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EDITORIAL

Affordable seniors' housing not the issue

By Brian Lee



There's a housing crisis here that doesn't look like it's going away anytime soon.

We don't have enough rental accomodation for people to work here — which is more than a little ironic considering most homes sit empty for a good portion of the year.

And, while it's true we need more affordable seniors' housing, the good work done by local volunteers to bring us much needed facilities like Abbeyfield House has inadvertently distracted people from the real problem.

The real issue is the lack of "affordable housing."

Sure we have a growing seniors population but do we really want to continue to encourage that?

What we need are more juniors.

I hope to retire here someday too but if I do there'll be a diverse community with a school or two and some residents young enough to do my heavy lifting.

If the enrolment in the elementary school continues to decline we might not have one soon.

There goes another handful of good-paying, professional jobs and more young families moving out.

Ask any local tourism-based business and they'll tell you that it was a kind of a weak summer for business.

Some might also say that it was probably a good thing because they couldn't find enough employees to serve the customers they did have.

And it's only going to get worse.

Service industry workers are typically young and short-term who will continually find it harder to live here.

I'm in a constant rental search for friends with references who hold good jobs but face leaving because they can't find a suitable place to live.

It's time our local government started considering this as they re-zone areas to accomodate developers who market their products to wealthy, baby-boomer Albertans.

The disproportionate bulge in our demographic has been created by a market that ignores the needs of those without housing equity and it's unsustainable.

It's a formula that brings aging wealth without offering solutions for maintaining a vital community.

This needs to be addressed soon because the long-term effects are going to be hard to reverse.

A start might be to find a way to encourage absentee homeowners to consider renting some of their space to those who missed the real estate boom but might have something positive to offer our community anyway.

Maybe local government could sponsor a program that matches qualified tenants with reluctant landlords by offering tax incentives for those willing to risk the potential hazards of renting.



REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2007

Morning ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #112 on Sunday Nov. 11.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR IN PENDER HARBOUR!

The Serendipity Preschool in Madeira Park is hosting its annual Christmas Craft Fair at the Pender Harbour Community Hall on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be artisans and craftspeople selling all kinds of Christmas goodies such as jewelry, beading, woodwork, knitting, jams & jellies, baked goods and more. Poinsettias will be available for purchase and there will be children's activities courtesy of the Sunshine Coast Child Care Resource and Referral Centre. Come for lunch, as the kitchen will be serving delicious soup, sandwiches and drinks. Bring a loonie or toonie and make a donation to Variety-The Children's Charity at the door. Proceeds from table rentals and poinsettia sales will go to support Serendipity Preschool.

2008 PHSS TRIP TO EUROPE TRIVIA NIGHT FINDRASIER

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Rolston steps down from Pender Harbour Jazz Festival



Monty Rolston poses in his office with the official posters of past Jazz Fests.

Monty Rolston has resigned as chairman of the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival, a position he's held for the past 11 years.

Rolston cites the dropping attendance over the last five years as a primary reason for his decision.

From a high gate count of approximately 5500 attendees in 2003 it has dropped steadily to a low of 3550 this year.

"After 12 years of year-round volunteer planning and organizing, I think Gail and I need a break," Rolston said.

"We are looking forward to having the month of September to do other things."

H. Y. Louie purchases Madeira Park property

Branco Holdings, the real estate arm of H. Y. Louie, has completed its purchase of the 3.5acre property directly behind the Madeira Park Shopping Centre.

Don Fraser, the previous owner of the property, has secured a lease for the portion of the property containing the buildings along Madeira Park Road.

The property is possibly the only reasonable direction for the Madeira Park Shopping Centre's eventual expansion.

Phillip Locke of Locke Management is contracted to oversee projects involving Branco properties in this area.

"There is no present plan. It was considered to be a good acquisition at this time," Locke said.

"Obviously the centre has to expand with the community. What we



The one time SanBar Campground has been sold to H. Y. Louie by Don Fraser for possible future expansion projects.

would like to see is probably a new IGA store within the next five years."

The terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Call for nominations honouring exceptional women

Nominations are being accepted for the 1st Annual Awards of Excellence for Sunshine Coast Women.

These awards, a collaborative effort by community organizations across the Sunshine Coast including the Chambers of Commerce and the Sunshine Coast Volunteer Centre, will recognize women who have lived on

the Sunshine Coast for more than five years and achieved outstanding success benefiting the Sunshine Coast through a number of ways:

- Being a leader and role model
- Breaking new ground
- Participating as a volunteer
- Mentoring others
- Showing vision, creativity and

initiative.

- Making a significant difference in her field.
- Being respected by her community for her contributions

The three awards of excellence categories are: entrepreneurship, health and wellness; sport and recreation, and non-profit/community service.

One award for each category will be presented at the awards banquet and presentation ceremony Jan. 30 at the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club.

“For many years there have been discussions about some type of women’s recognition program on the Coast,” said Charlene SanJenko, a member of the volunteer steering committee.

“It’s time to have the Coast’s deserving women nominated and recognized for their endeavours.”

Nominations will be accepted until Nov. 30.

Three finalists will be chosen in each category and notified the week of Dec. 17.

All nine finalists together with the community will enjoy a delightful evening with family, friends, special guests, volunteers, and sponsorship partners at the awards banquet.

Nomination forms are available on various community partner websites or by emailing dpik@dccnet.com.

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Pender aquatic facility renovation proposal unveiled at AGM

Plans for a \$750,000 renovation were unveiled at the recent Pender Harbour Aquatic Society annual general meeting.

The plan is still in the proposal stages and will require public input and consent in the form of a possible Alternate Approval Process before construction can begin.

There hasn't been a major upgrade to the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre since it was built 27 years ago at a cost of \$198,000.

Many components have deteriorated to the point where they don't meet modern building codes and raise health and safety concerns.

PHAS chair Lynne Munro said that a major part of the total cost, \$250,000, will go to replace the 27-year-old heating and ventilation system that must be done regardless of the AAP outcome.

A further \$175,000 will go toward modest renovations to change rooms, the fitness room, exterior windows, reception office, sauna and the installation of a family change room and a disabled washroom.

Regrading and retilling the pool deck surface is estimated to cost \$75,000.

Another \$50,000 will be budgeted for a covered entranceway designed to deflect both rain and sun glare.

Since construction won't begin



After years of painting and patchwork repairs, the aquatic centre is overdue for some TLC.

for at least another year, a \$200,000 contingency fund is also built into the proposal to protect the project from material cost increases.

"The board felt the Alternate Approval Process to be the best solution to raise the funds," Munro said.

"We felt the community was already tapped out with all of the other fundraising going on and as a small board, we simply don't have the resources to take on such efforts."

Estimates as to how much this will cost individual ratepayers are not yet available but if the project gets approved, the rate increase on property taxes likely won't take effect until 2009.

Currently, the SCRD and the

PHAFC are budgeting funds to pay the school district 65 per cent of the cost for repairs to the PHSS gymnasium wall repair from 2004.



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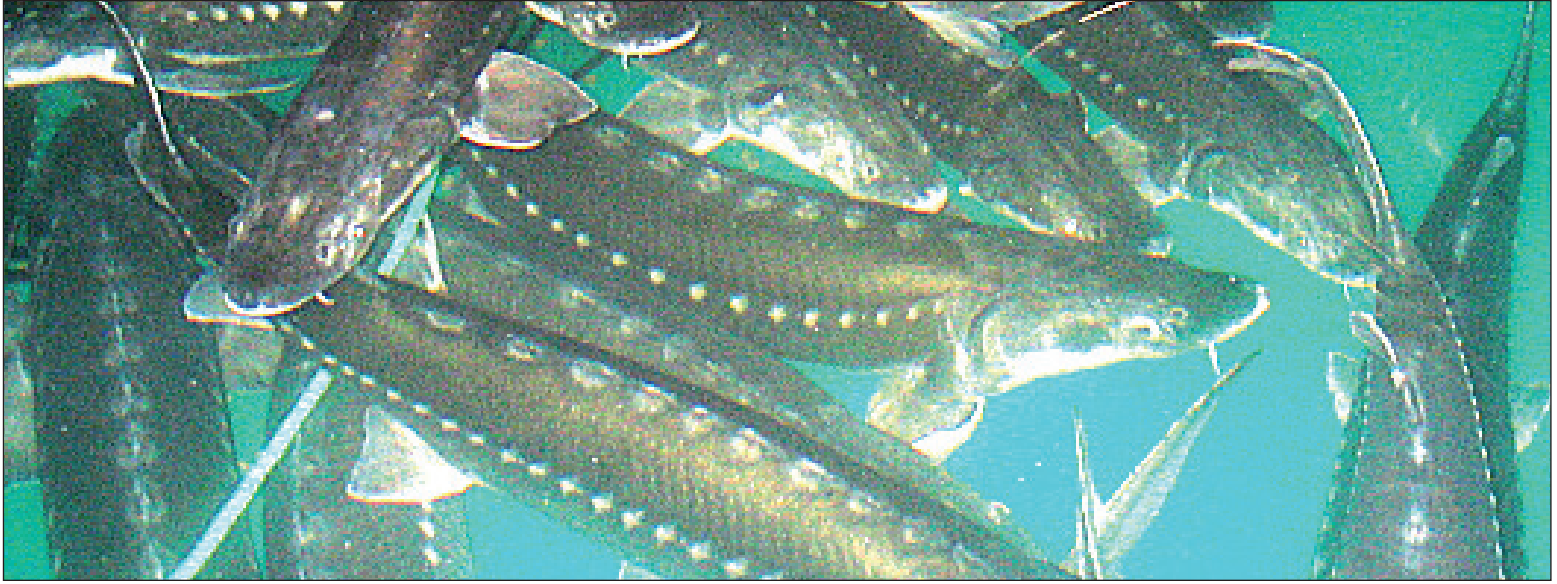
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Target Marine aiming to produce BC's most expensive food product



Linda Morton photo

Only seven years old, these sturgeon average 40 kilograms each with some over 70 kilograms. They will produce 10 per cent of their body weight in caviar.

By Brian Lee

Until recently, Bernie Bennett and Target Marine's focus was salmon farming.

Specifically, he was involved in the salmon egg business, harvesting the most profitable product from salmon — the roe — to sell to the

Japanese sushi market as ikura.

He knew the egg business could be lucrative but salmon are delicate, expensive to rear and the market didn't always offer a payoff for such a risky investment.

In 1998, Bennett was waiting for a flight in London's Heathrow Airport when he stumbled across a

caviar kiosk.

"I'm looking at the tins of sturgeon caviar and looking at the prices and went 'Oh my God!' because it's like 100 times more than we were getting for salmon stuff and I said if ever get the chance I want to get into that business."

As luck would have it, when Bennett returned to Canada there was a man named Ken Beers speaking at an aquaculture conference in Victoria about the success of farmed sturgeon in California.

While there Bennett heard about some research taking place at Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo.

"So we contacted them and it turns out the head sturgeon guy, a guy named Dave Laine, was thinking it was about time to get sturgeon commercialized in BC, so the timing was perfect," Bennett says.

"In 1999 we got our first fish."

Just three years later the sturgeon hatched from those first 14 brood stock were sexed.



Joyce Francis photo

This sturgeon's roe is examined to see if it's ready for harvest. If not, the sturgeon is stitched back up and they wait another year.

Sturgeon have no external sexual characteristics so, after they're anesthetized, a small incision is made on the underside of the belly to examine for roe.

Bennett says the recovery rate for this procedure is virtually 100 per cent.

Females are saved for caviar production and the males are then harvested for meat and sold through seafood brokers to various markets.

"If you see sturgeon meat in B.C. and it's legal, it's probably us," Bennett says.

Bennett describes sturgeon as having firm white meat that is neither oily nor remarkably flavoured but pleasant.

It has been well received in high-end Vancouver seafood restaurants like C and the Cannery.

"It's definitely white tablecloth," he says.

"That's our market. It costs a lot to rear and a lot to process and it's hard to get it through with all of the bureaucratic stuff."

Bennett has had to verify that each sturgeon harvested for meat or caviar has complied with CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

CITES requires certification that international trade in specimens of wild animals or plants doesn't threaten their survival.

"[The sturgeon] can be verified genetically," says Rob Haines, Target Marine's hatchery manager.

"If you took a paper clip to one of the fins of any fish here, it could be verified that it's our stock."

Global poaching markets—and a burgeoning local one for the endan-

gered Fraser River White sturgeon—threaten the few remaining wild stocks.

Because of the demand, caused by a worldwide shortage of caviar and the near extinction of the Caspian Sea sturgeon population, Bennett says that his caviar will likely be the most

expensive food produced in BC.

One female sturgeon will produce approximately 10 per cent of her body weight meaning a 70 kilogram fish will yield 7 kilograms of caviar.

Sold in one-kilogram tins at current market prices, each fish will
continued next page

A short history of sturgeon caviar

Sturgeon have been around for more than 80 million years and are found only in the northern hemisphere. They live in brackish or salt water but return to fresh water to spawn. They can spawn multiple times throughout their lives and can live to be over 100 years old. The beluga sturgeon (beluga caviar) is found in the Caspian Sea and is the largest freshwater fish in the world with a record weight of 4,350 pounds.

The first written record of caviar was from Batu Khan, the grandson of Genghis Kahn, in the 1240s. The caviar industry started in Eurasia and the Mediterranean where the roe was heavily salted to extend shelf life and then transported in wooden caskets. By the 1800s the French began importing caviar from Russia where it had become a popular aristocratic delicacy. Molossol, the lightly salted variety which we generally eat today did not become available until the advent of refrigerated transport.

By the end of the 1800s, North American varieties of Atlantic sturgeon and white sturgeon on the West Coast were found to have a roe quality comparable to that of Russian sturgeon. By 1900 there was more caviar going to Europe from North America than from Russia and the commercial harvest of these species continued until the resource was virtually destroyed. By 1915 North American fisheries were closed to sport and commercial use. A sport fishery was reintroduced for white sturgeon on the West Coast in the 1950s but an illegal poaching trade continues to this day.

Most of the world's caviar still comes from the Caspian Sea but after the Soviet Union broke up the strict controls on harvest and caviar production around the Caspian Sea disappeared. The new free states found caviar a quick way to generate cash and the so-called "Caviar Mafia" has taken over much of the processing and distribution. Stocks are further threatened by pollution and it is now being seen that most of the eggs in mature female Caspian sturgeon are sterile due to genetic malformation.

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Target Marine (cont.)

produce a volume of caviar valued at approximately \$12,500 to \$17,500.

Clearly the potential yield is worth the wait.

“When you produce caviar it will typically go out in one-kilogram tins but nobody eats caviar in one-kilogram tins unless you’re the sultan of Brunei,” he says.

“Most people will buy caviar for consumption in one-ounce or 20- to 30-gram tins. So the reality is that people that are going to sell that to them, they take your one-kilo tin and they break it and when they break it never has your name on it anymore.”

The sturgeon are raised in 125 cubic-metre, land-based tanks that hold 400 to 500 fish each.

The system is constantly circulating, refiltering and reoxygenating, requiring at least one person to monitor it 24 hours per day.

Target Marine currently employs about 20 people at the Porpoise Bay site and another three in the Sechelt office.

All solid waste is pumped into a septic tank and then trucked away for disposal, adding cost to an already expensive operation.

Bennett says you could never raise salmon in this way because you couldn’t recoup the cost of production.

The literature says that it should take seven or eight years for a sturgeon to mature enough to produce caviar quality roe so it is a long-term venture requiring a lot of start up capital.

To get to this point Bennett says he’s invested well over \$2 million and was hoping for caviar production to start this year but it looks like the



“Hey Rob, what kind of fish can perform operations?” Rob Haines and Bernie Bennett compare sturgeon jokes.

sturgeon won’t be ready for another year yet.

Sturgeon aquaculture in California is about 12 years ahead of Target Marine and another company in Italy is pursuing caviar production but Bennett isn’t worried about competition.

“There’s such a shortage given

what’s been happening to the wild stocks and caviar worldwide that there’s going to be a shortage for years to come,” Bennett says.

“It takes such a long time to bring one on that there’s not going to be a glut of caviar anytime soon.”

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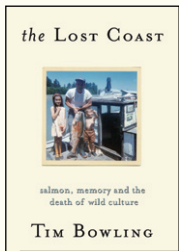
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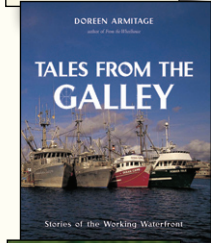
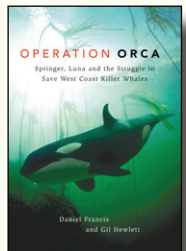
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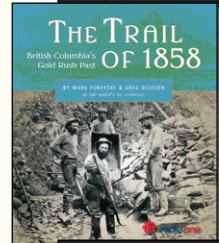


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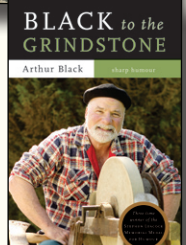
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Judy Georgetti

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Adult Milker - Tom Roach

Middle Milkers - Nick Silvey, Kevin Rossner, William Reid (a 3-way tie)

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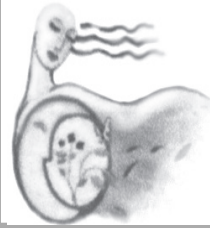
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POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 26 TO OCTOBER 15, 2007

By P.H. Community Policing Volunteers

On Sept. 18, aluminum and hand-rails worth about \$3,000 were stolen from a house under going some renovations located on Francis Peninsula Road.

On Sept. 20 a witness reported a theft of three pieces of polished wood about four to five feet long from a property on Oyster Bay Road.

On Oct. 5 a pleasure boat and a crew boat, both returning to dock, collided.

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OBITUARY

Walter Feustel

DECEMBER 8, 1932 – AUGUST 19, 2007

Walter Feustel passed away on August 19 2007 in Vancouver after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Born Dec. 8, 1932 in Schweinfurt Germany, Walter emigrated to Canada at the age of 18.

He made his way across Canada and took up residence in North Vancouver before retiring in Madeira Park.

During his retirement years he enjoyed travelling to warmer climates in the winter and sailing the B.C. coast in the summer.

He is survived by his sons Alan and Robert, brother Willi (Germany) and sister Hilde, also from Germany.

No memorial service by request.



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Ted Lee

MAY 23, 1947 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2007



Ted Lee died suddenly at his home in Madeira Park on September 21, 2007, after struggling with diabetes and failing health in the later years of his life.

He is sadly missed by his wife, Susan; son Edward (Carrie, children Austin and Dakota) of Hinton, Alberta; daughters Heather (Brodie West) of Toronto and Lisa (Brendan and daughter Brenna) of Vancouver; mother Ivy Pierce; sister Janice Norris (Edward Norris); and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends in the Pender Harbour area and beyond.

Ted was predeceased by his sister, Peggy Lee, and father, Robert Lee.

Ted was born to Ivy Pierce and Robert Lee of Pender Harbour on May 23, 1947, at the original St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay BC.

His grandparents, the Wrays, were Nelson Island pioneers.

Ted lived most of his life in the Egmont and Pender Harbour area.

Back in the day, he went to a one-room school by boat and grew up to work primarily in the logging and fishing industry.

Ted was a heavy-duty equipment operator, commercial fisherman and jack-of-all-trades who, along the way, earned the well known moniker, "I quit, Ted Lee."

He especially loved his water-taxi business.

He will be remembered for his always quick and sometimes wickedly sharp humour, but Ted had a serious and studious side.

He loved history, studied Eastern philosophy and quickly mastered the internet while his peers laboured over programming their answering machines.

He was an insatiable collector of

old and unusual items, which led to Dogwood Cottage Antiques, a business created, owned and operated by Ted and Sue.

He thoroughly enjoyed sharing his knowledge of Pender Harbour history and regularly did so with articles and photographs in the Harbour Spiel.

Ted was a member of the Pender Harbour Legion, Pender Harbour Chamber of Commerce, president of the Pender Harbour Community Club, and founding member of that irreverent group of Pender Harbour oldtimers who hold court daily in the gazebo at Madeira Park wharf.

His wit, wisdom and stories of Pender Harbour history will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, Ted would appreciate donations to the Pender Harbour Community Club.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TED LEE

May 23, 1947 – September 21, 2007

**We are so sad to see you leave so soon.
Your passing reminds us how precious
A presence like yours can be.**

You will be forever missed,

**Mom, Aunt Is and Jan,
all your cousins, nieces,
nephews, the gazebo crew
and all your many friends.**

Ivy and Jan would like to thank everyone for the thoughtful messages, flowers and the many kind acts that helped us through this time of loss.



*By John Rees
SCRD Director,
Area A*

LEGAL DECISION CHAPMAN CREEK WATERSHED

Judge Butler of the B.C. Supreme Court has rescinded the order of the Health Board (SCRD Board) against logging operations in the Chapman Creek watershed.

The whole issue was based on local government having the responsibility to provide drinking water to residents without the authority to stop industrial activity that might potentially pollute the source area.

Although the decision was disappointing and somewhat frustrating there were a few pluses along the way.

In standing up to the provincial government on this issue the SCRD has drawn attention to this concern

right across the province.

Many other municipalities have the same problem and will address their fight in a similar fashion.

There is no question that the B.C. government is now very aware of public concerns regarding clean drinking water and protected sources, and will look more closely at the ramifications of allowing industrial activity to proceed in critical areas. Industrial companies will also review the economics of the excessive cost of extraction from watersheds.

LOGGING IN THE EGMONT AREA

While the Chapman issue was in full swing another logging Company, Tsain Ko, owned by the Sechelt Indian Band, announced plans to log in five or six cutblocks around the Egmont area.

The most contentious of these blocks were at the top end of Ruby Lake and Waugh lake, which serve as water sources in their respective communities.

The principle involved an ap-

peal to the provincial fisheries ministry, and was the same as the approach made by the SCRD in Chapman Creek.

However, we did try something a little different here to get a more positive resolve.

With the assistance and support of the SCRD a local advisory committee was formed to meet with the operations arm of Tsain Ko, the Chasken Group, to try to mitigate community concerns with the planned logging.

Locations of road building, culverts, bridges, drainage, species retention, area retention, buffers, visual impact mediation, trail construction, cleanup and deactivation are just some of the issues that have been addressed.

This group of seven local citizens have met five times so far with company representatives and contracted professionals, both in formal meetings and site visits, and I am told that considerable progress is being made.

I am also told that logging plans in the Waugh Lake area have been set back for some years.

Final committee and company reports are not yet in so it is too early to tell whether or not this approach will be successful but considering where we started, there is reason for optimism.

AREA A TRANSIT PILOT PROJECT

Starting in early 2008 it appears we will have a twice weekly bus to Sechelt, an SCRD version that is.

Wednesdays and Saturdays, the route will start in Sechelt, run up to Egmont, back through Garden Bay and Madeira and back to Sechelt.



Then, after a hold-over period, it will return to all points.

As stated above, this is a pilot project for one year but the good news is that it will be mainly financed by our Gas Tax Rebate and is one of only a few uses eligible for the grant.

At the moment SCRD Transit has a request in to B.C. Transit for a subsidy (40 per cent) and other considerations.

All other details, schedules, stop locations and fares will follow when we have the plans finalized.

UPDATE ON LIONS' PARK PLAYING FIELD

Progress continues on this facility by local contractor Don White of Indian Isles Construction, who first

had to construct a road and a parking lot and then a bridge and another parking lot just to get started.

The site is now cleared of trees and the P. H. Lions' Club is in the process of selling off the useable timber and, I might also add, making firewood available for sale to the public.

The usual Pender problems are being encountered — slope and rock.

Is anything ever easy here?

With a lot of blasting and rock breaking we should have a rough grade by mid-November followed by sand fill, irrigation and drainage etc.

We are working with a top notch consultant on this project and the facility should be complete by next summer.

PENDER POOL UPGRADES

By the time you read this the conceptual drawings should be out for the pool renovations.

In a previous column I described the improvements necessary (mechanical and ventilation etc.) and some of the aesthetic changes planned.

Soon the P. H. Aquatic Society will have the drawings and a budget and will then have some public meetings to explain their proposals.

Depending on public response, the next step would be to go to an Alternate Approval Process (AAP) for community support to raise the funds necessary for the construction. This would involve Area A only.

The work would take place in the summer of 2008.

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Thursday, November 1, 2007

- 1:30 pm Infrastructure Services Committee

Thursday, November 8, 2007

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

Thursday, November 15, 2007

- 1:30 pm Community Services Committee

Thursday, November 22, 2007

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

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

Room 107, Pender Harbour High School.

DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Director John Rees is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District government.

He can be reached at home at (604) 883-9033 or by e-mail, jarees@dccnet.com.

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Why bother? I'm tired!

by Jim Rutherford
(assisted by Nolan Sawatzky)

Plants are living things like we are and hostas are perhaps the first plant to say, 'I'm taking a rest!'

The showy yellow leaves fall limp even when there's been no frost.

Just let the natural process go on as the leaves wither and then cut them off an inch above the ground.

Nature's way of fall clean-up is to compost.

WHY SHOULD WE BOTHER?

Because we've planted non-native plants that some native pests just love to eat it.

By not raking up leaves and other detritus, slugs, earwigs, aphids and the like have a nice snug hiding place to

hibernate.

In spring, even as the hostas start to sprout, the slugs will already be at work under the leaf litter.

TRUST IN THIS!

Composting is worth it.

The "hot compost" method (120-150F / 50-60C) works best to recycle disease-free plant material and kitchen vegetable scraps.

Don't compost diseased plants, unless you are using the "hot compost" method.

The simplest composting set up I've seen was just a tarp on the ground, folded perhaps five feet wide by eight to ten feet long and placed somewhere hidden from view.

The tarp helps to contain any nutrients that will leach into the ground.

Grass clippings heat quickly to get the temperature up.

On top of the composting material spread another, somewhat larger tarp and weigh it down with firewood or rocks.

If you haven't used too much cedar and fir needles the compost pH will be fairly neutral — 7.

To enhance the soil for acid loving plants (rhodos & broad leaf evergreens) aluminum sulphate or other additives will do the trick (pH-7).

Conversely, lime for lilac etc.

will give you a more "basic soil" (pH+7).

Wait until you're prepared the soil for next year's garden beds before digging in a combination of manure, kelp meal and bone meal in combination with your home made compost.

It's a good time now to apply parasitic nematodes to soil beneath rhododendrons and azaleas as this slows root weevil damage — notched leaves.

NOT TOO LATE FOR BULBS?

Not really, as long as there's no frost.

The bulbs' roots will still develop but will bloom a little later in spring.

Next year, they'll get up at the right time.

Angelique is a gorgeous tulip.

It looks like a pale, pink double peony and makes a great cut flower. (Queen of the Night, an almost black purple colour, is a wonderful contrast.)

Perhaps you might try alliums (lowering onions).

From four foot *a. giganteum* to acorn varieties, they're pretty easy to grow in any well drained soil but thrive best in full sun.

Fritillaries are a bit more challenging but well worth it.

I see the bulbs are sold locally now.

F. imperialis (Crown Imperial) is very showy.

Put some sand in the hole and place the bulbs sideways, five to eight inches deep, cover with sand and replace the soil.

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Our senior pets

By Doretta Morland

As with any society it's our seniors that often require the most care and attention.

This is also true in the animal world.

If your pet is over seven years old it is considered a senior and therefore at risk for age-related problems.

Recognizing these problems will help to manage and treat them.

Below is a list of some of the signs and symptoms that may be of concern:



- **Change in weight / body mass** - are they gaining/losing weight?
- **Signs of dehydration** - older animals more prone to dehydration.
- **Declining vision, hearing loss or decrease in sense of smell** - any changes of the senses are cause for concern.
- **Skin / coat changes** - are there any new lumps or bumps?
- **Heart / lung concerns** - is there any coughing, wheezing, panting or increased shortness of breath?
- **Kidney problems** - have they been drinking more water than usual? Urinating more?
- **Tooth and gum disease** - are they salivating more or unwilling to chew their food?
- **Constipation** - because older animals are less active they are more prone to constipation.
- **Behaviour changes** - do they sleep more or seem disinterested or disoriented?
- **Heat and cold intolerance** - older

animals have less tolerance to the cold and to heat.

- **Reproductive system changes** - if your pet was not spayed or neutered before their first birthday they are more susceptible to certain types of cancers and diseases.
- **Endocrine diseases** - these include thyroid disease, diabetes and disorders of the adrenal glands.
- **Musculoskeletal disease** - are they having trouble getting up from sitting?

Any of the above could be a sign of a deeper issue and could indicate that further investigation is required.

Your veterinarian can guide you through what treatment, if any, should be taken.

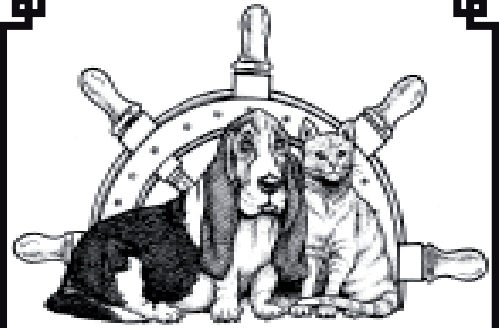
Please remember — be patient with your older pet.

Our senior pets are precious members of our families. Health is a primary concern with any senior and it's important we give them due respect for their advanced years.

Regular checkups with your veterinarian, proper nutrition, grooming, exercise and some minor home and environmental modifications or restrictions can help keep your senior pet healthy and safe for years to come.

November is Celebrate Senior's Month at most veterinary hospitals.

Please call your local office and ask about the specials being offered for senior's month.



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The Waterboard Office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In case of emergency after hours please call 1-866-363-5949.

FLUSHING

Flushing of water lines is scheduled to be done November 13 – 27. Flushing will occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Discoloured water is a normal occurrence in the flushing process. Prior to using your water run your kitchen faucets to make sure the water is running clear.

The amount of household garbage and waste as well as asphalt that is being dumped near our community's lower reservoir water supply has been an ongoing problem that seems to be getting worse. If you have any information about this illegal dumping please contact the Waterboard Office at 604-883-2511.

The Board generally meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Water Board Office at 12828 Lagoon Road. Please advise the District Office in writing at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting if you wish to be on the agenda.

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Tyner property “should be kept as parkland”

(The following letter was sent to Area A Director John Rees and cc'ed to the Harbour Spiel)

Dear John,

Tyner Property SCRD Parkland in Madeira Park

Thank you for your Harbour Spiel article asking for input on an idea that the Tyner Property be used for affordable housing rather than parkland.

Our Society met last week and I write to express the consensus that the Tyner Property continue please to be kept by the SCRD as parkland in perpetuity as intended.

This is an accessible waterfront property with old trees and lakeside views important for wildlife and people.

As the population continues to increase, this local park will become

even more important in Madeira Park.

Also as the population ages, confidence must be kept up that specific bequests in future to the SCRD for parkland in perpetuity will be respected.

Members knew the Tyners and the importance they placed on peace and quiet and acknowledge the important role they played in the community.

Their intention and particular bequest for “parkland in perpetuity” specifically, should be honoured — the SCRD is the long term recipient entrusted to keep the land as parkland and only a short time has elapsed since the bequest was made.

Everyone would support the idea that SCRD addresses the complex issue of affordable housing but perhaps bequests are best accepted for that purpose to acquire or receive suitable

housing land rather than build houses on land which has already been donated for parkland.

The trees on the property are the few remaining older trees in Madeira Park and are best kept growing for the public to appreciate.

You will wish to know that the Wildlife Society has been active in monitoring and removing the invasive loosestrife on Lily Lake and the Tyner property for a number of years.

This began when Mrs. Tyner was alive.

We would encourage more interest in the park and we would be very interested to learn more about the SCRD plans or how we can help in caring for the park.

Thank you to SCRD Parks and your continued consideration of the wildlife.

Dale Jackson
Chair, P. H. Wildlife Society

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Pender Harbour Community Club needs help

Dear Editor,

If the Pender Harbour Community Hall is to keep operating, there has to be more support for the activities sponsored by the Community Club.

The Thursday night bingo will not be able to continue with an attendance of only 20 or 22 players.

We cannot compete with bingos at Sechelt because the B.C. Lotteries Commission sets the percentage that can be paid out in prizes.

With the present attendance, there is not enough revenue to meet expenses.

The monthly markets are not well-attended and will possibly be discontinued.

To make the markets more inter-



esting, there must be more vendors.

There were three new vendors out for the October 13 market so you'll never know what you'll find.

To fill the void left by Mary Reid's baking, we have a home baking table each month — many thanks to all who have contributed.

The next market will be on November 10 so if you have been missed on the canvass for baking, make your favourite recipe and bring it in.

If the bingo and markets are

cancelled for lack of support, the community hall will not be able to operate on a rental once a month.

So it's up to you folks to offer more support for the community club activities or maybe lose the facility.

Meetings are held once a month and all members are urged to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14.

Muriel Cameron
Madeira Park

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LETTERS

Goodbye Vancouver!

Dear Editor,

My wife Sharlyne and I are one of those unfortunate couples who have a residence in Pender Harbour but still have to live in Vancouver.

Calling it "living" though is a misnomer: living on the Sunshine Coast is like strolling hand-in-hand in a garden.

Living in Vancouver is like fighting for elbow room in a mosh pit.

In Madeira Park, we come out to the village to shop and say hello to our neighbours; in Vancouver we set out like survivalists to find supplies while trying to avoid making eye contact at traffic lights with stressed out commuters who might suddenly decide to shoot at us.

Vancouver is managed by a bunch of people who obsessively strive to keep improving the city so it will look more attractive in pictures to people around the world with the money to come here.

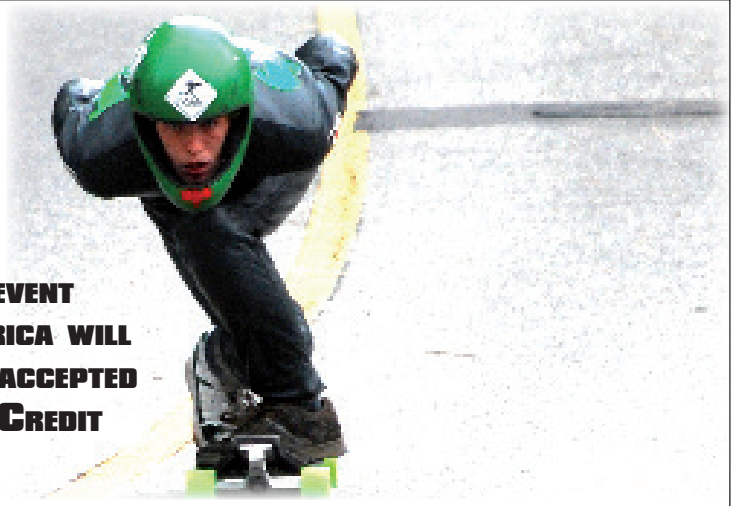
Outside Pender Harbour someone just erected a sign that says "See you later, eh?"

When we retire and move to Madeira Park permanently — in the not so distant future, God willing, — my wife and I will sit on our deck in the afternoon and drink in the sound of sweet silence occasionally peppered by the whine of chainsaws and the rush of the odd car beetling down Highway 101 towards the vast metropolis of Sechelt.

Our thoughts will turn towards Vancouver and we'll remark to each other smugly that the only thing we miss about the big noise is the restaurants.

Mario Lowther &
Sharlyne Niemela
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Skelleys criticized, Scout's caught in middle

Dear Editor,

While I missed the article by Mr. McCune that Margaret and Alan Skelley were responding to in their take on the Last Word, their letter nevertheless offered some interesting food for thought.

They failed to address the fact

that Google lists about 11,500 entries under the search term "pedophile scout leaders," some of which include the great man himself, Lord Baden-Powell.

This reality suggests that your children, in joining the scouts, may pay a rather steep price for the privilege of learning the valuable skills of

handling an ax, pitching a tent, and cooking "indescribable delicacies."

One's good fortune in escaping such a fate does not mitigate the reality for those not quite as fortunate.

Particularly noteworthy was the Skelleys' assertion "Finding arguments one could empathize with in Mein Kampf did not make one a fascist anymore than liking a few passages in the Bible makes one a Christian."

It should be noted tangentially that this is a somewhat sloppy analogy.

Even judging by the Skelleys' criterion, liking every passage in the Old Testament, much less a few, would not make one a Christian.

One would have to like a few passages in the New Testament before one could reasonably be considered a Christian (by this criterion).

Getting back to the mainline, the Skelleys' implication that Baden-Powell found arguments in Mein Kampf with which he could "empathize" seems rather faint praise compared to Baden-Powell's own 1939 diary entry, "Read Mein Kampf. A wonderful book, with good ideas on education, health, propaganda, organization etc...."

Oh, and did I mention that, in 1937, Baden-Powell attempted to have his scouting movement establish official ties with Hitler youth groups?

Margaret and Alan Skelley neglected to mention the exact number of fascist arguments with which one could "empathize" before one should be regarded as a fascist.

I wonder what that number is.

George Kosinski
Gibsons

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Good Oral Hygiene is Key to a Healthy Body

One of the most important things you can do for your total health is to take care of your teeth and gums.

There is a growing body of current research that supports a link between oral diseases and diabetes, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases and pre-term, low birth weight babies.

In addition, periodontal (gum) disease is an infectious disease that may be transmitted from one person to another.

Women who are considering pregnancy or who are pregnant should see their dental hygienist as an important part of prenatal care.

Start by using a good brushing and flossing technique.

The basics: hold the toothbrush bristles at a 45-degree to the gums and "wiggle" the brush softly to work the bristles around the gums and then draw the bristles over each couple of teeth.

Repeat five to eight times

per area covering two to three teeth.

Look into the mirror to make sure that you don't miss any areas.

Using dental floss after brushing is a very necessary part of oral hygiene.

Flossing not only removes food particles and plaque between the teeth but also introduces oxygen into the area.

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To learn more about how your oral health contributes to your total well-being, make an appointment for cleaning and review of your dental health.

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PHOTO HISTORY



*The Warnock fishing fleet,
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*One of the Warnock fleet brailing
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Fungus among us: A wild mushroom primer

By Ann Harmer

Most people grow up fearing mushrooms.

Our parents admonished, “Never, ever touch a mushroom — it could kill you!”

Good advice for children, but limiting in scope.

Here in the Harbour, surrounded by rainforest, we live in mushroom paradise.

Why pass by such fascinatingly rich possibilities just because we don’t understand them?

If you’ve never paid much attention to mushrooms, now is the perfect time to start.

Take a stroll outdoors and really look, not only on the ground, but on fallen logs and standing trees.

You’ll see a remarkable variety of fungal shapes, colours, and sizes.

When you find an intriguing mushroom, see if it’s growing on soil or on wood.

Cut its base with a sharp knife

and take it home.

If you think of a mushroom as the flower of a larger organism, you’ll understand that you’re not destroying anything by picking it.

Nonetheless, don’t be greedy — leave a few mushrooms in place, to help them spread.

Examine your find carefully and make notes of as many details as you can.

Start with the colour of both cap and stem.

Scratch the surface in a few places and watch for any colour change, called “staining.”

This could happen immediately, or it could take several hours.

A mushroom’s odour can also be significant.

Note the length, width, and shape of the stem and the size of the cap.

Is it shaped like a dome, a bell,

or a funnel?

Maybe it’s flat or upturned at the edges.

Look at the gills under the cap.

They might be fine and closely spaced, or large and farther apart.

They could be firmly attached to the stem, there could be a noticeable space between gills and stem, or the gills might grow right down the stalk.

Instead of gills, there might be little teeth, or perhaps a spongy surface covered with tiny pores.

Break the stem. Does it snap like chalk, is it fibrous, or is it hollow?

Some mushrooms start with a veil that covers the cap and attaches to the stalk.

This breaks as the mushroom grows, but sometimes bits hang off the cap, or the veil may leave an obvious ring where it was attached to the stalk.

Feel the cap’s surface. Is it shiny and slimy, or dry? Smooth or textured?

Another vital piece of identification is the colour of the mushroom’s spores, tiny dust-like bits that fall from the gills — the “seeds.”

Remove the stem, then place the cap, gills down, on a piece of paper.

Cover it with a glass and leave it a few hours or overnight, then lift it off carefully to reveal the spore print (white spores show up better on dark paper).

With so many variables at play, it’s imperative to have an identification guide if you want to do more than just admire our beautiful fungi.



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You can find some good, basic books here in the Harbour.

If you become hooked, however, it's time to move up to a more complete guide.

My absolute favourite is *Mushrooms Demystified* by David Arora.

Not only does he give explicit detail (down to the shape of the microscopic spores), he writes with delightful humour.

Every time I refer to it I get another chuckle.

If you want to learn more about edibles, go on a foray with an experienced mushroomer.

Some edibles are obvious, while others can be easily confused with similar, dangerous varieties, and it doesn't pay to take chances.

A last bit of advice, given by a mycologist who's called in on cases of mushroom poisoning:

If you're eating a new mushroom, put one in the fridge, along with a note stating where you found it.

It's handy for those who must determine cause of death!



Uhh... you try it first. Unidentified random mushroom from John Daly Park. (Possibly of the Cortinarius species.)

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Flu shots — a small price to pay for peace of mind

by Judi Georgetti, RN

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FLU SHOTS

It seems we are most popular in the fall months when the flu shots are here.

Once again this year we will be combining the first Flu Shot Clinic with a Health Fair to be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 at the P.H. Legion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The nurses from the health centre will also be there to check blood pressure and blood sugar, provide information and discuss general health issues.

A dietician will talk about diabetes and other nutritional concerns.

The second flu shot clinic will be held at the Legion on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Please bring your Care Card with you to the clinics.

Beginning Oct. 29 we will have flu vaccine available at the health centre for those of you unable to attend the clinics but I encourage you to attend the Health Fair on Nov. 8 and get the full-meal deal.

The criteria for qualifying for a free flu shot are the same as usual: anyone over 65 years of age; anyone with a chronic illness (i.e. diabetes, asthma, cancer, heart disease); all health care workers; all residents of care facilities; household contacts of those in high risk groups; all pregnant women in their third trimester; all children aged six to 23 months and those who live with them.

If you do not qualify for a free immunization, we have vaccine for sale at the Health Centre for \$15 per injection.

A small price to pay for peace of mind.

Remember that having an immunization against the three primary types of influenza projected for this season, does not mean that you will not get a cold or virus this year.

What it means is that you are protected from three serious strains of influenza which can attack the respiratory system and lay you very low for a long time.

Remember that the influenza virus of 1918 killed more people than World War I.

The “flu” is much more than an upset tummy or a sniffly nose – it can be a killer and it is so easy to protect yourself and those that you care for.

So belly up to the health bar and have a shot!

MASSAGE THERAPY

To enhance the services provided to the community, Brigit Garrett, RMT (Registered Massage Therapist) will have a clinic at the Health Centre on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 5.

She will share space with the chiropractor and will book her own appointments. so call her at (604) 883-9991 for questions regarding cost and time etc.

Many of the services provided by an RMT are covered if you have third party or extended health coverage s check with your provider.

We welcome Brigit to the Health Centre team.

GALA GALA DO

Put aside Dec. 8th and polish your dancing shoes because that will be the evening of the wind-up gala for the It's Ours Campaign.

There will be silent and live auctions, cash bar and dancing to the Roberts Creek Big Band.

Tickets are not available yet but will be soon so check with us at the health centre.

If you have items appropriate for the silent auction, please call Marlayne Williams at (604) 883-3659.

We hope we will be able to blow the top off of the thermometer at that event so you won't want to miss it.



photo submitted

The models were having as much fun as the audience at the recent Harbour At It's Best Brunch and Fashion Show. l-r: Connie Sutherland, Sue Campbell, Motoko Baum, Barb Kapelli, Lois Webster and Emil Johnson.

HARBOUR SEALS



Free and easy! Approvals or disapprovals!

Send to: editor@harbourpiel.com. You must include your full name and a telephone number for confirmation.

A huge Seal to the Harbour's "Travel Ambassadors" for all their help in setting up and taking down the first Community Garage Sale as well as the **Community Club** for its patience and understanding during what proved to be a larger undertaking than anyone expected.

Alan Stewart
P. H. Rotary

Thank you to all the kind and caring people of Pender Harbour who have been so supportive.

Susan Lee and Family

A giant Harbour Seal of Approval (and a tip of the bathroom scales!) to all the **bakers and volunteers** who made the Abbeyfield cookie sale at Fall Faire so successful. Also a big thanks to **Troy at the IGA** for the boxes. We made \$675 on the goodie sales alone!

Area A Seniors Housing Project

A Huge Harbour Seal of Approval to the **volunteers at the Community Policing Station**. You are the greatest!

Pat Wood

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **Pender Harbour Choir and Joe Hatherill**, Music Director for bringing the Vancouver Welsh Men's Choir to our community.

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Catching your herring and pickling it too

By Brian Lee

If you had to name one one Pender Harbour delicacy sure to be served up on a snack plate during the holidays, it's pickled herring.

Back in the early '70s, we used to take family trips out past Irvine's Landing to the mouth of the Harbour to jig herring.

My family were fishermen of Norwegian descent, had boats and ate a lot of fish so it's no fluke that one of my early memories was from one of these trips.

My third birthday was still more than 3 months away but I recall exploding with excitement as I watched familiar people jigging with funny multi-hooked lines over the side of Dad's gillnetter and pulling up to a dozen big herring at a time!

My mom reminded me about how she had to hold me back from skidding all over the slippery deck as I'd try to catch the ones that missed the bucket.

Up until this point, I'd probably only seen my older cousins fish shiners on Grandpa's dock so it was probably an epiphanous moment to discover fishing could be like this.

I think I even recall actually fishing "on my own", oblivious to the two hands gripping my life jacket and probably another actually holding the line as it slipped through my infant grip.

I can't remember all the details but know it was a pretty good time.

I pretty much lost interest in the stuff after the fishing part because I was always mild about pickled herring (and even less so on pickled pig's feet, another seasonal nod to the old country.)

Part of the reason for this was the

bones.

Pickled herring is usually made from filleted fish nowadays but back then my Grandpa couldn't be bothered with that nonsense and pickled bone in.

I have no idea if it's still possible to catch enough to fill a brine bucket but I suspect the shimmering schools have thinned out a bit.

Luckily you don't need to catch your own because every year in late November or early December there's a herring sale run by local fishermen at the Madeira Park Wharf.

It's long been a source of competitive pride among locals and much care and preparation goes into the varied recipes passed from generation to generation.

Because of my personal preference for hamburgers, the Lee family recipe probably won't survive my generation so I think the ancestors will understand if I share it.

If it parts seem unclear, assume improvisation is ok — pickling isn't rocket science.

LEE'S PICKLED HERRING

Salt herring for two weeks or more.

Wash herring in cold, fresh water and FILLET before cutting into desired sizes.

Soak and wash in fresh water, changing water each half hour (2-3 times) and drain.

Slice a few onions and fill pickling jar, alternating onion, herring and pickling spice in consecutive layers.

Sprinkle top with white pepper (optional) and fill jar with brine.

BRINE:

(heat in saucepan - don't boil!)

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Top 10 tips for showing your home



By Alan Stewart

With the real estate market on the Sunshine Coast returning to a what I would call a healthy, stable market, it's becoming more important for home sellers to set their homes apart from their competition.

Here are my Top 10 Tips for turning your house into a show home.

CONSIDER CURB APPEAL:

Your house needs to "speak" to potential buyers from the moment they pull into the driveway. Be sure the lawn is mowed and the leaves are raked. Sweep the porch and walkways and ensure garbage cans are tucked neatly away. Scrub the front door and deck for a fresh look without the expense of paint.

GET RID OF THE CLUTTER

Time is money so I'd suggest you forgo the garage sale and simply donate valuable items to the thrift store. Harbour Self Storage has some great storage solutions to consider if you have to hold on to grandma's old freezer (883-2444).



Rule No. 6: Clean until it hurts and when in doubt, hire a professional.

RETURN EXCESS ITEMS

If you're like my wife and I, you probably buy more than you need. Why not return the two years supply of cat food and compact fluorescent light bulbs to the store. If you don't have the receipt you'll still likely get

an in-store credit. More cash, less clutter, and less to pack and unpack.

PUT YOURSELF IN THE BUYER'S SHOES

Get a friend to take a slow walk down the hallways and into each room and note where their eyes are drawn. If they are struck by a ding in the white door – touch it up with liquid paper. If it's those old nail holes in the wall – hang a picture or fill them in. The intent isn't to cover the problem entirely but to draw your audience's attention to something more visually pleasing. It's not about deception – you simply can't reno the

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CLEAN UNTIL IT HURTS

Keeping a clean house can be one of the most stressful aspects of selling your home but it is the best way to ensure your home fetches top dollar. I'd recommend hiring a professional cleaner right off the bat and then take 20-30 minutes a day to maintain the look of a loved and cared for home.

BREATHE

Let in some fresh air for a least 10 minutes prior to a showing. The smell of smoke, pets or unfamiliar food can kill a buyer's interest immediately.

LET THE SUNSHINE IN

Bright houses sell so if your walls are too dark consider repainting. If repainting is not in the budget, buy a small can of a lighter shade of your wall colour, mix it with glaze and rub it onto the wall. It will reflect light and give the room a more open feeling.

FRESH CUT FLOWERS

Even a daisy in a bud vase brightens a bathroom counter. Ask your florist for blooms that will last a week or use potted flowering plants that are in season. Unless you're

selling a seasonal home that is unoccupied, try to avoid plastic flowers — particularly in expensive homes.

MOZART ANYONE?

Soft background music can help create a soothing environment and camouflage neighbour and traffic noise. Make sure the volume is

low. I'm always surprised how many people leave TVs on for showings — a big no-no.

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 Nov. 6 ~ **Kathie Atherfold and Max Scoular.**
 Nov. 7 ~ Part-time Middlepoint resident **Joni Mitchell.**
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NOVEMBER WEATHER

Our November average daily high temperature is 8.8 C and our average low is 5.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 7 C. The highest November temperature recorded is 15 C (Nov. 4, 1975); the lowest is -7.3 C (Nov. 27, 1985).

November averages 55.8 hours of bright sunshine and 19 days with precipitation. November's average monthly rainfall is 148.5 mm; snowfall is 2.5 cm.

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The stream comprises solid particles, known as meteoroids, ejected by the comet as its frozen gases evaporate under the heat of the Sun which begins to warm the comet as it comes within the orbit of Jupiter. A typical particle is no bigger than fine dust. The main source of light of a meteor is caused by the air molecules ramming the meteoroid, which fragments and atomizes the dust, and the resulting spray of microscopic debris collides with individual atoms of the atmosphere which then cool by glowing (not by friction as commonly thought). Larger particles leave a stream of smaller particles and form a bolide or fireball, which can leave a glowing trail in the atmosphere. Leonids in particular are well known for having such bright meteors.

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SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGY

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Scorpios are highly sensitive and compassionate, with a fierce pride and determination. They are capable of great patience and can be profoundly insightful as well as deeply cynical. Scorpios tend to be itchy.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 21)

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CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER TO AID ABBEYFIELD HOUSE

In partnership with the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, the Area A Seniors Housing Project is decorating the Credit Union tree again this year with ornaments that benefit the Abbeyfield House. Donors decide the amount they would like to give and may make their gift in honour of anyone they choose. The name is then entered both on an ornament card and in the Honour Roll book that will be displayed at the Abbeyfield House when it is built. Donors may choose an ornament from the basket at the teller's counter and may obtain a tax receipt.

SOUP & SONG

Soup and Song in Madeira Park is every third Saturday. Join us for an informal get together to share a bowl of soup and a variety of entertainment including music, storytelling, and poetry. Just the event to bring visiting friends and family to enjoy! The next one is Saturday, October 20 at 5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 12856 Harbour View Road, Madeira Park. For more information call (604) 883-9927.

EGMONT HERITAGE CENTRE CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

On Saturday, Dec. 1 we will have our Christmas gift sale and open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PENDER HARBOUR DRAGON BOAT SOCIETY

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The Pender Harbour Choir is over 30 years old

By Sue Milne

The Pender Harbour Choir has been contributing to the music scene on the Sunshine Coast for more than 30 years.

Formed in 1973 by Les Fowler, this community choir includes men and women from across the Sunshine Coast under the Musical Direction of Joe Hatherill.

Hatherill, a professional musician and teacher, came to the Coast in 2003 from Hertfordshire, England.

The Pender Harbour Choir has

performed at many annual local events such as Remembrance Day at Pender Harbour Legion, May Day and the Christmas Concert.

Choir members also enjoy entertaining for Shorncliffe, Totem Lodge, and Christenson Village residents.

The Pender Harbour Choir's two recent Madeira Park concerts were greatly enjoyed by enthusiastic audiences.

As the choir begins to work on Christmas music, they extend a warm welcome to men and women who love to sing to come along to a choir

rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the Pender Harbour School of Music.

For more information, please contact Mary Mayo at 604-883-1371.

The PENDER HARBOUR POWER & SAIL SQUADRON wish to acknowledge and thank all those who donated door prizes, auction items, beer and wine contributions or worked towards making the OKTOBERFEST such a success.

We raised \$6,500 towards the It's Ours campaign!

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Wildlife society presents faunal survey



The Pender Harbour & District Wildlife Society welcomes David Stiles and Michelle Evelyn to their November 20 meeting.

David and Michelle are conducting a five-year faunal survey of the Sunshine Coast.

They will report on the results of the first year's activities by sharing slides of the sampling locations visited as well as bat and amphibian species surveyed.

Time and place is 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour High School.

Visitors are welcome (there is no charge) and refreshments will be served.

A reminder to all members that it is time to renew their annual membership.

If you have not already done so, please visit the society's website at w.w.w.penderharbourwildlife.com.



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Golf available for the hardy every day through winter

By Jan Watson

Summer has once again flashed by.

In fact this year Mother Nature was not too kind and the warm sunny days were few and far between.

The golf course and the driving range will remain open every day through the winter the only exception will be for snow.

However it is a good idea to phone the pro shop, (604) 883-9541 especially on cold mornings as there could be a frost delay.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

This Zone 4 BC Golf Association Tournament was held for the first time ever — and probably the last — on the Sunshine Coast, at the Sechelt Golf Club on Sept. 29.

It is always a tough field against some of the top Lower Mainland clubs.

Shaughnessy Golf Club were the winners and Pender Harbour came in their usual spot about three-quarters down the list.

It was a miserable cold, wet and windy day and, also in tradition, the Sunshine Coast teams were the first to be called for the buffet dinner.

Pender Harbour was represented by men's champion Lorne Campbell, senior men's champion Rusty Ellis, ladies champion Jan Watson and junior champion Scott Matheson.

MEN'S CLUB

On Oct. 9, as is the usual tradition, the men's last event was the Greenskeepers Revenge

This is where the pin placements are put in the most unimaginable places or other strange hazards are in

place.

Low gross winner Rusty Ellis 79.

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The final score was decided when all team captains had to grab a handful of M&Ms from a container (can't remember what!) and the total of red (I think that was the colour) M&Ms were

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Joey Antilla cracks lineup of WHL's Kootenay Ice

After getting drafted 76th overall in the Western Hockey League's 2006 entry draft, Joey Antilla has cracked the line-up of Cranbrook's Kootenay Ice hockey team.

The 16-year-old left-winger from Madeira Park has earned a spot on the fourth line of a team made of mostly 19- and 20-year-olds.

Last season Antilla played for the Notre Dame Argos of the Saskatchewan Midget Hockey League scoring 19 points in 41 games and piling up 85 penalty minutes along the way.

Antilla has yet to earn a point in the much more competitive Western Hockey League, fighting for ice time on a team that has often found itself trailing.

"He's a good skater and he's a strong kid," says coach Mark Holick.

"He needs to use that strength and speed to get in on the forecheck. To finish checks. To create opportunities offensively through a good, hard

forecheck."

With a record of 5-8-1-0, the Kootenay Ice are in the middle of the pack in the WHL's tight Central Division.

That doesn't leave a lot of opportunity for coach Holick to play the third and fourth lines.

"His role is to provide energy and a spark for our hockey club when he's on the ice," Holick says.

"Not to get scored on and if their line scores, that's a bonus for our team."

Holick sees Antilla as a key contributor to the future success of the hockey club but says so with a coach's sense of guarded optimism.

"A lot of first year players are very naive when it comes to what's required to play at this level and what's required to stay here and their process is learning," Holick says.

"He's a pretty mature young man and I think once he figures it out, I



Kootenay Ice website photo

Though he's only 16 years old, Joey Antilla is already 6'1" and weighs 195 pounds, proving that he's got the size to compete in the WHL.

think he's gonna be just fine."

The Kootenay Ice will be in town playing the Vancouver Giants on February 9 at the Pacific Coliseum.



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Halfmoon Sea Kayaks	5	3	2	0	12	11	6
Pender Bananas	5	2	2	1	13	13	5
Gibsons United	4	1	1	2	11	10	4
Xenichen Wolves	5	1	3	1	21	23	3
IGA Selects	5	1	3	1	8	17	3
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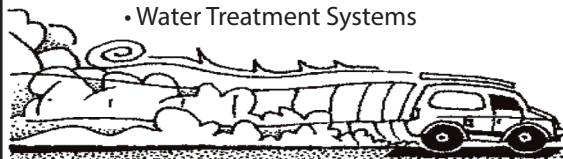
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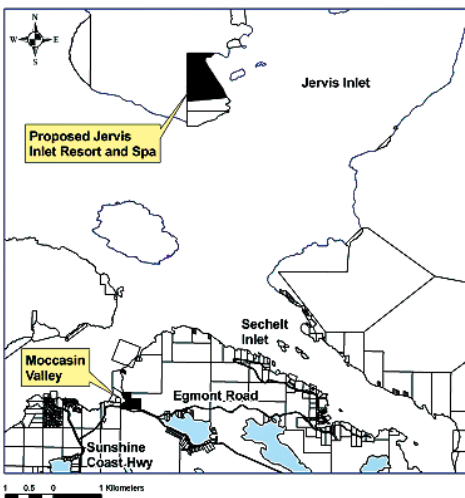
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- Bylaw 432.26 Official Community Plan amendment and Bylaw 337.95 rezoning of District Lots 3549 and 6831 (Moccasin Valley, Egmont Road) for parking, marina and auxiliary commercial uses.

Location of Moccasin Valley Bylaws 432.26 and 337.95) and Proposed Jervis Inlet Resort and Spa (Bylaw 337.79)



**Tuesday, November 6, 2007
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Public Hearing - Bylaw 432.24 and 337.88

Public Hearings to consider:

- Bylaw 432.24 Official Community Plan amendment and Bylaw 337.88 rezoning of Lot 32, Plan LMP21181, District Lot 3681 (Shady Lane) for parking.

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007
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Bloggers no replacement for big media dinosaurs



By Shane McCune

Two recent Canadian news stories revealed the trouble with Canadian news stories.

The first unfolded in New Brunswick, where Brunswick News Inc. filed suit to thwart former employee Ken Langdon's efforts to launch his own newspaper.

Brunswick News is a division of J.D. Irving Ltd., a family-owned conglomerate with a stranglehold on the province's economy. It's the biggest landowner, the biggest gasoline refiner and retailer and a major force in railways, power generation, construction, agribusiness . . . and media.

The Irvings own every English-language daily in the province and all but two weeklies. And to keep it that way they obtained an injunction barring Langdon from speaking to any of Brunswick's employees, customers or advertisers. Brunswick's coverage of the dispute has omitted any reference to Langdon's charge that his old boss boasted a \$1m fund to drive a competitor out of business.

The second story took place at the opposite end of the country and media hierarchy. On Oct. 25 the downtown Vancouver campus of Simon Fraser University hosted a Media Democracy Fair that drew the usual stalwarts of alternative media: environmentalists, feminists, anti-poverty activists, Adbusters, Amnesty International and a lot of bloggers.

These folks share a disdain for the MSM (that's bloggish for "mainstream media") and a belief that the internet's "citizen journalists" will

soon replace the dead-tree technology and top-down structure of newspapers. And while most of those at the Media Democracy Fair were lefties, you'll find the same convictions about the future of newsgathering on the right-wing blogs that dominate the web.

Don't count on it. True, newspapers and conventional TV networks are losing readers and viewers, but not because people are surfing the net for quality content. They're watching YouTube clips and forging thousands of intimate friendships on Facebook.

Those citizen journalists? Most blogs are long on opinions and short on news. If you find an actual news story on the net, chances are it originated with one of those "dinosaurs" at a newspaper. Newsgathering, it seems, requires time and skill.

As newspaper readership and TV news ratings drop, those media lose ad revenue. Newsroom budgets shrink, quality declines, more readers/viewers leave and on it goes.

The good news is that some of the dinosaurs are adapting to the internet. The New York Times has abandoned its TimesSelect paid-subscription scheme and made almost all its online content freely available. Somebody finally realized that ad revenues from a widely viewed free site would dwarf the take from TimesSelect subscriptions.

The bad news is that lesser newspapers such as the Vancouver Sun and Province might have similar success online with inferior content — celebrity fluff, contests, real estate porn — reducing the pool of readers and advertisers available to the indies.

Whatever happens online, we

need competition laws with teeth for conventional media. When Conrad Black was allowed to control almost half the daily newspaper circulation in Canada it was on the condition that he would not go into the TV or radio business.

But when Izzy Asper and his sons bought most of Black's papers, they already owned the Global TV network. Now they own a daily and a TV station in almost every major city in Canada. In B.C. CanWest Global owns both Vancouver dailies, most of the weeklies from the North Shore to the Fraser Valley, the TV station with the Tony Parsons newscast, the Victoria Times-Colonist and Nanaimo Daily News.

Even in small communities, locally owned independents like The Harbour Spiel are rarities. The Canadian Community Newspaper Association website lists 109 member papers in B.C., of which only 15 are stand-alone independents. Three chains account for 90 papers: Black Press owns 62, CanWest Global 17 and Glacier Ventures International 11 (including the Coast Reporter).

Not all chain papers are bad and not all independents are good. But without competition news organizations start to rot at every level. Why spend the extra dollar or extra hour on a story when there's no rival across town to scoop you? Why risk writing a story that might offend the publisher when there's nowhere else to work?

That's the kind of press they have in Russia or Venezuela. We deserve better, but we're not going to get it from a bunch of ranters with laptops.

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Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

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Sat. Dec. 1.....Egmont Heritage Centre Christmas Gift Sale - Egmont Heritage Centre, 11 a.m.
 Sun. Nov. 4.....Larrie Cook & the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub
 Tues. Nov. 6.....Public Information Meeting - Egmont Community Hall, 7 p.m.
 Sun. Nov. 8.....Tryptyk - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 9 & 10.....Chelsea Crawford & Co. - Grasshopper Pub, 9 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 11.....Remembrance Day - Royal Canadian Legion #112, 10 a.m.
 Sun. Nov. 11.....Joe Stanton & the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub
 Tues. Nov. 13.....Public Information Meeting - PHSS Gym, 7 p.m.
 Thurs. Nov. 15.....A Secret Sadness - P. H. Health Centre - 7 p.m.
 Fri. Nov. 16.....PHSS Trip to Europe 2008 Trivia Fundraiser - P. H. Legion, 8 p.m.
 Fri. Nov. 16.....Ruth McGillivray's CD Release Party - Garden Bay Pub
 Nov. 16 & 17.....Murphy's Lágh - Grasshopper Pub, 9 p.m.
 Sat. Nov. 17.....Soup and Song - St. Andrew's Church, 5 p.m.
 Sun. Nov. 18.....Gaetan & the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub
 Fri. Nov. 23.....Incognito w. Rob Montgomery - Garden Bay Pub
 Fri. Nov. 23.....Studio 2545 Christmas Sale Night - 5530 Wharf Plaza - 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Sat. Nov. 24.....Serendipity Preschool Christmas Craft Fair - P.H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.
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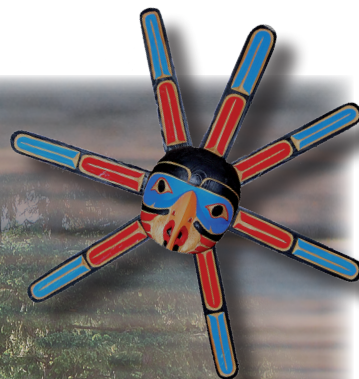
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