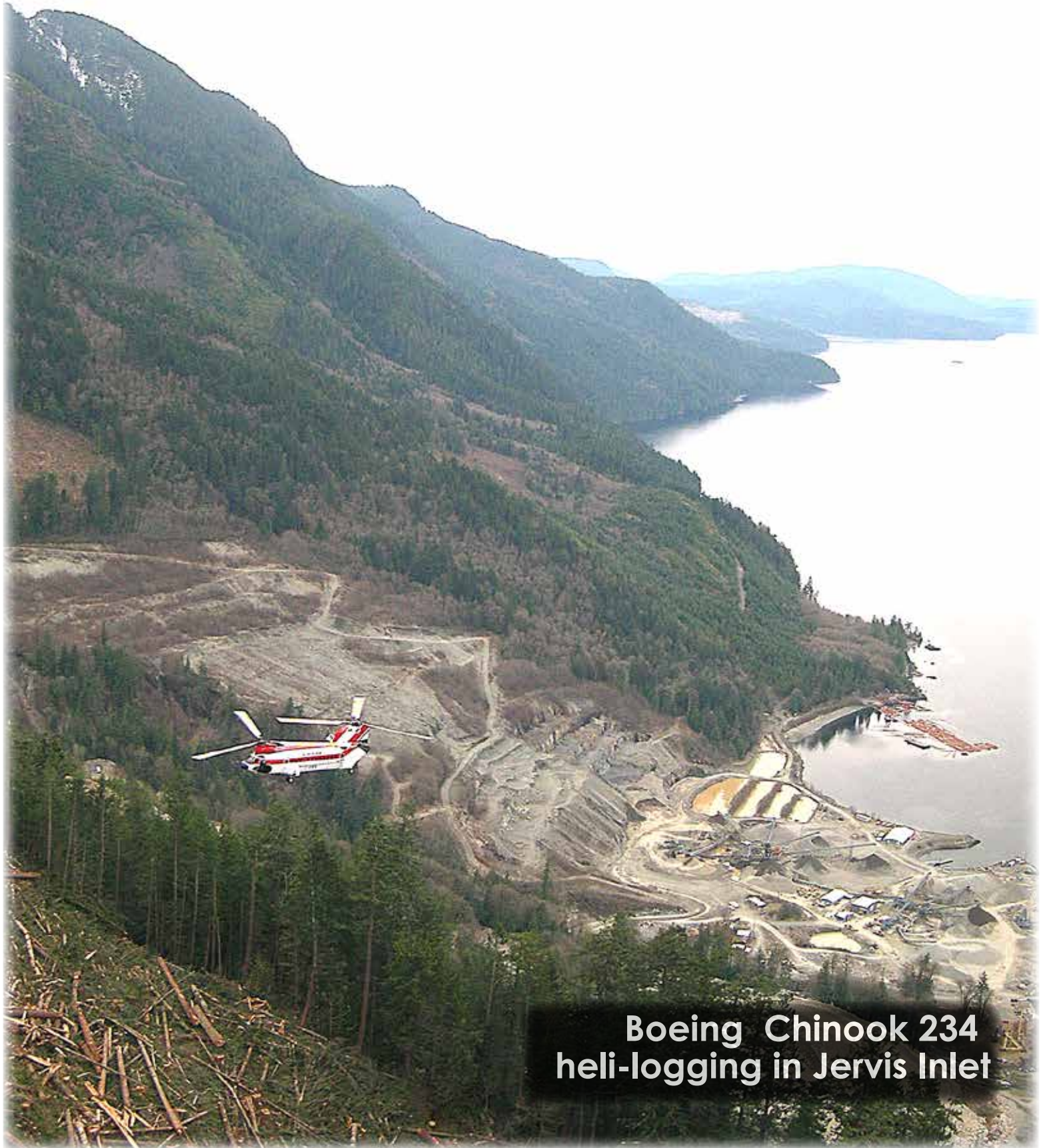


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EDITORIAL

PPA problems

By Brian Lee

During casual discussions about Pan Pacific Aggregates I keep getting asked "Which side is the Spiel on?"

As if every local issue requires a simple black and white pledge of support.

Like most, I like to think I'm on the side of what is best for our community.

It's a unique little spot we have here but we face a growing challenge to preserve the balance between working families and the new reality of part-time or retired residents.

As our elementary school suffers from enrollment that is approaching record lows, we desperately need to offer an incentive for families to stay put.

That usually means good jobs.

In November, the PPA coverage in this paper virtually ended.

Some might assume this was due to the change in ownership.

The truth is I haven't really felt the need to wade in on the issue yet and the reason is simple.

My gut instinct tell me it's a proposal that seems to have very little chance of succeeding but the proposal process is a long way from being completed so there isn't a lot of credible information on which to base an opinion.

Besides, this publication seemed to be the champion of all things PPA before I took over and I wanted to distance it from previous editorial leanings.

It seemed proper to avoid stating a public opinion.

But then, in a full page ad in the Coast Reporter, I read that the

Harbour Spiel "supports" Pan Pacific Aggregates.

Why PPA would post names of companies, some known to be vocal opponents to their project, and imply support without their permission left me mystified.

I've never done business with nor stated an opinion for or against PPA and requested that they run a retraction ad and, to their credit, they did.

The poor suckers who made the mistake of doing business with PPA weren't so lucky.

"Well, they're all happy to take our money." seemed to be the only response from the company when asked how they could justify such a blunder.

Apparently, when a local gift shop sells photocopies to PPA employees, they give up their right to chose how their business name can be used.

If this is a glimpse of PPA's sense of business ethics and professional conduct then I think I'd like to take a closer look before I put my support behind them, again.



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The May Day theme is the "focus" of a photo contest hosted by the Copper Sky Gallery & Cafe with the top three winning prizes for the best photos. All entries will be displayed at the Copper Sky Gallery with winners announced on May Day.

19TH ANNUAL GARDEN BAY GOLF CLASSIC

In honour of Catherine McQuitty, the Garden Bay Pub is sponsoring the their 19th annual golf tournament on Sunday, May 27. The \$50 entry fee includes golf, a gourmet buffet dinner plus giveaways and prizes. Tix at the pub.

RANSOM NOTICES



photo submitted anonymously

Someone calling themselves *Bathgate's Flag Liberation Army* (BFLA) sent this suspicious photo with this cryptic ransom note: "Hey Mike, do ya wanna go?"



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Communications tower proposed for Egmont



Cascadia Tower Inc. is poised to help bring modern communications to Egmont with this proposed tower project..

It's not often that a proposal outlined at a public information meeting is met with near unanimous approval but that's exactly what happened when Cascadia Tower Inc. unveiled plans on April 4 for a multi-user tower facility to be installed at a site near Earl's Cove.

The North Vancouver based com-

pany intends to erect a 55 metre self-supporting tower that will be used by potential communications clients to provide communication services to the area.

Cascadia Tower's Morrie Finn suggested possible users may include the RCMP, SCRD,

cellular providers, and Wireless internet providers.

The 33 acres site, district lot 5341 is accessed through a forestry road accessed near North Lake, approximately 2.6 km along Egmont Road from Highway 101.

Construction should begin by

early to late fall and take only a few months.

Cascadia Tower is waiting for the Sechelt Indian Band to complete a logging operation on the access road to the site.

The company intends to eventually subdivide the waterfront parcel but no such proposals have yet been set forth.

The tower will be located on a high point of land that apparently can intercept signals from relay towers on Cecil Hill in Madeira Park as well as a Prime Signal tower on Nelson Island.

Another communications tower-project has been proposed for the area by the SCRD in an area above Klein Lake but it is not yet known whether or not there will be any duplication of services if the other project goes ahead.

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Boil water advisory update (as of April 27)

A boil water advisory has been in effect since April 5 for the South Pender Harbour Water District.

According to its website, the SPHWD had originally hoped to lift the advisory after April 23.

The three consecutive water samples that were submitted from April 10, 11 and 12 were confirmed as E. coli free on April 19 but in consultation with the Vancouver Coastal Health Unit in Sechelt, the district has decided to leave the Boil Water Advisory in effect.

The reason, SPHWD claims, is that a new supply line from McNeill Lake was not connected to the

existing water system by April 21 as planned.

Once the new supply line has been flushed, the water supply for the district will be transferred from the lower Haslam Creek intake to the upper McNeill Lake intake and the new supply line.

A short period is required to monitor the chlorine residual within the distribution system before lifting the boil water advisory.

Technical difficulties with the charging of the upper supply line have delayed the switchover but SPHWD insists the boil water advisory will be lifted soon.

Metal thefts on the rise

The Sunshine Coast RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in solving a number of recent thefts of stainless steel, copper and aluminum.

Since February of this year many businesses on the Coast have been victimized by thieves who enter business properties and remove materials (both new and used) that contain these metals.

It is believed these items are being transported off Coast and sold for scrap.

It should be noted that, although the metals are primarily sold for scrap, the replacement costs to businesses most often run into the thousands of dollars.

These thefts have occurred throughout the Sunshine Coast but the Pender Harbour/Egmont areas have been most affected.

The most recent incident occurred on April 16 around 1 a.m. and involved a male suspect driving a

light blue or grey 1980s/early 1990s domestic 4x4 pickup truck.

The suspect vehicle may have damage to to the front fender area,

In this case an Egmont area fish plant had stainless steel sorting funnels and a 9x3 foot stainless steel gutting table stolen.



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Hansen announces \$315,000 for new sports field during brief visit



Brian Lee photo

Minister of Economic Development Colin Hansen announces funding at a breakfast held at the Pender Harbour Golf Course.

Colin Hansen announced the Sunshine Coast Regional District will receive a \$315,000 grant award to help with the development of the Pender Harbour Sports field.

Speaking at a breakfast reception hosted by the Pender Harbour Chamber of Commerce, Hansen credited the B.C. government's Olympic/Paralympic Live Sites program for continuing to provide such funding to leave a legacy from the 2010 Olympic games.

"The Live Sites awards promote the

Spirit of 2010 and give B.C. communities the opportunity to embrace the Olympic experience," said Hansen.

"These new sports fields will provide Pender Harbour with a lasting legacy that begins right now and will remain long after the games are over."

The development will include an oversized soccer field, slow pitch field, picnic area, warm-up area and main and overflow parking areas to accommodate 95 vehicles.

The development of this sports park will help address the recommendation in the Sunshine Coast Regional District's Strategic Parks Master Plan that recognized the Pender Harbour/Egmont area is not well served by playing fields and related sports facilities.

The Pender Harbour Sports Field project is scheduled to be completed in November 2007.

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A sign of the times? Emcon's John McDonald takes down a long out-of-date sign directing visitors to local accommodation at the entrance to Madeira Park.

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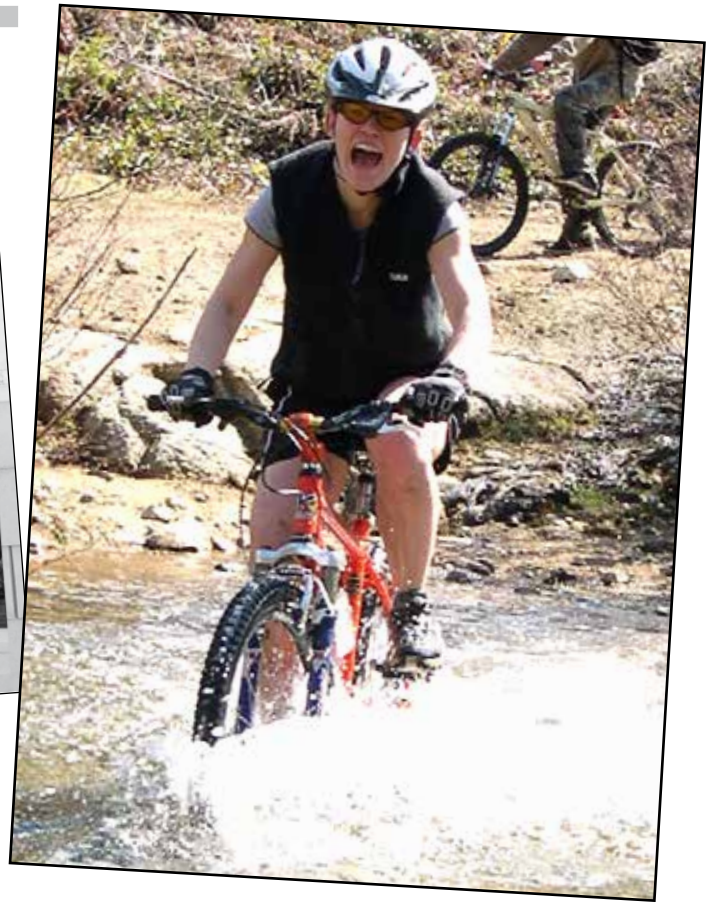
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"IT'S OURS" campaign is in full swing. Here Bargain Barn representative Janet Thomas hands a cheque for \$25,000 to campaign executive Marlayne Williams. The funds are from their 2006 income and serve as the primary donation towards the paydown of the Health Centre mortgage.



Brian Lee photo

Alicia McDonald squeals with delight as she hits the water on the Pender Mtn. Bike Club group ride on April 15. The next ride will start from the Pender Harbour high school on Sunday, May 13 at 10 a.m.



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The Madeira Park government wharf has been unusually busy lately as hardy prawn fishermen like Cara Bessplug (pictured) prepared for the commercial prawn fishery that opened May 1.



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Former Trump 'toy' now logging Jervis Inlet

By Brian Lee

Perched precariously on a sidehill watching the biggest helicopter I've ever seen whisk 25,000 pound logs down to the chuck and return before I've cleared the sawdust from my eyes, I can't help but think, "How the hell could handloggers do this?"

Helifor Canada's four-person Hughes MD 500 lets us down on an impossibly small, 6 x 8-foot makeshift helipad of halved logs at the bottom of one of three cut blocks they've been contracted to log near the Delta rock gravel mine in Jervis Inlet.

Hovering disconcertingly nearby, a Boeing Chinook 234 helicopter swings a hydraulic grapple from a 250-foot cable that seems to magnetically clamp on to giant logs 16 times

heavier than the helicopter we just landed in.

With a maximum lift capacity of 28,000 pounds, the Boeing Chinook 234 is the heaviest lifting commercially rated helicopter in the world.

Only the Russian military helicopter, the Mil-26, can lift more.

First built for British Airways to ferry passengers and cargo to offshore oil platforms in the North Sea, the Chinook 234 boasts a range of achievements from hanging wire between transmission towers a record 1.5 miles apart in China to water-bombing forest fires throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The passenger version of the aircraft has a range of 644 miles and can carry up to 44 passengers in an interior much like a commercial Boeing airplane complete with galley and overhead storage bins.

The Chinook weighs about 26,500 pounds and its twin 4,500-horsepower engines move it along at a maximum speed of 167 miles per hour but that's not where it really excels.

Logging/camp manager Dave Morrison has worked for Helifor's Eclipse crew for 25 years and clearly likes to talk wood.

A stocky man in his early 40s, Morrison mentally calculates board feet and cubic metres like an accountant and exudes a quiet pride as he answers questions about

the operation.

The heady smell of pitch and panoramic views to Campbell River, surround Morrison and his crew on this mild day April day.

It's late afternoon and the crew of five has assembled to wait for a ride out on the Hughes.

Chatting and joking quietly, they're still fascinated by the display of power as the helicopter lifts logs that they had bucked earlier that day.

Behind them, armed with a can of spray paint, 10-year-old Kaiden Bosch is busy tagging every log within 50 feet with a bright blue "Kai", any nervousness about his first helicopter ride long gone.

This helicopter, C-FHFB, was built in 1981 and, according to Morrison, was previously owned by Donald Trump, ostensibly to ferry himself around Manhattan for meetings that must have left carbon footprints the size of Costa Rica.

Formerly called Helifor Industries, the Helifor Canada Eclipse crew and equipment were bought by US-owned Columbia Helicopters in December of 2006 from Interfor Canada.

Helifor Canada owns four Vertol 107 helicopters and a single Boeing Chinook 234.

This operation has taken seven weeks to fall 12,000 cubic metres of high quality timber.

The Chinook will only be at this operation for 5 five days to clear out the heaviest stuff, after which it will be off to carry heavy equipment into a gold mine north of Stewart, BC.

A smaller helicopter, the Vertol 107 with a lift capacity of 10,500 pounds will arrive to clean up the rest.

That should take about two



Brian Lee photo

The Hughes MD 500 is just used to ferry men and supplies ack and forth to the cutblock.

weeks.

The timeline makes it extremely important that the fallers on the ground buck and mark the logs accurately to maximize the usage of the expensive machines.

Each armed with a chainsaw, a tape measure and a bucking card that gives them the correct length to buck each log in relation to the size of its butt and optimum mill specifications, the fallers have left the cut block strewn with chunks of fir each with a ribbon indicating weight.

With the hydraulic grapple and cable weighing in at 3000 lbs, the maximum log size can't exceed 24,500 pounds.

The bright pink ribbons are surprisingly easy to spot from the air.

A single ribbon indicates a log weighing about 20,000 lbs, a double ribbon 22,000 and a triple ribbon the maximum.

Knowing the weight of the logs is crucial to the pilots as extra weight means extra risk.

Smaller logs often get picked up at the same time, which isn't a problem if the pilot knows the weight of the target log.

A 24,500-pound fir log yields approximately 14 cubic metres or 6000 board feet of lumber — enough for 1,120 rough-cut, eight-foot two-by-fours.

If the tree was the right milling



Brian Lee photo

The Boeing Chinook 234 can lift 28,000 pounds of Donald Trump's gold or ferry 44 would-be Apprentices around Manhattan.

dimensions, the Chinook could lift a log large enough to produce a 12-by-12 beam 500 feet long.

But it isn't cheap.

This Boeing Chinook 234 burns 1500 litres of fuel an hour so you don't want to waste its efforts on sub-standard timber.



Brian Lee photo

Three pink ribbons mean a log weighs approximately 24,500 pounds. The grapple and cable weigh 3000 lbs. The helicopter weighs another 26,000 pounds. All held up by a tenuous supply of forced air.

Heli-logging (cont.)

During a typical 10-12 hour day, the Chinook will extract 1,500-2,000 cubic metres of wood.

That's equal to about 40-50 highway logging truck loads of top grade, non-export saw logs destined for milling expensive beams or other value added wood products.

Occasionally a log is measured wrong and is too heavy for the helicopter to lift.

It costs time and wastes valuable timber when ends have to be taken off and on this day there have been some costly mistakes.

"One of the fallers was reading his card wrong so we had to double check and buck a few," says spotter Jim Morrison with a wry smile.

"It happens sometimes."

As if to prove it, the Chinook tries in vain to lift out a massive trunk that is eventually let go after a couple of attempts, the chopper's deafening exhaust blasting its disapproval.

Young and obviously extremely fit, faller Jason Kemmler says it took him an hour and a half to hike up to where we're standing, 700 feet above the chilled waters of Jervis Inlet.

Another half-hour hiking up and he was still finding old stumps with springboard notches.

Considering that many of the

bucked-up chunks strewn around this spot have butts with diameters of eight feet or more, the handloggers must have missed a few or decided not to bother with the "small" ones.

Nowadays, heli-logging is considered to be the most environmentally friendly method of extracting wood from the forest.

Because soil erosion on steep slopes is usually associated with road building rather than the timber extraction itself, heli-logging has become a low-impact method of harvesting inaccessible terrain.

All it takes is a couple of very experienced pilots and a \$28-million helicopter.

Inside the cockpit, there's a pilot and a co-pilot who trade duties every 90 minutes when they refuel.

In a 26,500-pound helicopter lifting its own weight, the co-pilot is as busy as the pilot.

Responsible for monitoring twin 4500-horsepower engines churning two 60-foot diameter, three-blade rotors, five transmissions and a complicated array of gauges, he doesn't have a lot of room for error.



Brian Lee photo

Ten year-old Kaiden Bosch gets strapped into the co-pilot seat of a Hughes MD 500 for the ride back to Egmont

In 1997, another 234 went down in the Comox Valley.

A flight control system failure cost two pilots their lives when, according to a Transportation Safety Board report,

"The helicopter had lifted the [16,000-pound] log two-thirds of the way off the steep terrain, with one end still in contact with the ground, when witnesses observed the helicopter commence a rapid right turn," the report said.

"In the next five to 10 seconds, the helicopter continued to turn rapid-



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ly to the right several times, traveled laterally, then descended in a nearly level attitude and struck the ground.”

Though the pilots never had a chance this accident was an anomaly and Helifor has maintained an excellent safety record despite logging long hours in an industry repeatedly cited for its high accident record.

Mechanics work through each night preparing the helicopter for service the next day because, unlike fixed-wing aircraft with glide ability, the nature of helicopters carries the unsettling reality that if there's a serious mechanical error, a crash is usually the result.

Whether it's superstition or simply an unpleasant topic, Morrison's reluctant to talk about such things.

There's no sense dwelling on the danger when you have a job to do like this one.

On our way out we pass the refueling Chinook and one of the pilots hops out to make some kind of comical gesture up at us.

I don't know what it means exactly but clearly it's been a good day.



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May 26

★ The Blue Voodoo
Garden Bay Pub,
8:30 p.m.

New youth initiatives for Pender Harbour and Egmont

by Jen Hardwick

Local youth, employers and community organizations have identified a variety of initiatives that will help youth from Area A enhance leadership abilities and develop employable skills.

These initiatives include training programs, career education services, and supportive work placements and are part of an overall strategy to address the challenges we face in our changing rural communities.

According to the Centre for Innovative and Entrepreneurial Leadership, small communities across British Columbia are facing rapid growth and demographic change, and youth are

often lost in the mix.

So far, these initiatives have been highly successful in the Pender Harbour and Egmont areas.

The Rotary-sponsored RYLA camp, which offered three local youth four days of leadership training over spring break, received excellent reviews from all participants and volunteers.

A Lighthouse Learning Network sponsored publishing program, which will provide students with training in writing, editing and production design, is off to a solid start at Pender Harbour Secondary.

Further programs, such as Superhost, Food Safe, First Aid and

WHIMIS are also going to be offered, and workshops in leadership, interview skills, and team building are under development.

The Strategy Development Committee is looking for youth representatives, community members, educators, and local employers who are interested in providing ongoing input or engaging in mentorship.

Anyone who wants to attend an information session on May 7 to share ideas and learn more about current programs should contact the Pender Harbour Community School.

POLICE REPORT

MARCH 20 TO APRIL 16, 2007

By P.H. Community Policing Volunteers

We didn't go entirely crime-free this past month, but it was nice while it lasted.

Here are the details:

On March 20 someone tried breaking into a vehicle in the 4500 block of Francis Peninsula Rd.

It seems that barking dogs may have scared off the culprit. At any rate, the door was pried open and left hanging by the hinges. Nothing was stolen, likely thanks to the dogs.

On April 10 a car was, once again, broken into at the Skookumchuk Provincial Park parking lot.

The owner had left a wallet inside the car and, yes, it was gone.

Also on April 10, a 14-foot silver and white aluminum boat was stolen from a dock near Lee Road in the Sakinaw Lake area.

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And finally, on April 16 the Egmont fish plant was the victim of a scrap metal thief.

This wasn't the first time for this thief.

It seems he has been rather active on the Coast lately, particularly the Pender Harbour & Egmont areas.

Police recovered some of the fish plant's stuff on a little used road near Ruby Lake.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, May 3, 2007

- 1:30 pm Infrastructure Services Committee

Thursday, May 10, 2007

- 1:30 pm Planning & Development Committee
- 7:30 pm Regular Board

Thursday, May 17, 2007

- 1:30 pm Community Services Committee

Thursday, May 24, 2007

- 1:30 pm Corporate & Administrative Services Committee
- 7:30 pm Regular Board

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is scheduled for:

Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 p.m.

Room 107, Pender Harbour High School.

AREA "A" DIRECTOR JOHN REES

Director Rees 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) 883-9033 or by e-mail, jarees@dccnet.com.

Alternate Director Barrie Wilbee is now assisting Director Rees with Policing and Transportation issues and can be reached at (604) 883-2243.

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INTERPRETERS WANTED

The Sunshine Coast Emergency Program is creating a database of multilingual people interested in acting as interpreters during emergencies. If you are interested in helping out please call Bill Elsner, Emergency Program Coordinator at 604-885-6887.

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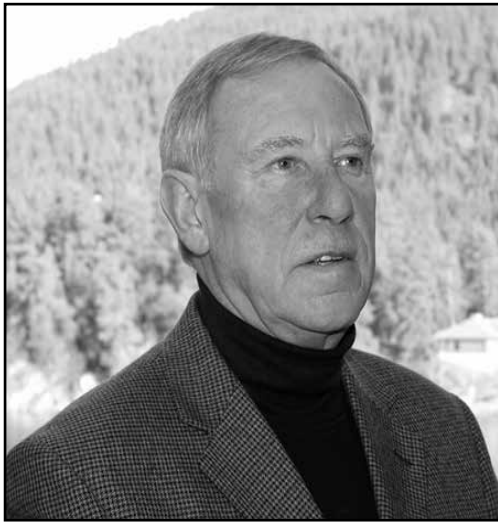
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To qualify for this program you must:

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3. ****be an SCRd water customer****



****For the Pender Harbour area this would apply to properties in North Pender Harbour Water Service Area (previously Hotel Lake/Irvin's Landing system and old Garden Bay Waterworks District)****



John Rees
SCRD Director, Area A

Good news.

This last couple of weeks have been quite rewarding for this community with regards to grant allocations.

First, we received a grant offer of \$1 million from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and a low cost loan offer of a further \$2 million.

This was one of three applications made by the SCRD to support implementation of improved infrastructure for various water services in our area.

The Area A Water Master Plan identified these needs and was used to support the applications.

It was gratifying to have FCM state that our application was one of the best 12 submitted in Canada.

Altogether we applied for \$6.9 million, and we still have to hear from the other two sources.

When the results are all in we will allocate the funds based on priorities established by the WMP, keeping in mind that all these grants are cost sharing but will pay up to those amounts offered.

Second, on April 13 Minister

Colin Hansen passed through our community, stopped for breakfast at the golf club and announced a grant of \$315,000 towards the development of our playing field and related services at the Lions' Park.

This money came from the Olympic Live Sites Fund which was set up a couple of years ago to leave communities with a living legacy of the Olympics.

The SCRD Parks Department made this application almost 18 months ago and I had almost given up on it.

However we now have it and that fund is now empty.

In addition to the \$500,000 we already have in place, this new money will help us complete a fine facility and will be welcome since some of the costs, like blasting, were not originally anticipated.

IMPACT OF HIGH LAND ASSESSMENTS ON SENIORS

As waterfront assessments have skyrocketed in the last few years here, seniors on fixed incomes who own these properties have been unjustly penalized.

Even though the province has increased the threshold for homeowner grants, this measure has not kept up with rising land values and consequently fixed-income seniors have lost their HO grants.

To that end and in support of a change to this policy, I have moved that the SCRD press the province and support other communities to change legislation so that seniors receive this grant regardless of land value.

There is precedent for this change:

Whistler and Tofino already have relief on this issue and West

Vancouver is also trying.

I had a meeting with Nicholas Simons in Victoria this week and we have his full support to help with this initiative.

RESULTS OF CENSUS

The 2006 census results are out and they provide some interesting information for Area A.

Our population was 2,624 in 1,237 year-round residences.

But dwellings totalled 2,089; that difference of 852 homes helps to identify our total seasonal population.

Residents from these homes are counted somewhere else at census time.

Allowing two residents per home, we have approximately 1,700 seasonal residents.

Combine this count with our permanent residents and we have a population of 4,328.

Tourists, of course, are not counted.

Our permanent resident growth from 2001-2006 was set at 10.5%.

But if you included the seasonal population I think the figures would be around 30% for that period.

I thought you may be interested in these numbers because I am asked this question very often.

COMMUNITY HALL TREATMENT PLANT

Great to see this project nearing completion.

A most generous donation from the Eggleton family of \$50,000 and \$38,000 in grants from the SCRD combined with volunteer support, namely Don Fraser and many others, have provided a long term solution to this problem.

Pender Harbour Waterworks District

FLUSHING WEEK:

The week of May 14th has been scheduled as “flushing week”.

Flushing will occur between the hours of 9 a.m. through to 4 p.m.

Discoloured water is a normal occurrence in the flushing process.

Before putting in a load of laundry run your kitchen faucets to make sure the water is running clear.

Upper Supply Pipeline Replaced

The supply line installed in 1990 to deliver water directly from the lake was recently replaced on an emergency basis. It became apparent in February that the District had to replace the pipeline before May. The pipeline is crucial to the District as it helps conserve water by drawing directly from McNeill Lake. When on the lower creek intake, water not drawn into the system flows on into the ocean.

Emergency Telephone Tree

The Water District has been fortunate to have the ready support of the Community Policing Station in calling all the ratepayers for notification of the District’s boil water advisories. We need more volunteers and are putting a call out for people to be registered as designated callers in the event of an emergency.

Send us your e-mail address.

We have utilized many levels of communication to notify people of our past boil water advisories. An e-mail address would be one more level of ensuring that people are contacted. Please contact the District office if you wish to be contacted by e-mail.

District Vote

The Source to Tap assessment is now complete. People may sign out copies from the office, read a copy in the District boardroom, or access the assessment on the District web site www.sphwd.ca. A copy will also be available at the library. Ratepayers will soon be asked if they wish for the Water District to remain independent or for the Regional District to take over the operation and ownership of the Water District. In order for people to make an informed decision the process will be as follows: first a public meeting, next a package will be mailed to all the Ratepayers containing pertinent information, then another public meeting and finally a voting package will be mailed out to the ratepayers containing a ballot to be mailed in to our Auditor.

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon-Fri. 12828 Lagoon Road
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Bricin speaks...



photo submitted

Don't be afraid, he won't hurt you! Bricin Lyons on Cape Breton Island, NS.

Hello Pender Harbour, Bricin Lyons (Pender Harbour graduate) here.

Boy, oh boy! Here we are at Attack of Danger Bay Six.

Last year this international longboarding race was deemed "The Biggest Race on the Planet" by Concrete Wave Magazine.

We have seen this small-town race grow at such rapid speed we can't hold enough spots for the racers to race.

I'm writing this in April and we already have 200 riders sending me e-mails that they are getting ready for the race. Wow!

This year I'm taking the race down a notch, we are going to limit the racers.

It's the only way to run this race smoothly.

Last year we had 136 racers — crazy!

We did it, but I think we really lucked out.

Thanks to Rob Leblanc, Tom

Edstrand and all the other volunteers for making this event run smoothly year after year.

In preparation for this year I'm getting at least 10 toilets for the race site, just to make sure we have enough facilities.

Also, we are asking you to help spread the word to park your vehicles in Madeira Park on the day of the race.

We are going to cut down on all the cars parking on Francis Peninsula and run two school buses from our campsite to the race site and a school bus from Madeira (Oak Tree Market) to the race site.

The bus is free!

Thanks to Larry Curtiss for all the years of support.

The first school bus to leave the Oak Tree Market will be at 8 a.m. on Sun. April 20 (race day).

After this initial run we will have a shuttle bus to transport spectators back and forth all day from Madeira Park (Oak Tree Market) to the race site.

By running a school bus for the racers we will cut down on at least 200 cars parking on the race hill.

Last year there was such a back up of vehicles parked on both sides of Francis Peninsula Road around Esquire and Murdoch that it was a major traffic hazard.

The parking situation didn't allow a through flow of two-way traffic and would have been a serious hindrance to any emergency vehicles reaching their destinations.

We want to keep the neighbourhood accessible at all times, hence this year's transportation plan.

Please respect our requests and

attempts to improve the race each year.

Attack of Danger Bay is an event that provides amazing opportunities for the youth of the Harbour to become involved in a positive, community based sport.

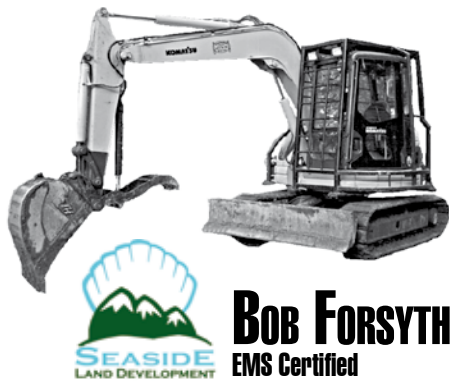
This year, if we are unable to control the parking situation we will be forced to move the race from the Harbour and that is the absolute last thing we want to happen.

This race is for the youth of the community so let's keep it going for many years to come!!!

In the last six years I've seen a few of these racers buy houses here and the amount of tourism this world famous international race brings is mind-blowing.

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Bricin (cont.)

residential Vernon and the Canadian Olympic Park in Calgary all have races, this year giving out \$10,000 just in speed boarding.

It's huge — and it all started with *Attack of Danger Bay* in the quiet village we call home, Pender Harbour.

To all the businesses, get ready to hire extra staff, the racers need to eat.

This was a bit of a problem last year that we hope to overcome.

This Pender Harbour May Day will be one of the best yet.

Thanks to the May Day Committee, we are playing Longboard Hockey in the basketball courts right after the parade and the crowning of the May Day Queen.

Throughout the winter, longboard hockey teams battle for the chance to

play in the Championship LHL Game in Pender Harbour each May Day.

This game is full contact and the craziest thing you've ever seen.

To all the residents on the race road, thank you very much.

We are going to have your road all cleaned up after the Sunday, May 20th race.

Thank you to each and every one of you for letting us have so much fun these last 6 years, it's been amazing.

Thank you to Cindy, Rob and the Lions Community Club.

Thanks to the Rotary and Mike Crowe.

Thanks to the RCMP, Cheryl Jensen and the Sechelt Ambulance.

Thanks to the volunteers, John Henry's Security, the Community

Club, the May Day Committee and the Oak Tree Market.

And thank you to Claude at the top of the race hill for providing food and water for the racers for the past five years — we are all very grateful.

From all the longboarders around the world, we thank you all very much.

We respect you and we can't wait to sign autographs on May Day.

Much Love and Happiness,

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Downhill longboarder & Event organizer

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Walking a hazard along Francis Pen. Rd.

Dear Editor,

I have a problem.

When I was a child living in the hamlet of Bruderheim, Alberta we had dirt roads and the traffic was a mix of horse and wagon or horse and buggy.

There were also some autos and trucks that dated back to the 1920s.

People walked on wooden sidewalks on either side of the dirt road.

Now I live in a wonderful place on Francis Peninsula and the nicely paved but curvy road is an accident waiting to happen.

There isn't a sidewalk on any of the roads here or the highway so men, women, schoolkids, people with babies and dogs are forced to walk on

our dangerous roads, causing potential for a serious accident.

How could the hamlet I grew up in afford to build sidewalks while we do the opposite?

The only place I can think of is the two sidewalks in Madeir Park.

Is there no way that we can get funds to build safe walking paths?

A great place to build a safe walk is around Lily Lake; no cars, no trucks would be allowed.

I wonder if the powers that be would be willing to help us with this dilemma or are they comfortable to wait until something tragic happens?

Thank you,

Dr. Ben Dlin

(Letters continue on p. 24)

A word on birds

Dear Editor,

This time of year it's great to see the bird population increasing with the migratory birds arriving back from the tropics.

With the changing times, we have to be more aware of the diseases they may bring with them as other jurisdictions are already doing.

Sick or dead birds should be treated with caution and safety measures should be taken such as using plastic gloves for disposal.

When we let our cats out to play they are predatory towards birds.

Cats do not know of West Nile virus nor any of the other diseases birds may carry.

They may eat them or carry them into your house so think twice before letting our pets outdoors.

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Our new “address” is www.penderharbourhealth.com and we hope you will all visit it often to find out what’s new with us and with the “It’s Ours” fundraising campaign.

This is going to be a very exciting and interesting next few months as the campaign gets into full gear.

There will be something for everyone so watch the website for more information and come by to see our thermometer rise.

TREATMENT ROOM FACELIFT

Our treatment room is getting a much needed facelift with new cupboards and flooring being installed.

A great shout out to Thom White for installing the cabinets at no charge, we only paid for materials.

Thom embodies the wonderful community spirit when he says “this place is important to me and I want to give something back.”

Thanks Thom, from all of us.

MAMMOGRAMS – JUNE 28 & 29

June 28 and 29 are the days the mobile screening unit from the BC

Cancer Agency will be here to do mammograms.

You do not need a referral but need to be 40 years or older, not have a history of breast surgery or implants and no specific breast complaints such as lumps or pain.

If you fit the criteria please call Merilee to book an appointment.

We hope to make the day of the 28th an event with tea, coffee, fresh fruit and — the *piece de resistance* — a roll of pink duct tape donated by the 3M Company for everyone who attends.

SUMMER CHANGES

Contrary to all obvious evidence, summer is approaching and, as our population balloons, visits to the health centre increase dramatically.

This summer we are going to try to ease the crush by opening the health centre on Saturdays for four hours during July, August and September.

There will be an RN on duty to assess and treat minor injuries and illnesses.

There will not be a doctor here nor will we be drawing any blood for testing.

I am sure that this clinic will be

used by tourists and locals alike and we hope that it will be useful to the community.

Again, watch the website for more information as to times and dates.

BOIL WATER ADVISORY

We have been receiving a number of calls regarding upset tummies and, dare I say it, diarrhea.

If you are having symptoms, please come to the Health Centre to pick up some containers for specimen collection.

It is only by testing stool that we are able to rule out water-borne bacteria or parasites as a cause for your discomfort.

The elderly, very young and those with chronic illnesses need to be vigilant with regard to boiling all drinking water before consuming it.

Your body has a fine chemical balance and disturbing it can cause severe and sometimes disabling conditions.

FOOT CARE

Your feet are a very important part of your anatomy and need to be cared for.

If you need nail trimming, corn and callous treatments or diabetic foot care, please call the clinic to make an appointment with Cathy McDonald, RN. Cathy comes to us once a month from Powell River to provide this service.

Her fees are approximately \$25 per visit and are covered by DVA.

62ND ANNUAL PENDER HARB

SATURDAY PROGRAM

- 8:00** • **FAMILY FUN RUN** (Sponsor: Remax Oceanview Realty)
- **LIONS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (Sponsor: P.H. Community Club)
- 10:15** • **PARADE ASSEMBLY** – All entrants at Legion parking lot
- 11:00** • **FLY-BY PARADE START** (Bill Thompson & the N-3-N)
- **MAY DAY PARADE**
- 11:30** • **CROWNING OF 62ND MAY QUEEN, CARLY FIELDING**
- **AWARDS CEREMONY** (Sponsor: Madeira Marina)
- 12 noon** • **CHILDREN'S GAMES** (Sponsor: Jill Wagner/Sutton Group West Coast Realty and Madeira Marina)
- **ON STAGE ENTERTAINMENT "Five Alive"**
- 12:30** • **LONGBOARD HOCKEY** (Sponsor: Fisherman's Resort)
- **ON STAGE ENTERTAINMENT "10 to 1"**
- **HOT DOG EATING CONTEST** - must pre register (Sponsor: Triple B's)
- 12:45** • **RELAY RACES ages 0-6** (Sponsor: Madeira Marina)
- **P.H.V.F.D. AND BC AMBULANCE DEMOS**
- 1:30** • **LOGGING RELAYS** (Sponsor: P.H. Diesel and Sladey Timber)
- **OYSTER SHUCKING CONTEST** - must pre-register
- 2:30** • **RELAY RACES ages 7 & up** (Sponsor: Madeira Marina)
- **ON STAGE ENTERTAINMENT "4 Kicks"** (Sponsor: P.H. Community School)
- 3:15** • **WATERMELON EATING CONTEST** - must pre register (Sponsor: Oak Tree Market)
- 3:00** • **FIREWOOD AUCTION** - on the stage
- 3:30** • **TUG O' WAR** - all ages (Sponsor: Jill Wagner/Sutton Group West Coast Realty and Fisherman's Resort)
- **ON STAGE ENTERTAINMENT - P.H. Blues Festival**
- 5:30** • **CHILDREN'S DANCE til 7:30** (Sponsor: Madeira Marina)
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Lagoon Road: bicycle lane, pedestrian path or both?

Lagoon Road has been favoured with a widening of the asphalt on its east side.

It comes to us, in part, as a result of negotiation under CD zoning between our politicians and the developers of the Painted Boat Resort.

So what is it; a bicycle lane, a pedestrian path or both?

Bicycle Lane:

Forty years ago, bicycle paths were all the rage; they promote health, a cleaner environment, and enhance alternative lifestyles.

Within the following decade or so, all the hype went away.

Bicycle paths are unsafe.

One of the major opponents of the trend were the cyclists, the League of American Wheelmen.

They had many concerns, most of them relating to urban areas, but a couple of their observations are applicable to our local site.

Have you noticed that roadways are always relatively clean of dust and

small debris?

This is the result of a vacuuming effect of cars and trucks that throw road dirt perpendicular to the line of travel; the higher the speed, the greater the effect.

Grit and dirt reduces the handling of a bike minimally, but greatly affects braking ability that can lead to a skid and possibly a fall.

Rock crush and glass increase the chance of puncturing a tire.

Pedestrian Path:

Persons, scuffling along at 3-4 mph, are unaffected by the road surface and the improvement in this case is much in the favour of pushing baby carriages, wheeled chairs, or running off with a shopping cart.

On a rainy day, a pedestrian will still get showered by the passing car or truck but we should be used to that by now.

It bears no safety implication.

Or Both

One of the most discerning arguments put forward by cyclists is the one that "wheeled vehicles and pedestrians don't mix".

They are not of the same species. A pedestrian can do what a wheeled vehicle cannot do; that is, take a side

step.

The wheeled vehicle can only change direction through an arc.

What this means is that a 4 mph pedestrian, not hearing an un-motorized 10 mph vehicle behind in the same lane, can manoeuvre in such a manner as to cause a collision.

What is even scarier is that the Motor Vehicle Act recognizes a "designated bicycle lane" and the operator of a bike can be held responsible for not using it even though it might be safer for everyone concerned to be someplace else.

The conclusion I draw from this is to recognize the lane extension as a pedestrian path and for vehicles "pushed" by pedestrians.

Leave the roadway to the vehicles recognized under the Motor Vehicle Act and teach cyclists and skateboarders that they have the "authority" to be responsible.

I encourage other comments on this subject.

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A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **members of the Power Squadron and the general public** who turned up to assist at our Go Green on St. Patrick's Day (or close to) clean-up Party. Check out Garden Bay Lake, Garden Bay Beaches, Francis Peninsula, parts of the Highway, Warnock, Merrill, etc. and it didn't rain!! Special thanks to **John Rees** who supplied the necessary sustenance to keep us going and **SCRD** for allowing us to dump all the rubbish at the Dump free of charge.

Commander Diane White

A huge Harbour Seal of Approval to **Bobbi Bennett** - thank you so much for all you did, **Kelly Reed**, **Rick Smalley** and all the caring animal lovers who stopped to do what

they could when my dog was hit by a car on Francis Peninsula Road. Patch would have given you all a big sloppy kiss.

Thank you,
Cheri Carr

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Lucy and the staff at John Henrys**. Thank you for getting the locals through another dreary winter. Your store is like a second home for many and we appreciate your kind and welcoming ways.

Blessings,
Sandy

A Harbour Seal of Approval for **Rita Morrow** for making Ross' birthday party so special. Thank you dear friend.

A double Seal of Approval to the **two young ladies** who found and returned my power tool that had fallen off the back of my truck. With young people like these growing up, the future looks good.

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Quick & easy

by Jim Rutherford

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What a wonderful selection of ceramic landscape containers and pots are available to us now.

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One great advantage to containers is that you can tone the colour of the pot to your house.

I find that I’m not overwhelmed by the amount of work it takes to maintain them as opposed to tackling a whole herbaceous border.

Now you have the freedom to choose a great variety of plant material, according to which exposure you have.

South or west will need full sun plants, while North or east will naturally be shadier.

In choosing a container, I guess the safest choice is one with drain holes.

If you’re unsure how to care for a pot without – don’t buy it or be prepared to use a ceramic bit to drill holes.

Pam’s Plants/Madeira Nursery, next to the Madeira Park Post Office, is offering a selection of containers and has some potted up, ready to go.

If you tell Pam where you plan

to place the pot she will be able to choose some plants for you in quick order.

Have a look at some of the stylish copper containers she has.

Let’s keep in mind that now you may be able to use plants that the deer love to eat, perhaps on an upper deck or a fenced in patio or get your attack cat trained.

For full sun and easy care, let’s start with echinacea (coneflower) rudbeckia (gloriosa daisy, black-eyed Susan) and coreopsis.

In containers, these perennials are then easy to dead-head

Just trim the foliage and no more or little bending down!

Helenium for height and show can’t be beat.

New Zealand flax will give you instant height, hold colour and texture mixed with lower growing variegated grasses these can look very appealing.

Black mondo grass, though expensive, provides a striking contrast.

A container in a shady spot requires a little more care in the selection of plants.

Hostas, safe from the dear deer, are a great choice.

Dwarf, variegated and giant blue are readily available.

Mixed with annuals like impatiens, begonias (fibrous and tube roses) and coleus will give a lot of colour to a shaded deck.

To complete the picture, and offer a contrast to height, use trailing plants, or over the container edge.

Variegated ivy will do quite nicely and permanently.

Aucuba, a broad leaf evergreen

can take it shady and amazingly dry, I use it all the time as a single specimen plant in a container to make a bold and colourful statement.

It will take pruning and shaping very well.

Bamboos like Fargesia Robusta and Fargesia rufa will tolerate shade, make a good screen and are clumping varieties.

Check first, because if it’s not a clumping variety it will blow your pot apart in time.

Forgot to mention, if there are no drain holes, you’ll be challenged to know if the plants are getting water logged.

Funny as it may seem, a good indicator is when the foliage is limp, as if it were dried out.

Controlled fertilizing in containers is real easy now.

In addition, you can get a full range of plants according to the light conditions.

Gone are the limitations of raised beds as you can always move the pot to a sunnier or shadier spot.

Watering can be monitored more carefully, making containers from cacti to aquatic plants possible.

No need for drainage holes for aquatic plants.

I see annuals here have arrived, which means tourists can’t be that far behind.

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Emergency first aid for pets – part 1

By Kirsten Andersen, RAHT

Remember, these suggested tips are an interim measure before you get your pet to the veterinarian.

Never give human drugs without advice from your veterinarian as some drugs can be harmful while others are fatal.

Before any treatment, it may be necessary to muzzle and restrain the animal to ensure that you and those around you do not get hurt in the process.

A hurt or frightened animal may become unpredictable.

SHOCK

The signs of true shock in dogs and cats are: weakness, collapse, unconsciousness, pale colour of mouth, lips and eyelids, coolness of skin and legs, rapid but weak pulse or heart rate, rapid breathing, staring eyes and dilated pupils.

If any or all of these signs occur after an accident or prolonged illness, treat for shock as below and call the veterinarian immediately.

- Keep airways open, giving artificial respiration as necessary.
- Bandage or splint any fractures or extensive wounds.
- Wrap the pet in a thick towel or blanket to conserve body heat.

If the pet is unconscious, keep its head as low as, or lower than, the rest of the body.

Gently massage legs and muscles to maintain circulation unless you suspect that they may be broken.

If the pet is conscious and restless, keep it horizontal and well wrapped up.

- Get to the vet promptly.

BLEEDING

If bleeding doesn't stop within five minutes, you must try to staunch the flow using the following procedure:

1. With a clean cloth, or even your hand, apply direct pressure to the wound.

If blood seeps through, apply more bandages or a cotton wool pad on top of the first bandage; don't try to remove the old bandage.

2. If such pressure won't stop the bleeding, find the nearest pressure point and compress the artery against its underlying bone.

Use the flat part of your fingers, not your thumb or finger tips.

3. As a last resort you can try a tourniquet, although this carries the greater risk of stopping circulation to the affected part and causing gangrene.

Use it only to save life when nothing else is working and release intermittently.

INJURIES TO THE EYEBALL

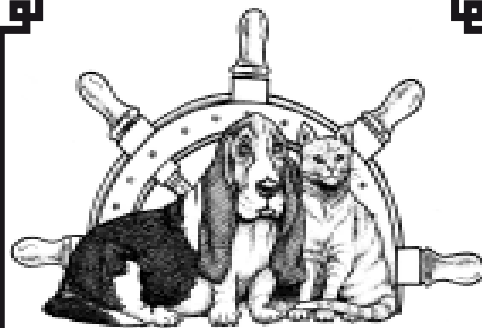
If there is bleeding in the area of the eyes (but not from the eyeballs themselves), apply direct pressure with dry gauze pads and go to your veterinarian.

Laceration of the eyeball itself or penetration by a foreign object is very serious.

Place a damp cloth over the area and get to the veterinarian at once.

Don't try to wash the eye or remove a foreign body or you'll undoubtedly do more harm than good.

You must also restrain the animal in a way so that they don't paw at the eye themselves and do more damage.



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Pender soccer U15 girls undefeated!

By Brian Lee

The Pender Harbour Under 15 girls team in the Sunshine Coast Youth Soccer Association have just ended an already triumphant season with a bang.

Goal Rush was undefeated in the regular season posting a record of 12

wins, two ties and no losses.

Coach Brent Sheppard gushes with pride when he recounts how they not only managed to finish the season with the best record in the league – for all ages and genders – with 60 goals for and only 10 against but they did it with a level of sportmanship and fun

on and off the field that was inspiring.

“Nowhere will you find a happier or more dedicated group of girls,” says Sheppard,

“Unlike many other teams in the league, I never once had a problem with getting enough players out for a game or a practice.”

After winning their last league game of the season on home turf 6-1, the girls were understandably feeling a little invincible because they had won every home game that year.

Playing immediately after them were the U18 girls coached by Richard Massullo but only five players showed up.

The girls stayed and played another game against much older girls and won that game too, gaining a huge boost of confidence for the final tournament.

Goal Rush won their first game 4-0 thanks to some great effort by Stephanie Phillips and Lauren Storoschuk and another stellar performance in net by first year goalie Brittany Sheppard.

Brittany recorded her ninth, 10th and 11th shutout of the season to help

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 time, 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, as well, 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.

Early prevention of dental problems is always our first choice.

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



Annette Sheppard photo

Intimidation works. Rebecca Kelly attacks the ball, opponent shrinks away.

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her team get into the tournament final where they faced the Narf Mints.

Coach Sheppard says that the Narf Mints were their favourite team to play, only because they are team a lot like themselves, a happy group of girls that just like to play soccer.

Early in the first half Goal Rush got a break when Steph Phillips cracked a penalty shot like a rocket into the back of the net, putting to rest any doubt about who has the best shot in the league.

The other team must have drunk some Gatorade during halftime and came out hard, tying the game in the first five minutes of the second.

Late in the game with time running down and the prospect of overtime looming, the girls' gritty style started to show through again.

Phillips launched a beauty that nearly curled right into the goal but was deflected out by the goalie.

Waiting patiently outside for such an opportunity, Storoschuk hammered it back to give Goal Rush the eventual game winner.

Tournament MVP honours went Stephanie Phillips and Lauren Storoschuk.

Brent credits their stingy full-backs as another reason for their incredible success this year.

Lauren Storoschuk played sweeper most of the season but Rebecca "Showtime" Kelly played the



Annette Sheppard photo

Pender U15 girls celebrate with champagne (non-alcoholic) after winning their tournament final and ending their season undefeated. Back Row(l-r): Rebecca Kelly, Janine Snell, Breanna Clay, Lena Joe, Chloe Christie, Stephanie Phillips, Coach Brent Sheppard, Alexa Dornbrierer, Lauren Storoschuk. Front Row (l-r): Katie Woods, Hayley Schroeder, Meagan Pinchbeck, Natasha Jerema, Stephanie Nichols. In front: Brittany Sheppard. Missing: Ryleigh Milligan and Madison Shoemaker

position at the tournament.

"She's also the first girl I've seen nail a bicycle kick in practice." he says with a hint of awe.

Megan Pinchbeck, Janine Snell and Katie Woods helped round out what was the toughest defensive line in the league.

The scoring was spread out through the season with Steph Phillips winning the "Golden Boot" with 16 goals, followed closely by Lauren Storschuk, Ryleigh Milligan and Madison Shoemaker.

Team trophies for the season were handed out following the tournament:

Stephanie Phillips	MVP
Chloe Christie	Most Sportsmanlike-Player
Lauren Storoschuk	Best Defensive Player
Alexa Dornbrierer	Unsung Hero
Hayley Schroeder	Most Improved
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

April Tools doesn't disappoint

The weather turned out to be the main prize at the Sixth April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge on April 28.

A summer like afternoon brought out a record number of spectators to watch as five teams struggled to produce a vessel, with very limited materials, to compete in the 300 m course around the Madeira Park government wharf.

The high school challenge event ran first with the Unsinkable Eggs team of Jesse Roose, Hannah Stark, Eric Hamilton and Devin Manning picking up first prize.

Next up was the qualifying heat with all five teams in the adult category competing with the top three advancing to the final.

An epic battle took place at the home stretch where spectators watched as the last three teams became locked together and made panicked attempts to free themselves to grab the last spot in the final.

Eventually, John Schroeder of the Fly Swatters (Madeira Park Fire Department) floated free to join their

crossharbour rivals the Fireflies (Garden Bay Department) and a team from Delta named "Cabin Fever" in the finals.

But the five time defending champions Fireflies were not to be upset and once again cruised to victory with Cabin Fever placing second and the ever vengeful Fly Swatters picking up third.

This was the sixth win for the Garden Bay Firehall team this year composed of Bruno Cote, Dave Goble, Dustin Ouellette and Kerry Rand.

The people's choice Spiffy Skiffy Award for the nicest boat went to R & C Construction.

The Broken Paddle Award for perseverance in the face of adversity was given to the Fly Swatters.



Brian Lee photo

The high school school challenge fun race following the real one proved to be the most fun to watch because it was the wettest.



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The qualifying heat may have been the most exciting part of the afternoon as these three teams battled under the ramp to gain the coveted third spot and make it into the finals.

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What's going on down in Danger Bay, BC? — Two days of intense racing,

By Mike Perreten

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Concrete Wave magazine)

The first “Attack of Danger Bay” downhill skateboard race happened five years ago.

Organized by Bricin Lyons and Coast Longboarding, “Danger Bay” has evolved into the major longboard event of the year for a growing number of skaters.

The story of how the Danger Bay weekend started and developed into an annual event is simple enough, the effort and energy that has and still goes into this weekend is extraordinary.

The reason it is called Attack of Danger Bay is because originally ‘Strike’ aka Bricin Lyons tried to organize a downhill skateboard race down Bear Bay road.

He couldn’t get that road for the race so it moved to a different location but the name stuck.

The changing of locations to get the race happening is just one of the examples of the kinds of adversity that have been overcome to make this event happen year after year.

It would be safe to say that the first Danger Bay race started a real trend in Western Canada as other races like Jody Wilcox’s Sullivan Challenge in Kimberly, Mischo Erban’s Vernon Downhill and the Adventure



Jon Huey Photo

Jon Huey photo

“Carnage Corner” has become the spot to watch the action. Just stay out of the @#%&* way!

Games race in Nanaimo soon followed.

One of the key factors that makes the Danger Bay Weekend unique is the way the local community gets so involved in the event.

Since the first DB event the punk rock show after the race has always been a big part of the weekend.

Every year it seems that more (and better) racers keep coming out for this race.

After taking the ferry and arriving in Pender Harbour on the Friday evening, the racers and travelers proceed to the campsite where the majority will be staying.

The campsite provides a great location to catch up with old friends and participate in somewhat questionable activities from bonfire games to board preparation.

Upon arrival a circle of about 30 people had formed around a couple of dudes trying to kick flip a board.

This would be relatively nor-

mal aside from the fact that the board had been shaped by a chainsaw from a log earlier that day and must have weighed close to 30 pounds.

As the wager grew, someone finally landed a kick flip on the thing.

Sure enough the board ended up being ridden down some serious hills the next day, bark and all.

Saturday morning started early as the slide competition, judged by Cliff Coleman, started at 8 a.m. sharp.

Some unreal talent was showcased as the comp was won by Berkeley rider Noah Sakamoto and the crowd was wowed by the skills of Chris Dahl and Ryan Theobald.

After the slide competition, the party moved a few miles to Madeira Park where we prepared to ride our longboards in the annual May Day parade.

After the parade the final longboard hockey game of the season takes place.

Imagine a bunch of top skaters

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playing five on five hockey on skateboards with the victorious team taking home two flats of beer!

It gets heated, to say the least!

After the game a bunch of people cruised up to the famous Jake's Rash for Striker's Cash Outlaw race where Kludy ended up taking a win.

All this and the *Attack of Danger Bay* race hasn't even started!

That night most of the riders went to bed a little earlier knowing that first place takes home \$2500 cash.

The morning of the race started early.

There were 133 riders and one day to crown a champion!

One of the best things about the Danger Bay format is the fact that the qualifying is done in four man races.

This ensures that every rider who shows up for the race is guaranteed at least three races with three other people down the course.

I am a huge fan of this system over the more conventional timed qualifying runs because timed qualifying runs can eliminate top racers from the competition if they crash in qualifying.

After the race to qualify narrowed the field to 64, the real racing started.

By the round of 32 everyone started talking about how many fast guys there were in their heats.

After a quick look at the leader board, it became apparent that almost all of the 32 riders left were serious racers.

The semi-finals saw the first drops of rain on the course and racers started putting on the grooved "Aqua-wheels."

The final run showcased Brian from Chilliwack, Top Gun Jesse

Tynan, Squambomb Nate and Tom "the Meatball" Edstrand all racing full tilt on a wet road for \$5000.

The race represented some of the most impressive riding I have ever witnessed.

Brian took the win with Jesse T taking second, young Nate taking the bronze and putting Meatball in fourth.

Danger Bay 5 was a special weekend because it showcased to the world how far downhill skateboard racing has come in five years.

For several months before the event Bricin, had been putting serious effort into advertising and promoting DB5.

I'm convinced that that kind of enthusiasm played a role in improving the level of riding for the race.

Racers knew this was going to be a big race.

Blake Startup aka "Deep Cove" Blake also played a huge factor in kicking up the level of riding as he is the unofficial Landyachtz team manager and is more responsible than anyone else for getting the Landy-

achtz crew riding rain or shine.

This paid off big time as Landyachtz riders swept the top six!

Maybe one of the reasons why *Attack of Danger Bay* is such a popular race to attend is because of the festival like atmosphere.

Obviously the race is the main attraction but there is so much going on the whole weekend, within two days Coast Longboarding hosts: a slide comp, a community parade, a championship longboard hockey game, an outlaw race, a sanctioned race with a \$5,000 purse and a punk rock concert.

Not only does the Danger Bay showcase what is happening in longboarding right now, but it motivates people and opens minds.

It is difficult to put into words how much Danger Bay has influenced modern downhill skateboard racing but if you can only attend one race in the season, Coast Longboarding's Danger Bay is a good choice.



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MAY DAY

Outside of Pender Harbour, May Day is May 1 and is recognized as the International Workers' Holiday, chosen over 100 years ago to commemorate the struggles and gains of workers and the Labour Movement.

May 1st is also a significant date in the fight for the eight-hour workday, and is tied to the infamous Haymarket Tragedy in Chicago.

May 1 was a traditional summer holiday in many pre-Christian European pagan cultures, and many elements of these holidays are still celebrated on May 1 today, such as the Maypole.

When socialist delegates in Paris in 1889 appointed May 1 as the official International Labour Day, the Government of Canada — fearing that allowing the proclamation to take hold in Canada might strengthen the socialist movement — quickly moved in 1887 to support the position of the Knights of Labor and their September date for Labour Day.

The date was adopted in Canada in 1894 by the government of Prime Minister John Sparrow David Thompson.

VICTORIA DAY

The Sovereign's birthday has been celebrated in Canada since the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901). May 24, Queen Victoria's birthday, was declared a holiday by the Legislature of the Province of Canada in 1845.

After the death of Queen Victoria in 1901, an Act was passed by the Parliament of Canada establishing a legal holiday on May 24 in each year (or May 25 if May 24 fell on a Sunday) under the name Victoria Day.

An amendment to the Statutes of Canada in 1952 established the celebration of Victoria Day on the Monday preceding May 25.

MAY WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

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PENDER HARBOUR WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Just in time for the gardening season, the Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society is very pleased to welcome well-known environmentalist and authour, Carol Rubin, as the guest speaker for their Tues. May 15 meeting. Time and place is 7:30 p.m. at Pender Harbour High School. Carol has written 2 books - "How to Get Your Lawn Off Grass" (2002, Harbour) and "How to Get Your Garden Off Drugs"(2003, Harbour).

This is the last meeting of the society until September but do come and visit us at our table at the Wood Duck Festival on Sun. May 6 at the Iris Griffith Centre.

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On Tues. May 10, Bill Elsner, Co-ordinator for Emergency Preparedness on the Sunshine Coast, will be speaking to us on this topic.

On Tues. May 22, Sally Haugen and Margaret Hutton of the Sunshine Dragons/Sunshine Dragons Abreast will give us an insight on dragon boating, their club and how great it would be to set up a dragon boat group in Pender Harbour. For more info call Irda at 883-2179

Doors will be open at 9:30 a.m. and meetings are from 10 a.m. until noon.

HEALTH CENTRE AUXILIARY UPDATE

The gift shop at the health centre is now closed and we have donated all that was left to other needy groups. More than ever we need volunteers at the bargain barn. If you have a few spare hours in a month and would like to help the community and the health centre in particular why not join the volunteers at the bargain barn? We have a excellent orientation program and then you will work with a more experienced volunteer. Please call Lois at 883-2267 and help us help the health centre.

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Spring brings people back to the game

By Jan Watson

The season is now well under way, the course is in great shape and we are looking forward to a great season. The greens staff have been working hard and our great band of volunteers have been out in full force making more improvements. All we need now is co-operation from Mother Nature!

MEN'S CLUB

A good number of golfers turned up on March 27 to start the men's season with regular stroke play. The winner based on net scores was Brian Disney with 69

April 3 was a Two Man Scramble using 25% of combined handicaps, the winners using the adjusted net score were Carey Threlkeld & Iain Ross with 62.5.

April 10 was a Money Ball Scramble, taking turns on each hole, one player uses a coloured ball and plays the entire hole while the other three players play best ball then the two scores are added together. Using adjusted net scores the winners

were Glenn McCuaig, Monty Ralston, Carey Threlkeld and Bill Jack with 133.6.

LADIES CLUB

Unfortunately March 22, opening day for the ladies, was rained out though many of them showed up for the traditional coffee and muffins, a good chinwag and some played cards.

On March 29, the ladies had a choice of playing with any three clubs plus a putter, the winner was Reni Ducich with 96.

April 5 was a Low Net event plus total putts, after retrogression the winner was Jan Watson with

108.

April 12 was a nine-hole scramble and three teams had the same score of 42, after going back to the fifth handicap hole the winners were Barb Nuttall, Joan Stanton, Lil Williams and Reni Ducich.

This was followed by the Spring Luncheon and meeting where congratulations were given to Helen Krantz

for breaking 100 for the first time.

Helen scored a 97 on April 11.

REMINDER

Pender Harbour is a public golf course and everyone is welcome to play on Men's Days which are Tuesdays and on Ladies Days which are on Thursdays.

Please note Friday May 11 is the first ladies steak night and scramble.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE

President Dwight D. Eisenhower was an avid golfer with a so-so game.

Shortly after leaving office, he was asked if leaving the White House had affected his play.

He responded, "It must have. A lot more people beat me now."

Lions' Easter Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

THANKS!



Both the pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt were a smashing success with almost 400 served and over 100 kids for the Easter egg hunt.

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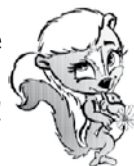
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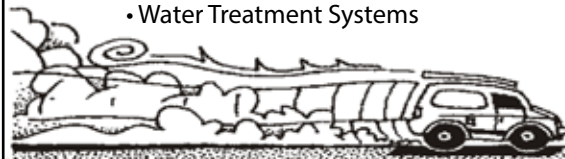
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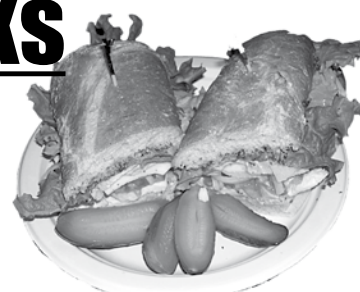
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 Fri. May 4.....Laugh Your Way - Christ the Redeemer Church, 7 p.m.
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 Sat. May 5.....Angie McCauley - Copper Sky Gallery & Cafe, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. May 5.....Garden Bay Classic Fishing Derby (2 days)
 Sat. May 5.....P.H. Power and Sail Squadron Change of Watch - P.H. Legion, 6 p.m.
 Sun. May 6.....Jerry Yuzon - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. May 7.....Garden Club Meeting - Sue Campbell's, 11 a.m.
 Tues. May 8.....Women's Connection meeting w/ Bill Elsner, 10 a.m.
 Thurs. May 10....Pender Harbour Walks For Health - P.H. Health Centre, 11:30 a.m.
 Sat. May 12.....Roland, Susy & Chris - Copper Sky Gallery & Cafe, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. May 13.....Girls Only Spa Night - Pender Pool, 5 p.m.
 Sun. May 13.....P.H. Mountain Bike Club Group Ride - P.H. High School, 10 a.m.
 Sun. May 13.....Mother's Day Chinese Buffet and Cruise - Backeddy Pub, 11 a.m.
 Sun. May 13.....Joe Stanton & Friends - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. May 14.....Splashin' Sneakers 'n Snacks Swim - Pender Pool, 12 noon
 Tues. May 15.....P.H. Wildlife Society w/ Carole Rubin - P.H.S.S. 7:30 p.m.
 Fri. May 18.....Billy Dixon's Soul Train Express - Garden Bay Pub, 8:30 p.m.
 Sat. May 19.....62nd P.H. May Day
 Sat. May 19.....May Day Dance w/ The Twisters - P.H. Community Hall, 8:30 p.m.
 Sat. May 19.....Billy Dixon's Soul Train Express - Garden Bay Pub, 8:30 p.m.
 Sat. May 19.....Soup & Song - St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 5 p.m.
 Sun. May 20.....All Star Jam - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. May 20.....Attack of Danger Bay - buses leave Oak Tree Market, all day
 Sun. May 20.....All Ages Award Show - P.H. Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Tues. May 22.....Women's Connection w/ S. Haugen & M. Hutton, 10 a.m.
 Fri. May 25.....Blue Voodoo - Garden Bay Pub, 8:30 p.m.
 Sat. May 26.....Blue Voodoo - Garden Bay Pub, 8:30 p.m.
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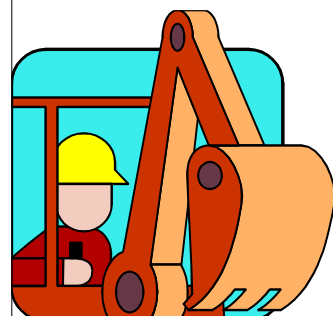
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