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# EDITORIAL

## Why does a cat need pajamas?



By Brian Lee

When it comes to the ferries I'm of two minds. Maybe more.

I hate travelling by ferry on weekends.

I really hate travelling by ferry on long weekends.

At least I think I do because I haven't done it for so long I kind of forget what it's like.

I feel kind of smug knowing I live where everyone else seems to want to be on the May long.

There's no stress. No worries and if something comes up in Vancouver that weekend, I dismiss it as if it was on the moon.

Some aren't so lucky.

We all have stories of family and friends who fought all Friday evening to get up to Pender Harbour for May Day only to turn around on Sunday to beat the rush back again.

Or someone else who joined the rush back on Monday and endured eight hours in Langdale while the neo-Deadheads in the next car attempted to break their record for a continuous drum jam.

There are very few ways to get around the hassle of ferry travel.

A friend of mine (I won't mention his name) was organized, for once.

He had a reservation and left in plenty of time to make it.

But he was delayed by some Saturday morning highway construction and Tony missed his reservation.

He spent the next couple of hours in Horseshoe Bay consoling himself with a hearty Troll's breakfast — and

missed the parade.

I recall coming up on weekends when I still lived in Vancouver.

Parked on the Upper Levels for hours, brain baking in the summer's late afternoon heat.

There was no escape without air-conditioning and no water or shade. You couldn't even wander from your car just in case the line finally moved.

As I lapsed in and out of heat stroke delirium, I honestly wondered how there weren't elderly expiring on the roadside.

So I've done more than my share of hard time in the ferry line-ups. It's why I don't do it anymore.

But as much as I feel sorry for friends and family mired in the Friday rush out of the city, I wouldn't have it any other way.

Well, maybe the corporate stings at BC Ferries could put on a few extra sailings but I like our bottlenecked ferry system.

It's really the only thing that holds the seething mass of suburbia at bay.

If Howe Sound were bridged, life as we know it on Coast would end — Egmont would become like Hope and Madeira Park like Chilliwack.

Or something like that, anyways.

Those who say a bridge to the lower mainland would be the cat's pajamas should really be asking themselves this:

Why does a cat need pajamas?



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### EGMONT DAY - JUNE 6

Egmont Day begins with the kids' fishing derby (age 12 and under) at the government dock at 9:30 a.m. Followed by a parade, relay races, cakewalk, canoe races, barbecue, Skookumberger eating contest, dinner and dance.

### TOO MUCH GUITAR! - JUNE 14

Oliver Gannon and Bill Coon will play a Sunday afternoon concert at the Pender Harbour School of Music on June 14 at 2 p.m. They are two Canadian jazz treasures who inspire each other while performing.

### EGMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT GRAND OPENING - JUNE 20

Official opening of the Egmont and District Volunteer Fire Department's new fire hall at 1 p.m. at 5992 Egmont Road. Exhibits, demonstrations and a barbecue lunch served. Call (604) 883-2555 for more information.

### LILY LAKE WALKING TRAIL INFORMATION MEETING/TOUR - JUNE 28

An informal meeting and tour of the south end of the lake (Tyner Park and surrounding properties) will take place on June 28.

Interested parties are asked to meet at the Pender Harbour Health Centre at 1 p.m. It will be an informal opportunity to learn more about the project in an effort to initiate an action plan.

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# Local groups produce a quality water map for Area A

In an effort to promote awareness about our local water supply, the Area A Quality Water Association and the Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society have produced a map detailing the area's freshwater lakes.

Starting in June, the full-colour brochures will be available at local retail outlets and the Visitor's Information Centre in Madeira Park.

The production of the map was made possible by a grant from the Sunshine Coast Regional District and offers tips on how to maintain a healthy freshwater aquatic system.

The map is a handy reference identifying which lakes provide drinking water as well as recreational activity. But it also serves another purpose.

The Area A Water Master Plan was introduced last year after consultation with area residents and SCRD staff. It identifies future requirements for clean drinking water with a structured plan to best utilize surrounding water resources.

Many of the lakes on the map work as a system feeding each other and contaminants leaching into one water source could very easily contaminate others.

To that end, the brochure offers suggestions about ways to minimize impact such as asking people to keep the lakes free of dogs, shampoo and soaps.



Too often taken for granted, our local water system faces increasing pressure as development increases the risk of contamination.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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# MP Weston drops big cheques on May Day

Federal MP John Weston didn't show up empty-handed for this year's May Day celebrations.

On behalf of the New Horizons for Seniors Program, Weston presented two cheques to local charities totalling over \$16,000.

Walt Wickson, president of the Pender Harbour Legion, accepted a cheque for \$10,000 to purchase a new glass washer for the Legion's kitchen.

Linda Curtiss of the Area A Seniors' Housing Society gladly accepted \$6,913 to purchase a dishwasher for the Healthy Meals Outreach program.

Both machines will remain in the Legion kitchen because of a partnership between the Royal Canadian Legion #112 and the Area A Seniors Housing Society which uses the space to prepare meals for seniors.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program helps to ensure that seniors can benefit from and contribute to the quality of life in their communities, through active living and participation in social activities.



Rose Doepel photo

Awww. Linda Curtiss accepts a hug and a cheque for \$6,913 from federal MP John Weston on May 16. Curtiss may have received a different reaction later from the teller at the Sunshine Coast Credit Union when she attempted to deposit.

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## Brazilian takes Attack of Danger Bay 8 from local Team Green

In a final that pitted a local against an international field, a Brazilian bested 197 other racers to take the Attack of Danger Bay 8 title.

Douglas da Lua got out in front at the start of the final and stayed there.

Current World Champion Smith once again clocked the fastest speed of the day at 65km/h but had to be content with second place.

“I came out fourth out of the gate and then I thought I was going to get fourth again,” said Smith.

“Jomar and James Kelly tangled up in Carnage (Corner) and I almost ran over James’ arm but I scrubbed enough speed to keep it together.”

Jomar Guzman of Puerto Rico and James Kelly of the US managed to pick themselves up and finish third and fourth respectively.

At least nine Pender Harbour locals competed in the men’s race with Rylan English making it to the Top 20.

Event organizer Bricin Lyons competed in his first Attack of Danger Bay in many years lasting well into the late heats before crashing into elimination.

In the women’s event, another local, Charley Daigneault of Gibsons took second place as Vancouver’s Brianne Davies once again took first, clocking 59 km/h in the final.

### JAKE’S RASH

A new race, Jake’s Rash took place on the following Wednesday near Homesite Creek.

Results:

1. Mischo Erban, Canada
2. Douglas Da Lua, Brazil
3. James Kelly, USA
4. Jose Guzman, Puerto Rico



Brazil’s Douglas da Lua was grinning from ear to ear in Portuguese moments after winning the final at Attack of Danger Bay 8.



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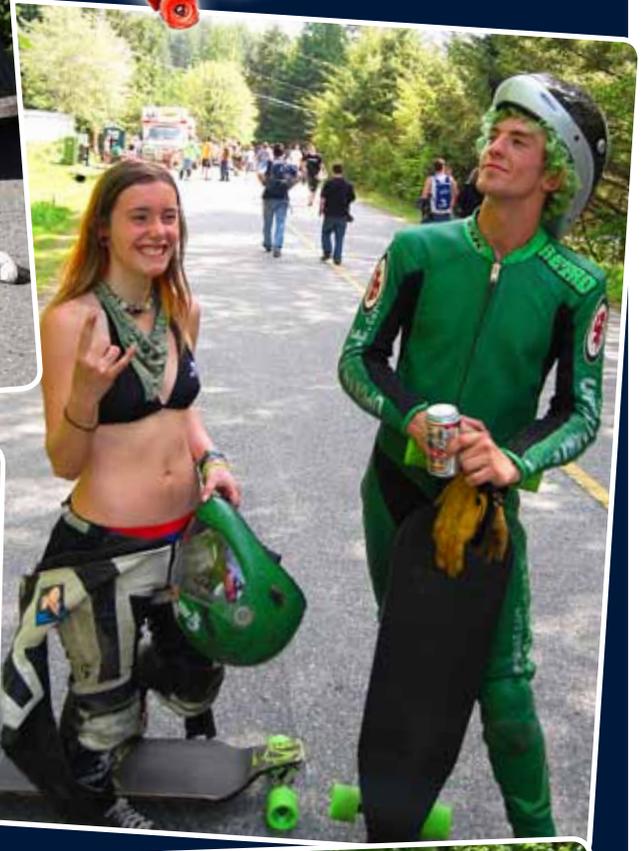


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# May Day 2009





# Attack of Danger Bay 8



Usually the RCMP hand out speeding tickets on the stretch of highway between Wood Bay and Middlepoint. Recently, however, they seem to have taken an interest in trying to curb the number of traffic fatalities in downtown Madeira Park too. It's unclear whether this unlucky motorist got a ticket for not wearing his seatbelt or for hurrying to grab a burger on his lunch break.

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## Egmont Fire Department set to go live on June 20

The Egmont and District Volunteer Fire Department is finally going live.

An opening ceremony for the new fire hall will take place on Saturday, June 20.

It will also mark the date at which the EVFD will be certified and fully operational.

The ceremony and community party will be held at the new fire hall at 5992 Egmont Road starting at 1 p.m.

The new department brings more than fire protection. Having a recognized local fire department will now enable homeowners to obtain fire insurance.

The Egmont Volunteer Fire Department asks local residents to help them by:

- putting a reflective street address sign in a visible location at the end of your driveway;
- notifying the fire department regarding missing street signs in your neighborhood;
- maintaining a minimum 10' clearance the length of your driveway for emergency access;
- giving the EVFD a key for any locked access gates;
- making sure you and your guests know your street addresses, as cell phones do not display them;
- familiarize yourself with the SCRD burning regulations which go into effect when the fire department goes into service. Copies are available at the hall and the post office.

Residents should call 911 for emergencies. The fire hall phone number is (604) 883-2555.

The department could still use a few more hands and interested parties are urged to call the hall and volunteer.



Come out to 5992 Egmont Road on June 20 for the ceremony to officially open the gleaming new Egmont fire hall. There will be a barbecue, music, firefighting demonstrations and more.



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### **Thursday, June 4, 2009**

- 1:30 p.m. Infrastructure Services Committee

### **Thursday, June 11, 2009**

- 1:30 p.m. Planning and Development Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Board

### **Thursday, June 18, 2009**

- 10:00 a.m. Special Infrastructure Services Committee (Watershed)
- 1:30 p.m. Community Services Committee

### **Thursday, June 25, 2009**

- 1:30 p.m. Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
- 7:30 p.m. Board

## DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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## Community transportation or bussed



By Eric Graham  
SCRD Director,  
Area A

### THE BUS

I know I have written about this a lot but I would like to

explain why it isn't on the road yet.

When I got elected I promised John Rees and the people of Area A that I would do my best to put it on the road for at least six months.

If the ridership is there and the cost isn't prohibitive, it would remain as a service to Area A.

If it is run as a community bus, the cost would be much less than if it is run as a function of the regional district.

I have hit a bump in the road with the Ministry of Transport ruling that a non-profit society cannot run a scheduled bus service but I am working with them in order to find a way to around this.

All I can say at present is there are a lot of people helping to get it on the road but it takes time to do it the right way.

### THE POOL

I had the honour to attend the "Move for Health" program at our pool.

There were over 30 in the pool aged 10 to 95.

Afterwards we celebrated the 95th birthday of Frank White (regular at the pool).

I usually don't eat birthday cake at 10 a.m. but this was a special occasion.

The pool will stay open later than expected (until May 29) and because of this it will be closed longer over the summer for renovations but



Kim Watt photo

A regular at the pool, Frank White celebrates his 95th birthday with Eric Graham, Deb Cole, his wife, Edith Iglauer and a birthday cake on 'Move for Health Day.'

should be reopened with a new look by Sept. 30.

### MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the organizers, they should be proud.

The weather was great, the attendance was marvellous and there was lots to do.

I took out a one-day permit to put the bus in the parade, driven by Don McLaren, our newly hired bus driver.

After the parade, the bus was

parked by the Oak Tree Market and I showed it to anyone interested, including our MLA, Nicholas Simon and our MP, John Weston, who helped with the purchase of the bus through the National Gas Rebate Tax.

### LANDFILL

A friendly reminder of the public information meeting regarding our landfill to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday June 13 at the P. H. Legion.

### Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department



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## Whatever you call it: The push for a path around Lily Lake



Lily Lake is home to a wide variety of wildlife. Canada geese are common, seen here at the south end of the lake with seven healthy looking goslings on May 21.

*By Brian Lee*

People around here like to walk. It might be our most popular form of recreation but, unlike many other towns across the province, we have very few safe and accessible places to do it.

Right now, the morning walker might take to the road around either Garden or Lily Lake or the even scarier shoulderless roads of Francis Peninsula.

In other towns along the coast, one can think of the Davis Bay Seawall, the Sechelt waterfront or the

sidewalked frontages of Gibsons as good examples of public projects aimed at enabling safe strolling while also showcasing the area's charms to visitors who prefer to explore on foot.

But Pender Harbour and Egmont pedestrians lack a safe alternative to getting around without a car.

The four-kilometre stretch that circumnavigates Lily Lake has been a popular stroll for many years.

It's a natural loop along some busy roads and many have sought to improve the experience through a designated multi-use walking path.

As it becomes increasingly com-

mon to find motorized wheelchairs, baby carriages and fitness walkers sharing space with cars on the corners, a small group of residents and organizations have been murmuring about making it safer.

Don Fraser is best known as the big guy digging around the flower beds of Madeira Park.

He's been trying for a few years to gain support to connect sections around the lake into a continuous loop. Few disagree with him but like many, he's too busy to work at it full-time.

"It's got everything going for it, you know," he says with something between a belly laugh and a giggle.

It's a laugh that says there's absolutely no question in his mind about the project's merits.

"It passes the health centre so they could use it to promote healthy lifestyles for seniors. The kids at the school could use it as a running loop, boaters could have a place to stretch their legs.

"The place is crawling with birds — it's a birders' heaven."

Fraser leafs through some papers he's collected that have contributed to his vision of the project and hands me



The chirpy song of the many red-winged blackbirds that nest in the bulrushes around the north end of the lake provide a serene counterpoint to the rumble of trucks on the highway nearby.

a colour pamphlet showing what birds might be found near the Cordova Bay Golf Course.

“If we made it easy for them, there’d be binoculars and cameras all over the place.”

His vision is catching.

Lily Lake is an ecologically diverse chunk of lake/marsh ecosystem smack dab in the middle of a growing “urban” area.

Conservationists, local residents, businesses, tourism operators would all likely get on board and, as Fraser says, the project would make an already popular walking route safer.

One would expect a variety of potential sources of grant money for various aspects of the route and with so many stakeholders, fundraising shouldn’t be too hard.

So what’s stopping it?

Like many other projects in our area, it’s relying on a volunteer effort to get it off the ground.

Fundraising, grant applications and co-ordinating the various stakeholders would require a number of people to make the project move ahead.

Fraser has pledged his time and equipment to the project and thinks it would be a fairly easy project to find support for but it needs some key people with the skills to start it.

He’s already done considerable research on the route and has some ideas about how it might take shape.

## LILY LAKE, LILLIES LAKE OR PAQ LAKE?

Lily Lake has suffered for years from “nomenclature ambiguity” — which is dictionary for “nobody can agree on its real name.”

According to the BC Geographical Names database, the division of



Buckbean (*Menyanthes trifoliata*). The flowers have a rank smell. The Kwakwaka’wakw drank an extract made by boiling the flower to treat stomach ailments. A bitter tonic made from the leaves of the plant often caused vomiting.

the provincial government responsible for maintaining and updating official names, the official name of the lake is Lily.

According to the BC Forest Service, it was originally known locally as “White Lake” but to avoid duplication, the corresponding Sechelt word, “paq,” was suggested.

The name Paq Lake was adopted in July of 1945 but changed to Lily Lake in June of 1996 “to conform to entrenched local usage” and a petition campaign by local residents.

But that did nothing to end the confusion.

The name of the road that forks off Madeira Park Road and travels past the nearby Pender Harbour Legion is called Lillies Lake Road.

One might think that the confusion stems from a simple misspelling of the plural form of the ubiquitous lily pads that dot its surface.

But “Lillies” isn’t a word — the plural of lily is lilies.

According to the BCGNIS website “long-time resident James Warnock advises that ‘Lily Lake’ has always been the local name, after pioneer Tom Lily who arrived in the area in 1900 and worked at the Windsor fish cannery until it burned in 1907. Lily died c.1932 at Pender Harbour.”

In an interview conducted by the Sunshine Coast Museum in 1996, Vi Tyner adds more confusion.

She disputes Warnock’s spelling of Tom Lily’s name. “It was Paq Lake and before that it was Lillie’s Lake. Tom Lillie used to live there.”

To add to the trauma of visitors and locals alike, the name of the creek exiting the north end of the lake that runs through culverts under the town centre of Madeira Park officially became Paq Creek in 1979.

It hasn’t been changed. Yet.

Whatever you call it, the lake provides a richly diverse ecosystem of plants and animals struggling to coexist with the urban growth that continues around it.

Lily Lake Village is a 27-unit housing development aimed at the 55-plus community.

Developer Ryan Campbell originally bought two lots that were subdividable to a maximum of 16 to 20 half acre lots and applied for rezoning for 27 single-family or duplex building lots.

Part of the terms of the rezoning agreement with the SCRDC were to supply a fully-furnished building

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## Lily Lake(cont.)

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lot to Area A Seniors Housing for the Abbeyfield House project, a 10-suite assisted-living home for seniors, and an additional 13.7 per cent park dedication to provide a public access trail down to and along Lily Lake.

### LILY LAKE WILDLIFE

Seldom noticed by drivers whizzing past on the highway is the bustling variety of wildlife the lake supports.

It's an annual stopover for migrating Canada geese and trumpeter swans while any number of waterfowl and species like blue heron reside permanently.

The lake's shore attracts raccoons and other mammals taking advantage of its bounty while underneath the surface, the lake teems with aquatic species.

One hardy resident is the beaver. It's estimated that the North American beaver population was once more than 60 million. By 1988 it was closer to 6 to 12 million.

The American (*Castor canadensis*) Beaver's population decline is in large part due to its historic role in the North American fur trade.

In modern times the beaver has faced eradication due to its persistence in harvesting trees and flooding waterways that may interfere with other



Michelle Evelyn photo

land uses. When it's warm, turtles kick back and soak it up the sun. During winter hibernation, a painted turtle may submerge itself in up to three feet of mud under six feet of water to protect itself from freezing. It can survive without oxygen at 3° Celsius for up to five months, longer than any other known air-breathing vertebrate.

land uses.

Lily Lake is no different.

Despite wildlife officials' best efforts over many decades, a population of beavers insists on making life miserable for nearby residents and Capilano Highways employees.

The beavers steadfastly insist on trying to dam a culvert at the north end of the lake where Paq Creek runs under Spinnaker Road.

It needs to be cleared regularly and if it isn't, the lake swells and floods nearby gardens and fields, sometimes even pouring over the road.

Trapping has taken a number of the rodents but have also snapped up the odd pet, sometimes making for an uneasy relationship between game of-

officials and nearby residents.

Meanwhile, the beavers ignore the hullabaloo that goes on around them and, on calm evenings, traces of their wake can be seen as they quietly go about their business.

Lily Lake's outflow runs to the ocean through the marshy boardwalked area behind the Madeira Park Post Office.

It does this through an aging system of culverts that run under the Madeira Park Shopping Centre and the school field.

It's also a spawning stream for an almost extinct run of coho salmon and the development above it has surely played a role in the run's disappearance.

The stream will continue to be a problem for commercial property owners in downtown Madeira Park and it is a small wonder the system doesn't back up more often than it does.

For such a small lake, Lily Lake is also home to some surprisingly large cutthroat trout.

Years ago it wasn't uncommon to pull a two-pound lunker out of there

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with only a hook and worm.

Nowadays the lake is restricted to fly-fishing with artificial lures and is catch and release only.

Some say mayflies and midges are a good place to start.

At certain times of the year a flotilla of “belly boats” can be seen clustered around the lily pads at the south end of the lake near Tyner Park, their serenity only somewhat disturbed by the traffic roaring past nearby.

### **INVASIVE SPECIES: PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE**

For many years the Pender Harbour Wildlife Society has been waging a quiet battle against invasive purple loosestrife.

Each summer, the flowering purple loosestrife is monitored and pulled up from around the edges of Lily Lake by wildlife society volunteers.

In 2002, researchers at UBC recommended a small beetle, *Gallerucella calamariensis*, be transported, housed and released. Its only diet is the loosestrife plant.

Each year the society inspects the shores of Lily Lake and it seems the beetle has been doing its job and is gradually removing the spreading plant from the area.

### **THE PROPOSED ROUTE**

So far, Lagoon Road is the only completed section of the route around Lily Lake.

It starts with a boardwalk over the saltwater marsh behind the Madeira Park Post Office and connects to the Lagoon Road corridor.

The first significant steps toward realizing the walking path project were taken by SCRD planners who heeded the call to improve the shoul-

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## **Painted Turtles of Lily Lake**

One remarkable feature of Lily Lake is the resident western painted turtles.

British Columbia’s only native freshwater turtle species, painted turtles can often be seen basking on logs in lakes, ponds and slow moving streams in the Pender Harbour area, their brightly coloured undersides reflecting red onto the water’s surface.

Residents and outdoor enthusiasts have enjoyed watching these turtles for generations and Lily Lake offers an important habitat for these much-loved creatures. Unfortunately, these special animals are also highly threatened.

Our Pacific Coast population of western painted turtles is federally endangered and provincially red-listed.

Threats include wetland loss and degradation, destruction of nesting habitat, predation, invasive species, human disturbance, and mortality on roads intercepting nesting areas.

Pender Harbour is home to one of the most important remaining populations of the species in the province.

At Lily and other local lakes you might run into husband and wife biologist team, Dave Stiles and Michelle Evelyn.

They can often be found on the water in their canoe with radio telemetry receiver in hand or walking the shoreline together with their three rambunctious young kids observing the turtles through binoculars.

Dave and Michelle are leaders of the Iris Griffith Centre’s Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project which seeks to identify and conserve key habitats for threatened species on the Sunshine Coast.

With funding from the federal Habitat Stewardship Program for Species-at-Risk and the BC Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, they are researching local turtle populations and undertaking on-the-ground stewardship measures.

Dave and Michelle warmly invite community members to volunteer on the project by joining in turtle nesting surveys in June and July.

If you are a landowner, you can meet with Dave and Michelle to learn how to maintain and enhance turtle habitat on your property.

One of the simplest and most helpful things all local residents can do is simply report their turtle sightings. The researchers are especially interested in observations of turtles on roads or digging around in sandy areas, indications of nesting activity.

To report your turtle sightings, become a volunteer, learn how to enhance turtle habitat on your property, or learn more about the project, please contact Dave and Michelle at (604) 989-1007 or [mjevelyn@gmail.com](mailto:mjevelyn@gmail.com). Turtle observation forms can also be downloaded from the Iris Griffith Centre website, [www.irisgriffithcentre.com](http://www.irisgriffithcentre.com). With your help, we can preserve this integral part of the Sunshine Coast’s rich biological diversity.

~ Dr. Michelle Evelyn

## Lily Lake (cont.)

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der along the windy contours of Lagoon Road.

When the developers of Painted Boat applied for rezoning of the former Lowes Resort, planning staff levied a \$70,000 cash payment in lieu of the five-per-cent park dedication applied to subdivision applications.

That money was applied directly to the Gonzales Road to Lily Lake Village walking path, a narrow strip of pavement connected to Lagoon Road.

It was a start, but calls for a better buffer from car traffic were ignored.

Today that strip is often obscured by a speckled covering of gravel and provides only marginal safety from passing vehicles.

The District of Tofino saw the benefits of providing a distinct buffer between cars and non-motorized traffic along the main road leading into town.

In the early 1990s they constructed a three metre-wide, paved asphalt strip that parallels the Pacific Rim

Highway and is separated from cars by a drainage ditch.

Today joggers, cyclists and wheelchairs share the path not only for recreation but as an alternative to driving in and out of town.

### LAGOON ROAD TO HIGHWAY 101

Once at Lily Lake Village, the route could join a public trail on land provided by the developer of Lily Lake Village.

The route would somehow need to connect to Tyner Park at the south end of the lake but a number of private properties stand in the way.

One scenario to get around this obstacle involves a boardwalk over the water that would extend across the southwest corner of the lake.

Another scenario involves bypassing it completely and continuing around the road to the south entrance of Tyner Park.

### TYNER PARK

The late Vi and Jim Tyner moved to Pender Harbour in 1946 and lived

at the south end of the lake for many years.

They were avid naturalists who preferred land in its natural setting and did very little to thwart nature's intentions on their property.

In 2003, they their 5.3-acre parcel to the "residents of the Sunshine Coast for their use and enjoyment in perpetuity as parkland."

Since then, the Sunshine Coast Regional District may have taken the wishes of the Tyners too literally.

The parkland has not been maintained and is suffering from neglect.

Small amounts of abandoned junk punctuate the walk in.

Near the water's edge lie old tires and rusting cans of what might be paint.

In May 2007, then Area A director John Rees said the SCRCD received a letter from the trust lawyer stating the Tyner's relatives were disappointed that little or nothing had developed with the property.

Rees and the SCRCD board proposed a rezoning of the property in order to facilitate a partnership between private and non-profit interests to build affordable seniors' housing.

There was some immediate opposition to the plan.

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society wrote a letter in the November 2007 issue of the *Harbour Spiel* encouraging respect for the Tyner's original intentions of maintaining the property in its natural state.

"We like the trees and they improve the air I think," said Vi Tyner in her interview with the Sunshine Coast Museum.

"We wanted it left that way. We put it in our will to be a park."

The rezoning plan was shelved but the property still sits, waiting.



Refuse at the water's edge in Tyner Park. Whatever this stuff is, it's in Lily Lake.

## TYNER PARK TO HIGHWAY 101

Next to Tyner Park sit three parcels of land separating it from the highway.

One section is owned by Chevron Canada and extends from where the gas station once sat at the corner of the highway and Francis Peninsula Road back to a small corner on Lily Lake. Chevron has indicated an interest in selling it.

Proponents of the trail say that if a crossing can't be established over this parcel of land, a boardwalk could again be considered to cross over to an adjacent property to connect with the highway.

The parcel at 12427 Sunshine Coast Highway is a 4.31-acre piece of land that has been vacant for years and is currently listed for sale for \$259,000.

It is bisected by the highway leaving approximately 0.43 of an acre on Lily Lake and a forested upland parcel across the road to make up the remainder.

Because of its low elevation and proximity to the lake, the waterfront portion of the property carries some significant challenges for a prospective developer.

The property would be an ideal amalgamation to Tyner Park, allowing a natural path around the south contours of Lily Lake linking to the highway.

## HIGHWAY 101 TO MADEIRA PARK

A short path along the highway would duck back into the curtailed protection of the trees along the lake leading up to the mobile home village where it would likely reconnect with the highway, following its shoulder to

the entrance to Madeira Park Road. This section into Madeira Park has ample space for walking as it follows the creek exiting Lily Lake into the town centre.

## THE NEXT STEP

An informal meeting and tour of the south end of the lake (Tyner Park and surrounding properties) will take place June 28.

Interested parties are asked to meet at the Pender Harbour Health Centre at 1 p.m.

This meeting will be the first attempt at gauging public interest and garnering feedback about what direction the project could take.

It will be an opportunity to learn more about the project with a focus on initiating an action plan.

# OBITUARY

## Michael Charles Crowe

SEPTEMBER 3, 1944 - MAY 3, 2009

Michael Charles Crowe passed away at the age of 65 after a brief battle with prostate cancer.

Michael was born in England and grew up in Prince George, BC.

He moved to Ontario to work and to complete his law degree.

He was an alumni of UBC and U

of T (Osgood Law School).

He was called to the bar in Alberta and BC with practices in Calgary and Vancouver before opening a practice in Madeira Park.

He was an active member of many Pender Harbour community groups and clubs including the Cham-

ber of Commerce, Rotary, Royal Canadian Legion, ham radio and model railway clubs.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A celebration of Michael's life was held at the Royal Canadian Legion on May 24.

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# Humpty Dumpty: White disputes figures in SCRD landfill report

Dear Editor,

Over the past 30 years the regional district has tried to close the Pender Harbour dump at least four times, and now they are trying again. (Before going further I should say that I had the dump maintenance contract for many years and it is currently held by my brother Don, though only because he was low bidder. It is regularly put out to tender.)

It should be noted off the top that pollution is not an issue in this dump closure campaign. According to the report by Sperling Hansen Associ-

ates (SHA), the current landfill has “a limited environmental impact” and this would continue to be so even if expanded. The Pender landfill has a costly leachate collection and biofilter system already in place, which the Sechelt dump doesn’t.

The main reason given for closing the Pender dump is that it is full. This is the same reason that was given 30 years ago, but the dump is not full, or anywhere close to it. In one place the SHA report states we could go on landfilling at that site for “approximately 60 years.” All that is required is that the current dumping area be expanded. The report lays out two scenarios for expansion, one which would be good for another 16 years and would cost \$155,000 and another which would be good for another 29 years and would cost \$267,000. If this seems high, it is far cheaper than closing it, which would require a sealing-off process costing \$666,500.

As on previous occasions, the district is again proposing to put most of Pender’s annual 2,400 tonnes of garbage into trucks and drive it down our twisty highway in smoke-belching, three-container C-trains holding 60 tonnes of garbage at a time. Once again they are making the logic-defying claim that this is cheaper—and better for the environment — than leaving those 1,600 tonnes at the Pender dump where it originates.

As before, their figures don’t stand up to close examination. To obtain trucking costs, they just asked Norm Bonin of Direct Disposal and he gave them the round figure of \$500 per trip. This loosey-goosey approach to a key cost item is typical of the report, which carries the disclaimer that it relied throughout on “external information” which it accepted “on

good faith” and “Sperling Hansen Associates does not accept responsibility of any... inaccuracies contained in the report as a result of omissions, misinterpretation and/or fraudulent acts of the persons interviewed.” I hope the regional district got a discount for this admitted sponginess of the data.

The report estimates it would only be necessary to haul three containers to Sechelt every five days, although workers at the dump told SHA the community fills more than twice that number in actual fact.

Perhaps the biggest flaw in the report’s calculations is that it doesn’t accurately investigate the cost of landfilling Pender’s garbage in Sechelt. While assuming that it would cost \$132 per tonne to landfill Pender’s garbage in Pender, it guesstimates the cost to bury it in Sechelt at only \$30 per tonne. SHA admits this is only “half of actual operating costs in Sechelt,” and even this is doubtful because “specific values (for Sechelt) are not available.” Funny how the regional district knows to the penny what it costs to operate the Pender dump but apparently doesn’t have a clue what the Sechelt dump costs.

With these highly questionable figures they manage to show that the hauling option beats leaving it in Pender by a margin of \$126 per tonne to \$132. But if you used the actual number of containers filled at Pender and a more realistic landfilling cost for Sechelt—say \$80 a tonne—the hauling-to-Sechelt-option soars to over \$200 a tonne, which is what any reasonable person would expect.

Once again we have a report that does not contain good research and sound analysis but reads like hearsay and opinion dressed up in technical language.



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What is really going on here? The report answers that too. "By disposing of the waste at one site instead of two," it states on page 10, "capital funding can be focused to improve environmental protection at the Sechelt landfill..."

They want our money. Over the years the regional district has tirelessly tried to shut down the Pender dump because they want to corral Area A's juicy tax base to help build a bigger and better dump in Sechelt.

Should we care? After fighting this battle for half of my adult life I confess I am beginning to feel a bit punch-drunk. But it does matter, on several counts.

Waste services would be greatly diminished if the dump were downgraded to a transfer station. The report notes that only 1,600 tonnes of garbage would be trucked away, though we are currently producing 2,400 tonnes. The missing 800 tonnes would be the bulk items like brush, building waste, large items, etc., that the dump now accommodates but would have to be personally taken to Sechelt under the new system. The local garbage collection trucks would probably also have to go to Sechelt, causing pickup rates to skyrocket. If the transfer station put in compactors, the type and size of objects you could insert would be further limited. This would cause a further upsurge in illegal dumping, which is already a growing problem.

In addition to the humungous garbage trains crawling up and down the road emitting greenhouse gases, there would be a lot of smaller garbage-laden vehicles doing the same. This is not figured into the environmental impacts.

Pender Harbour would lose jobs. The maintenance contract has sup-

ported a couple of labourers over the past 30 years, and we don't have jobs to toss away in this town. Besides, the regional district already owes us a few.

Most of all, it is foolish to close a good landfill site that has 60 years left on it. As the report says, "An existing landfill is better to be expanded... rather than develop a new landfill site." Good landfill sites are precious, as Vancouver is finding out. It is almost impossible to find a new one, and the new regulations make them astronomically expensive. The Sechelt dump is a good site, but it will fill up eventually too. Then local taxpayers will be on the hook for tens of millions for a new one.

Why hasten that day by closing Pender's good little dump before its time?

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## 'Green' solutions obscure the importance of energy conservation

By *Cheyenne Lightbourn*



The threat of global warming is becoming common knowledge; something we often hear about and maybe even encouraging some to make changes to help out the situation.

In British Columbia we are privileged to live in a place where trees are abundant and where we can still find escape in natural creeks and rivers,

lakes and streams.

Many British Columbians value their surroundings and try to take care of their environment as best they can.

Many choose "green" alternatives and make lifestyle changes that encourage health for themselves, and the planet.

One thing that concerns most environmentally conscious people is energy consumption.

They are likely to accept that whatever is being sold as greener is the way to go.

But many accept these greener alternatives without doing their research and sometimes these alternatives turn out to be less "green" than what was thought.

Run-of-river projects are a way of obtaining energy from rivers and are being sold as a green alternative to obtaining energy.

Getting power from our rivers seems green, doesn't it?

Many people are buying into this,

and IPPs (Independent Power Projects) are popping up everywhere.

However, recent inspections by the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Forests and Range on one run-of-river power project show that these "green" power generating projects may not be as great for the environment as many may have thought.

The inspected project was noted for sloppy construction and was reported to have carried out construction during important bird breeding season.

The replanting was done with species not native to the area.

For those who are considering ways to live a greener, more sustainable life and who are looking for different options on consumption of energy and resources, make sure you do your research.

The term green has become an overused marketing tool and it's easy to get lost in all of the advertisements and hype.

Sure we have a high energy demand, but why not start conserving instead of building more power generators.

Maybe all it takes is remembering to flick off the light switch.

For more information about run-of-river, independent power, or private power projects, go online and Google it or head to one of your local IPP information meetings and hear what others have to say.

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### This is Your Chance to Talk Trash!

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is holding a

**Public Town Hall Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009**

at the Madeira Park Legion to discuss the future of the Pender Harbour Landfill site and waste disposal options for the Pender Harbour/Egmont area. The goal of this event is to determine the community's preferred course of action for the future of the Pender Harbour Landfill site and **we can't do it without your participation.**

The meeting will provide residents an opportunity to review display materials, talk with SCRD staff and Area Director, hear and see a presentation summarizing options for the future of the Pender Harbour Landfill site as well as the pros and cons of each option. The presentation will be followed by a facilitated Question & Answer session designed to solicit input from residents regarding their preferred option.

# TRAIL OF THE MONTH

## MacNeill Lake Trail System: 'Old Pole Road'

Old Pole Road is a relatively flat trail with mature trees and many small creeks that flow into South Pender Harbour's water source.

An old logging road that was possibly a railbed, Old Pole Road follows the marshy wetlands on the east side of McNeill Lake.

It's best accessed via the main McNeill Lake Forest Service Road (via Menacher Road) and turning left on a rougher forestry road marked "A."

This often rough road dead-ends at a creek.

A trail to your left offers a bridge around the water and then a short distance further on the opposite side of the creek lands you at the north end of Old Pole Road.

The trail entrance will be on your right.

This trail runs for approximately two kilometres and connects with a trail called Copperhead.

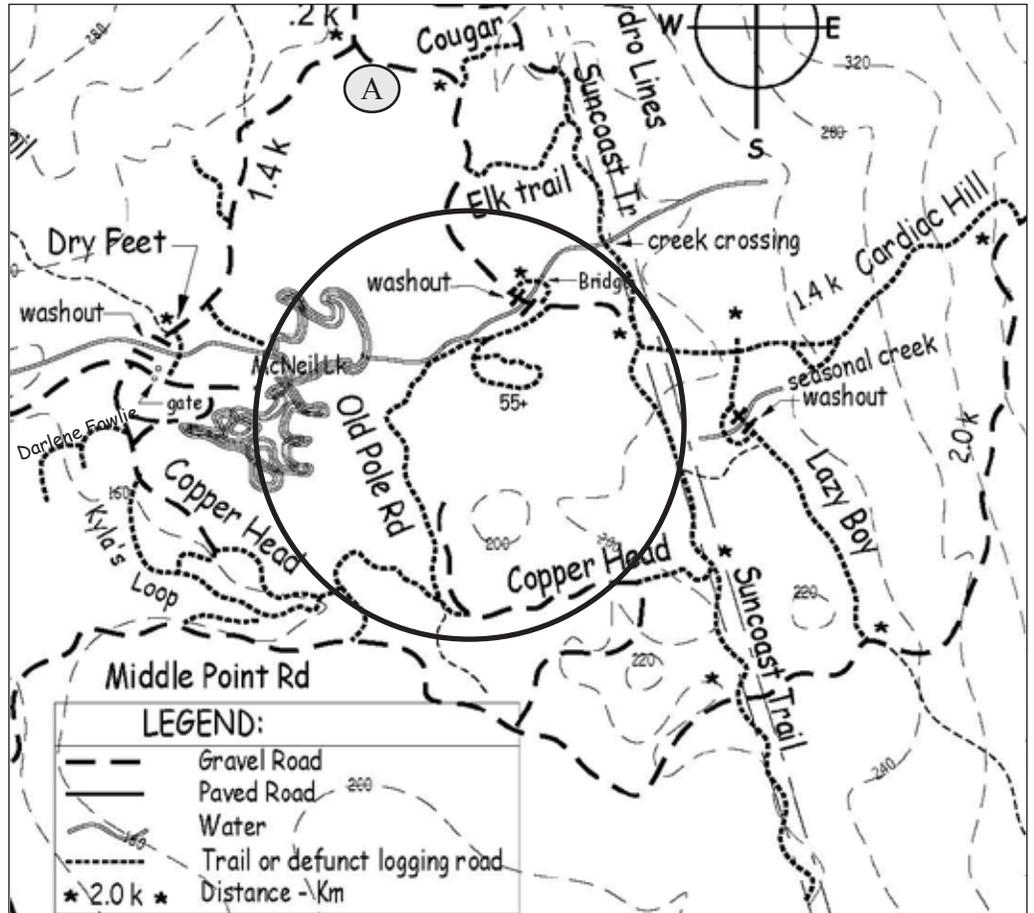
A left on Copperhead will quickly exit onto a new forestry road.

A right on Copperhead travels along some nice rolling singletrack before exiting on an old forestry road that runs 300 metres to Middlepoint Road.

The McNeill Lake Trail system contains a variety of routes that make it possible to complete a five to 15 kilometre loop of approximately 50 per cent singletrack trails.

For more information on local trails, pick up a copy of *Fat Tires and Walking Sticks: A Pocket Guide to "Some" Pender Harbour Trails*.

The booklet is produced by Jon Paine and funded by the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour and is available at various retail outlets and the Pender Harbour Branch of the Sunshine Coast Credit Union.



Map produced by Jon Paine

Old Pole Road sits among a growing network of single track trails that surround McNeill Lake. The system is best accessed via Menacher Road/McNeill Lake Forest Service Road.



Jon Paine photo

This trail is an old road once used for logging the area north of McNeill (Haslam) Lake. Here Paul Cuppen stays dry riding a bridge over a particularly wet section of Old Pole Road.

## Rock on: Secrets of maintaining a great rockery

By Jim Rutherford &  
Nolan Sawatzky

Lithodora who?

It's not a new rock band but a great rockery plant in a mystical electric blue.

Rockerries are a great solution to our topography whether steep or gently sloping.

We will treat a rock wall the same way as a rockery except the result for you can be a living wall.

Low-growing annuals are frequently used to fill gaps and to supplement the summer blush.

Ideally, the rockery should imitate a natural stone outcrop. That's not hard to find around here.

Outside the Garden Bay Post Office and John Henry's sits a perfect

example. Drive right up and have a look.

So don't fight the slope with grass. Rock it.

We find the more plants you put in, the more they choke out weeds.

In rock walls, if aggressive maples, firs or hemlocks get established, these trees are strong enough to blow your wall apart.

We hack them back and cover the trunks or other unwanted bushy vegetation with black plastic bags, held in place with big hairpins cut out of old coat hangers.

The black plastic, by cutting off the saplings/trunks from sunlight, is a sure killer without using chemicals that may leach down the wall.

Lack of sunlight will kill anything — well, maybe not mushrooms.

Rock plants are very forgiving. They are drought tolerant and soil non-specific and topsoil pockets, strategically placed, will do fine.

If you're using a landscape fabric — and you should — use the heavy vinyl-backed ones which are still moisture permeable but last a lot longer than the simple fabric ones.

Don't worry if the fabric bunches up on you. Hide it under a rock.

To insert the plants into the fabric, an old serrated knife will easily cut a hole the size you need.

One great advantage of rockery plants is that you can start small. Translated, that means inexpensive.

In a bit of shade you can always fall back on our local dagger/sword fern or, for full sun, our wild campion.

Beware of some invasive plants like English ivy. You may curse the day you planted it, because once you have it you always will.

Glacial, needlepoint and pinpoint ivy are very controllable or easy to rip out at will.

In a rock wall, pick a crevice and, with an old broomstick end, bung in sphagnum moss as deep as you can. The moss will wick forward any localized moisture. Then ram in your soil and your plant.

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times as a growing plant, they're easy to grow but — and isn't there always a but — allium moly can be invasive.

Alyssums are two distinct groups.

Bedding alyssums are hardy annuals, often partnered with lobelias to provide quick summer colour.

They are traditionally white but nowadays available in pink, purple or red.

Note: Annuals will need a lot more watering in the summer heat than the established perennials.

Rockery alyssums are quite different. The flowers are usually yellow.

The plants are perennials and the usual partner is aubrietia.

Aubrietia or rock cress welcomes spring in full flower, cascading down a wall or over rocks. The grey-green evergreen leaves are downy and between late March and early June are covered with masses of 3/4" blooms. It's easy and tolerant but, again, it can get invasive so cut back after flowering.

Thymus or thyme, is a basic feature of herb gardeners.

The carpeting varieties will give you sheets of colour or fill in cracks between pavers. It will happily withstand foot traffic and has the added bonus of being fragrant when crushed this way.

Remember to cut back the stems of bushy types in spring.

Thyme will not succeed if your soil is acid (like our local soil) or heavy (high clay content), so adjust the soil pockets to suit.

Add lime to sweeten acidic soil and sand/leaf mold (leaf mulch) to "lift" the texture of heavy soils.

A soaker hose will work fine to dampen your plantings. Use a timer and leave it for a season until the

plants are settled in.

Perhaps a hint is to set the soaker up slope for a rockery and at the top-back of a rock wall, where the big boulders stop.

This way the water can percolate down the back of the rocks and wick forward to your plants.

There are so many wonderful

plants we can't get to in the column because of space so ask your local nursery and the "locals" will gladly point you in the right direction.

'Til we rock again.

## Why fix it now?

Very often after the dentist examines a patient's teeth and goes over the treatment options, the question is

"If it isn't broken right now, why fix it?"

While it may be true that there are no clinical symptoms at the present, there may be advantages to treating some teeth before they cause problems.

Your dentist can often predict which teeth will eventually fail.

By taking action now we are able to prevent dental emergencies and restorative complications.

Treatment can be scheduled at a convenient time.

The most obvious indication that a tooth will fail is the presence of decay.

Tooth decay is a slow progressive disease that does not always present symptoms until it is quite advanced.

Most new cavities occur on the biting surfaces or in between teeth and are easily diagnosed during a dental exam.

More difficult to diagnose but very common are cavities around old restorations.

Once the seal on a filling or crown is no longer intact, the tooth around the restoration may start to slowly decay.

Intact (non-filled) teeth are very strong and very resistant to fracture, however the strength of a tooth is dramatically decreased once a filling is placed.

In most cases a filled tooth is strong enough to function normally, but when over half the biting surface is filled the underlying tooth is prone to crack.

Continual flexing of the unsupported tooth creates small cracks that eventually lead to a fracture.

This usually occurs over a long period of time and for some reason the final fracture will happen while only eating bread or some other soft food!

A crown is the treatment of choice for teeth that have excessively large restorations.

The function of a crown is to hold the tooth together much like a casing.

Placing a crown on a tooth with a large filling or evidence of a crack before the tooth fractures will likely prevent the tooth from breaking.

Waiting until the tooth breaks may cause more problems.

So even if you do not have symptoms, sometimes it is best to fix it even if it isn't broken!

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Karen Dyck

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Area A Seniors Housing Society

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A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Muriel Cameron** who filled the hole in front of the Community Hall with a pail of rocks and cement while the rest of us kept passing the buck. Hooray for Muriel.

Sunny Charboneau

A Royal Seal of Approval to all the **parents who helped out with the May Queen Float and the Kids Dance.** Everything went beautifully. Thanks to everyone involved with making May Day 2009 so much fun.

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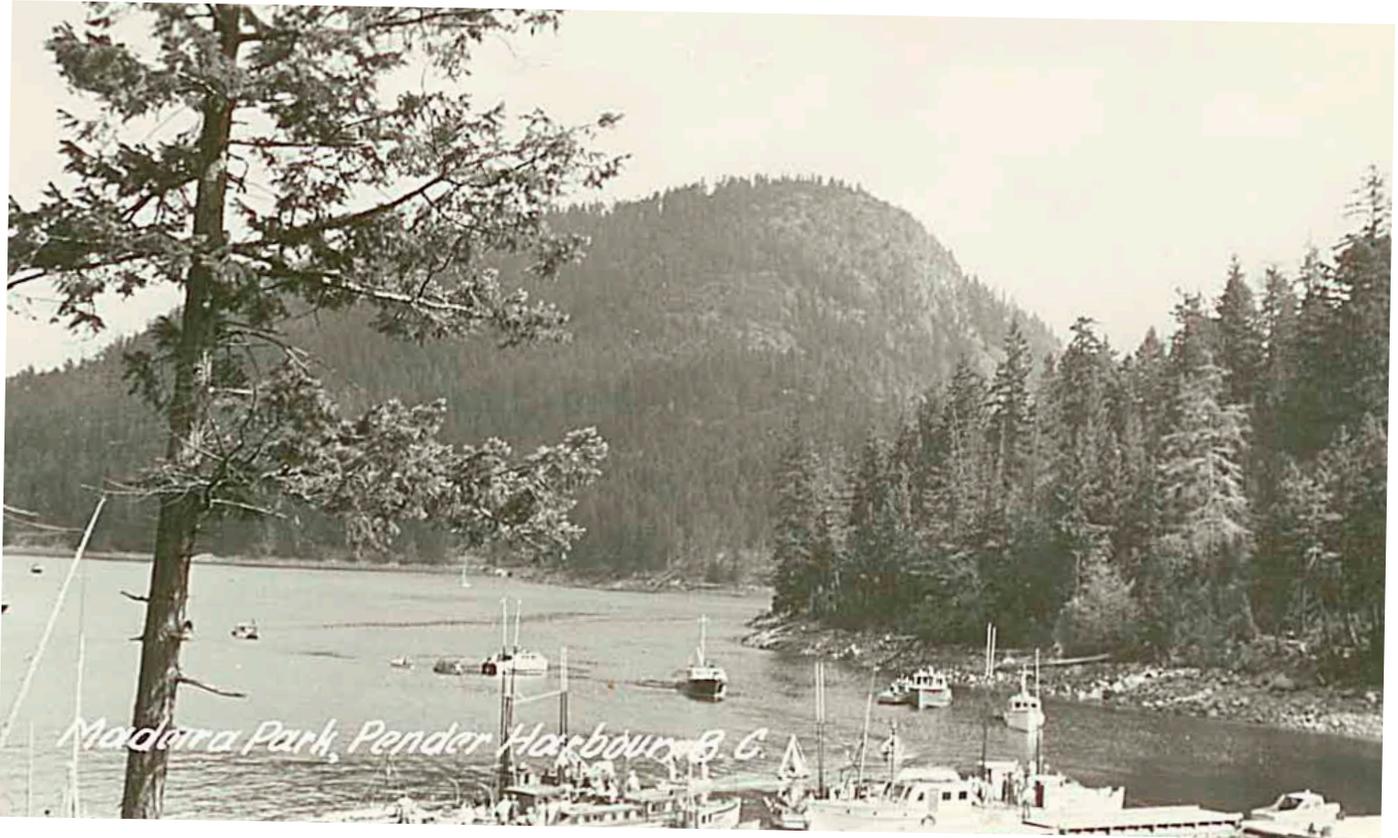
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Over the years, careful monitoring of the Framingham Study population has led to the identification of the major CVD risk factors.

They include high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, smoking, obesity, diabetes, and physical inactivity.

It also contributed a great deal of valuable information about the effects of related factors such as blood triglycerides and HDL cholesterol levels, age, gender and psychosocial issues.

Your risk factors fall into two groups: controllable and non-controllable.

Non-controllable, or fixed factors are such things age, gender, genetics or ethnic origin.

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They include smoking, diet, blood pressure, obesity, stress and activity level.

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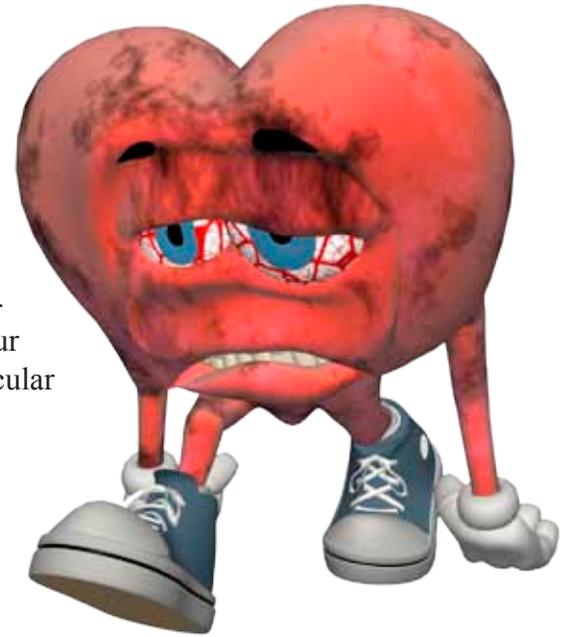
The program aims to identify your modifiable risks and offer practical ways to increase your chances of preventing cardiovascular events.

It takes information such as blood pressure, weight, cholesterol levels, smoking history and activity level and calculates your cardiovascular age.

The purpose of this detailed assessment tool is to:

- identify persons with high risk as well as reassure those with low risk.
- provide simple but informative reports to participants which they can share with their doctors.
- provide current recommended Canadian target numbers for ideal weights, cholesterol, blood pressure, minutes of activity, effects of smoking cessation and more.

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 June 6 ~ **Hugh Skinner, June Malaka, Muriel Stiglitz and Holly Seabrook .**  
 June 7 ~ **Irene Pratchett, Russell Silvey, Ron Cymbalist, Marlene Cymbalist and Marie Hill.**  
 June 9 ~ **Dennis Gaudet and Bill Cochet.**  
 June 10 ~ **Darren Vickers and Rob Hoehn.**  
 June 11 ~ **Kathy MacGreggor.**  
 June 12 ~ **Ken Walters, Kim Cabral and John Griffith.**  
 June 13 ~ **Doug Silvey, Pat McQueen and Amber McKeeman.**  
 June 14 ~ **Mack Duncan and Rick Shymanski.**  
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June 16 ~ **Sonny Reid, Rod Cummings, Paula Vickers, Britney Carswell and Derek Youngs.**  
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 June 21 ~ **Willa Schroeder and Terri Honeybourne.**  
 June 22 ~ **Pat Walsh.**  
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 June 25 ~ **Aisha Chalk.**  
 June 26 ~ **Gerry Krantz, Tammy Holt and Brienne Gilkes.**  
 June 27 ~ **Barrie Wilbee, Aleazah Charboneau, Kelsey Clay and Neville Lincoln.**  
 June 29 ~ **Lorna Edwardson, Fred Hunsche, Ambrose Mees and Mark Mills.**  
 June 30 ~ **Hanna Stoutenburg.**

**JUNE ASTROLOGY**

**MAY 21–JUNE 21 (GEMINI)**

The Twins, butterflies by nature, flit from one attraction to the next. Unpredictable and easily bored, they have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming. Gemini personalities can sometimes be described as a half-and half mixture of Socrates and Michelangelo, but most resemble a hybrid of Prince and Bea Arthur.

**JUNE 21–JULY 22 (CANCER)**

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## OF JUNE

### JUNE WEATHER

#### TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high June temperature is 18.7 C and low is 12.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 15.6 C.

The highest June temperature recorded is 29.9 C (June 1, 1978); the lowest is 5.6 C (June 1, 1966).

#### PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

June averages 10 days with rainfall and a 46.9 mm total. June has an average of 230.1 hours of bright sunshine. The highest daily rainfall recorded in June is 41.9 mm (June 10, 1972).

## PHOTOJOURNAL



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The Egmont Heritage Centre invites everyone to view master carver Arnie Jones working on a 24-foot totem pole at the Centre over the summer season. Carving days are Fridays and Saturdays.



**DATE/TIME - SIZE** (small, medium, large, extra large),  
**EBB (-), FLOOD (+)** - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide moving into Sechelt Inlet).

June 1	12:50 am +M, 6:29 pm -M
June 2	2:09 pm +L, 7:49 pm -M
June 3	8:29 am -XL, 3:16 pm +L
June 4	10:16 am +XL, 4:15 pm +XL
June 5	10:59 am -XL, 5:07 pm +XL
June 6	11:33am -XL, 5:53 pm +XL
June 7	11:06 am -L, 6:34 am +XL
June 8	11:22 am -XL, 7:13 pm +XL
June 9	11:50 am -XL, 7:48 pm +XL
June 10	12:23 am -XL, 8:20 pm +XL
June 11	12:58 pm -XL, 8:48 pm +XL
June 12	7:22 am +S, 1:37 pm -L
June 13	8:19 am +S, 2:21 pm -L
June 14	9:45 am +S, 3:13 pm -L
June 15	11:21 am +S, 4:14 pm -M
June 16	12:28 pm +M, 5:28 pm -M
June 17	1:26 pm +L, 6:59 pm -S
June 18	2:39 pm +L, 8:26 pm -S
June 19	7:18 am -L, 3:43 pm +L
June 20	8:15 am -XL, 4:43 pm +XL
June 21	9:38 am -XL, 5:38 pm +XL
June 22	10:42 am -XL, 6:28 pm +XL
June 23	1:35 am -XL, 7:12 pm +XL
June 24	12:26 am -XL, 7:55 pm +XL
June 25	1:18 pm -XL, 8:32 pm +XL
June 26	2:15 pm -XL, 9:08 pm +XL
June 27	8:34 am +M, 3:00 pm -L
June 28	10:00 am +M, 3:56 pm -L
June 29	11:24 pm +M, 5:01 pm -M
June 30	12:48 pm +L, 6:19 pm -S

*These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.*

Together we build a welcoming  
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The Welcome BC project and the ESL students at Capilano University invite you to join us to talk about what it means to be welcoming and inclusive.

**COMMUNITY FORUM IN SECHELT**  
**FRIDAY, June 12, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm**  
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• Rotary Club (noon Fri. Garden Bay Pub).....	883-1350
• Royal Cdn Legion 112.....	883-2235
• Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....	883-9994
• St. Andrew's Anglican Church .....	883-9927
• St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.) .....	883-2563
• Seniors' Housing Society (3rd Thur.).....	883-9883
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• Women's Cancer Support .....	883-9708
• Women's Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.) .....	883-9313
• Women's Outreach Services.....	741-5246

## ~ ORGANIZATIONS ~

### COMMUNITY FORUM ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

What does it mean to be a welcoming and inclusive community? Learn more about cultural diversity on the Sunshine Coast and work together to finalize the drafted community accord at a Community Forum in Sechelt on Friday, June 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Seaside Centre, 5790 Teredo St. Lunch will be served and transportation is provided or reimbursable. RSVP to Jan Smalley, Pender Harbour Community School, by June 9 or e-mail: [jan.phcs@dccnet.com](mailto:jan.phcs@dccnet.com) or call (604) 883-2826

The forum is hosted by the Sunshine Coast's "Welcome BC" project and the ESL students at Capilano University. The project is administered by Chatelech Sechelt Community School. Present supporters are Capilano University, Community Futures, Lighthouse Learning Network, Sunshine Coast Employment Centre, Pender Harbour Community School, Town of Gibsons and the Sechelt Indian Band.

### PENDER HARBOUR MUSIC SOCIETY

**The Pender Harbour Music Society Annual General Meeting has been postponed.** Originally scheduled for June 1, the AGM will now take place on June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

### EGMONT HERITAGE CENTRE

Egmont Heritage Centre is open full-time for the summer. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

Native artist Arnold Jones will be carving a 24 foot totem pole at the Egmont Heritage Centre this summer. Carving takes place on Fridays and Saturdays. Call for other times or to schedule a group viewing: 883-9994.

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## Pender Harbour Blues Festival rolls through June 5 to 7

By Peter van Deursen

Welcome to the sixth annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival.

This year's lineup features two of Vancouver's finest blues guitarists and one very lovely lady.

### RUSSELL MARSLAND - JUNE 5

The festival's opening act on Friday night is Russell Marsland.

Marsland has appeared on stage with Ray Charles, James Brown, and the Allman Brothers Band. Russ has a down to earth blues style all his own, and his new CD, "Dig Deep," has been called a journey into the heart of the blues. With influences that include soul, jazz, and world beat, Russell's music is a serious groove — soulful and funky.

### JOANI BYE - JUNE 6

Joani Bye has been entertaining for over two decades with performances at Vancouver concert halls and nightclubs, including the Commodore Ballroom and the Yale Hotel.

She has appeared on stage with Cher, David Bowie and Jon Bon Jovi, to name a few. Joanie's warm voice and audience-friendly style will grace the stage at the Garden Bay Pub on Saturday night.

### TIM HEARSEY - JUNE 7

The festival's closing act on

Sunday afternoon is Vancouver rocker Tim Hearsey.

Hearsey brings his brand of Chicago blues with a killer guitar style.

Tim will also appear on Saturday night with Joani Bye who will return the favour on Sunday, along with Russ Marsland, for a one-hour All Star Jam beginning at 2 p.m.

After the first set, Tim will be on his own with the house band to bring the Pender Harbour Blues Festival to a rocking close.

Appearing with this year's headliners will be a smokin' house band.

Bassist Dennis Marcenko played bass in k. d. Lang's original band, The

Reclines, as well as contributing to Colin James' first two albums.

Drummer Andy McQueen has performed with the Powder Blues, the Continentals, Prism and Lisa Brokop.

Sax player Tom Colclough has a huge list of credits and is just back from Philadelphia where he was playing with Billy Joel.

Peter van Deursen is a local musician who plays a Hammond B3 organ and has made numerous appearances with Incognito, Oliver Conway, Muddy Fraser, Tim Porter and Willie McCaulder, among others.

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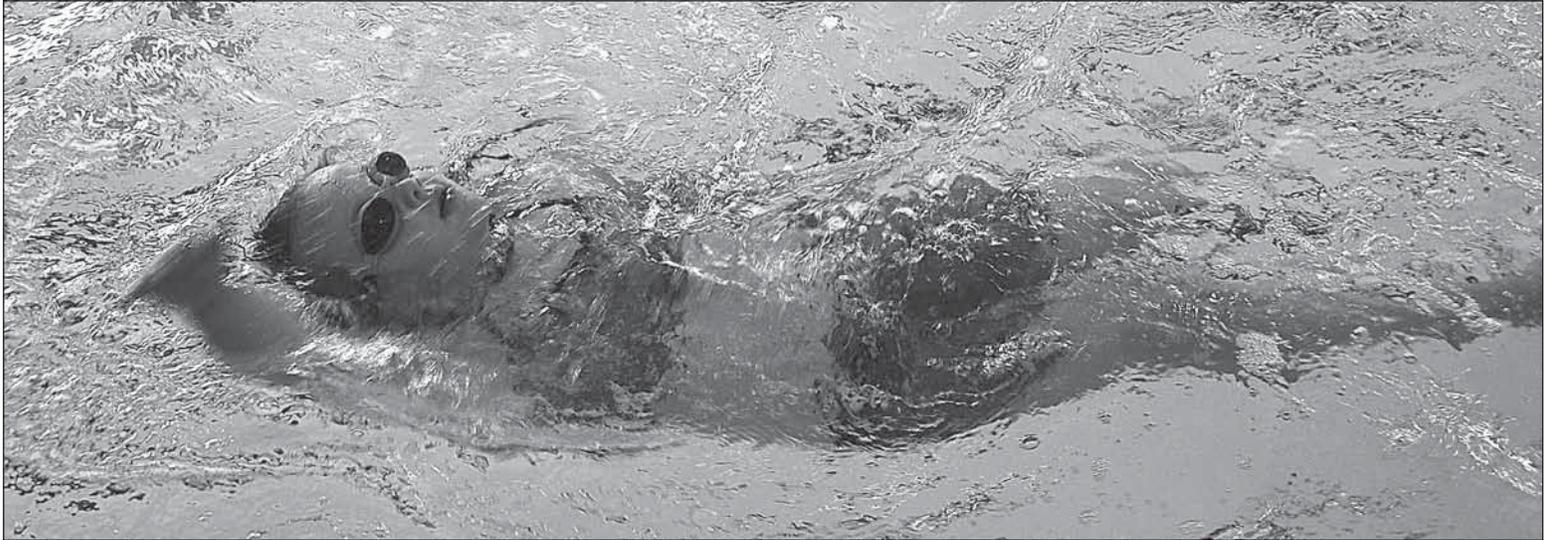
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## Pender Harbour Seals first season goes swimmingly



Six-year-old Julia Massullo powers through the back stroke.

It's been years since Pender Harbour had its own swim team but the Harbour Seals have come back.

The 10 or so kids who make up the team have just completed their first season swimming at the Pender Harbour Aquatic Centre.

Coaches Robert Hynd, Kim

Watts and Gwen Walwyn are already looking forward to building on the tremendous improvements in stamina and technique they've seen this season.

The team members range in age from 6 to 14 and practise once a week.

After an hour in the pool, they hit the gym for a half hour of dry-land training where they work on core strength and flexibility.

Coaching competitive swimming involves more than just improving stroke technique and stamina.

A large part involves teaching kids the fundamentals of training while keeping the practices fun.

"Being able to read a pace clock and to do sets and starts and turns and all that kind of thing differentiates lake swimming from competitive

speed swimming," says Hynd.

"There's a lot more to it than just swimming around but we throw sprints and relays in for fun at the end."

Hynd says they've made huge gains this year especially considering the fact they practise only one afternoon per week.

Two members of the team, Brandon Ewen and Matthew Silvey, competed against the Chinook Swim Club at a meet in Sechelt in February and dominated.

Hynd hopes to see more of the swimmers compete next year and says they'll be a registered club with Swim BC by January.

Coach Hynd is also Dr. Hynd, the local dentist.

He says he grew up in a pool and



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knows what it can do for kids.

Hynd swam competitively with the Regina Dolphins from the age of 6 until he was 20.

They were the No. 1 team in the country for four years in a row and says his coach placed a huge emphasis on the team aspect of competitive swimming.

“There’s a misconception that it’s an individual sport,” says Hynd.

“But you would never be able to go to swimming all the time, you’d never be able to finish those long practices if there weren’t people beside you doing the same thing.

“It’s almost like peer pressure — I never missed a practice and neither did any of my buddies because you

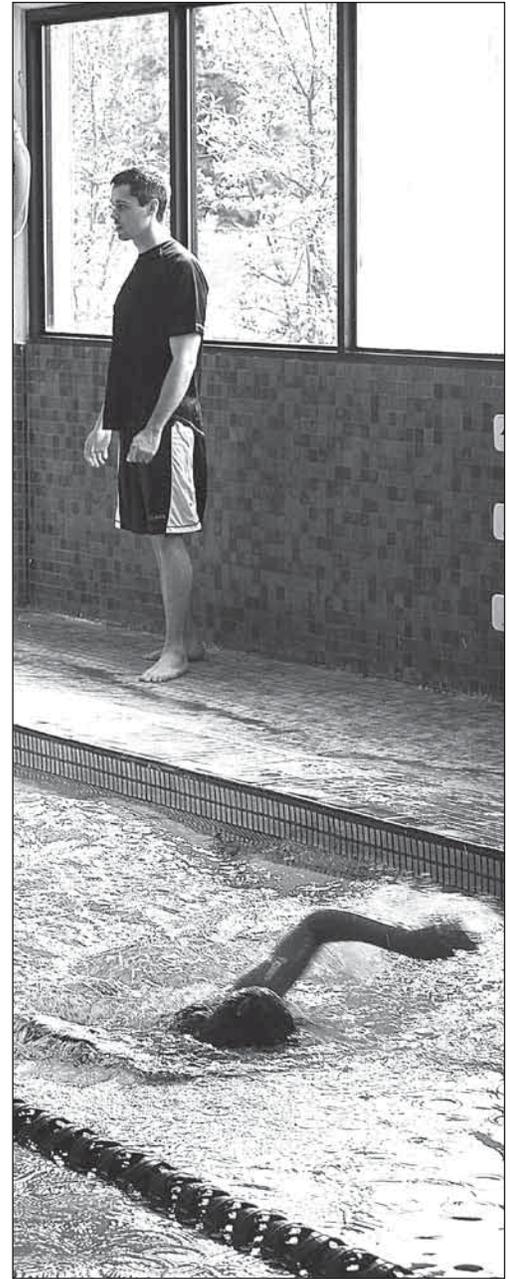
didn’t want them to come down on you.”

After leaving the Regina Dolphins, Hynd swam with his University of Saskatchewan team but says he also coached for a number of years.

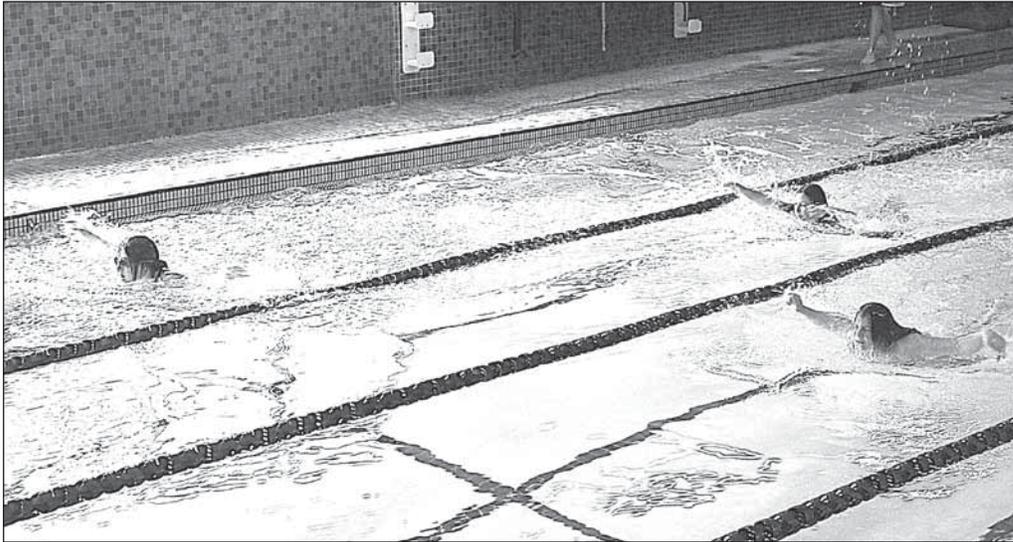
He says swimming allowed him to travel all over North America to compete and he’d like to instill in the Pender Club the kind of work ethic and enthusiasm he experienced throughout his swimming career.

“I grew up with a serious sense of team,” says Hynd.

“When I talk to these guys I always refer to ‘Your teammates this, your teammate that,’ because, in my life, that’s worked out good.”



Coach Robert Hynd looks on as he puts the Pender Harbour Seals Swim Club through another workout.



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## PHSS soccer girls find success on the road



Rowen Christie photo

The Pender girls soccer team posing for a photo in Osoyoos where they took the third place trophy in a tournament with 15 teams.

*By Jenna Scott*

The Pender Harbour Secondary School Girls soccer team had high hopes for this season and they haven't disappointed.

In mid-May the team competed in the zone showdown in Pemberton with an intensity never before seen.

They out-passed, out-muscled and all around out-played their first opponent from Whistler.

A goal from Tayler Metcalfe tied it up 1-1.

But an unfortunate bounce during one of Whistler's few opportunities gave the girls an undeserved loss.

Next on the agenda was Pemberton.

Pender did everything but hit the back of the net.

The girls were finally rewarded for their hard work during their next match against Mount Currie.

Despite being exhausted, they dominated the field with a 3-0 win.

Next they were off to Osoyoos for the Rural Public School Invitational Tournament.

After a day of fun spent in the town, the girls got right down to business.

It was quickly apparent that the Pender Harbour Girls were the team to beat.

Friday saw them play three games — winning in all.

The girls played with poise and confidence, even when placed in the difficult situation of a shoot-out.

That confidence proved to be key in their domination with stellar shots from all five shooters.

The Pender girls' squad dominated the next two games, frustrating the other teams with a display of superior passing.

The girls were rewarded for their hard work by winning three games in one day — a feat not easily achieved.

At this point, the girls were placed in the top four out of 15 teams and found themselves playing the semi-final game against the home team Osoyoos.

The girls were tired from three games on Wednesday and three games on Friday, and it showed.

At halftime the girls found themselves down one to nothing.

The deficit sparked a wake-up call and in the second half, Osoyoos was outworked and outchanced by the Pender ladies.

With less than five minutes left, Lauren Storoschuk scored to force the

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# PHSS Sackinaws rugby squad on a roll

*By Rowen Christie*

The Pender Harbour Secondary senior boys rugby team has opened their season with a perfect 5-0 record.

The team started their winning ways with back to back victories over their Sechelt rival Chatelech Secondary School.

After decisive wins at the recent Kamloops Rugby Fest, the team is now preparing for upcoming matches against Whistler and Argyle Secondary.

The dedication of coaches Mike Cyr and Johnny Gideon and the support from sponsor Jeff Marshall have played a huge role in the building of this talented team.



Rowen Christie photo

The PHSS Rugby squad playing at the Kamloops Rugby Fest. Keeping their eye on the goal of a perfect season, the team is determined to strike down any opponent who might threaten to deny it.

Pender girls soccer (cont.)  
game to overtime.

Still the game was dominated by Pender but ended in a shootout, going to a sixth shooter.

The girls ended up losing the game but not their Pender spirit as they went on to play for the third place trophy.

The exhausted Pender team found the last of their energy to shut down the top scoring team with the top scoring player of the whole tournament.

With a goal from Arhea Howitt and stellar play by goalie Nicole Polacek, Pender would win 1-0 for third place.

Pender Harbour Secondary has never had a soccer trophy and words can't describe the excitement felt on the soccer field this day.

Game MVPs went to Lauren Storoschuk, Ryleigh Milligan, Arhea Howitt, Michelle Polacek and Jenna Scott.

Selected for an all-star team with players from all the teams were Lauren Storoschuk and Angie Goodwin.

Despite the individual accolades handed out, every player on the team was needed and contributed to the success.

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The team can't wait to see what can be accomplished next season.

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## Wagamese and Hendry: Of polluted lives and native rivers



By Theresa Kishkan

In 2005, the Ojibway writer Richard Wagamese moved to Paul Lake, near Kamloops.

Now a respected journalist and novelist, Wagamese's childhood and adolescence were characterized by a trajectory of abuse, foster homes, and self-destruction.

At Paul Lake, following years of therapy and now with a loving partner, he found that early morning walks in

clear air "allowed...the grace of recollection."

*One Native Life* (Douglas and McIntyre, 2008) is a book of those recollections, a moving and powerful memoir. It's also an offering:

"When you know your neighbours, when you can lean over the fence and hear each other's stories, you foster understanding, harmony and community."

In short vignettes and meditations, the reader follows a boy through the rituals of learning to fish with a compassionate foster father and watching Sunday television in 1965 when Bonanza's Cartwright family "gave us adventure and romance...We never missed it."

An old General Electric transistor radio filled him with music, Chicago blues and rock 'n roll, as well as news of the world.

"I heard Curt Gowdy call the 1966 World Series... China developed the H-bomb in 1967, the first heart transplant was performed in South Africa, the United States began bombing Hanoi, Jayne Mansfield was killed in a car crash..."

A neighbour shows him how to find Arcturus.

"We all need someone to offer us wonder. We all need someone to share

the Great Mystery of the universe, to allow us to see into it even a fraction. Then, when we've discovered it for ourselves, we need to offer it to others."

After time on the streets, drifting from job to job, Wagamese reconnected with his Ojibway family, experiencing at first "the awkwardness of strangers who bore the same blood and history and wounds." He slowly learns to speak Ojibway: "That first word opened the door to my culture. When I spoke it I stepped over the threshold into a new way of understanding myself and

my place in the world. Until then I had been like a guest in my own life, standing around waiting for someone to explain things for me. That one word made me an inhabitant."

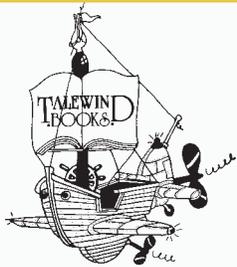
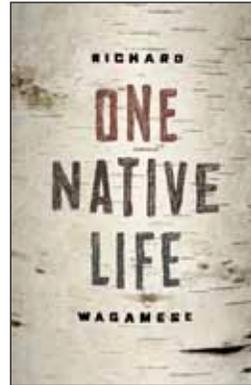
Included in *One Native Life* are brief observations on land claims, treaty issues and the 1969 White Paper on Indian policy. These are insightful and thought-provoking. Wagamese's Canada is a song:

"There are ancient notes in its chorus, voices sprung from Metis roots, Ojibway, Cree, Micmac and then French, German, Scottish and English. It's a magnificent cacophony... It wouldn't be Canada with one voice less."

Richard Wagamese will present the Bruce Hutchison Memorial Lecture at the Festival of the Written Arts in Sechelt on August 15, an event worth attending.

A young writer from Roberts Creek will also be at the Festival of the Written Arts this summer.

Rebecca Hendry has just published her first novel, *Grace River*



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(Brindle & Glass, 2009), and I can highly recommend it for its gritty portrayal of a group of friends living in a smelter town in B.C.'s Interior.

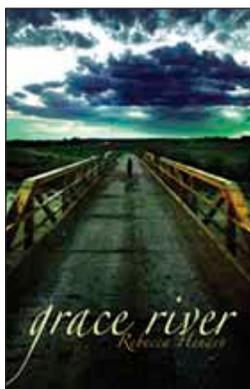
“Suddenly you turn a bend and there they are — the giant smokestacks of AXIS Smelting and its network of metal-sided buildings reaching out around the town like the arms of a protective parent.”

The novel is told from the perspective of four young people. Three of them, Jessie, Daniel and Jackson have been friends since childhood. The fourth, free-spirit Kali, has recently moved to Grace River.

Their versions of the place intertwine and knot together and sometimes unravel. Hendry is a skillful writer; the voices are subtly different from each other, serving to keep the narrative interesting and lively.

She's also funny. In describing the town, Jessie mentions “the Chinese restaurant that I've never seen a person eat in since the rat foo yung story, and the discount clothing store that sells cheap underwear that loses the elastic in the waist so they wind up bunching up under your jeans and driving you crazy.”

Some people have wondered



about the toxin levels in Grace River as well as in the bodies of those working at the smelter but have been reassured that everything is just fine. When an environmentalist comes to Grace River on behalf of the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency to investigate down-river pollution, his arrival coincides with a series of events that change the lives of everyone in the town. The uneasy relationships that exist between workers, managers, husbands, wives, parents and their children are tested and challenged.

The legacy of decades of slag dumping by the Teck Cominco smelter in Trail as well as the exposure of its workers to thallium in 2001 sound strong echoes in these pages. Yet Hendry has created an original novel with its own keenly-observed locus. Her writing is pungent with specific plants, summer heat and spilled beer at the Steelworkers Inn.

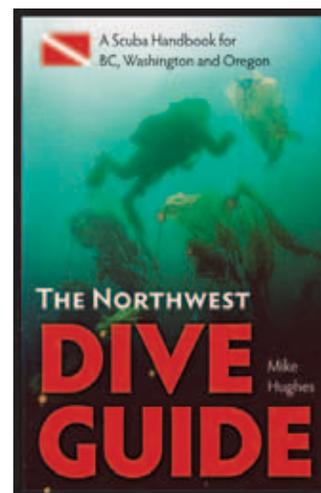
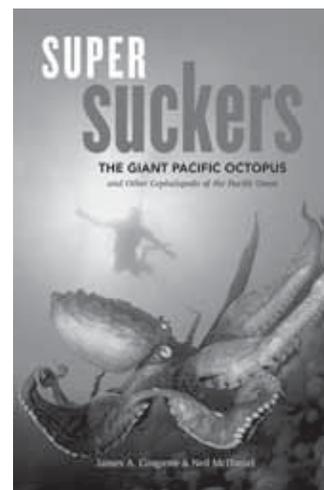
Grace River opens with an epigraph from Tanaka Shozo: “The care of rivers is not a question of rivers, but of the human heart.”

To Rebecca Hendry's credit, she makes the reader care about both the river of her story as well as the hearts of those who live in its proximity.

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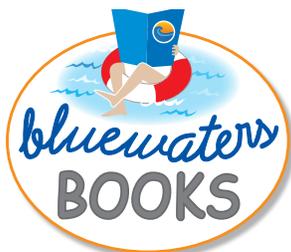
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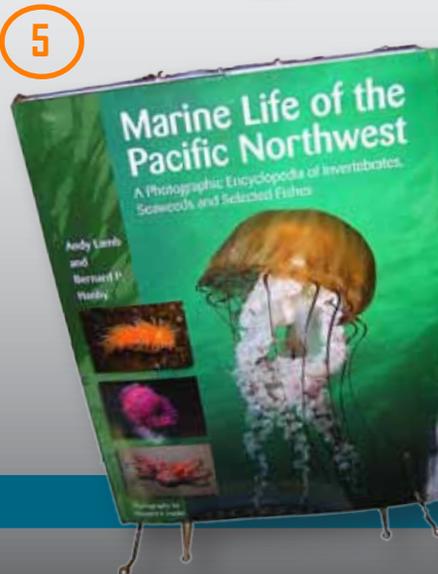
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# LOCAL SHOPPING GUIDE



## Damp day for men's stroke play

By Jan Watson



### SECOND ANNUAL MASTERS PAR THREE TOURNEY

On a lovely sunny day, 10 teams participated in this

fun event.

The winning team with 147 was Mickey McMillan, Eldy Gandy, Reni Ducich and Doug Rae after a tie breaker with Dave Carlsen, Bruce Forbes, Jamie Tufford & Peter Kenny.

Individual winners were, for the men, Rusty Ellis with 28 and for the ladies, Jan Watson with 33.

Kps on No. 3 were Rusty Ellis and Reni Ducich and on No. 6 Rusty Ellis

and Jan Watson.

There was a special contest shooting from beside the clubhouse to the ninth green and the closest to the pin winner was Mickey McMillan.

### MEN'S CLUB

May 5 was a little wet so only 16 men braved the day for Stroke Play.

Low Gross winner Brian Disney 79 with runner up Doug Provost 84. Low Net Winner Ian Archer 67 and second Al Wendland 68.

Kp on No. 3 was Terry Cowan and on No. 6 it was Ian Archer.

On May 12 the men played a 14 club scramble (14 clubs between 4 players).

The winners with a 73 were Doug Provost, John Forward, Glenn McCu-

aig and Ian Archer.

Kp on No. 3 was Verne Bullock and on No. 6 John Cameron took it.

### LADIES CLUB

On May 7 was regular stroke play with winner Pat Hallborg decided by hidden score.

The highlight of the day was one of our newer golfers, Heather Cranston, breaking 100 for the first time.

May 14 saw Blind Teams picked by draw after play and the winners were Gloria Wetmore, Barb Nuttall and Heather Cranston with 232.

The Ladies Steak Night & Scramble on May 15 was the first of

the season and as always was a lot of fun.

Four teams played on a beautiful evening and the scores were all very close.

The winning team was Nora Brooks, Heather Cranston and Barb Nuttall with a 37 while the other three teams all shot 39.

Golf was followed by a lovely dinner, lots of laughs and BS.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31: Garden Bay Golf Tournament

June 12: Ladies Steak Night & Scramble

June 15: First Monday Night Mixed Scramble

June 27: Royal Canadian Legion Br 112 Golf Tournament

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## Insert your favourite headline here...



By Shane McCune

If newspapers disappear it isn't the muckraking exposés or lyrical features I'll miss most. I'm hopeful they will find new homes in magazines or online.

No, I'll miss the bits in the back, the crosswords and comic strips. Most of all I'll miss the headlines.

Of course, the web teems with clever headlines. But they are seldom written in real headline-ese, an argot heavy on short, beefy nouns and verbs and light on modifiers and articles, found in English-language newspapers everywhere, but spoken nowhere.

Some say the greatest headline ever published was the New York Post's 1983 classic,

### **HEADLESS BODY IN TOPLESS BAR**

Type size is now a fluid concept, thanks to computers' "rubberized" fonts that can be squeezed or stretched to fit the available space. But in the days of moveable type or photo-offset printing, the headline writer had little wiggle room.

Using pencil and paper, a layout editor drew a "dummy" of the page with specified spaces for body copy, photos and headlines. Big type at the top of the page, smaller type toward the bottom.

If the dummy said the headline had to be one column wide, three lines deep in 36-point type, that was that.

Years ago I worked with an affable chap named Murdoch Macleod who had previously toiled at the Lethbridge Herald. There he wrote one of those narrow heads for a story about a local man arrested on a drunk and disorderly charge.

The fingerprints matched those found on the empty case of a valuable violin stolen sometime earlier, and he was convicted of the theft.

Cramming as many elements as he could into three lines, Murdoch came up with:

### **DRUNK GETS 9 MONTHS IN VIOLIN CASE**

These space constraints were largely responsible for the stubby words of headline-ese.

"Investigation" becomes "probe," as in this headline from the Vancouver Sun:

### **PLANE TOO CLOSE TO GROUND, CRASH PROBE TOLD**

Nobody enjoys outstanding — or egregious — headlines more than newspaper folk themselves. The Columbia  
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Journalism Review is a high-minded arbiter of the trade's standards and ethics, but every newsie who picks it up turns immediately to a feature at the back called "The Lower case" featuring bloopers sent in by reporters and editors — often from their own papers. Examples:

### **HOT DOG FIRM IN NEW HANDS**

### **CHILD'S STOOL GREAT FOR USE IN GARDEN**

### **WOMAN BETTER AFTER BEING THROWN FROM HIGHRISE**

There was no shortage of headline wit at The Province, where I worked for more than 20 years. When it was announced that Prince Charles and Princess Diana would attend the opening of Expo 86, the front page trumpeted:

### **SEE EXPO AND DI**

The most infamous Province headline is undoubtedly:

### **TOP RED DEAD**

It refers to the death of one of those short-lived leaders of the Soviet Union before Mikhail Gorbachev.

It might have been Yuri Andropov, who spent most of his brief term dying, although the Kremlin kept insisting he just had a cold or a touch of the flu. When he hadn't been seen in public for several months, Province deskier Will Wigle submitted the headline:

### **WHITHER ANDROPOV?**

It didn't run. But he had better luck with a story that suggested Beijing might offer political asylum to ousted Yugoslavian president Slobodan Milosevic:

### **SLOBO TO CHINA?**

I was at the Montreal weekly Sunday Express in October 1973, when U.S. President Richard Nixon fired Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, prompting the resignation of Attorney General Elliot Richardson. This happened on a Saturday, and the Express was then the only English-language Sunday paper in the city, so we ran the story front page.

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**GRADE 7**

Matteo Alps Mocellin, Alex Christian, Devon Dunsford, Renee Harper, Christopher Lawson, Zach Mansbridge-Fafard, Emily Reid, Matthew Silvey, Solveig van Wersch, Rick Wagner.

Honourable Mention: Maria LaMarche, Matthew Watts.

**GRADE 8**

Brandon Ewen, Carly Fielding, Charlotte Gray, Arhea Howitt, Ryleigh Lightbourn, Brianna Milligan, Alanah Nichols, Quinn Paul, Sahara Ramsey, William Reid, Max Shoemaker, Savannah Sosa, Shaylen Sosa.

Honourable Mention: Heather Howery, Paige Nattall.

**GRADE 9**

Emma Carillo, Khoya Craig, Sarah Dybwad, Joel Field, Raine Gauthier, Maciek Glowacki, Angela Goodwin, Courtney Hanna, Sam Langfield, Luke Roose, Brandon Rouleau, Elizabeth Rowlands, Kari Scott, Allison Scoular, Khol Whitehead, Madison Williams-Rice.

Honourable Mention: Samantha Howitt

**GRADE 10**

Chloe Christie, Mike Chrystall, Breanna Clay, Shelby Crawford-Wilson, Shelby Foley, Cyrus Foster, Eileen Glowacki, Mitchell Jones, Rebecca Kelly, Taylor McKay, Ryleigh Milligan, Stephanie Nichols, Aurora Noble, Travis Ramsey-Wall, Hayley Schroeder, Madison Shoemaker, Janine Snell, Lauren Storoschuk, Rowan van Wersch, Gavin Wicks, Mitchell Williams-Rice.

**GRADE 11**

Eric Bakewell, Marshal Frewin, Wesley Frewin, Kelsey Nattall, Lauren Paton, Dion Pickles-Teller, Nicole Polacek, Kelly Roach, Trevor Thorpe, Katie Woods.

Honourable Mention: Alexa Dornbierer, Katie Edwardson, Cheyenne Lightbourn, Stephanie Phillips.

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## JUNE

- Sat. May 30.....P. H. Legion Garage Sale - P. H. Legion  
 Sun. May 31.....21st Annual Garden Bay Golf Classic - P. H. Golf Club, 10 a.m.  
 Sun. May 31.....Pender Harbour Choir presents "Melodies for May" - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.  
 Sun. May 31.....Open Fires now prohibited - Pender Harbour Fire Protection District, Effective 7 p.m.  
 Mon. June 1.....Pender Harbour Music Society Annual General Meeting - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.  
 Fri. June 5.....P. H. Blues Festival free concert - Madeira Park Community Hall grounds, 1 to 3 p.m.  
 Fri. June 5.....P. H. Blues Festival presents Russell Marsland - Garden Bay Pub, 9 p.m.  
 Sat. June 6.....Egmont Day - Egmont, 9:30 a.m. thru day  
 Sat. June 6.....P. H. Blues Festival presents Joani Bye - Garden Bay Pub, 9 p.m.  
 Sat. June 6.....Colour Pizzazz w/ Barby Paulus - Fibreworks Studio  
 Sun. June 7.....Madeira Market - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.  
 Sun. June 7.....P. H. Blues Festival presents Tim Hearsay - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.  
 Sun. June 7.....Colour Pizzazz w/ Barby Paulus - Fibre Works Studio  
 Mon. June 8.....Pender Harbour Food Bank Pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon  
 Tues. June 9.....Official opening of Madeira Park StrongStart Centre - MPES, 11:30 a.m.  
 Sat. June 13.....S. C. Botanical Society presents Art in the Garden Tour - Madeira Park area, 11 a.m.  
 Sat. June 13.....Public meeting regarding the P. H. Landfill - P. H. Legion, 1:30 p.m.  
 Sun. June 14....."Too Much Guitar" w/ Oliver Gannon and Bill Coon - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.  
 Sun. June 14.....Joe Stanton and the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.  
 Wed. June 17.....Area A Seniors Housing Project AGM - Lily Lake Activity Centre, 7 p.m.  
 Thurs. June 18.....Free Cardiovascular Health Manager assessment - P. H. Health Centre, by appt.  
 Sat. June 20.....Egmont Fire Hall Opening Ceremony - Egmont Fire Hall, 1 p.m.  
 Mon. June 22.....Pender Harbour Food Bank Pick-up - P. H. Community Church, Noon  
 Wed. June 24.....Area A Advisory Planning Commission - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.  
 Sat. June 27.....P. H. Legion Golf Tournament - P. H. Golf Course  
 Sun. June 28.....Lily Lake Walking Trail Meeting/Tour - P. H. Health Centre, 1 p.m.  
 Mon. June 29.....P. H. Music Society AGM - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m. **(June 1 date cancelled.)**  
 Mon. June 29.....P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary meeting - P. H. School of Music, 1:00 pm



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Langdale	Horseshoe Bay	Earl's Cove	Saltery Bay
•6:20 a.m.	•7:20 a.m.	*6:30 a.m.	*5:35 a.m.
8:20 a.m.	9:20 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
10:20 a.m.	10:00 a.m. (Apr. 10 & May 18)	10:25 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
11:00 a.m. (Apr. 10 & May 18)	11:20 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	11:25 a.m.
12:20 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m. (May 14 / 15 only)	6:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
3:00 p.m. (May 14 / 15 only)	3:30 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m. (April 9 only)	10:10 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. (April 9 only)	5:30 p.m.		
6:30 p.m.	7:25 p.m.		
8:20 p.m.	9:15 p.m.		
10:10 p.m. (Oct. 13 / May 18 only)	11:00 p.m. (Oct. 13 / May 18 only)		

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