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- Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babies 11 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm
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- **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
- Jam Session Quadra Legion 8 pm
- **Every Friday** - Free Pool, Darts and Shuffleboard at the Legion 4 pm to 1am
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market 10 am - 2 pm behind Quadra Credit Union
- Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
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- Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
- Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
- Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
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The photograph on page 13 shows Quadra Islander Evan Roberts with William Hughes, who is a Royal Military College graduate, class of '57.

The full caption arrived too late to appear alongside the photograph.

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HBI's winning
Canada Day cake
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Day by day

July 4 - 26

- 'An Island Life' - Louise Lavallee DRAW Gallery

Friday, July 4

- Hal Douglas Blues Band HBI
9 pm

Saturday, July 5

- Hal Douglas Blues Band Landing Pub
8 pm

- Party with '2 Johns and a Jig' Stuart Island
8 pm - 12 am for more info call 250-202-DOCK see page 7

Thursday, July 10

- Dance with Shane Philip & guests Manson's Hall
9:00 pm tix @ Cortes Natural Food Co-op Cortes Island

Saturday, July 12

- History Tour of Cortes Island by kayak dept Manson's Landing
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Local Taxes

I don't usually read Mr. Conover's letters, as I feel that his manipulation of statistics is malicious and misrepresentative. However, his question at the end of his last missive caught my eye and I thought I would answer it: Why don't Area J property owners complain about paying local taxes?

Local taxes are the only ones I'm happy to pay. The local government is accountable to us: a phone call to the Strathcona Regional District will get you all the numbers, and the purpose of all the spending, from a polite and cooperative staff. The services provided by the SRD are some of the things that I most appreciate from government: a planning process that gives us a voice and some control in local development; amenities like the recycling depot, parks, and docks; a third party to settle property usage disputes between neighbours who can't talk to each other; and especially, encouragement and support for local events and projects.

Jim Abram, our rep at the SRD, is the most hardworking, honest, fair minded and accessible politician I have ever encountered. I see no problems with his remuneration or expenses. I appreciate all he has done for our community and I fear the day when he will eventually retire.

I'm happy to pay that portion of my tax which goes to the library, (I use it a lot), and to the hospital, (I seldom use it but I'm grateful it's there). As long as the Surge Narrows School stays open I'll pay the school tax without whining. On the other hand, I will gladly complain about provincial and federal taxes that are thrown away on ridiculous projects like the Olympics and run of the river hydro development, or on wars that benefit only the money mongers. Meanwhile, on my island, we live without basic provincial services like road maintenance. There's plenty of room for creative criticism at higher levels of government and our energy would be better spent there.

Judith Wright
Surge Narrows



Dear Editor,

This is the sign that has been recently posted on the new road that was put in at the intersection of Joyce Rd. and Lighthouse Rd. heading south. This sign is approximately ten feet from the bus stop where my six year old daughter, and several other young children catch the bus to go to school. I find these words appalling and completely unnecessary.

Looking at the size of this road, one would not assume that it is a private drive. On one occasion, prior to the sign being posted, I took my daughter for a bike ride up this road thinking that it would be a safe place for her to get comfortable with her new bike, as there is little to no traffic on it. As we were going along, we were confronted by an angry man on a quad who informed us that we were not to be there, that it was private property. I apologized and told him that we did not see a sign stating that it was private property. He insisted that there was a sign, however we did not ever find one.

We respected the man's words and have not travelled on the road since. Now, there is a very clear and threatening sign. I would like to suggest a friendlier way of asking people to keep out, like a chain, or a gate or even an old fashioned sign that simply says, "No Trespassing, Private Property." It is very disheartening to think that there are citizens on this beautiful island, this island that we all share; young and old, upper, middle and lower classes, who feel the need to threaten violence against others in an attempt to keep them off of a road that is big enough to be a highway.

In a time such as this, where fear of violence is paramount to everyone around the globe, it is very important for me to show my daughter that she needn't feel frightened, especially on her own street. So I kindly ask that this person might rethink the message that they are sending to their neighbours.

Thank-you.
Sincerely,
Cally Overton

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Area J Regional Director's Report

July 4, 2008

by Jim Abram

I hope that all of you had a great Canada Day, in whatever way that you celebrated it. I am starting my day by writing this report! Part of being Canadian is taking part in our governance and I guess I will consider this my part for this day. And what a beautiful day it is. Summer seems to have finally arrived.

I have four items to report on for this issue:

Scallop farm application south of Rebecca Spit Park

I met on June 20th, along with the Chair of the Board and the Chief Administrative Officer of the Strathcona RD board, with the Chief and Council of the Cape Mudge Band, and their staff. We had a very productive and friendly meeting and discussed their reasons for wanting to apply for the area that they are applying for to grow scallops on about a 130 acre site just south of Rebecca Spit Provincial Park. We went over the process that must be followed to conform with local government zoning and had a good discussion about jurisdictional issues. While the Band does not necessarily agree that the Regional District has jurisdiction over zoning off-shore from Indian Reserve lands, they have agreed to respect the process that is in place as residents of Quadra Island. I certainly understand their concerns and am very pleased that they have decided to cooperate in this regard. We all live together and have gotten along and prospered together for many, many years. I have encouraged participation in Regional District processes and decision making and will continue to encourage a more active role on the part of the Band at the Board table through my representation.

The Band has now applied for a Temporary Industrial Use Permit for the area in question for a period of two years (with an option of one renewal for another two years) so that they can investigate the feasibility of growing scallops in this location. This process will require a Public Hearing. All concerns and comments will be dealt with through that process.

Gravel pit application

A meeting was sponsored by the applicant on June 23rd at the Community Centre and attended by officials from the Ministry of Energy and Mines and about 35 residents. There was a moderator that conducted the meeting. The residents of the neighbourhood where the pit is located expressed their concerns about how this application has and will continue to effect their quality of life and other residents of the island expressed their concerns about the need for aggregate on the island. No decisions were made at the meeting

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about the application but all comments were to be considered by the Ministry and a decision is to be made by them in the near future concerning the permit to remove the gravel.

In the mean time, the applicants will need to apply for a Temporary Industrial Use Permit for the commercial removal of gravel from the site. This process will require referrals to other agencies and a Public Hearing to be held on Quadra where comments and concerns will be considered.

Granite Bay floats update - calling all volunteers!

Well, we are finally getting there! After many lengthy bureaucratic delays, we have had a number of very positive meetings in the past two weeks. The first was with SRD staff and the engineer regarding the suitability of the floats that were being offered as a donation to upgrade the facility at Granite Bay. That meeting confirmed that the floats are not only suitable but in great condition and in need of very little modification to make them work for our purposes. Tasks were assigned at that meeting and staff are doing their research, the engineer is doing his and I have done mine and am now arranging a subsequent meeting with all parties. I have also taken on the job of "project manager" to ensure that this moves along as quickly as possible. Our RD staff are keeping up with many other projects besides this one, so they need someone "on the ground" on Quadra, and I'm it! I also met with Marine Harvest regarding the items we will need and they are going to coordinate a meeting with all of their staff and then with all of us in the next two weeks to finalize a work plan. I have been in contact with DFO to explain the modifications that we will be making and have received approval under all of the required conditions that they want met, which will be no problem.

So, now it is time to once again put together a volunteer work party that will be able to do work at the Granite Bay site and also at the storage site in Campbell River on at least one occasion assembling pieces prior to shipping. We need at least one welder with portable equipment, a couple of people that can handle grinders and such, and some folks that can bolt together some rub rails, tie-up rails and brackets.

And that brings me to the lumber required! We will need about 450 lineal feet of 2x12 cedar and about 450 lineal feet of 4x4 cedar (all full dimension, rough cut desired but not necessarily required). Are there any local saw mills out there that are willing to donate the above or provide it at reduced rate for this community project? Think of how happy you will make the community, not to mention the exceptional

public relations value to boot! Please contact me directly for details if you are interested. Perhaps a number of mills could donate small portions of the above... just a suggestion to make it less of a burden on any one mill owner.

Let's make this another Quadra Island success story at little or no cost to the tax base. This will once again be a partnership between local government, the community and industry.

Hoskyn Channel Landing completion celebration - it is all about giving!

On Saturday, June 28th, I gathered together with the community and our local businesses to celebrate the completion of the upgrades to the Hoskyn Channel Landing floats. This was stage two of the works at Hoskyn Channel Landing that started a few years ago with the construction of the wharf and ramp at the end of the Surge Narrows Road. (I should really say it was "stage three" since the entire road upgrades were all part of this project also!). The floats were donated by Maine Harvest and delivered by Sea Roamer Services after necessary modifications at DKS Welding in Campbell River (see press release). The SRD staff provided help along the way and secured the lease expansion necessary to extend the anchors out further than the original placement

The part that I would like to emphasize is the community involvement and cooperation that made this project happen. Rob Wood of Rob Wood Design, was the "project manager" for this upgrade process. He set up the time line and work plan and liaised with me regularly to make sure all was well at the SRD end. He gathered the volunteers and kept everyone informed and energized. This celebration was not just about the completion of the physical structure of the floats, it was about the huge community effort that made it happen. I secured in our Quadra Island Official Community Plan in 1995 the provision that the two public access roads on either side of Quadra Island (Surge Narrows and Granite Bay) would be maintained in perpetuity as public access points for all of the public to enjoy. It has taken years to complete that vision, in the Surge Narrows (Hoskyn Channel) case, and is still ongoing in the Granite Bay case. But it is happening. And that has been my main goal as your director: making things happen for the people of Area J. I have always said that I want to see local control of local issues and that I want there to be community involvement. I have also said that I don't like government anymore than the next person. That still holds today.. even more so.. but I do understand the

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Ferry Fares Surging and So Are Protests

by John Sprungman, Chair, Ferry Advisory Committee

Protests against rising ferry fares were planned for today by residents of a number of islands as BC Ferries submitted a request to the Ferry Commissioner this week for substantial fuel surcharges to be added to fares, possibly as early as next month.

BCF President and CEO David Hahn said the surcharges could be 8-9% on the major routes and 15-20% on the minors. CFO Rob Clarke says the percentage referred to an "average fare price" which is higher than what Experience Card users are paying.

Clarke said BCF hoped to have a ruling from Commissioner Martin Crilly in time to implement the surcharge during the summer to pick up revenue from tourist traffic. BCF would have been in a position to add a surcharge in November under a formula Crilly built into his ruling on fare price caps for 2008-2012.

The chairs of the coast's 12 Ferry Advisory Committees last week submitted our own request to the Provincial Government for a "minor route strategy" to deal with what we see as an urgent need to address the viability of our ferry services and communities.

In a paper detailing the history of fare increases and fuel surcharges since the government "privatized" BC Ferries in 2003, the FAC Chairs also looked ahead at expected higher fuel prices and increased financing costs for minor route vessel replacement and terminal upgrades.

The carefully researched paper, sent to Minister of Transportation Kevin Falcon, notes that minor route traffic has been steadily declining as fares have increased and suggests that "added costs and resulting changes in travel patterns may render the routes serving ferry dependent communities unsustainable and could threaten the viability of the whole ferry system, while causing substantial, and irreversible, economic and social trauma to coastal communities."

Citing the government's northern route strategy, which includes provincial funding for infrastructure and for increased fuel costs, the FAC Chairs conclude that a similar "strategic approach is urgently required both to immediately mitigate the impact of excessive fare shock and to develop a transportation service that will be resilient to anticipated changing conditions.

"The absence of such an approach will likely lead to a collapse of BCFerries' business plan for the routes in question and to irreversible damage to the vulnerable coastal communities they serve," the FAC Chairs believe.

Efforts to Reduce Fuel Use

While the price of fuel is driving change in every energy-dependent aspect of our lives, environmental change from burning all the fuels humans use is increasingly a concern we can't ignore. BCF is subject to paying the BC government's carbon tax on its fuel, but because it is a "private" company, it is not subject to the province's carbon reduction guidelines for government agencies and Crown corporations. But BCF is aware that could change.

BCF uses its Power Point presentations at FAC meetings to list all the things it is doing to try to reduce fuel consumption and carbon emissions. In its vessel replacement program, it is installing engines that are more efficient and control systems that it says optimize fuel economy. Better hull designs and smoother hull finishes help reduce the number of litres burned per nautical mile.

Existing vessels are being equipped with fuel monitoring devices and cutting back on rpms can save significant amounts of diesel on vessels which have their engines running 12 to 16 hours a day. BCF also encourages drivers not to sit idling in parking lots or on board while waiting to unload,

but they say they have to leave the ships' engines idling in port.

When oil was cheap and climate change caused by carbon emissions was unheard of, BC Ferries acquired (or inherited) a fleet of vessels which depend on their diesel-powered engines to run the ships' systems whether the boat is in motion or docked. Propulsion is in fact required to keep most of their vessels in the slips while they are being loaded and unloaded.

And, the engineers say, shutting down and restarting these big diesels many times a day would greatly shorten the lives of the engines and increase the risk of breakdowns at sea. Upgrades to terminals and ships would be needed to use shore power if the engines were shut down, and the extra time required to secure the vessels to the docks might necessitate reducing the number of sailings in a day.

That may be the coming reality anyway if oil hits \$200 a barrel, as a recent CIBC World Markets report suggests will happen by 2010. The cost of gas and of ferry fares could combine to reduce ferry traffic to a point where running the ships at less than half their capacity cannot be justified. Right now, with summer upon us, that concept is hard to fathom as we arrive at the terminals to discover yet another full load of vehicles ahead of us.

Do You Use Lane 2?

We now have a waiting room and tiled washrooms in the new terminal building at Quathiaski Cove, and all the lanes in the lot are in use again, but there is still no clear signage at the top of the hillside holding lanes telling drivers to go into Lane 2 if Lane 1 is full--and if Lane 2 is also full, to follow its last car down the hill.

The management of this traffic is no problem with a second lot attendant (which BCF provided during the terminal construction) but word was that staffing would be cut back to Monday and Thursday mornings to handle the assured

loading of Cortes vehicles arriving for the 9 a.m. sailing.

It is baffling that, more than a year later, BCF has been unable to come up with a workable means of signs or lights to control traffic on the hill without a second attendant.

Left to their own devices, some drivers are going into Lane 2 but others wait on the side the roadway across the intersection and then follow the Lane One traffic into the parking lot, passing people who arrived ahead of them.

In most cases, everyone will get on the next boat anyway, but this queue-jumping discourages the use of Lane 2 and recreates the problem of ferry traffic backed up on the public road which adding a lane on the hill was intended to resolve.

Knowing How the Wind Blows

Ferry captains and many other mariners get their weather information for the Strait of Georgia, north of Nanaimo, from Environment Canada over VHF radio (Channel Weather One) or online (www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/marine/). Some of this information is also available by calling 250-286-3575.

One of the sources of current wind and sea conditions is the weather bouy at Sentry Shoal, a reef directly south of Mitlenatch Island. Last week the Weather Office launched its redesigned marine pages. You now get the info, updated hourly, by clicking on "weather conditions" at the above link and then choosing Sentry Shoal from "select a bouy or land station." Conditions at Campbell River Airport are also accessible here.

Another way to see the bouy info is at www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=46131, a more readable, detailed page on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's web site.

It can be useful to check these sites in planning your ferry travel during unsettled weather.



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Dance!

Shane Philip with special guests Zack Sukuweh and Claudia Raaen. Thursday July 10, 9:00 pm at Manson's Hall on Cortes Island. Advance tix \$10.00 at the Cortes Natural Food Co-op.

Calling all Quadra Fruit and Veggie Gardeners!!

Do you have extra veggies, fruits, or nuts in your garden?? Would you like to sell, trade, or donate this food (eg. to the Food Bank, Community Kitchen, etc), but need help getting the word out or finding pickers and people to help you?? Then: Sign up on the Quadra Food Registry!!

The Quadra Food Registry is a new project, organized and updated by I-CAN (Island Climate Action Network). It basically is a list from people who have surplus food that they are wanting to share with others – for people to buy, or do some work trade for, or just for free. Islanders can keep checking the lists – either to add their names and available food, or to find out where they can get some local produce.

The list will be available at I-CAN's Farmers' Market Table on Saturdays through the summer, and kept at On-Root Greenhouse during the week. An updated copy of the list will be available as well, on the Gumboot. Contact I-CAN at quadraican@gmail.com or through Lisa (285-2480) with any questions or submissions.

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with "Shake A Leg" At Quadra Legion

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Quadra Legion

Quadra Legion Lounge open Friday and Saturday at 4:00pm. Complimentary pool tables, darts and shuffleboard. Meat draws support Quadra Island based nonprofit organizations every Saturday 5:00pm to 6:30pm. New and established members with guests welcome. See you at the Legion!

Music is the Art of Sound

Sound is music to the ears. Come and join us and play music of the spheres, Monday, July 7 from 1 to 4 pm at Vitalis Wellness Centre in Cove Centre, Quathiasi Cove.

Terese Dale Kunnickey will give a discussion on sound vibration using crystal bowls, gongs and Tibetan bowls. She'll be accompanied by special guest Birgit Kuit, singer, song-writer.

Bring your instruments and we will all join in sound. Admission \$10 or by donation. Funds raised will contribute to the Community Choir Leadership Program for Mary Dennison, (singing in the oral/aural tradition, ie: without written music)





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New Q-Cove Ferry Terminal Building Opens



Thank You Quadra!

I would like to thank the Community of Quadra Island for the wonderful support given to the Canadian Cancer Society this past April. Quadra Island Canvassers raised \$5116.18! This would not have been possible without the following Volunteers:

A special thank you to Joy Bird, Kirsten Eastland, Solveig Murray, Pamela Dennison, True Dennison, Fortune Dennison, Sharon Brereton, Jeannie Stoppard, Julie Mellanby, Michael Heckter, Heather Simpson, Ruth Williamson, Arlis Scott, Richard Calver, Stacy Stewart, Val McGuffie, Murray Garland, Donna Dennis, and Shayla Sopracolle-Tate. Thank you for your dedication to such a worthy cause.

I would also like to thank Gwen Miller, who canvassed the businesses on Quadra Island. This raised an extra \$1195.00, for a total of \$6311.18.

Thank you Quadra!

Mary Dennison

Area Captain



**Q-Beans
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Only organically grown, fair-trade coffee. Kiosk opens at 6:00 a.m. daily at the Q-Cove ferry terminal.

On Saturday, June 21st officials from BC Ferries joined with community members and leaders at the new Quathiaski Cove ferry terminal building for its official opening. Pictured above is Parv Bal, Regional Director, Terminal Operations, Northern Region (L) with Chief Ralph Dick of the We Wai Kai First Nation making the ceremonial ribbon cutting to open the building for use.

Area J Regional Director Jim Abram was on hand to commend BC Ferries for the completion of the project which resulted in keeping with expressed needs of the community including incorporating construction elements designed by local building designer Rob Wood.

Coffee, tea and local baking from Aroma Cafe (yum) was on hand for the assembled throngs.

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'An Island Life' LOUISE LAVALLEE featured artist for the month of July at DRAW Gallery presents a slice of real island life. Colourful narrative illustrations capture the atmosphere and natural beauty of Island living through paintings on mixed media, paper, and canvas. With a purity of colour and attention to detail, you'll find sailboats in harbour and in full tack, robins among the spring flowers, orcas and dolphins and if you look closely, you may recognize a neighbour or two. Come and meet the creator of Quadra's famous Island Poster and see her new work at the reception for this exhibit on first Friday July 4th from 6 - 8pm. Openings are always first Friday of the Month. Gallery hours are Thursday thru Saturday 12 - 6pm. Everyone welcome.

Jazz on Quadra

Quadra Island is very fortunate to have live jazz music twice a week during the entire summer season. April Point has live jazz every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Heriot Bay Inn has live jazz every Sunday night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The HBI features the "Wire Choir" on Sunday, June 22, the "Blue Monks" on Sunday, June 29 and "Jazz Berry Jam" on Sunday July 6.

April Point has booked the "Blue Monks" for Tuesday, June 24 and July 1. "From the Heart" plays on Tuesday, July 8.

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Hal Douglas Blues Band

Quadra Island gets a shot of the blues in the first week of July. The Hal Douglas Blues Band is part of the July 1 Canada Day celebrations at Rebecca Spit (see other articles in this issue for a full schedule of events).

The band is also rocking away at the Heriot Bay Inn on Friday, July 4th from 9 p.m. to closing. Finally, the Landing Pub, under new management, is now beginning to feature live music as well. The Hal Douglas Blues Band will be playing the Landing Pub on Saturday night, July 5 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The band features Hal Douglas, a local songwriter & music teacher, on lead guitar & vocals, David Blinzinger Jr., another local music teacher, on piano & vocals, Adam McGuffie on bass guitar, Steve Moore, poet & songwriter, on drums and the wonderful saxophone musings of Don Doolittle.

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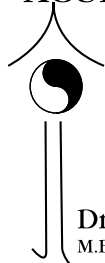
Obituary - Dennis Gignac

Joseph Dennis Gignac, aka Dennis, or pigtails, passed away in Victoria, Monday June 30th/08 after battling cancer for seven years. He is survived by five sisters in Ontario, Blanche Rivet, Jeannette Webb, Betty Dell, Rita Capy, and Vicky Law, and by his niece, Jill Marshall and nephews Andrew & Mark Gignac in Victoria, as well as many numerous relatives across Canada.

Dennis felt Quadra Island was his home, and enjoyed the life he lived there, and the friends he met along the way. His feisty spirit, his laughter, and his passion for learning will be remembered by all. A small service will take place in September on Quadra Island.

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Hullabaloo at the Heriot Bay Inn

The Heriot Bay Inn is celebrating summer and invites everyone to celebrate with us! Bring the whole family out to the Hullabaloo at the Heriot Bay Inn on Sunday, July 27th for good times and great food.

Come early to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast buffet in Herons before the events begin. Interested in a little friendly competition? Register for bocce ball, badminton, croquet, and dart tournaments.

Island spirit to spare? Prepare for Survivor: Heriot Bay. Registration for all tournaments begins Monday, July 7th. Registration & more info at the Heriot Bay Inn gift shop, in the pub, and at Hummingbird Art and Office Supply.

Be the first to sign up for your tournament and receive dining vouchers for Herons dining room! Watch for the event schedule posted locally and in the next issue of the Discovery Islander.

We have oodles of activities planned for the kids: face painting, kite flying, bubble blowing, and much more! Children's performers will provide interactive family entertainment. And kick back and relax to the sounds of Scott Elam, demonstrating his skill with the marimba!

Great lunch specials in Herons and the HBI pub, or check out one of the outdoor food venues: grab a quick bite from the hot dog cart, some fresh squeezed lemonade from our lemonade stand, an ice cream cone or candy apple! Mark Sunday July 27 on your calendar, and come on down to the Hullabaloo at the Heriot Bay Inn. Let The Games Begin!

July Painting Workshops at Firesign Studio

Exciting painting workshops are scheduled at Firesign Studio in July for beginners as well as more experienced painters this season.

Perrin Sparks will be at Firesign July 7-11 to teach her successful "Steps to a Likeness" portrait workshop. Perri shows how to achieve a likeness in portraits with comprehensive step-by-step instructions in measuring, color mapping, warm and cool toning, and using 'lost' and 'found' edges. This workshop helps demystify the process of working from a live model.

Then Vancouver artist Gerry Thompson will teach her techniques for "Painting Light" July 21-25. Here is an opportunity to fast track the process of learning to paint! Each day a topic will be covered, accompanied by a demo and detailed notes on that theme. Gerry will demonstrate her step-by-step method of glazing techniques. Subjects that will be covered are: water and reflections, florals, shadow colours, and greens found in nature. Any media may be used.

Please visit www.firesignartanddesign.com for more workshops or call Nanci 285-3390.

Two New Exhibitions to Open at the Campbell River Art Gallery on July 4th.

The Campbell River Art Gallery invites you to attend the opening of two new exhibitions, Red and White - Chapter 2 by George Littlechild and The Doll Affect by Meinsje Vlamming on Friday July 4th from 7-9pm. Both artists will be in attendance so don't miss this opportunity to meet them on this evening. Laverne Henderson will be giving a traditional welcome on behalf of the Campbell River Indian Band.

Visit the Campbell River Art Gallery, 1235 Shoppers Row, Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm to view this exhibition. Check out the website at www.crartgallery.ca.

Community Tourism Grant Funding - Phase 2

Phase 2 funding is available for community groups and non-profit organizations through the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Tourism program.

The primary objective of the tourism grant program is to enhance economic development activities and improve tourism. Applicants must clearly identify how their project meets the program criteria and what specific measurements will be used.

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. September 15, 2008. Applicants will enter into an agreement with the SRD with a commitment to complete the project and submit final reporting by October 30, 2009.

Information and application packages can be obtained from: the website www.strathconard.ca, by email sarmella@comoxvalleyrd.ca, or at the main office at 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC.

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Local Cadet Enrolls - Full Scholarship

VANCOUVER, BC - Mr. Evan Roberts from Quadra Island will be enrolled in the Canadian Forces at the recruiting centre in Victoria on August 26th. Mr. Roberts was a graduate of Carihi Secondary School this year and has been selected to attend the University of Victoria as an undergraduate student in the History program.

He will be sponsored under the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP), which covers the full cost of the university degree program. Following enrolment in the Canadian Forces Mr. Roberts plans to pursue a career as a Maritime Surface and Sub-Surface Officer in the Navy. However, during the summers between school years he will be sent to different locations across Canada to complete the basic officer training course and start specific training in his trade.

Evan is the son of Kim Roberts and Jeff Kinzel who currently live in Quadra Island. He has been a very active cadet and he has been involved with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets for the last seven years. During this time he has earned the Lord Strathcona Medal of Excellence and the Legion Medal of Excellence. Furthermore, he has worked in the 54th Admiral Dewolf Squadron as a Marine Engineering Instructor and Engineer for two years.

In being selected to become an officer in the Canadian Forces he joins an elite group of young Canadians who have demonstrated a high level of patriotism by choosing to serve their country in a leadership role. Evan will be helping to protect our liberty and democratic way of life while also assisting others in need by spreading the freedoms and human rights that we enjoy and take for granted here in Canada.

Evan is one of almost 400 cadets who have been selected to attend the Royal Military College. RMC is Canada's military university - a university with a difference where the professional and personal skills of Canadian Forces officers, both undergraduate and post-graduate, are developed each year to meet the challenges of the future. The objectives of RMC are to challenge officers morally, physically and intellectually by focusing on the four interlocking pillars of the college: academics, military training, athletics and second-language training.



Access Your Inner Pinata

Now is the time to begin pinata creation, in anticipation of the second annual Summer Pinata Exhibit and Competition. Creatures and constructs of all sorts are invited. This year's exhibit is displayed at the Community Centre July 21 - August 27.

No rules! No theme! As long as there is a two inch hole at the top, and at least two reinforced points from which to hang, (and please, nothing x-rated), your pinata is perfect. The sky is the limit. Be alert to inspiration... is there a phantom pinata waiting for you to create it?

And hey! Why not recycle? Use this paper you're holding, tear it into strips, and start your pinata creation. Not sure how to start? There is a summer pinata workshop beginning Monday, July 14 (QCC: 250.285.3243 for info), or check out this website: www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Pinata. (Remember, flour plus enough water to make a thick paste and you're ready to papier mache!)

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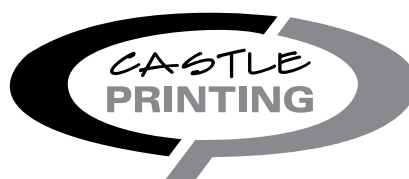
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Power Lab: A fun time for kids!

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Power Lab begins on July 21 and continues through July 25. We will meet at Quadra Island Bible Church, 1281 West Road, each day from 9:30 a.m. until noon. There is no charge for this event. For more information and to pre-register call 285-2020.

Quadra Farmers' Market

The Quadra Island Farmers' Market welcomes everyone to this year's community market. The market is located behind the Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove and takes place every Saturday (rain or shine) between 10 am and 2 pm from May 3rd to September 13th.

We would like to welcome back all our regular vendors as well as any new ones who would like to join in. We would especially like to see more locally grown produce for sure and maybe more locally made crafts as well. We will continue with a first come first serve basis and the gate will open at 8 am for your setup.

The vendor setup fee is \$5 each while children under 16 will be charged \$1 per setup. Local community and charitable organizations are not charged a setup fee for their participation.

Market parking is accessed from Green Road. PLEASE use it and encourage others to do the same as the main Credit Union parking lot needs to be kept available for the Credit Union's customers.

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

We strongly discourage dogs at the market so if you have no choice and must bring your dog it will have to be on a leash at all times (no exceptions please) and PLEASE pickup after them. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Alma at 285-3521 or Carmen at 286-9808 See you all at the market

Dock upgrades at Hoskyn Channel Complete



Jim Abram (L), Rob Wood (C) and James Rogers cut the ribbon to open the completed and upgraded dock facility at Hoskyn Channel.
photo: Ian Roberts

A collaborative effort between local government, community members, and industry is putting new floats and anchors in place at the Hoskyn Channel wharf on Quadra Island which will improve access for residents from Read Island, Maurelle Island and others as well as countless tourists and many eco-tourist businesses from Quadra Island and Campbell River.

"Three years ago, great community cooperation resulted in an old, unsafe wharf at Hoskyn Channel being replaced with the ramp and gangway that are here now," said Jim Abram, Strathcona Regional District (SRD) director for Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets (Area 'J'). "This year, the regional district, and many local citizens and businesses came together to design, build and transport the new dock here. The new dock will provide more space for mooring boats."

Rob Wood, president of the Surge Narrows community association, designed the dock, and he was the designer of the wharf in 2005 as

well. Thanks to donated labour, materials and equipment from Marine Harvest Canada, Sea Roamer Marine Services, DKS Industries and the Surge Narrows Community Association, the Strathcona Regional District was able to upgrade the facility and install new floats and anchor lines.

Marine Harvest Canada operates several salmon farms in the area and is pleased to be a part of this project. "It's great to have been able to take part in this community initiative that is so vital to the people in this area," said James Rogers, area manager with Marine Harvest Canada.

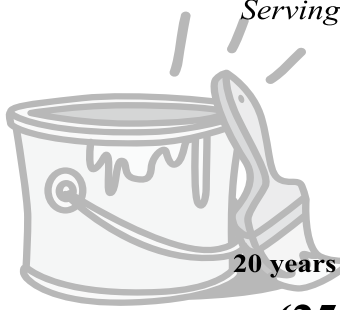
In appreciation for all the work done, a salmon barbecue is being held at the Surge Bunkhouse on Read Island Saturday June 28, where the work of all the volunteers will be recognized.

Hoskyn Channel is a .32-hectare community park held by the regional district under a licence of occupation from the provincial government.

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Historic Kayak Tour of Cortes Island

On July 12th

The southwest coast of Cortes Island is one of the most scenic spots on the mid-coast. It is also loaded with historic interest. On July 12th Misty Isles Adventures teams up with the Cortes Island Museum to offer a day tour by kayak through the protected waterways from Mansons Lagoon towards Smelt Bay.

Misty Isles provides all the equipment and training for this easy day trip which guide Brian Fryer describes as the perfect place to try out kayaking or learn new techniques. The deep bays and shallow waterways make for ideal paddling.

Historical sites along the way include First Nations pictographs (paintings on stone) on the sheer rock face at the narrow entrance to the Gorge Harbour. A bit further south is a petroglyph (a carving in stone) said to have been created by a young man who gained tremendous skill as a hunter on a spiritual quest. Brian will also describe some of the commercial activities on this part of Cortes, from whaling in the early days to modern oyster aquaculture.

The trip will depart from Mansons Landing Marine Park at 1030 a.m. Participants will cross from Campbell River to Quadra Island on the 8:30 a.m. ferry and leave their cars in Heriot Bay for the 9:05 a.m. crossing to Cortes.

They will return on the 5:50p.m. ferry to Quadra Island. The cost for this day tour is \$105 (GST included) or \$117 with lunch provided.

Other upcoming Cortes Museum trips include a circumnavigation of Maurelle Island on July 21, a three day exploration of Desolation Sound and Sonora Island on September 5, 6, 7 and Grizzly Bear trip on September 20, 21 and 22. For more information or to register for any of these tours, call the Cortes Museum at (250) 935-6340 or email cimas@twincomm.ca



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Communities in Bloom Competition Coming Up

The City of Campbell River is proud to be hosting the Communities in Bloom judges on Monday, July 14th! Judges, Suzanne Anderton, from Kelowna and Don Alberg, from Qualicum Beach will be arriving on July 13th. The Communities in Bloom Committee will be hosting a Meet and Greet on Sunday evening. This will be followed on Monday with an all day tour of the community, highlighting places such as McIvor Lake, the new UV Disinfection Plant, Dick Murphy Park, the Downtown Core, Willow Point Streetscape, Sybil Andrews Cottage, the Compost Education Centre and much more. Also highlighted will be community events, garden contest winners, businesses recognized for beautification efforts, new design standards for development and anything else the judges are interested in knowing about.

If you would like more information about the Communities in Bloom program please call the City's Parks department at 250-286-7275.

Campbell River Art & Garden Tour, July 5 & 6

Whether you're an experienced gardener, a beginner, or someone who just likes to look, you'll find plenty to capture your imagination and attention on the Campbell River Art & Garden Tour, July 5 & 6. The tour, now in its 13th year, is hosted by Campbell River Art Gallery.

Proceeds from this event support the summer children's programs at Campbell River Art Gallery. Tickets are \$15 per person and cover both days. Purchase your tickets at the Art Gallery or Visitor Centre in Tyee Plaza, 1235 Shopper's Row, or the Comox Valley Art Gallery. Call 250-287-2261 or e-mail contact@crartgallery.ca for more info. Tickets include discounts at a choice of restaurants.

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Area I Regional Director's Report

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by Jenny Hiebert

Canada Day finds me finishing this report. As I write bird song, an abundance of flowers, wild and cultivated, and a cool breeze that wafts through the window surround me. This evening Brian and I will find an appropriate perch to watch the firework displays at Rebecca Spit and Campbell River. These distant firework displays offer the colour, some percussive sound but none of the smoke. We find this celebration quite enjoyable. I sincerely hope everyone finds some time to enjoy today.

Over the past month several public venues have taken place engaging island residents in discussions relating to a variety of topics. The three I was present for were reasonably well attended. That said I recognize that everyone can't make it to every meeting and often lack of attendance does not equate lack of interest. With that in mind I've attempted to condense some very lengthy discussions into brief summaries.

Park Matters

May 21, twenty-three island residents gathered in Manson's Hall to discuss a number of issues related to parks. Beth Rees, Manager of Parks in the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) and George Paul, Acting Chief Administrative Officer for the Strathcona Regional District, were present to listen to island concerns and answer questions. The meeting started with a presentation of the 2008 park's budget. (The complete budget was also available for

perusal however; no one elected to look at the sizeable document.) Questions pertaining to how the park reserve fund might be utilized in the acquisition of Parkland in Whaletown led into a complete discussion of that issue. The discussion centered on Island Timberlands (IT) 72-acre property; known locally as the Whaletown Commons and the adjacent 10-acre piece of crown land that the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) has earmarked for potential sale.

Those present clearly indicated that IT's 72-acre property remains the primary focus. Everyone was reminded the IT property was taken off the market in June 2006 and all follow-up queries have always received the same response—The property is not for sale.

George Paul was tasked with approaching IT to determine if they would consider the sale of the property and if so, for what price. It was thought that having a confirmed price would generate further donations from the community.

The crown parcel also holds significant interest to the community. ILMB continues to assess the sale potential of this parcel. Part of that process includes consultation with the First Nations. Consultation must be completed prior to a final decision being made. (As a point of interest—ILMB is assessing a second piece of crown land for sale on Cortes. It's the parcel in Windy Bay where Ernie Keen used to live.)

Improvements to the Blind Creek Boat Launch were the next item of discussion. It was recognized that this facility is well used and, for the most part, meets community needs. Widening the road and the creating additional parking were identified as the next desired improvements. There was little support for installing an approach and wharf system. It was felt that the construction and maintenance of such a facility would be too costly.

The evening closed with an update on Beach Access developments. Hayes and Moon Road accesses are complete and used regularly. The Seascapes access has been problematic. The legal survey indicated a significant part of the access is extremely steep.

A team of local trail builders assessed the site to determine an appropriate design. They determined the only way to safely traverse this steep section would require a series of stairs and platforms. The associated cost was estimated to be \$30,000, well beyond the current level of funding allocated for the project.

Those present recognized the project would incur significant construction and maintenance costs and present a high liability risk. It was also acknowledged that the re-establishment of traditional public access through the "Hank's Beach" property would make the Seascapes Access redundant. Beth Rees was tasked with investigating the requirements associated with returning the Seascapes license to the Ministry of Highways. With

the Seascapes beach access on hold attention will now turn to the Gnat Road access in the Squirrel Cove area. The first step is to develop a workable design for this site. Once the design is complete construction can start. However, currently, only two neighborhood residents have signed up to work on the trail. To insure this project happens more neighborhood volunteers are needed.

Vancouver Island Regional Library Panel Discussion

May 26 approximately 50 island residents gathered at Manson's Hall to listen to a presentation by Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) Executive Director, Rosemary Bonanno regarding the current home of the Cortes Island library. Also on hand were Wayne Hartley, VIRL Human Resources Safety Specialist, Jenny Hiebert, Alternate VIRL Trustee and four members of the Manson's Hall Facility Advisory Team. Two main issues flowed throughout the lengthy dialogue—the current library space and the overall condition of Manson's Hall.

The Cortes Island Library is one of several throughout the VIRL area that does not meet current VIRL standards. The floor layout (long and narrow) with low ceilings is inefficient and the lighting and the floor load are inadequate. Rosemary Bonanno committed to starting a community needs analysis and to put together an action plan and schedule.

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I was tasked with investigating how the non-conforming aspect of the hall might impact hall renovations and the establishment of "Core Funding" for the hall. The non-conformity of the community hall will not effect this year's rebuilding of the east wall. It is permissible to maintain and repair non-conforming buildings however, you cannot make the non-conformity worse. In this case, the north wall can be repaired and maintained but its footprint cannot be altered to encroach further into the set back. An email outlining other details relating to non-conforming status has been forwarded to the Manson's Hall office to ensure the new executive has all relevant information.

"Core Funding" would require the establishment of a new tax function. Preliminary discussions took place during 2007 however, did not progress to the point where this initiative could be included on the 2008 work plan. The current work plan presents completion challenges without any further additions. Also, the recent departure of Ray Boogaards, General Manager of Parks and Recreational Services (CVRD), further complicates adding any new park related projects. The community assessment of "Core Funding" for Community Halls will be included on the 2009 work plan.

Woodlot Open House

June 5 approximately 50 residents attended an Open House with Sunshine Coast Forest District (SCFD) staff to discuss concerns regarding the proposed Woodlot in the Squirrel Cove area. This woodlot is proposed to convert the existing Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) for the Replaceable Timber License of 905 cubic metres as outlined in the Forest Revitalization Act passed in 2003. The AAC has been on Cortes in some form since the 1950's. The current owner of the AAC, Bryan Mills, chose the Woodlot option as the preferred means of conversion. The other available option was a one time five year Forestry License to cut the equivalent of 17 years of harvest.

Visions of the clear-cut logging that took place at the corner of Bartholomew and Sutil Point Roads was foremost in the minds of resident's that attended. SCFD staff stated repeatedly that that style of logging would not be permitted in the proposed woodlot. This was one of a variety concerns leading members of the community to inquire if Mr. Mills would sell his license to the community. He indicated that at this time, the license was not for sale. Next the community asked that he move his license off island. Mr. Mills explained he had already attempted to do this however, transferring between two forest districts proved to be virtually impossible. After listening to the many concerns islanders

expressed, Mr. Mills suggested he would try to work with the community.

Whether the woodlot proceeds or not will be determined by the SCFD, which is the decision-making authority in this case. However, no decision will be made until consultation with the First Nation has been completed.

Recently a campaign to gather signatures on a letter requesting Mr. Mills sell his license to the community was circulated. The results of this effort are unknown at this time.

...And that brings us pretty much up-to-date. It should be noted that some community members have scheduled meetings to discuss Island Timberlands flagging roads through their private land holdings on Cortes. The first meeting was called on very short notice, so many, myself included, became aware of it only after it had taken place. I understand another has been scheduled for July 3. I will be present for that one.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues feel free to contact me at 935-6488 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4 pm. (No early morning, late night or weekend calls, please.) If you get the answering machine try my cell phone--202-6488. You can also email me at brijen@oberon.ark.com anytime.

Respectfully Submitted by Jenny Hiebert—
Regional Director

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usefulness of our local government and how to work with it or around it; whichever is necessary to get what we need for our communities.

The spirit, the energy, the caring and the love that was evident in the celebration at Surge Narrows last Saturday is what makes a community. And it is what makes this job as your director so fulfilling. It is that same spirit that generations before us experienced and that same spirit that built the communities that we live in today. If we are to continue with our unique lifestyles and sustain those lifestyles in these out-of-the-way places, then we will need to work on maintaining our sense of community and be willing to give of ourselves for the benefit of all.

Well, I said four items and I believe that is it. As always, there are many other issues and activities that deserve mention, but I think I have gone on long enough and the sunshine is calling! So, that is it for now. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,
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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

Goodbye, George.

An early form of entertainment in 11th and 12th century figure was provided by “jongleurs”, which term has since morphed into minstrel, troubadour, entertainer and most recently and relevantly...comedian. Originally, a jongleur was literally a wandering story teller, capable of being entertaining while delivering news from afar, interspersing their act with recitations of legends, sometimes spoken, often sung. They were regarded as heralds of the attitudes and fashions of far distant society, and were most respected by the often-illiterate labouring class. Poetry was another staple in a jongleur repertoire, and they were welcomed only if entertaining, often being provided roof and sustenance on the whim of the audience. History contains no records of the superstar jongleurs on the 12th and 13th centuries, but we recently lost one of the best examples of a 20th century version.

At the relatively young age of 71, George Denis Patrick Carlin, a true son of New York City, died on June 22nd. Carlin has only recently attracted my serious attention, as he and I have both matured a bit over the years. I first encountered Carlin when I was about 16 years old, though I may have seen and ignored him earlier in his career as a regular guest on “The Johnny Carson Show”. While on the TV circuit of the 60's Carlin adopted a persona suitable to prime time – grey suit, black tie and a crew cut. His club stage act was a far cry from what he performed on Ed Sullivan's #1 rated variety show, and by the height of the Vietnam war he gave up all pretence at conservatism. Raised in a Catholic environment, he rejected the Church and all organized religion completely. He'd already discovered a distaste for authority during a US Air Force stint during the 50's, and the carnage and hypocrisy of Vietnam outraged him to the degree of risking it all with his ranting routines. He rapidly lost all main stream media support, and found himself in jail for clarifying the seven words that network TV had arbitrarily banned from the airwaves...all of which can now be read, viewed or heard in pretty much any media source you can access, though still classified as “dirty” by most.

During this period, the first zenith of his career, he like many others in the industry became much too fond of artificial stimulation – in George's case, he readily embraced each emerging drug of choice, often performing when he would have been better off at home in his Lay-

Z-Boy under headphones. His career was truly sputtering along, though he was successful in the sales of recordings of his club acts. In 1975 he had a brief return to the spotlight as the host at the debut of “Saturday Night Live”, which he later admitted was performed whilst wasted on cocaine, and then he disappeared from the scene for the next 5 years. During this time, he experienced the 1st of that would be three non-fatal heart attacks – given that the 4th finally killed him, he obviously refused the lifestyle changes needed to lengthen his life. The 1980's saw Carlin performing in many supporting roles in movies (the most notable of which was Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure – a typecast role if there ever was one), and he returned to the stage in the early 2000's, until being fired as the headliner at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas after insulting his audience, and entered rehab for a brief time. Since then he has performed regularly, and soberly, until his recent death. It has been announced he will receive the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts “Mark Twain Prize for American Humour” posthumously this November.

Nothing was sacred to Carlin – he gleefully skewered every subject and delighted in discomforting audiences. He was a remarkably literate and well read man, and was very capable of defending his opinions, as he did many times on various TV talk shows and interviews. It is certain that many of his one-liners will be remembered with the same affection shown for 19th century comic writers Mark Twain (aka Samuel Clemens) and Canada's Stephen Leacock. What follows are some of George's thoughts from over the years that I find particularly amusing.

“Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone driving faster than you is a maniac?”

“I am” is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that “I do” is the longest?”

“Honesty may be the best policy, but its important to remember that apparently, by elimination, dishonesty is the second-best policy.”

“I think it's the duty of a comedian to find out where the line is drawn, and cross it deliberately.”

“I'm completely in favour of the separation of Church and State. My idea is that these two

institutions screw us up enough on their own, so both of them together is certain death.”

“Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day”

“When someone gets impatient and says, “I haven't got all day”. I always wonder – how can that be? How can you not have all day?”

And finally, a portion from George's classic diatribe “On Religion”. After decrying organized religion, he notes, “I decided to look around for something else to worship. Something I could really count on. And immediately I thought of the sun. Happened like that. Overnight I became a sun worshipper. Well, not overnight, you can't see the sun at night. But first thing the next morning I became a sun worshipper. Several reasons. First of all, I can see the sun, okay? Unlike some other gods I can mention, I can actually see the sun. I'm big on that. If I can see something, I don't know, it kind of helps the credibility along, you know? So everyday I can see the sun, as it gives me everything I need: heat, light, food, flowers in the park, reflections on the lake, and occasional skin cancer, but hey...at least there are no crucifixions, and we're not setting people on fire because they disagree with us.”

“Sun worship is fairly simple. There's no mystery, no miracles, no pageantry, no one asks for money, there's no songs to learn, and we don't have a special building where we all gather once a week to compare clothing. And the best thing about the sun, it never tells me I'm unworthy. Doesn't tell me I'm a bad person who needs to be saved. Hasn't said an unkind word. Treats me fine. So, I worship the sun. But I don't pray to the sun. Know why? I wouldn't presume on our friendship. It's not polite.”

“I've often thought people treat God rather rudely, don't you? Asking trillions and trillions of prayers each day. Asking and begging and pleading for favours. Do this, gimme that, I need a new car, I need a better job. And most of this praying takes place on Sunday, His day off. It's not nice, and it's no way to treat a friend.”

Carlin was an angry man, a funny man, a loving family man (he lost his wife of 36 years to cancer in 1997) and a philosophical man. He will be missed by many...Requiescats in pace, George, and here's hoping the heat you're feeling now is from the sun.

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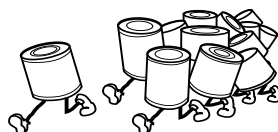
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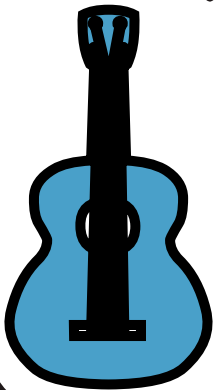
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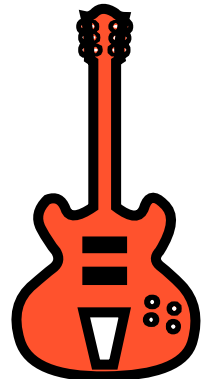


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