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Next Deadline: 7pm Monday, December 2nd



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Island Calendar

- **Every Monday**- Positive Living Support Group 7:30 pm 285-3224
- **Every Wednesday**- Jam with Moe, Landing Pub
- **Every Sunday** - Buddhist Meditation Inner Garden 10 am
- **1st Friday each month** - Open stage Yak Shak 7:30-10 pm

November 24, Sunday

-Geshe Yong Dong, Tibetan Monk Speaks Inner Garden 10 am

November 25, Monday

-Heron Talk, biology, status and stewardship Community Centre 7:30pm

November 26, Tuesday

-Quadra Players AGM Community Centre 7:15pm

November 29, Friday

-PAC Country & Western Family Dance Quadra School Gym 6pm-9pm featuring local band Whirlwind

December 1, Sunday

-Walk the Advent Wreath Q Is. United Church 10:30am

-Orchid Ensemble Community Centre 7 pm

December 4, Thursday

-Quadra Seniors' Meeting Quadra Legion 10:30am

December 6, Friday

-Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Bible Church 6:00pm

December 7, Saturday

-Ladies Christmas Celebration Bible Church 9:30am-noon

-Informal Night of World Music & Dance Community Centre 7:30pm featuring Navarro and Koki (from Zimbabwe)

December 9, Monday

-Quadra Seniors' Christmas Luncheon Discovery Inn 11:30am

December 13, Tuesday

-Ruth Masters Speaks Community Centre 7:30pm

-Free Turkey Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange HBI Pub 5:30 PM 285-3539

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Amnesty Int.

Amnesty International, meet on the last Monday of each month, at 7pm, next meeting Nov. 25. We would like to welcome all interested women to join us. For more information call 285-2272 or 285-2434.

CV Art Gallery Crafts

The Comox Valley Art Gallery's Christmas Craft Fair runs Nov. 15 to Dec. 31. For quality handmade pottery, decorations, glass, jewellery, fabrics, specialty foods, wood and more visit 367 4th St, Courtenay. FMI 250-338-6211

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Stop in and be appreciated at the Heriot Bay Store tonight, Friday, November 22nd, 7-10 pm. Wine, cheese, free samples and good cheer. It's all for you so drop in!

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Theatre Angels

The Quadra Rec Cultural Committee's Theatre Angels program is off and flying. Heartfelt thanks go to the four generous angels who have so far donated to our program. In addition, Ray Grigg, already the proud possessor of a series pass, contributed the two tickets he won at the recent Borealis concert.

We have 5 Orchid Ensemble tickets to give away for the December 1 evening concert. If either you or someone you know would like to come, but the pinch of Christmas is upon you, give me a call at 285 3560. Confidentiality will be respected. - Helen Moats

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Xmas Craft & Bake Sale

Dec. 7 from 10am-2pm, Quadra Ladies Auxiliary Branch #154. Santa arrives at 11am - 1pm. Table rentals \$10.00. Phone 285-2661 or 285-2757.

Oldgrowth Hockey Shake-up

For the past few weeks Quadra's Oldgrowth has gone through some surprising on ice changes. First, the team had an outside goalie come in for two games while our #1 goalie Andre, took some well-deserved R&R. Also, a line change has brought an exciting new twist to the Oldgrowth's game as Rosco (long-time forward) goes back to defence, while Kent gives the wing position a whirl.

Right away the hard-core fan club consisting of, Deb, Teresa and myself noticed the beautiful set-ups and many scoring chances suddenly making watching the game more exciting than catching up on the week! That a way to get our attention boys!

The new lines show awesome potential already, as the last game was end-to-end action, just like the old days. The scoring highlight from this game came early when Willy with an apposing defender on either side of him flies down the ice from centre to stretch past them reaching even farther than Willy should be able to reach to suddenly stop within inches of the goalie, somehow backhand the puck in up over the goalie THEN, and only then crash into said goalie. Yes! The goal did count. Action and effort like this from all the guys made it hard to avert our eyes.

The Oldgrowth pulled out all the stops, even Andre (back from holidays), during the last minute hoping to tie the game, but not this time, the game ended 2-3. Our stats to date are 1-7-2. As I've said in the past though stats are definitely not what it's all about and with more than half the season left, Quadra's Oldgrowth will come on strong in the second half as is tradition, right boys!

Next game for all you hockey fans will be on Sunday, November 24th, 8:30p.m. Till then,

Cheers - the Fan

VIRL taking Applications

Quadra Branch of VIRL (Vancouver Island Regional Library) will be taking applications for casual employment. It should be stressed that work would only be very occasional. Please pick up applications at the Library and submit with resumes. The deadline for applications is Dec. 10/02.

RCMP News Release

Police File 02-794-Found Bike

On November 6, 2002 a girls bicycle was recovered near a trail on Heriot Bay Road and turned over to police. If this bike belongs to you, please attend the detachment of call (250) 285-3631.

Police File 02-814-Attempted B&E

On November 14, 2002 sometime between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. unknown suspect(s) attempted to break into a residence on Green Road. If you saw anything unusual during this date and time, please contact Quadra Island RCMP at (250) 285-3631 or Crimestoppers at 287-STOP.

An Informal Night of World Music and Dance

An informal evening performance of World music and dance featuring one of **Zimbabwe's best traditional and contemporary performing artists** Koki along with his partner Navarro, musician, dancer and dance instructor. Koki is from the famous musical Zimbabwean family the Chigambas, and will be sharing with us his incredible talents.

After Navarro and Kokis' performance everyone is invited to let loose and dance to **Quadra's own BeatRoot!!** So, everyone come on out and dance away those November blues.

This evening will help promote the drum and dance workshops that will take place the following day. A portion of the total fund will go to the upstairs floor at the Community Centre.

Quadra Community Centre, Saturday, December 7, 7:30pm, Workshops Sunday, December 8th TBA. Tickets at the door. Look for posters!

Ladies Christmas Celebration

"Touching Hearts at Christmas". Brunch & Silent Auction Saturday, December 7, 9:30am-noon, Quadra Island Bible Church 1281 - West Road.

Heron Talk-Biology, Status and Stewardship

The Heron Working Group, c/o the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP) states that the Pacific coastal subspecies of Great Blue Heron is designated as a "Species of Special Concern" by the Committee on Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and is "Blue-listed" or vulnerable in BC due to productivity declines and habitat threats. Continued concern over large colony failure, colony abandonment, habitat loss and Bald Eagle predation suggests that a serious decline in Great Blue Herons is imminent.

In response to heron declines the Heron Working Group continues to organize monitoring and research of heron nest colonies on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and the Lower Mainland. This information will help biologists hone population estimates and trends and aid in the stewardship of both marine foraging and nesting habitat.

On Monday at 7:30 pm, November 25 a talk and slide show will be given at the Community Centre on herons covering their biology, status and stewardship. Presenters include: Trudy Chatwin of the Heron Working Group and Rare and Endangered Species Biologist (MWLAP); Blair Hammond of the Canadian Wildlife Service, and; Ross Vennesland, heron contractor. Blair Hammond will discuss stewardship options for landowners with significant natural features. Ross Vennesland has completed his thesis on the effects of disturbance on breeding herons and will cover life history aspects, colonies and movements.

Talk by Ruth Masters

Ruth Masters will be suggesting various creative ways of dealing with the current threat to Planet Earth's existence as a result of pollution and plant/animal extinctions. Ruth is a deeply committed and inspiring environmental activist who will be speaking on the topic "Why I am an Environmental Activist." Come to the Quadra Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3. The talk is sponsored by Sierra-Quadra and the Quadra School of Philosophy. Call Steve for more info at 285-3323

"Mirror, Mirror on the Wall ..."

The much - ballyhooed mirror at Bossanova is about to be ditched! After several months of listening to your comments that ranged from "is this a funhouse mirror?" to "I feel like I'm on drugs when I look in this mirror" and finally coming to the realization that the Bossanova mirror is truly more warped than a record that's been left out in the sunshine, we are finally going to do something about it!

When we shut for our annual renovations in January, old warpy-mirror will be replaced by a super-deluxe three-way mirror (just like a real store!). Unfortunately super-deluxe mirrors run in the neighbourhood of \$300. So, we are asking for your help in the form of buying raffle tickets. In conjunction with the grand opening of the brand-new makeup & beauty bar featuring Alli Pulford-Taylor on Sat. Nov. 30th, Bossanova will start selling raffle tickets for \$1 each with all proceeds going towards a new mirror. The tickets will be available until Dec. 24th when we will make the draws for prizes.

The grand prize is a full makeover including a "seasons" consultation, makeup makeover, and a new outfit with a retail value of approx. \$150. So, come on down and check out our new makeup counter Sat. Nov. 30th and get yourself a raffle ticket for this awesome prize! Questions? call 285-2083

Keep in Shape

Come dance to World Music with Quadra's Kalina Folkdancers at the school gym every Tues. eve 7:30 to 9:30 pm. \$3 for drop-in. \$60 for the year. Info from Marcy at 285-3849.

Quadra Players

Quadra Players will be holding their annual meeting Tuesday, November 26th at 7:15pm on the Community Centre Stage. Agenda: Election of Board, Play Reading Schedule, Spring Play. Everyone Welcome We will be discussing ideas for a spring play and setting up a schedule for regular play readings. Bring your ideas and energy. Any questions call Patti 285-3839, Lynne 285-3754.

Buddhist Monk Speaks

Geshe Yong Dong, a Tibetan Buddhist Monk, will give a talk on generating "Boddhichitta" at the Inner Garden at 10 am on Sunday, November 24th.

Boddhichitta is a Buddhist term for developing a compassionate, awake Heart-Mind. In other words, how can we increase our ability to love?

Geshe Yong Dong is a young scholar and writer. At the age of twenty-four, he gained the Rajampa Geshe degree (like our Western Ph.D). Educated in India and Tibet, Geshe Yong Dong now lives in Courtenay.

The Sunday Morning Buddhist Meditation Group invites everyone to come. If you would like to join us for a Pot Luck lunch after the talk, please bring a dish.

Talk and meditation will be from 10 to 11:30 and lunch from 11:30 to 12:30.

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Orchid Ensemble

The Quadra Island Recreation Society Cultural Committee is pleased bring another wonderful concert to the Quadra Island **Community Centre on Sunday December 1st at 7pm.** The Orchid Ensemble is a trio of musician in full musical bloom. Traditional Chinese tunes are improvised with jazz and the sounds of the Middle East, interweaving melodic lines and complex rhythms.

The Ensemble formed four years ago and has completed a number of very successful North American tours. In 2000 their recording debut was critically acclaimed across the country and won two Pacific Music Awards nominations.

Dynamic fusion of colorful tones, exotic musical instruments, and incredible musicality describe the concerts of the Orchid Ensemble. Sometimes it showcases the serene beauty of Asian music, and at other times, the musicians' high energy on stage just shine.

Lan Tung, the leader of the Orchid Ensemble, studied music professionally at the Chinese Cultural University in Taiwan. She immigrated to Canada with her family in 1994, and she has since then been very active around Vancouver improvising with blues, Gypsy, swing and Celtic bands, as well as being involved in innovative projects based on free improvisation. Lan Tung is a master of the erhu, a two-string stick fiddle played while held on the lap. An ancient instrument, the erhu was introduced by the Mongolians to China by the Tang Dynasty in 598-906 AD.

Mei Han is one of the world's leading authorities on zheng, a half-tube zither with movable bridges and 21 strings. This instrument can be traced back in China to 475-221 BC. Holding two master degrees, including UBC's ethnomusicology, Han has given lectures and demonstrations on the zheng internationally.

The marimba player and percussionist Jonathan Bernard performs wide ranges of instruments, from Middles Eastern drums, Chinese opera gongs, to Turkish bells. Jonathan is the principal percussionist with



the Vancouver Island Symphony Orchestra. Also he has performed with Vancouver Symphony, the National Ballet Orchestra, and Vancouver New Music.

Tickets are \$12.00 and are available at Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay, Hummingbird Office in Quathiaski Cove on Quadra Island, Page Eleven Books in Campbell River and at the door. Students 16 and under get in free if accompanied by an adult. For more information please call 285-3243

More information on the ensemble and the instruments can be found online at: www.orchidensemble.com and for upcoming Quadra Island Recreation events at: www.quadrarec.bc.ca

Last Chance For Free Plug

Here's a great chance for free publicity for your event. The 2003 Discovery Islands Calendar of Events will be published in the Discovery Islands Visitor Guide, the Quadra Islands Visitor Guide (which resides at most accommodations on Quadra), and the Discovery islands website.

Please send the following information: date/ event name/ time/ place/ short description/ and contact name & number. Information should be sent BY November 30 to Pat Lowes by email to esl-fun@island.net, by fax to 285-3797 or by mail to Box 87 Heriot Bay V0P1H0.

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*****Explicit language, nudity and sex.**

Tenoch is the son of a wealthy Mexico City politician. His best friend, Julio, shares a tiny apartment with his mother and sister. Tenoch and Julio come from separate worlds, but they are best friends and, at age seventeen, share a numero uno preoccupation: women and sex.

Its summer and the boys are at loose at ends, until they meet Luisa; the lustrous, neglected wife of Tenoch's older cousin. To impress her, they invent a beach holiday and invite her along. When Luisa calls their bluff they must show their cards. Astonished by their fortune and the erotic possibilities of a station wagon they embark on a road trip that will change their lives.

The film promises more than an adolescent male fantasy. Director Alfonso Cuarón's frank attitude towards sexuality is in stark contrast to that of mainstream American movies. He goes where similar films fear to tread, exploring the blatant competition and latent homoeroticism of teenage mateship and the complicated mix of need and lust which drives sex between people of different ages.

Review Credits: *New Zealand Herald*, *ReelViews*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Toronto Star*.

Next Flick!!

Italian for Beginners

December 6th, 7:45 pm Same place, same price.

*****Some harsh language and sexuality.**

Italian for Beginners is three romances bundled into one. The hopeful participants in romance have all attended the same adult education night class: Italian for Beginners. The charm of the film comes from the constant collision of events and intentions. "It's a film of amusing non sequiturs that instinctively make sense."

The story of a group of Danish thirty-something singles in an adult-ed class might seem a conventional romantic comedy, but Lone Scherfig, the writer-director, has "made a film so unabashedly hopeful that it actually makes the heart soar."

Andreas is a new pastor living in a hotel while he waits for the previous pastor to vacate his quarters. Jorgen, the desk manager, is beginning to despair that he'll ever find a woman, befriends the minister. Shy, clumsy Olympia works at a baker's shop and lives with a despot of a father. Giulia is an attractive and generous waitress at a local restaurant. The sharp-tongued Halvfinn, who also happens to be Jorgen's best friend, manages the restaurant. Halvfinn is drawn to Karen, who runs a hair-cutting salon. These characters engage in an elaborate courtship dance until, during a vacation they take together in Venice, each relationship is clarified - one way or another.

The Toronto Star, *ReelViews*, *BBC Films*, *San Francisco Chronicle*

Quadra Seniors

We where very happy to have Betty Doak, visit our Nov. meeting. She talked to us about Emergency Care, and how to know when it is serious. Many members signed up for C.P.R. Instruction. Many members signed "Save B.C.Hydro" Petitions, and Martin had another 350 signed by sitting at the Cove Mall.

Seniors and (soon to be Seniors), are all asked to participate in a demonstration at the Legislature in Victoria, to protest severe cut-backs in Pharmacare & delisting of drugs normally covered. The demo is on Nov. 26th at 11:30 am. A free bus, with Aunt Murphy's Room, will be waiting for us, off the 8:00 am ferry. If you would like to attend phone Ruth or Martin at 285-3801, transportation there and back, by dinner.

For our Dec. 4th meeting we are expecting to have "Joyce Sheppard and her Quadra Band", to entertain us. All Seniors young and experienced are welcome to join us. Our monthly meetings normally start at 10:30 am. Other Weds. @10:00 a.m., Tai-Chi with Master Frank, and Carpet Bowling 10:30 a.m usually. Walking with the Gang on the Spit, Sundays at 11:00 a.m, some start Launch Ramp, some parking lot. Contact people are- Ruth Amiabel- 285-3801 Robert Lasby -285-3501 Bowling 10:30 a.m

Christmas Luncheon will be held for members and guests, on Mon Dec. 9, 2002, at 11:30, at the Discovery Inn, contact people are Hanne Moss 285-2419 & Ruth Amiabel 285-3801

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Island Forum

Letter to Editor

Re: Amnesty International

I am writing to express my deep concern about the notification of meetings of the Quadra Island Branch of Amnesty International (AI) published in the November 8th, 2002 edition of the *Discovery Islander*. The notice gives the date and time of the next meeting and then states; "We would like to welcome *all interested women* to join us".

I consider it outrageous that a branch of AI exercises discriminatory, exclusionary practices in its invitations to its meetings. This is certainly a moral and quite possibly a literal breach of the ethics of AI. It is an affront to the very core of the reason AI exists. AI's essential work on behalf of so many victims of inequitable governments, regimes and judicial systems will be compromised if the organization, or any part of it, is perceived as being biased on the basis of gender or for any other reason.

I hope the Canadian Anglophone Branch of Amnesty International will urge the local Quadra Island branch to end its discriminatory recruitment practices.

Sincerely,

Michael McIvor

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Dear Editor

We would like to say a really big thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Craft Fair at the Community Centre a success this past week-end:

Theresa Tate for booking the tables (a truly gargantuan job), and assisting with the set-up & tear down - Thank You!

Marie Sheran & the Concession volunteer crew (a fabulous job, ladies!) - Thank You!

Mary Ellen Wilkins & Joran for providing the live music on Friday night (beautifully done!) - Thank You!

Larry Stevens & Maha Price for being Santa & the Happy Elf (totally terrific) - Thank You!

Sherry Hyndman for helping to deck the hall, setting up and tearing down (what would we have done without you?) - Thank You!

Larry & Cal - for being there when we really needed you! Thank You!

Jill Gates- for cleaning up the mess! - Thank You!

Quadra Foods for donating all those delicious oranges! - Thank You!

Landing Pub for providing Santa's throne - Thank You!

All the Vendors for providing a truly super assortment of hand-crafted goodies - Thank You!

And to all of you who showed up in spite of the rotten weather to attend the Fair - Thank You!

If I've missed anybody, I do apologize - please know that all your efforts are much appreciated! We couldn't have done it without you!

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Dear Editor

November 10th brought a great deal of sadness to myself and my family. It was the day I lost my dad on Quadra Island. This was shocking to say the least and near impossible to accept.

Understandably to anyone who knows the emptiness you feel when you lose someone so dear and close to you. For my brother and I, our loss was up close and too surreal. However, the comfort and compassion shown by the Quadra Island V.F.D., B.C. Ambulance Unit and the RCMP, this loss was comforted by their presence and professionalism. It is to those men and women, that on behalf of my family I send my utmost appreciation for your hard work, empathy and understanding in the most tragic and difficult times that you deal with in your occupations.

Thank you all, so very much!

Kindest regards, Craig Peterson

Dear Editor

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to my co-workers, friends and family for the party held Nov 8, to mark my retirement as Unit Chief and paramedic with BCAS Station 170, Quadra Island. It was a great time, especially visiting friends, talking of old times, and early days in the ambulance service. A special thanks to Linda, Shelley, Colleen, Sharon and Dawn for all the organizing - the food was terrific, the flowers, speeches and skit made me cry, and the gift of the Alaskan Cruise was simply fantastic. Both Mel and I are looking forward to going in the spring.

The 20 years since a group of us started creating an ambulance service seems to have flown by. Those early ambulance crew members must be as impressed as I am by the training and abilities of today's Quadra paramedics. The recent move to their new home is long overdue, but appreciated all the more for the wait.

As Unit Chief, I have valued the support given the Ambulance group, by the community of Quadra Island, especially the Fire Department and the Legion. I thank you all on behalf of the ambulance crew - past and present. I hope Dawn Ross, our new Unit Chief, will have as many great people to work with as I have had.

Thank you. Betty Doak

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Done Deals Behind Closed Doors

Area J Local Government

~ a Ratepayers and Residents Report

Several local citizens at a recent public Ratepayers and Residents meeting wanted to learn about the activities of the Area J's Advisory Planning Commission (APC). Attempting a follow through on this issue has proven quite challenging for your Ratepayers and Resident's executive committee. Even though several dates were proposed, Area J Regional Director Jim Abram made it known that he is not able to attend any public meetings regarding this topic before the end of the year. With all APC members appointed by him and reporting to him, it makes little sense to hold a meeting to discuss the composition and role of the APC without the Regional Director being available to respond to questions.

Further, Director Abram told one member of your Ratepayers and Resident's executive committee that an advertisement would be submitted to the *Discovery Islander* asking people to submit their names, to him for consideration to be appointed to his APC. To date this advertisement has not appeared and the termination of office for the current APC appointees is December 31, 2002. This does not leave much time for those others who could be interested in APC activities to become involved.

What little information on the APC that we were able to obtain certainly was not reassuring. We understand that behind closed doors the APC is currently assisting the Regional Board planners to re-write the Quadra Island zoning bylaws. The alarming aspect of this process is that it appears to be taking the place of early public involvement. As the veterans of the previous bylaw re-write will remember, the interested public had a chance to be involved right from the early draft stage on, and that involvement proved to be really important. There will be a public meeting on the revised bylaws as part of the approval process, but by then there will be no room for any significant changes, and then it will be the usual take-it without

being able to leave-it situation.

From the perspective of the Regional Board planners, it appears that dealing with the small and selectively appointed APC is a very convenient substitute for the messy process of having to listen to any of Quadra Island's interested "unwashed public". Moreover, to make doubly certain that the public is not stirred up with any information beforehand, the Regional Board even adopted a bylaw that effectively muzzles the APC members, just in case any of them do not get the message that they are only to talk to the Board and its staff.

Comox-Strathcona Regional District Bylaw # 23 reads (in part): *"No member of the Advisory Planning Commission shall, on behalf of the Advisory Planning Commission, make representation, either verbally or in writing, to any member of the public, government agency or other meeting, unless they have been directed to do so by the Regional District Board"*.

Another concern of your Ratepayers and Resident's executive committee relates to public involvement in the discussions leading to the formulation of a Regional District budget for 2003. The preliminary budget for the Regional District has to be completed by November 30, 2002. In this connection, we hoped to be able to provide input into this process or hear what is being proposed. When the Regional District representatives attended a meeting here on Quadra Island during June of this year, we were told receiving input at a local meeting beforehand would not be a problem.

Subsequently however, we are now informed that they are unable to discuss budgeting with us at a Ratepayers and Residents meeting, as apparently our Regional Director is to hold a public meeting sometime in the future to inform us of the budget that will have been set. Naturally, of course by that time, it will be far too late for any significant input or changes by taxpayers.

As it seems, appointments to Area J's Planning Commission and Regional District's budgeting process continue to be done deals behind closed doors, consequently the planned public meetings for November and December had to

be cancelled. Your Ratepayers and Resident's executive committee could not schedule other willing and knowledgeable speakers or otherwise provide meaningful information to ratepayers and residents on these impending and important issues.

- Quadra Island Residents & Ratepayers

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by Steven Halliday

Borderline Insanity

It is certainly fair to say that the relationship between Canada and our southern neighbour has been somewhat strange of late, and in fact borders on being worthy of the diplomatic label "strained". Pat Robertson, a man who is credited with many curious achievements, commands the attention of thousands of followers *and* can direct dial the Oval office, has taken to calling us "Soviet Canuckistan" or something equally clever. George Bush, Jr. is more than a little perturbed with our PM for his lukewarm support of his Iraqi invasion scenario. The recent mid term elections have done nothing to make me think relations will normalise any time soon, not when fellows such as Saxby Chambliss are elected Senators. Chambliss, of Georgia, is credited with the following statement in addressing an audience of policemen last year. He was describing the best anti-terrorism method he could advocate - "turn loose (Sheriff) Ashley Paulk and let him arrest every Muslim that crosses the state line." Oh, and by the way, he replaces retiring Senator Jesse Helms, who I believe was elected right after the Civil War, so it is obviously a state tradition to elect rednecks.

Anyway, then along comes a guy from Pakenegamook, P.Q. named Michel Jalbert, whose 15 minutes of fame will be over by the time you read this.

Michel, the poor schmuck, happened to catch the ire of an obviously officious Border Patrolman while gassing up at the local station, which happens to be located in Maine, by about 8 yards. He also had the misfortune to be transporting his shotgun, being on his way to engage in the locally unremarkable hobby of duck hunting. Oh, and more bad luck, he is a convicted criminal, having busted a window and being in possession of stolen property. When he was a teenager 13 years ago. And finally, he had not reported to the border officials at their checkpoint, which was a mile or so away. But then, NOBODY reports when buying gas, at least in the 15 years that Michel had been faithfully filling up his truck there. Anyway, Michel had problems, not the least of which that he spoke no english, being a true Quebecois, and he was taken off to the hoosegow. This all occurred on October 11, and he was finally released on November 14th. Actually, it was his second release. He, against the vigorous requests of the US

prosecutor, was granted bail on Wednesday, but was then promptly re-arrested by the INS. The scariest thing about all of this? Were it not for the visit to Ottawa by Secretary of State Colin Powell, also on the 14th, he would likely still be in a Maine jail cell awaiting a distant trial. Powell, who had heard of the matter, called it "an unfortunate incident".

So Michel will likely have to face the bother, expense and obvious risks of a trial next year, unless somebody goes to bat for him and requests that the US government drop the whole embarrassing mess. I'll bet he doesn't even care if they apologise, which of course is an impossibility. So I've decided to send off a copy of this missive to the Right Honourable Jean Chretien (whom I doubt gets to see the Discovery Islander very often) and ask him to make a call to his colleague George and ask him to put in a fix. Tell him we'll make it up to him some day. I'm sure that would do it, and then Michel could merrily continue to buy his gas at Ouellet's Gas Bar. But what is more likely to happen is that he will simply stop going to the USA, if his comment is any indication of intent. "Don't go to the United States, don't set foot there" was his advice to fellow Canadians. And who suffers most? Probably the guy who owns the gas station, who has seen his sales plummet by over 70% as Michel's friends and neighbours heed his advice.

Rex Murphy recently wrote of Michel - "Our guy went down the street for gas. He was less of a threat to the United States than Tweety Bird sent out on a mission by Mr. Rogers. And the way he's been treated ever since, and by implication the rest of us Canadians, has been a compound of miserable pettiness and a direct contradiction of

how Canadians, when given the chance, have treated Americans when they fell into our hands." Many of you have probably also heard the tale of the Ottawa business executive who was hauled off to jail while switching planes in New York, a stop on his journey from Tunisia to Montreal. He was eventually deported - to his birthplace Syria, not his Canadian home. Even though he is a Canadian citizen, they send him to Syria! Under the new rules down there he was held incommunicado, and his family were unable to contact him or be contacted by him. Can you imagine the trauma this must have caused all those concerned? At the time of writing he is being held in Syria, and neither the Canadian or US governments are saying anything, although the US is convinced he has terrorist ties. This, in spite of the fact he moved to Canada at age 17 and has never been to Syria since he emigrated.

A tape purportedly produced by Bin Laden has specifically identified Canada as a target, along with 4 other nations in addition to the USA, and the need for vigilance and a heightened level of security is real. But what is happening right now is obviously overkill, and may do serious damage to relations between the two countries if left unchecked. Sadly, it is unlikely to change anytime soon, not while one country prepares for war. One final note about Michel. Had he followed the rules to the letter, and reported to the border station before purchasing his gas, he would have been frustrated in his attempt. The station had closed an hour before he crossed the line. Someday, hopefully, we'll look back on episodes such as this and laugh. But nobody is laughing right now.

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Island Report

We Will Remember Them

by Tanya Storr

There was standing room only at the Quadra Legion as a full crowd packed the building for the annual Remembrance Day service. In attendance were islanders of all ages from babies to veterans, as well as 14 members of Canadian Forces 19th Wing Comox.

Cliff Hand led the service, beginning with everyone singing 'O Canada'. Following the hymn, 'Abide With Me', the audience was treated to a recitation of 'In Flanders Fields' by three Sprites and five Brownies.

In his address, Cliff focused on the poet, John McCrae, who penned his now famous lines on a piece of scrap paper during an enemy attack.

"McCrae was inspired when he saw that following the heavy bombardments of the First World War, poppies flourished in the chalk soils in the Flanders area, which had become rich in lime and rubble from the demolished buildings," Cliff said.

Cliff went on to say that although the poet speaks of Flanders Fields, the subject is universal: the fear of the dead that they will be forgotten, that their deaths will have been in vain. Although McCrae did not live to see his poem recognized, his message endures in the symbol of the poppy.

"The poppy is now an international symbol of remembrance for our war dead, and on November 11 many millions of us are proud to wear poppies on our jackets," Cliff said.

Cliff paid tribute to the tens of thousands of Canadians who rest in graves far from home.



Remembrance Service at Quadra Legion.

Photo: Tanya Storr

"They fought alongside their friends, family, and Commonwealth counterparts on land, on the sea, and in the air, in some of the bloodiest battles of the wars."

After a two-minute silence to honour those who have died during wartime, Rob McKerracher played the evocative notes of 'Lament' on the bagpipes.

Representatives from the regional district, RCMP, Canadian Forces 19th Wing Comox, Quadra Island Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Quadra Seniors, Quadra Island Volunteer Fire Department, Sea Cadets, and Brownies then laid wreaths under the cross at the front of the stage.

When the service was over, members of the crowd filed outside to pay their respects at the cenotaph. While four members of CFB Comox stood in the Sentinel position, people came forward to pin their poppies on the wreaths.

Inside, the Ladies Auxiliary had laid out a tasty lunch and many people stayed to socialize. Quadra Legion president D-Jay Keim observed that this year's turnout for the service was the best one yet.

"Every year it gets better, with more participants in the service and more members of the public joining us," she said.

D-Jay added that it was great to have the Sparks, Brownies, and Sea Cadets involved in the service, as well as lots of children in the crowd.

Sea Cadet Ashley Williams, who is 12 years old, said she enjoyed being involved in Remembrance Day at the Legion. Along with the other Cadets, Ashley was smartly attired in her uniform and shiny black boots. Six Sea Cadets from the Campbell River branch live on Quadra.

"I joined Sea Cadets in September. We just got back from an 'onboard' practice for

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Remembrance Day at the Navy Hall, where we polished our boots and fixed up our uniforms for today," Ashley told me.

Captain Chartrand was one of the members of 19th Wing Comox who attended the service on Quadra this year.

"Our members love coming to this service," he said.

George Norman, a World War Two veteran, said he never misses the Armistice Day service. Dressed in his uniform decorated with several medals, George told me about some of his experiences during the war.

George was in the Army Service Corps, and served in Canada, England, Sicily, Northwest Europe, Holland, and Germany. He travelled from Canada to England on the *SS Arbida*. Onboard conditions were crowded and half the troops were seasick.

George went to North Africa on the *Duchess of Richmond*, and from there to Sicily in a landing craft. Their arrival in Sicily was peaceful, but they soon saw action against the Germans in Leonforte. George's unit was on the front lines, right behind the infantry.

"From there it was bad all the way. The Germans were tough. It was two miserable years," George recalled.

George's unit went to France and from there up to Holland and Germany. They were in Germany's Black Forest when peace was declared, but they didn't find out until two days afterwards.

Sam Hooley, Quadra Legion vice-president and a World War Two veteran, said he was very pleased to see the impressive turnout at the service.

"I always get choked up thinking about all the friends I lost in the war. I also think of all the friends I had on Quadra who were vets. Many of them are gone now too," Sam said.

On behalf of the Legion, Sam thanked all those who donated to this year's poppy fund. The money goes to assist veterans and their families in need on Quadra.

"I've been a Legion member for over 50 years. The Legion does a lot of good for a lot of people," Sam said.

Fear and Loathing in Francavilla

by Darlene Booth

"**N**on parlo Italiano." I replied to the gentleman manning the tourist information counter in the tiny seaside village of Francavilla al Mare. "Englisi?" I asked, although I already knew the answer. "Non." His head shaking as I stood staring, pondering my rather limited options.

I am no stranger to travel. I have lived in the Middle East, I have lived in Asia and while I cannot boast a profound knowledge of the four corners of the planet, I have seen enough of it to feel confident in my abilities as a tourist. Up until I arrived in Italy that is!

This little town built along the shores of the Adriatic Sea could prove to be my most challenging journey to date. I was alone and feeling rather lost. Not in the physical sense. I knew exactly where I was, but it was the first time my beloved English language had failed me so desperately. I may as well have been speaking Martian! And even when I did find the odd person who had a few words of English, the Italian accent often caused a huge misfire in my neurotransmitters when it came to translation. I confess that I'm rather linguistically challenged!

"Banco?" I queried. "Si, bancomat!" His face brightened and he began pointing to various locations on a local map. "Si, bancomat..." I parroted. Location of one was not the issue. "Ah..." My brain was starting to contort. "Door - oh?" I pointed to the nearest entryway in hopes that he would magically understand my problem - oh! No such luck, a blank face stared back at me. Absolutely no inkling of what this crazy tourist - oh was trying to say. Can't say as I blame him either. By now I was standing by the doorway making the motion of open and close. "Si?" The puzzled look upon his face remained, wishing that any minute I would just open the damn door and leave!

I had no words to explain my dilemma. No words to convey my complete and utter confusion. My mission was to change money.

My problem? Getting inside the bank to do so. Upon location of this bank, I stood facing a rather odd cubicle. It looked like something you would see on the *Starship Enterprise*. A cylindrical tube about the size of a telephone booth that had two electronically controlled doors that slid open if you held your breath in exactly the right way...

On a panel outside the door were a number of buttons waiting to be pushed. I must note here that all instructions were of course written in Italian. Now I may not be a great linguist, but I can pull off a little mime. As luck would have it, a well-dressed lady came along and pushed the red button, upon which the first door slid open. She entered the cubicle and that door then closed. The door, which allowed entry to the bank, slid open and she was permitted a visit with a teller. Easy enough?

It took a few moments for me to muster up enough courage. I said a prayer, held my breath, crossed my fingers and pressed the red button. I was miraculously permitted to enter the cubicle! Beam me up Scotty cuz I am on a roll!

That is about when my luck ran right out the open door behind me. It had no intention of closing! The door in front would not open and to top it all off - some lady with a pre-recorded message was rather urgently demanding I take action...in Italian of course. I sensed a problem. I stepped out of the booth, whereupon the door promptly slid shut.

I wandered aimlessly about the streets of Francavilla until I spotted my oasis. Now, here I was, standing in the tourist information centre, watching as the helpful clerk made photocopies of all the addresses of the high security bancomats in his lovely town! "Gracia." I nodded politely as I took the papers. I could tell he was proud of a job well done by the huge smile on his face. "Ciou!" He called out as I left the building. "Yes." My stomach rumbled, as I contemplated the irony. "But one does need money to buy the chow..."

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Smoked **\$1.29**
Chicken 100g

Reggiano **\$3.29**
Parmesan 100g

BAKERY

Cinnamon
Swirl
Coffee Cake **\$3.99**
600g

PRODUCE

Jet Fresh **\$1.69**
Pineapple **lb**
\$3.73/kg

Organic
Satsuma **\$3.99**
Mandarins 3lb Bag

California
Romaine **99¢**
Lettuce **each**

Peruvian
Sweet **99¢**
Onions **lb**
\$2.18/kg

For November 24-30 While Supplies Last



Open Every Day Until 8pm