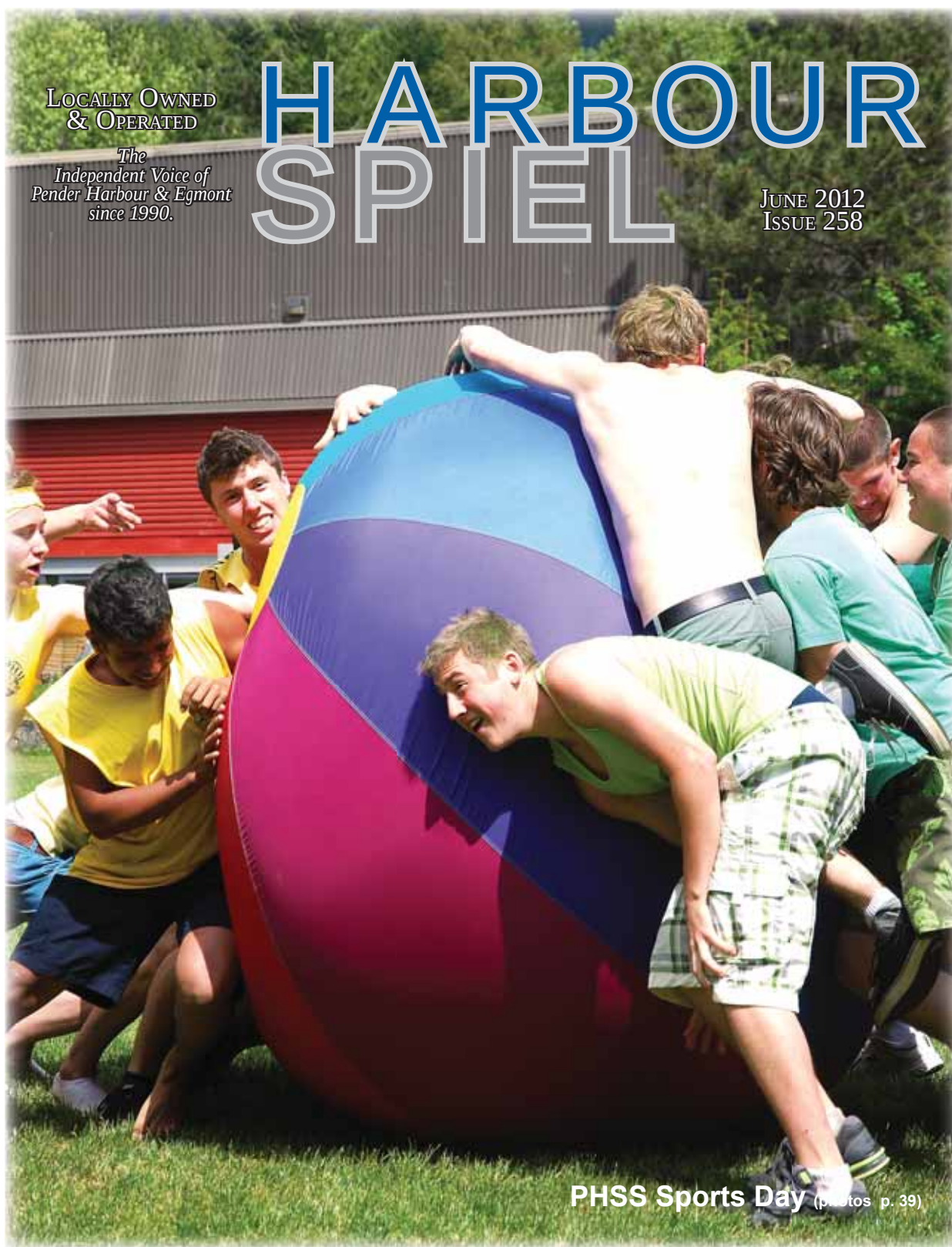


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EDITORIAL

Zombie Awareness Month . . . are you ready?



By Brian Lee

As anyone who watches much TV knows, zombies are making a comeback.

The popular TV series *The Walking Dead* has proven to be an extremely effective tool in educating people on what to expect during a zombie pandemic.

It's a fictional story about a group of survivors in the American southeast coping with an exceedingly hostile zombie outbreak.

What sets it apart from the typical Hollywood zombie fare is that the show's producers have worked hard to present material based on recent research and the best eyewitness accounts available.

It's renewed awareness about what is an increasingly likely catastrophe.

Even the BC government jumped on the trend recently by promoting May as Zombie Awareness month.

The initiative was intended to promote their broader message about emergency preparation but the subtext is clear — provincial authorities now consider zombies a credible threat to public safety.

Conveniently, a pandemic of this type requires similar survival items as an earthquake or tsunami — “grab-and-go” kits for your home, office and vehicle with the usual supplies (water, gasoline and food).

But as much as Christy Clark and her team should be applauded for pulling back the curtain on this suspiciously underreported threat, the province chose to omit many troubling details about what to expect during an outbreak.

According to Max Brooks' bestselling *The Zombie Survival Guide*:

“Any creature, regardless of size or species, will be consumed by an attacking zombie. Human flesh, however, will always be preferable to other life forms.”

Brooks relates an experiment involving a captured specimen that repeatedly chose human flesh over animal meat.

It's still unknown why zombies prefer human flesh but it emphasizes a critical

danger (besides the hazard of infection itself) that will be present during a zombie pandemic:

You will be hunted as food.

As everyone knows, most zombies aren't difficult to kill — one must simply destroy its brain, either by decapitation or trauma.

And though it may be satisfying to hack or bludgeon your way through a half dozen of the shuffling ghouls, Brooks counsels that close combat should be avoided.

Sooner or later you'll trip or your blade will break off in one of their skulls. Or you'll fail to notice a little juvenile zombie until it sinks its broken teeth into your leg.

It happens, so don't be macho: **ZOMBIES MUST BE TREATED WITH EXTREME CAUTION.**

Brooks makes clear in his introduction that there is no victory or conquest with zombies — just survival.

It's important to understand they possess similar physical attributes to their former human selves, with a few exceptions. One is they can't swim.

If a zombie falls in the ocean, it will likely wander aimlessly along the bottom until its brain is consumed by sea lice. So consider islands and boats a good bet to avoid contact.

Aside from that, the popular literature (including Brooks' book) presents most survival scenarios from the perspective of the urban dweller.

Take what you can from them but also know that living on the Sunshine Coast carries a distinct advantage:

Our ferry-only access limits the number of potential zombies (in a worst-case scenario) to about 30,000.

But even then, dispatching that many zombies will require plenty of ammunition and energy so as the BC government is now strongly hinting:

You should equip yourself.

In the event of a zombie attack, the print version of the Harbour Spiel will be unavailable but I pledge to update the Harbour Spiel website (www.harbourspiel.com) with breaking news for as long as I can. ~Ed.

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Fred Coulter photo

Red. Right. Returning. David Reid's *Ocean Pioneer* had a full load of prawns when he found the rock that sits just *inside* of the red channel marker near the Francis Peninsula prawn plant. Seen here is Harry Brown in the *Hazel Mae* helping to unload his tasty cargo. Reid was pulled off without damage and didn't lose any fishing time. Sources close to the experienced fisherman say Reid stubbornly refused to pass on the correct side of the marker because of warnings from a nearby homeowner who insisted it was 'illegal' to go on the inside. Showed her.

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NEWS

'One of the nicest forestry campgrounds in southwestern BC'

What used to be an overgrown back road slated for logging has recently been described as, "one of the nicest forestry campgrounds in southwestern BC."

Rob and Debbie Kennedy, caretakers of the resurrected Homesite Creek forestry camp site say the comment came from a ministry of forests, lands and natural resources contact during a recent visit to the site.

The reclaimed Homesite Creek forestry campground is two kilometres up the Homesite Creek forest service road near Secret Cove.

Four years ago, the Kennedys acquired approval from the province to take over maintenance and operation of the neglected forestry campsite.

During that time the province has been pleased with the the Kennedys' progress and provided more funding for improvements.

Rob Kennedy says that over \$100,000 has been invested since 2008, culminating in extensive road maintenance just completed this year that makes it possible for just about any size of RV to enter the campground.

Other improvements include expanded campsites with improved drainage and selective tree removal for safety and improved lighting.

New toilet facilities are completed and soon the campsite will



Brian Lee photo

If you haven't been to the Homesite Creek forestry campground lately, you might not recognize it.

be serviced by running water from a nearby well.

The site currently boasts 17 sites but plans are already underway to expand that number to 25, install a horse corral and improve the landscaping.

The Homesite Creek Forestry site operated as a campsite from the late '70s until the mid '80s when it was shut down due to vandalism.

It was later decommissioned in the early '90s and had been the site of illegal garbage dumping until the Kennedys took over in 2008.

It costs \$12 to camp for the night and sites are booked on a "first come, first served" basis.

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Pass and Harbour Publishing pick up book BC Book prizes

Local publisher Harbour Publishing and local author John Pass caught the ferry home with fresh BC Book Prizes under their arms.

Ruby Lake area poet John Pass won the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize for his collection *crawlspace* (\$18.95, Harbour Publishing).

A press release explained how Pass was one of five nominees, but did not expect to win the prize and neglected to write an acceptance speech.

Nevertheless, upon accepting his prize, Pass gave one of the most eloquent addresses of the evening, thanking his publisher and his wife, Theresa Kishkan, with whom "life is poetry."

Kishkan was also a BC Book Prize nominee but didn't win for her non-fiction book *Mnemonic: A Book of Trees*.

Pass's win helped Harbour Publishing win in every category in which it was nominated.

The Beaver Island company's books won three of the seven prizes awarded that night — more than any other publisher.

Harbour's fall 2011 bestseller, *The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver* by Chuck Davis, first



photo courtesy of Alan Twigg/BC Bookworld

The Harbour Publishing crew and others associated with *The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver* pose at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts after winning the Bill Duthie Booksellers Choice Award for Davis' posthumously published historical book.

won both the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional Book Prize, which is awarded to the book which most contributes to the enjoyment and understanding of British Columbia.

It then went on to win the Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award, which is given to the author and publisher who have published the best book in terms of public appeal, initiative, design, production and content.

Author Chuck Davis died in 2010, a year before his mammoth history of Vancouver was published.

The BC Book Prizes were established in 1985 to recognize the very best in writing and publishing in British Columbia and are awarded annually in seven categories.

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SPORTS

Switzer takes a slippery and crashed-filled Attack of Danger Bay 11

They say you can't be a world champion if you've haven't won Attack of Danger Bay.

The 2011 IGSA world downhill champ, Canadian Patrick Switzer, made it official on May 20.

Switzer beat out 129 other racers on a dangerously slippery course to take the 11th running of the Attack of Danger Bay downhill longboard race.

He did it in one of the most exciting finishes in recent memory.

In the men's final, Switzer found himself rounding the dangerous "Carnage Corner" in fourth (last) place.

Leading was two-time winner and defending ADB champ Kevin Reimer of North Vancouver.

Reimer, the 2010 IGSA world champion, looked to be in control but took a couple of pushes to keep his speed up before entering the final downhill finish.

Suddenly, on the flat straight before the final corner, Reimer wobbled and veered to the left, crashing hard and taking American Alex Tongue with him.

Switzer exited Carnage Corner with good speed and had already moved into third place when he was forced to make a sharp carve to the right to avoid the pile-up.

Leaving the two in the hay bales, Switzer cruised to victory and \$2,000.

Drafting him to the finish line was Brazilian Danky Ovalhe.

Reimer dusted himself off to take third while Tongue finished fourth.

A sprinkle of rain left the course slippery for much of the day causing



Brian Lee photo

Two-time winner Kevin Reimer looks to be on his way to a record third victory in the Attack of Danger Bay 11 final as all four racers pass Carnage Corner unscathed.

many crashes including one by last year's junior champion, local Curtis Watts, that left him with an apparent broken wrist.

In the women's division, Calgary's Maia Johnson won with defending champ and fellow Calgarian Anna O'Neill taking second place.

Gibsons' Charlie Daigneault led into Carnage Corner but crashed (see photo montage below) forcing her to accept third place. Her performance builds on an impressive record that has seen her finish in the top three for the past four years.

Chance Gaul, a 14-year-old from



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Local racers Warner Endert (l) and Keegan Edwardson (m) are seen here at the start of a late junior division heat.



Brian Lee photo

ADB organizer Bricin Lyons' racial reassignment treatment is progressing well.

California, won the junior division (under 15), while the 40-plus Masters event was won by Frank Cote.

Kevin Reimer bounced back three days later by repeating his 2011 win at ADB's sister event "Jake's Rash" in Secret Cove May 23.



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Attack of Danger Bay 2012 champion Patrick Switzer, moments after his come from behind victory.



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Cadwallanders thank local fire department

Dear Editor,

We wanted to send out a big thank you to the Pender Harbour volunteer fire department.

Just before noon on Sunday, May 6, our boat, the *Four C's*, caught fire in Agamemnon Channel between Daniel Point and Fearnley Point — known locally as the A Frame.

My husband and three friends were forced to abandon ship.

Due to the fire, our VHF radio was useless so my husband called 911 with his cell phone from our tender and, luckily, had reception.

He also called me and told me to call 911 as his battery was low.

The 911 service put my husband through to the Comox Coast Guard.

I was put through to the fire department and reported their location to the fire department.

At this point no lives were in danger but the boat was burning and adrift.

The Coast Guard arrived from Powell River as did the Coast Guard auxiliary from Madeira Park.

Thanks to Bob Fielding and Don Murray for arriving first on the scene and taking charge.

They boarded our vessel and cleared the smoke and shut down all the battery systems.

The fire was put out by the fire extinguisher system in the engine room by the time all of the above arrived.

The Coast Guard and Coast Guard auxiliary stood by as Bob and Don dealt with the situation.

The Coast Guard took down my husband's information and then headed to the Egmont area as they had business to take care of.

The Coast Guard auxiliary could

not get permission from Comox to tow our 37-foot boat back to Garden Bay.

So, Bob and Don from the Pender Harbour volunteer fire department took charge again by fastening a line to the boat and towing it back to our Garden Bay dock with a 19-foot Double Eagle and 225-hp Mercury outboard.

My husband Derek and our friends followed the tow in our 10-foot tender with a 20-hp outboard.

Thank you to the Madeira Park Coast Guard auxiliary for following the tender home to make sure they had a safe return.

No one else on the water that day even slowed down to check on the situation as Comox broadcast the "Pan-pan" distress signal while black smoke was poured out of the boat.

There was a fishing derby happening that day and there were many boats out on the water.

It shows how important the Pender Harbour fire department and people like Bob Fielding and Don Murray are to our community.

Thank you. We will be giving a donation to the Pender Harbour volunteer fire department.

You never know when you might need them — on land or sea.

We were later informed by a member of the local Coast Guard auxiliary that the national Canadian Coast Guard policy states that if there is another vessel capable of towing in the area, the local auxiliary is not allowed to do so.

The local commercial vessel assist was contacted by Comox and declined to attend.

Gail and Derek Cadwallader
 Garden Bay, BC

SPORTS

Pender girls place third in rural schools soccer tourney

The Pender Harbour Secondary girls soccer team travelled to Osoyoos on May 10 for the annual two-day rural schools girls soccer tournament.

Despite facing a doubtful season due to the teachers' strike, the team was able to muster the support needed thanks to Coach Robin Millar and PHSS principal Mark Heidebrecht.

The athletes ranged from Grade 7-12 and it was their first time playing together as a team.

It didn't show as the Pender kids swept the first day thanks to their stingy goalie, Grade 7 rookie Madelyn Roach who only let by two balls.

The second day was tougher as the team faced off against the eventual tournament champion from Rossland.

They came up just short, landing them in the consolation final against Nakusp to battle for third place.



photo submitted

PHSS girls soccer team Osoyoos showing off their third-place hardware.

"We used all the energy we had to get the lead over Nakusp but they tied it up in the dying minutes, forcing us into a nail-biting shoot out," says team member Khoya Craig.

After six of the best Sakinaw

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THE MAURO MEMO

More on parks, trails and bikeways



By Frank Mauro,
Area A Director

Further to last month's Memo describing how parks, trails and bikeways are funded by the SCRD, this month I would like to expand on what I see as the community involvement required to "get this show on the road."

BIKEWAYS/WALKING PATHS

Our residents have expressed a strong desire to develop safe paths in our communities.

There have been suggestions for some time to create an association or council that would act as a unified voice for Pender Harbour area — fulfilling a role much as the old "Growth

and Development Partnership" did when the Madeira Park beautification project was underway some years ago.

The editor of this paper referred to the proposed "advocacy group" in last month's editorial.

The group would be dedicated to the betterment of social, cultural, environmental and economic conditions in the Pender Harbour area.

The mission of this group would include:

- Providing a public forum for community members.
- Identifying community needs.
- Speaking as a strong, united voice on behalf of P. H. communities to all levels of government and funding agencies.
- Co-ordinating volunteers and community projects.
- Liaising with and advising the

Area A Director on community issues.

While the value of the work of groups like Rotary, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, etc., cannot be understated, a body is needed to complement their efforts, prioritize community projects and seek funding on behalf of the community as a whole.

Initially, the major focus of the new group would be trails and bike-ways connecting areas of the Harbour.

A small group of people have been working on a structure for this proposed organization and will be seeking representatives for a board/council from among the existing clubs and associations and from individuals in each of the communities that make up Pender Harbour.

Over the next while, members of this planning group will be mak-

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ing presentations to the community to seek input and membership.

I urge all groups and individuals to pitch in and make this work.

COMMUNITY PARKS (BEACH ACCESS)

I have heard many times from many people that one of the most desirable benefits of living in our area is access to the water but that neighbourhood access is quickly disappearing.

One of the responsibilities of the community parks function at the SCRD is recreational trails on tenured lands for park use such as beach access trails on statutory rights-of-way.

While the SCRD is responsible for the function it would not be feasible for the regional district to develop the many "road ends" that have access to water nor would it be palatable to taxpayers to fund such an activity.

There is an opportunity, however, for organized groups to acquire stewardship of one or more of these statutory rights-of-way and to develop simple parks.

Development may be as simple as minor clearing and the installation of a picnic table or some benches.

Such an improvement would certainly enhance our community and complement any paths we may develop.

While not all such spaces are necessarily suited for such development, many are.

A map with most of these "public foreshore accesses" identified is available on the SCRD website under "Planning /OCPs/Egmont and Pender Harbour/A5-Public Use Areas."

The same page on the website has a link to the OCP document which describes these public areas (starting at page 122).

If any group wishes to obtain stewardship to develop one of these foreshore accesses please let me know and I will start the process to make it happen.

NEXT MONTH

For the past few weeks the SCRD board has worked to develop the regional district strategic plan for

the next three years.

OPEN DISCUSSION

I will be available between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15 at the Copper Sky in Madeira Park to listen to your concerns. I can be reached at 604 740-1451 or by email at Frank.

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The Cuban paradox: A Canadian's take



By Joe Harrison

Joe and Solveigh Harrison began 2012 with a five-week journey to Cuba.

Part III

(Continued from the May 2012 issue.)

We spent our last week in Old Havana at a *casa particular* and explored the ambience and rich architecture legacy of five centuries.

There are dozens of “Buena Vista Social Club” type restaurants and wonderful concerts around the city that cater to the hordes of tourists from every part of the world — except the U.S.A.



Solveigh Harrison photo

Old Havana. Most Cubans think they have more to lose than gain by rejecting the revolutionary vision.

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Brazilians, Argentines, Germans, Ukrainians, Russians, Brits, Dutch, Chinese, you name it: they're all there except Americans who are forbidden by U.S. law from spending money in Cuba.

Canadians are tops in tourist numbers with many flights each day from all Canadian cities.

In 2010 the United Nations voted 187 to 3 asking the Americans to end the blockade and embargo.

While President Obama has made some cosmetic concessions such as removing the black flags from the 50 (yes, 50) tall metal flagpoles on the American plaza in Havana, and reluctantly allowing American Cubans to

travel to Cuba for family reasons or send money to relatives, he has broken a promise to close Guantanamo.

And the embargo which keeps Cubans living in almost impossible poverty continues.

When the Cubans came second in a recent international baseball tournament in the U.S., they were forced to donate the prize money to Haitian Earthquake Relief because the embargo rules forbade taking the prize money home to Cuba.

Changing American money in Cuba can be excruciatingly slow for a tourist (an hour in a line) because the serial number of each note over \$20 and greater must be recorded.

Apparently when Cuba legalized American dollars, the American CIA seeded the countryside with counterfeit bills to disrupt commerce.

Cuban banks also record your passport numbers and location of your lodging. A Canadian credit card is much easier to use, but avoid card-eating ATMs.

The presence of Iranians, including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba promoting nuclear technology must be troubling.

An unfinished Soviet reactor sits on the outskirts of Cienfuegos, abandoned when the Soviet Union collapsed in the early 1990s.

The attraction of nuclear electricity for Cuba is obvious

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given the cost of oil.

A large deep sea drilling rig from Singapore is working offshore.

If a large producing field is found, the whole economic outlook will change as Cuba earns money from international exports.

For now, Cuba cultivates allies by exporting medical personnel to places like Haiti and South Africa.

In a Cuban initiative called “Operation Miracle,” 8,000 Cuban trained doctors are at work around the world and more than a million people have had operations to restore their sight.

Free education from preschool to the doctorate level has given Cuba an army of educated believers who are ready and willing to spread the word that Cuban socialism works for the poor. And it's much more effective than bombs.

Meanwhile American cultural modernity with its glorification of the deadly sins and popular music that too often panders to narcissism and appetite is portrayed as the inevitable result of a “drugs, guns, and rock'n roll” mentality.

We heard from a young Cuban named John.

“The Americans want everything,” he told us while professing his undying loyalty to socialism.

Yet he also claims that the Cuban economy does not work — even Fidel admitted as much recently, leading to some reforms.

John's disillusionment can be attributed to a bad experience when he obtained a permit to visit Europe for a month but overstayed his visa and was deported.

When he got back to Cuba, he was expelled from his last year in university and now he is forced to manage a tourist house.

His prospects are dim and he will leave if he can find a way.

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Solveigh Harrison photo

A poster in Havana celebrating Fidel Castro and 53 years of revolution.

There is little doubt that Cuba is consciously promoting a “War to Win Hearts of the Poor” throughout Latin America and the Third World.

It's meeting with obvious success while North American aid is fragmented and often diverted by corrupt officials.

Not only the poor, but the educated elite of Cuba — and most of Central America and much of South America — support Cuban altruism.

Fed by a steady stream of Western horror stories on the Cuban state television and the widely distributed newspapers, Cubans are at the mercy of a single point of view and the emotional appeal to patriotism.

The many well-educated Cubans are remarkably sophisticated but are unwilling to rock the boat.

Like most Cubans, they think they have more to lose than gain by rejecting the revolutionary vision.

And there is hope that relations with the U.S. will improve.

Former President Jimmy Carter is fondly remembered here for his thwarted attempt to normalize relations and Canada is revered everywhere in Cuba for its help since the days of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Given the universality of low wages fixed by the Cuban government (22 levels from \$11 to \$34 monthly) offset by good health and education benefits, everybody understands that they are in the same boat.

And while everyone wants freedom to travel, better pay and an efficient economy, people seem to accept that there are generally positive social goals in Cuba.

When the U.S. government recognizes that, they'll begin to understand why the collapse of Cuba won't happen any time soon.

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Alexander Berg

NOV. 28, 1928 — MAY 13, 2012



64 years, Louise Berg and son Kent (Rhonda) and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Alex was loving, caring and generous to family, friends and employees of his business Norgate Autobody, which he founded in Prince George and later passed on to his son Kent.

Alex was blessed with loyal support from people who became his close friends over the years.

He worked with the Automotive Retailers Association with other shop owners to elevate the automotive repair service industry in Prince George.

Alex was gifted, working with his hands in metal, fibreglass and wood — in Ukraine, they call it a “man with golden hands.”

He also built cabins, boats and

houses, one of which he and Louise retired to in Madeira Park in 1980.

He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman with the *Lady Lou*, which touched so many lives.

The twinkle in his eye will be missed as will his wonderful sense of humour.

It was a privilege for his family to provide living care him while at home.

A service was held at the Pender Harbour Community Church on May 28.

*Beyond the sunset, oh, glad reunion.
With our dear loved ones, who've gone before.
In that fair homeland, we'll know no parting,
Beyond the sunset, forever more.*

~ Virgil and Blanche Brock

Yvonne Barabash

JUNE 25 1958 — MAY 2, 2012



Yvonne Barabash was born in Edmonton, Al., to Stella and Paul Barabash in 1958.

They came to Pender Harbour when Yvonne was 15 and lived in Kleindale.

Yvonne lived there until her dad and mom passed away.

She moved to Gibsons and lived with a wonderful family who cared for her and loved her dearly.

Yvonne loved people. She would talk to anyone and everyone. Once she met you she would never forget your name and you were her friend.

She loved animals, beading and music and would often dance for

hours.

In her last eight years, Yvonne travelled with her new family and made frequent trips to the spa, which she loved.

She was not well the last few years and was in and out of the hospital, but it didn't stop her from smiling.

She always had a hug and a smile for people.

Yvonne will be sadly missed by her extended family and friends.

She is survived by her brother Kelly (Samone) and nephews Quinn and Jared Barabash.

She will be missed dearly.

Shirley Harriette Falconbridge (née Hembroff)

JUNE 18 1921 — APRIL 20, 2012



Shirley was born on a farm in Saskatchewan.

After serving overseas during World War II, she married her husband Charlie and settled in North Vancouver.

Shirley had three children: Sandra Godkin, Chuck Falconbridge and Sharon Peterson.

In the late 1950s, Charlie discovered the Sunshine Coast through work and soon brought the family to visit.

They purchased Katherine Lake in Garden Bay and thereafter would always feel a great love for the spot and wanted to share it.

They developed their property into a campground which became Brightside Resort.

Everyone who knew Shirley could say she was a generous woman — she always looked after family and supported everyone she loved greatly.

She had a huge heart and she will

be dearly missed.

Because of her, many of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren can still call Pender Harbour home.

Memories of her stay close as does her greatest gift, Katherine Lake, always our Brightside.

Shirley's hard work remains a gift to her family and a memorial for her and husband Charlie will be erected beside a picnic table at Katherine Lake Park.

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SUMMER DAY CAMPS

On July 17 to 26 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, the facility is offering summer camps for kids ages 6 to 12 years. The camps offer a variety of recreational and educational activities ranging from arts and crafts, games, water activities and sports.

July 17 - School's Out for Summer

This camp will feature those great 'old' school yard games.

July 18 - Big Spin Bike Day

Relays and races around the bike track. Kids will need to bring their bikes and helmets.

July 19 - Wet and Wild Water Day

It will be a day of fun in the sun getting wet at the pool or the lake!

July 24 - Summer Sun Dance Party

Join us for dance moves like Zumbatomic, Hip Hop and more.

July 25 - Jungle Gymnastics

Bring out your adventurous side with outdoor and indoor gymnastics.

July 26 - Summer Circus Olympics

Olympic events with a circus twist.

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St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary celebrates its 75th year



photo courtesy of Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives

St. Mary's Hospital as it looked on the day of its official opening on Aug. 16, 1930.

Submitted by members of the St. Mary's Hospital/Healthcare Auxiliary

In the 1920s, Anglican Rev. John Antle of the Columbia Coast Mission met with the people of Pender Harbour to organize a plan for a hospital.

It was to be the only hospital on the Sunshine Coast and aimed to serve folks from Port Mellon to Egmont and any number of nearby inlets and waterways.

St. Mary's Hospital was built overlooking Hospital Bay in 1930 on donated land and with mostly volunteer labour.

It was officially opened and dedicated on Aug. 16, 1930 by Archdeacon Sir Francis Heathcoat and named after the benefactor, St. Mary's Kerrisdale.

It was licensed for 14 beds and three bassinets and supported a doctor,

two nurses and an orderly/handyman whose wife also did the cooking.

Not long after the hospital opened, a group of locals met to form an auxiliary.

Maggie Cameron was elected the first president in 1937.

In the beginning, men and women worked together to provide assistance to the hospital, not only by providing extra comforts to the patients but by purchasing equipment and supplies not otherwise provided.

Funds were raised by hosting dances, card tournaments and raffles.

Profits were not large but gradually funds grew and were used wherever the need was greatest.

A fall bazaar became the key money generating event of the year.

As the years passed, membership grew and other areas of the Sunshine Coast started their own branches.

They sent gifts of money raised

by projects of their own and, in 1941, a major purchase was made possible — an X-ray machine.

By 1948 a nurse's residence was built on the property. Prior to that, nurses and staff lived in the lower floor of the hospital.

The residence contained a sitting room with a fireplace, two bedrooms and a dining room next to the kitchen.

By the time Dr. Swan and Dr. Playfair arrived in the late-1950s, these three rooms were used as an office for outpatients.

Hospital equipment was often makeshift and doctors were forced to use what tools they had available.

The operating room doubled as maternity delivery room and sometimes, when two women were in labour, one would have to deliver her baby on the X-ray table.

With no mechanism to raise or lower the main operating room table,

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it was installed on stacks of bricks. If a tilt was needed, more bricks were added or subtracted.

Anesthetic was administered through a coffee can with holes punched in the bottom while a suction device called the Wangenstein apparatus used gravity to maintain negative pressure for draining fluids.

Despite that, it wasn't long before better equipment was acquired and the hospital "modernized."

The road to Highway 101 was upgraded yearly and traffic from the south end of the Sunshine Coast increased accordingly.

As the nursing staff grew with the added volume of patients, so too did the licence which expanded to allow 25-plus beds and any number of bassinets.

In the years between 1937 and 1957, the auxiliary raised over \$12,000. Today, that sum would be the equivalent of approximately \$120,000.

Members also visited patients offering fruit, chocolate bars and reading material. At Christmas, a gift was given to each patient and at New Year's, a silver spoon was awarded to the New Years baby.

By that time the provincial government was growing firm in its position that a new hospital should be built instead of improving or enlarging the existing St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay.

In 1959, the Sechelt Indian Band donated 10 acres to the St. Mary's Hospital Society.

Construction began soon after on a new 35-bed hospital and in November 1964, the St. Mary's Hospital in Sechelt was opened.

At the ceremonial opening, a scroll was presented to the Sechelt

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Indian Band commemorating their gift of land. It bore the signatures of the band executive, the hospital board members and one token silver dollar.

The scroll was displayed in the front lobby for a number of years until a thief lifted it from the wall, and while removing the silver dollar, destroyed the framed scroll in the process. Many of the signatories were no longer with us and the scroll could not be replaced.

When the "old" St. Mary's Hospital finally closed and the "new" St. Mary's Hospital opened in Sechelt, the Pender Harbour branch of the hospital auxiliary continued with its work.

Today, there are five other branches from Hopkins Landing to Halfmoon Bay volunteers under the umbrella of the St. Mary's Hospital/Health Care Auxiliary.

In 2007 a group of ambitious individuals began a campaign to raise enough money to purchase and install a CT scan unit in the hospital.

Over \$2.3 million was raised (\$400,000 by the hospital auxiliary itself) in absolute record time thanks to huge community support.

The CT scan device was up and

running within months and now assists greatly in bringing in and retaining much-needed physicians.

Looking ahead through 2012, there are even more ambitious projects underway.

Auxiliary members are anxiously awaiting the opening of a 63-bed expansion to St. Mary's Hospital.

This addition will be the first of its kind in B.C. to receive a Leadership in Energy Efficient Design gold certification.

The expansion is designed to accommodate single-bed patient rooms to reduce the chances of transferring infections between patients.

The St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, in conjunction with the St. Mary's Hospital auxiliary, were committed to raise \$2,000,000 for furnishing that expansion — a goal that has now been reached.

But even after the expansion is done, there will be much work to do.

Once the ribbon has been cut to officially open the new wing of the hospital, work will already be underway to raise funds to renovate the current hospital.



photo courtesy of Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives

In the early days of Garden Bay's St. Mary's Hospital, surgery was often performed with anesthetic administered through a coffee can with holes punched in the bottom.

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Kleindale Nursery: Growing with the community for 26 years

If you had to name the longest serving owner/operators of a Pender Harbour retail shop, who comes to mind?

It might be a tough one so here's a hint: it's likely Mike and Gini Zacharias and their Kleindale Nursery.

As the sign at the entrance to their ever-expanding Dubois Road nursery says, the Zacharias family has been "Growing with the community" for the past 26 years.

Mike and Gini Zacharias first moved to Nelson Island in 1973 but divided their time between living on their 34-foot sailboat, the *Olhiyu*, and a cabin in Hidden Basin. Life took over and it wasn't long before a couple kids — Jesse and Michele — and a pet cockatoo named Thumper started to cramp their cockpit.

So, they were forced to trade the freewheelin' life for a travel trailer, a John Deere 350 tractor and two acres in Kleindale.

"It broke my heart to trade that boat after all the work we did on it but we were looking for a new challenge and the kids needed to grow up near a town," says Mike in the home he started building in 1981.

"Back then this property was just a mess of trees and swamp so we

just cleared and cleared and built as we went."

At first Mike worked in construction and milled lumber while Gini worked at nearby Roosendal Farms. With the little time and money they could spare, they managed to build a house and clear more of their land. By the mid-eighties there wasn't a lot of work and they were still "... just struggling to survive."

"We thought, well, we have two acres of land. What can we do with it?"

They built a 2,400-square-foot greenhouse and started selling bedding plants. Gini says the more they offered, the more their customers asked for so they started selling soils and fertilizers and garden equipment. That was 1986 and, as Mike says, they've "added some kind of improvement to the property every year since" to evolve into the complete garden centre you find today.

For 25 of the past 26 years, Kleindale Nursery has been open for business seven days a week and 364 days a year, only closing for Christmas Day. "Though, if someone showed up, Gini would probably still go out and help them," says Mike.

Along the way they've meticulously landscaped the sprawling

property, adding a store in 1987 followed by 3,500-square-foot shade-house.

Gini describes her husband as a "chronic builder" who can't help himself from planning his next project. It's a condition that comes in handy for a business like Kleindale Nursery — the couple has rebuilt their shadehouse and greenhouse twice while reinstalling countless irrigation and electrical systems throughout the property. They've designed and built three additions to their house and the jewel of the garden area, the "Zak Mahal." That's what their neighbour nicknamed their gazebo patio area boasting a flowing pond display and a barbeque area with enough stonework to make a pharaoh envious.

"Throughout it all, the bank has been our best friend," says Gini with a laugh. "The bank and Harbour Disposal," adds Mike, talking about the business he ran for five years before purchasing in 1990. The garbage collection business has provided a steady income through the tough times like the '90s when an introduced population of Roosevelt elk ran roughshod over everything they'd worked for.

"The elk really hurt us. It cost us thousands and thousands of dollars in damage," says Gini.

"They'd just come in and tram-

ple everything and break all of the fruit trees. They're a real disaster."

They've been lucky recently and all evidence of the elk years is gone — for now. In its place is a showcase of imaginative landscaping and what may be the largest selection of plants and garden products on the Sunshine Coast.

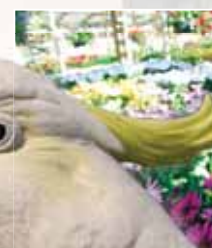
The most recent addition to the property is a covered lounge area attached to the original Zak Mahal.

It boasts an enclosed fireplace that overlooks the colourful greenhouse with tables and bar stools.

On most days, Thumper the cockatoo moves freely from the barbeque area to the greenhouse, cheerfully greeting visitors with what seems like a friendly sparkle. Thumper's almost 40 but hasn't even reached middle age. He's unfazed by eagles, cats or dogs but isn't terribly fond of little boys.

He roams the property freely but is mostly content to sun himself while lord-ing over the Zak Mahal.

He's the unofficial mascot of Kleindale Nursery and when you see him, basking in the tropical warmth of the greenhouse, surrounded by hanging baskets and Technicolor tables of flowers and plants, you might think he's one of the luckiest birds in the world.



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P. H. GARDENING CLUB

On June 11, the Pender Harbour Garden Club will be hosting Cheryl Topping, a ISA certified arborist and horticulture technician with a focus on natural landscaping and associated practices. She will talk about pruning, planting and selection and will answer questions afterwards. The presentation will be at the P. H. School of Music at 10 a.m. Admission for non-members is by donation. For more information call Caron at (604) 883-2595.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society will hold its annual picnic and potluck dinner on Tuesday, June 19, starting at 5 p.m. at the Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre. George Smith, a noted environmentalist and National Conservation Director for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, will give a short presentation on the pros and cons of building the Site "C" Dam on the Peace River just southwest of Fort St. John. Everyone is welcome to attend the picnic and dinner.

It's rain or shine and please bring your own cutlery, plate and chair, etc.

P. H. LEGION

In effort to avoid executive and volunteer burnout, the P. H. Legion requires additional volunteer support to ensure branch success and continue providing operations and services.

General volunteer opportunities include office work (filing, scheduling, financial), food preparation, serving, clean up for events and Friday evenings and/or special event organization. We also need help with the following on a regular basis with a commitment of once per month: An internal audit (accounting/bookkeeper background is beneficial), groundskeeping, Costco shopping and dump/recycling runs.

If you can spare some time, please contact Walt Wickson, president, Pender Harbour Legion.



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PHSS third term honour roll

GRADE 7

Julian Aschenbroich, Cypher Clerx, Tanille Evans, Abby Foster, Jordan Haines, Maribeth Haines, Andrew Hanna, Jordan Kammerle, Brooklyn Krause, Grace Mattson, Alex Phillips, Madeline Roach, Jesse Venalainen.

Honourable mention:
Cameron Biddulph

GRADE 8

Marena Mackenzie, Mitchell Silvey, Samantha Stewart, Brenna Young.

GRADE 9

Cameron Anderson, Keenan Clerx, Teaguen Craig, Cassidy Craig-Watters, Christopher Joseph, Jace Landry, Zena Lanteigne, Dani Pazur, Caleb Rouleau, Jade Storoschuk, Salem Taylor.

GRADE 10

Matteo Alps Mocellin, Alex Christian, Tyler Ellison, Arlen Howitt, Autumn La France, Zach Mansbridge-Fafard, Emily Reid, Mackenzie Stewart, Wendy Snedden, Solveig van Wersch.

GRADE 11

Lena Aschenbroich, Brandon Ewen, Carly Fielding, Charlotte Gray, Ryleigh Lightbourn, Po-Ya Liu, Brad Seabrook, Savannah Sosa, Shaylen Sosa.

GRADE 12

Carson Anderson, Ashley Bilcik, Khoya Craig, Sarah Dybwad, Joel Field, Emily Hargrove, Amber La France, Jay Maxim, Brandon Rouleau, Elizabeth Rowlands, Kari Scott, Alison Scoular, Chelsea Scoular, Madison Williams-Rice.
Honourable Mention:
Emma Carillo

ORGANIZATIONS

P. H. Living Heritage Society asking for help with pictorial signage

Submitted

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society is planning to place pictorial signage in areas of historical importance around the harbour.

Ideally, the first of several signs will be in place this summer and so we are asking for assistance to locate needed images.

We would be very interested in seeing photos that could be scanned, particularly of the following:

1. Madeira Park waterfront — photos taken prior to 1960.
2. Irvines Landing School — photos taken inside the school, students playing outside, class photos, certificates, awards.

3. Vi and Jim Tyner — photos of both (as a couple or individually), their property, Vi's artwork, candid photos of them in the community

If you have these photos or know where they can be found, please contact either Cathy at (604) 883-0280 June 2012

or Dorothy at (604) 883-2454 at your earliest convenience.

We will arrange to have the photos scanned and returned quickly or we can scan in someone's home.

If at all possible, please identify the approximate year in which each photo was taken, the specific location and the people shown.

As we gather photographs and other historical material, the P. H. Living Heritage Society is building an important collection that will be the

foundation of our efforts to preserve Pender Harbour history for future generations.

Following on the wonderful success of our *Women of Pender Harbour: Their Voices, Their History*, we are working on heritage signage, a web-based database of information and collection of material for preservation and display in a heritage centre and archives.

Please help us to save our Harbour memories.

Local hospital auxiliary celebrates 75 years

Submitted

The Pender Harbour branch of the St. Mary's Hospital/Health Care Auxiliary invites the community out to celebrate the organization's 75th anniversary.

A 75th anniversary tea will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Community Hall in Madeira Park.

There will be guest speakers and refreshments served. All are welcome.

The celebrations continue on June 30 with a \$10 spaghetti dinner hosted by the auxiliary at the Pender Harbour Legion from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

A live auction follows the dinner from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

All proceeds go to supporting St. Mary's Hospital auxiliary projects.



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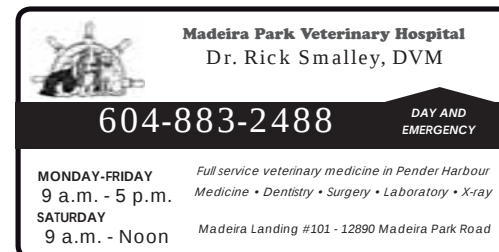
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A nine beats a six — but the race is hard to watch



By Alan Stewart

As we head into the summer, Realtors and potential home sellers are wondering just what kind of selling season we will see in the summer of 2012.

As I write this article, there have been nine residential home sales this year compared to only six in 2011. While that's 50 per cent more home sales — a statistically significant increase — it's a long way from the 33 residential homes sold in 2007. The low volume of sales combined with 131 homes available for sale in Pender and Egmont is a clear indicator that we have a long way to go before entering back into a balanced market.

MARKET BALANCING

According to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver, a balanced market exists when the number of sales in a given month is between 10 and 20 per cent of the number of active listings. Their statistics indicate that, over the past 12 months, the Pender Harbour area has an average ratio of closer to five per cent, classifying the Pender Harbour market as a "Buyer's Market" where supply significantly



outweighs demand. With no signs of a serious economic boom on the short term horizon, fewer sales and more listings can only mean one thing — continued good fortune for buyers. As an example, a spectacular Pender Harbour waterfront home which sold in June of 2007 for \$1.9 million (with significant renovations in the years since) was relisted in February of 2011 for \$2.395 million. In November of 2011 the owners reduced their price to \$1.98 million. The property sold last week at \$1.5 million, approximately 21 per

cent less than what the sellers had paid for it, not factoring in the renovation costs. Ouch. So was this the case of a super motivated or desperate seller? Perhaps. Or perhaps the seller simply found a market to reinvest in that has seen even more dramatic reductions than the Pender Harbour area. Just last week someone suggested to me that the Kelowna lakefront market had taken an even bigger hit than Pender since 2007. So, a lateral move from here to there would allow investors to buy a nicer home there now than they could have afforded then. It's an interesting thought.

HOUSING PRICE INDEX
Is this high-end waterfront sale typical of what's happened to the average home value in Pender Harbour? It's certainly extreme when compared with the statistics. Until this year, the REBGV only

produced a housing price index for the Sunshine Coast as a whole, not breaking out values for the various communities. This year the board has produced a HPI for Pender Harbour. The MLS HPI benchmark prices represent the price of a typical property within each market. The HPI takes into consideration what averages and medians do not — items like lot size, age and the number of rooms, etc. The most commonly traded set of these attributes describes the composite of the typical, or benchmark, house in a given area. Prices paid for homes with these attributes determine benchmark home prices. Based on a 12 month rolling average, the price of a benchmark house in Pender Harbour has gone from a peak value of \$394,158 in September 2008 to a current value of \$353,583. That's a drop of a little over 10

YEAR	2007	2011	2012 (YTD)
Residential home sales	33	6	9
Average price	\$559,189	\$459,000	\$368,677

What a difference half a decade makes. per cent. In conversations with local experts, most of them feel that the price drop is likely even greater than that. However, on reviewing all 50 home sales in Pender Harbour over the past 12 months and looking for houses that sold recently as well as having sold in the last five to six years, it would appear that the statistics are pretty close to reality. My advice to buyers is to find the home that's right for you and rely on your Realtor to assist you in negotiat-

ing a great deal. The homes that have sold in the past 12 months have fetched 88 per cent of their original listing price. My guess is that the selling price reflects the fact that reasonable sellers have moved their prices in line with current market conditions, either through price reductions or flexibility in negotiating when offers come through the door. Please send any suggestions for future columns to alanstewart@prudential-sussex.com

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Plenty of Pender golf as spring brings great weather



By Jan Watson

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MEN'S CLUB

The men got off to a good start in the away leg of their interclub with Sechelt winning by 11.5 to 9.5 points.

On April 17 Stroke Play, the 0-18 handicap low gross winner was Scott Patton with a 76.

The 19-plus handicap was taken by John Maveety with 94.

Low net winner was Glenn McCuaig with 70.

KP on No. 3 was Scott Patton and on No. 6, John Maveety.

April 24 saw a "money ball" four man team event.

Winners were Mike Reid, John Maveety, Bruce Forbes and John Duggan.

KP on No. 3 was Bruce Forbes, and Andrew Barker for No. 6.

Barker also won the May 1 stroke play, with a low net of 69.

Second low net was Jamie Tufford with 70. KP on No. 3 was Mike Reid and on No. 6, Ian Grant.

The May 8 Stableford was won by Rusty Ellis with 22 points and runner up was Brian Orr with 21.

KP on No. 3 was Rusty Ellis and on No. 6, Larry Honeybourne.

The May 12 Stableford Tournament saw winner Mike Reid pick up 26 points while second Jamie Tufford had 23.

KP on No. 3 was Jamie Tufford and on No. 6, Scott Patton.

The May 14 hidden partners low net winners were Rusty Ellis and Verne Bullock shooting a 147.

Runners-up were Bob Alexander and John Duggan with 148.

KP on No. 3 was Rusty Ellis while on No. 6 it was Bob Alexander.

LADIES' CLUB

The ladies fought hard for the away leg of their interclub with Sechelt but came up four points short.

One April 19 a nine-hole scramble was followed by the spring luncheon and meeting.

The winning team was Krys Parranto, Shelley Stunell and Lori Wilson with 40.

Runners-up LaVerne Richardson, Heather Cranston and Linda Klikach shot 43.

On April 26 a hidden score event of 79 resulted in a tie between Reni Ducich and Joan Stanton

On May 3 KP on No. 3 was Wendy Haddock.

On May 10, fewest putts on the front nine was won by Denise Jones with 16 and there was a tie on the back nine between Carol Newman and Lori Wilson who both shot 16.

The May 17 hidden partners, winners were Anita Caspersen and Connie McGill with 150.

Second were Elaine Park and Jackie Grant with 152.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT

The first of the year took place on a glorious Friday evening on May 11.

The winners were Heather Cranston, Reni Ducich and Kathy Needham who combined with 35.

FROM THE 19TH HOLE

My boss phoned me today and asked, "Is everything okay at the office?"

I said, "Yes, it's all under control. It's been a very busy day, I haven't stopped."

"Can you do me a favour?" My boss asked.

I said, "Of course, what is it?"

"Pick up the pace a little. I'm in the foursome behind you."

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LOCAL FICTION

Caged hero

By Teaguen Craig,

Craig's a Grade 9 student at PHSS.

A wave of guilt shudders through me as the puck slips under my outstretched leg and into my net.

My defencemen shoot me lingering glances of sympathy.

They know as well as I do — the fans are not going to hide their disappointment.

The buzzer goes and that's it. We're out.

I go through the motions, mindlessly shaking hands with the other players while the very people who came to cheer for me jeer and glare in my direction.

The only thing on my mind is escape.

How fast can I get to the dressing rooms without seeming like a sniveling coward?

I try to shrink myself as I glide towards the nearest exit as fast as my old skates will carry me.

The boys pat my back empathetically but I know they must be thinking it too; that was my last game.

Avoiding questions, I pack my things quietly while reminiscing on the past six years of my life.

I imagine my future with another team.

Over the years hockey becomes less a career and more a brotherhood.

Your team learns and grows with you every practice.

Every game is a chance to give your fans something to be proud of.

Experiencing that sense of pride with a team other than the Canucks seems absurd.

The faces of my soon-to-be former teammates flash through my mind and I consider giving it up entirely.

I have more than enough money

for a happy retirement and I wouldn't miss the stress.

I am seriously considering this option as I head towards my car.

"Luongo?"

I'm brought back from my thoughts by the sound of a young girl, nervously calling my name.

As I turn to face her I subconsciously hope she doesn't hate me for losing.

She takes a long breath as if she is about to deliver a very important speech and as she begins to speak I'm astonished by the determination in her voice.

"I have something to say to you and it's crucial that you listen.

"You are my idol. I don't play hockey, so that may seem strange, but I think you are the best type of person in the world.

"People don't say nice things about you. I know it, you know it, everybody knows it.

"They blame you when we lose and label it lucky when we win. Your biggest supporters turn into your

worst critics at the drop of a puck.

"It's awful and you have every justification to snap. To declare hatred for all of them.

"But you don't. And I respect you till the end of the earth for it.

"As if that's not enough, you're a winner. You are the Canucks' shutout leader. You have carried our team to countless victories over the past six years and never once seemed arrogant. You are a champion. You are an awesome guy.

"You, Roberto Luongo, are my hero."

This passionate young girl looks up at me with tears in her eyes and as a wordless thank-you, I hand her my jersey.

The only thing I have from my last moments as a Canuck.

And suddenly it doesn't matter anymore.

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PET TALK

Excessive paw licking is not always caused by an allergy



By John Wade

Dear John,

We have a two-year old male golden retriever that about once every four or five months, licks his paw until it is balding and slightly red.

It always heals over but we are puzzled by what is causing this paw licking behaviour.

He gets exercise and plenty of mental stimulation.

He does not seem to have separation anxiety.

He does not have any allergies or other skin issues to our knowledge.

Should we be worried, or just accept this occasional behaviour as habit?

Thank you,
J.C.

Dear J.C.

More often than not there is no physical explanation.

I've seen this triggered by pu-

berly and other times by a change in the dog's lifestyle.

Sometimes the trigger is a bug bite or an allergy but lots of dogs manage to cope without self-mutilating when similarly afflicted.

Some obsessive-compulsive disorder dogs lick, others stare at flies that aren't there, others are fixated by shadows or can only calm themselves by carrying something.

As bizarre as it may seem from the outside looking in, the way these dogs are wired, it feels better to do it than to not do it.

PET TALK

Paw licking that results in acral lic granuloma is usually considered a symptom of a physical problem but I think that's because veterinarians get first crack at the diagnosis.

When presented with a physical problem they look for a physical reason and, lucky for dogs and dog owners, for most issues, they are right.

However, when the only tool you have is a hammer after a while every thing can start looking like a nail.

Often with no more evidence than the raw spot, dogs are put on special diets and/or given medications for potential physical causes.

Some veterinarians have put a few extra tools in their tool bags and are looking to a dog's mind as a factor in their diagnosis and treatment recommendations.

If I were your vet I'd want to do an evaluation to assess your dog's stress threshold.

At your dog's age the signs can be subtle, so the right questions have to be asked.

I'd be looking for other anxiety triggers — separation, loud sounds etc.

Retrievers have a soft temperament and while they may not be obedience stars, generally want to get it right more than most dogs.

These are all common traits of dogs suffering from OCD.

There's a genetic component that factors in breeding practices and, particularly in the breeding of golden retrievers, is pretty loosey-goosey.

Too few breeders are really looking at long-term physical and mental stability in what they are producing.

You just have to ask yourself when was the last time you heard from your breeder?

It should be at least once a year for every pup they produce.

You're on track with the physical and mental stimulation but there are psychological medicinal treatment paths available as well.

How well they work depends a lot on the dog's genetics.

With some there's wiggle room and medication keeps the worst of the symptoms at bay.

Suggest to your veterinarian the he or she consider coming at this differently and maybe referring you to someone specializing in a dog's "software."

These things almost always get worse — not only in intensity but in the number of symptoms as the dog matures, as well.

Pawsitively yours,
John Wade

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Mark Heidebrecht
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Karen Dyck

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Wendy Phillips (and all of the volunteers at the food bank)

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Kelly Kammerle

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Alex Pernat
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Harbour Spiel Trivia

1. What was the name of the company that started up a car ferry line to the Sunshine Coast in 1951?

- ☐ a. Gulf Lines
- ☐ b. BC Ferries
- ☐ c. Union Steamships
- ☐ d. Black Ball Ferries

2. Where did the original Frances' Hamburger stand first sit?

- ☐ a. Opposite the IGA entrance.
- ☐ b. On the P. H. Community Club property.
- ☐ c. In the lot where Madeira Landing sits now.
- ☐ d. In the Bargain Barn.

3. Where is Doriston?

- ☐ a. Head of Salmon Inlet.
- ☐ b. Present day Earls Cove.
- ☐ c. Opposite shore of present day Egmont
- ☐ d. West side of Sechelt Inlet.

4. What is the name of the island reputed to have the largest arbutus (*arbutus menziesii*) tree in BC?

- ☐ a. Texada Island
- ☐ b. Nelson Island
- ☐ c. Savary Island
- ☐ d. Harwood Island

5. How many main islands make up the Trail Islands off Sechelt? (Not counting rocky islets.)

- ☐ a. 2
- ☐ b. 3
- ☐ c. 4
- ☐ d. 5

6. What was another common name for Mixal Lake?

- ☐ a. Duck Lake
- ☐ b. Bear Lake
- ☐ c. Haslam Lake
- ☐ d. Killarney Lake

Answers: p. 50

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

PHSS SPORTS DAY ~ MAY 18



Brian Lee photo

Green is Haida. Yellow is Nootka. Warring tribes mingle at the Pender Harbour Secondary School Sports Day on May 18.



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Senior boys long jump winner Angus Marshall.



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Floor hockey in the tennis courts separates the yellow from the green.



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Earth Ball is the modern day equivalent of the Tug of War. The secret to winning? Start on the upwind side of the field.



Brian Lee photo

Haida wins the senior girls relay. Lena Aschenbroich (l), Angela Goodwin (r).



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On this day Haida takes the victory lap beating Nootka, 786 to 747.

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HARBOUR HEALTH

The use and misuse of antibiotics

By P. H. Health Centre nursing staff

In 1928, Alexander Fleming discovered the bacteria-killing properties of penicillin.

This life-saving drug would go on to alter the treatment of bacterial infections forever and change the course of history.

Since its discovery, a huge pharmaceutical industry has evolved and conquered some of the most difficult strains of bacterial infections worldwide.

Typically, mankind went overboard with its use, taking antibiotics for every cough and sniffle.

Even farmers introduced antibiotics into their livestock's diet not knowing the long-term effects.

In Fleming's 1945 Nobel Prize lecture, he warned of the danger of bacteria becoming resistant to the cure.

The B.C. Centre for Disease Control reports there has been a decline of overall consumption of antibiotics since 2005 (with a notable decrease in 2008-2009) but we still need to educate ourselves about the ongoing problem of antibiotic resistance.

Both viruses and bacteria cause infections but antibiotics only work against bacteria.

Not all bugs are created equally.

VIRAL INFECTIONS

- Are more contagious than bacterial infections
- It is most likely to be a viral infection if more than one person in your family has the same illness.
- Can make you just as sick as a bacterial infection.

• Usually you get better in four to five days but it may take as long as



three weeks to fully recover.

- Antibiotics do not work against most viruses.

BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

- Are less common than viral infections.
- Do not spread as easily from one person to another as viral infections do.
- Cause infections such as pneumonia and strep throat.
- Antibiotics do work against most bacteria.

Most respiratory tract infections, including colds, the flu, croup, laryngitis, bronchitis, most sore throats as well as some ear/sinus infections do not need antibiotics.

This does not mean that you

should not see your doctor to rule out pneumonia but trust their judgment and don't put pressure on them to get antibiotics.

If you are prescribed antibiotics, finish your medication even if you are starting to feel better.

Don't stockpile antibiotics and try to self-medicate but stay healthy by eating a balanced diet, getting plenty of sleep, exercise and practise good respiratory hygiene.

PREVENTING INFECTION

- Wash your hands with plain soap and water.
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve.
- Stay home when you're sick.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS — JUNE

Meet at the P. H. School of Music on Thursdays from 10:30-12:30 p.m.:

June 7: Celebrating B.C. Seniors Week with MLA Nicholas Simons.

June 14: Karaoke at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

June 21: Last meeting of the season — car pool and potluck picnic lunch at Porpoise Bay Provincial Park.

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June 4	10:40 am -XL, 6:22 pm +XL
June 5	11:35 am -XL, 7:10 pm +XL
June 6	12:28 pm -XL, 7:56 pm +XL
June 7	1:20 pm -XL, 8:39 pm +XL
June 8	7:30 am +M, 2:15 pm -XL
June 9	8:39 am +M, 3:10 pm -L
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June 21	12:15 pm -XL, 7:43 pm +XL
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June 28	1:13 pm +L, 7:01 pm +M
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June 3 ~ **Ron Fearn.**

June 4 ~ **Dale Klassen.**

June 5 ~ **Joel Field and Autumn**

LaFrance.

June 6 ~ **Hugh Skinner, June Malaka 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.**

June 15 ~ **Marie Malcolm, Kay Robinson, Hannah Stewart and John**

Schroeder.

June 16 ~ **Sonny Reid, Rod Cummings, Paula Vickers, Britney Carwell and Derek Youngs.**

June 17 ~ **Harry Luck.**

June 19 ~ **Darlene Yablonski, Luke Petraschuk and Leah Bernier.**

June 20 ~ **Tamara Mackie and Stan Crowell.**

June 21 ~ **Willa Schroeder and Terri Honeybourne.**

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June 25 ~ **Aisha Chalk.**

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June 29 ~ **Lorna Edwardson, Fred Hunsche, Ambrose Mees and Mark Mills.**

June 30 ~ **Hanna Stoutenburg.**

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).

HARBOUR ALMANAC

OF JUNE

WHAT IS LIGHT POLLUTION?

Light pollution occurs when artificial light intrudes on a nighttime setting. This phenomenon is pronounced around urban centres, where city lights diminish the view of stars and planets. A satellite view at night shows light pollution as glowing regions around urban areas.

In addition to brightened skies around cities, light pollution also refers to any outdoor light that creates glare and interferes with the natural night environment. A single source of light that intrudes on the night, such as the glare from a neighbour's porch light is referred to as a "light trespass."

Light pollution results from outdoor lights aimed upward or sideways — the light scatters in the atmosphere and reflects back to the ground. The result is sky glow. Particles in the atmosphere responsible for air pollution accentuate light pollution by increasing the amount of light scatter. According to the International Dark-Sky Association, light sources that emit blue light are particularly disruptive to night skies due to greater light scattering.

According to the U.S. National Park Service, city lights as far as 320 kilometres away diminish views of

night skies. Light pollution is a major concern for observatories as lights from urban areas compete with lights from stars and planets, reducing visibility of the objects that observatories study.

This type of pollution also affects wildlife and plants. Night lights disorient hatching sea turtles, migrating birds and nocturnal animals. Lights attract insects, which may in turn interfere with pollination of nocturnal flowers.

In humans, light pollution can interfere with natural circadian rhythms by preventing the production of melatonin, the chemical that regulates sleep patterns. Low melatonin levels have been linked to increased cancer risks.

To reduce light pollution, make sure outdoor lights reflect downward with what are called fully shielded fixtures.

Also consider exchanging high-wattage bulbs for dimmer ones and selecting warm-white lights with low emission of blue light. A great way to save energy and reduce trespassing light is to turn off outdoor lights unless needed.

~ National Geographic (Green Living Guide)

JUNE ASTROLOGY

GEMINI (MAY 21–JUNE 21)

Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. They are particularly drawn to tinfoil and should generally avoid situations involving confetti, ticker tape or falling snow. They're easily bored but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming. Recent stats suggest Geminis marry an average of 5.3 times.

JUNE 21–JULY 22 (CANCER)

Those born under the sign of the crab value security, enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities, and don't like surprises. Cancerians coin new words to describe philosophical concepts they don't understand or to refudiate truthiness.

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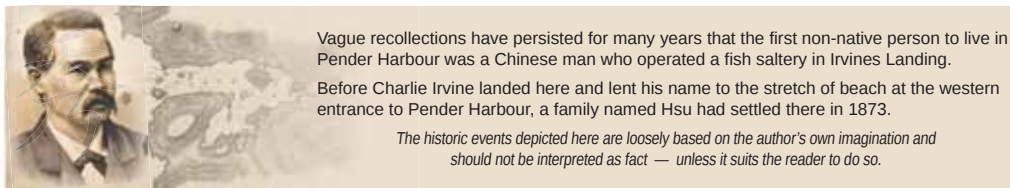
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IT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED...

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



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

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

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

By Anne Crocker

Part XXIII: (Continued from May 2012)

The two thieves who murdered Smaqma in early May of 1875 were never found.

The only clue came in the form of the boat in which they found Smaqma's body. It was a carvel rowboat that had many gaps in the poorly laid planking. It wasn't damaged when they found Smaqma but leaked so severely that, without bailing, it would have sunk in 15 minutes.

It was clear that their friend was likely killed for his boat. It also provided another detail – the culprits were probably white as no Indian would set out in such a craft.

Wei Hsu travelled alone to Nanaimo to report the crime but there was little interest from the provincial constabulary office there. Chinese immigrants and Indians had lost their right to vote in 1874. That act provided symbolic justification for authorities to ignore the same rights and privileges enjoyed by whites in the young province.

The report by a Chinese man of the distant murder of an Indian was politely accepted but likely never given much thought. The officer in Nanaimo took a vague description of the culprits from Wei Hsu but it isn't known if word ever reached either the Victoria office or one of the mainland outposts of the newly amalgamated provincial police force. No record of any investigation into his death exists today.

The residents of Pender's Harbour and their Sechelt neighbours remained vigilant throughout the next year for a sighting of Smaqma's dugout canoe, but it was never seen again.

It was a tragic mystery that weighed heavily on the remaining residents for many years to come.

The day after hearing of her husband's death, Inix left for Sechelt. Qwuní took her there with some belongings to stay with her sister. She never returned to her and Smaqma's home on the Skardon Islands and died a few years later.

In short order, Qwuní had lost the neighbours and friends he'd known since birth. Wei Hsu and his family didn't understand the affect it had on him and Qwuní didn't say much. He had few close friends left in Pender's Harbour from his old village and the loss of his neighbours left him wishing that he was the one that died. He'd already had an extremely low opinion of white men upon his return from Gastown and there was little doubt in his mind that it was two white men that killed his friend.

He would spend much of his time fishing, leaving the others to tend the cannery. There he could be alone while keeping an eye out for Smaqma's boat. He never left the dock without some kind of weapon.

For Mary Hsu, the fear of the men's return affected her in a profound way as well. She no longer felt comfortable travelling around in her boat and rarely ventured onto

Harbour Spiel

IT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED...

Pender Harbour



Image courtesy of Hsu family archives

Charles Irvine's 24-foot schooner, *Packer*, painted sailing off Nelson Island sometime in the late 1870s.

the water at all. Without the help of Inix, she had plenty of work to do in her family's fish processing operation and that is where she preferred to stay, always looking out the entrance of the Harbour for any strange visitors.

Despite the sombre mood, the cannery business saw steady growth thanks to reliable orders from Charles Irvine. At first, Irvine arrived every month or so in a 17-foot rowboat. But after making a few arduous trips rowing home with his heavy cargo, he purchased a 24-foot sailing schooner he called *Packer*.

Packer could be handled by one person and sailed even better when a load lay securely in her bilge. Irvine would often transport almost as much cargo to Pender's

Harbour as he would take away and his visits became a welcome distraction from their troubles while offering a link to news from the world beyond. He would always bring a treat for Mary and it became the highlight of her month when she spotted the bow of *Packer* appear around the point at the Harbour's entrance.

For the next five years, the residents of Pender's Harbour seemingly suffered their sorrows in private. It's believed that Mary Hsu painted very little during this period and later historians were left with little to piece together what life was like in Pender's Harbour between 1875 and 1880.

(Continued next month)

BOOKS

Author Hilary Mantel offers an 'experience unlike any other'



By Theresa Kishkan

How often does a book come along which you avoid because of its size and because, well, you

can't imagine it could really be as good as all the reviewers tell you it is?

Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall* was one of those. Published in 2009 to excellent reviews, it went on to win the prestigious Man Booker Prize as well as a host of other awards.

I confess it sounded unpromising, though I'd read and admired Mantel's earlier novels, particularly *Beyond Black*, her wonderful portrait of a clairvoyant, and *The Giant, O'Brian*, about an 18th-century Irish freak-show protagonist. But 700

pages of historical fiction about Tudor England, told from the perspective of Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's fixer, didn't immediately grab my attention. (I don't watch much television so haven't seen *The Tudors*!)

When I did pick up the book, the several pages at the beginning listing the cast of characters were kind of scary. All those Thomases — Cranmer, Wolsey, Seymour, Wyatt, Wriothesley, and of course Cromwell — could I ever remember who was who, and would it matter? Yes, and yes.

Wolf Hall is a brilliant and glorious book. Mantel is a skilful writer who takes us to the heart of Henry's infatuation with Anne Boleyn and how this precipitated a series of events which reshaped England's political and religious structures. There isn't a lot of material about Cromwell's early life, yet Mantel constructs a very convincing childhood for him, and then sends him off to France as a soldier, to Italy to learn banking, and to Belgium to learn textile trading. This is a man of considerable talents and abilities,

"...at home in courtroom or waterfront, bishop's palace or inn yard. He can draft a contract, train a falcon,

draw a map, stop a street fight, furnish a house and fix a jury."

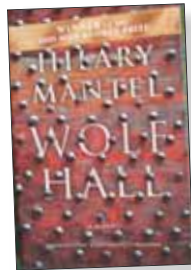
When Henry decides he must marry Anne Boleyn, even though he is married to Catherine of Aragon, Cromwell moves heaven and earth to

make this happen. And everything I thought I knew about that period of history was called into question as I read. Wasn't Thomas More a saint? In the 1966 film of Robert Bolt's play, *A Man for All Seasons*, he was certainly a tragic hero, an idealist and a firm believer in papal supremacy. *Wolf Hall* concludes with More's

execution and the reader must decide whether he is a martyr or a fool.

What's particularly wonderful about *Wolf Hall* is that it is firmly rooted in the 16th century — the architecture, clothing, food and drink (so lavishly described), its plagues and fevers, street scenes, manners, poetry and music, and of course superstitions, intrigues, and secret plots — but it is strikingly modern in its focus and language. At one point, Cromwell muses,

"When you are writing laws you are testing words to find their utmost power. Like spells, they have to make things happen in the real world, and



BC Bestsellers: (For the week of May 20, 2012)

1. *Whitewater Cooks with Friends* by Shelley Adams
2. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill
3. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre
4. *Fred Herzog* by Douglas Coupland et al.
5. *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese
6. *The Sacred Headwaters* by Wade Davis
7. *No Sailing Waits and Other Ferry Tales* by Adrian Raeside
8. *The Chuck Davis History of Metropolitan Vancouver* by Chuck Davis
9. *The New Granville Island Market Cookbook* by Judie Glick & Carol Jenson
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BOOKS

like spells, they only work if people believe in them."

In one way, it was timely to have read *Wolf Hall* three years after its publication. I finished it and felt bereft. I wanted to stay in that world for awhile longer. And how serendipitous to discover that a sequel has just been published. I immediately bought *Bring Up the Bodies* (HarperCollins, 2012) and read it in five days. At 400 pages, it's a smaller book but no less compelling.

In her author's note, Hilary Mantel says,

"In this book I try to show how a few crucial weeks might have looked from Thomas Cromwell's point of view. I am not claiming authority for my version; I am making the reader a proposal, an offer."

In this proposal, Cromwell is hard-nosed but humane. Having lost most of his own family to the plague, he is a loner. A commoner, he has no exalted clan to protect or advance (though he does try to place his son, nephew, and ward within the court). And when the king wants Anne put aside so he can marry Jane Seymour, it's Cromwell's job to make it happen.

I'm giving nothing away by

saying that the novel ends with the beheading of Anne Boleyn and her admirers. Historical fiction works from the known backwards, in a way, helping the reader to understand the process and psychology of the patterns of history by bringing its players to life, however transitory or embellished. And knowing how the novel ends makes the pace and intrigues of *Bring Up the Bodies* even more exciting.

The constable responsible for arranging the executions keeps thinking that they might be cancelled or postponed. "He has not thought of a coffin, but an elm chest for arrows has been hastily emptied and carried to the scene of the carnage. Yesterday it was bound for Ireland with its freight, each shaft ready to deal separate, lonely damage. Now it is an object of public gaze, a death casket, wide enough for the queen's little body."

This is such a tightly plotted, beautifully written novel that I can only say, read it for an experience unlike any other. And like me, you will be waiting for the sequel, reportedly already in progress.



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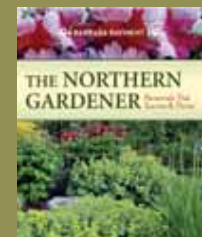
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AND ANOTHER THING...

Coleman aims to spill our drink

By Shane McCune



Out of the blue, with no warning and no real explanation, the Liberal government is selling off the Liquor Distribution Branch warehouses in Burnaby and Kamloops and the distribution business attached to them.

This is such a colossally stupid idea that it's hard to guess what Premier Christy Clark is drinking — er, thinking.

Whatever it is, you're going to get the hangover in the form of higher prices for that bottle of plonk or half-sack of brewskis.

Finance Minister Kevin Falcon dropped this bomb in his February budget, which proposed the sale of a variety of assets owned by the people of BC, including the LDB's wholesale business.

"Government has on its books at any one time surplus properties in particular, but surplus assets that are non-strategic, that are costing us money. They sit on our books, when we could actually turn them into economic generators," Falcon said.

Uh, Kev? The LDB already is an economic generator. In 2011 it posted net profit of \$890 million net income on sales of \$2.82 billion.

(That money came from both the wholesale business and the LDB's 197 retail outlets, including the store in Madeira Park. Those stores are not for sale . . . yet.)

But there's no point in arguing with him because the minister behind the privatization drive is Rich Coleman, the head honcho of hooch. He has been beating this drum for years, along with his pal, Liberal insider and lobbyist Patrick Kinsella, who has represented Exel,



a leading bidder for the LDB business.

Reporter Bob Mackin of *Business in Vancouver* magazine obtained an Exel memo outlining ways to seal the deal including "utilizing the strong relationship Exel has forged with Rich Coleman to have the RFP [request for proposals] written in Exel's favour."

Inside and outside the legislature, Coleman has steadfastly refused to provide any business plan that would justify handing a monopoly on liquor distribution to a private company.

He says there's no time, but that's only because he's ramming this through with reckless haste: The government published the RFP April 30, giving bidders a deadline of June 29. The short list will be compiled by July 20, the winner announced Oct. 16 and the deal signed before March 1, 2013 — two months before the next provincial election.

Why this crazy scheme and why the rush? It has almost no support in the liquor retailing industry. The owners of private grog shops, pubs, brewers, wineries and distillers all say a privatized wholesaler will be forced to hike prices to cover the costs associated with the purchase of the business, the increased variety of stock anticipated and, of course, the dividends to the parent company and its shareholders.

How

can they be so sure? Because it has already happened in Alberta, where the government distribution arm was sold to an Exel subsidiary.

When I lived in Calgary decades ago the prices in the government liquor stores were well below — sometimes by half — those in BC. So when I was in Banff on business a couple of years ago I thought I'd pick up some wine — only to find my favourite Okanagan and Australian reds

AND ANOTHER THING...

were 20-30 per cent dearer than in BC.

When I pointed this out to the store owner, he said there was no way Alberta could compete with the BC liquor branch.

Some of my favourite beers — including the aptly named Amnesia IPA — come from Phillips Brewery in Victoria. Matt Phillips says his company pays 78 cents per case to warehouse and ship in BC and \$1.53 per case in Alberta.

He said BC's method is "efficient, direct and is pretty well managed."

"If we do go to a privatized model and we do end up with the same kind of costs as we have in Alberta, that ends up getting passed on to the consumer," Phillips told *Business in Vancouver*.

That would also apply to a pint at your local, says Raechelle Williams, who heads the Alliance of Beverage Licensees of BC. So when the prices go up at the Madeira liquor store, they'll also go up at the Legion, the Garden Bay Pub and the Grasshopper.

Nonsense, says Rich Coleman. That can't happen because, even though it will sell the wholesale division, the government will retain control over retail pricing.

You know, like at BC Ferries.

To review:

- The Liberals are going to sell a massively profitable cash cow for a hill of beans.
- They will replace a public monopoly with a private monopoly and lose a source of income that relieves pressure on taxes and fees elsewhere in the system.
- Only a few cronies want this and the Liberals didn't consult with anybody else.
- It's guaranteed to raise prices to consumers and hurt small businesses.
- They're doing it just in time for the next election.

Do they think another \$40 million in the till is going to impress voters?

Or are they convinced they're going to lose anyway, so they may as well do their corporate friends a favour on their way out the door?

Whatever the reason, it's enough to make you cry in your beer . . . while you can still afford to.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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JUNE

Friday, June 1-3.....9th annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival - various locations, three days
 Friday, June 8.....Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. June 9.....Pender Harbour Legion Garage Sale - Royal Canadian Legion #112, All day
 Sat. June 9.....Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
 Sun. June 10.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. June 11.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Mon. June 11.....P. H. Garden Club presents Cheryl Topping - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Friday, June 15.....Area A director Frank Mauro open discussion - Copper Sky Cafe, 8:30 - 10 a.m.
 Sat. June 16.....Egmont Day - downtown Egmont, all day
 Sat. June 16.....P. H. branch of the St. Mary's Auxiliary 75th anniversary Tea - P. H. Community Hall, 1:30 p.m.
 Sun. June 17.....West Coast Wilderness Lodge 15th Anniversary celebration/open house - WCWL, all day
 Sun. June 17.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Tues. June 19.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents George Smith - Iris Griffith Interpretive Centre, 5 p.m.
 Wed. June 20.....At The World's Edge: Curt Lang's Vancouver author Claudia Cornwall - Bluewaters Books, 1 p.m.
 Sun. June 17.....Father's Day
 Sun. June 17.....Sunday Jam with Peter B3 - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Wed. June 20.....First day of summer
 Sat. June 23.....Kevin Conroy and the Smokin' Section - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
 Mon. June 25.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Tues. June 26.....PHSS graduation ceremony - PHSS, 1 p.m.
Thurs. June 28.....Last day of 2012/2012 school year
 Friday, June 29-30.....St. Mary's Hospital/Healthcare Auxiliary silent auction - P. H. Legion, three days
 Sat. June 30.....Egmont Community Club seafood dinner - Egmont Community Hall, 6 p.m.
 Sat. June 30.....St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary spaghetti dinner and auction fundraiser - P. H. Legion, 5 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. d 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. c 6. b

FERRY DEPARTURES ~ Effective to June 25, 2012 ~			
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Horseshoe Bay	Langdale	*Earl's Cove	*Saltery Bay
7:20 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	5:35 a.m.
9:25 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
1:35 p.m.	12:35 p.m.	12:20 p.m.	11:20 a.m.
3:50 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
5:50 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
7:50 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	8:45 p.m.		
9:45 p.m.	9:35		
◆ June 3, 10 & 22 only		♥ June 17 & 24 only	
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June 2: Dawn Pemberton and Will Sanders (The Sojourners)
w/ Tim Hearsey, Chris Nordquist, Peter Van B3 and Rob Becker (8:30 p.m.)

June 3: John Lee Sanders - Last gig before touring with Bonnie Raitt (8 p.m.)
~ All-star Sunday afternoon jam with Tim Hearsey

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June 3: All-Star Blues Fest Jam w/ Tim Hearsey
June 10: Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton
June 17: Sunday Jam with Gaetan
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