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JAY FLICKS

MAX MANUS (Norway) Doors 7:30 – 7:45 Showtime Adm: \$5 – Students/seniors \$4

tonight!

Manus (1915-1996) is a man of no formal education who led a real life of derring-do tailor made for the movies. Surprisingly, this complicated man and historical hero has only now been the subject of a fiction feature and the result is a smart film about the resistance that acknowledges that radical actions are most often taken by those with the least to lose.

The strength of the film's passion and storytelling have helped make it Norway's biggest domestic hit in more than a decade. This film is to be acclaimed for the vigour of its characters and the visceral impact of its narrative. With scenes set in Norway, Sweden, Finland and the U.K., this exciting blockbuster deserves art hous berths abroad; and festival successes are a given.

POST SCRIPT – Our apologies that The Trotsky did not show up on Sept 24th. We will be showing it instead on December 10, the date Babies was scheduled for. Babies stood in on Sept 24 at the final hour. Again our apologies for those who wanted to see Babies. (Sweden) Doors 7:30 – 7:45 Showtime Adm: \$5 – Students/seniors \$4

THE GIRL WITH

THE DRAGON

October 22

next time.

Who hasn't either been or seen someone lost between the covers of the runaway success "whodunit" novel by Steig Larsson, The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo?

Lisbeth Salander, thin as a knife, is 24 but at times looks 14, with hair "as short as a fuse" and a penchant for applying heavy makeup"in a colour scheme that indicted she might be colourblind." Swedish journalist Micael Blomkvist is recruited by wealthy businessman Henrik Vanger to solve the decades-old disappearance of his teenaged niece, Harriet. Mikael and Lisbeth, a computer hacker, end up joining forces to uncover buried secrets of the Vanger family.

This is the first movie of Steig Larson's three novel series and it is an electrifying jump-start to the murder mystery movie genre. Fans of the novel will not be disappointed.

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DAY TO DAY

Friday, October 15th,

Hal Douglas Blues Band Featuring Julie Frank 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. HBI Pub

Sunday, October 17 Catberet, Community Centre, 7pm Sun

Sunday, October 24

Geshe YongDong speaks on Loving Kindness Meditation Quadra Community Centre, Upstairs Room 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, October 10th, 7pm

Reside / Dawson Duo, flute and piano at Quadra Community Centre presented by the Quadra Cultural Committee; 16 and under free with adult.

Saturday, October 16

2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving Gift Giving Quadra Community Centre, Noon to 3 p.m. Closed Containment Salmon Farming, QCC, 7 PM **Tuesday, October 19** The "Practice of Unconditional Love" course starts Spirit Books, Upper Realm, Q. Cove 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 21

Introduction to Meditation course starts Spirit Books, Upper Ream, Q. Cove 7:30 p.m.

NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2010

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THE REGULARS

MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30am - 12pm Low Impact, 8:30am, QCC Karate, 4 pm, QCC Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30pm, All welcome. Yoga with Josephine, Room 3, QCC, 7 - 9pm **1st Monday** - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9pm 285-3656

TUESDAY

Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4pm Caregivers Support Group 10 a.m. QCC Folk dance 7:30 QCC Al-Anon Meeting, Children's Centre, 7:30pm Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30, Sept 21-Apr 26

WEDNESDAY

Yoga flow with Marnie, HBI Bayview Room, \$10, BYOMat, 9:30-11am U of Q! HBI Pub, 7pm, free Parent and Babes 11 a.m. QCC Climbing Wall Teens 4:00 p.m. QCC Climbing Wall Family 6:30 p.m. QCC Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15pm

1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank,QCC 1 - 2pm Lifedrawing sessions, Firesign Studio, 7 - 9:30pm Nancy, 285-3390

THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30am - 12pm Karate 4:00 p.m. QCC Climbing Wall Kids 2:30 p.m. QCC Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7pm Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00pm.

FRIDAY

Low Impact 8:30 QCC

SATURDAY

Legion Meat Draw 5pm, Steak Dinner 6:30pm Open Mic with Mo, HBI, 9pm

SUNDAY

Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration, Willow Point Hall, 10:30am

Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am - 2pm, *285-3390* Quadra Island United Church, 11 am, Sept 12-June 26. Buddhist meditation, QCC, 10am.

ISLAND FORUM

SKATING ON THIN ICE

I didn't think I could be any more disgusted with the lack of integrity in a leader, until I heard Gordon Campbell comparing himself and Colin Hansen to Olympic athletes and making a joke of his most recent deception, the Highly (s)Cynical Tax (Definition of cynical - disinclined to recognize goodness or selflessness). Firstly, what an offense to the single minded determination and dedication of the majority of athletes. Secondly, like athletes, politicians have a unique opportunity to be role models. A recent study has shown a correlation between increase in crime and mistrust of leaders. Whilst we are increasingly asked to tighten our belts and creatively do more with less, there seems to be a trend for those in power to insulate themselves from their own directives.

In 2007, two years before a promised revision date, Provincial M.L.A's were given a 29% pay increase and Campbell gave himself a 50%+ increase. Between 2002 and 07 Translink executives awarded themselves 55-100% pay increases.

In 2008 Part time members of the B.C. Ferries Board got a 60% increase and in 2009 David Hahn was the beneficiary of an over \$1 million package.

I recognize that few of us readily embrace change which may or may not benefit our society in the long run, and that many politicians work extremely hard with a genuine desire to serve and improve our lot, but wouldn't it



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be refreshing to have leaders who lead by example.

It's not too late to let go of some of that H.S.T. booty (although Bellingham already has a chunk of it with 33% increase in sales since July). Christmas is coming Gordon and I wish you could find a river you could skate away on.

John D. Walton

Dear Editor,

Arne Liseth's letter is the most disgusting letter I've read in the D.I. I haven't seen the word disgusting used so often in so little space.

In this 2+2=3 straightened jacket world without a tie

it's troublesome to think out a reply. To one who won't be listening to what I say

As he wiles away the day. And so I say once again Arne Liseth's letter is disgusting.

Yours Hugh McNab Read Island The best way to Cortes is via Quadra Island Tune into CORTES RADIO direct link from www.quadraisland.ca

ENRICH SOMEONE'S LIFE

Enrich the life of an adult learner. Become an English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor. The experience will change your life too!

The CR Community Literacy Association has students who need tutors. Volunteer tutors work one-on-one with adults wanting to improve their English reading, writing and pronunciation skills. The service is free and private. Everyone is welcome.

The Literacy Association offers one-on-one ESL tutoring sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30-8:30pm. All programs are free, thanks to funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor, please phone 250 923 1275 or email julinabastock@literacyforall.ca for more information.



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NEXT DEADLINE MONDAY, OCTOBER 18™

Dear Readers,

Did you know that the top executive of ICBC see makes \$1.18 million per year? That's according to a recent CBC radio news feature. Just thought I'd ask you all how you feel about insuring your vehicles with a person like that executive. Is it a racket, or, is it a sick racket? I went into the ICBC office recently to insure my car for another year and the conversation went, as usual, something like this: "Hi, I'd like to insure my car for one year please."

"Okay. Let me see...ah yes, here's your account Mr. Jectted...ahhhh, yes. That'll be \$12,070.89, thank you.

"Wow! That's hardly dropped much from last year...only 25 cents lower than last year's premium. I thought I get a discount each year if I didn't have any claim...how did you come to that figure of yours? "

"Well...didn't you hear? Our CEO now makes \$1.1 million per year. He recently got a raise. Where exactly do you think he gets that money from Mr. Jectted? Yeeeees, he gets it from hard-working mugs like you."

"Well...yes, I'd say he takes it from mugs like me, if my car insurance is anything to go by."

"Exaaaaaactly Mr. Jectted. You're paying for that \$1.1 million per year. And that's just his salary. Then there's his six weeks in Monaco every winter, and his new Mercedes every two years, and "

"Wait! How exactly do you come to the figure of \$12,070.89 for my one year's car insurance?"

"Well...it's Tuesday today, so there's the Tuesday fee of \$125.00, and the licensing fee of \$24.99, and the signing fee of \$35.75, the fee-processing fee , the overall fee , the pay-off-mymortgage-fee , the rain fee of \$65."

"What? What is the rain fee ?"

"It's raining out there Mr. Jectted; we always charge an extra \$65.00 if you insure your vehicle on a rainy day... helps us clean up the mud you track in here...and there's the question fee of \$75.00 per question that you ask me...let me see, so far today you've asked me four questions, oh, and you're wearing a blue raincoat so we have to add another ten dollars onto your insurance for colour fee because blue is my most unpopular colour. And there's the coffee fee for my coffee, and there's my vacation in Mexico fee ... yes... that's a big fee this year because I'm taking my mother, husband, and our three kids, so that fee puts another ... gosh ... that fee alone puts another \$3500 onto your bill. I love Mexico. Then there's the licence plate fee and the licence nuts and bolts fee and the licence sticker fee and the scratch fee."

"Wait! What's the scratch fee ?"

"The scratch fee is what we charge clients who scratch themselves while they're in here insuring their vehicles. You just scratched your itchy chin didn't you. Yes, you did, so...here... look, at this clause...as it says in the contract... any client who scratches any part of himself/herself during the insuring process will be charged a fee no less than \$50.00 and no more than \$5,000.00 as a contribution towards I-see B-see employees' retirement fund, depending on the discretion of the I-see B-see officer handling the client. See it's there in clause 54,587,677 section 11,569, paragraph 15,987-C. Soooooo, I've just charged you the full fee of \$5,000, in fact I actually tacked that on before you scratched because if you hadn't scratched I was going to charge you \$5,000 for owning a Toyota. We always charge more if you own a popular car, because popular cars have more accidents than other cars. I'll charge you the Toyota fee then I can buy the new laptop I've had my eye on.

"For goodness sake! Toyotas have more accidents because there are more of them...Toyotas have out-sold all other cars ever made, so of course there are more of them on the road than any other make or model, and so of course they'll be in more accidents than any other make or model of car!!!! Your reasoning is out; it is way out... it's faulty!!!! "

"Hey, wow! Mr. Jectted, don't argue ... and you raised your voice Wow! Now I'll charge you the argument fee and the raised voice fee, and the worry fee because I'm worried now.... and, hey... now there's so many fees I'll have to charge you the fee fee, and the fee-processing fee, the multifees fee, and the numerous fees fee, and the additional fees fee, and the multi-processing fee, and the overall fee-processing fee, and the total fee processing fee, and the explanation fee for having me explain all this to you...oh., and of course there's the ten-minute-fee because you've been sitting here for ten minutes or more, and the fee-for-fees-fee and the fee-for-fees-for-fees-for-feefee-fee... and the paperwork fee ... this is getting expensive for you Mr. Jectted...I can see our CEO's salary going way up again next year, waaaaay up; he'll be soooo happy...he's trying to reach \$2 million per year before he retires, you know. Now we'd better get on with this, I have other clients

to see. Let me see...your policy states that you can drive a maximum of 15 kilometers or under five kilometers, on any given day provided it's not more than 250 kilometers in less than four hours, or more than five minutes, or 35 kilometers less than 100 kilometers in under five days in any given month, or more than 15 kilometers from your home... Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck excluded...if your car is red, green or blue, or is newer than five years old, and is more than 85 kilometers from your home on Tuesday after 2:00pm; Huey, Dewey, and Lewy notwithstanding the aforesaid or the herewith underhanded skittly-aga-do; or if you are its principal driver, and only or most frequently its oldest driver or youngest driver for no farther than 25 kilometers and less than five minutes from your place of business or any intersection without traffic lights on it, except on Tuesday afternoons or New years Day before 11:00 am if it's rainy; or if the journey is longer than 12 kilometers and under 25 kilometers, and less than one or more than one kilometre. Okay?"

"Hoooooly Smoke! What a load of mumbo-jumbo. Seems to me that whatever happens, say, if I ever have an accident; no matter who or what is in the wrong, I can never make a worthwhile claim, because you'll always find a loophole in the mumbojumbo through which you can escape."

"Mr. Jectted, you are brilliant. I couldn't have put that into such clear words so perfectly if I had tried for 100 years. Didn't I just tell you that our CEO is aiming for an annual salary of two million dollars? Where is he going to find that kind of money if he allows people to make claims? He's not stupid. Here, have a free ICBC calendar. You see? There's another benefit of insuring with us; this splendid scenic calendar free!"

" Your CEO's income is about 300 times more than mine, but he's not 300 times better-educated or 300 times more-experienced than me or people like me. I spent three years full-time at university and graduated with a degree. Are you trying to say that your CEO spent 900 years at university? Doesn't he feel embarrassed about taking all that money from our society, while many of his clients live in poverty; and he does no more than what most middle-class people do who are paid \$50,000 per year if they're lucky? How can he take so much money from our economy when we have homeless on our streets? He's no better than a criminal. He's socially a criminal certainly; and

irresponsible, in fact he really should be tried for crimes against humanity.

" Mr. Jectted, Mr. Jectted... Mr. Jectted... how can I put this ...our CEO is one of a certain type of person... let me see ...who is above others...he is above normal human values...he's part of a dream, a wonderful dream, where everyone makes one million dollars per year, eats milk and cookies as much as they like, always smiles, and always drives a new Cherokee at least.. Such people are never wrong, are always ethical, and always rise above the masses."

"Like a master race?"

"Yes... a master race ...that sort of sounds good . One our CEO's friends is Mr. Hunn, the millionaire who runs BC Ferry Corporation. Our ICBC CEO wants to keep up with Mr. Hunn; surely you can understand that. Our poor CEO, imagine his suffering if Mr. Hunn gets ahead of him. It would be sooooo sad. Now we must conclude your policy, I have other clients waiting, and I want to check into Disneyland's website to see what's new in the real world."

"Holy...so, after all those fees, how much do I actually owe you for one year's car insurance?"

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A HUGE THANK YOU FROM NUYUMBALEES!!!

To the artists that have donated artwork for the Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre Fund Raising Art Auction that will be held at Tsa-Kwa-Luten on Sunday October 10, 2010. Debbie Dick, Brad Assu, Josh Duncan, Troy Roberts, Keith Wilson, Bill Henderson, Pat Hunt, Sam Henderson Jr., Junior Henderson, Ernie Puglas, Lydia Brittany, Tom Wilson Jr., Frank Assu, Barbara McCoy, Nancy Dawson, Vincent Henson, Tom Hunt, Gail Rankin, Curtis Wilson, John Henderson and Dick Joseph.

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM NUYUMBALEES!!!

To the businesses and individuals that have donated to the Fund Raiser on Sunday October 10, 2010. April Point Development, April Point Lodge, Arbutus Ridge Golf Club, Canadian Fishing Company, Coastal Community Credit Union, Cynthia Ross, Discovery Marine Safaris, Eagle Eye Adventures, Fermentations, Fusion Massage, Gardens By Paul Renda, Heriot Bay Inn, Heriot Bay True Value, Homalthco Wildlife Tours, Isle Tech Auto, Lovin Oven II, Marnie Chonka, Micha Menczer, Michelle Johnson, Mid Island Fishing Charters, Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre, Quadra Island Harbour House, Quadra Taxi, Raving Raven Grill, SouthEnd Farm Vineyard, Sunday Dennis, Taku Resort, Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, Whiskey Point Resort, We Wai Kai Campsites, We Wai Kai Seafood, Wei Wai Kum First Nation and Yellow Dog Trading. It is not too late, if you would like to donate or attend, call Carol Ann or Heather at 250-285-2042.

NEWS AND EVENTS

RECYCLING CARDBOARD

Cardboard recycling should be the easiest of our recycled materials to manage and yet it is not. Boxes just seem to hide more weird things than any other kind of container and those weird things end up in the recycling bins. Common sense and the desire to want to do the right thing can fix that problem.

Only clean cardboard is acceptable for recycling. Than means pizza boxes, cake boxes loaded with icing and crumbs, oily boxes from your last oil change, bloody meat boxes, mouldy boxes which have been on the back step since March 1985 and the box which held your last big salmon are not, no NOT, acceptable for recycling. Cardboard tins, milk boxes and soy and soup tetrapaks are not acceptable for recycling. Currently, these items are garbage and should be treated that way.

The only thing which should be found in a cardboard box which is in a bin is another cardboard box. There should be no styrofoam, kid's toys, magazines, plastic bags, nails and screws, food, unused parts from assembly of the product which was in the box originally or any other thing. In fact not even other cardboard boxes should be in a cardboard box as then the box takes up too much space – something of which we are short.

All boxes should be flattened. Stomping on a box does flatten it temporarily – maybe enough to fit through the slot, but once in the bin, that stomped box springs back into shape and takes up much more space. The only way to ensure we do not have to leave boxes stacked beside the bins before pickup day is to flatten them properly. Finally, beer and other non-corrugated boxes such as cereal boxes belong in the cardboard bins, not in the paper bins.

Keep up the good work Islanders! Every day, things are looking better at our recycling depot.

WARNING: FRAUDULENT FIRE CHIEF'S PHONE SOLICITATION

The public is advised to be aware of a fraudulent phone solicitation occurring in British Columbia. Callers are being asked to donate using credit cards. In some cases, when callers were unsure of whether they wanted to leave a donation, they were provided with a 1-800 number to call should they change their mind. When people call the first number, a prerecorded greeting, sounding very official, asks them to phone a second 1-800 number. It is believed that a \$200 fee may be added to the caller's phone bill based on information found regarding the numbers. We have been informed that an individual within Campbell River was called to make a donation to the "Campbell River Fire Chief's Charity." This is not a legitimate charity request. There is no phone solicitation for funds happening on behalf of the Campbell River Fire Chief or Fire Department. The Fire Department has informed the local RCMP and reported the matter to Phone Busters (the RCMP Phone Fraud Division).



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.72

The deeply rooted rhythm of autumn and return to school is once more with us, with the relaxed pace of summer now a distant memory. Students and both former and new staff are settling into the promise of another year, and much behind the scenes thought and planning is taking place in School District No.72.

On the Discovery Islands, both Surge Narrows with 16 children and Quadra Elementary with 100 are about the same size as last year. With the closure of Linnea School , Cortes Elementary/ Secondary School, with its K- Grade 10 population, has reached the same size as Quadra Elementary's K-6, a remarkable development given the overall population levels of the two islands. Obviously, a much younger population on Cortes!

If you read Campbell River newspapers, you will know that we continue to feel financial pressures, and there seems little hope of change. For the third year in a row, we have had a structural deficit, which means that in order to continue services at the same level, we have had to dip into our reserves each year. The Board of Education is now receiving warnings from its "money people" that we cannot continue to do this, as our reserves are now dangerously low, and unpredicted expenses always loom on the horizon.

Indirectly related to finances, and directly related to declining enrollment, is the topic of "reconfiguration" of schools – meaning, which grades will attend which schools. I can't help going back to my own experience growing up in Langley: my 2 room rural elementary school (still there!) held grades 1-4 (no kindergarten) and in my grade 5 year, expanded to 1-5. In grade 6, we were bussed 5 miles to spend one year in a "city" school, and then in Grade 7, we proceeded to Langley High School, which held grades 7-13 with a school population of over 1000 students. My point? The challenges of growing or shrinking school populations have always been with us, but how they have been addressed is the big question.

This Board of Education is mindful that changes in school configuration can affect families in ways both positive and negative, ways that it can't necessarily forsee. Jim Ansell, our assistant superintendent, has set up a process so that your thoughts and ideas can be heard. There are two avenues:

Online: go to www.sd72.bc.ca/news/configuration. asp and you will have two options to join the debate: either "Public Forum on Configuration" where the "discussion" button will take you to the opinions already being voiced, and where you can add yours, or to "Email the School Configuration Committee" where you can more privately voice your questions and ideas.

Public Meetings: The website sets out the Campbell River meeting dates, and there will also be an opportunity on October 18th to attend an after school or evening meeting at Quadra Elementary School. Quadra families could potentially be more affected by reconfiguration than those on Read or Cortes, and we want to hear your concerns. Phone the school at 285-3385 for more meeting details.

One way or another, I hope to hear from you if you have opinions. Email probably works best at helenm@uniserve.com, but I can also be reached by phone at 285-3560.

Until next time, Helen Moats

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Back by popular demand! Due to the wonderful response received for our spring series of Evening Dialogues, The Museum at Campbell River is pleased to present its new fall series beginning Thursday, October 7th.

We are fortunate to welcome back Michael McIvor, former host of CBC's "Man Alive" and "The World at Six" as facilitator for all three evenings. The first evening's topic is "What Should Governments Fund?" which raises such issues as whether or not we should have expanded private health care or whether there should be subsidies for the arts. Comments from our previous series included: "I will come to more", "Enjoyed hearing other people's views and opinions", and "Great open discussion, nicely MC'd". There will be two further Thursday evenings - on October 28, we will present "The Controversy over Climate Change" and on November 18, "Politics and Religion". Topics are sure to elicite some animated discussion. Admission is free and we thank our sponsors, Klari Varallyai, Campbell River Physiotherapy and Dave Zamluk Tax Service Ltd for making this possible. Coffee and wine service is available.

Come join Campbell River's very own think tank, and have your say! The evening begins at 6:30. For details visit www.crmuseum.ca under programs or call the Museum at 250-287-3103.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

There are lots of activities at the Community Centre this Fall and most have begun, however it's not too late for the following:

Yoga with Carol Foort starts up again Wednesday, October 13 with the morning class starting at 9:30 and the evening class with the new time of 6:00-8:00. Yoga with Bridget Walshe starts Fridays October 15 at 9:30. Chess for children starts Monday October 18 at 2:50. (The school bus drops the children off at the QCC after school.) The session for high school kids starts at 4:00 and the high school bus drops those students off, so transportation is not an issue. Sarah Boyes' Bellydance class is Tuesdays at 6:30.

Halloween Fun Night is gearing up and if you would like to be part of its creation, please let us know by phoning the QCC. The Community Centre is decorated for Halloween and games and a Haunted House happen from 6:30 to 8:30. At 8:30 Phoenix Firesigns put on a fireworks display for the community on Blenkin Field. Donations to fireworks are needed and appreciated. A tax receipt is given for donations over \$20 at QCC Box 10, Q.Cove.

If you would like more information about activities or rental space at the QCC, come by the office Monday-Friday between 8 and 2:00; check out our website at www.quadrarec.bc.ca or look over the Fall Recreation brochure. If you are new to the island, we would love to meet you.

CAMPBELL RIVER ARTS COUNCIL BANNER AUCTION!

Hard to believe but the locally painted banners that graced the streets of Campbell River this summer have been taken down. That can only mean one thing - it's Banner Auction Time! The banners are now hanging in the lobby of the Tidemark Theatre. From now until October 19 you can visit the Tidemark and place a bid on your favourite banner. This is a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to own a banner from the 2010 collection. Themes this year included 'Flags of the World' and 'Sports of Campbell River'. The Campbell River Arts Council would like to thank the Willow Point Coastal Community Credit Union for their support of this year's Banner Project. Bids can be placed on the banners until noon on October 19. Bid high and bid often! All proceeds raised from the Banner Auction will go to support the community programming of the Arts Council.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING GIFT GIVING

Come to the second Annual Community Thanksgiving Gift Giving Celebration. On Saturday, October 16, we give thanks & gifts & food to our wonderful Quadra Island Community. All community organizations, local merchants & individuals are welcome to bring free gifts to share with everyone. Each table will have one free item available to all members of the community. There will be free food from a local grocer, free student notebooks for a local stationary store, free books from local bookstores, free poetry from individuals, free kindling from the Free Wood Association, home made treats from the kitchen, maybe even Mexican food, Free live jazz, Free Money from the Free Money Association, Free massages, Free dog & cat food & much, much more. Consider booking a free give away table now & guess what? The tables are free. Remember this is not a garage sale, pick one item only and give equally to everone. There will be prizes for the most generous givers.

Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 to book a free table or for more information. The time is Noon to 3 pm. The place is the Quadra Community Centre and the date is Saturday, October 16.

HAND DRUM JAM

Trance drumming is an active form of meditation that creates a feeling of contented joy within one's being without the sometimes unhealthy after-effects of drugs & booze. It's also cheaper at just \$5 for a drop-in fee. So, if you have a hand drum in the closet, dust it off and come on down to Spirit Books in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove on Wednesday nights, starting Sept. 29 from 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm. If you don't have a drum, we can provide one. Some instruction is provided for beginnners. First time visitors are free. Former members of Beat Root receive special honors. Call Steve at 3323 for info.

ATTENTION VETERANS

With Remembrance Day approaching, it seems an appropriate time to remind any disabled veterans of a benefit available from Veterans Affairs Canada. As you age, you may find that you need a companion when you travel for medical services. Veterans Affairs will pay for an escort if you follow their procedure. First you must have your doctor give you a letter stating that you require an escort. Then obtain the VAC form **"DECLARATION BY ESCORT** FOR ESCORT FEES". Finally, from the Campbell River yellow pages, phone ESCORT SERVICES. They will send you the friendliest young lady you could ever hope for.

Frank Smirfitt.

HAL DOUGLAS **BLUES BAND**

The Hal Douglas Blues Band will be rockin' the HBI with danceable, jazzy blues. The band will feature Julie Frank on vocals along with Don Doolittle on saxophone, Adam McGuffy on Bass, Steve Moore on drums, and Hal on guitar and vocals. The music will include original and cover tunes. Come on down to the HBI pub from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Friday, October 15th.

INTRODUCTION **TO MEDITATION**

The Spirit Meditation Centre, located in Spirit Books at the Upper Realm in Q. Cove, is offering an "Introduciton to Meditation" course on Thursday Nights starting on October 21 at 7:30 pm. The course is taught by Dave Ashton, who has been teaching Meditation Courses in Victoria for several decades. Here's Dave's course description: Are you tired of "dogmatic religion" and in "this world all there is is science?" Do you ever just want to STOP everything and take a rest from the seemingly endless ritual of worldly responsibilities that frequently leave you feeling tense and dissatisfied? Did

you ever wonder if there was more to life than what your experience seems to suggest? If that is the case, then perhaps you are ready to discover a doorway within yourself through which you can access an unlimited field of perception, anchored in your own intuitive awareness of self. If you are ready to begin an exciting new journey of inner discovery that will positively impact the way you view yourself and the world, then the practice of meditation is most assuredly the next step in your unfoldment. The journey of self-realization liberates us from the fetters of delusive ignorance and suffering that arises when we become so absorbed in the world as to forget our own true nature, which is unconditional love, fathomless peace, immeasurable contentment and ever-new joy. Come and learn the techniques of meditation that will help you to reclaim your unalienable right to freedom and happiness.

Call Dave at 285-3871 to join the course which is free or by donation to cover rent and xeroxing.

GARDEN CLUB OCT 10

On Monday October 18th at the community centre, Paul Skuse from Sticks 'n Stones Nursery in Campbell River, will speak to the garden club about installing your own back yard pond. Paul has worked over twenty years in the horticultural industry and has enjoyed working on many projects in the Campbell River area. The evening will be informative. Paul will discuss the principles, materials and design ideas during the presentation. Small ponds can become the heartbeat of the garden, bringing year round enjoyment. We, humans relate to water on an elemental level while a pond also creates biodiversity for the other local fauna.

Join us at the Community Centre at 7pm, new members welcome. Annual membership is \$10 which gives a discount at many local nurseries. Drop Ins \$2. We would love to see the result of the time enjoyed in your



garden. Anyone interested in showing off their largest, or oddest pumpkins and squash? Are there still blooms enjoying this wonderful autumn weather? Bring them along for the show and tell table.

FREE FIREWOOD

It's only mid-September and the house is feeling cold already. So I think we should start the Free Firewood program a little early this year. Many of you already know that the Free Firewood Association in co-oparation with the Quadra Community Centre offers free firewood to all Quadra Residents in need. The service is designed to help single parents, elders on fixed income, low income and unemployed residents and new residents who join us in mid-winter with an empty wood shed and no resources to buy wood from local wood cutters. Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 or Alan Burnett at 285-3544 for assistance at the wood shed or for delivery if you don't have a vehicle.





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CLOSED CONTAINMENT SALMON FARMING: A CONVERSATION ABOUT CONSERVATION

Engineer, conservationist and photographer Dr. Andrew S. Wright has spent the last 2 years studying the technologies and economics of land based closed containment salmon aquaculture. On Saturday, October 16th, Dr. Wright will give a lively power point presentation on the findings of his recently published report "Technologies for Viable Salmon Aquaculture". This report was recently presented to the government's standing committee for Fisheries and Oceans and reported in the Globe and Mail. The evening will dispel many of the myths surrounding the viability of closed containment aquaculture. Time for dialogue and debate will be provided after the technical presentation.

If time permits Dr. Wright will also give a photographic journey through the Great Bear Rainforest. To view some of Dr. Wright's photographic works go to www.cold-coast.com

Sierra Quadra is sponsoring this presentation on Saturday, October 16th in the Quadra Community Centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the presentation will start at 7 pm. Refreshments will be available.

PADDLE FOR WILD SALMON

Despite healthy returns for Fraser River Sockeye this year the future of our wild salmon is far from secure. Right now, wildlife tour operators in Glendale Cove in Knight Inlet, Bella Coola and Smith Inlet are seeing very low Pink and Chum returns, and are witnessing starving bears.

The Save our Salmon migration in the spring of this year was a great success, and the largest environmental rally ever seen in BC. It brought together people from all walks of life- scientists, politicians, First Nations communities, businesses, schools, families- to speak out against fish farming on our fragile coastline.

However, despite the success of the rally, the future of our salmon is precarious. The fish farms continue to operate in the migratory routes of the wild salmon, and continue to ignore the requirement to make public the raw data they collect on their farms. We need to bring the plight of the salmon back in to the heart of public awareness and to continue to lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to bring the fish farms in line.

Therefore we are calling all wild salmon supporters to come out again, this time on a "Paddle for Wild Salmon", canoeing down the Frazer River from Hope to Vancouver 19th – 23rd October. The paddlers will then join a rally at Jericho Beach on Sunday 24th October, and march to the DFO in downtown Vancouver on Monday 25th. Please see below for more details on the events.

I urge you to take the time to come out and lend your support to the salmon. It is only when we stand together to be heard that the government will listen.

I hope to see you there. Brian Gunn

CATBERET

You know all about siviculture, culture shock, culture club, cultural diversity and cross culture: On Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 ish sharp come out to the Community Centre and get all of that culture and then some. Entrance is by donation.

The first half of the evening features some of Quadra's most famous writers, musicians, athletes, comedians and dancers. The second half we have Neil Maffin starring in a four person Mac Beth. Here is part of an interview with the Director of the play Cameron Johns.

I was resting in my billion dollar home, coming down from finishing my 3D proselitization video, Ratava, and I wondered how I could make it more real, and then it hit me. I could do it on stage with real people. You don't even need to wear those stupid glasses. Why had nobody thought of that before? I chose Mac Beth because my son is in grade twelve and can't read and I figured if he saw it staged he wouldn't have to read it. We're opening on Quadra because I think the community is ready for a more adult oriented play and because this is where the actors are. Any one of the four actors could bag a Tony award and Neil has a shot at winning best male and female leads. As excited as I am to bring my version of the Scottish play to Quadra I am even more pumped by the first half of the evening. Local artists never get the respect they deserve. When you see them buying their art supplies at Hummingbird just like you do or see them not quite make the ferry it removes some of the mystique that 'foreign' artists have. Many of the artists have acts have performed in the Big Smoke and some may do so later in their careers. It's a great opportunity.

This is a benefit for the Feral Cats but while you might come for the cats you will stay for the entertainment. It doesn't hurt that Karen Gair and Donna Dennis are in charge of the foodies. I stopped eating yesterday just to make sure I'd have enough room.

This is a non-poetry event: Please, leave your high brows at home



QUADRA SENIOR HOUSING NEWS

The open house at Seniors Housing was a pleasant day spent showing off the suites. A great turnout of curious islanders enjoyed the lunch served by volunteers. We also sold Heriot Bay Tru Value point cards, raising a total donation that day of \$1254. Thank you community.

A big thank you to Tom Rohan plumbing, for all of the time he is donating to the project. We very much appreciate the extra effort you are putting in Tom. Ross McPhee donated his crew's time for the cement finishing on the first duplex. Great community spirit Ross, thank you. The cement is being purchased from Uplands at a reduced price. So thank you to the Stewarts and Uplands for this tremendous donation it has helped very much to keep the construction costs down. Cloverdale Paint of Campbell River is donating all of the exterior paint and oil stain thank you from across the water.

The Board is still working on big decisions for the second duplex things are looking very positive. Ministry of Housing and Social Development are giving us some more funding for the crew. Seniors Housing thank the local Legion for their support and their help in applying for a grant from the Legion Foundation BC/Yukon Command. Our fingers are crossed. Heriot Bay Tru Value store points are a huge bonus to the community and Seniors Housing appreciate that support - we are putting your points to good use.

Your donations are making this a reality!



Quartango, a fiery foursome of firstclass musicians will heat up the Quadra Community Centre stage with their passion: the tango! Energetic yet sensual, elegant and refined, their repertoire includes the classical tango as well as the modern tango nuevo and milonga. For more than 25 years, Quartango has been shedding new light on this musical genre through arrangements and original compositions, many written for them by pianist Richard Hunt. Infused with hints of the classics, jazz or Celtic music and sparked with humour, their concert will surprise, excite and evoke deep emotions in every listener on Saturday, October 23rd at 8:00 pm.

Quartango's founding member, René Gosselin, principal bassist with the Orchestre Métropolitain de Montréal, plays a one-of-a kind, five-string bass, which he developed in collaboration with Canadian luthier Mario Lamarre. Doctor of Piano, Stéphane Aubin works as a soloist, author-composer, arranger, musical director, vocal coach and accompanist for some of the well-known artists of Québec, namely Charles Aznavour, Michel Rivard, and Louise Forestier. Denis Plante plays and composes for one of the famous Double A series bandonéons, an unusual instrument "that has been roaming from country to country for centuries." And on violin, Antoine Bareil, concertmaster of l'Ensemble Prima de Montréal is a world renowned and highly acclaimed guest soloist and concertmaster, recording artist and composer/arranger dedicated to contemporary music.

Winning three Opus Awards from the Conseil Québécois de la Musique, Artist of the Year in 2007-2008, a Félix Award and a Juno nomination, Quartango has performed throughout Canada and around the world. They have shared the stage with many North American symphony orchestras and their discography includes six CDs on the Justin Time label.

Critics agree that Quartango is hot stuff! "With elegantly flawless arrangements full of sensuality and wry humour, this group of classically trained musicians infuses the tango with a fascinating mixture of pathos and heat..." The Buffalo News. "The Montreal group heated things up with a concert that was nothing short of brilliant. It was dramatic. It was elegant. It was everything tango music should be..." Regina Leader-Post.

Tickets for Quartango's Quadra concert are available at the usual outlets: the Music Plant in Campbell River, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply in Quathiaski Cove and Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay. Advance tickets are \$17 for adults; students 16 and under are admitted free with an adult. Tickets will be available at the door for \$20. For concert information, please call: 250-285-3245. For information on the artists see: http://www.skysat.ca

The Raving Raven is closed for the season and we thank you for your support during our initial year of operation. We appreciate the feedback we received and intend to make improvements based on this input for 2011. Gila Kasla.





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Next time he writes here, if he does, Mr. Jectted will reveal word for word the interview between himself and Mr. Hunn of BC Ferry Corporation. Mr Hunn is another social criminal who believes that by absorbing over one million dollars per year from our economy, as his 'salary', while people in Canada are homeless and hungry, he is proving

David Jectted, Quadra Island

SENIORS NEWS

Beautiful Fall, this is a nice time for walks. Meet Peter Gregg on Sundays at 11 am at the Launch ramp at Rebecca Spit, and have a leisurely stroll

Our Harvest Fall Fair will be on Wed. October 13th 2010, bring your carved Pumpkin and other Crafts, Preserves, Baking, Floral Bouquets, Unique Vegetables or Fruits or a unique display. There will be Judges from the Community. We will also have music to liven us up & put us in the mood. On other Wednesdays we will have Armchair Aerobics with Ann Lawrence at 10 am, Carpet bowling with Chris at 11:15 am, bring a snack and have a coffee or tea.

At our Nov. 3rd meeting we will have Elections, make sure you attend to help with your choice of

Our Christmas Party will be held at the Discovery Coast Hotel near the Quadra Ferry Dock at 11:00 a:m on Monday Dec. 6th,2010. Make sure your name is on the list & your guests

For 2011 memberships, in our active group, call Chris Dyson @ 2207 or Ruth @ 3801.

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CITY SUPPORTS FOOD BANK DRIVES

The City will work to support two food bank drives taking place locally in the coming days Harvest the River, is part of regional food bank drive sponsored by Investors Group Financial Services. The Harvest initiatives use the City's curb side recycling pick-up to collect food Residents are asked to place nonperishable food items in the paper bags distributed through the Mirror newspaper. Place the bags at the curb, on your regular recycle day, beside your blue recycle bins. Volunteers will collect the bags in conjunction with recycling schedules until Oct. 8.

In addition, on Oct. 7, residents can drop off donations at the Save-On Foods parking lot in Campbell River from 6 am to 6 pm. Shaw Canada has also begun a nation-wide campaign, with a goal of raising one million pounds of food for local food banks. For every pound of food contributed locally, Shaw's corporate office in Calgary will match the donation, as will Campbell's Soup company turning one pound of food into three that will be available in the local food bank.

The City will provide drop-off locations for food at all City facilities to make it easy for City staff and members of the public to make donations of non-perishable food items. The Shaw food drive will continue until Nov. 15.

"These food drives are giving people a number of ways to support our local food banks," says Mayor Charlie Cornfield. "We've got opportunities here to again demonstrate Campbell River's impressive generosity."

All food collected in Campbell River will assist local people.



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UNCONDITIONAL LOVE COURSE

The Spirit Meditation Centre, located in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove, is offering a course on "The Practice of Unconditonal Love." The course is on Tuesday Nights at 7:30 pm, starting on October 19. Of course, we can all agree Love freely given is a good thing, but the ability to practice it in daily life with friends & lovers & parents & children is often difficult. It often requires skillfull practices to manifest this unconditional love more & more. We observe that dogs are very good at unconditional love & human mothers often excell in the practice with their children. Saints do well too. However most humans, especially men, don't do so well at sharing real love. In the course, we will explore the practice of unconditional love & forgiveness, non-violent communication, letting go of fear & past wounds, loving-kindness, generousity, letting go of expectiions and attachments to the results of our labours of love. The goal of the course is to create genuine, passionate, warriors of love who will share unconditional love with one's loved ones & the entire Quadra Community. The text is John Welwood's "Perfect Love, Imperfect Relationships: Healing the Wound of the Heart." Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 to sign up for the course.

GESHE YONGDONG

Geshe YongDong will be speaking on Tonglen (Loving Kindness) Meditation at the Quadra Community Centre, Upstairs Room, on Sunday, October, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tonglen is a meditation practice designed to increase your capacity for compassion and love. Tonglen means "giving and receiving." It is a method for connecting with suffering--ours and that which is all around us. We begin the practice by taking on the suffering of a person we know to be hurting and who we wish to help. Tonglen can be done for those who are ill, those who are dying or have just died, or for those that are in pain of any kind. It can be done either as a formal meditation practice or right on the spot at any time. In the Tonglen visualization, we receive, with a strong compassionate motivation, the suffering and pain of others, and we give them, with a tender and confident heart, all our love, joy and peace. Tibetan monk Geshe YongDong will speak & instruct students on the practice of Tonglen mediation and will lead participants in several guided meditation practices. The suggested donation is \$10 but paying what ever you can afford is fine. For more information on Gesh YongDong, please visit the website at www.sherabchammaling. com or call Danielle and Steve at 250-285-3323.

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NUYUMBALEES CULTURAL CENTRE

is now closed until the Spring of 2011. Thank you to everyone in the community that promoted and supported the Cultural Centre in 2010. We sincerely appreciate your patronage and the visitors that you sent to us. We can open for group tours by appointment, call Carol Ann or Heather at Tsa-Kwa-Luten, 250-285-2042.

The current exhibitions are Rick Cepella's massive

acrylic paintings of BC's mountains in a blend of

realism and abstraction, and Gretchen Markle's

minature oil pastels painted every morning at dawn

Call 250-287-2261 for more info.

Thanks! Jeanette Taylor

FALL PROGRAMS AT CR ART GALLERY

Fall programs continue to unfold at Campbell River Art Gallery. For adults there's Open Studio, an opportunity to gather with fellow artists to work from live models on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. It's a drop in program from Oct 5 to Nov 9, at \$11 per session.

A series of jewellery making classes continues with a half-day beading workshop with Barbara Goertz on Saturday Oct 23 from 1:30 - 4:30 at \$35 for members or \$40 for non-members, supplies included.

Tamara Tutt offers an Intermediate Jewellery & Wire Work class, a second level of instruction for those with tools and some basic skills. It runs on Thursday evenings, Oct 28 to Nov 25 (4 sessions), from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$85 for members or \$100 for non-members.

For families, the Super Saturday program, runs every second Saturday from Oct 2 to Dec 11, from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Gallery's studio. Super Saturdays are open to all ages and interests, with a new theme each session, led by Quadra Island's Rebecca Young. Coming up on Oct 16 is a collaging project, to chart your travels, followed by a tie dying adventure on

Oct 30 (dress for a mess and bring a t-shirt or fabric to decorate). Super Saturdays are available on a drop in basis and include project guidance and materials, by donation. The program is sponsored, with our thanks, by Marna Disbrow.

The Gallery has a call out for new artisans to submit work for its annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Market, which opens Nov 12 and continues to Dec 24. The main exhibition hall is transformed into a boutique of Vancouver Island handcrafts.

It's a fabulous showcase of high quality work and has become a destination for shoppers who want to buy local and support the arts. Artisans must apply through a juried process. Call the Gallery to get an application form or check their website at www.crartgallery.ca.

The Gallery, in Tyee Plaza, is on winter hours, Tues -Sat, 12-5:00 p.m. until the Christmas Market opens. 206-654 Harper Road Quadra Island, BC **V0P 1N0** 250-204-3349 250-285-2166

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NOW'S A GREAT TIME TO TRY SOMETHING NEW!

Are your kids bored with day-to-day school and regular activities? Consider enrolling them in one of the City of Campbell River Parks, Recreation & Culture's beginner sports programs, and encouraging them to try something new.

After offering a wildly popular summer camp, the Campbell River Badminton Club is set to offer another session of Badminton for youth ages 9 to 14 years. All levels and abilities are invited to participate in this fast paced game. This program runs Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Sportsplex, starting Oct. 5. Cost is \$50 for the six-week session, and registration fee includes a membership to Badminton BC. If the player is already a member of Badminton BC, cost for the program is only \$35.

The City of Campbell River Parks, Recreation & Culture and the Shito-Ryu Karate Club have teamed up to offer Beginner Karate. This program is a great opportunity to get an introduction to Karate. Sensei Roy Tippenhauer's coaching staff teach introductory karate skills in a fun environment with lots of games. Tippenhauer says: "Karate really helps the kids build self esteem and confidence." No experience or uniform is necessary for this program.

There are a variety of sessions for kids ages 5 to 7 years, 8 to 9 years, 10 to 13 years and 13+ years. Consult the Recreation and Culture Recreation Guide for details on days, times and locations for programs.

And why not try something new as a family?

Campbell River Badminton Club is offering Family Badminton. You can challenge your own family or another to a game of badminton. Family badminton runs Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Sportsplex starting Oct. 19. Drop in fee to enjoy the excitement is \$2 per person.

New to the karate lineup is Family Karate. This can be a parent and child adventure or an experience for the whole family. This innovative program runs at the Shito Ryu Karate Club, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 5 to Nov. 23. Cost: \$87 for one person, \$80 each for two, \$70 each for three or more people.

Along with offering great exercise, sports can be a fun way to connect with your kids. Families who share activities have something to talk about at dinner, something to do together after dinner – and something to laugh about together as you burn off dinner.

For more details about this program or any other youth activities, please check out the City of Campbell River Parks, Recreation & Culture Winter Recreation Guide or call the Sportsplex, 250-923-7911, or the Community Centre, 250-286-1161. You can also see the guide on line at www.campbellriver.ca. Follow the links for residents or use the search bar.

BC HYDRO ASKS YOUTH TO INVENT THE FUTURE

BC Hydro is offering youth in B.C. a chance to make a difference. Leading into Power Smart Month, BC Hydro is asking youth to submit their creative ideas for raising awareness about the importance of energy conservation through a song, video or essay.

Through an online provincewide contest called Invent the Future (www.inventthefuture.ca), BC Hydro is encouraging youth, ages 16 to 24, to develop creative ways to engage, influence and educate others about energy conservation. Youth, divided into two separate age categories, can win one of six \$2,000 cash prizes, a week at the Gulf Islands Film and Television School or iPod Touch packages.

"This annual contest provides an ideal platform for youth to voice their thoughts on issues around energy conservation and sustainability," said Lisa Coltart, executive director of Power Smart and Customer Care for BC Hydro. "We are working to meet 66 per cent of our new energy needs through conservation by 2020 and need the help of all British Columbians to get there."

Entries will be assessed by a panel of celebrity judges including actor Kristin Kreuk, Juno-nominated singer/songwriter Carly Rae Jepsen, Hal Wake from the Vancouver International Writers & Readers Festival, local meteorologist Ann Luu and environmental and community leader Ajay Puri. Judges will evaluate submissions on originality, innovation, creativity, scope and potential to change behaviour in B.C.

"I am so happy to support this year's Invent the Future contest, and think this is a great way for youth to show off their song, video or writing skills," said Kreuk, best known for her role as Lana Lang on Smallville. "I know a lot of young people have great ideas about what energy conservation means to them, and what better way to get those ideas out there, than to jump into this contest?"

The contest runs from Oct. 1 to Dec. 5, 2010. Submissions can be made individually, or in teams of up to three people. There are two age categories: 16 to 18 years and 19 to 24 years. People's Choice voting for entries will run from Oct. 1 until Dec. 12 - youth are encouraged to enter early in order to accumulate the most votes in this category. Winners will be announced in February 2011. For more information on Invent the Future visit www.inventthefuture.ca <http://www.inventthefuture.ca>.



CORTES ISLAND REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Noba Anderson

Since learning a few months ago that the Discovery Islander only reaches about 30% of Cortes mail boxes, I have been using direct mail-outs to reach Cortes residents which compliment my on-line page at www.cortesisland.com. However, I have had requests to resume publishing here as well, and per chance Quadra folk and the outer islanders are curious for some Cortes news.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

There will be an OCP 'work book' session October 16th and 17th at Manson's Hall. The OCP workbook and planned workshops are intended to offer residents an active role in co-creating policy direction. Look for information from the FOCUS team within the next few days. This is the moment to REALLY get into clear and detailed policy. This fall is the last leg of the OCP review - now is the moment! For information, contact Sarah Downey, OCP liason at 935-6778 or sairadowney@gmail. com.

KLAHOOSE AQUACULTURE APPLICATION IN GORGE HARBOUR

The third version of the Klahoose First Nation's aquaculture application in the Gorge Harbour has been received by the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands and is now proposed for one 11 hectare site to accommodate 90 shellfish rafts to the North side of Ring Island on Gorge's east end. The Klahoose have also formally applied for the first time to the Strathcona Regional District for re-zoning on this site. I am in conversation with all parties about community information sessions and consultation and will share more shortly as I am able.

FIRE PROTECTION BOUNDARY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE KLAHOOSE

At the September 23rd SRD Board meeting, the Cortes fire protection boundary was increased in size to include the Klahoose village and reserve. This was in response to requests from both the Klahoose First Nation and the Cortes Island Fire Department to improve the security of fire service delivery and to better cover issues of liability. Although this is a relatively simple administrative matter, I trust that it serves to open lines of communication and ultimately serves all involved.

HALL TAX ISSUE VOTED DOWN AT **SRD BOARD**

On September 23rd, the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) board, against my strong urging



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to the contrary, voted in majority AGAINST 1st of government. The 150+ resolutions discussed and 2nd reading of proposed bylaw #75 - Cortes Community Hall Service Establishment Bylaw. My request of the board was that we give these two readings now and delay 3rd reading until January, giving the community time to again come together in a facilitated 'open space format' to listen respectfully to each other's perspective and try to find some possible commonly shared solutions. If those discussions were not able to reach a good alternative, I was requesting the SRD board give the bylaw 3rd reading in January and proceed to a spring referendum. However, Cortes residents and property owners in opposition to the proposed community hall tax waged a multi-month and ultimately successful campaign directed at the SRD board to drop the issue rather than have a community-wide vote through a referendum. So, the funding of your community halls is back solely in your hands to either find locally based financial solutions to the existing funding challenges, and/or petition the SRD board for service.

UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

I have just returned from the Union of BC Municipalities convention in Whistler, the annual gathering of local governments from around the province, where we participate in workshops, share best practices and pass resolutions stating our provincial position on issues of provincial significance and request action from other levels

included many issues such as a call for an expansion of BC's community forest program, and greener transportation options. Of particular significance, we solidly passed three resolutions that called to 1. implement a legislated ban on off-shore oil and gas exploration, 2. oppose any expansion of bulk crude oil tanker traffic off BC's north coast, and 3. oppose tar sands oil being shipped in pipelines across northern BC for loading onto crude oil tankers. The convention was a chance for me to meet with ministers, re-charge my optimism, and to be reminded of larger provincial issues.

Thanks to all of you who are involved in pro-active ways of making this corner of the world a better place.

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SUSTAINABLE CAMPBELL RIVER INVITES EVERYONE TO OCTOBER STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

More than 140 people shared their ideas for the future of Campbell River at the City's first public forum for the Sustainable Official Community Plan - and a number of additional opportunities to help create Campbell River's principal planning document will take place in October.

At the Sept. 25 public forum, people shared ideas ranging from increasing walkability and cycling opportunities downtown, further celebrating and developing local arts and culture and the importance of community gardens to addressing affordable housing needs and developing a green economy, including renewable energy.

Mayor Charlie Cornfield expressed his appreciation at the success of the forum. "It was very rewarding to see the public actively shaping a community owned vision for Campbell River."The success of Saturday's event has set a platform for dialogue."We can now discuss in detail the goals of our community for the future," Mayor Cornfield explained.

To build on the ideas generated at the forum, the City of Campbell River is inviting everyone to take part in a series of interactive workshops for Sustainable Campbell River. Key topics will include: agriculture and food systems, urban design and development, economic development, waste systems, the environment and community energy and emissions. Workshops are set to take place throughout October at the Sportsplex.

At the upcoming Sustainable Campbell River workshops, the community is invited to continue to identify key concerns and opportunities, which will be summarized for recommended policy directions for the Sustainable Official Community Plan (SOCP). "This is an opportunity to be actively engaged; we want the community to co-create policies that reflect the priorities of the public," the Mayor concluded.

For community members interested in Campbell River's food production, processing and distribution, the Agriculture & Food Systems Workshop will take place on Oct. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. On Oct. 14, people interested in land use and the layout of the community may want to attend the Urban Design & Development Workshop at 6 p.m. Strategies to strengthen the local economy will be discussed on Oct. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Economic Development Workshop. The Waste Workshop at 6 p.m. on Oct. 20 will address waste management through recovery, recycling, reuse and reduction. A workshop based on parks, ecosystems and the environment will be held on Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. The first part of the Sustainable Campbell River workshop series will wrap up with discussions on energy conservation and opportunities for renewable energy sources at the Community Energy and Emissions Workshop on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. All workshops will take place at the Sportsplex.

To participate, community members are asked to register in advance by emailing:

workshop-registration@sustainablecampbellriver. ca<mailto:workshop-registration@

sustainablecampbellriver.ca> and to include the name of the workshop they plan to attend. For the latest news and information about upcoming public events, visit: www.sustainablecampebllriver. ca<http://www.sustainablecampebllriver.ca>

SOCP development is guided by a steering committee, with community partners from the Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai and Homalco First Nations. Funding partners include: The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, The Investment Agriculture Foundation of British Columbia, Comox Strathcona Waste Management, BC Hydro, The British Columbia Real Estate Foundation and the City of Campbell River.

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WRITER'S BLOCK by Big Al Touring MEMOIR OF A COMPUTER GENIUS Phillip called me before he left and asked me to do a enough to understand even the dumbed down version

column about some of my more interesting cases. At the time, I told him I couldn't do it because my best stuff was classified. Over the next couple of weeks I began to believe that I shouldn't deprive the general public from sharing in my genius. For a second I was worried that CSIS would have me taken out but then I thought, "Who does CSIS call to track down people like me? They call me, and I'm so good I can't even find myself." As a side note, did you know CSIS isn't an acronym but rather a phonetic spelling of an Ottawanian saying cease and desist.

I'll start with the one that started my career. It was a case of political espionage. Someone was stealing good ideas from the NDP. You probably think what I thought, that the NDP haven't had a good idea since they were called the CCF. Ahhh, Tommy Douglas, where are you when we need you. Avalon probably.

After a few months their investigation had stalled. The only lead they had was a grainy night shot from a Macs Milk store surveillance camera. Now, anyone could fix that up but the big problem was that a tractor trailer was in front of the car the person of interest was driving. They brought the picture to me. The smartest thing the detectives on the case ever did. Using an algorithm so sophisticated even Algo couldn't have figured it out, I removed the truck from the picture revealing car and driver.

Let me tell vou how shocked I was to see the driver was none other than Babe Bountiful, the woman who dared to say she had beaten my Tetris score. I didn't think she knew how to spell espionage let alone do it. I didn't stop at just placing her at the crime either. I spent the next few days placing discovering incriminating evidence on her computer. That'll teach you for sticking that restraining order on me. Five will get you ten she won't try that again.

My most celebrated case, and by celebrated I mean by me as nobody else knew about it until now, happened a few years ago. The cops brought me the remains of a 2 T hard drive and asked me to suck the data back off it. I've seen some bad drives before but this was worse than most. The owner had securely erased the drive 100 times. Then they stuck it to a magnet in a car demolisher. They took that and dropped it into liquid argon. They shattered that inside CERN's collider and then scraped up the dust and dropped it into a volcano. What the cops gave me was a four ton block of cooling lava. I scanned it with my laser pointer and found a one and a zero. An algorithm wasn't going to work here, too primitive. If both bits had been the same I'd have been hooped; but since they were opposites, I could drag the rock over and drop it on my Teutonic scale. Teutonic scale, by the way, is German for two notes. It's the one Neil Young uses.

"But wait," you say. "How can you recreate 2 terabytes of data from two bits. In the computer business, it's known as Adam and Eveing. In physics it's known as con-fusion as opposed to cold-fusion. In parliament it's know as constructive criticism. You're not smart of my process so I'll skip right to part where I knew what was on the drive.

What the drive contained was Harper's conscience. 2 Terrabyte's????? You're as surprised as I am. I would have guessed 64 K at the most. The date stamp is not complete, so while I know the download took place when the Conservatives were still the Wild Wild West Party, I can't tell if they downloaded it before or after Harper stabbed poor Manning and Day in the back. I copied him over to one of my external drives. The light pink drive is for my surveillance videos, the jet black drive is for my mail so I put him on the dorian gray drive.

The question becomes what to do with the extra copy. I could give it to the environmentalists, but then there's a reason they put mental in that word. Besides, I haven't been outside my house since my old girlfriend got put in jail for espionage, and since I get all of my information about foxes from Entertainment Tonight, screw the environmentalists. The Liberals? Yeah right. They work for the same people as the Conservatives. I put in a call to Fort McMurray. I'm waiting for Sin Crude to call me back

My last story is about encryption. A doctor from Frank and Steins body shop brought me some wetware he needed to get into. He didn't tell me where the thing came from but he did tell me the encryption was written by some guy called Jay Hova. From what I can gather he was putting the thing into a new frame and had to do some tweaking and needed to get at the code to do it. I got nowhere with the usual stuff and it wasn't until I looked at it through my kaleidoscope that I noticed 23 pairs of colours. So, I had 23 pair of chroma zones. It was a start. I figured the code would be contained in each one but how to get at it. I was listening to Led Zepplin, can't remember which song, when I discovered they were in the shape of a spiral stairway. Two strands winding around each other and because one of them clung to the other like a kind of blood sucking vine I named it after my new girlfriend, Deannay.

Now we were getting somewhere. A lot of the code seemed to be there as just part of the superstructure. The real code was in four repeating binary codes I just couldn't get my head around. When I figured it out three days later I laughed my ascii off. They were four repeating letters: A, C, G and T. Jay Hova must be a real nerd because the C and the G went together as did the T and A. After a bit of fiddling I noticed that small parts of the thing controlled the data. Each small section wore a different kind of pants as it were. Being a laid back computer guy I called them jeans. I was home free after that and a few hours later I called them up with the program.

I'm sure it was just a coincidence that a year later a certain person became mayor of Vancouver and finally ascended to the throne of BC.

Oh my god what have I done!!!!!!!!

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