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Ferry Schedules

Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

6:15 am	3:05 pm
†7:05 am	** 4:00 pm
8:00 am	5:00 pm
9:00 am	5:50 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm
11:00 am	8:00 pm
12:00 pm	9:00 pm
1:00 pm	10:00 pm
2:00 pm	*11:00 pm

Leave Campbell River

6:40 am	3:30 pm
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9:30 am	6:15 pm
**10:30 am	7:30 pm
11:30 am	8:30 pm
12:30 pm	9:30 pm
1:30 pm	10:30 pm
2:30 pm	*11:30 pm

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

† 9:05 am
**11:05 am
1:05 pm
3:05 pm
5:05 pm
6:45 pm

Leave Cortes Island

† 7:50 am
9:50 am
11:50 am
**1:50 pm
3:50 pm
5:50 pm

* - Fridays and Saturdays only. † - Daily except Sundays.
 ** - Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo - No passengers.

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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, July 30th 2007

5 Day Forecast from I+I Environment Canada

Thursday	Thursday night	Friday
High 21°C POP 70%	Low 14°C POP 70%	High 20°C
Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Periods of rain
Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 19°C Low 14°C	High 21°C Low 16°C	High 24°C Low 13°C
Periods of rain	Showers	A mix of sun and cloud

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Quadra Island - weather, tides, coming events, news accommodations, Google™, Yahoo™, webmail, links to local businesses and societies?

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On the cover

Go With The Flow Adventures Thanks you

We put together a work bee with the inspiration of our friend Noelle Maffin back in June. It was a buzz of activity and many projects received great energy. The most exciting project being the newly built cedar hot tub. Brody and Sam Keefer spent many hours machining the wood in Granite Bay. It was loosely held

together by our friends and family while the rings were put in place. It warmed our hearts to see how working together can achieve even the loftiest of goals.

A Special thanks to all of you for coming out and lending a helping hand. We feel so thankful to have such amazing friends and family supporting our dream.

All our love, Brody and Cristina

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Day by day

Thursday-Saturday July 6-July 28

-Speaking to the Archetype Portraits by Perrin Sparks DRAW Gallery 12 - 6pm

Monday-Friday, July 23-27

- Avalanche Ranch Camp QI Bible Church
9:30 am until noon to pre-register call 285-2020

Saturday, July 28

-Dance with 'Flying Debris' Surge Narrows Read Is.
Tickets \$12 children 12 and under free

Saturday, September 1

- April Point Reunion Cocktail Reception April Point
6 pm on tickets \$25 www.aprilpointreunion.com

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Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, July 30th



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Open Letter

Ms Star Winchester

Chair, Comox Strathcona Regional District Board
Dear Madam,

I read with interest a quote by the Comox Strathcona Regional District Chief Administrative Officer, Bob Long, in the "Island Report" by Tanya Storr, Discovery Islander #398, 2007 June 22nd, page 21, which read (quote) Bob Long, who is in charge of the planning process and budgeting, mentioned that "we are at the end of our planning budget for Quadra" (unquote).

As there is a "planning budget for Quadra" as confirmed by Mr. Long's statement, then it follows logically that your expenditures of funds are then presumably properly costed and allocated to functions and projects as would be required for effective financial budgeting for planning, at least in this circumstance for Quadra Island within Area J. In this connection, would you kindly instruct District staff to provide (via your web site to minimize staff time and costs) copies in digital PDF format of the these planning budgets, for Quadra and/or Area J covering the years 1996 through 2007 inclusive, with reference and comparison to the tax requisitions for Environmental Development Services, Planning 500 function for those years, which sums to \$1,125,938.

Additionally, please make available Statements of Remuneration as published in accordance with the Financial Information Act [RSBC 1996] Chapter 140 sec 2(1) inclusive for those years.

Thank you for your kindly attention to this request.

Sincerely,
Ted Conover

Dear Editor,

Thanks for printing Tom Skillman's letter about ferry fare increases in the Gulf Islands. I live on one island and work on several others, and his letter sums up my concerns and those of many others who commute regularly on island ferries

Many years ago I lived in the northern part of B.C., where vast amounts of money are spent in the winter months on the highways - removing snow, grading, repairing bridges, sanding and salting. At no time was I ever required to pay extra for the maintenance of my northern roads. And these roads covered many miles to serve very small communities.

I lived in the north so I could work and pay my taxes like a good citizen. I do exactly the same where I live now, and I'm tired of being told "you chose to live there". Well of course I did, the same as most people in this province choose to live - so they can make a living and pay their taxes.

As Mr. Skillman points out, we depend on our ferries the same as everyone else in this province depends on their roads - to get to work, to run a business, to send our children to school, to contribute to our economy.

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Dear Quadra Islanders,

We need more of your responses to the gym proposal.

If you like to have a gym on Quadra, please submit your survey slip to one of the boxes at the stores till July 27th.

Thank you very much for your time

Quadra Legion News

The Quadra Legion Executive is pleased to announce that they have entered into an agreement with Shawn Gardiner of Taste & Sea Catering for the use of the Legion kitchen and hall for the purposes of food services and catering. It is business as usual (at least) in the lounge and we encourage our members to support this new endeavor operating from the hall.

Items For Publication

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Aerobics with Marion

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Please call Marion if you have more questions 285 2895

Surge Narrows Presents

Flying Debris the band that makes you rock til you drop July 28th 8pm Ticketrs \$12 children, 12 and under free for info call Susan at 287-6440



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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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. Community 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!

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QUADRA ISLAND SENIORS BRANCH 91-B.C.O.A.P.O.

On July 11, 2007, some of our members attended the B.C.O.A.P.O. North Island Regional Picnic, at Halbe Hall, in Blk Creek. We had a delicious buffet lunch, good chats, but because of the very hot weather, we cooled our heels inside, and played many different games, and won many nice prizes. On the way home we looked at the many beautiful carvings, at Willow Point. We then worried if the ferry was running enabling us to get home, because of cable problems but to no avail the ferry workers had the cable on the ramp repaired.

Everyone is busy taking turns running the Tourist Info Centre. It is very interesting speaking to Tourists from all over the world.

We all miss Robert Brown, our traveling President, who is visiting family in Jolly old England. But the rest of us are holding down the fort.

EXCURSIONS

July or Aug.---Neptunes Doorstep---with diver and Jack mar---Yak Shack

August --- Uchuck 111- trip from Gold River To Friendly Cove, Nootka Sound with historian Brian Symes

Sept. 5,6,7,th - with Hilda Van Orden -285-3458 Banfield Marine Station, Tofino by Lady Rose, from Port Alberni.

October 1st--- Bus to Victoria, for Titanic Exhibition and I-Max Theatre--- 8a:m-- leave to come back from Victoria- 4:p:m. Call Ruth if interested in Victoria, Uchuck, and Neptune. 285-3801. Our Annual Quadra Seniors Picnic is to be held at Rebecca Spit--September 12th/07---Wed. Pot-Luck Lunch---games and fun, come and join our lively group.

MEMBERSHIP---no age limit--experienced and young are very welcome. Call---Cliff Hand---923-5814---Len Lamb-285-3354 Lyn Teneche 2852789---Ruth Amiabel-285-3801

WALKS ON SUNDAY- Rebecca Spit with Lloyd & Peter from Launch Ramp or catch up at the Parking lot.

April Point: Our Life and Times

If you were a past employee of the Petersen family at April Point until 1997, you are cordially invited to a Cocktail Reception Reunion on Saturday, September 1, 2007 at the April Point Lodge on Quadra Island with doors (and open arms) at 6:00 pm - tickets are \$25 per person.

Ticket money goes toward the rental of the banquet Room, appetizer platters and power point misc. rentals. Cash bar only from the beautiful April Point Lounge.

For reception tickets, make your cheque or money order payable to AP Reunion 2007 and mail to PO Box 178, Quathiaski Cove, BC V0P 1N0 Once payment is received tickets will be mailed to you so remember to include your contact information including mailing address.

On Sunday, September 2 pack a picnic and bring out the whjole family for a BYO BBQ at Rebecca Spit from noon - 4 pm absolutely free. Play games, walk the Spit or have a quiet chat - your choice.

Come and share your memories and stories. see friends you haven't seen in years. Please spread the word, it's truly and event where 'the more the merrier'!!!

Please join us to visit, reconnect and reminisce. www.aprilpointreunion.com



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Quadra Singers Resumes in Fall!!!

Quadra Singers in pleased to announce that we will be up and singing in the fall. We are changing practice nights to Thursday so that we can have John Montgomery as our director, with Hellen Moats and Joyce Baker on piano. This is a community choir (with no auditions). We start in September learning and perfecting seasonal music, which culminates in a wonderful Christmas concert in December.

Mark Thursdays on your calendar!
More info to follow, or call Nancy @ 285-3800 for mor info.

Avalanche Ranch

Quadra Island Bible Church invites children to Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word!

"This year our church is a stampede of excitement as we visit Avalanche Ranch," says pastor Roy Zimmerman. "Our Avalanche Ranch program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble Chuck Wagon Chow, take on a Daily Challenge to let God's love grow into their homes, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's Word, and create Bible Point Crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long."

Avalanche Ranch begins on July 23 and continues through July 27. We will meet at Quadra Island Bible Church, 1281 West Road, each day from 9:30 a.m. until noon. **There is no charge for this event.** For more information and to pre-register call 285-2020.



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Quadra Wellness Centre

Dear Quadra Islanders,

We are currently planning on a new gym for Quadra Island. Since there is no commercial space available, it is proposed that the Quadra Gym would be situated in a new building, the Quadra Wellness Centre, centrally located in Quathiaski Cove beside the Pharmacy.

This building would be shared with other health and wellness practitioners, providing a holistic approach to fitness and lifestyle. Vitality for body, mind and soul.

The Quadra Gym would offer:

- reception / juice bar
- professional weight and cardio equipment, incl. functional trainer for rehabilitation and physiotherapy
- fitness classes like yoga, thai chi, aerobics, step, spin, kickboxing and pilates
- kids dance/ aerobics classes
- personal training
- weight loss programs
- circuit training
- running club
- extended operating hours 6am-9pm with video lock system and staff. Weekends and holidays
- child minding

We would like to find out how many people would use a facility like this in the near future

The monthly membership fees would have to be between \$50- 70.

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Quadra Wellness Centre Survey

Name/s (optional) _____

Phone (optional) _____

Former member of Quadra Fitness? ☐ yes ☐ no

I am ☐ permanent resident

☐ part time/summer resident

☐ tourist

I would use a membership

☐ drop in punch card

☐ 1 month.

☐ 3 month

☐ 6 month

☐ 12 month

- I am interested in personal training ☐

- Could use a gym for rehabilitation/ physio ☐

- only interested in ☐ fitness classes

☐ drop in

☐ using gym on a regular basis

Like to join the gym, but low income can only afford a membership fee of \$ _____ / month

Comments: _____

Liberal favouritism could put small rural liquor stores out of business - MLA

North Island – North Island MLA, Claire Trevena, is hearing from local small business owners saying that recent changes to wholesale liquor prices could put their rural agency liquor stores out of business.

As the result of heavy lobbying from big box liquor store owners, the government significantly lowered the wholesale cost of liquor to large stores, leaving small rural stores struggling to compete.

“General store owners tell me that it is getting to the point that the liquor agency portion of their business is not profitable at all,” said Trevena. “And now to make it even tougher this government is willing to give an even deeper discount to large retailers.

“Rural areas have seen a consistent pattern with this government; a pattern that makes it harder and harder for small communities to survive.”

Trevena and other members of the Opposition’s Rural Caucus are calling on the Minister for Public Safety and Solicitor General to review the situation.

“Small local liquor outlets are going to become a thing of the past if something doesn’t change,” Trevena said. “And losing the rural agency liquor license could also mean the end of the General Stores that provide gas, grocery and other services to rural residents.”

Library changes to meet customers’ needs

You might have noticed a few changes in some of the Vancouver Island Regional Library branches! VIRL recently concluded a successful customer holds pickup pilot project. The project, launched in the Cowichan, Qualicum Beach and Parksville Library branches allowed customers to pick up their own library hold material – books, CDs and DVDs. The project which ran from April 2 until May 13th, 2007 was popular among customers with nearly 80% offering positive feedback. Library staff are examining the results of the pilot project with an eye to extending the service permanently to VIRL library branches.

Customers who offered feedback on the service had the following to say: “Efficient, Fast. Well done! Someone is thinking ahead to save time and work of librarians and easier for patrons!” and “Have used this system for many years prior to moving here and it works very well for me!” Library systems such as Greater Victoria and Vancouver have allowed customers to pick up their own hold material for the past few years. Of course, you can’t please everyone; one customer added this feedback: “You should serve tea, coffee and tarts in the afternoon.”

This is one of many ways that VIRL is better meeting the needs of busy customers. In 2006, VIRL introduced self checkout machines and there are now 12 machines in the system all have proven to be popular among customers. The library system also instigated an email notification system in 2006. Users who sign up for this system receive an email when a requested item is ready for pickup in the branches and also when they have an item due. An email will be sent a few days before an item is due, warning the customer and then another email when the item is overdue. 27,833 customers have signed up for this service.

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Comox Strathcona Regional District receives letter on structure changes from the Ministry of Community Services

The Comox Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) has received a letter from the Ministry of Community Services that outlines a new direction for the CSRD, including a review of its current governance structure.

The letter from Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, was addressed to CSRD chair Starr Winchester and members of the CSRD board.

One of the key projects of the review, as outlined in the letter, is the division of the CSRD into two separate regional districts: one that is focused on the Comox Valley area and another that would be focused on the Strathcona-Campbell River area.

The Ministry has appointed Dale Wall, the Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Department, to act as the key contact for the province.

"We are looking forward to hearing more from Mr. Wall during his attendance at the special board meeting that I have called for tomorrow," said chair Winchester.

Debra Oakman, general manager of corporate services and acting CAO for the CSRD says, "This direction for change comes from the province and involves changes to Letters Patent, so there will be many things for the board to consider. At the staff level it will be business as usual. Our goal remains to provide services and programs to residents in the Comox Strathcona Regional District with as little disruption as possible."

The letter from the ministry is attached to the agenda for the July 18 special board meeting, found under "agendas" on the main page of the CSRD website at www.comoxstrathcona.ca.

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Visit the Haig-Brown heritage property on the banks of the Campbell River for afternoon tea and a game of croquet.

Enjoy the garden and riverside view as you sample an array of goodies such as finger sandwiches, squares, fruit, and hot or iced tea.

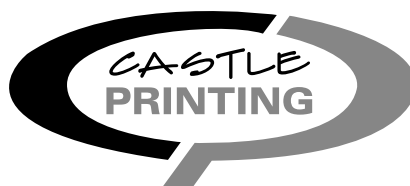
Adults and children can partake in a rousing croquet match or a card game in the shade. An activity table is also provided for children.

The Haig-Brown house was home to Roderick Haig-Brown and his family for over 50 years. An author, avid fly-fisherman and pioneering conservationist, Haig-Brown was an influential character in the early days of our community.

Tea and croquet happens on the lawn every Sunday this summer from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at a cost of 5\$ per person and is free for kids three and under.

Reservations are recommended. For information and bookings call Angel at the Museum at Campbell River, 287-3103.

Tours of the Haig Brown property run on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 Haig Brown House is at 2250 Campbell River Rd., Campbell River.



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MLA Report: July 2007

Canada Day has come and gone and it's been six weeks since the Legislature in Victoria ended its session, in a highly undemocratic way.

After four months in which the Official Opposition raised concerns on everything from environment to corruption to childcare, the government shut down debate and closed the doors.

Just 24 hours before MLAs were supposed to rise for the end of the spring session, the BC Liberals said that by the end of the next day, three bills would be voted on -- whether debate had been completed or not.

In our system there is usually the opportunity to debate bills. There is the opportunity to then go through them clause by clause in committee stage before voting. That is to allow a reasoned and measured approach to legislation. It is supposed to allow the voice and questions of constituents and stakeholders to be addressed in the committee stage. At times it allows for amendments to be brought in to improve or alter legislation.

We know that the government will win when it comes to a vote because we are a two party system and the government has a substantial majority.

However that does not lessen the need for debate and the need for questions. In fact when there is a majority it is even more important to have concerns raised. In a parliamentary democracy the government should allow debate without fear. Questions and opposition are a healthy; an essential, part of our democracy.

Sadly, the BC Liberals have bred an atmosphere of arrogance. Arrogance about forcing through legislation unnecessarily fast. Arrogance about the Supreme Court decision on union rights. An atmosphere which seeps through our whole province: our ferry fares can be raised with an arrogant nod to those of us who live and work on the islands; our hospital can be regionalized with an arrogant nod to those who do not live within the so-called Golden Hour for emergency care; our logs can be exported and we see jobs and communities disappear with our forests.

Through the summer and into the fall, I will continue to work on issues of ensuring good healthcare close to our communities; on the absurdity of our marine highway being operating on a cost recovery basis; on the serious issues confronting our forest sector; on issues impacting our environment; and on maintaining our democratic rights and freedom of speech.

MLAs should be returning to Victoria in the fall, but last year the government cancelled the fall session saying there was no work to do. I am concerned they will cancel again this year having seen their arrogant approach through the last months. It does make the job of opposition that much harder but I will continue to stand up for the North Island, and with my colleagues in the Opposition will continue to challenge the government on all aspects of their arrogant activities.

I'd be happy to talk with you on any issue. I can be contacted through the Port McNeill constituency office on 956-0028 or the Campbell River office on 287-5100, or by email, at <mailto:claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca> or <mailto:claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca>. In the meantime, I hope that everyone has a very good summer.

Best regards, Claire Trevena

Food For Thought

A man walked into my store two years ago; he picked up the walnut crumbs and read that they were from China. He'd be back, he said, when I wasn't buying from China. Eventually, I bought walnut crumbs from California, not because of the man, but because of the better quality

I hadn't given much thought to Chinese food exports until six months ago, when I received a case of organic pumpkin seeds with CHINA stamped on the side. My first reaction was to think, "How odd!" My knowledge of China comes from books dealing with the politics and the history of the country. Most of my life, China and Russia were the boogeymen countries of the world. I envisioned China teeming with people, crammed in poverty, with no room to swing a bat. When China began emerging as an industrial giant, I added toxic air to my vision. It never occurred to me that there was an area unpolluted enough for organic farming. My curiosity was so piqued that I went to the Internet to gather information.

Organic farming takes place in the Great Northern Wilderness where soil is believed to be free of fertilizers and pesticides. It is a new industry encouraged by the Chinese government. Although only 1% of the Chinese population is interested in organic foods, the rapidly growing market in North America and Europe is what is fueling the growth of organic farming in China.

The question of food safety has become a strong focus of interest lately. CBC radio dedicated an hour long show to the topic of foreign food imports to Canada and after interviewing a customs officer on how carefully food shipments are inspected, the interviewer got to the question he most wanted to ask. How safe is the food coming from China? The New York Times ran an article entitled, "In Food Safety Crackdown, China Closes 180 Plants." So much controversy surrounds Chinese non-organic food, but how safe is Chinese organic food? According to an article I found on the Canadian government website, organic crops destined for export are certified according to the organic standards of the foreign country doing the purchasing. In China, The Organic Food Development Centre (OFDC) operates under the direction of the State Environment Protection Administration. The responsibilities of OFDC include controlling agro-environmental pollution caused by synthetic pesticides and fertilizers; promoting the organic food for consumers. Most importantly, the OFDC is officially accredited by the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements, which enables its certified products to be exported to markets in Japan, the United States, Canada and Europe.

In the end, I'm as confident in the certification procedures of China as I am of any other country's. I sell few organic products and of those, three come from China. My distributors offer me no alternative, so I'll be buying my organic pumpkin seeds from China.

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Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department

by Murray Johnson, Fire Chief

OPEN BURNING BAN NOW IN EFFECT

As of noon on July 09, there is an Open Burning Ban in effect. Please do not ignite any fires other than legal campfires, and take great care when you do light a campfire! We consider a legal campfire to be less than 3 feet across, less than 3 feet high, used for cooking, warmth, or ceremonial purposes, located in a safe area away from combustibles, lit in conditions that are safe and will continue to be safe, and having in attendance at all times a responsible person with the means of putting out the fire. Campfires must be fully extinguished before you leave the area. Thank you for your safe use of fire!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the South Quadra Fire Protection District was held on 2007 April 30 at the #1 Fire Hall. The usual AGM business was conducted, including the presentation of audited financial statements, capital plan, Fire Chief's annual report, and Trustee's annual report. One Trustee position was up for election, with Richard Cartwright retiring; Peter Jackman was elected as the new Trustee. I know that the Trustees and all of the Fire Department members join with me in thanking Richard Cartwright for his many years of volunteer service as a Trustee (and as a firefighter before that!).

FIREFIGHTERS GET WET

A number of firefighters and paramedics (and teacher Jack Mar) took their place on the chair of the dunk tank at the Rebecca Spit Canada Day festivities, including the Chief and Deputy Chief (I don't remember volunteering, but there I was...) I want to thank all of those who coughed up a loonie or two to take a try at dunking us all. Man, there are some wicked arms out there on some small people.... Thanks also to all of those who got wet! The money raised will go to a good cause...

No. 2 FIRE HALL SPRUCED UP

A dozen or so firefighters and some family members gave up a chunk of their Sunday last week to clean and paint the exterior of the #2 Fire Hall, at Heriot Bay. In the sort of excellent display of teamwork and effort that one has come to expect of our volunteer firefighters, the job was tackled cheerfully and the results speak for themselves. The 40-year old hall looks good again! Thanks, guys!

TAXES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I recall reading something somewhere recently that seemed to take a swipe at the taxes collected by the South Quadra Fire Protection District for the operation of your fire department.

Just for interest, I looked up the taxes collected by the SQFPD over the past 10 years. From 1997 to 2007, annual taxes increased a grand total of 10.4%; an average increase of 1% per year. National inflation over this time period was about 20% (Stats Canada). The residential mill rate for fire protection over the same period dropped from 0.91 in 1997 to 0.52 in 2007. During this time period, the Fire Department has managed to build a great new fire hall, put a new engine into service, completely re-equip with turnout gear and breathing apparatus, improve fixed water supplies, meet ever-higher training standards, and make dozens of other improvements...

I just mention all of this to reassure you that your Trustees are doing a good job of managing your tax dollars and that we as a fire department are continuing to provide high value to you. If any landowner in the SQFPD ever needs accurate figures on the taxation practices of the SQFPD, including the current year's budget, our current capital plan, tax history, or whatever, feel free to contact me - I have the real numbers.

Our thanks to the publisher of the Discovery Islander for allowing us to put this column in every now and then. For Fire Department information, write or call: QIVFD, Box 80, Q-Cove, BC, V0P 1N0, Attn: Fire Chief, Phone 285-3262 Fax 285-3273. You are also welcome to contact me at murray@island.net

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Welcome Home Xavier Rudd

Sunday, August 19, Xavier Rudd comes back to the Comox Valley to headline the BIG TIME OUT in Cumberland. He will weave his magic to thousands of adoring fans

who will be coming from all over the lower mainland and Vancouver Island to partake in this very special event. Xavier is, simply put, one of the highest profile independent artists currently touring the globe. The awards for his albums and accolades for his performances span continents. His new album "White Moth" (released last month) is already playlisted on discerning radio stations worldwide. He sold out the Royal Theatre in Victoria last week and is in the midst of a North American tour which places him in major concert halls and festivals over the summer months. He has extended his tour to include headlining both the Salmon Arm Roots and Blues and the Big Time Out in British Columbia mid August.

Success stories like Xaviers' all have their humble beginnings. What's special about this one is that it started here in the Comox Valley.

Doug Cox (artistic director for Island Music Fest) used to host the jam at the Waverley Hotel in Cumberland. It was there that this attractive young Australian with a guitar, stomp box and didgeridoo first showed up to delight the Thursday night regulars. Soon after Xav recorded his first North American release "Live at the Grid". That disc (now out of print) has been known to fetch \$300 on Ebay in Australia. Residing in Merville for several years Xav started a family and toured extensively

creating the career that has placed him on stages with everyone from Ben Harper, Dave Mathews and Michael Franti. Xavier has since returned to Australia but returns to the valley annually to visit family and

friends. This concert is the first time he has performed north of Victoria since his phenomenal rise in popularity.

Mirroring the social justice mandate of Cumberland Village Works, Xavier has been supporting, artistically and financially, the growing movement for aboriginal rights in Australia. Sharing headline stature Sunday Aug 19 at the Big Time Out is Canadian icon Sarah Harmer. The synergy of these 2 concerts alone is creating major excitement on Vancouver Island and beyond. The weekend includes 3 full days of entertainment featuring headliner performances on Friday by Corb Lund, and Michael Franti and Spearhead as well as Sly & Robbie on Saturday. For complete information about this event visit www.cumberlandvillageworks.com



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We the Amiabel's are quite concerned about the change. For when you have established a good relationship with your physician it is very difficult, to make another move, particularly when you are a senior. With the constant increases, in the ferry rates, and gas prices, our trips to Campbell River become more costly.

I found that we do not have to change physicians. We can use the T.A.P. form, which is for people who live in areas where you must use a ferry, plane, or bus, to get medical services, and specialists referrals.

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Province Won't Help Reduce Ferry Fare Increases

By John Sprungman
Chair, Ferry Advisory Committee

The Provincial Government won't allocate any more money for BC Ferries' minor routes over the next four years. Residents of and visitors to communities served by those 18 ferries, including Quadra and Cortes, will have to pay the increased costs of fuel, labour and capital improvements.

In spite of months of efforts by representatives, residents and business owners from ferry-dependent communities, Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon was not convinced that fare hikes are threatening the sustainability of island and coastal economies.

A week before the government's decision, Vancouver Sun columnist Vaughn Palmer asked Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon if he would increase the provincial service fee "as a way of heading off another round of fare increases." He said, "I'm not in that frame of mind."

He also wasn't inclined to announce the decision himself, leaving it to Ferry Commissioner Martin Crilly to post the news on his web site (www.bcferrycommission.com) as a way of making it public. Click on "What's New" to read Crilly's summary and the amended contract between the Province and BC Ferries for 2008-2012, also known as Performance Term Two (PT2).

Crilly now has until September 30 to determine the final price caps for annual increases in PT2. His preliminary figures at the end of March suggested that minor route fares, including Quadra and Cortes, will be going up at least 6.7% annually. That's the best case scenario, assuming that the Consumer Price Index remains at 2% annually and fuel prices don't continue to go up.

Last week BC Finance Minister Carole Taylor announced that the Province had a budget surplus of \$4.1 billion in the last fiscal year and said it had allowed the Province to invest \$3.4 billion in "building and upgrading schools, universities, colleges, hospitals, roads and bridges."

"We are upgrading transportation networks to keep our economy moving," she said.

In fact, BC Ferries is getting some of that money. In the wake of the sinking of the Queen of the North, the Province is putting up nearly \$168 million during PT2 to pay for new vessels, terminal improvements and operational funds for services between Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlotte Islands and between Prince Rupert and Vancouver Island.

Responding to letters and emails from concerned minor route users, the Transportation Minister frequently cited the increased annual total of \$130 million in "taxpayers' dollars" which he says "guarantee service levels for the minor, northern and Sunshine Coast routes."

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"No other small communities in B.C. benefit from this degree of sustained transportation funding," Falcon writes.

The fact is that the minor route group is going to get about the same annual service fee (\$74.3 million) it was allocated from 2003 to 2007. The northern routes will get \$25 million in 2008-9 and \$47 million a year for the three years after that.

The major routes between Vancouver Island and the Mainland are already covering their operating costs, but they will also see annual increases in PT2 to cover the financing of new ships and terminal improvements.

On the minor routes, there will be a 4.4% increase November 1 under the existing contract for Performance Term 1. PT2 starts April 1, 2008 with the current fuel surcharges rolled into the base price and a new set of price caps.

The caps are a limit on across-the-board fares for the whole route group so they allow BC Ferries to raise some fares more than others. This includes raising ticket book prices more than the cash fare, eroding the "discount" that frequent users get. This occurred during PT1.

Scheduling "Flexibility"

The amended contract also specifies the number of roundtrips on each route that BC Ferries is to provide in each year. The totals for Quadra and Cortes remain unchanged, but BC Ferries now can reduce the service on any route by one roundtrip per day and add sailings at busier times to make up the total.

This is scheduling flexibility in an effort to improve what BC Ferries calls "capacity utilization."

Quadra Senior Capt. Wayne Maxted told the Ferry Advisory Committee in May that if any winter sailings were cut from the Quadra-Campbell River schedule, it would be almost impossible to make them up within the current 16-hour day at the busiest times of the year.

The Cortes ferry, which currently operates 12 hours a day year-round, could theoretically have a reduced winter schedule and more summer sailings, but whether ferry users and the union would support that change is certainly debatable.

When the FAC has asked about added summer service between Quadra and Cortes, management has repeatedly expressed concern about finding qualified crew for an additional shift for only a few months of the year.



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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

As Time Runs Out

A recent column (A Great First Step – DI #397) prompted a reader to write me with some specific questions that arose from the points made in the piece. The writer (as he wrote me directly I'll preserve the anonymity for my reply) asked six questions, which I think I can safely distil down to two: Given Iran's publicly stated intention to remove Israel from the map; that Iran actively seeks nuclear weapon capability, and they actively seek to spread radical fundamentalist Islamic rule around the globe, is it not reasonable for Israel (and by extension, its sponsor the USA) to take pre-emptive action to remove such a threat? And second, doesn't Iran represent an emerging threat, similar to Nazi Germany, and that the time to deal with it is now, while they are "weaker and could be defeated with less destruction and death" than was the case with Hitler? In other words, has the time for Churchillian "jaw-jawing" passed? In my opinion, the answer to both questions is no – at least not at this point in time. I turned to two leading authorities on military and geo-political affairs, Gwynne Dyer and Patrick Lang.

Dyer, whose name frequently appears in this space, is a Newfoundland born naval officer/military historian who now lives in London. Dyer has published several best-selling books on global affairs and is a syndicated columnist (his website is www.gwynnedyer.net).

Patrick Lang retired from the US Army as a Colonel, specializing in intelligence. He served with the Defence Intelligence Agency as a Middle Eastern expert, and was the first Arab language lecturer at West Point. He is now a consultant and frequent media commentator, and runs an excellent blog called *Sic Semper Tyrannis* ("thus ever it be with tyrants") at www.turcopolier.typepad.com.

Both men have spent their lives observing events unfold in the Middle East, and while they may differ in many of their views neither feel Iran represents much of a threat today, either to Israel, the region or the globe, provided the USA and its proxy Israel cease being a threat to Iran.

Dyer predicts the US invasion of Iraq will fail; indeed, he wrote so in August 2004, in *Future: Tense* (McClelland & Stewart – 2004) and even opens the book with "The United States needs to lose the war in Iraq as soon as possible. Even more urgently, the whole world needs the [US] to lose the war in Iraq. It would be nice if Iraq didn't have to lose too, but that is a lesser consideration. What

is at stake now is the way we run the world for the next generation or more, and really bad things will happen if we get it wrong". And here is what he sees happening as at June 22, 2007 – "Beyond forecasts of civil war in Iraq, however, there has been little effort to discern what the Middle East will actually look like after the US troops go home. There is already a civil war in Iraq, and it might even get worse for a time after American troops leave, but these things always sputter out in the end. There will still be an Iraqi state, plus or minus Kurdistan, and regardless of whether or not the central government in Baghdad exercises real control over the Sunni-majority areas between Baghdad, Mosul and the Syrian border. With a Shia-dominated government in Baghdad, post-occupation Iraq will have close ties with Iran, but there will be no Iranian troops there. Nobody in Tehran is crazy enough to volunteer Iranian troops for counter-insurgency duty in Sunni Arab parts of Iraq, and Iran lacks the military capability for adventures in the further reaches of the Arab world even if it had the desire".

And as to the question of Israel itself, here is Dyer's opinion, from the same article – "For Israel, however, the situation has changed fundamentally. For the first twenty years of its existence, Israel was a state under siege. For the past forty years, since the conquests of 1967, it has had the luxury of debating with itself how much of those conquered lands it should return to the Arabs in return for a permanent peace settlement. (The answer was always "all of them," but that was not an answer many Israelis would hear.) Now the window is closing. Before long, some of the Arab states that Israel needs to make peace with are likely to fall to Islamist regimes that have an ideological commitment to its destruction. (Hamas's capture of the Gaza Strip is a foretaste of what is to come.) Israelis trying to evade hard choices have long complained that they had "nobody to negotiate with." It is about to become true".

Patrick Lang is much more hawkish in his views of Iranian intentions, but shares Dyer's view that they offer little in the way of a realistic threat at the moment, and that the present status of Iranian authority is very fluid – reacting to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's vapid ranting would be immensely stupid. Lang, writing in *The National Interest* (Spring 2006 edition), considers US/Israeli action against Iran as extremely dangerous: "In the end, it may become necessary to confront Iran militarily over its emergent nuclear status, but the costs would

be so high that all diplomatic resources should be exhausted before such measures are adopted". And if Dyer's forecast regarding Iraq is correct, coupled with a nuclear-armed Iran, what does Lang see happening? From the same article – "With nuclear weapons in hand, Iran will become the dominant local power in the Persian Gulf. They will have no pressing need to use these weapons, because their mere possession will ensure that everyone in the region, including Israel, will have to deal with them as a major power. We, too, would probably have to learn to deal with them on this basis".

Both Dyer and Lang agree that Middle Eastern dilemmas are only going to be solved with a multi-lateral approach. Dyer argues that were the UN to exist and function as it was intended, the situation might be controlled, as the organization often did in its heyday of the 1950's and early 60's. But as he writes in *Future: Tense*, the course undertaken by the present US administration, guided by the principles espoused by several present and former administration appointees and enunciated in *The Project for A New American Century*, appears nothing less than entrenching a global hegemony in order to protect its present dominant global position, militarily and economically. The UN stands in its way, and is considered an irrelevant dinosaur by the neo-conservative cabal which includes Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle and oh yes, Scooter Libby amongst its members. Perhaps even Bush, Jr. himself shares this ideology, though this is doubtful, as higher thought clearly escapes him. Dyer is more convinced now than he was in 2004 that the US administration has embarked on a course that will be irrevocably damaging to the world's safety, and even more so to that of the US itself.

It is high time that the American public re-examine the ideology and methodology being espoused as the "American way" by recent administrations, most particularly that of the present. The reputation of the country, hard earned over the centuries, is now tarnished to the point that a majority of global citizens named the USA as the greatest threat to world peace and stability, in a recent poll. The USA's blind support of Israel, and their more covert support of unpopular governments in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and other Gulf States must cease if they ever hope to achieve any form of rapprochement with the other fundamentalist Arab states, and more importantly, would de-escalate what is becoming a crisis of global proportions in the Middle East.



Business Profile

by Tanya Storr

Sidelines on the Boardwalk

Ask Debbie Manery or Linda Dorsett why they enjoy operating Sidelines on the Boardwalk, and they will both tell you it's "great fun." The two owners of the combination seafood and gift store in Quathiaski Cove obviously love what they do.

"That's the idea behind it all. Going to gift shows, showcasing the work of local artists, selling seafood, and working at the dock right in the Cove—it doesn't get much better," affirmed Linda.

Sidelines, meaning "on the side", opened on July 1, 2006. The concept for Sidelines is all in the name. Linda was interested in a venue to sell her seafood, Dorsett Sea Products. As well, the owners felt that tourists arriving or leaving the island would appreciate the opportunity to shop for local art.

"We offer gifts on the side and seafood on the side. We're in a prime location—people need something to do while they're waiting for the ferry," said Linda.

Promoting local artists is important to Linda and Debbie. "We're honoured to have the work of local craftspeople and artists in here. We would have more if we had the space. There is so much talent here," said Debbie.

Linda observed that talented artists aren't always good at marketing themselves.

"It's important to have outlets for artists who want to get their work out there. We like to keep our consignment mark-up as low as we can, so everyone can make a little money."

Linda, Debbie, and Sherry Hayward were the original business owners in Sidelines. Sherry has since left and opened her own shop in Willow Point.

On June 1, 2007, Debbie and Linda relocated Sidelines from one side of the Harbour Authority building to a larger space on the ferry side. The bigger space and increased exposure has been good for business.

"I feel like we're ambassadors for the island," said Debbie. "We always welcome visitors, enquire about their vacation, and bid them goodbye. People from many different walks of life come in and are happy to chat. It's so much fun."

The outside of the store has a colourful, cheerful feel with wind spinners hanging from the eaves and stained glass pieces accenting the windows and walls. Deb, an avid gardener, has filled a planter made by her husband, Pat, with vibrant annuals. Marie from On Root Greenhouse donated a bench seat. It's a popular spot to sit and watch the world go by.

"We get lots of compliments. I love setting up stores. It's the ambiance you're creating," said Deb.

Inside, there is much more to see. Artwork from Quadra, Cortes, Read, Powell River, and Vancouver Island locations fills the store. If you're looking for a unique gift in wood, glass, shell, silver, stone, textiles, beads, moose hide, or even dried kelp—chances are you will find it at Sidelines.

"We've made every effort not to carry what other local gift shops are carrying. There are a lot of ideas out there, a lot of talented people," Debbie stated.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the business is interacting with local artists, she went on to say. They come in often, bringing new pieces and ideas. On Canada Day, Quadra artist Perri Sparks set up her easel at the store and drew portraits for people.

Debbie and Linda also bring in giftware and home décor items from further afield.

"We attend gift shows and choose stuff that's appropriate for our store. We have cast iron garden ornaments, oversized candle holders built for the outdoors, decorative tiles—we like to stock bigger items for wedding gifts and that kind of thing. A lot of our imports are from islanders' travels abroad."



Debbie Manery welcomes locals and visitors to Sidelines on the Boardwalk in Quathiaski Cove.
Photo by Tanya Storr

Edible items include Linda's delicious "frozen at sea" prawn tails, halibut fillets, albacore tuna loins, ling cod fillets, and coho fillets. Swimming scallops, smoked salmon, canned smoked scallops, and honey—all from local suppliers—are also available.

Sidelines is open seven days a week during the "hot season." The store is also open at Christmas. Deb said Sidelines sees the majority of its male customers during the festive season.

"Women often buy presents year round and tuck them away, but lots of

men buy the bulk of their gifts during the week leading up to Christmas."

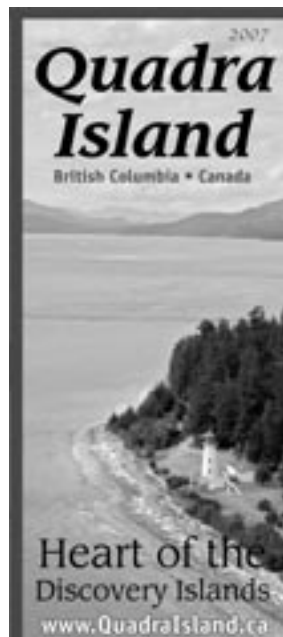
The atmosphere in the Cove is very friendly. Fishermen and visiting boaters passing by the store drop in to say hi.

"Half the fun for me is hanging out with all the local fishermen," said Linda. "Our boat was tied up here for years, and it feels good to be here."

For more information about Sidelines on the Boardwalk, drop by the store between 10 – 5 or phone 285-3299.

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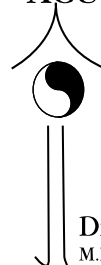
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20	05:34	2.4	7.9
Friday	09:43	3.0	9.8
	14:56	2.2	7.2
	22:17	4.1	13.5
21	06:15	2.1	6.9
Saturday	11:20	2.9	9.5
	15:22	2.6	8.5
	22:42	4.0	13.1
22	06:57	1.9	6.2
Sunday	13:16	3.1	10.2
	15:23	3.0	9.8
	22:59	3.9	12.8
23	07:39	1.7	5.6
Monday	23:11	3.9	12.8
24	08:23	1.4	4.6
Tuesday	17:04	3.6	11.8
	18:59	3.6	11.8
	23:31	3.9	12.8
25	09:07	1.3	4.3
Wednesday	17:17	3.8	12.5
	20:09	3.7	12.1
26	00:06	3.9	12.8
Thursday	09:50	1.1	3.6
	17:28	3.9	12.8
	20:58	3.7	12.1
27	01:03	3.9	12.8
Friday	10:31	0.9	3.0
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28	02:24	3.9	12.8
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