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EDITORIAL

Sixty issues later...



By Brian Lee

This the 250th issue of the Harbour Spiel which, at 20 years old, is the longest running publication on the Sunshine Coast.

It's also five years ago that Myrtle Winchester approached me about taking the Harbour Spiel from her.

It caught me off guard and she didn't give me a lot of time to think about it — or to get my first issue out — and it's probably a good thing. If she had, I likely would have backed out.

I understand now that overthinking is one of the many hazards of this job.

I encounter a minefield of sensitivities each month and I think it's safe to say every issue has forced a few tough decisions that had to be made while under a cloud of mental fatigue.

For the most part, I'm satisfied with the results and have very few regrets. So, I try not to take it *too* personally when I get accosted.

I keep a file in which I keep "favourite letters" or e-mails. It's a habit I borrowed from another outfit I worked at that also printed words — it seems if you put words on paper, nasty people think you need their advice.

This one came, fittingly, from a guy on Misery Mile last May:

"I live in Madeira Park... eliminate your editorial (groan) and idiot McClune's garbage opinion on anything (does he pay you to publish his crap?) and you'd have a nice publication going for you."

Others just want to yell — every few months or so I arrive home on the evening after the Spiel comes out to some drunken voicemail telling me what I did wrong.

And then there are the zealots who called up with all kinds of threats after

April's Stephen Harper "finger" graphic — from the fervour that stirred up, you'd have thought I published a caricature of Mohammed.

After 60 issues you'd expect it to be getting easier.

But there hasn't been one completed where I haven't honestly confessed to my friend, the "idiot McClune" (who arrives from Comox to proof every issue) that, "I don't think I can go through that again."

Luckily that feeling only lasts until the day after the hangover wears off. In truth, I'm honoured to have the opportunity.

Along the way I've been helped by too many people to mention.

First are undoubtedly the advertisers without whom there wouldn't be a Harbour Spiel.

I sincerely urge you to consider that the next time you're shopping around because if there's one crisis facing our community right now, it is the viability of our local economy.

Next are the regular contributors who ask for nothing yet submit unflinching by deadline.

Third is the support I get from folks who read it. The most gratifying part of the job for me is to hear how much people enjoy the Spiel.

It's what strengthens my resolve to continue publishing something that isn't paralyzed by the all too common fear of offending someone.

I knew going into it that "you can't please everybody," so I haven't tried.

Instead, I've tried to please myself and, in that, I know I've been successful.

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SUNSHINE COAST MUSHROOM FESTIVAL - OCT. 15 & 16

Organized by the Sunshine Coast Society for the Hunting, Recognition and Observation of Mushrooms (SHROOM), this year's mushroom festival will take place Oct. 15 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

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Area A bus service to make its last run Oct. 11

The plug has been pulled on the Egmont/Pender Harbour community bus service which will see its last day of operation on Oct. 11.

Low ridership has plagued the service since its start on Sept. 1, 2010.

Plans were underway to hold a referendum during the November municipal elections on whether or not to keep the service.

But Area A director Eric Graham says there wasn't a significant change to the average of 1.6 passengers per hour even after tweaking the schedule.

Graham added that BC Transit subsidies wouldn't kick in until ridership reached 10 passengers per hour and, without those subsidies, Area A couldn't afford the service on its own.

"The bus costs us about \$500 per day and we bring in about \$50 per day," says Graham.

"And it's going to cost us anywhere from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for the referendum and I thought that would just be wasted money unless we got the ridership up."

Graham made a motion to withdraw from the referendum at the SCRD's Sept. 8 infrastructure services committee meeting.



The Egmont/Pender Harbour Community Bus waits patiently for passengers in Kleindale last October.

As for the bus itself, SCRD manager of transportation and facilities Brian Sagman says they're not sure what will happen to it yet.

"The bus was purchased using federal gas tax money and that program has restrictions so that if you buy an asset through that program and then a year later you sell it, you have to give a certain amount of money

back to the government," says Sagman.

"Now we're looking at other options for using that vehicle somewhere else but we'll have to come to some kind of arrangement on it."

Local family victim of phone fraud

RCMP are asking people to exercise extreme caution when receiving telephone solicitations after an attempted fraud was reported by an Esquire Road family.

On Sept. 13 a young resident received a phone call from someone claiming to be from a computer company.

The male caller convinced the youth that his computer was infected with a virus and that he needed to download an antivirus program from

the internet.

RCMP say the caller then asked for a credit card number at which point the youth called his parent to the phone.

The parent refused to give the caller any more information and hung up.

The parent has been advised to have the computer checked to see if a virus was downloaded onto it.

RCMP say this type of scam is very common.



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Diane S. Bland photo

David and Diane Bland were sailing between Texada Island and Jedediah Island when they spotted what looked to be a deadhead. When they got closer, it moved. They sent a photo to Andrew Trites, director of marine mammal research at UBC, for identification. Trites response: 'What you saw was a mature male northern elephant seal. They breed in California and Mexico, and migrate north to Alaska. They are the second largest seal in the world (after the southern elephant seal). Sightings in the Strait of Georgia are relatively rare, but they are known to be lurking here eating dogfish and other deep water species.'

NEWS

High school to receive playground upgrade

Premier Christy Clark announced last month that the Pender Harbour Elementary-Secondary School will be one of 44 schools in BC to receive funding for playground upgrades.

The Pender Harbour Elementary-Secondary School, more commonly

referred to as the Pender Harbour Secondary School, will receive \$50,000 for the playground upgrades because it also hosts Grade 7 students.

It is the only school in the district to receive the funding which is part of an \$8 million initiative intended to ensure every public elementary school, or middle school, will have a playground for its students.

"Learning continues outside the classroom and playgrounds are a venue where kids come together and learn from each other through play," said Premier Clark through a press release.

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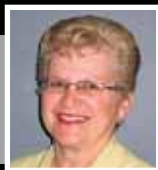
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Local election looms with no clear candidate for Area A

With municipal elections looming, many are asking what will happen if there isn't a candidate willing to run for the position of Area A director.

On Nov. 19 elections will be held to fill the boards of the Sunshine Coast Regional District and School District #46.

Lori Pratt, incumbent school trustee for Pender Harbour, Egmont and Halfmoon Bay, has stated she intends to run again.

The current director for Area A has said he will step down after the election and, so far, no other candidate has yet stated an intention to pursue the vacant position.

"I haven't had a single call from anyone in Area A," said Angie Legault, chief election officer for the SCRD, though she cautions it is still early.

Though it hasn't happened during Legault's time at the SCRD (she started in 1996), in the event that there are no candidates seeking election for a particular area, she says the SCRD board would likely appoint a suitable candidate.

"They can draw from anybody within the regional district. It wouldn't have to be someone from Pender Harbour because that's not a requirement for office," said Legault.

"The board would have to approve it and make that appointment by formal resolution and then that person would be sworn into office just like any other director."

The nomination period for positions on the Sunshine Coast Regional District board doesn't open until Oct. 4 and runs until Oct. 14.

According to the Local Government Act, in order to become a candidate for any local government office, a person is required to be nominated by at least two people who are qualified to vote in the jurisdiction where that October 2011

person is seeking office.

A candidate does not have to live or own property in the jurisdiction in which he or she is running for office.

Nomination packages are available from the SCRD office in Wilson Creek during regular business hours for anyone who meets the following criteria:

- Is a Canadian citizen.

- Is 18 years of age or older.

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Sharks circling Beaver Island boy

Coming off a stellar playoff performance for the Western Hockey League's Kootenay Ice last season, Madeira Park's Joe Antilla was invited to an NHL "young stars" tournament held in Penticton last month.

Antilla was invited by the San Jose Sharks to take part in the round-robin tournament that featured prospects from the Vancouver Canucks, Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers and Winnipeg Jets.

"It's kind of a tryout to show off their young talent that all the teams have drafted," said Antilla.

Antilla scored two assists in San Jose's first game against Calgary, a game they won 6 to 1.

The Sharks prospect team lost their next two games to the Winnipeg Jets and the Vancouver Canucks to end the tournament in last place.

"They told me I had a good showing and it really opened their eyes and they're really looking forward to watching me playing — good luck and all that kind of stuff."

At 20, Antilla has passed the age



Earl Antilla photo

No. 20, Joe Antilla is back with his Kootenay Ice team after attending an NHL prospects training camp on invitation from the San Jose Sharks.

of eligibility for the NHL draft but is now available as an unsigned free agent.

Antilla didn't pick up a contract this time around and is now back playing as a veteran forward on the

Kootenay Ice.

"My agent said nothing will happen between now and Christmas. After Christmas is when they kind of start wanting to sign guys," said Antilla.

For now he's concentrating on the upcoming season with the Ice to see what that brings.

"I just want to have another good year like I did last year and then I'll hopefully get a chance to get a contract to go play somewhere."

Antilla was fifth in scoring for the Kootenay Ice during their memorable playoff run to the Memorial Cup last season, notching nine goals and eight assists.

The Ice opened their 2011-12 regular season with a shootout loss against the Red Deer Rebels on Sept. 23.

Antilla was held scoreless in that outing.

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Owners of local children's wear company Peekinz Baby pose with one of the many celebrities attending the pre-Emmy Awards show "Boom Boom Room." l-r: Dina Girard, Samantha Harris (Dancing with the Stars and Entertainment Tonight), Melanie Ewen and Theresa Vader. The three sisters were invited to the exclusive Hollywood event on the strength of their unique line of baby wear that allows for quick diaper check "peek-ins."

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DOXA Film Festival hits the Sunshine Coast

The DOXA documentary film festival is coming to the Sunshine Coast and features a local connection.

DOXA is presented by the Documentary Media Society, a Vancouver based non-profit devoted to showing independent and innovative documentaries to Vancouver audiences.

For four days — Sept. 30 to Oct. 3 — DOXA will show 14 film selections from previous festivals at Sechelt's the Raven's Cry Theatre.

HIGHWAY GOSPEL

Highway Gospel, is described as an "an all-Canadian celebration of the outlaw sport of longboarding, featuring Pender Harbour's legendary Attack of Danger Bay."

It features local longboarders Scoot Smith and Bricin Lyons as well as a host of local scenes.

Get your tickets early for this one.

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RAW OPIUM

From Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Raw Opium challenges our notions of harm reduction, causes of addiction and government involvement in production and enforcement.

The "War on Drugs" is held up for particular examination. The hard questions lie in how new initiatives



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Scott 'Scoot' Smith in 'Highway Gospel,' a film included in the DOXA film festival screening Oct. 1 at 8:30 p.m.

are needed from all levels of those affected.

LOUDER THAN A BOMB

Every year in Chicago high schools, more than 600 students prepare for the world's largest youth slam poetry competition, crafting their poems and performances.

To witness these teenagers embrace the power of words is a revelation.

Louder Than a Bomb is a joyful,

moving film that might leave you speechless.

The full program and schedule are now online at www.doxafestival.ca, as well as at local ticket outlets: Coast Princess Books, MELOmania, Sechelt Visitor Centre and Bluewaters Books, as well as other locations around the lower Sunshine Coast.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids aged 18 years and under.

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How the wealthy are working for us



By Alan Stewart

While Realtors and many home owners can't help but complain about the current real estate market in Pender Harbour, some sellers are smiling all the way to the bank.

An interesting phenomenon is at work, one that savvy real estate investors may want to monitor.

It would appear that Pender Harbour is increasingly becoming the land of the wealthy.

In the past 12 months, 35 per cent (seven of 20) of all \$1 million-plus home sales on the Sunshine Coast have occurred in quiet little Pender Harbour.

Not only that, the two most expensive residential home sales in the Harbour's history (\$3 million and \$2.5 million) have occurred in the

July – August Sales (Pender Harbour)

2005
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011

Number of Sales

35
16
28
12
6
21
20

Average Sale Price

\$384,557
\$458,993
\$502,857
\$568,125
\$398,666
\$622,261
\$437,000

Average Days on the Market

87
62
85
109
182
127
105

This table seems to indicate that the local real estate market still has some life left in it but is being supported by the high-end buyer.

past 18 months.

The most recent of these “super sales” involved a Madeira Park home which was originally listed in 2007 for \$5.5 million.

The four-acre waterfront home was reduced through a series of price reductions to a final asking price of \$2,995,000 and sold at \$2.5 million.

While the sale price is less than half of the seller's original expectations, it still ranks as the second most expensive sale in the area.

So what can we take from this?

First, some sellers' expectations for their high-end properties often exceed the market value by a significant margin... as much as double.

Second, high-end, multi-million dollar investors are re-entering the market and are willing to drop record breaking amounts into this area.

I don't know about you, but my spending and investment decisions are often influenced by the actions of those folks more well-heeled than me.

If Jimmy Pattison is buying a certain commodity, I may just follow suit on a smaller scale (OK... on a much smaller scale).

As I've mentioned in previous articles, all areas of the local real estate market were influenced by the massive upswing in the high-end market.

When waterfront homes jumped in value by 20 per cent a year from the high demand for recreational properties, conventional family homes rode the wave upwards as well.

When that demand came to a screeching halt in 2008, “cottage country” areas like Pender Harbour, Egmont and Sandy Hook were affected more than other areas.

Given the increase in purchases of high-end homes, it's interesting to note from the chart above that the average sale price has dropped significantly this summer over last.

The reason is that the prices of homes in the lower end of the market have had to drop significantly from previous years.

Estate sales, foreclosures, and distress sales are starting to set the tone for lower-end properties.

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Along with the seven million-dollar sales in the past 12 months, there have been 14 sales of detached homes on freehold land at under \$250,000.

That compares with only 17 sales under \$250,000 over the previous four years combined.

While the local economy lacks a core industry capable of supporting the young families we are trying to attract, I'd suggest that Pender Harbour is ripe for a change:

1. Multi-million-dollar investors are seeing value at new, realistic price points for waterfront properties.
2. Million-dollar investors create significant employment with upgrades to their properties, landscaping, maintenance and spending in local stores and restaurants.
3. New homeowners have friends, typically with similar incomes, that they introduce to the area resulting in more sales of similar priced homes.
4. More high-end homeowners demand more services.
5. Modest Pender Harbour home prices are becoming more affordable for working class families who can meet the demand of the high end home owners.

The spinoff business generated from house sales, and especially high-end real estate sales, is a significant driver of our local economy.

According to the Canadian Real Estate Association's Economic Impacts of MLS Home Sales and Purchases in Canada (2011), on average, BC home buyers spent \$59,675 above and beyond the purchase price of their home.

This money was injected into purchasing furnishings and appliances,

moving costs, renovations, services (real estate, legal, insurance) and paying taxes — all of which affect our local economy.

I've talked to many contractors who have been kept busy for months making improvements to already precious high-end properties.

While the global economic situation is frightening, it's good to know that there are still wealthy people with the resources necessary to help make our community all it is destined to be.

Please send any suggestions for future columns to alanstewart@prudentialsussex.com



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Saying goodbye to the bus



*By Eric Graham,
Area A Director*

I hope everybody had a good summer.

I didn't have an article for September because I've been on holidays travelling to other parts of

Canada for five weeks.

I left two days after our last board meeting and arrived back two days before our first meeting in September (there were no meetings in August).

Now, it's time to get back to work.

AREA A COMMUNITY BUS

After running a scheduled bus service for over one year (started Sept. 1, 2010) it was time to decide whether to hold a referendum in Area A (a cost of approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000).

To start a new tax function, the SCRD is required by law to go to the electorate for approval.



MEETINGS AT 1975 FIELD ROAD

Infrastructure Services Committee
October 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board
October 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Committee
October 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee
October 20 at 9:30 a.m.

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October 27 at 1:30 p.m.

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AREA A - ADVISORY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

AREA 'A' WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE OPEN HOUSE

With strong support from the community, a select group of individuals representing both non-governmental organizations and public sectors completed the Area 'A' Water Master Plan in early 2007. The Plan was adopted by the Sunshine Coast Regional District and established strategic directions to improve water quality and supply for Area "A" residents and businesses.

With financial support from the Federal and Provincial governments, a large number of projects identified in the 2007 plan have been completed since its adoption.

The Plan has now been updated to incorporate the completed projects and provide a timeline for the remaining strategies that have been identified through continuous dialogue with major stakeholders and First Nations.

The SCRD will be hosting a Public Open House to discuss the updated Plan, answer questions and obtain feedback. SCRD staff, the project consultant and the area Director will be in attendance.

The Open House will take place on Saturday, October 22 at the Royal Canadian Legion #112-12829 Lillies Lake Road, Madeira Park, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

EGMONT/PENDER HARBOUR BUS SERVICE

The Egmont/Pender Harbour bus service began on September 1, 2010 as a pilot project. Changes to the service were made on July 5 due to low ridership. Due to continued low usage, the decision has been made to cancel the service effective October 11. Thank you for supporting this service.

Area A - Director Contact Information

Director Eric Graham is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District. He can be reached at home at 604-883-9061 or by email at ericgraham@dccnet.com.

The facts are in about the service now.

It cost about \$500 per day of operation with about \$50 in revenue.

Over the past six months ridership on the bus worked out to 1.6 people per hour.

After a survey was mailed out to all the people of Area A, the largest complaint from the passengers was they wanted more time on a layover in Sechelt (for things like doctors appointments) so the layover was increased from two to four hours.

The total increase in ridership after increasing the layover time was very small.

There were also many days no passengers were getting on or off in Egmont.

To receive any funding from BC Transit we required a minimum of 10 people per scheduled hour (for a grant of up to 43 per cent).

I could not see any way we would be able to get that much of an increase by referendum time (Nov. 19, election day).

I could also not see the taxpayers of Area A agreeing to their taxes increasing approximately \$50,000 per year when the ridership is under two people per hour.

For this reason I made a motion, that was approved by the SCRD board, to halt scheduled bus service in Area A as of Tuesday, Oct. 11.

It's disappointing but as I said since the first day of operation, "We must use it or lose it."

I would like to thank staff, the local citizens that served on the bus advisory committee and former director John Rees, who all worked very hard to put the bus on the road.

AREA A WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

On Oct. 22 the SCRD will hold an open house at the Pender Legion from 1-4 p.m. updating folks on the progress of the Area A master water plan.

There will be a display showing an overview of the history and the significant events undertaken to date.

There will also be an update on the planned objectives, the challenges, the strategies and the required changes in the plan.

The two major water systems in Area A are the north and south Pender systems, currently being upgraded, as well as the new water system for Egmont under development.

This will be a great opportunity for you to talk to the SCRD staff and learn more about your tap water.

ELECTION: NOVEMBER 19

I have mentioned before that, because of health issues, I have decided not to run for another term as the regional director for Area A.

Many have asked if I know of anyone else willing to put their name forward the job.

I have asked many and have heard that two people are thinking about it. Another three have told me they are not interested.

Nominations for the position open on Oct. 4 and close Oct. 14.

I encourage those who qualify to put your name forward.

This will be your opportunity to make a difference and push for things you think the electorate would like see done for the benefit of the community.

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Pender Harbour Jazz Festival ticket sales off the mark

For the second year in a row, the weather didn't match the stellar lineup of musicians attending the 15th annual Pender Harbour Jazz Festival.

Despite what later turned out to be a spectacular day on Saturday, many of the planned outdoor concerts were forced indoors at the Pender Harbour Community Hall or P. H. Legion.

Festival co-ordinator Carole Rubin says she had to make the call at 6:30 a.m. while it was still raining.

Despite the weather, Rubin said that, technically, the festival went off without a hitch but attendance was down where it counted — at the tick-

eted events.

Rubin says the free events were fairly well-attended but not one of the four ticketed shows sold out.

"For Fathead, I was shocked that we only sold 140 tickets and they've won two Junos and they've been nominated for a Grammy," says Rubin.

Rubin says they could have accommodated 200 people at the Saturday evening Fathead show, a performance that has typically sold out in past years.

Though the final numbers are not yet in, Rubin says it looks like the festival will be OK financially thanks to relatively strong sponsorship this year.



Festival-goers still had enough energy to keep the dance floor filled pretty much through Santa Lucia's whole set at the Grasshopper Pub on Sunday night.



German Cantillo of Santa Lucia, Sunday evening, Grasshopper Pub.



Rob Fee and Swinghouse 4 played to an appreciative audience at the P. H. Community Hall on Saturday afternoon

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Laurie Verchomin (l) poses with bookseller Dale Jackson (r) at Bluewaters Books on Jazz Fest Saturday. Verchomin signed copies of her recent book *The Big Love*, a memoir of her time with jazz icon Bill Evans up until his death in 1980.



photo submitted

Crossroad Grill's Alfred Lajlar presents a cheque for \$1,350 to Maureen Lee, chair of the Pender Harbour Branch of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary. The donation, in memory of his mother Frances Lajlar who recently passed away, represents the proceeds from the Crossroad Grill's annual 'Rods and Hawgs' event that took place last month.

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P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The P. H. and District Women's Connection will hold its October gatherings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month (Oct. 11 and 25). Both gatherings will be held at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and meetings run from 10 a.m. until noon. Members, non-members and drop-ins are always welcome.

HOMESTEADERS' HARVEST DINNER AND FESTIVAL

Homesteaders' Harvest Dinner and Festival in Egmont celebrates the traditions that helped to make Egmont into a community. Before the road, when there was water access only, the homesteaders would harvest their corn, beans and squash. A community dinner of salmon, game, vegetables, pastries and canned goods would celebrate the harvest and the year's accomplishments.

This year the celebration will be at the Egmont Community Hall on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

P. H. BANANAS FOOTBALL CLUB

The Pender Harbour Football Club (soccer) is looking for men who are over the age of 30 (or are 29 and will be turning 30 in the next 15 months). Soccer skills are a necessity please. Contact Richard @ 883-2411

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS

Harbourside Friendships meets every Thursday at the P. H. School of Music beginning at 10:30 a.m. for coffee. This is followed by a presentation (or activity) and a \$5 lunch is served at noon. For more information contact Cathy Anderson at (604) 883-9766.

P. H. BLOCK WATCH

The P. H. community police office is pleased to report that Lily Lake Village is now a Block Watch area. Alex Thomson is the Block Watch captain of the crime prevention program where neighbours work together to help protect each others' property. Suspicious activities are reported to the captain who is the liaison with the RCMP.

Of the three components in criminal offences (the offender, the victim, the opportunity) the citizen has control only over the opportunity. If you would like more information on Block Watch please call the P. H. community police office at (604) 883-2026 or drop in — the office is located in the school side of the P. H. Community Hall and is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Another first time hole-in one



By Jan Watson

John Maveety shot his first hole-in-one on the Aug. 18 men's night.

In case you'd like to try to duplicate his feat, it was on hole No. 3 from the white tees using an eight iron.

LADIES ANNUAL FIELD DAY

With a "hats off to Pender" theme to acknowledge the golf club's 25th anniversary, the ladies had a sell-out group of 64 ladies playing in the tournament on Aug. 18.

It's a fun event taking the two best low net scores for each hole from every foursome.

The winning team was Reni Ducich (PH), Lori Wilson (PH), Christi Kiloh (SCG&CC), Chris Becker (MPGC) with 112 and four teams tied at 115.

KP on No. 3 was Jan Watson and on No. 6 it was Sechelt's Marla Taylor.

Winner of the most original hat was Cathy McEachern with a model of hole No. 4 made from all green materials, even down to the gong.

MEN'S CLUB

The 36-hole senior men's championship was held on Aug. 20 and 21

and the winner with a low gross score of 166 was Rusty Ellis and the low net was won by Wayne Babcock with 133.

A super-seniors championship was held on Sept. 13 with low gross winner Norm Bullock shooting 85.

Low net winner was Larry Honeybourne with 67.

On Aug. 23, the "shootout" consisted of two-man teams with Garry Noble and John Forward winning after a tie-breaker with Bruce Forbes and Glen Bonderud. Both teams came out with a net 53.

KP on No. 3 was John Cameron and on No. 6 it was John Forward.

Aug. 30 saw a Stableford with Garry Noble winning. KP on No. 3 was John Rees and on No. 6 it was Bruce Forbes.

On Sept. 6, stroke play saw Terry Cowan take the first low net with 65. KP on No. 3 was John Duggan and on No. 6 it was Lorne Campbell.

LADIES CLUB

On Aug. 25 it was the "Ditsy-Dotsy 33 and up challenge" with three ladies tying with a low net score of 66.

After countback, the trophy was awarded to Barb Nuttall with runners up Kathy Needham and Lori Wilson.

Sept. 1 saw Krys Parranto walk away with eight skins followed by Louise McKay with five.

On Sept. 8 the annual three-putt

party event took place where the ladies played a Shamble (where the best drive is taken for each team and then each golfer plays their own ball from that spot).

Winners were Kathy Bergman, Shelley Stunell and Louise McKay with 194.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT

The last scramble of the year was on Sept. 9 with six teams out.

Two teams tied with 37 and, after going to the second handicap hole, the winners were Nora Brooks, Reni Ducich and Lorraine Wareham.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE

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Wendy Phillips
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Halloween Teen Night at the Pender Harbour Community Hall, October 1996.

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Lending a hand: Jack Crabb

By Mary Cain

Jack Crabb celebrated his 86th birthday on Sept. 6 with the mounting of his restored sculpture "The Otters" on the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

It was the culmination of a summer of stripping, sanding and oiling what was his first of many contributions to the revitalization program that started 12 years ago in the village.

Jack experienced a debilitating stroke three years ago that affected his left side.

He can no longer walk and his vision is all but gone but the stroke didn't steal his passion for creating.

It's what pulls him out to his workshop every day.

There, with the radio playing his favourite tunes, he guides and advises his daughter Jackie and together they continue to carve.

Jackie takes her father's designs and concepts to cut out the profile in wood.

Jack roughs it out and Jackie finishes the rough carving before he does the final sanding.

He counsels her on the use and



Mary Cain photo

Jack Crabb at work restoring 'The Otters,' a carving he made that has adorned the Pender Harbour Community Hall for the past 12 years.

care of the tool as wood carving is new to her.

"I think the most challenging time for me was when he picked up the chainsaw to demonstrate how it could be used to rough out an owl, Jackie says.

"I told him, 'Remember, if there's any blood lost, Mom (Helen), will call this whole thing (working in the shop) off.'

"I kept my finger on the power switch, but, so far, so good — we

haven't lost a drop of blood."

The family, along with some local help, is in the process of revitalizing many of the wood sculptures Jack has donated to the community.

Jack still misses his left hand but, like the wood and tools in his workshop, he knows Jackie's will be there when he needs it.



Mary Cain photo

Don Orchard, Marshall Mar and 'Scott' restore Jack's restored carving to its home on the exterior wall of the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

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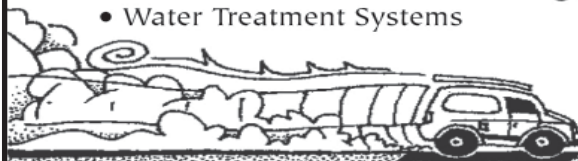
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For change: The Stewarts go to Africa

By Alan Stewart

The Stewart family – Alan, Paola, Mackenzie, Samantha and Hannah – recently spent six weeks in Kenya and Rwanda taking part in the locally based Kids for Kids program.

Kids for Kids is a grassroots organization with an aim to advance the educational opportunities for children and farmers living in poor areas of Kenya and Rwanda.

(Continued from Sept. 2011)

I wake up Sunday to the crowing of roosters at 5 a.m., and I quickly open the windows to see Kenya in the daylight.

The air is cool and I'm surprised I can see my breath. I expected heat.

The grass is green but all the trees are foreign to me.

Massive avocado trees, banana palms and exotic flowers grow in the



backyard, which is surrounded with a tall concrete fence for security.

After breakfast we head for the Tumaini School in the Muthare Slums where Kids for Kids sponsors support more than 100 students.

For \$300 a year, students ranging from preschool to high school are rewarded with a quality education and a nutritious breakfast and lunch program.

Along with attending classes with their African counterparts, my kids help in distributing gift bags which have been sent by sponsors in Canada while I, the team's designated photographer, am given the responsibility of photographing the happy recipients.

While they all appreciate their thoughtful gifts, it's apparent that those kids who receive soccer balls in their assortment of presents are the most pleased.

We spend a week in the slums, getting to know many of the kids, teachers and staff and growing to love their spirit.

We are also gaining a great appreciation for many of the things we

take for granted at home: personal space, creature comforts and access to capital.

While our system of credit is far from perfect, the ability to secure a loan provides Canadians with amazing opportunities to explore, something the families of these African students can only dream of.

A trip to Kenya wouldn't be complete without a trip to Nairobi National Park where we spent a morning watching zebra, giraffes, water buffalo, ostriches, baboons and gazelles.

Given our short time frame, we knew our odds of seeing lions were slim.

But we were rewarded just before we had to leave when we spotted two large males resting in the tall grass.

Fortunately for us, they weren't thrilled to have us around, so after 10 minutes or so of us trying to capture their distant images with my telephoto lens, the pair stood, sniffed the air and walked past our van close enough to touch. Breathtaking.



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The trip to Rwanda aboard Kenya Air proved interesting.

At the gate, we were told that the booking system was on the fritz and that the seating would be on a first come first serve basis.

Running late, we found only six seats available for the eight of us.

Unfortunately for 13-year-old Samantha and I, that meant... first class to Rwanda!

While the flight was only a couple of hours long, we were quite happy to soak in the first class menu and service before facing three weeks in small-town Rwanda.

If you have seen "Hotel Rwanda" and "Shake Hands with the Devil," I'm sure you can appreciate that getting off the plane on the tarmac at the Kigali Airport was surreal as well as disconcerting.

I asked myself again if we were doing the right thing, but the moment we cleared customs and headed into the main terminal, it simply felt safer than Kenya.

It was a different pace and a different vibe — like what an airport might feel like if it was located in Sechelt.

We headed outside to meet our escort, Pastor Paul, who would see us the rest of the way to his parish in Kigeme, a three-hour bus ride away.

Before we would leave Kigali, however, we would pay a visit to the



Alan Stewart photo

The Stewarts (Mackenzie, Hannah, Samantha and Paola) meet Grace, a student they had sponsored through Kids for Kids during the previous four years.

Kigali Memorial, a government facility where 250,000 people lie buried in mass graves, a testimony and witness to the atrocity that befell this country.

While there were visitors, white and black, I was surprised by how few.

Leaving the city, the scenery changed from hillsides chock full of houses to hillsides chock full of crops.

It was like a patchwork tapestry of agriculture decorating the rolling hills and valleys that were dotted with

people.

Everywhere you looked... were people.

There are 10 million people in Rwanda, a country similar in size to Vancouver Island and it's impossible not to be in someone else's presence.

Whether it was children fetching water and carrying it along the highway or bicycles overloaded with loads of bananas or firewood, there were always people within earshot.

(Continued next month)

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*Compiled by Pender Harbour Health
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It is generally a milder respiratory illness which may leave you feeling badly for a few days.

On the other hand, the seasonal flu is caused by the influenza A or B virus and can leave you feeling ill for a few days to weeks.

Influenza can result in serious health problems such as pneumonia or bacterial infections and can lead to hospitalization.

The chart on the right gives some general guidelines in helping people tell if they have a cold or the flu.

Symptom	Cold	Influenza
Fever	Rare	Usual; high fever (102 ° F/39 ° C - 104 ° F, 40 ° C), sudden onset, lasts 3 to 4 days.
Headache	Rare	Usual; can be severe
Muscle aches and pains	Sometimes, generally mild	Usual; often severe
Tiredness and weakness	Sometimes, generally mild	Usual; severe, may last up to 2 to 3 weeks
Extreme tiredness	Unusual	Usual; early onset, can be severe
Runny, stuffy nose	Common	Common
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Common
Chest discomfort, coughing	Sometimes, mild to moderate	Usual, can become severe.
Complications	Can lead to sinus congestion or infection, and ear aches.	Can lead to pneumonia and respiratory failure, and become life-threatening. Can worsen a chronic condition.
Prevention	Frequent hand washing	Annual immunization and frequent hand washing

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 Oct. 11 ~ **Bruno Cote**.
 Oct. 12 ~ **Alison Stoutenburg** and **Bricin Lyons**.
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 Oct. 14 ~ **Nicole Forsyth**.
 Oct. 15 ~ **Courtney Hanna**, **Kaiden Bosch** and **Richard Norrish**.
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 Oct. 29 ~ **Colleen Silvey** and **Nicholas Silvey**.
 Oct. 30 ~ **Jack Bowden**.
 Oct. 31 ~ **Richard Mills** and twins **Savannah & Sawyer Cote**.

OCTOBER ASTROLOGY

LIBRA: SEPT. 24 – OCT. 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. They are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. Libras do well at arithmetic but rarely complete college. Libras would do well to avoid coffee near the October new moon. They know why.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. They are capable of great patience and can be profoundly insightful as well as deeply cynical. Obsessive to a fault, Scorpios may often engage in unhealthy "stalking" scenarios with objects of affection. Screepio.

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It's not that the people around you don't like perfume. People who experience adverse health effects often liked scents and used them prior to developing sensitivity to fragrances. Perfumes and other fragrances found in air fresheners, cleaning, and personal care products are irritants and often contain unregulated chemicals, some of which have been found to be on the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency hazardous waste list.

The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine defines a fragrance as "any product that produces a scent strong enough to be perceptible by others, including but not limited to cologne, after shave lotion, perfume, perfumed hand lotion, fragranced hair products, scented oils and/or similar products."

OCTOBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Merry Island)

Our average daily high temperature in October is 12.8 C and our average daily low is 8.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 10.7 C. Our average first-frost date (at sea level) is Oct. 30. The highest October temperature recorded was 21.1 C (Oct. 1, 1975); the lowest October temperature recorded was -4 C (Oct.31, 1984).

PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

October has an average of 115 hours of bright sunshine and averages 16 days with measurable rainfall and a total of 108.8 mm for the month. The highest October daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island in October was 62.2 mm (Oct. 21, 1963). The Canadian record for the greatest rainfall in a 24-hour period is 489 mm (Ucluelet BC, Oct. 6, 1967).

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Oct. 2	9:49 am +XL, 3:55 pm -M
Oct. 3	10:54 am +XL, 5:07 pm -M
Oct. 4	12:00 pm +XL, 6:25 pm -M
Oct. 5	1:04 pm +XL
Oct. 6	2:02 pm +XL
Oct. 7	7:58 am -L, 2:53 pm +XL
Oct. 8	8:58 am -L, 3:42 pm +L
Oct. 9	9:51 am -L, 4:12 pm +L
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Oct. 28	1:07 pm -M, 5:34 pm +L
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Rip Curl Saturday Night Fun

Saturday, October 1 and November 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. will come alive with great music and pool games. This is a youth friendly environment for grades 7 to 12. Admission is \$2 and includes prizes and refreshments. Everyone is welcome for regular admission.

Annual Food Bank Drive

From October 3 to 9 we invite you to help us fill the tot pool with donations for the food bank. Your donations earn a coupon for a 50% discount on family admission on Sunday October 9.

Spook Night

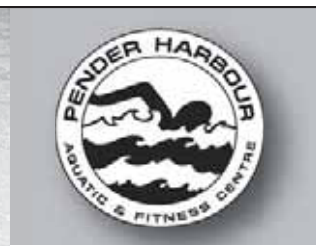
On Saturday, October 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the pool is the place to be for some spooktacular fun!

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Harbour Gallery celebrates 25 years

Twenty-five years ago, a local group of artists formed a co-operative that became the Harbour Gallery. Join them during the Sunshine Coast Art Crawl on Oct. 22 and 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help celebrate that milestone. (Harbour Gallery archive photos)



In 1986, a local group of artists received permission from the SCRD to restore one of the former forestry buildings in Madeira Park for use as a co-operative gallery. Seen here at the launch are (l-r): Ada Priest, Noreen Marshall, Wendy Simmonds, Ruth Norman and another early member.



In 1989 a work party gathered to put in insulation and the cedar wall boards which remain today. Handy with the hammer are l-r: Noreen Marshall, June Malaka, Vi Tyner and Ada Priest.



The Harbour Gallery's annual Christmas sale circa 2002 ends with a party. l-r (standing): Richard Dorling, Pat Walsh, Marjory West, Irda Sherman, June Malaka, Sylvia Dorling, Elspeth Logan, Nefri Lyske, Louise Lenko and Helen LeBlanc. l-r (seated): Solveigh Harrison, Edith Hubbard, and Ruth Norman at the keyboard.



The gallery is always open May Day. In 2003 the Mad Hatter (Richard Dorling), Teapot (Wendy Simmonds) and Alice (Nicole Bourbonais) arrived for the parade.



Some of the current members l-r (standing): Marilyn Goertsen, Laverne Richardson, Wendy Simmonds, Diana Aulis, Nefri Lyske, Vicki Halford, Ingrid Grainge, Solveigh Harrison. l-r (seated): June Malaka and Fran Sevrier

The continuing story of Wei Hsu, the first non-native resident of



Vague recollections have persisted for many years that the first non-native person to live in Pender Harbour was a Chinese man who operated a fish saltery in Irvines Landing.

Before Charlie Irvine landed here and lent his name to the stretch of beach at the western entrance to Pender Harbour, a family named Hsu had settled there years before in 1873.

The historic events depicted here are loosely based on the author's own imagination and should not be interpreted as fact — unless it suits the reader to do so.

By Anne Crocker

Part XV: (Continued from September 2011)

Lucy Hsu turned 30 on a warm and sunny day in October of 1875. She expected to spend her birthday gutting chum salmon and preparing them for smoking — much like every birthday she could remember.

She was now the same age as her mother was when she took ill after the white man's disease swept through the dry canyons and river valleys of her home. It seemed to her so long ago. So long since she could comfortably speak to someone in her Nlaka'pamux tongue. Lucy detested Chinook, even preferring Chinese when speaking with her husband. She felt like she was making baby talk when she spoke it: Pe-shuk' piú-piú. Wau'-wau. Bad stink. Nonsense.

She and her family had arrived in Pender's Harbour just two years ago. It had been an extremely eventful time for them — they had arrived stranded beggars and soon became landowners and successful merchants in one of the most unlikely places she could have imagined.

Lucy still missed New Westminster. As much as she enjoyed the company of Inix, there were so many other women living there to socialize with. But what she missed even more than the social comforts was knowing it was possible to one day visit her family home. In Pender's Harbour it was almost out of the question. Even travelling to New Westminster required too much effort to consider. Carrying on against the dangerous flow of Fraser's River all the way to the dry canyons of her people was just too

difficult a trip to consider.

When she had thoughts like this, she quickly put them aside with pangs of guilt — her husband hadn't seen his family in almost 20 years and likely never would again. Lucy left her father, sister and two brothers behind when she married Wei Hsu and worried she might never see them again. She knew it was unlikely they were all still alive but not knowing left her with an ache in her chest that felt like she was missing one of her organs.

Mary was now almost 11. She didn't need her mother as much as she used to and often her left alone to go off exploring in her boat or playing with a couple of children who lived near the old village site of Séxwámin. Wei Hsu was often away fishing or searching up increasingly distant creeks for signs of gold. Most times Lucy's closest companion was whatever fish was feeling the blade of her gutting knife.

She wondered if she was now too old to have another child. It would be a while before her own daughter would have a family of her own and she craved the sound of small children.

It was while lost in these melancholy thoughts that she felt a hand on her shoulder. It was Inix. Reaching down, she took the knife out of Lucy's hand.

"Klat'-a-wa." Go.

Inix took her place and, despite some feigned hesitation, Lucy washed up and left the shed.

"Máh-sie." Thank you.

The day was still early and Lucy found Mary still in the cabin, cleaning up. Lucy told her they were going

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Pender Harbour



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Mary Hsu's portrait of her mother Lucy at the peak of Pender Hill, October 1875.

for a hike up to the big hill behind their home and while Mary thought it odd they weren't taking their picking baskets, she did as she was told. It was one of Mary's favourite places to paint but when they visited the hill together they were usually foraging for food plants and there was no room or time for her painting supplies.

The two walked along the well-trod path that led from their home until it abruptly met the steep trail leading up the mountain. If it was any other day, the two would have had their heads down as they walked, looking for edibles. They also wouldn't have noticed the 20-foot sailing dory Mary spotted between the trees as it arrived in the bay. Neither recognized the boat but it wasn't un-

common to have lumber prospectors poking about these days.

At 30, Lucy wasn't as fit as she used to be. Her work in the cannery shed left her standing or sitting for hours on end and she had grown a little plump as a result. Mary, on the other hand, was like a mountain goat — scurrying on ahead before coming back to wait for her mother.

Qwuní told her once this route had been used since time began for his people as a lookout for approaching war parties coming from the north.

Mary had already set up her easel by the time Lucy arrived at the peak of the hill, a site worn smooth by centuries of visitation.

Taking a deep breath, Lucy stood and marvelled at the world she had

only just left behind, far below her.

She soaked in the view and the warm rays of the early fall sun and the sadness she had felt earlier that morning was gone.

In its place was the knowledge that she had much to be thankful for. As her daughter sat quietly painting, Lucy fell fast asleep.

It seemed like only seconds later when she was startled by a shriek from Mary behind her.

Jumping to her feet, she too was surprised to find two men coming up the same trail they had just followed.

Standing and waving on the rock below her were two well-dressed men. Both had thick beards and looked friendly.

"Kla-how'-ya!"

(Continued next month)

BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of September 18)

1. ***Adventures in Solitude*** by Grant Lawrence
2. ***Empire of the Beetle*** by Andrew Nikiforuk
3. ***Tragedy on Jackass Mountain*** by Charles Scheideman
4. ***Geology of British Columbia, New Edition*** by Sydney Cannings
5. ***A Thrilling Ride*** edited by Paul Chapman & Bev Wake
6. ***Trauma Farm*** by Brian Brett
7. ***How Bad Are Bananas?*** by Mike Berners-Lee
8. ***Vij's at Home*** by Meeru Dhalwala & Vikram Vij
9. ***Taking My Life*** by Jane Rule
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A bounty crop of fall reads



By Theresa Kishkan

Fall is always an exciting season for readers.

Many literary festivals take place in the fall (Vancouver International Writers Festival, International Festival of Authors in Toronto), some books and their lucky authors are celebrated with places on prize shortlists (the Scotiabank Giller, the Man Booker Prize, the Governor General's Awards for Literature).

Of course the season itself co-operates too — imagine a big chair by the fire while rain drums on the roof and a stack of new titles on the table: a book lover's heaven...

I'm looking forward to reading Michael Ondaatje's novel, *The Cat's Table* (McClelland and Stewart). It's receiving wonderful reviews and it promises Ondaatje's signature alchemy: an unusual location (an ocean liner), intriguing characters (a child alone on a voyage to a new country and those he encounters on the vessel), and the taut poetic language we've come to expect from this writer.

Rita Moir, who lives in the Slocan Valley, has just published *The Third Crop: A Personal and Historical Journey Into the Photo Albums and Shoeboxes of the Slocan Valley of the 1800s to early 1940s* (Sono Nis Press). It's a beautiful book, designed to resemble an old-fashioned photo album and it's generously illustrated with archival and contemporary photographs. Moir's text is richly detailed and considers the various

histories of the Slocan Valley: First Nations, mining, Doukhobor, and Japanese in the context of the Second World War internment camps.

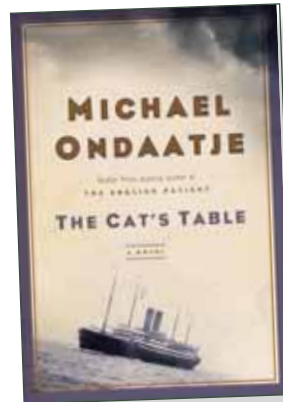
Several titles forthcoming from Harbour Publishing look interesting — *Texada Tapestry: A History*, by Heather Harbord; and *The Doc's Side: Tales of a Sunshine Coast Doctor*, by Eric Paetkau. I'd also love to add the newest of the pocket-sized field guides to my collection: *A Field Guide to Edible Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest* by Daniel Winkler.

Chicken Poop for the Soul: A Year in Search of Food Sovereignty (Caitlin Press) by Kristeva Dowling is a charming account of a woman's attempt to find self-sufficiency on a small-holding in the Bella Coola Valley. It's funny, quirky, and full of insights about the barriers and difficulties inherent in trying to grow and preserve food which can often be

dependent on infrastructures that deter as much as they encourage.

My daughter Angelica works as a conservator and site manager at Craigflower Manor in Victoria and I'm always eager to tour the manor and its adjacent schoolhouse when I'm on the Island. The wallpapers, ornate table settings, light-fixtures, ledgers,

day-books with planting schedules and notes on cultivars, parlour games, and heavy furniture all speak to a different set of values and expectations, preserving a sense of history so close we can touch it. So Valerie Green's *Above Stairs: Social Life in Upper-Class Victoria 1843-1918* (Touchwood Editions) strikes me as a fascinating introduction to the families that governed the colony both socially



and in almost every other aspect in the 19th century.

Most people who travel regularly to B.C.'s dry Interior return with stories of the devastation caused by pine beetles in the wake of climate change. How quickly the beautiful forests near Kamloops have been decimated, for instance — the tell-tale red needles followed by vast swaths of deforested land. Over 30 billion trees, Ponderosa pines and spruce, from Alaska to New Mexico, have been destroyed by the rice-sized insects. Respected journalist and science writer Andrew Nikoforuk's *Empire of the Beetle* (Douglas & McIntyre) is an examination of this devastating phenomenon, taking the reader from the biology of *Dendroctonus ponderosae* to the economic and cultural cost of its damage.

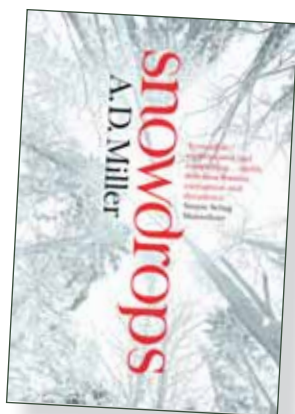
One of the novels on this year's Man Booker shortlist is A.D. Miller's *Snowdrops* (Harper Collins). Set in the Moscow of the early 2000s, it follows Nick Platt, a young British lawyer, as he navigates his way through the ask-no-questions oil boom. "Snowdrop" is a Russian term for a human corpse which comes to light as the snow melts in spring. It's very exciting and I confess to reading the whole book in

one go. Nick's shady business dealings and his romance with the sexy and mysterious Masha provide the context for both the intrigue and the violence in this novel. Miller's taut writing keeps the plot moving quickly and not always in the direction it appears to be heading.

Nothing is quite what it seems in Moscow, even the appearance of the first snowdrops after winter.

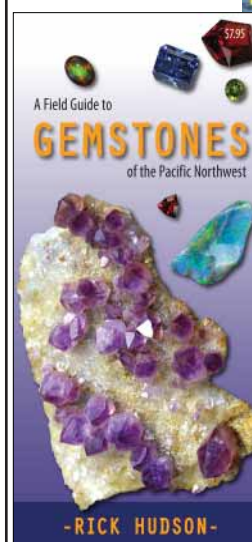
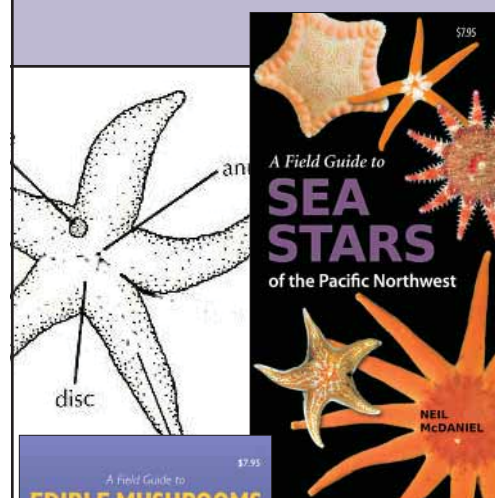
Anyone who is curious about the book arts might be interested in the Alcuin Society's Wayzgoose Printing Fair at the Vancouver Public Library on Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to

4 pm. The Alcuin Society — named for Charlemagne's scribe, Alcuin of York, an eighth-century scholar, poet and grammarian — is dedicated to fine books. Every two years the society holds a wonderful fair to showcase printers, binders, paper-makers, designers of typefaces, and publishers of beautiful limited editions. A wayzgoose was traditionally a dinner and evening of entertainment given by a master printer for his workers and although the Alcuin Society's Wayzgoose doesn't involve a dinner, there will be demonstrations of various book arts as well as the opportunity to buy wonderful handmade books.



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Only one side carries weapons in 'class warfare'



By Shane McCune

Barack Obama suggests it might be time for the Cristal-sozzling, pâté-snarfing idle rich to share a few crumbs from the all-you-can eat buffet in which they have planted their greasy jowls for 30 years — and the loony right yells “Class warfare!”

What is even loonier is the chorus of “Damn straight!” from the middle class and working poor who have been getting soaked by “trickle-down” economics.

This view holds that if you give the rich tax breaks, they’ll invest in factories and stores to provide jobs and wealth for society, reducing need for taxes on everyone.

It’s a lie. The top marginal U.S. income tax rate when Ronald Reagan was elected was 70 per cent. By the time he left office in 1988 it was down to 28 per cent and is 35 per cent today. So where are the jobs?

What tax breaks for the rich have helped create is the biggest gap between rich and poor since the pharaohs. The top five per cent of U.S. households have sucked up 81.7 per cent of all new wealth created since 1983. The bottom 60 per cent are worse off than they were in 1983.

What did the rich do with all that money? They spent it on real estate and yachts and those worthless bundles of

paper that knocked the world’s economy into the toilet in 2008. To be fair, some did invest in factories — in China and Mexico and other places where they can pay workers dirt and pollute with impunity. And they did invest in stores like Wal-Mart where they sell crap to people who can’t afford to shop elsewhere because their jobs were shipped overseas.

Yet those same folks shuffling around Wally World in stained sweatpants are the loudest to rail against raising taxes on the top two per cent of jillionaires.

And we’re doing much the same thing here.

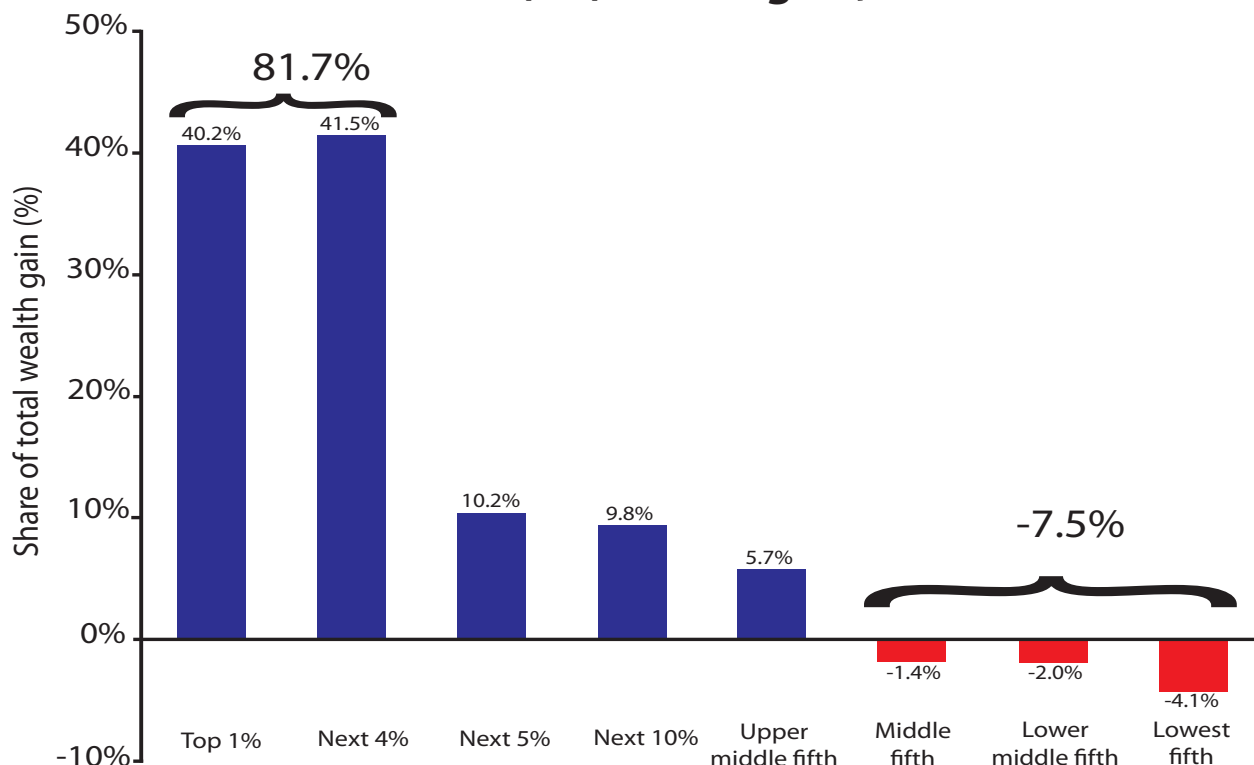
Before the First World War there was no income tax and the federal government relied on excise tax for most of its revenue. As recently as the early 1950s taxes on business outweighed personal income tax.

Now personal income tax makes up more than 40 per cent of federal and provincial tax revenue, with consumption taxes such as the GST/HST in second place. Corporate income tax ranks below Employment Insurance contributions as a source of federal revenue.

The Canadian federal corporate tax in 2010 was 18 per cent. It dropped to 16.5 per cent this year and will drop again to 15 per cent in 2012. Provincial corporate tax rates in 2010 ranged from 10 to 16 per cent.

For individuals the 2010 federal tax rates ranged

Share of total (US) wealth gain, 1982 -2009



Source: Michel analysis of Wolff in Allegretto (2010)

AND ANOTHER THING...

from 15 per cent to 29 per cent. The maximum provincial tax rates for individuals are 10 per cent to 24 per cent.

Income taxes throughout Canada are supposedly progressive, with high-income residents paying a higher percentage. But a study released by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in November 2007 found that the richest pay the lowest rates of all income groups.

This is the exact opposite of what you hear from the Fraser Institute and the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, which claim that those with high incomes (usually described as “job creators” or “entrepreneurs” despite their marked failure to create jobs or take risks) are choking under the burden of over-taxation.

And sure enough, Statistics Canada reported that in 2002 the top 10 per cent of tax-filers paid just over half of all federal income tax revenue.

The right-wing media jumped on this. The National Post, for example, noted that the top five per cent accounted for 39.1 per cent of federal income tax revenue, up from 32.2 per cent in 1990.

For balanced analysis of this shocking news the Post turned to a senior economist with the TD Bank and the president of the CTF, who noted disapprovingly that the widening gap was due in part to federal tax cuts that favoured lower income groups.

In other words, those with more money weren't being walloped by higher tax rates — they just weren't getting cuts as big as those going to poorer folks.

Nor did the National Post mention the other key factor cited by StatsCan:

“On the other hand, this 10 per cent of tax-filers was *the only group whose share of total income increased during the 12-year period* [emphasis added]. In 1990, these individuals accounted for 31.7 per cent of all income; by 2002, their share had risen to 35.7 per cent.”

You read that correctly: While 90 per cent of Canadians remained stuck at 1990 income levels into the 21st

century, those who got ahead begrudged those beneath them a slightly bigger tax break.

Still, how does the CCPA figure the rich pay the lowest taxes? It's because the very rich don't depend on salaries for income. They let their money make more money and reap the reward in the form of capital gains — half of which are tax-free.

That is, there is no tax at all on the first 50 per cent of capital gains in a tax year, with windfalls above that taxed at the same level as wages or salaries.

One rationale for this is that corporations pay a form of income tax, so it would somehow be “double taxation” to tax the corporations' shareholders on their personal profits from the companies.

Mind you, corporations are taxed on profits, not revenues. That is, they get to deduct the cost of executive salaries, international junkets and Grey Goose martinis with clients before they begin to reckon their taxes.

But working stiffs must pay taxes on their gross incomes, regardless of how much they have left after braces for the kids, a busted transmission, leaky septic tank and so on. No 50-per-cent exemption for you, suckers.

As journalist Linda McQuaig put it in the Toronto Star last December, what we really have in Canada is trickle-up economics — a massive transfer of income and wealth from Canada's middle and lower class to the rich.

Since 1980 the real median family income in Canada has barely budged, but the top-earning one per cent of Canadians almost doubled their share of national income. And the higher up the food chain, the bigger the gains. The richest one-tenth of one per cent — those raking in an average \$3.8 million a year — more than quintupled their share of national income.

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OCTOBER

Fri. Sept 30.....P. H. Rotary presents Al Stewart (speaking about his Africa trip) - Garden Bay Pub, noon
 Fri. Sept. 30-Oct. 3.....DOXA Film Festival - Raven's Cry Theatre
 Sat. Oct. 1.....Pender Harbour Fall Faire - Madeira Park, 10 a.m. - 3p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 1.....P. H. Legion Thanksgiving Turkey and Ham Meat Draw - P. H. Legion
 Sun Oct. 2.....Sunshine Coast Hospice Society presents "Black and White" - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Fri. Oct. 7 (&8).....Jack Mercer and the Whiskey Bandits - Garden Bay Pub, TWO NIGHTS
 Sat. Oct. 8.....Egmont Homesteaders' Dinner and Festival - Egmont Community Hall, 6 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 10.....Thanksgiving Day
 Mon. Oct. 10.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Fri. Oct. 14.....P. H. Rotary Club regular noon meeting (speaker TBA) - Garden Bay Pub, noon
 Fri. Oct. 14.....Wheat in the Barley - Garden Bay Pub, evening
 Sat. Oct. 15-16.....Third Annual SHROOM Mushroom Festival - various locations
 Sat. Oct. 15.....Pender Harbour Legion's Ladies Night - Royal Canadian Legion #112, doors 6:30 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 16.....P. H. Music Society presents the Lafayette Quartet - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Fri. Oct. 21.....P. H. Rotary presents Erich Swartz (Greenomics) on sustainable practices - Garden Bay Pub, noon
 Sat. Oct. 22.....Area A Water Master Plan open house - Royal Canadian Legion #112, 1-4 p.m.
 Sat. Oct. 21-23.....Sunshine Coast Art Crawl - various locations
 Mon. Oct. 24-29.....Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital Halloween Pet Contest - M. P. Veterinary Hospital, 6 days
 Mon. Oct. 24.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Fri. Oct. 28.....Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign Begins
 Fri. Oct. 28.....P. H. Rotary presents District Governor Hans Doge - Garden Bay Pub, noon
 Fri. Oct. 28.....P. H. Chamber of Commerce AGM - P. H. Legion, noon
 Sat. Oct. 29.....S. C. Blues Society Halloween Howl - P. H. Community Hall, 8 p.m.
 Sun. Oct. 30.....3rd annual Breast Cancer Candle Life Lighting Ceremony - P. H. Community Church, 6:30 p.m.
 Mon. Oct. 31.....P. H. Volunteer Fire Department Fireworks - Seafarer's Millennium Park, 7:30 p.m.

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