external world and

to our own island. And I want us to respond in the way that we have responded in the past 20 years: creatively! And I want us to do it respectfully, because everyone deserves respect. We are a diverse group and we have our own opinions about just about everything. That does not make any opinion more, or less valid. They are our opinions and they will be heard.

The recent process for revising our Official Community Plan (OCP) using the Local Area Plan (LAP) process has been problematic. That is obvious from all of the debate in the community via letters to the editor. Debate is a good thing, folks, as long as people remember one thing: respect! Some of what I have seen and some of what I have received has lacked that crucial element. Even a CSRD (Comox Strathcona Regional District) planner violated the rule. He was wrong by becoming personal in the debate. He is gone. We need to move on.

I presented a possible solution to the problems that we have been faced with in this process. I have attended way more meetings than I wanted to, but have listened carefully to what has been said. My proposal is to allow for some change on Quadra Island but to control it carefully. Why? So that we can "grow". We have plateaued. We now need to look at the future and figure out how we will insure that the wonders that we have all enjoyed on this island will continue to be available to future generations. Is that by maintaining the "status quo"? I personally don't think so. We have seniors with needs. We have youth with needs. We have a community with needs. The "signs".

I recall during our many years of Forest Resource Committee meetings, hearing conservationists and foresters both telling us about "mixed age stands" (referring to trees) and how important these were to the health of the forest and the entire ecosystem. We are a "mixed age stand" as a community and we need to remain as such for the health of our community "ecosystem". We can learn from one another. That is the way it is supposed to be.

I have nattered on long enough. At this point all I want to say is that YOU need to be present at the June 13th meeting at the Community Centre from 7 to 9 pm. We will share with you the minor changes that have been made to the 1996 OCP, by a group of your peers, and we will discuss the proposal that I put forward in the last Discovery Islander. We will also hear from Bob Long, CAO of the CSRD, about the next steps in this process. I hope to see you there. I need to see you there. We need to resolve this issue.

That is about all the energy I have left for this issue! Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area J), CSRD

www.discoveryislander.ca



News and Events

Submit your event: eMail: news@discoveryislands.ca • fax: 285-2236 • drop-off: 701 Cape Mudge Rd.

Raw Food Potluck

There will be a raw foods potluck supper on Sunday, June 17 at the Quadra Community Centre in Room 1 between 5 and 7 pm.

As this is the beginning of the local fresh fruit and vegetable season this is a great time to add more raw fruits and veggies to your diet. So bring some fresh raw, vegan food to share and come and join us.

We will be showing a video presentation by Dan Jason, John Robbins, Howard Lyman, Percy Schmeiser and friends, Van Dana Shiva or Jim Fulton on topics such as biotechnology, sustainable, simple living, phenomenal health or localization or others. For more info call Joyce at 285-3827

Quadra Island Trout Derby

Come and join the fun and try for the big one at Quadra island's 42nd Annual trout Derby on June 8-10th, 2007 at Village Bay Lake.

registration starts friday 6 pm until Sunday noon with final weigh-in at 3 pm, Sunday at the bridge. Adults entry fee is 410.00 and children 15 years and younger \$5.00.

There will also be registration prizes, hidden weight, 50/50 draw and lots more! Freshwater fishing licenses are not available on Quadra Island so make sure you pick one up in Campbell River. If fishing is not for you come up and relax at the lakes - enjoy a burger or hot corn-on-the-cob. The concession stand will be available all weekend.

This year's 'Go Fishin' draw, purchase a number of your choice for \$5.00 and you will have a chance to win \$200.00 cash, so good luck! the draw will take place at the final weigh-in on Sunday June 11th.

we are pleased to announce this year's proceeds will be going towards the S.P.C.A.

...So please come out to support this great cause and have some fun at the same time. Hope to see you there!

For information or questions contact Laurel -2382, Sally -3608, or Darlene -2851 Good luck fishing.
www.discoveryislander.ca

Legion Bursaries

The Quadra Legion is pleased to offer post-secondary bursaries to the children and grandchildren of Quadra Island service/ex-servicemen. Applications are available at the Legion Fridays and Saturdays after 4:00pm.

Canada Day

...is coming! Save Sunday July 1 for community celebration and fireworks at Rebecca Spit. Children,s Festival. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mainstage entertainment from 7:30 till fireworks. Entertainers, volunteers, or sponsors for Children,s Festival phone July 2150

Schedule

5:30 The Great BBQ Dinner and Children,s Festival. 7:30 Delectable Decorated Cake Contest and Mainstage Entertainment 10:30 Fireworks. Canada Day T-shirts for men, women and children, and glow-in-the-dark jewelry and sticks will be sold.

At Explore

Explore presents new works by local artist Barbara Desmarais the multi media exhibit runs May 29th – June 30th Please join Barbara at Explore during the Studio Tour June 2nd 10-5 PM and June 3rd 10 – 4pm Open Mon. – Sat 10-5pm

Aerobics with Marion

...continues through the summer, Mondays 6pm-7:30pm at the Community Centre.

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7pm-7:30pm is focused on stretching and relaxation. Aerobics drop in \$5. Aerobics and stretching drop in \$7

Please call Marion if you have more questions 285 2895

At the Legion

Quadra Legion open Friday and Saturday 4:00pm to ?. Free pool, darts and shuffleboard. Meat draws every Saturday 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Come help raise money for Quadra Island based non-profit organizations. Having a party? Book the Legion 285-3121. New and established members with guests welcome. See you at the Legion!

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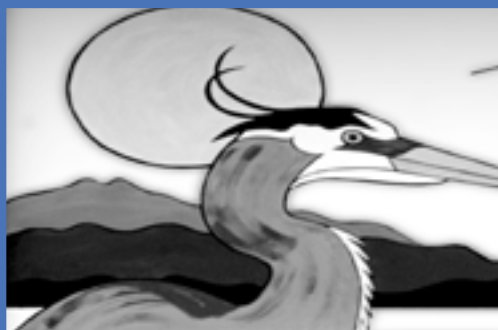
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Hickory Smoked Almonds **98¢**
/100g

Almond Bark **\$1.28**
/100g
White, Dark & Milk Chocolate

Pure Chocolate Chips **68¢**
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285-3223

A Plea for Justice.

The family and friends of the five men who lost their lives in a plane crash off Quadra Island two years ago have begun a petition demanding a public inquiry in order to get the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) to review the cause of the fatal crash. The petition has been endorsed by the United Steelworkers Union (USW) and the BC Federation of Labour. CTV-News W-Five recently aired a documentary about the incident. If you are interested in signing the petition, a link has been set up on the website dedicated in the men's memories at: www.questforjustice.ca

Scroll down a few lines and you will find the link located on the right of the page. The petition has also been formatted so it can be printed and distributed. The W-Five documentary can also be accessed from a link. The website contains detailed information regarding this incident and is updated regularly in order to keep the public informed. Thank you again for the amazing support your community has provided us the last two years. Stay Safe!

- Lilianne Langevin

Golf Course Keeps Quadra Informed with New Notice Board



The Quadra Golf Course has placed a bulletin board at Quadra Foods. Please be sure to check it out! It displays the course layout and will be updated periodically with news and photos to let the islanders know how we are progressing.

Are The Wild Salmon Going Down On DFO's Watch?

A new episode of Twyla Roscovich's documentary film *Calling from the Coast* is now online and ready for viewing. This episode contains important, timely footage of what is now happening in the Broughton Archipelago. The sea lice have returned and now 80-90% of the juvenile wild salmon have lethal loads of lice by the time they pass all the farms. In this episode we get an overview of Alex' Morton's developments in her research project.

To watch the video click on or cut and past one of the following links in your browser: www.callingfromthecoast.com or www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BcRBwCh6BA

Leaving A Trail Of Paint Splatter And Debris

At Drawing Room Art Works, DRAW Gallery is Davyd Oram's show *NOMADS*. Dave's unencumbered joyful expression of the art that he creates can't help but come through his expert use of brush and colour. Dave says, "If you can find something to be truly passionate about, you realize that you can find almost anything else that you could ever want. You got the hardest gem right there already - the rest really is just hard work and discipline."...you can see Davyd's work at the gallery until June 30th.

Upcoming Exhibit opens July 6th see 'SPEAKING TO THE ARCHETYPE' portraits by Perrin Sparks. Everyone is invited to attend the artist's reception. Gallery Hours are Thursday thru Saturday 12-6pm. www.drawgallery.com



Davyd Oram 'The Big Idea'

Happiness is...Being a Gardener

Attend the Cortes Island Garden Tour featuring the gardens of Dr. Andrew Weil, Saturday, June 9, 2007, 9:30 am to 5 pm

The Joy of Gardening is alive and well on Cortes Island. This year's 10th annual garden tour features 14 unique and diverse gardens including the magnificent seaside gardens of Dr. Andrew Weil

"Gardening makes me happy," says Dr. Andrew Weil simply.

Twice recognized by Time magazine as "Man of the Year," Dr. Weil is a medical doctor who is well-known for his integrative approach to health and healing. The author of numerous best-selling books and a frequent guest on Oprah and Larry King Live, Dr. Weil is also a devoted organic gardener with a home and garden on Cortes Island. He believes in and promotes the healing power of gardens and gardening.

It's not just happiness that motivates gardeners on Cortes. On a small island where food security is rapidly becoming a community topic for discussion, many gardeners are cultivating foods alongside their rose bushes. Tamara McPhail, a resident teacher at the Linnaea Organic Farm on Cortes Island is part of a local team researching and writing a booklet on local foods and their growers.

Two participating gardeners will also be opening their print-making studios to the visiting public. Also included in this year's tour are the historic gardens of Channel Rock, originally planted by local celebrity and writer Gilean Douglas. Delicious and affordable lunches will be served at various island locations.

The cost is \$12. per person and all proceeds go to support the local Cortes Island Museum and Archives Society. Tickets are available at the first garden in the tour at the top of the hill - 295 SeaVista. Signs will be posted.

Lucretia Schanfarber is the volunteer coordinator for the Annual Cortes Island Garden Tour, a fund-raising event for the Cortes Island Museum and Archive Society (CIMAS). She is a writer whose focus is health and organic gardening.

For more information please contact: Lucretia Schanfarber by phone at 250-935-0172 or email: lucretia@uniserve.com



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75th Anniversary of the B.C. OLD Age Pensioner's Organization. – June 6th 1932

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In 1932, in the prairie provinces, life in many aspects was a disaster. Drought, high unemployment, and absolutely no protection for people, in particular the Seniors. Life became unbearable for many of its citizens. Farmers could not get any help from the banks, to tied them over. If you were sick, you faced financial ruin, if you did not have the money, you were out of luck. Many People lost there homes, and farms, because they could not pay there Mortgages or Healthcare costs. Some people in Quebec and the Prairie Provinces got together and sent a delegation to Europe, (Holland, Germany and France) to study the Co-op system. They where so impressed that the Credit Union system was established. This still, did not solve the problem of the peoples health. Then elected, C.C.F. Premier Tommy Douglas from the Province of Saskatchewan, took the bull by the horns, and against all odds introduced the first Provincial Healthcare program. The Doctors went on strike. The Businesses were in an uproar. Douglas was called a Bolshevik, and many other names. But the program survived. Several years later when it became apparent that it was good health program, after all. The Federal Govt under Lester. B. Pearson, introduced Healthcare from Coast to Coast. Thereafter the first Old age Pensions where established followed by Pharmacare. Workmans Compensation. etc. etc. Not that this would be the end of the struggle. Over the years, many attacks by Federal, and Provincial Governments to try and reverse this trend, had to be fought. The Seniors of this country spearheaded many of the battles. Not anything was ever handed over, on a Silver Platter. Seniors built and paid, for much of the infrastructure of what we have and take for granted, our Schools, Hospitals Highways, Bridges, Ferrys and Sport facilities, and many comforts that is enjoyed today. So on this 75th Founding Anniversary, let us embrace our Seniors, and let them know how we appreciate all the hardwork, they have accomplished.

On Quadra Island we our fortunate to have our B.C.O.A.P.O. Branch 91, which was founded 43 years ago, by the charter members Below— The Richards, Macklins, Pipers, Schnaars, Britenbachs, Fieldings, Stierlands, Stills, Johnstons, Graftons, and Stephens. This founding was a most important undertaking, for the people on Quadra Island, and the Province.

Lets us respect them, and honour all the Seniors, by announcing in June Seniors week.

- Past Provincial President Martin Amiabel

2007 Quilt & Garden Tour

June 23 and 24 are the days for this years Quilt and Garden Tour, Posies Passions and Pathways. This yearly non-profit event will benefit children. The money raised goes toward the Quilter's annual marathon where many volunteers spend a weekend in the fall to create beautiful comfort quilts to be delivered to the Children's Hospital to comfort young cancer patients. The money will also go toward our new Quadra Island playground at the community centre. We encourage people on Quadra to come out for this two day event and support both these worthy causes. The garden's this year are varied, some with spectacular ocean views and some tucked against rocks or into the forest. The gardeners and quilters will be on hand to answer your questions about their techniques in sewing or getting a special plant to thrive. Come to see the posies, talk about the passions and follow the pathways.

Tickets are still only \$12.00 per person for both days. The self guided tour runs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets will be available on the island at Explore Gallery, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, The Heriot Bay Store and The Quadra Tourist Information Booth. Your friends in Campbell River can purchase tickets at Serendipity in The Garden, Willow Point Market and Garden Centre and the Campbell River Tourist Information Booth. Info call Bev. 285-3897

Canadian Garden Expert Comes To Quadra

The Comox Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) is pleased to bring celebrated author and expert Dr. Linda Gilkeson to Quadra as part of a three-stop speaking tour in June.

Dr. Linda Gilkeson, author of several books on organic and pesticide-free gardening, will speak about strategies and summertime tactics for creating healthy lawns and gardens without using pesticides.

* Saturday June 9 Quadra Island: Quadra Community Centre: 7:30pm "Natural Insect, Weed and Disease Control"

Dr. Gilkeson's most recent books are Year Around Harvest: Winter Gardening on the Coast and West Coast Gardening: Natural Insect, Weed and Disease Control.

As a respected entomologist, she has been a research director with a company rearing beneficial insects and has worked for a decade for the provincial government on programs to reduce pesticide use. She has served as President of the Entomological Society of Canada, the Professional Pest Management Association of BC and the Entomological Society of BC. In 2003, she was awarded a Queen's Jubilee medal for her service to the community and in 2005 received an outstanding achievement award from the Professional Pest Management Association of BC.

The event is free admission and open to the public. It will include a presentation, question period, and book signing by the author.

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On Saturday June 16th, SMOKEYROOM productions and Silver Phoenix Medicine present IBO & KinDread and Culture Brown on Quadra Island as part of their "Sweet like a Sugah" tour '07. This inspirational live reggae music will be sure to rock you steady until closing. The doors for this not-to-be-missed show will open at 9PM at the Quadra Island Legion Hall; tickets will be sold for 7 dollars. On Sunday the 17th, they will also be performing for ALL AGES at the Quadra Community Center. This Father's Day family dance begins at 6PM and is only 5 dollars at the door. Celebrate the day with a positively high energy, drive you to dance, conscious reggae concert. These impact-full musicians and recording artists will play one scintillating set after another to bring people on Quadra Island a rich musical experience they will never forget. Feel free to come check out both of these performances as each show will be unique.

Sweet like a Sugah is a cross Canada and Caribbean tour in support of Ibo's new album which will be released in the summer 2007. It will be Ibo's second solo effort and it is already causing a buzz. IBO and KinDread, a group with a positive message is a driving force on the Canadian Reggae circuit who deliver the message of Rastafari, love and reality and have inspired many people as they tour across North America. IBO, the lead vocalist hails from the small Caribbean island of Nevis and has many years of

experience touring North America with his previous bands Imperial Force out of Montreal and Strugglah out of Calgary. The other members "Kindread" come outta Jamaica and Canada. See www.myspace.com/ibokindread for more information on each crucial band member and to get a taste of the excellence and Majesty of Ibo and Kindread's sound.

The band has released one album and two singles to date on the Smokeyroom Productions label to which IBO is signed. The album "The Prayer" has sold over two thousand units in Canada, in a Reggae market that is not known for high volumes of album sales. The first single "It's a long way" was recorded at Anchor Recording Studio in Kingston, Jamaica and the new single "Sweet like a Sugah" will feature label mate Ras Ghandi. Members of the band come from Nevis, Jamaica and Canada all having a vast amount of musical experience, ranging from studio sessions to playing the Jamaican hotel circuit and backing band for top Reggae artists.

On tour with Ibo & KinDread will be de cultural Deejay CULTURE BROWN out of Jamaica who will be in Canada promoting the new single "Strong and Bless", a combination with IBO and also his next CD, due out later this year. Like Ibo, Culture Brown has done collaborations with various internationally renowned reggae artists and has traveled and worked with many foundation producers out of Jamaica. See www.myspace.com/militancy.

Housing! Housing! Housing!

A small group of us is putting together a housing needs assessment questionnaire for Quadra Island. This will be circulated to all residents in June. The survey is a community based effort not associated with government and can be anonymous. We hope you fill it out promptly. It is information that is useful for all of us.

The information gathered will help plan to fill the gaps in availability of suitable and affordable housing for elders, almost elders, disabled and younger people. Given this information, hopefully creative thinking and practical solutions will evolve.


The questionnaire will cover the following topics:

1. The Quadra Island Seniors Housing Society plans to create a chart of the actual number of seniors, now and in the future by age categories. From this the likely trends might be predicted.
2. We want feedback regarding preferred accommodation and care in old age. We will ask about needs associated with increasing age/ disability/ ability to drive etc.
3. We want to know how many rental units exist on Quadra Island and the number of properties owned by non-residents.
4. We are asking what younger people see as affordable housing options so that they can stay on the Island.
5. We want to better understand the housing situation for seasonal workers.

All this is no small task – any of you who would like to help circulate the survey, please get in touch. The total results will be published in the DI. For more information please contact, Riki Vogt, Mary McIntosh, Michael Mascal, or Carol Woolsey, at 285-3737.

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from Our School Board Trustee

By Helen Moats

At our last Board meeting, trustees were presented with an impressive paper entitled "Safe Schools – a Continuum of Services: School District 72. I believe the entire opening statement is worth quoting. It states, "Campbell River School District is committed to creating a safe and secure environment for all students and staff within its facilities. In a safe and secure environment, students should be able to participate freely in all school activities without fear of threat to their physical, emotional, or spiritual well being. The creation of safe schools necessitates a focused effort from students, parents, staff, and the community at large. The continuum of services begins with the creation of a positive school climate for all youth in the school system... Should an emergency situation occur that threatens school safety and security, Critical Incident Response Teams are prepared to safeguard the immediate physical safety of students and staff, and to work to restore a positive social climate in the aftermath of disaster".

The paper goes on to discuss prevention of problems (teaching good behaviour, student codes of conduct, charters of student rights and responsibilities), intervention when a problem emerges (community/school counselling services, threat assessment by trained personnel) and ultimately, restoration to a safe environment if a crisis does occur. Restoration involves a seven step protocol including assessment, calling for assistance, communication with the whole community, meeting the long term needs of students and staff and debriefing, including the the questions, "How did we do?" and "How can we improve?".

In my years as a high school counsellor in Campbell River, I experienced directly and indirectly a number of critical incidents, including the deaths by accident or suicide of several students and staff members. Some

incidents affect discrete populations – say, the death of a logger in Sayward, or an accident involving a member of a grad class. Some deaths will have schoolwide impact, and reach into other schools as well, because of associations which stretch across the community. There are many variables to consider and the Critical Incident Response Team, which includes district personnel thoroughly trained in this rigorous role, works tirelessly to address all the demands of any given situation until it is satisfied that every need has been met.

I raise this issue as a reassurance to the community that School District 72 has a well thought out plan in place in case of emergency. Every principal of every school knows what the plan involves. Many staff members have received Threat Assessment Training offered by the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response and they are able to read the signs of disturbed youth who are exhibiting "worrisome behaviours". These signs will not be ignored in this district. We also have protocols in place in case of natural disasters, and seismic upgrading is an ongoing process across the district. Carihi is in the beginning stages of a 2.2 Million upgrade which will ensure the safety of its students in an earthquake situation.

Fears for the safety of our children are natural and nothing new. What we fear, however, has changed, and I feel confident in the knowledge that the new and different threats we face as a school community are being professionally addressed on an ongoing basis with commitment to the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of our most precious entrustment, our children. Please feel comfortable working with your school staff or PAC if you have questions or concerns that need discussion.

Until next time,
Helen Moats

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The Liquor Distribution Branch invites community input on a request to establish a Rural Agency Store (RAS) at the Stuart Island Community Association in the community of Stuart Island.

The intent of a RAS is to provide liquor service in rural communities and tourist destination resorts, in order to give people in these communities better, more convenient access to beverage alcohol products. RAS's are established in rural communities where it is too small to operate a Government Liquor Store.

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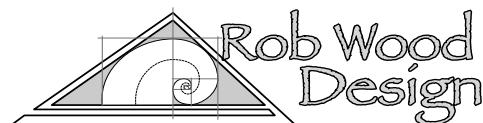
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Your Vision Board

I am so grateful for the DVD 'The Secret' for it has opened the door to an audience hungry for a deeper understanding of life and how it works. It is the beginning of a rich and fulfilling journey to many moments where true happiness, contentment and unlimited rewards are experienced. Opening that door a little further we find a deeper truth to be revealed. Join me for a journey down a road less travelled.

I hosted a vision board workshop that attracted a group who were familiar with the idea presented in 'The Secret' but were struck by my varied approach. I encouraged the group to quickly flip through magazines and with 'no thought' tear out pictures that appealed to them and assemble a collage. Participants were confused.

"Don't you want us to select pictures that represent what we want?"

"No!" I replied, and this is the reason.

The Universe is Infinitely Intelligent and we are creations of It's own Self-contemplation. Something smart thought up each and every one of us and since the Universe is Infinite, and that means everything, then we must be made of this smart stuff. If there is nothing else but this One then all our thoughts, feelings, actions, beliefs and experiences are this One Intelligence experiencing Itself through our individual uniqueness. There can be no wrong way of doing this. How could this be?

Humans are like mini creators and we are given a will power all of our own. We have a tendency to think too much and do too much trying to create our own stuff from the outside - in. The "Secret", or rather what we have forgotten, and/or ignored over the course of many generations, is that it doesn't work this way. Our will, used intelligently, connects internally with our individual truth and gifts, knows what is the best for us, and allows the process of life to unfold in trust.

This concept is explained in detail in "Blink" by Malcolm Gladwell. It is our first thought that is our best thought, is most in line with our true desires. Any second, thought often discounts the first as ridiculous, trivial or impossible. Old beliefs or habits kick in, moving us away from our true desire. A tired list of should's and should not's block us from the clarity that pushes us into joy. What I know is anything is possible and deep down inside each and every one of us we know this.

Ernest Holmes in the Science of Mind says, "We do well to listen to this Inner Voice, for it tells us of a life wonderful in its scope; of a love beyond our fondest dreams; of a freedom which the soul craves."

So why tear out images as we flip through magazines mindlessly? Because I want each and every person to live out of their minds and connect with their heart. I dream of a day when we all live from our hearts, celebrate our individuality, trust life and live more richly each and every moment.

Jill Brocklehurst, Pastor at the Island Centre for Positive Living in Campbell River. Visit www.QICPL.org or email info@QICPL.org.

B.C.O.A.P.O. Br. #91 Quadra Island

There's no club General Meetings being held in July and August.

But the club carries on.

Our members will be present at the tourist booth to welcome visitors to the Island, they will be going on boat trips, taking fellow seniors to Doctors, Dentists or maybe just for a day out.

This is also the time to welcome family and friends to our beautiful Island or go and visit them, (which by the way, is what I am going to do). Time to, just, lounge around in the garden, go on a cruise, or, climb a mountain.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO – ENJOY IT.

It has been an eventful few months since our Christmas dinner with two major decisions being made,

- #1. The extension to the Tourist Booth.
- #2. Keeping the General Meetings at the Legion Hall.

Both items were controversial and as always they were settled democratically, by a majority vote of the members, as it should be and always will be.

There have been times of celebration, times of sadness and disappointment. We have enjoyed the celebrations and have overcome those times of sadness and disappointments and now we are looking forward to a summer of enjoyment and a positive future for our members and the club. I know, with a membership like ours, that, that is assured

If you are reading this and you are not a member. Why not? Become one, you do not know what you are missing.

\$10, that is all it costs to become a member of the best club in B.C. bar none. What are you waiting for? We have no age limits. Do you like people? We do and we like you. Come and join us, we need your input and help to do all the things that you and we want to do for the seniors. If you don't think you are a senior now, believe me, you will become one,

Talk to any one of our members, you must know at least one, ask him/her, what he/she, thinks and then get on the phone.

When you are making your decision to join or not, remember,

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For membership contact:- Lyn Teneycke
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PS: Look for updates on boat trips and activities in the next issue

April Point Reunion

If you were a past employee of the Peterson family at April Point up until 1997, you are cordially invited to a B.Y.O.B. cocktail reception reunion on Saturday, September 1, 2007 at the Quadra Community centre from 6 pm to 1 am. tickets are \$25 p.p.

For tickets send a cheque or money order payable to 'AP Reunion 2007' to Box 178 Quathiaski Cove BC V0P 1N0. Include your mailing address and tickets will be mailed directly to you.

On Sunday September 2 there will be a BYOB BBQ picnic at Rebecca Spit from noon to 4 pm absolutely free. Come and share your memories with old friends. www.aprilpointreunion.com

Quadra Farmers' Market

The Quadra Island Farmers' Market welcomes everyone to this year's Community market. The market takes place every Saturday rain or shine, from May through until September between 10 am and 2 pm, located behind the Quadra Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove.

the new managers of the market are Carmen, Susan and Alma and we would like to welcome back all our regular vendors as well as any new ones who would like to join in. We will continue with a first come first serve basis and the gate will open at 8 am precisely for your setup. The fee for vendors will increase to \$5.00 this year. The fee for children under 16 will remain at \$1.00. Sommmunity and charitable organizations are not charged a table fee for their participation.

Market parking is accessed from green Road, please use it and encourage others to do the same as the main Credit Union parking lot is for their business customers only.

If you are a visitor on Quadra Island please feel welcome to come and visit our market between 10 am and 2 pm and perhaps you'll find a great souvenir of Quadra to take back home.

We strongly discourage dogs at the market so if you have no choice and must bring your dog, it will have to be on a leash at all times. Your market managers will monitor this on your behalf.

Any questions or concerns can be discussed with either Carmen at 286-9808 Susan at 285-3934 or Alma at 285-3521. See you all at the market!

May Queen Speech

by 2007 May-Queen Libby Bawks-Smith

Honourable judges, fellow contestants and the community of Quadra island. Good morning!!! Welcome to May Day!

My name is Libby Bawks-Smith. Thank you for voting me your May Queen of 2007. At this time I would like to honour and congratulate princess Maia and Princess True. Maia, it has been fantastic spending time with you this year, I appreciate your friendship. True, we've known each other since kindergarten. Isn't this exciting?!



Also, please join me in acknowledging, Alysha, Celeste, Shayla and Shanyaa, who, although they are not on stage, have shared in our excitement. They deserve your appreciation also.

As well it is nice to have the kind support of our escorts here on stage. Thank you Brendan, Grant and my escort Keller.

I am so fortunate to have such a large portion of my family with me here today. Thank you Grandma, grandpa, Auntie Amy, Uncle Kevy, Auntie Joan, Miriam and little Elliot for travelling all the way from Kamloops to share this experience with me. My family is my support, and inspiration. I could not be who I am without them.

Eight years ago I moved to Quadra island. Every year since then I have attended or been involved with the May Day festivities. Today's event is a great tradition shared by many people both on, and off the island. I am proud to say that my brother Max and my sister Sophie were in the parade today. Max will soon be entertaining you with his classmates, as they dance around the Maypole and Sophie, as you see in front of me, is one of the kindergarten flower bearers.

The tradition of May Day can be traced back to a time when villages first gathered to celebrate the coming of spring. Quadra island's May Day celebrations date from 1898 when the small population of Valdez Island gathered for what seemed to be not much more than a family picnic. Quadra, in those days was called Valdez Island, and May Day was called the Rose festival. How times have changed and with it the events that we share today, one hundred and nine years later. So for all of you heroes and Sheroes of today, you have contributed to shape our great island tradition.

May Day has always been a special time for me. Each of the 2 years I danced the Maypole was very exciting. When I was preparing this speech I looked back in the old year books and photo albums. I saw myself handing the crown to Queen Sierra in 2001. I was in kindergarten just like Sophie and Jillian are today. It takes a lot of courage to stand up here and do that. Well done girls! You two will always remember this moment.

It was always my dream to accept this crown and now my dream has been fulfilled. Thank you for the honour. Enjoy the rest of May Day!

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A Great First Step

After enjoying a weekend of beautiful weather, doing yard work and studio touring, Monday brought with it grey skies, chilly winds and the *Islander's* looming deadline. One might think, that with the plethora of activity that goes on around us everyday, cranking out twelve hundred words or so on demand should be easy. Sometimes it is, sometimes it isn't – today it isn't. The difficulty generally comes in choosing the subject, not writing the piece; topics recently covered, current events, suitability of content and personal mindset are all factors. With this in mind I beg your indulgence as I revisit a topic that just won't go away, and frankly scares the bejeezus out of me – Iran. Or more specifically, the USA and Israel versus Iran.

I developed an interest in Iran during elementary social studies class, as Iran/Persia has a long, fascinating and complex history. It might have been piqued by the pomp, pageantry and power of the reign of the last Shah, Pahlavi, whose zenith and decline I witnessed during the 60's and 70's, and whose arrogance and non-secularity polarized Iran's very secular population. Perhaps it was in the listening to the tales told of Iran by David, a young, multi-lingual and extremely smart Iranian exile I befriended in Victoria during the 80's, whose family lost everything escaping Iran. Whatever the case, it troubles me no end to see what is happening in the region today, and the prospects arising from the growing tension between the US and Iran are worthy of very sober reflection. In spite of the recent and welcome meeting between US and Iranian officials in Baghdad, there appears little hope of rational dialogue or forward progress anytime soon, and many are expressing concern that time is fast running out. "World peace is now at risk because of new crazies who say let's go and bomb Iran" according to Mohammed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as reported by *UPI* on June 4th. The "crazies" he refers to certainly include Norman Podhoretz, author of a recent commentary entitled "The Case for Bombing Iran", in which he states categorically "As an American and a Jew I hope and pray that President Bush will do it."

Podhoretz is a well-known long-time right wing conservative commentator who has the ear of many in Washington – his son-in-law Elliot Abrams is Deputy National Security Advisor to President George W. Bush, and his son is an editor at the

New York Post. In the same *UPI* article, penned by Arnaud de Borchgrave and titled "Guns of August?" we learn, "The word among the neocon family is Cheney believes Bush will stick to his pledge not to leave office 16 months hence with Iran's nuclear facilities intact. Either Iran comes clean and stops its nuclear fuel enrichment process under IAEA control, or Tehran faces Bush's military option. Two US carrier groups are now 30 miles off Iran's coastline in the Persian Gulf". While researching this piece I came across an opinion penned by the former chief of strategic planning for our intelligence service, CSIS, a fellow named David Harris. It is titled, coincidentally, "The case for bombing Iran", and was published in the June 4/07 *Ottawa Citizen*. It opens simply enough – "When the United States strikes Iran – as it will – the result will be a disaster, but a disaster that cannot be avoided." Yikes.

Harris then goes on to point out the following, more or less. Madmen intent on spreading Islamofascism throughout the world rule Iran, Iran will wipe Israel off the map, and Iran will use nuclear blackmail to take over the rest of the world. Yikes again – sound to me like we ought to vaporize them before they vaporize us, right? He makes no bones about it, in exactly the same vein as Podhoretz – kill them before they kill us. He concludes his piece (I'll refrain the temptation of appending an appropriate adjective after "piece" following "of") by stating, "Above all, citizens of the west must be realistic. Retribution inflicted upon us by [Iranian puppet President] Ahmadinejad and other Islamic extremists – including disruptive oil prices – must not cause us to buy *enemy propagandists'* [my italics] continuing attempts to divide us from the United States and other allies. We must steadfastly recognize that the cost of attacks on Iran is the price we must pay to forestall the advent of a new form of slavery – and many millions of nuclear dead, besides." Wow. This guy should apply as White House Presidential speechwriter – he's got the rhetoric down pat. *Enemy propagandist...moi?* From him it would be a compliment.

And then along came a little ray of sunshine in the form of an essay published on *Yale Global Online*, a service of Yale University, called "Exit from Iraq Should be Through Iran". It was written in May of this year by retired US Army Lt. General William Odom, former Director of the US National Security Agency and now a Professor at Yale. While Odom acknowledges the many shortcomings of the

Khamenei regime in Tehran, he goes on to point out the many areas in which the US and Iran share common ground – Iran seeks stability in Iraq and Afghanistan, has repeatedly denounced Al Qaeda and the Taliban, and wishes as end to the Israeli-Palestinian issue, though admits involvement in the problem through Iranian sponsored Hezbollah. Odom further points out that Iran has acknowledged that the region as a whole has benefited in the past from the US involvement – "by preventing any of the three [feuding] camps – Israel, Iraq and Saudi Arabia – from overrunning one another, the US provided regional stability". The US's direct intervention into Iraq, however, and its blind, overt support of Israel have dismayed Iranian officials. They are further dismayed by the US's increasingly strident bleatings about nuclear programmes after they basically turned a blind eye to the development or procurement of nuclear weapons by India, Pakistan and of course Israel.

Odom feels it is time for certain political players to get their heads out of the sand (or other places, in some specific cases) and realize that Iran is a key player in the region, will not be deterred from obtaining at least a defensive nuclear capacity, and will not demur in their support for a Palestinian homeland, via Hezbollah. However, if the Iranians do not have to fear nuclear attack from the US or Israel, their belief in the need for such weapons will diminish, and indeed, improved relations with the US will inexorably reduce Iranian hostile policies towards Israel. Iran can be of immense help in reducing the tensions in Iraq, and its assistance would allow a rapid withdrawal of US forces. So the quid pro quo is thus; Iran assists the US (as it has in the past) in achieving Iraqi and regional stability, and the US will back off. As Odom puts it, "the makings of a deal are straightforward. The matter of Israel and Hezbollah can probably be sublimated if Washington drops the nuclear issue, along with its threat to change the regime in Iran". It's so simple it's amazing no one in power thought of...strike that thought – not amazing at all.

So a retired General who was also former head of the biggest US spy agency says things will get better if, in essence, we all just get along, and dialogue is needed. The meeting in Baghdad on Monday, the 1st official meeting between US and Iranian officials in 28 years, is a great first step. To quote Winston Churchill, "to jaw-jaw is always better than to war-war."



Island Report

by Philip Stone

Canada Day 2007

Hot on the heels of Quadra's 'community event of the year', May Day, are the 2007 Canada Day festivities just around the corner on July 1st.

While May Day is an over-a-hundred year tradition, this Canada Day extravaganza, also at Rebecca Spit, will be the sixth annual event on Quadra and Canada's 140th anniversary.

Sometime in the fall of 2001 the idea of an annual Canada Day event was brought forward to the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce by Barry Hatelt and Doug Edwards. The Chamber had been looking for events and festivals to sponsor as a way of extending the summer tourist season, fostering community spirit and generating additional economic and cultural activity on the islands. A Canada Day celebration fit the bill perfectly!

As with all such events there is a lot of behind the scenes volunteer work to be done in the weeks and months leading up to the big day. Carol Ann Terreberry and Susan Wilson have been instrumental each year since in pulling all the pieces together with help from Barry and an assortment of Chamber and community members.

Fundraising has been a huge part of the preparations, principally to purchase the fireworks that Doug Edwards and his Phoenix Firesigns team craft into the spectacular display

that ignites Drew Harbour every year since. But the event also generates some revenue from the delicious salmon BBQ, T-shirt sales etc... and the Chamber has been please to offer some of these proceeds to community groups such as the volunteer fire department, salmon-enhancement, ball teams and so on in past years.

This year, along with the now traditional BBQ, live entertainment and of course the fireworks, activities for children will be greatly enhanced into a full-blown Children's Festival. Judy Hagan who has stirred up the community with her high energy volunteer participation with the Quadra Emergency Program, Volunteer Fire Department and the Visitor Info Centre has brought together a dazzling slate of fun and challenging activities for kids of all ages.

Judy came to Quadra with husband Kurt after they retired and left Invermere B.C. in 2004. Neither of them had planned on getting too involved and foresaw a quiet retirement. But Judy told me that once they were established on the island her and Kurt became swept up in the community spirit of Quadra. "We found that when you're retired work doesn't get in the way of volunteering any more" she chuckled.

And indeed there isn't much that gets in Judy's way as she manages to pull off an amazing array of volunteer positions. Judy travels the North

Island with the S.P.C.A.'s Humane Education school program, oversee's Quadra's Speedwatch, dispatches for the fire department and is well known already to Quadra kids as Miss Judi the safety clown.

The Invermere Chamber of Commerce also sponsors a Canada Day event which Judy participated in and she is now overjoyed to bring many of her talents to the Quadra event.

Some of the activities that children can look forward to on Canada Day include: the famous Bow Wow Dog Show, an awesome scavenger hunt with prizes, tattoos, face painting, bubbles, balloon animals, childrens' dance and entertainment, a fish pond, Kidz Printz and there are new activities being added almost daily as the big day gets closer.

This year's Canada Day is of course on Sunday, July 1st. The Childrens' festival starts at 5:30 pm along with the Great Salmon BBQ and delectable decorated cake contest. The main stage live entertainment begins at 7:30 pm and the grand fireworks display over Drew Harbour lights up the sky at 10:30 pm.

The event organizers ask that pets please be left at home and remind everyone that this is a public, community, alcohol-free event.

Canada Day on Quadra Island is one more great example of what makes our island community one of the best places to live in the best country in the world. So come on out and join in the festivities on July 1st, where your red and white, make a donation toward the fireworks and have a great time!



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Homalco Band Votes 94% In Favour Of Destination Resort Development At Orford River, Bute Inlet

Campbell River, B.C. -- Bute Inlet Development Corporation (BIDC is the wholly owned economic development company of the Homalco First Nation) is pleased to convey that on May 30, 2007 through a federally regulated community Referendum process, the Homalco members voted overwhelmingly in favour of setting over 70 acres of reserve lands aside at Orford River, Bute Inlet, B.C. (approximately 65 kilometers north of Campbell River) for the specific purposes of developing and constructing an international destination resort.

47% of the entire eligible Homalco electorate cast votes (total ballots cast: 157). 85% of the on-reserve eligible Homalco electorate cast votes. 12 % of the off-reserve eligible Homalco electorate cast votes. 94% or 141 of the eligible ballots cast voted "Yes" and in favour of the resort development initiative at Orford.

BIDC has been working closely with 2 major international investment and development partners who will provide the necessary project capital and facilities management expertise. All parties are very excited that Homalco members have voted so strongly in support of this important economic development initiative. The Homalco First Nation vote of May 30th was in important and critical step in moving this project forward.

"We are very excited. A strong 'Yes' vote gives us a clear mandate to move forward with this major project. Our partners are also very pleased", stated BIDC General Manager Lawrence Lewis. "This project, once realized, will mean over 60 permanent and full time employment opportunities for Homalco members, strong and

sustained own-source revenues for the Nation, and place Homalco on the world stage as one of the premier destination resorts in the world."

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Complete details about the resort development project will be released through a joint statement of all the parties later in June 2007.

BIDC is the economic development arm of the Homalco Indian Band, and has a chartered mandate to develop and create economic development opportunities, business and entrepreneur opportunities for members, and generate economic wealth for the benefit of the Homalco nation.

BIDC presently has successful tourism operations at Orford River. Homalco Wildlife Tours is considered the premier destination for Grizzly Bear viewing, and has won the Aboriginal Tourism BC Conservation Award the last 2 consecutive years for demonstrating its commitment to conservation and preservation of bear and fish habitat. For more information visit: www.bearsofbute.com

BIDC remains committed to building successful economic development activities on behalf of, and for the benefit of Homalco members and its nation. BIDC is a non-profit federally incorporated company that strives to build and maintain workforce capacity, though the provision of skills and experience to under-employed members of the Homalco community.



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08	07:38	2.7	8.9
Friday	10:50	3.0	9.8
	16:45	1.7	5.6
09	00:22	4.2	13.8
Saturday	08:20	2.2	7.2
	12:44	3.0	9.8
	17:35	2.2	7.2
10	00:55	4.2	13.8
Sunday	08:59	1.7	5.6
	14:19	3.2	10.5
	18:28	2.6	8.5
11	01:27	4.3	14.1
Monday	09:38	1.2	3.9
	15:37	3.5	11.5
	19:23	3.0	9.8
12	02:00	4.3	14.1
Tuesday	10:18	0.8	2.6
	16:44	3.8	12.5
	20:20	3.3	10.8
13	02:38	4.3	14.1
Wednesday	10:59	0.5	1.6
	17:41	4.0	13.1
	21:17	3.5	11.5
14	03:19	4.3	14.1
Thursday	11:41	0.3	1.0
	18:31	4.2	13.8
	22:12	3.6	11.8
15	04:04	4.2	13.8
Friday	12:23	0.3	1.0
	19:17	4.2	13.8
	23:10	3.7	12.1
16	04:53	4.1	13.5
Saturday	13:05	0.3	1.0
	20:01	4.2	13.8
17	00:17	3.6	11.8
Sunday	01:37	3.6	11.8
	02:24	3.6	11.8
	05:43	4.0	13.1
	13:43	0.5	1.6
	20:44	4.2	13.8
18	03:36	3.5	11.5
Monday	06:35	3.8	12.5
	14:18	0.7	2.3
	21:26	4.2	13.8
19	04:45	3.3	10.8
Tuesday	07:31	3.5	11.5
	14:50	1.0	3.3
	22:07	4.2	13.8
20	05:50	3.0	9.8
Wednesday	08:35	3.2	10.5
	15:21	1.4	4.6
	22:45	4.2	13.8
21	06:46	2.7	8.9
Thursday	09:56	2.9	9.5
	15:54	1.9	6.2
	23:21	4.1	13.5
22	07:34	2.3	7.5
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