



SURGE CURRENTS

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Lot 302 Mission Accomplished

We did it! We not only met but exceeded our goal for Lot 302. With over \$123,000 raised (not counting the auction, the t-shirt funds and the quilt that is currently being made) we have more than enough money not only to purchase the land but to pay the GoFundMe fees, pay for any legal costs, ensure we have enough trail building materials and signage. After all this it is likely we'll have some left over which be reserved to facilitate the purchase and/or protection of additional land.

So what now? Well firstly we need to celebrate this incredible community effort. It's time for a party! Everyone is welcome to gather at the Bunkhouse. Here are the details:

Date: Friday March 6th

Time: 3:30

Bring: Finger food/appies (potluck) and whatever you'd like to drink

Agenda:

Thank you's, discussion of what's next and any other speeches

Open Mic, music, etc.

Complementary light dinner at 5:00pm hosted by Lise (funded by SNCA, not 302 donations)

We'll plan to wrap up by dark, so boaters can get home – unless we're having too much fun.

Anyone willing to help with the organization of the party, please contact Sheila at fashedo@hotmail.com.

At the party we'll talk about next steps, but in summary we're looking for two groups of volunteers:

The "On the Ground" group will start to look at building the trail, dismantling the derelict building, signage, whether we need any shelters or outhouses – and any other things the group think is important.

The "Administrative" Group will research covenants, ownership options etc.

There's no rush to get things done, but the hope is that by the summer we have trails and signs. Then we'll have an official opening and a really big party!

Rosie, Ralph, Rocky, Ginny, Roberta

Current Events and Notices

Medical Clinic March TBA

The Freight Shed Free Box

The Free Box in the Surge Narrows freight shed is an excellent way for us to share our good quality, used items with other community members. Please make sure all items put in the Free Box are in reasonable condition and clean (worn out and broken items do not belong in the free box). If your donated item has not been taken after three weeks, please take it home for disposal. Thanks, Donna Keeling

Domestic Crisis / Help Needed!



Two young, healthy males, currently sharing one wife, each in search of their own polyamorous relationship with several females. Good looking, shy but not aggressive, genetically rich and good at breeding. We are eager to see the last of each other's company and would like to live in separate chicken runs, preferably on different islands. Judith will bring one of us to you if you have a welcoming home.

Family Looking for Waterfront Property Wanted on Read Island

Dear Read Islanders, I am a father of two young children (age 9 and 11) and I want them to develop a stronger connection to the beauty of the BC wilderness. I love the Read Island area, and I'm looking to purchase acreage with waterfront where I can build a small cabin for summer use. If you know of anyone who may be interested in selling some waterfront acreage please have them contact me. Sincerely, Brian Chiko Email bchiko@gmail.com

SNCA Board Update "Board Shorts" March 2020

Please join us, Friday March 6th, 3:30 PM at the Bunkhouse, Surge Narrows: Lot 302 Celebration part I:

Thanks to the generosity of our residents and many friends, SNCA now owns Lot 302, Read Island. See more details in this issue.

The medical clinic improvements are now in place. Check out the acoustic (insulated) ceiling with bright new lighting. Thank you to Scott Davidson who completed the project beautifully and under budget.

SRD and the Association of BC Municipalities have agreed to our requests to expand the **Community Wildfire Protection Plan** work to the Surge Community outer islands, and not just Read Island. Their report will focus on where humans live and their homes meet the forest. We expect the preliminary report of the SRD's contractor, SuavAir, in late March 2020.

Training – **Wilderness First Aid Course March 25-26**, at Surge Narrows. We regret we can't accommodate last-minute sign-ups due to course materials being shipped and certificates pre-prepared. However, if you have questions please contact course registrar Sheila at fashedo@hotmail.com.

Training - **Free Ham Radio certification training** May – June 2020. See details in this issue.

Hoskyn Channel Landing (“End of the Road”) follow-up– the volunteer inspectors of dock, as required by SNCA's legal contract with SRD, have been reporting on the sedimentation spreading towards and under one corner of the dock. SRD chose to take action in early February as they had just received fisheries permission and there was a fisheries work window. The SRD staff member involved, just back from parental leave, took action on this with very short notice, making communication with our community somewhat challenging. The SRD update, just received, advises: “we were successfully able to reroute the stream so it is not longer depositing material within the marine tenure”.

We are working with Clarke in investigating a **new heat source** for Murray Hall (the gym). Tentative timing for this project is fall 2020. Surge Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is also looking at some funding opportunities to improve the acoustics in the hall.

Jim Abram recently let us know that there is **still no news about the federal Surge Property Grant**.

Board of Directors

The Surge Narrows Community Association

Sheila, Rosie, Steve, Jim, Ginny

Ham Radio Certification Training Surge Narrows 2020 Detailed Course Outline

Sunday May 10 th : 10am-3pm Instructor - Lee Pollack	Lesson 1 – Radiocommunication Act & Radiocommunication Regulations (0.5 hour) Lesson 2 – Basic Electricity (2 hours) Lesson 3 – Ohm’s Law and Power (1.5 hours) Lesson 4 – Inductors and Capacitors (1 hour)
Sunday May 24: 10am-3pm Instructor - Matt Fox	Lesson 5 – Regulations Part 2: Standards, Restrictions, Identification (1.5 hours) Lesson 6a – Decibels (0.5 hour) Lesson 6b – Transmission Lines (Feedlines) (1 hour) Lesson 8 – Antennas (2 hours)
Sunday May 31: 10am-3pm Instructor - Rene Bekkema	Lesson 7 – Active devices: Diodes, Transistors, and Tubes (1 hour) Lesson 9a – Power Supplies (1 hour) Lesson 10 – Modulation and Transmitters (1 hour) Lesson 11 – Propagation (1.5 hours)
Sunday June 7: 10am-3pm Instructor Dan Mayville	Lesson 12 – Receivers (1.5 hours) Lesson 13 – Interference and Suppression (1.5 hours) Lesson 14a – Establishing and equipping a station (0.5 hour)
Sunday June 14: 10am-3pm Instructor - John Neill	Lesson 14b – Digital Modes (0.5 hour) Lesson 15 – Regulations Pat 3 – Technical Rules, RF Exposure, Antenna Structures (1.5 hours) Lesson 16 – Routine Operations (1.5 hours) + Review

Please contact Lise (lululise08@gmail.com) if interested. This course and certification testing are free of charge for the Surge Narrows Community. Certification test likely end of June. You are not required to take the certification test if you’d prefer not. Above dates have been selected in consideration of Book Club.

Travels in the Maritimes #2 by Salix Webb

Hey everybody!!!

I really have been all over the East Coast now! After Dad left, Mom and I went back to the Farm in Antigonish and did lots of stuff there. We went skating (which for me means falling over every ten seconds) on Barra's pond and sledding on the hill behind Janie's house, and a few times we hooked up Barra's dog to a sled and it pulled me around on the snow.

One time Wes (Barra's son), Maeve (Wes's daughter), Mom, and I went to a pool party in New Glasgow. The pool party was fun and after it finished we went to an arcade and played games and won prizes. They had a complicated system: you put money into a machine and it puked out tokens (little fake coins) and there would be however many tokens you would have to give to play a certain game, and if you won you would get a whole bunch of tickets (mom once got a really high score and got 101 tickets!). Then when you leave you go to the counter and count your tickets and get a prize if you have enough tickets.

Barra and I went to see a friend of hers, Laura's, farm, where there were lots of very naughty pigs, some cows, some chickens, some adorable rabbits, and some of the loudest geese I've ever heard. I started doing archery lessons with a lady who is renting Barra's little cabin, Jen, and she thought I was really good, so she hooked us up with someone who had a bow for sale, and now I have a really good bow and arrows!

Then we went to Auntie Sitka's and Uncle Dave's and Nora's and Celeste's for a while. Celeste is 8 years old and a drama queen if I ever did see one! She is a whiz at math and writing and can beat me at Bananagrams (but only once in a while). She will walk around the house for about an hour singing made up lyrics at the top of her voice, which, as you can imagine, gets a wee bit irritating after a while, but at least she has a good voice. Unfortunately her sense of humor is still a bit childish.

Nora is 4 and as sharp as a whip, she is one of the best drawers I have ever seen, even though she can't see when it's too dark. She will sit and draw under her lamp for hours. We got talking with her about intestines and body organs and she is obsessed with uvulas! After we played some Nintendo games, Nora always wanted to pretend to be Yoshi (the dinosaur that Mario rides on) and we had to be Mario and Luigi. She also really liked pretending to be Garfield, Clifford, and sometimes one of the paw patrol characters. We went to the pool and to the science center, which was awesome! We (Mom, Celeste, and I) went



out for walks and gathered neat leaves and moss and made a diorama of a lakeside forest. The summer after next (if we have the house built by then) they are going to come and visit us on Read!

We are at my Grandma Amy's now, doing lots of fiddle practice and I am going to perform with Grandma Amy at a music recital. Grandma Amy also teaches fiddle to a group of seniors and I am going to play with them at one of their practices. Grandma Amy lives quite a ways out of town so I can practice archery whenever I want to! There is a reeeaaally

fluffy cat that likes to visit Grandma Amy, and seems to have taken a liking to me. Coincidentally, his name is Fluffy. He is a weird looking cat: he has about 4 inch long grey hair and he also has two patches of short, curly, white fur on his belly. For a while we could not for the lives of us figure out what kind of cat he might be, but eventually we looked it up and we think he is a combination of a Nebelung and a Selkirk Rex. Sometimes Lucy (or, as I call her, devil cat), my grandmothers cat, chases him around the house and we have to protect him! Anyway, we are going to come back home to Read pretty soon and I can't wait! Miss everybody!!!

Salix



Our Gift to the World (or) Interfor Cutblock SCT319



Tavish Campbell, Jody Eriksson and Farlyn Campbell on an Interfor cutblock containing enormous cedars that has yet to be logged. Photo: April Bencze

Twenty-seven years has passed since the *War in the Woods*. This epic act of civil disobedience drew 12,000 protesters to Clayoquot Sound in the summer of 1993 to a blockade that extended into a year's long struggle by the Nuuchahnulth First Nations and friends to maintain the blockade and demand changes to the logging practices in the Great Bear Rain Forest. Eventually Macmillan-Bloedel was forced to the table which resulted in the turnover of their tree farm license to the Nuuchahnulth First Nations.

From the Provincial government's website "The Great Bear Rainforest is a global treasure that covers 6.4 million hectares on British Columbia's north and central coast—equivalent in size to Ireland. All British Columbians have a stake in protecting it... The Great Bear Rainforest is our gift to the world."

Twenty-seven years on our local homegrown environmentalists Tavish Campbell, Farlyn Campbell and Jody Eriksson are taking the government up on its statement that residents have a "stake in protecting it". They have been on the ground on Gilford Island, at the southernmost end of the GBR, verifying some disappointing truths about this so-called "jewel in B.C.'s crown". It turns out that the GBR landmark agreement is full of holes big enough to drive a loaded logging truck through.

In the November 19, 2019 edition of *The Narwhal*, Ben Parfitt has documented the true state of affairs. What looks good on paper looks like business as usual in the forest. While the agreement was mandated to ensure ongoing economic opportunities, the sad truth is that in many instances it is still the old growth that is being targeted.



Farlyn and Tavish Campbell on Interfor cutblock C212A on Gilford Island. Photo: April Bencze

In February 2016, Liberal Premier Christy Clark, in a ceremony at UBC announced "The Great Bear Rainforest is a jewel in the crown of B.C.," Clark continued, greeted with applause. "Under this landmark agreement, more old- and second-growth forest will be protected, while still ensuring opportunities for economic development and jobs for local First Nations."



According to the new '[Great Bear Rainforest Order](#),' 3.1 million hectares of coastal temperate rainforest will be off limits to industrial logging — an increase of 20 per cent from the agreements announced in 2006. While the remaining 550,000 hectares of the forest will be open to the timber industry,

B.C. Premier Christy Clark announcing the historic agreement protecting the Great Bear Rainforest. Photo by A. S. Wright

cutting permits will subject to some of the most stringent legal standards in North America.” *Canada’s National Observer*, Elizabeth McSheffrey

Tavish Campbell, 2019: “For us on the ground, I don’t even know the words to describe it. It’s pretty devastating for us to see what’s going on ... and to know at the same time that people think that the Great Bear Rainforest is saved,” Tavish says. “There’s so many different loopholes and ways for industry to make everything look good on paper, but still give the industry what it wants to cut, which is the most valuable wood, which is the big trees.” *The Narwhal*, article by Ben Parfitt, Nov. 29, 2019

The *War in the Woods* and its aftermath ushered in an era of sweeping changes to B.C forest policies by the NDP government, such as the Forest Practices Code which came into effect in 1995 and the establishment of the Forest Practices Board, also in 1995, which was an independent oversight body with the clout to enforce the laws. However, since 2003, when the BC Liberals came to power many of these policies were watered down in the form of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* while the robust Forest Practices Board was neutralized and replaced by a system known as “professional reliance”. The professionals being relied upon are paid by the logging industry in a classic case of the fox guarding the hen house.

“One of the most significant changes to forest legislation under the Liberals was the removal of appurtenancy—the longstanding requirement that to log public timber, companies had to operate local mills.” Daniel Pierce, *The Narwhal*, May 14, 2018.

Appurtenancy? Sounds like some bureaucrat’s imagination run amok. I looked it up. It means “relating, relevant, connected”. Hmmmm. Anyway, it was done away with, unfortunately, though as applied above it makes a lot of sense when we are looking for solutions to where we find ourselves today. Too much sense, apparently. What I came up with when I looked up ‘*appurtenancy bc*’ were numerous articles regarding newly elected Premier John Horgan’s assurances in a speech delivered February 26, 2018 in ailing Fort Nelson.

“Horgan says his government plans to restore appurtenancy rules that tie timber harvests to processing at local mills. The rules were eliminated by the B.C. Liberals in the early 2000s and devastated economies in forestry dependent communities in rural B.C., including Fort Nelson, as mills shut down and processing went elsewhere deemed more profitable. Restoring the rules is part of a move to ‘revitalize the forest industry’s social contract with British Columbians’, the government noted in its throne speech.” *Alaska Highway News*

But then by April of 2018, Premier Horgan had this to say, as quoted by Bill Phillips of the *Prince George Daily News*, “Appurtenancy disappeared in 2003 and it’s certainly been my experience that putting genies back in bottles is very, very difficult on a good day,” he told reporters after his speech to delegates. “... We can’t recreate that...(but) Public forests belong to the people. We need to make sure the tenure holders, who we’ve given the opportunity to make wealth off of our land, are doing it in a way that meets the needs of everyone ... Appurtenancy is not coming back, but social license has to be reinforced...”

“Raw log exports have also been an issue in recent years as exports increased dramatically under the previous Liberal government. Horgan said banning raw log exports completely is also not on the table.” Bill Phillips, *Prince George Daily News*.

That’s some smooth the waters talk from a Premier trying to grapple with a forestry system seriously run aground under the previous administration, in what basically has amounted to the privatization of B.C.’s forests. With rampant mill closings (in the past 20 years) and the ramped up export of raw logs, climate change influences including massive wildfires and the pine beetle devastation, the forestry sector in B.C. is in serious decline.

In everything I've read recently, on the one side you have industry saying they are following the rules. On the other you have citizens, (remember those people to whom the public forests belong), doing everything they can short of lying down in front of the feller-bunchers to raise red flags, connect dots, get the word out. It is the oldest giants that really bring in the bucks, and they cannot be replaced. Ecosystems are complex and can't be sliced and diced. Forest ecology operates for the benefit of the entire planet. Clearcutting destroys the dense network of life that makes soil viable. Forestry as agriculture is as unsustainable as any other form of industrial agriculture. We are running out of time.

And, the rest of the world is beginning to pay attention.

By Kathy Barnes

COVID-19

From Vancouver Island Health Authority:

COVID 19 remains a low risk in BC. Currently there 7 identified cases; 3 have recovered and 4 are continuing to recover at home.

- Priority in Canada remains identification of cases and containment. All cases (13) in Canada have been managed at home, none ill enough for hospital admission.
- No cases to date have been identified on Vancouver Island
- COVID 19 coordination is occurring at federal and provincial levels.

Info is updated daily on the BCCDC website, <http://www.bccdc.ca/> and even more frequently on the WHO, <https://www.who.int/> website

From SRD Emergency Preparedness Co-Shaun Koopman, February 27, 2020



Reports have it that the new improved clinic is bright and warm. Dr. Steve Hughes attended on Friday the 28th and was most appreciative of the improvements.

March

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Hole in the Wall

Campbell River

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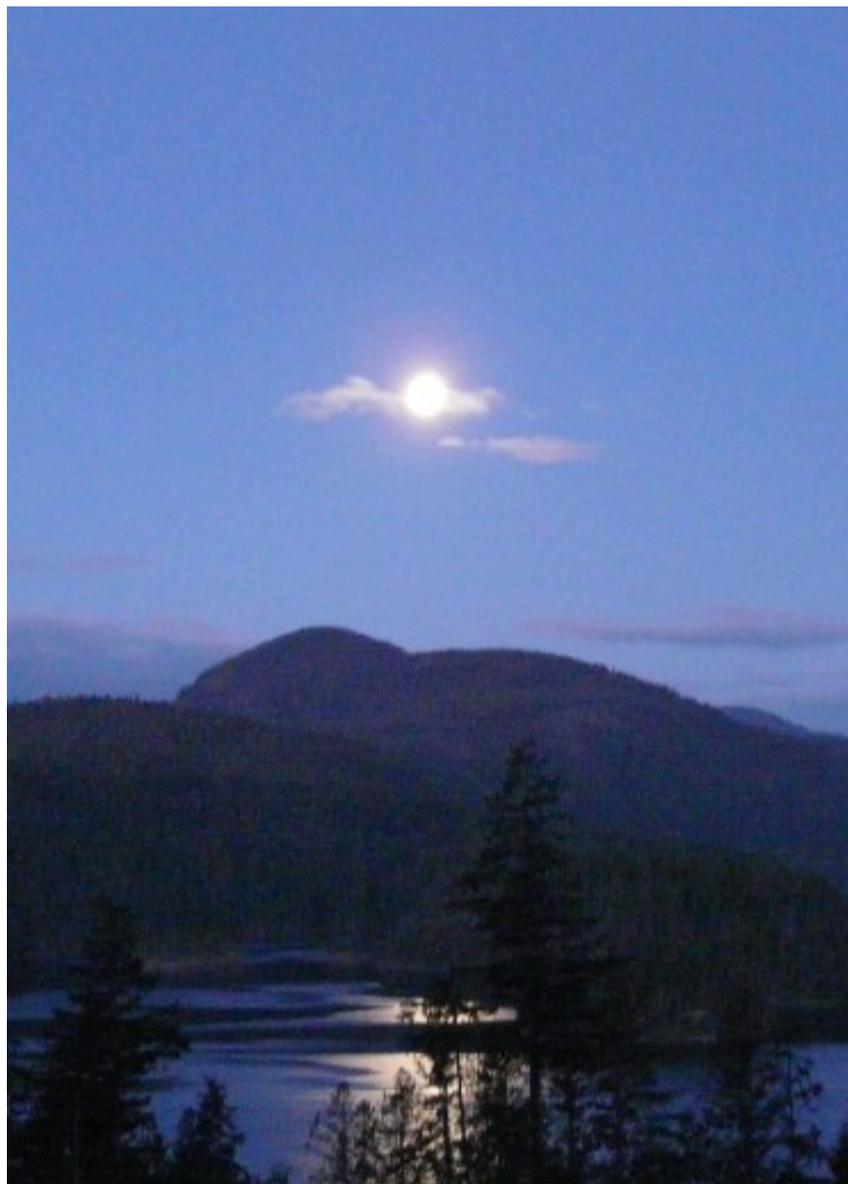
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VE	2050	1.1	3.6	SA	2205	1.6	5.2
7	0350	4.1	13.5	22	0411	4.1	13.5
	0836	3.3	10.8		1142	2.7	8.9
SA	1418	3.9	12.8	SU	1539	3.6	11.8
SA	2134	1.0	3.3	DI	2238	1.7	5.6
8	0424	4.2	13.8	23	0439	4.1	13.5
	0918	3.0	9.8		1209	2.6	8.5
SU	1516	4.0	13.1	MO	1622	3.7	12.1
DI	2213	1.0	3.3	LU	2257	1.9	6.2
9	0457	4.3	14.1	24	0507	4.0	13.1
	1007	2.7	8.9		1229	2.4	7.9
MO	1610	4.1	13.5	TU	1704	3.7	12.1
LU	2248	1.2	3.9	MA	2305	2.1	6.9
10	0530	4.3	14.1	25	0533	4.0	13.1
	1106	2.4	7.9		1136	2.2	7.2
TU	1705	4.1	13.5	WE	1748	3.7	12.1
MA	2322	1.5	4.9	ME	2328	2.3	7.5
11	0602	4.4	14.4	26	0555	4.0	13.1
	1226	2.1	6.9		1213	2.0	6.6
WE	1805	4.0	13.1	TH	1836	3.7	12.1
ME	2359	1.9	6.2	JE	2356	2.5	8.2
12	0636	4.4	14.4	27	0611	3.9	12.8
	1342	1.7	5.6		1251	1.8	5.9
TH	1913	3.8	12.5	FR	1930	3.7	12.1
JE				VE			
13	0042	2.3	7.5	28	0026	2.8	9.2
	0710	4.4	14.4		0625	3.9	12.8
FR	1432	1.5	4.9	SA	1328	1.6	5.2

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Day	Time	Metres	Feet	jour	heure	mètres	pieds
1	0305	2.9	9.5	16	0500	3.3	10.8
	0859	4.1	13.5		0942	4.0	13.1
SU	1619	1.7	5.6	MO	1721	1.2	3.9
DI	2335	3.7	12.1	LU			
2	0359	3.2	10.5	17	0116	4.3	14.1
	0930	4.0	13.1		0646	3.4	11.2
MO	1710	1.6	5.2	TU	1040	3.7	12.1
LU				MA	1825	1.3	4.3
3	0106	3.8	12.5	18	0224	4.3	14.1
	0520	3.5	11.5		0821	3.3	10.8
TU	1008	3.9	12.8	WE	1201	3.6	11.8
MA	1808	1.5	4.9	ME	1932	1.4	4.6
4	0220	4.0	13.1	19	0318	4.4	14.4
	0709	3.6	11.8		0921	3.1	10.2
WE	1104	3.8	12.5	TH	1329	3.5	11.5
ME	1910	1.3	4.3	JE	2032	1.4	4.6
5	0315	4.2	13.8	20	0359	4.4	14.4
	0831	3.5	11.5		1001	2.9	9.5
TH	1217	3.8	12.5	FR	1440	3.6	11.8
JE	2012	1.1	3.6	VE	2124	1.4	4.6
6	0358	4.4	14.4	21	0432	4.4	14.4
	0924	3.4	11.2		1033	2.8	9.2
FR	1337	3.9	12.8	SA	1536	3.7	12.1
VE	2108	0.9	3.0	SA	2207	1.5	4.9
7	0435	4.5	14.8	22	0459	4.4	14.4
	1006	3.2	10.5		1103	2.6	8.5
SA	1450	4.0	13.1	SU	1624	3.8	12.5
SA	2158	0.8	2.6	DI	2245	1.6	5.2
8	0507	4.6	15.1	23	0524	4.3	14.1
	1047	2.9	9.5		1132	2.4	7.9
SU	1554	4.2	13.8	MO	1707	3.9	12.8
DI	2245	0.8	2.6	LU	2320	1.7	5.6
9	0538	4.7	15.4	24	0546	4.3	14.1
	1130	2.5	8.2		1200	2.2	7.2
MO	1654	4.3	14.1	TU	1749	4.0	13.1
LU	2329	0.9	3.0	MA	2353	1.9	6.2
10	0609	4.7	15.4	25	0607	4.3	14.1
	1214	2.2	7.2		1230	1.9	6.2
TU	1752	4.3	14.1	WE	1831	4.0	13.1
MA				ME			
11	0012	1.2	3.9	26	0025	2.2	7.2
	0640	4.8	15.7		0628	4.2	13.8
WE	1259	1.8	5.9	TH	1259	1.8	5.9
ME	1852	4.3	14.1	JE	1915	4.0	13.1
12	0056	1.6	5.2	27	0057	2.4	7.9
	0712	4.8	15.7		0648	4.2	13.8
TH	1347	1.4	4.6	FR	1330	1.6	5.2
JE	1957	4.2	13.8	VE	2002	4.0	13.1
13	0142	2.1	6.9	28	0132	2.7	8.9
	0745	4.7	15.4		0710	4.1	13.5
FR	1436	1.2	3.9	SA	1403	1.5	4.9
VE	2109	4.1	13.5	SA	2055	4.0	13.1
14	0233	2.6	8.5	29	0212	3.0	9.8
	0821	4.5	14.8		0733	4.0	13.1
SA	1527	1.1	3.6	SU	1440	1.4	4.6
SA	2230	4.1	13.5	DI	2156	4.0	13.1
15	0336	3.0	9.8	30	0301	3.2	10.5
	0858	4.3	14.1		0758	3.9	12.8
SU	1621	1.1	3.6	MO	1522	1.3	4.3
DI	2355	4.2	13.8	LU	2306	4.1	13.5
				31	0407	3.4	11.2
					0828	3.8	12.5
				TU	1613	1.3	4.3
				MA			



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