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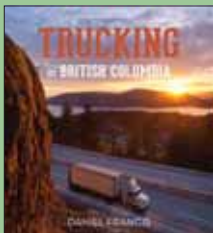
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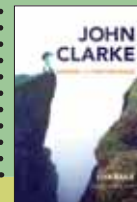
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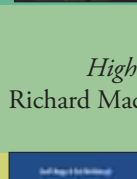


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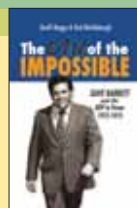


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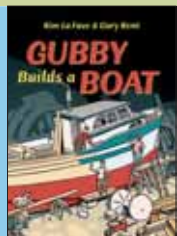
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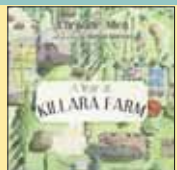
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editorial

Looking forward to the 'End of Days'



By Brian Lee

Here we are.

Three weeks to go before finding out what heinous prank the Mayans intended when they set their calendar to self-destruct in 5,125 years.

While some run around making apocalyptic predictions about the day the calendar runs out of pages, others say Dec. 21 will mark the dawning of a new age of consciousness.

Rather than apocalypse, some New Agers believe that it will usher in an era of spiritual transformation.

It's hard to say what that might mean but let's hope it brings a solution to war and genocide, environmental destruction, oil dependence, capitalistic greed and Honey Boo Boo.

On the other hand, the glass is half-empty camp say our planet is about to tangle with a black hole that sits at the centre of the Milky Way galaxy.

Or we'll be fried by a massive solar flare.

Or Earth will collide with a planet named Nibiru.

The fact that most scientists claim Nibiru doesn't exist makes one wonder what else the Man isn't telling us.

Laugh at your peril but, for many, this isn't a joke.

I once sat eating a Sunshine Burger in Madeira while a friend (who was otherwise pretty normal) offered "irrefutable" evidence supporting the theory that after the Mayan calendar ends, so do people.

It is a nice thought, though.

With all of the threats facing the planet right now, I can't think of one we didn't play a starring role in.

We are such abysmally poor stewards that what better remedy for the

planet could there be than to take us off it?

Of course, by us, I mean the monkeys too — it won't be long before they discover fire and that's about where we started to tip the balance.

In all seriousness, we do seem to be at a fork where the choices we make will determine the future of the planet.

Robert Pirsig wrote:

"You look at where you're going and where you are and it never makes sense, but then you look back at where you've been and a pattern seems to emerge.

"And if you project forward from that pattern, then sometimes you can come up with something."

If you only consider our hand in species extinction and follow Pirsig's reasoning, it seems pretty clear the path of human progress ends at a cliff.

And when it carries us over, we will take everything else on the planet with us, destroying over three billion years of evolution in the process.

But if one can accept that ours holds no more value than any one of the other eight million or so species on the planet, then it's possible to take comfort in knowing that the last heroic hope for the planet is our own end.

There's no guarantee the collision with Nibiru will affect only humans but, if it does, Earth would quickly regain her former vitality.

So, hopefully, we'll undergo a spiritual transformation on Dec. 21 or, barring that, we get taken out.

Either way, it could be a fine day for the rest of the planet.

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PENDER HARBOUR CAROL SHIP CRUISE: Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.

A 46-year tradition. Carol ships will meet at 6:30 p.m. off the Millennium Park dock in Madeira Park to follow the Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel *Iona C*. All participants and their guests are invited to join squadron members for a potluck after-party (finger food only) at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Dec. 16, 10 a.m to noon

It's astounding that Santa Claus is able to find time in his schedule but rumour has it that he'll be hosting a special breakfast at the Pender Harbour Golf Club on Sunday, Dec. 16.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE HALL: Dec. 31, 9 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with DJ Moses playing Top 40 at the Pender Harbour Community Club's "Dress to Impress" New Year's Eve party. Tickets include a drink and cost \$20 if you get them early (at Madeira Marina) or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 9 p.m. with champagne at midnight, 50/50 tickets and door prizes. All proceeds support the Pender Harbour Community Club.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE LEGION: DEC. 31, 6 P.M.

If you want a meal with your New Year's Eve party, head to the Pender Harbour Legion where, besides music, there'll also be a buffet dinner and a Secret Santa. All for \$22 (+ HST).

photojournal



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Provincial NDP leader Adrian Dix and local MLA Nicholas Simons visited the Pender Harbour Legion on Nov. 25 for a Powell River-Sunshine Coast NDP luncheon fundraiser. Dix's speech hinted at upcoming NDP election themes including plans to fine tune the province's economy by focusing on such areas as export regulations and boosting the availability of skills training. Dix also spoke out about the disrespectful trend of attack ads and how they contribute to voter apathy by replacing honest debate on issues that matter.

'So, we're committed to not engaging in that kind of politics,' said Dix. 'It doesn't mean we aren't going to hold the Liberal party accountable for policy failings of the government but we're not going to make personal attacks.'

Health centre not immune to Coast doctor shortage

If you don't already have a doctor at the Pender Harbour Health Centre, you might find yourself travelling to Sechelt for medical appointments.

The recent departures of doctors Nick Sparrow and John Farrer has left just three associate physicians at Trail Bay Doctors, the practice that staffs the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

"Most doctors have a number of patients that they consider a practice load, so they're reluctant to add to that number," says Pender Harbour Health Centre Society trustee Michael Ross.

Ross says emergency treatment will still be offered but for visits like regular checkups or physicals, patients without a doctor at the health centre may be referred to Sechelt.

The PHHCS rents space to the Trail Bay Doctors and doesn't have a hand in determining their staffing requirements.

Ross says they may make up for the physician shortage by bolstering the health centre's nursing services.

"We may see more visits by the nurse practitioner because they are qualified to do things that our regular nurses aren't, like examinations and prescriptions," he says.

Dr. Bruce Robinson, medical director of Trail Bay Doctors, says of the remaining associates — himself, Dr. Alan Cairns and Dr. Tim McDowell — only Cairns was previously accepting new patients.

That will likely end as they absorb patients of the departing doctors at both the health centre and their Sechelt office while still maintaining St. Mary's Hospital emergency room responsibilities.

"The biggest thing, particularly with John Farrer, is he has a very long history with the clinic and, obviously,

he has some patients he's known for a long period of time," says Robinson.

"That history makes us feel in some way responsible for his patients and what we're trying to do is keep people taken care of as best we can until we can find another physician."

Robinson says each doctor makes an intuitive decision regarding many how regular patients they can adequately provide care for.

"The question is, if we open the door and start allowing patients to start coming in, are we just going to overwhelm our abilities to care for them?" says Robinson.

"There's a sensation that you're approaching that burnout stage — that critical point when you're not doing the job as you want to be able to do.

"And I think every physician has to make the call individually for when that is."

Pender Harbour foreshore lease dispute takes another turn

Some Pender Harbour dock owners were surprised recently to learn their open-ended "specific permission" private moorage tenures have been replaced by fixed term "licences of occupation."

Not only does the change in policy bring an additional renewal fee, many landowners are unsure what effect the new policy might mean for the future.

As the moratorium on private moorage applications and negotiations between the province and the Sechelt Indian Band for a Pender Harbour dock management plan (*Harbour Spiel*, Aug. 2012) approach its 10th year, there seems no end in sight.

In a Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources document titled, *Private Moorage: Frequently*

Asked Questions, the province states,

"The indefinite term of a specific permission was seen as a barrier to ongoing and respectful communications (with the SIB).

"Consequently, FLNR made the decision to return to using a licence of occupation tenure so a term was

clearly defined, and a regular opportunity to review private moorage tenures was in place."

While the private moorage application process moratorium is indefinite, new commercial, industrial or marina applications are still being processed.

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SOUTH PENDER WATER ADVISORY LIFTED

As of Nov. 16, a boil water advisory has been lifted for residents of south Pender Harbour (MacNeill Lake).

The advisory has been in place since Aug. 31 due to high turbidity levels.

According to an SCRD press release:

“High turbidity (cloudiness) levels may occur in surface water sources due to seasonal weather changes causing excessive surface runoff, flooding or lake turnover.

“A high turbidity level may impair the effectiveness of the disinfection treatment system.

“If disinfection is impaired, disease-causing micro-organisms may escape into the water distribution system resulting in an increased risk of intestinal illness.”

All rural areas within the SCRD (except Area A) take part in a budgetary function (No. 665) to fund trails and bikeways.

Current and former Area A directors have declined to take part in the broader function due to concerns about Area A’s proportional percentage of the taxation burden.

While there is approximately \$444,000 in federal gas tax funding available for these projects and potential for future grants, Area A will assume 100 per cent of costs associated with projects if approved.

The function will proceed if fewer than 10 per cent of opposed registered voters return elector response forms by Dec. 18.



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The Sunshine Coast Credit Union (Pender Harbour branch) is collecting donations for Isla Silvey.

Silvey is a Madeira Park Elementary student suffering from cyclic vomiting syndrome, a rare disorder characterized by recurrent episodes of severe nausea and vomiting.

Funds raised are to subsidize treatment costs at a CVS treatment facility in Milwaukee, Wis.

LULU ISLAND STILL SUNK

Despite assurances by the Canadian Coast Guard that the owner of the *Lulu Island* is “arranging divers and a tug to salvage the vessel,” the 90-year-old tug still lies partially submerged in Whiskey Slough.

As reported last month in the *Harbour Spiel*, the Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada are both aware of the situation.

WALKING TRAILS ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS

The SCRD is currently holding an alternate approval process for a new budget function that would apply to bikeways and walkways specific to Area A.

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“What they will do is gain access to your system and infect it and take all your personal details including Internet banking. The telephone number they give you if asked is an unrecognized number.

“Virgin Media say they are aware of these scam calls.”

BARGAIN BARN FUNDS TO HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS

In a press release statement, Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary president, Joan Postnikoff, recently announced a \$7,000 donation to Harbourside Friendships.

“These funds raised from sales at the Bargain Barn will subsidize expenses,” wrote Postnikoff.

Harbourside Friendships is a program which aims to provide social activities for those in the community aged 55-plus.

For the last 20 years, it has been supported by the P. H. Health Centre and the PHHCA auxiliary.

ED KEELING HONOURED

A founding member and long-time volunteer at the Pender Harbour Community Policing office, Ed Keeling, was recently awarded top honours at the Ministry of Justice Community

Safety and Crime Prevention Awards.

Minister of Justice and Attorney General Shirley Bond presented Keeling with the Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction for his 17 years of volunteer work with both the local community police office and Block Watch programs.

The award “honours a crime

prevention practitioner, volunteer, or group for their extraordinary lifetime contribution and commitment to crime prevention and community safety.

“This award was named in honour of Anthony J. Hulme for his role as a pioneer in crime prevention and community safety in British Columbia.”

ASK THE DENTIST



Dr. Hynd:

When should I bring my child for his or her first hygiene and exam appointment?

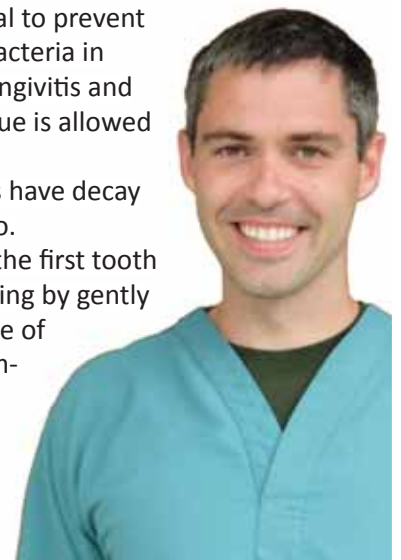
It's a good idea to bring your little ones for their first visit around the age of one. It's important to introduce your child to the dental office early in order to establish a level of comfort that will continue as the child ages. Too many of us have unpleasant memories of dental visits as children, making the importance of building a positive relationship between the child and hygienist or dentist very important.

Plaque collects on children's teeth just as it does on adult teeth, making its removal essential to prevent dental decay and gum problems. The bacteria in dental plaque cause tooth decay and gingivitis and those health issues increase when plaque is allowed to build up on a child's teeth.

About 20 per cent of three-year olds have decay that started when they were one or two.

Home care should begin as soon as the first tooth erupts. It calls for thorough tooth cleaning by gently wiping the surfaces of the tooth. A piece of gauze wrapped around a finger is recommended. As more teeth erupt, a small, soft brush can be used.

We look forward to welcoming your little ones to the office for their first dental visit.



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Seniors housing society identifies specific needs for project

A consultant hired by the Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society says there are approximately 55 senior households in Area A lacking suitable housing.

The finding was part of a report presented at the Pender Harbour Legion on Nov. 17 to update the community about the society's recent progress.

Much of the meeting involved reviewing the results of a needs assessment for Area A seniors undertaken by consultant Matt Thompson.

Thompson was hired by the board to identify gaps in local housing for seniors in an effort to provide a solid base to begin planning efforts.

Approximately 50 community members listened as Thompson noted three gaps in local seniors' housing.

The first is a lack of "central, dedicated seniors housing development that offers a graduated tenure from independent (ownership and/or rentals) to assisted living."

There are 455 senior household-

ers in Area A, of which 180 households are 75 or older.

Though Thompson notes that not all will require dedicated seniors' housing, projects will need to address the 75-plus group first.

A second gap is the lack of housing options for seniors experiencing a "core housing need" or those without affordable housing, or whose current residence is unsuitable or inappropriate to meet their needs.

The final gap is a lack of housing diversity that, "allows independent seniors to downsize from detached single-family dwellings to those that require less maintenance and that are closer to services and amenities."

Thompson's recommendation is that Area A has a definite need for seniors' housing and offered specific guidelines for its planning:

- Locate the development centrally;
- Balance social activities with independence and privacy;
- Provide a low-cost option;
- Carefully consider the size to

meet the needs of the community.

- Consider partnership opportunities and address staffing requirements.

Afterwards, board members Linda Curtiss and Gil Yard discussed possible actions the society might take from here.

Curtiss stressed that any project they undertake would involve independent living, not convalescent care which would "be beyond the scope of the PHSHS."

"People would have to have a certain amount of independence," she said, referring to the supportive living concept the board was looking at with the Abbeyfield project.

The board is actively working with the Royal Canadian Legion to pursue a partnership where the two would both contribute to the project.

Yard said a key benefit to working with the Pender Harbour Legion is its proximity to Madeira Park.

He stressed it was too early to say what form the project could take but one possibility could be a new building combining 30-40 seniors housing units as well as the Pender Harbour Legion.

Both would maximize their benefits by sharing resources such as kitchen space.

Yard said the project will likely involve a combination of government funding with private developer support and to that end, the PHSHS will soon send letters of intent to developers in order to begin discussions about how they might want to be involved.

When asked how the community can help, Yard replied:

"Become a member. It's very important to show a strong base of community support for projects like this."

THANKS THANKS THANKS THANKS THANKS THANKS

To all the [artists, buyers and volunteers](#) who attended our art auction at the Garden Bay Pub and Restaurant, we offer a very big and heartfelt [thank you](#).

To the [artists](#), who without your participation and donations we couldn't hold such an event and to the [buyers](#), a big thank you and know your money is going to great community causes and youth leadership and exchange programs.

Total sales were over \$23,000 dollars and the Rotary club will see about \$9,000 dollars after paying artists and associated costs.

To the [Rotarians](#) who attended and helped — you have done your community a great service.

To [Ron Johnston and Marita Jokela](#) who were instrumental in starting and maintaining the auction over the years — please know the effort is recognized and appreciated.

Finally, a big thank you to [Reg Stowell](#) for his excellent tracking programs and computer skills.

We hope to see you all next year!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENDER HARBOUR





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Guess who Patti Soos is lampooning with this Halloween costume? Hint: The man's first name is a really dark colour.



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Some members of the Pender Banana Peppers women's soccer team pose with Loretta McDonald from the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, one of many sponsors who helped with purchasing uniforms and equipment to get the club started. The team is on a tear lately, winning two games in a row and tying the top (and only undefeated) team in the league. Other Banana Pepper sponsors include the West Coast Wilderness Lodge, Backeddy Pub, Rob and Pauulet Hohn, Rick King and members of the previous women's soccer team who turned over their remaining funds.



Brian Lee photo

George Connell poses in front of his 'People of Pender' portraits at his opening reception at the Copper Sky Gallery Nov. 16. For more of Connell's art, see 'Harbour Spiel Trivia,' p. 17.

Winter recreation starts Dec. 15 at Dakota Ridge

Submitted

Armed with fresh improvements and amenities, the Dakota Ridge recreational area is scheduled to open for another busy season on Dec. 15 — if there is enough snow.

Thanks to funds received from the Bear Hydro Limited Partnership as part of a community benefit agreement and from the provincial government, the access road to Dakota Ridge has received some major improvements.

“The gravel surfacing of the road, increase in vehicle pullouts, increased sight lines and expansion of the parking area means more visitors will be able to enjoy the recreational area for cross country skiing, snowshoeing and sledding,” said SCRD board chair Garry Nohr.

In addition to road and parking area enhancements, Dakota Ridge now features a new sledding area and, for the first time, trails in the extensive system have been given names derived from the Sechelt and Squamish First Nations languages.

“Dakota Ridge is located on the traditional territories of the Sechelt and Squamish Nations,” said Nohr.

“In order to recognize and honour these territories, the trail names are written in both English and in their First Nation languages.”

Dakota Ridge’s pristine winter environment attracts over 7,000 visi-



Brian Lee photo

If you drive to Dakota Ridge, carry chains because, after a day’s cycle of packing, melting and refreezing, this is a common scene for skiers heading back down.

tors each year.

“We have a pretty robust marketing plan in place,” says Sam Adams, SCRD parks planning co-ordinator.

“One strategy that we are pursuing again this year is to offer discounts for season pass holders at popular winter recreation areas like Lost Lake in Whistler and Cypress Mountain.”

The Dakota Ridge recreation area offers world-class cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on the Sunshine Coast, just over an hour from Pender Harbour.

Dakota Ridge maintains 15 kilo-

metres of track-set cross country ski trails (classic and skate) and eight kilometres of snowshoe trails that wind through old growth forests and open areas in a beautiful subalpine setting.

“It’s true that we do love the incredible ocean that lies at our doorstep,” says Adams.

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Back on the bus



By Frank Mauro,
Area A Director

I have been discussing, considering and investigating how to best proceed with public transit as it is one of the most often stated priorities by area residents.

It has been a year since the pilot project carried out in Area A ended, with the findings clearly showing that conventional bus service of that type with the model offered would not generate enough ridership to be successful.

My initial investigation consisted of a rough hourly cost estimate to establish a conventional service to run

between the end of Francis Peninsula and Daniel Point (an “intra Pender Harbour” route).

Discussions with residents about how this model would work brought up various issues including the required numbers of route cycles, hours of operation and the number of days the service would be required to make it useful.

It was apparent that the ridership per hour of operation was not likely to achieve the threshold to qualify for the BC Transit subsidy.

It became obvious that a conventional transit model would not work well to meet the needs of Area A.

THE PARATRANSIT MODEL

Upon investigation and after attending transit workshops, it became

apparent BC Transit supports several models, including the “paratransit model” which is aimed at small towns and rural communities.

The model’s main feature is flexible routing and schedules and it supports the use of small buses, vans and taxis.

Another main feature is that it combines the HandyDART type of service with general purpose busing as long as vehicles with appropriate accessibility are used.

The flexible routes include pre-booked deviations of up to 500 metres from the normal route, including pickups at specific addresses.

Of course, a scheduling and reservation system must be a part of this model.

This model could address many

We invite you to join the conversation at the SCRD committee meetings below:

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

Regular Board
December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee
December 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee
December 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Our meetings are held at **1975 Field Road** in Wilson Creek at the SCRD **Board Room**. Agendas for these meetings are available at www.scrd.ca/Agendas-2012.



WATER QUALITY ADVISORY LIFTED

Please be advised that the Water Quality Advisory has been lifted for water users on the South Pender Harbour Water System.

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South Pender Office at 604-885-6877
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of our needs including service in the Pender Harbour area as well as connections to Egmont.

With co-operation from private operators, services could extend to Sechelt and the ferry, for seniors and persons with disabilities and service to meet the needs of commuters for work, recreation and shopping.

I recently attended meetings with the Seniors' Initiative and the Pender Harbour Communities Association where I presented this information.

The response was enthusiastic.

At the PHCA meeting I requested that a transit steering/advisory committee be formed to provide input to help define the needs for service.

The report would be written by a consultant in conjunction with BC Transit.

The PHCA agreed and they are now looking for representation from volunteer groups to form the committee.

Please contact info_phca@telus.net if you are interested in helping with this.

Also, please visit www.transitbc.com/transitfuture and click "Sunshine Coast" and complete the survey.

While the survey is mostly tailored to areas with existing transit, your responses indicating the need for transit in Area A would be a big help.

If you want more information, please let me know.

There is much work to do and approvals to obtain for this to become a reality but every discussion on this topic reinforces, in my mind, the need for such a service.

THE EXISTING BUS

Many groups have expressed the need for a vehicle to be used for group activities or outings.

The Area A bus that was used for the pilot project has been available for rent on an hourly rate basis but can now be transferred to other ownership.

In order to meet the needs of the community and to better utilize the bus, I would like to receive proposals from volunteer organizations or from private groups to acquire the bus, at no cost, with an agreement that it be used to provide transportation with public access to all groups.

The proposal would then have to be approved by the Union of BC Municipalities, the administrators of the gas tax funds which were used to buy the bus.

Indications are that approval would be granted for appropriate use.

If anyone has questions or would like more information please contact me.

OPEN DISCUSSION

I will be available between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 at the Copper Sky Cafe in Madeira Park to answer questions and to listen to your concerns.

I can be reached at (604) 740-1451 or by e-mail at Frank.Mauro@scrd.ca.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a happy and safe holiday to you and your family.

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She decided farming was not for her, and left for Belfast to start a nursing career.

Joan loved nursing and she formed many friendships which lasted her lifetime.

After nursing in Ireland, England and Australia, she found herself nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay.

Pender Harbour became Joan's home and after falling in love and marrying Duncan Cameron, she began her next career — raising three children, Mary, Jean and Russell, as well as helping Duncan in his fish buying business.

Joan loved badminton, cards, and entertaining friends and family.

Grandchildren were a joy to her and she loved the times they spent together.

Family and friends were the focus of Joan's life, and her front door was always open and welcoming to all.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, Mary, Jean and Russell; nieces Robyn and Leona; grandchildren Jory, Sam and Paula; siblings Rita and Fred of Ireland; sister-in-law



Muriel; many other nieces, nephews, family members and friends in Canada, Ireland, Scotland and Australia.

Mary, Jean and Russell would

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He left to join the Army during World War II but returned to Pender Harbour where he met and married Helen Mackay.

John was involved in the fishing industry for most of his working life.

He developed a passion for vegetable gardening and sharing the bounty with his friends and neighbours.

John will be missed by many and lovingly remembered by his children Heather (Gordon), Peter (Lynette) and John; niece Kathie; grandchildren Erin and Brennen and three great-grandchildren.

John is survived by his sister Binnie and four nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Margaret.

It was John's wish to pass away



at home and the family would like to thank everyone who made that possible.

At his request there will be no

service. In lieu of flowers a donation in John's memory to the Pender Harbour Medical Clinic would be appreciated.

PENDER HARBOUR POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON



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Classes are held at the Pender Harbour High School, 13639 Highway 101, Madeira Park. Places strictly limited.

For details and registration, please contact:

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Halloween pet costume contest winners

The Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital's second annual Halloween pet costume contest had 15 entrants garnering over 60 votes to decide the top prizes.

Winners were announced on Nov. 3 and the top prize was awarded to Bogie West and her "Yoda" costume

Mika Jackson took second place as "Little Miss Muffet."

Harvey and Joe Bennett decided they should have some fun with a topical news story with their "Bacon Brothers" costume which took third place.



MPVH photo

Bogie West as 'Yoda.'



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Mika Jackson as 'Little Miss Muffet.'



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Harvey and Joe Bennett as the 'Bacon Brothers.'



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☐ b. Tracey Lindt
☐ c. Tracey Parker
☐ d. June Percival



2. ☐ a. Michael Ross
☐ b. Ian McNee
☐ c. John Thompson
☐ d. Doug Elliott



3. ☐ a. David Anderson
☐ b. Sandy Matches
☐ c. Johnny Hegyi
☐ d. Billy Gibbons



4. ☐ a. Carol Reid
☐ b. Wendy Simmonds
☐ c. Heather Reagh
☐ d. Dale Jackson



5. ☐ a. Neale Smith
☐ b. Black Bill
☐ c. Bruno Cote
☐ d. Wei Hsu



6. ☐ a. Aurelia Cardiff
☐ b. Deana Girard
☐ c. Amanda Peterson
☐ d. Brigit Garrett

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Jack Russell Terror-ier



By John Wade

Dear John,

We adopted
Josie, a three-year-
old Jack Russell at
the beginning of

July.

She is a cuddler, plays well and
is such a good companion.

We do have one "situation"
and wonder what we can do to cor-
rect it.

During the day we can go near
her bed, move it or pick her up
from it.

She even moved it herself from
the first floor to our bedroom on
the second floor so we knew she
wanted to sleep in it.

One time she even put it up
on our bed.

Everything is fine until bed-
time and then she turns from her
usual good nature.

She has become ever so posses-
sive of it when we go near it or her
at bedtime.

She looks mean and shows
that she means "business" if it is
touched.

We have talked with her gently
and stroked her back but she still
continues to assert her ownership of
it by growling harshly.

It is just at bedtime that she

has this turn of nature.

This has been a good match
and we love her (immensely) so any
help or advice you might have to of-
fer would be most welcome.

A. H.

Dear AH,

I've known dogs protective of
their crates and toys etc. but not one

that was quite as discriminating as
yours.

I'd suggest teaching, "Go to your
mat!" and "Come!" (from the mat).

The purpose is to give her some-
thing to do other than protect the mat
as well as see an upside to leaving it.

Initially at least, only do your
training during the times of day when
she's not in Cujo mindset.

Start by getting a leash on her,



don't mess
with my bed.

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if not all the time, then well before you plan on doing some training and certainly when you're working her during her moonlight madness time.

The purpose of the leash is multifold.

Safety is one — I've never had the handle of a leash bite me.

Secondly, it reduces the dog's stress as reaching for a leash handle rather than the dog is so much less threatening should a dog become unsure of what is happening.

Thirdly, you can use it to gently to guide the dog where you want.

Teach her to go to her mat and to not leave it until she hears the word, "Come!"

If you want to make it useful, just get her doing it during your meal times and at the doorway.

Normally I would use a variety of mats but in her case, stick with the one.

Once she has the idea, take the mat to some public areas where you

can work using street distractions.

She needs to know this inside out — only once she has it down pat do you start to play the game during the witching hour.

However, always do several warm-ups earlier in the evening in non-confrontational rooms and then just outside the bedroom door just to get her mind on the right track.

In the boudoir, add an incentive. When you call her from her mat tell her to stay at the other end of the room and go place a biscuit on the mat.

Do it three times in a row, wait a while and repeat later if you can.

Hopefully she'll replace the old belief system with the anticipation of something good.

Pawsitively yours,
John Wade

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MEETING LOCATION:

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Dec. 11, 2012
7 p.m.

APPLICANT:

Rod Webb,
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ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

EGMONT/PENDER HARBOUR BIKE AND WALKWAYS SERVICE

An Alternative Approval Process for Egmont/Pender Harbour Bike and Walkways Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1082, 2012 is currently in progress.

Bylaw No.1082 proposes to establish a service for the purpose of planning, constructing and maintaining bike and walkways. The maximum annual amount that may be raised under this proposed bylaw is a property value tax rate of \$0.24/\$1000 applied to the net taxable value on improvements only in the Service Area (Electoral Area A – Egmont/Pender Harbour — excluding that portion within the Sechelt Indian Government District). This amount equates to approximately \$100,000 based on current assessments in the participating area. The impact of this amount on residential taxation would be \$6.44 per \$100,000 of assessed value (of improvements only) per year.

Further information on this matter can be viewed at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays, at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC. Information packages are also available for viewing at the Pender Harbour Satellite Office (12828 Lagoon Road, Madeira Park) and on the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca.

ELECTOR RESPONSE FORMS

Eligible electors who are opposed to the adoption of the bylaws may complete an Elector Response Form. Forms are available at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt; the Pender Harbour Satellite Office (former South Pender Harbour Water Office) located at 12828 Lagoon Road, Madeira Park, BC during their regular hours and on the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca.

Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to be received by the Corporate Officer at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A1 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012.** Elector response forms must be in the possession of the Corporate Officer by this time, as postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as date of submission. **FORMS MAY NOT BE RETURNED BY FAX.**

More information may be obtained by contacting Angie Legault, Manager of Legislative Services at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office at 1975 Field Road or by telephone at 604-885-6800.

NOTE: Official Notices were published in the November 9th and 16th editions of the Coast Reporter.

local organizations

P. H. POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

The Pender Harbour Power and Sail Squadron hosts the annual Carol Ships Cruise in the Harbour on the evening of Saturday, Dec.15. As in the past, members of the community are invited to decorate their boats and join in the cruise, whether they are squadron members or not. Participants in the cruise will be welcomed at the after party at the P. H. School of Music.

Carol ships will meet at 6:30 p.m. off the Millennium Park Dock in Madeira Park. The cruise will take about an hour and a half. The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue vessel *Iona C.* has been asked to lead the cruise.

All participants and their guests are invited to join squadron members for a finger food potluck in the P. H. School of Music after. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available at the cash bar. Space will be available at the docks to accommodate participating boats, possibly with some rafting. The School of Music will be open at 6 p.m. for those wishing to view the start and finish of the cruise.

If you would like to participate, please advise Charlie Park at cpark@dccnet.com or (604) 883-0453) or David Pearson at djpearson@dccnet.com or (604) 883-9313.



RUBY LAKE LAGOON SOCIETY

Everyone's invited to join the Ruby Lake Lagoon Society for a Christmas potluck meal, live music and family fun on Sunday, Dec. 16, 4 - 8 p.m. at the Iris Griffith Centre (1 km south of Ruby Lake on Hwy 101). For more information, contact (604) 883-9201

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Pender Harbour Women's Connection annual Christmas luncheon is at noon on Dec. 11 at the Legion. Tickets for members are \$20, and for non-members \$25. Contact Maureen at (604) 883-0444 for membership information or tickets. This annual event includes a raffle, Bargain Barn Fashion Show, a delicious catered lunch, and lots of fun and community fellowship.

ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

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• Bridge Club	883-2633
• Chamber of Commerce, P. H. & Egmont	883-2561
• Christ the Redeemer Church.....	883-1355
• Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61	883-2572
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• Community School Society	883-2826
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• Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.)	883-9766
• Health Centre Society	883-2764
• Health Centre Auxiliary (Last Monday, 1p.m.).....	883-9957
• InStitches (Last Thursday, 11 a.m., PHHC)	883-0748
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• P. H. Paddling Society	883-3678
• P. H. Pipe Band.....	883-0053
• P. H. Power & Sail Squadron (2nd Wed. 7:30 p.m.) ...	883-9313
• P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening).....	883-9270
• Pender Harbour Choir (7:00 pm Tues).....	883-9749
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• Reading Centre Society	883-2983
• Rotary Club (noon Fri. Garden Bay Pub)	883-2544
• Royal Canadian Legion No. 112	883-2235
• Ruby Lake Lagoon Society	883-9201
• Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....	883-9994
• St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary (2nd Wed.,1:30 p.m.)	883-2563
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• Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS).....	883-9853
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November 20, 2012

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Pender Harbour Fire Protection District (Box 304 Madeira Park, BC V0N 2H0) requests tenders from qualified suppliers/installers to supply and install approximately 900 lineal feet of 72-inch chain link fence at the fire department training site on the Pender Harbour Landfill Road. The site is 200 metres off Garden Bay Road.

Specifications:

- 9 gauge, 2" mesh 72 inches high, galvanized
- 20' main gate, (2 X 10)
- 2 X 4' pedestrian gates
- 3 strands barbwire on 45° arms

Site viewing and construction details should be arranged with Fire Chief Don Murray, (604) 740-6981. Tenders shall provide details of corner and line post spacing and proposed construction material details. The lowest or any quotation may not necessarily be accepted.

Quotations will be received at the above address by either e-mail or mail **no later than 3 p.m., Thursday Dec. 20, 2012**. Hand delivered quotations will be received at the Madeira Park Fire Hall (4990 Gonzales Road) any **Tuesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. until Dec. 20, 2012**.

Sonja Scott
Administrator, PHVFD

Harrison proposes 'FEID' as alternative to incorporation

Dear Editor,

Have you seen the two white chairs on the highway beside the sign for the future South Pender water treatment plant:

"This may take awhile... Have a seat."

I have advised SCRD director Frank Mauro about a Pender initiative which is under consideration to take much of Area A out of the clutches of the SCRD by forming the "Fjords Economic Improvement district."

It would involve a category of local government which could be implemented by Ida Chong [sic] under the resort municipalities legislation with a simple order-in-council amendment to the regulations.

Transfer of SCRD responsibility for water, planning, community school, building inspection, parks, trails, economic development, the pool, clinic and elimination of the rural property tax to help the community hall and affordable housing could be an alternative to the unfeasible option

of incorporation as a municipality.

There might be a small annual parcel levy of \$100 or so on improvements that might be well worth it in terms of developing a livable community.

It might even be cheaper.

The South Pender Harbour water treatment plant is in limbo, which is not good news.

The SCRD board rejected the tender as unacceptable which does not much bother unaffected parts of the SCRD because they can continue to endlessly assign costs of extra staff time to local water users which reduces their own tax share of the fixed costs of the SCRD water system.

Why aren't Pender water users integrated with the SCRD utility?

And Garden Bay-Irvin's?

Egmont?

Why? Pender pays all administration costs for specified area functions such as the pool, clinic, and the South Pender water system which retains its own identity, one-sixth for all SCRD general government functions

and over a third for functions such as local planning and parks that apply to rural areas (A, B,D, E and F) because we have 30 per cent of the assessment.

You can see it is not to the advantage of the rest of the Coast (in terms of tax burden) to do anything in a timely manner when they have a cash cow (our assessment tax roll).

There is a similar problem with the Pender Harbour landfill and resource recovery centre.

Solid waste management is a provincially required, general SCRD function.

Even though there is tax money collected and assigned in the current 2012 budget, the SCRD has managed to delay the promised Pender recycling resource recovery centre as a result of a review initiated by other SCRD directors dragging their feet.

Any action is precluded until this formal review is complete.

Frank Mauro says it will be December (conveniently after budget planning closes).

Don't hold your breath.

If politics is the art of finding the tipping point between willful blindness and organized resentment, perhaps the Fjords Economic Improvement District will happen.

Our logo?

Two white chairs, of course.

Joe Harrison
Garden Bay, BC

Sechelter disputes one-way highway theory

Dear Editor,

I had to laugh when the Painted Boat GM made the semi-provocative statement "migration pattern on this Coast is like no other place I've ever lived."

Truly, this quote needs to be referenced with a list of previous residences of Mr. Schmidt.

I am interested to know in what other geographical locations Mr. Schmidt has operated restaurants/and or studied human migration patterns.

As a lifelong Sechelt resident and user of Highway 101, it's a common fact that the 101 becomes a different

road from October to May, specifically from Trout Lake northwards.

I am unsure how many residents south of Middle Point necessarily want to travel to Madeira Park on a stormy winter night just to visit the Painted Boat Restaurant.

Perhaps Mr. Schmidt would be better to point out that the hazardous nature of our highway profoundly affects his winter business numbers.

In my opinion, this is a fact, and will not be easily solved by "marketing in Sechelt."

Food for thought, no?

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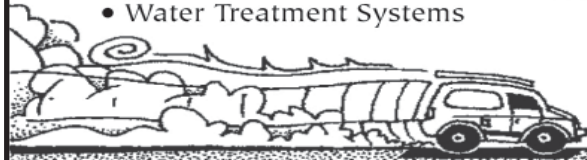
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He will be sorely missed.

DECEMBER ASTROLOGY

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 21)

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trendsetters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. December caveat: For some reason, as yet unexplained by science, many Sagittarians will experience some form of out-of-body experience during the period around December's new moon (Dec. 13).

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~BC Hydro press release

DECEMBER WEATHER

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December has an average of 54.9 hours of bright sunshine. It usually has 19 days with measurable precipitation, an average monthly rainfall of 140.1 mm and an average monthly snowfall of 10.6 cm. Our average month-end snowfall is 4 cm. December has the highest snowfall of the year (November has the most rain). The highest December daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island was 66 mm (Dec. 25, 1972). The record daily snowfall was 40.6 cm (Dec. 31, 1968).

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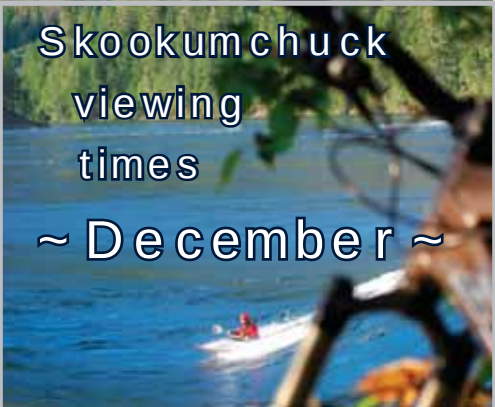
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Dec. 4	8:27 am +XL, 3:17 pm -M
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Don and Brenda Scoular

A Harbour Seal of Approval and big thank you to **our community** for supporting the Bargain Barn with your generous donations in 2012. Because of you we had another successful year.

Joan Postnikoff
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A big thank you to **Tammy Holt, Oak Tree boys, Madeira Park IGA, Tanya M., Jodee Y., Kelly K., Tanis Z., Nadine C., Anne G., Megan N., Lori P., Laurie P., and the grads of PHSS** for help making our Halloween Fun Night fundraiser such a success.

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A big Seal of Approval to the **boater who recovered the capsized kayak** at the entrance to Bargain Harbour on Oct. 13 while I was helping the paddler back to shore. Thank you.

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At this needy time of the year it is very much appreciated.

Joka Wright
Pender Harbour Food Bank

A big Harbour Seal of Approval to all of the families that supported the PHSS grads during the silent auction and for visiting our Haunted House during MPES Halloween fun night.

Special thanks to **Tammy Holt** for all your help, **Mr. Krangle** for allowing the use of the portable, the families who donated silent auction items and to the MPES PAC for inviting us to be part of fun night.

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The first visit to any chapter is free.

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Here's what a recent graduate from our local group. Dorothy Faulkner, had to say about TOPS:

"As a TOPS graduate, now a KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) member who reached goal weight in

just six months, I urge everyone (men and women) who has a few or many unhealthy pounds to lose to join our friendly and welcoming group."

"My personal success in achieving my goal is due to the support and information I received each week from this caring group. A big thanks to the Pender Harbour Health Centre for the use of their meeting room each week; it's much appreciated."

For more information, please contact Judy McKimmon at (604) 741-7732 or judymckimmon@hotmail.com.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS

Harbourside Friendships meets at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Pender Harbour Legion, beginning with coffee and social time and wrapping up with a fresh hot lunch (\$7) served at noon. Everyone is welcome.

On Dec. 6 author Carole Rubin will talk about her books on "Growing Green" topics.

The Dec. 13 meeting will feature a presentation by the Pender Harbour Community School.

HEALTH CENTRE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Pender Harbour Health Centre will close at noon on Dec. 24, re-opening at 8 a.m. on Dec. 27.

It will then close at noon on Dec. 31 until 8 a.m. on Jan. 2.

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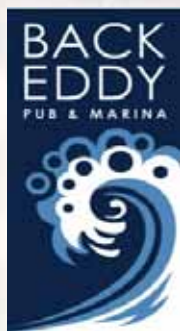
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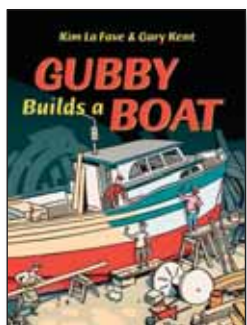


By Theresa Kishkan

The woodshed's full, the long skeins of geese have passed over our house on their way south, the frost silvers the trees most mornings — what better time to curl up with a book? And with Christmas around the corner, what better way to both give and receive?

The Sunshine Coast is well-served by independent book stores and they're wonderful places to spend an hour or two. The staff at Bluewaters Books here in Madeira Park and at Talewind Books in Sechelt are very knowledgeable about their stock and they will cheerfully special-order titles if you're looking for a book they don't currently have on their shelves. And

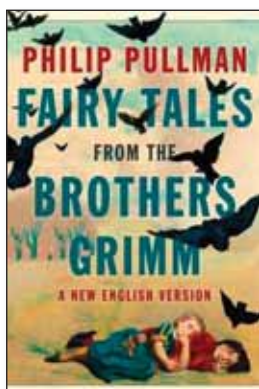
how nice it is to be greeted in both stores by small friendly dogs!



For children (and those who'd like to be), *Gubby Builds a Boat* (Harbour Publishing) by Gary Kent, illustrated by Kim La Fave, is a great-looking graphic novel about a Sunshine Coast fisherman who needs a new boat. It's a love song to the Japanese-Canadian wooden boat-building tradition and will delight young readers as well as their parents.



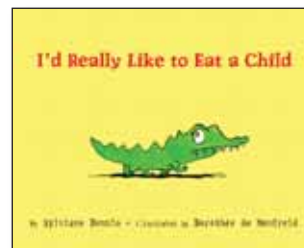
There are lots of books for teenagers. The popular Susan Juby has just published *Bright's Light* (HarperCollins), a dystopian novel. And of course there's L. J. Smith's *Vampire Diaries*, a series of seven titles, the most recent published last year. There are plans for a new trilogy of the *Vampire Diaries*, created (appropriately) by a ghost-writer.



Philip Pullman's beautiful *Fairy Tales From the Brothers Grimm: A New English Version* (Penguin) reanimates those wonderful stories for all ages.

And I loved *I'd Really Like to Eat A Child* (Random House) by Sylviane Donnio,

illustrated by Dorothée De Monfreid. A young alligator, Achilles, is tired



of eating bananas for breakfast every morning and imagines that he wants

something more adventurous. A juicy child, for instance — despite his mother's attempts to satisfy him with chocolate cake. It's full of the kind of dark humour children relish, a playful turnaround, perhaps, of the old saying, "I'm hungry enough to eat a wolf."



Speaking of food, there are beautiful cookbooks for every taste, including the wonderful *Everyday Kitchen for Kids* (Whitecap) by Jennifer

Low, photography by Ryan Szulc. Fin-tastic Fish Fillets, Rainy Day Banana Bread — and a bonus is that the book promises "no sharp knives, no stove-top cooking, and no motorized appliances."



Locavores will enjoy *The Zero-Mile Diet Cookbook: Season Recipes for Delicious Homegrown Food* (Harbour Publishing), by Carolyn Herriot.

And in *Gorilla Food* (Arsenal Pulp Press), Aaron Ash celebrates fresh organic vegan cuisine.

For those who are interested in

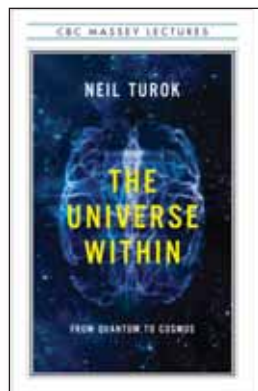
BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of Nov. 18, 2012)

1. **Unlikely Love Stories** by Mike McCardell
2. **Making Headlines** by Shelley Fralic
3. **The Book of Kale** by Sharon Hanna
4. **British Columbia** by Derek Hayes
5. **Eating Dirt** by Charlotte Gill
6. **Trucking in British Columbia** by Daniel Francis
7. **Ginty's Ghost** by Chris Czajkowski
8. **Joni** by Katherine Monk
9. **Canada at War** by Paul Keery and Michael Wyatt
10. **A Geography of Blood** by Candace Savage

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the culture of food, consider Adam Gopnik's *The Table Comes First: Family, France, and the Meaning of Food* (Penguin). Gopnik is an intelligent and elegant writer. His *Winter: Five Windows on the Season* (House of Anansi) provided the 2011 Massey Lectures.



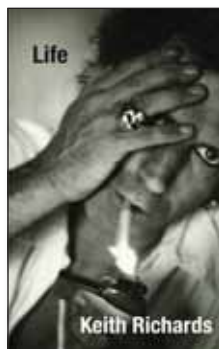
With this year's Massey Lectures, *The Universe Within: From Quantum to Cosmos* (House of Anansi), Neil Turok guides us into quantum physics. Turok is a passionate advocate

for the importance of science to all citizens, not just scientists: "I think it is hugely motivating for people to think about the future at whole new level. I believe physics can play a role in motivating people, and giving them hope and ambition for the future."

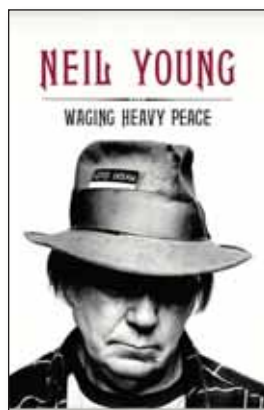
Music lovers will be intrigued by David Byrne's *How Music Works* (McSweeney's). The lead

singer of the Talking Heads takes the reader on an eclectic ramble through such topics as diatonic bone flutes, Madonna's contracts, the musicality of animals, how to start a successful nightclub, and the physiological and neurological effects of music.

And it seems that every aging rock star has published a memoir this year, perhaps encouraged by the wild success of Keith Richards' *Life* (Little,



Brown and Company) two years ago. (I confess to really enjoying *Life*, even though my tastes incline more to opera than rock.) Richards's bandmate Mick Jagger, Rod Stewart, and Pete Townshend (of the Who) all have new tell-all books this year.



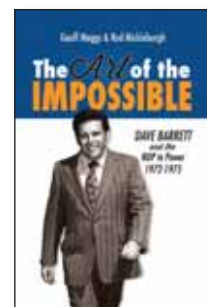
And so does Canada's own Neil Young. His *Waging Heavy Peace* (Penguin) has been receiving terrific reviews.

There's also a new book by Vancouver journalist Katherine Monk, *Joni: The Creative Odyssey of Joni Mitchell* (Douglas & McIntyre).

Can it really be 40 years since the heady

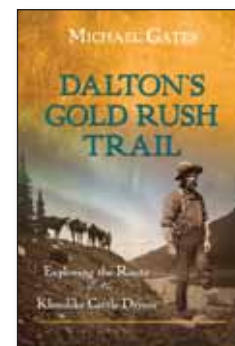


days of Dave Barrett's NDP government? Geoff Meggs and Rod Mickelburgh take the reader through that period in *The Art of the Impossible: Dave Barrett and the NDP in Power 1972-1975* (Harbour Publishing).



And what a period it was. I vividly recall attending a rally at a community hall in Sidney in 1972 with members of

my high school history class, listening to Dave Stupich outline his vision for agricultural land protection. Those were exciting times, though listening to Fraser Institute functionaries on the radio in recent weeks talking about Dave Barrett, you'd think his term in office ended life on earth as we knew it.



And for those wanting adventure of other kinds, I recommend *Dalton's Gold Rush Trail: Exploring the Route of the Klondike Cattle Drives* (Lost Moose) by Michael Gates and Sylvia Taylor's *The Fisher Queen: A Deckhand's Tales of the BC Coast* (Heritage).

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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 Charles 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 XXIX

(Continued from November 2012)

The Copper (Part 3)

The following is the last of a three part story told to Mary Hsu by family friend Qwuní. It was later edited for purposes of clarification and flow and (notations) have been added by the current author.

As the sun set over the mountains to the west behind Cape Mudge, a lone canoe shoved off from the combined hideout (on Cortes Island) of the Shishalh, Kwantlen and Musqueam war party. In it were 10 men with eight sitting motionless in the middle of the canoe wrapped in dog hair blankets and wearing women's head wear. The other two men paddled the canoe southwest, intentionally skirting Cape Mudge by a half mile.

The sight of them quickly attracted the attention of the lookouts onshore and within minutes six men could be seen launching a canoe and paddling hard after them. As they approached, some of the "women" in the bait canoe joined the paddling in an attempt to lure their attackers farther from shore.

Meanwhile, four Salish canoes landed out of sight on the eastern shore of Cape Mudge. Concealed by the falling darkness, the men pulled the canoes up past the high tide mark and crept along the beach's fringe. They easily overcame the remaining four Lekwiltok who were distracted by the chase taking place a mile from shore.

As the six Lekwiltok in the chase canoe approached what they believed to be mostly unarmed women, the attackers were shocked to be met with a flurry of arrows. That their last thoughts were likely confusion and horror at the women's accuracy would later become a source

of much laughter for the men in the canoe. After depositing the would-be attackers into the chuck, the men divided into the two canoes and raced back to join the attack.

By this time, the thirty men on the beach were again following the shoreline's fringe, making pains not to set off any alarms as they approached the village on the western shore of Cape Mudge. As planned, the men set up in the bush behind the village to start the attack and to cut off the retreat of any fleeing villagers.

As they waited, the five remaining canoes (and the two following a distance behind) silently crept towards the village. The men paddled slowly, being careful not to strike the sides of the canoe with their paddles. When they were 300 feet from shore, a man in the lead canoe gave the signal to attack with three hard paddle strikes against the canoe's wooden hull.

As they paddled hard toward shore, the first musket shots ran out while the men waiting in the bushes launched arrows towards the village and descended upon them with vengeful fury. As the 30 men behind the village attracted the defender's attention, the first of almost 80 armed men in the canoes landed on the shore only to be met by fleeing women and children.

My grandfather was one of the men who landed on the beach but he never spoke of what happened next. Most attacks by the coastal people involved taking slaves for ransom. This was different. The extreme brutality of the Lekwiltok had triggered a hatred for their entire people and others told me the attackers slaughtered any Lekwiltok who came within the swing of their weapons. It was said the beach fronting the village was slippery with the blood of not only Lekwiltok men but many women and children.

One story my grandfather did tell me was how he found one of the terrified women taken

it might have happened...

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from the Shishalh village of Ts'unay (Deserted Bay). She led him and three other men to a guarded house where some of the others were held. After overcoming two guards inside, he found his sister and four other Ts'unay women with many Lekwiltok women and children.

Before leaving, the Shishalh women took many articles of wealth kept in cedar boxes at the back of the house. As they did so, four Lekwiltok women bravely set upon my grandfather's sister, intent on retrieving the box she carried. The Lekwiltok women were killed but not before one of them had lodged an ironwood knife in my great-aunt's lower back. The house was set on fire and the entrance blocked before they made their way down the beach to the canoes.

They took few steps before their escape was blocked by many armed Lekwiltok. As my grandfather fought them off he suffered a vicious blow to his head and became separated from his sister. His three companions were killed as he too would have been were it not for the timely help of others returning to the canoes with bounty and rescued family. The men were able to get my grandfather into one of the canoes but his sister and the other five women were lost. As he passed in and out of consciousness, he cried with shame as he watched the burning village retreat into the distance.

The tide had turned by that point and the exhausted men paddled hard against the current towards open water. By dawn, six canoes had reached the relative safety of Spilksen (Texada Island) and put ashore to tend their wounds and to wait for stragglers. The morning glow revealed a lone canoe with two paddlers approaching slowly. Far behind it, a thin plume of smoke rose behind Cape Mudge.

In the canoe lay three injured men and four of the women my grandfather helped to rescue. One of them was his sister. She was badly wounded but still clung to the cedar box she removed from her captor's house. He carried her to a comfortable spot on the beach where she soon died from her wounds.

My people's losses were heavy. They returned to Ts'unay with four of the five canoes but with only 20 of their 35 men. They managed

to rescue half of those taken in the Lekwiltok raid but my grandfather's sister, my great-aunt, was dead. The village was inconsolable.

After he returned home, my grandfather opened the box his sister had given her life for. In it, he found a wonderfully intact copper.

A copper is considered an object of great wealth by the northern tribes but this one was not made by the Lekwiltok. It was probably stolen or traded for from a tribe much farther to the north and it has become my family's only treasure. It has been passed down to me from my father and who received it before that from my grandfather.

Mary, you now know its story and because I consider you my only remaining family in this world, so it is I must pass it down to you.



Artwork courtesy of Hsu family archives

Mary Hsu's painting of Qwuní's family treasure, a copper that was likely Tlinglit in origin. The valued piece somehow came to be owned by what was likely a wealthy Lekwiltok family at their village near Cape Mudge sometime in the late-1830s.

The year that was last year that was 2012

By Shane McCune



Gleaned from the headlines of 2012, these questions will separate those who were paying attention from those who threw up their hands in apathetic disgust.

1. When the cruise ship Costa Concordia ran aground off Italy, how did Captain Francesco Schettino explain his presence in a lifeboat while most passengers were still on board the listing ship?

- a) He planned to tie the lifeboat to the ship, then row really hard to get it off the rocks.
- b) His wife made him sleep in the lifeboat after she caught him running aground.
- c) He tripped and fell into the lifeboat.
- d) He was pretending to be the tiger in *Life of Pi*.



2. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization made what recommendation last January?

- a) That unvaccinated children be barred from public schools to prevent measles and whooping cough epidemics.
- b) That parents who refuse to vaccinate their children be sent to school instead.
- c) That prepubescent boys receive the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to prevent the spread of cervical cancer and genital warts later in life.
- d) That former Playboy bunny and anti-vaccine "activist" Jenny McCarthy should be forcibly vaccinated to see if it makes her artistic.

3. Canadian Cyndy Vanier spent the last year in a Mexican jail awaiting trial for what alleged crime?

- a) Trying to kill her husband.
- b) Trying to say "Make sure the pork is well cooked" in Spanish — but actually saying "Put your jewelry in my goat."
- c) Putting tomato juice in her Corona.
- d) Trying to smuggle Moammar Gadhafi's relatives into Mexico.

4. Australians John Kan and Rachel Evans were visiting Vancouver last summer when Evans gave birth at B.C. Women's Hospital after only 26 weeks of pregnancy. The infant girl needed 90 days of neonatal care, which resulted in a \$726,000 bill not covered by their travel insurance. How was the bill handled?

- a) The B.C. government waived all but \$5,000 of it.
- b) The Australian government agreed to pick up the tab.
- c) The child was declared a ward of the province and put into foster care until her parents could pay the bill.
- d) The parents agreed to pay the hospital \$300 a month for the rest of their lives.

5. Researchers in Alberta unveiled Smart-e-Pants, which are:

- a) Diapers that sound an alarm when they need changing.
- b) Children's pants with insulated pouches to store candy without melting it.
- c) Electronic underwear that stimulates the buttocks of immobilized hospital patients to prevent bedsores.
- d) Travellers' jeans with micro-GPS units in their buttons that transmit directions to an earphone.

6. What advice did Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich have for Canadians?

- a) "Don't buy a stairway to heaven."
- b) "Don't go chasing waterfalls."
- c) "Don't build a pipeline to China."
- d) "Don't even think about emigrating to my moon colony."



7. The 2012 Ig Nobel Prize (an American parody of the Nobel Prize) for Physics went to a team of British scientists who calibrated the stiffness and waviness of human hairs and the effects of gravity in order to devise an equation that predicts the shape of a ponytail. They dubbed their key ratio:

- a) The Betty Bisect.
- b) The Veronica Variable.
- c) The Max Factor.
- d) The Rapunzel Number.

8. Nokia applied for a patent on what method of alerting customers to incoming messages?

- a) A vibrating tattoo.
- b) A phone that emits different scents for different callers.
- c) A small flashing light in eyeglasses.
- d) A phone that announces an incoming call with a bell-like sound that Nokia calls a "ring."

9. A very inebriated resident of Edson, Alta., was a hit on YouTube when he was filmed singing at the top of his lungs in the back of a police car. What was he singing?

- a) "Bad Boys."
- b) "I Fought the Law."
- c) "Bohemian Rhapsody."
- d) "Alberta Bound."

10. Polls said Alberta's Wildrose Party, led by Danielle Smith, would end 41 years of Tory rule in last April's provincial election. But Premier Alison Redford kept her majority. What was not one of the reasons Smith gave for the defeat?

- a) Candidate Ron Leech said he could make a better MLA because he is white.
- b) Candidate Alan Hunsperger said gays would burn in hell.
- c) Liberal and NDP supporters voted Conservative to block Wildrose.



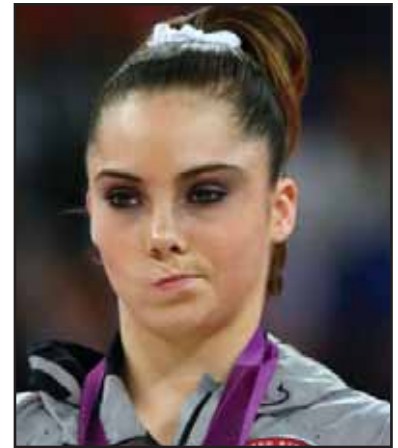
- d) The party's war chest went bussed.

11. Ikponwosa (I.K.) Ero, who is a Nigerian-born albino, filed a human rights complaint against Earl's Restaurants because:

- a) She was refused service on the basis of her lack of skin colour.
- b) She was denied a job with the chain because a manager said her appearance might make customers uncomfortable.
- c) She "went into panic mode" when she saw that Earl's served a pale ale called "Albino Rhino."
- d) A worried server remarked that Ero "looked pale."

12. What U.S. gymnast became famous for her "not impressed" face when she received silver — not gold — in the vault at the London Olympics?

- (a) Mila Mulroney
- (b) Bonie Maronie
- (c) McKayla Maroney
- (d) My Little Pony



13. At the Arab Shooting Championship in Kuwait last March, Kazakhstan demanded an apology and investigation into what scandal?

- a) The use of submachine-guns instead of rifles by the Somalian team.
- b) Participation by Israeli military sharpshooters.
- c) Accusations, subsequently proven false, that Kazakh gold medallist Maria Dmitrienko was actually a man.
- d) The playing of the fake Kazakhstan anthem from the movie *Borat* when Dmitrienko received her medal.

14. After 15,000 barrels of maple syrup vanished from a Quebec warehouse, police pounced on:

- a) A New Brunswick syrup seller.
- b) New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's annual pancake breakfast.
- c) Sticky-fingered patrons of a nearby Smitty's.
- d) Dozens of hyperactive black bears.

15. Thanks to a Harbour Spiel reader contest, Powell River and environs are now known as the Arbutus Coast. What did Powell River call itself previously?

- a) The Pearl on the Sunshine Coast
- b) The Gemstone of Jervis Inlet
- c) The Rhinestone of the Raincoast
- d) The Gallstone of the Irritable Powell



Answers: 1. (c), 2. (c), 3. (d), 4. (d), 5. (c), 6. (c), 7. (d), 8. (a), 9. (c), 10. (d), 11. (c), 12. (c), 13. (d), 14. (a), 15. (a).

DECEMBER

- Sun. Dec. 2.....Sunday Jam with Russell Marsland - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Dec. 3.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Sun. Dec. 9.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Tues. Dec. 11.....P. H. Women’s Connection annual Christmas luncheon - P. H. Legion, noon
- Tues. Dec. 11.....Public meeting for rezoning of 13121 S. C. Highway - Grasshopper Pub (family meeting room), 7 p.m.
- Sat. Dec. 15.....Christmas Turkey & Ham meat draw - P. H. Legion, 2 p.m.
- Sat. Dec. 15.....P. H. Power and Sail Squadron lead Carol Cruise - Madeira Park gov’t wharf, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. Dec. 16.....Breakfast with Santa - P. H. Golf Clubhouse, 10 a.m. to noon
- Sun. Dec. 16.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton (w/ special guest Linda McRae) - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Sun. Dec. 16.....Ruby Lake Lagoon Society Christmas potluck - Iris Griffith Centre, 4 to 8 p.m.
- Mon. Dec. 17.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Wed. Dec. 19.....P. H. volunteer firefighters’ annual toy run - Petro Can (6:30 p.m.) and John Henry’s (7:15 p.m.)
- Tues. Dec. 25.....Christmas**
- Wed. Dec. 26.....Annual Boxing Day PHSS “grad” party - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Sun. Dec. 30.....Sunday Jam with Simon Paradis - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Dec. 31.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
- Mon. Dec. 31.....New Year’s Eve “Dress To Impress” party featuring DJ Moses - P. H. Community Hall, 9 p.m.
- Mon. Dec. 31.....New Year’s Eve at the Legion - P. H. Legion

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



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1:20 p.m.	12:20 p.m.	12:20 p.m.	11:20 a.m.
3:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	3:20 p.m.
4:00 p.m. (March 28 only)	4:30 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. (March 28 only)	8:20 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
7:25 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
9:15 p.m.	8:20 p.m.		

☉ Daily except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

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*Note: There is an alternate schedule for Oct. 5 & 8, Dec. 22, 24, 26-29, 2012 and March 29, 2013.

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~Roy L. Smith
Harbour Spiel

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