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~ NEXT ISSUE MAILS JULY 30 ~

A bulletin from God

By Brian Lee



Most of the press
releases I get are no
more than hastily pre-
pared e-mails telling of
a local event deserving
of some recognition or

promotion.

Sometimes they're legit and some-
times they're from a business solicit-
ing free advertising by pitching a story
about a bird that made its nest right in
front of their prominent business sign
— photo included.

Writing press releases is a bit of an
art form, and like any art pursuit, you
get varying degrees of sophistication
and quality.

Surprisingly, some of the worst I
encounter are from the provincial NDP.

They almost always come accom-
panied with a headline like "Gordon
Campbell's Liberals Have Abandoned
Children" and sound like they were
written by a first-week intern.

So most I immediately trash.

But then today I was sitting at my
desk writing about loggers and such
when my e-mail dinged.

I glanced at it and was instantly
chilled.

It was a bulletin from God.

I was actually a little confused at
first because the headline read,

"The Gulf Oil Disaster: Jesus
warns America it is going to get much
worse."

I don't accept unsolicited press re-
leases from bosses' kids so I was about
to file it with the rest of the junk mail
when I caught this:

"Rise up, oh blessed daughter of
Mine! For, I am your Father Yahweh,
yea Jehovah, Most High God, King of
Kings, and the Only Saviour!"

It was a press release from God.

Actually it was sent by some-
one named Linda Newkirk who
"witnessed, dictated and recorded"
God's word and e-mailed it for him.

God's old school — he dictates.

God said He was mightily
vexed at the "whoremongers" and
"fornicators" of the Gulf Coast and it
was He who blew up the oil rig as a
warning to repent.

"I, Yahweh, yea Jehovah, Most
High God, set My sights upon it, I
set My determination upon it; and I
brought it to pass!"

I'm sure it's something that
has BP's Tony Hayward breathing
a sign of relief as he reads this but
it seemed a trifle boastful. And He
used really strong language.

"Woe, woe, woe to you, oh
America, the slut of the world! Woe
to you pornographers; for if you will
not repent, you will burn in the fiery
chastisements!"

Out of character, I thought, for
the New Testament God.

And he kind of belaboured
his point and, though I don't think
I should be the one to counsel God
how to write... er, dictate a press
release, it was gassy and repetitive.

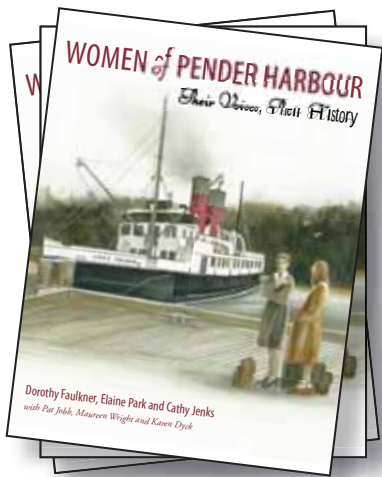
"Woe, woe, woe to you mock-
ers and scorners; for if you will not
repent of this great evil, your soul
will languish in the flames of correc-
tion for a very long time!"

But despite the mind numb-
ing repetition and poor grammar,
you couldn't argue with the scale of
calamity about to befall the southern
U.S.

But my pity for the "small
people" was diluted with the thought
that it serves them right — I mean,
why don't they just do what He
asks?

Repent already.

It ain't real
if it's not in the Spiel.



It's here!

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society
announces the publication of

WOMEN of PENDER HARBOUR

Their Voices, Their History

a historical narrative by Dorothy Faulkner, Elaine Park and Cathy Jenks

Publication of this important historical record and keepsake has been made possible through the generous support of community volunteers and donors, the Pender Harbour Women's Connection, Harbour Publishing (book design) and Motoko (book jacket painting)

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The P. H. Branch of the St. Mary's Hospital/Health Care is having a silent auction July 1 through Sunday July 4. It's in conjunction with the P. H. Legion's "Christmas in July" weekend. The auction will be open for bids from 11 a.m. to closing from Thursday to Saturday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday when the bidding will close.

EGMONT HERITAGE CENTRE MURAL PAINTING EVENT - JULY 3

The second of four Saturday mural painting events will take place on July 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. From June to September, Davyd Oram will paint four murals, each on the first Saturday of the month. There will be music, a barbecue and a beer garden. Everyone is invited to attend. Reservations will be taken for limited edition prints signed by the artist as a fundraiser for the museum.

MOTOKO'S ARTIST RECEPTION - JULY 4

Motoko is showcasing her new work in an artist's reception on Sunday July 4 from noon to 3 p.m. at her gallery at 4590 Sinclair Bay Road. The event kicks off an exhibition and sale of her works every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 18.



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Poor economy blamed for cancellation of wooden boat festival

Organizers say the current economic climate is behind a decision to cancel the 2010 Sunshine Coast Wooden Boat Festival.

The festival's media liaison Michael Ross says three factors contributed to the abrupt decision,

"There was a lack of sponsorship but also a lack of registration for boats coming," says Ross.

"I think the economics caught up with them too. Guys coming over from the Island have to spend a couple of hundred dollars in fuel to come across so I think people are looking to do things closer to home."

Ross says a third factor in their decision to cancel was feedback from some of last year's attendees who indicated they weren't interested in seeing the same boats as in previous years.

With low registration from an already limited number of wooden boats on the BC Coast, Ross says they had no choice but to pull the plug.

The festival has been held in



In its first year at the Madeira Park Wharf, the 2008 Sunshine Coast Wooden Boat Festival was an overwhelming success.

Pender Harbour since 2008 as a joint project by the Halfmoon Bay and Pender Harbour Auxiliary Coast Guard units.

"Both units really regret having to do this," says Ross.

"Not only do we see it as good visibility for the Coast Guard but a great opportunity for the public.

"But because we're both non-profit societies, we can't afford to run it at a loss."

Area A bus still parked

Area A director Eric Graham says he continues to have difficulty in bringing regular passenger bus service to Area A.

Graham says the proposed service was dealt a blow after the Registrar of Passenger Transportation, the commercial passenger licensing branch of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, quashed a proposed licensing deal with Ali Ismail of Malaspina Coach Lines.

"They're the only ones with a scheduled authorization on the Sunshine Coast so we thought we'd better see if we could negotiate a contract with them," says Graham.

Graham says licensing require-

ments differ for charter operators and scheduled operators so it seemed possible to operate the Area A bus under the authority of Malaspina Coach lines which already maintains scheduled passenger service along the Sunshine Coast.

"Because he has a scheduled run at a price different than ours, they said we couldn't because there's two different (services) under one licence," said Graham in a phone interview June 23.

Graham is now looking at other licensing application options with Malaspina Transport but adds,

"That's going to delay things."



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SCRD hammering out a plan for resource recovery facility

The SCRD has chosen a 14-member technical design team who will assist in the planning for a resource recovery facility in Pender Harbour.

The group consists of various stakeholders in solid waste management in Pender Harbour.

The SCRD took applications looking for representation from regional government, the business community, GRIPS, SCRD's Solid Waste advisory groups, environmental community and the general public.

The SCRD board appointed the following members to the TDT on June 24:

- Dr. Michael Jackson, Iris Griffiths Centre (environmental community).
- Jeff Collins, Solid Waste Management Plan Update Working Group.
- Jim Hall, Advisory Planning committee.
- Margo McKinley Garbage Recycling in Pender Society.
- Pat Thibodeau, GRIPS/ general public
- Peter MacKay, Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee.
- Phil Ragan, Solid Waste Management Plan Update Working Group.
- Buddy Boyd (business community).

• Ryan Logtenberg, Environment community/Advisory Planning committee.

- Tom Barker, GRIPS.
- Wendie Milner, general public.

In addition to volunteers appointed by the board, there are three members of the TDT representing the SCRD:

- Dion Whyte, manager of sustainable services.
- Cathy Kenny, solid waste management co-ordinator.
- Eric Graham, Area A director.

The general role of the technical design team is to "provide recommendations to the SCRD Infrastructure Services Committee regarding feasible programs and services relating to the development of a resource recovery facility in Pender Harbour."

Dion Whyte, SCRD manager of infrastructure services, expects the design team to take part in an intensive two-day workshop in mid-July.

The workshop will include a third party facilitator and technical advisers familiar with concepts of "zero waste" who will help guide the group and compile the results into a rough conceptual plan.

"Out of that two days, what we're really hoping for is that the bones of a conceptual plan are in

place," says Whyte.

Whyte says that should include details about location, appearance, types of materials that will be accepted, degrees of separation required, definition of markets and operating and staff implications.

The SCRD's terms of reference for the process tasks the technical design team with determining:

- Space requirements and determining the suitability of the Pender Harbour Landfill or other viable locations for resource recovery services.
- Material streams to be targeted for resource recovery and how they would be collected and processed/ marketed.
- Site design and layout considerations/requirements.
- Operating and transportation considerations/requirements.
- Opportunities to support local economic development
- A preliminary implementation strategy that includes prioritization or phasing of services over time.
- Education and social marketing approaches to support resource recovery programs.
- Estimated costs and proposed funding mechanisms.

"Really, it's painting a picture at a fairly conceptual level of what this thing's going to look like and what the needs are and then we can use that to go to a detailed design stage before we get to the point of building anything," said Whyte.

Whyte says he doesn't expect to receive a report from the technical design team until late July but since the SCRD board doesn't meet in August, his staff report will likely go to the Infrastructure Services Committee when they resume meeting in September.

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Blues festival notches a 'break-out year'

For its first seven years, the Pender Harbour Blues Society has struggled to keep its annual blues festival profitable.

Discord and a lack of consistent leadership within the society have jeopardized its future but organizers hope that's all in the past.

The Pender Harbour Blues Society showcased a stellar lineup last month and it paid off with organizers calling 2010 a "break-out year."

The blues society sold 669 tickets this year versus 400 in 2009 and, after selling out three of five ticketed events and witnessing a record turnout, organizer Billy Long says that they're now financially stable.

Long says the festival benefited from a combination of better talent, professional sound systems and co-operative weather.

And though they don't contribute financially, the three free shows in Madeira Park, Garden Bay and Kleindale all boasted record attendance, an indication of the festival's growing success.

There are also signs that the festival is attracting more than just locals to the ticketed events.

Early estimates from surveys indicate approximately 25 per cent of the audience were off-coast visitors who travelled here specifically for the festival.



Andy Cotton photo

David Gates performed at Rockwater Resort on June 6

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Pat Jobb photo

On June 6, 109 people celebrated the launch of the *Women of Pender Harbour* book at the Pender Harbour School of Music. Readings from the book were given by Margaret Skelley with interludes of harp music played by Cathy Jenks and Barbara Rocheford. Special recognition was given to Patrica Anderson who donated ongoing editorial support, Mary White for page design, Howard White for his mentorship and donation of the layout costs, Motoko Baum for donating the painting for the book cover, Edith Iglauer for writing a charming foreword, Theresa Kishkan for her moving afterword and Jean Barman who wrote cover notes. Pictured are 17 of the women whose stories appear in the book:

Back row (l-r): Gloria Fritz, Sue Kammerle, Vera McAllister, Helen Christian, Jean Paterson, Lucille Cogger, Wilma Thompson.
Middle row (l-r): Jo Benjafield, Joka Roosen, Helen Edwardson, Marjory Mackay, Robi Petraschuk.
Front row (l-r): Isabel Gooldrup, Anne Clemence, Doreen Lee, Joan Cameron, Muriel Cameron.

Year's best recognized at PHSS June 23

On June 23, the Pender Harbour Secondary School held an annual awards ceremony honouring students for outstanding academic and athletic achievements.

TOP ATHLETE

- Bantam Girls - Mackenzie Stewart
- Bantam Boys - Paul Wicks
- Junior Girls - Angela Goodwin
- Junior Boys - Joel Field
- Senior Girls - Janine Snell
- Senior Boys - Dominic Christian

MOST SPORTSMAN-LIKE

- Bantam Girls - Solveig van Wersch

- Bantam Boys - Zachary Mansbridge-Fafard
- Junior Girls - Carly Fielding
- Junior Boys - Joel Field
- Senior Girls - Chloe Christie
- Senior Boys - Timo Antilla

SERVICE AWARD

(10-19 HOURS OF SERVICE)

Timo Antilla, Chloe Christie, Alexa Dornbierer, Jordan McAuley, Aurora Noble.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

(OVER 19 HOURS OF SERVICE)

Carly Fielding, Charlotte Gray, James Gray, Ryleigh Lightbourn, Kelly Roach.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AWARD

Alexa Dornbierer, Vanessa Lanteigne

McQUITTY CITIZENSHIP AWARD (TOP JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP)

Solveig van Wersch

MICHAEL PHILLIPS AWARD (TOP GRADE 11-12 CITIZEN)

Aurora Noble

LINDA CURTISS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Michael Pazur

PRESCESKY FINE ARTS AWARDS

- Top Gr. 7-8 Visual Arts - Cassidy Craig-Watters
- Top Gr. 9-10 Visual Arts - Arhea Howitt, Quinn Paul
- Top Gr. 11-12 Visual Arts - Benjamin Bradley

PRESCESKY PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

- Top Gr. 7-8 - Solveig van Wersch
- Top Gr. 9-10 - Ryleigh Lightbourn



Vanessa Lanteigne accepts the A.L. Thompson Award as the top Grade 12 academic student from Nancy Brindley and Lorraine Dimon.

- Top Gr. 11-12 - Wesley Frewin

SPECIAL RECOGNITION YEAR-BOOK AWARD

Chloe Christie

TOP TECHNICAL AWARD

Eric Pearson

TOP SHOP STUDENT AWARD

Gavin Wicks

KIDS IN THE HALL AWARD

Alexa Dornbierer

GRADE 7 HONOUR ROLL:

Keenan Clerx, Crystal Cook, Teaguen Craig, Cassidy Craig-Watters, Brienne Gilkes, Jace Landry, Zena Lanteigne, Teal Loverock, Tashina McLean, Dani Pazur, Jade Storoschuk, Salem Taylor, Carley Whitehead.

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erock.

TOP AGGREGATE - GRADE 7

Jace Landry, Zena Lanteigne.

GRADE 8 HONOUR ROLL:

Matteo Alps Mocellin, Alex Chris-
tian, Renee Harper, Autumn La
France, Maria Lamarche, Emily Reid,
Matthew Silvey, Mackenzie Stewart,
Solveig van Wersch, Rick Wagner.

TOP ACADEMIC - GRADE 8

Matteo Alps Mocellin, Solveig van
Wersch.

TOP AGGREGATE - GRADE 8

Solveig van Wersch

GRADE 9 HONOUR ROLL

Lena Aschenbroich, Carly Fielding,
Charlotte Gray, Arhea Howitt, Ryleigh
Lightbourn,

Brianna Milligan, William Reid,
Savannah Sosa, Shaylen Sosa.

TOP ACADEMIC - GRADE 9

Ryleigh Lightbourn, William Reid.

TOP AGGREGATE - GRADE 9

Carly Fielding

GRADE 10 HONOUR ROLL

Khoya Craig, Louis Dillon, Joel
Field, Angela Goodwin, Amber La
France, Brandon Rouleau, Elizabeth



Alexa Dornbierer was the top graduating
student, picking up the Merle Hately
Award.

Rowlands, Kari Scott, Allison Scou-
lar, Madison Williams-Rice.

TOP ACADEMIC - GRADE 10

Louis Dillon, Kari Scott, Madison
Williams-Rice.

TOP AGGREGATE - GRADE 10

Khoya Craig

GRADE 11 HONOUR ROLL

Chloe Christie, Mike Chrystall,
Mitchell Jones, Rebecca Kelly, Tay-

lor McKay, Aurora Noble, Travis
Ramsey-Wall, Madison Shoemaker,
Janine Snell, Rowan van Wersch,
Mitchell Williams-Rice.

TOP ACADEMIC - GRADE 11

Aurora Noble, Rowan van Wersch.

TOP AGGREGATE - GRADE 11

Chloe Christie

GRADE 12 HONOUR ROLL

Alexa Dornbierer, Vanessa Lan-
teigne, Cheyenne Lightbourn, Cooper
Rancier, Trevor Thorpe, Katie Woods.

SCIENCE COUNCIL AWARD

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By Eric Graham
SCRD Director,
Area A

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Rather than go through the

formality of two applications, it was thought that contracting this service to a business that already had authorization for schedule and charter services was the best way to go.

With agreements with the Pender Harbour Community School and Malaspina Coach Lines, the service was ready to start the beginning of July.

It seemed like just a formality to add our bus to their authority but on June 21, the Registrar of Passenger Transportation rejected this addition.

This is a setback but an appeal has been launched and is going back to their board for a second look.

The Egmont/Pender Harbour Community Bus will be legally running between Egmont, Madeira and Sechelt — it is just going to take longer, fighting with “big government.”

PENDER HARBOUR RESOURCE RECOVERY SERVICE

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Community Services Committee

July 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

July 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Visit www.scrd.ca for up-to-date meeting information.

Area A - Advisory Planning Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 28 at the Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

Pender Harbour Landfill Summer Hours

Until September 5, the Pender Harbour Landfill will be open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Director Contact Information

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

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they made two promises to the people of Area A.

One was that the transfer of garbage to Sechelt would not begin until our present landfill was full, as per the current permit.

The second promise was that Pender Harbour, under the regional solid waste function, would receive a much improved and enlarged resource recovery facility.

I am happy to say the first step has been taken towards this and zero waste in the Pender Harbour Area.

Over the past couple of months people have responded to SCRD ads requesting volunteers for a Technical Design Team.

Eleven appointees (14 counting SCRD representatives) have been named to the team (eight from the Pender Harbour area) and I congratulate them for putting their names forward.

The majority of their job will be:

1. Provide an overall picture of resource recovery services to be provided at the Pender Harbour Landfill or another viable location;

2. Provide recommendations to Infrastructure Services Committee on costs and implementation strategies;

3. Inform detailed engineering and design work associated with future services planned for the Pender Harbour Landfill.

I am happy to see that GRIPS has volunteered to be part of this team.

My hope is, with consensus of the people of our area, we will build something that is wanted and will be used.

We have to do a better at recycling and reduce, big time, the amount of garbage that will be trucked to the Sechelt Landfill once the Pender pit is full.

IRVINES LANDING WHARF

Since the early 1990s, public access to a float at Irvines Landing wharf has been taken away.

For the past year I have been working with many residents in the Garden Bay, Irvines Landing and Daniel Point area, as well as the Pender Harbour Authority to restore public access that was guaranteed in a lease agreement with the BC Integrated Land Management Bureau.

On June 2, the SCRD Board of Directors sent a formal letter to the BC Integrated Land Management Bureau requesting that the current upland owner (beside the Irvines Landing wharf) reinstates public access as guaranteed in the lease, and if they fail to do so, their lease be revoked and transferred to the Pender Harbour Authority.

I sincerely hope public access from Irvines Landing wharf for the boating public will be restored before this summer is over.

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Shirley (Penny) Lucille Holmes

MARCH 13, 1930 — MAY 26, 2010



Shirley Lucille "Penny" Holmes, slipped away peacefully in the early hours of May 26, 2010.

A beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Penny is survived by her husband of 61 years, Walter Fredrick (Jerry) Holmes, daughters Laraine Betke (Bernie) of Calgary, Alta., Maureen Wylie (Jeff) of Sechelt and son Jeff Holmes

(Joyce) of Kelowna.

Penny leaves an enduring legacy of wonderful grandchildren Jill (Byron), Katherine and Jon (Amanda) Betke, Sean and Barrett Wylie and Greg (Tiffany), Scott (Ginger) and Andy Holmes as well as great-grandchildren Alex Betke and Nicolas Holmes.

Penny, who proudly celebrated her 80th birthday recently, was born in Regina Saskatchewan on March 13, 1930 to Aida Snell and George Penny.

She moved to Vancouver in the 1940s where she met and married the love of her life Jerry. Penny and Jerry lived in Prince Rupert, North and West Vancouver before retiring to their home in Bargain Bay, Pender Harbour and then Kelowna in 2003.

Penny's passions were her fami-

ly, her lovely gardens and her beloved Scottie dog Duffy. She and Jerry travelled extensively and enjoyed a winter home in Palm Desert, Calif.

Penny was an accomplished figure skater in her younger years and in her later years with Jerry, an avid square and round dancer.

Penny was an extraordinary seamstress, designing unique skating dresses and costumes for her daughters and herself, lovely square dance dresses and beautiful wardrobes for her family.

A celebration of Penny's life was held at Springfield Funeral Home in Kelowna on Saturday, June 26. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.springfieldfuneralhome.com or phone (250) 860-7077.

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By Jim Rutherford

How do you make a dry garden in a temperate rainforest?

It's as much about lowering water consumption as it is about lowering maintenance.

Let's say you have a little gully or even a really dry creek bed where the grass, weeds or brush are always difficult to cut and the lawn mower always touches bottom to leave an ugly scar.

Basically, any area that's sloped and nasty to control.

Along the margins where the grass or flower beds end or where you want them to end is a good place to begin.

Underline the whole area that you propose to be a dry feature with heavy landscape fabric —not the cheap stuff as it will only fail you.

Cut up old coat hangers into large hair pins, to anchor the fabric as you go.

Note: Never use straight plastic as a liner, because the runoff will erode the underlaying soil.

Use rounded river rock — not blasted rock — to make it look more natural.

Aren't we always trying to copy nature, but not doing it quite as well?

To ensure that unwanted vegetation doesn't creep into the river rock edges (where it's almost impossible to trim out) set your top row in ready-mix cement.

Stagger this top row to look "natural," but trowel the front edge pretty smooth so that when you weed-whack it, any sharp edges don't eat up your line.

Anchor the landscape fabric under your top rocks. If the soil is fairly soft and unlikely to be stable, you

may want to use concrete mesh, with cement to hold the edge. But even chicken wire will work.

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Cistus (rock rose) is very tolerant of summer drought which also means it does well in well-drained soil and in full sun.

The cistus Betty Tandevin is a beauty, with deep pink blossoms and purplish stems.

Santolina is native to central Italy on dry rocky slopes, near the sea, flowering in May to June.

It's an evergreen, greyish shrub growing to 50 cm with yellow blooms.

Potentilla prefers a little dampness, so perhaps place it down-slope, but still in well-drained soil.

It's flowers are usually yellow and come out through mid-summer.

Princess is a good pink clone.

Tilford Cream is a dwarf yellow variety, where you want something low.

When in doubt, now is the time for all the lavenders and sages

Russian sage is a good-sized hardy plant.

Both lavender and sage are easy to tidy up with a weedwhacker after they've bloomed and also to shape.

Kniphofia (red-hot poker) put on a big colourful show and can vary from the usual two-tone red/yellow to cream.

We don't use a lot of it because it's tough to clean up in fall and may have to be mulched for hardiness on a north-facing slope.

FROM LAST MONTH

Now is also a time to use euphorbia — the rock cover will help to stop them from spreading like crazy.

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Logging close to 40 years with Sladey Timber



By Brian Lee

You can't always see them but they're out there.

Sladey Timber's crew are in a crew boat or driving up a logging road before most are out of bed.

Often the only sign of their existence is the lot full of Ford trucks parked at the Petro Can or the bright orange high-vis shirts seen sometimes at the Grasshopper Pub on a Friday evening.

The crew of 25-plus and millions



Though the times are the toughest he's seen in close to 40 years of logging, Doug Sladey says they're 'doing just fine.'

of dollars worth of equipment are usually hidden away up Jervis Inlet or on a remote backroad making it easy to discount the fact that logging is still a huge economic generator for the local community.

And it's the reason I'm up two hours before my coffee pot normally goes on.

Doug Sladey's already seen off the guys heading up Jervis Inlet to an operation near Deserted Bay and now we're driving up the Halfmoon Carlson forest service road.

It's a crisp spring morning that hints at rain.

As we chat away we come across a sign with a cell phone number scribbled on it dangling by a rope on the side of the road.

Farther along we meet a lone operator in a feller-buncher taking down trees a foot from the road.

As Sladey rolls down his window to chat with the operator, I assume it's a friendly acquaintance.

Instead, the young guy in the machine complains that Doug's logging truck operator had just come through and took down the sign he had slung across the road.

"It's not very good," says the young guy, chastising Sladey for what seems to be a breach of safety protocol. Uh-oh.

"Well, you know, we all gotta get to work up here," says Sladey without a hint of anger.

"A lot of people use this road and you don't even have a VHF or flaggers. So don't pull that."

The young guy doesn't say much after that and as we continue on, I hop out of the truck to let us through his roped sign farther up the road.

"See, this is what we have to deal with," says Sladey when I get back in.

"He's cutting trees right on the main line all by himself with just a sign and a cell phone. If we were logging this spot, we'd have flaggers and an ambulance and safety equipment. It just boggles the mind how these guys get away with this."

As we pull into Sladey's cutblock a few minutes away, the rest of the crew arrives and talk turns immediately to the "clowns" down the road.

"All he had was a cell phone?" someone asks incredulously.

I see the difference in operation immediately as I'm put through a half hour of signing paperwork and safety orientation on the tailgate of the site ambulance.

Sladey takes me through a couple of totes full of manuals just to show what his guys go through before they set foot on the site.

Every site-specific detail is

checked off and signed by the guys themselves.

I get an abbreviated version but by the end of it, I know where the first aid station is and within how many tree lengths I can get to active fallers or operating machinery.

I know specific fire procedures, backup water sources, protocol for reporting spills and where to find GPS co-ordinates should I need to guide the helicopter in — if I'm the last one standing, I guess.

The forest industry has taken a beating since the collapse of the U.S. housing market.

Where once he could count on most of his logged timber remaining in North America, Sladey says the wood stacked here is all destined for Asian markets.

Logs are all graded onsite — clear logs with fewer limbs will fetch

higher prices in Japan as plywood peelers, lower quality will go to South Korea and China.

By steaming them at high temperatures first, modern mills can peel down small knotty logs to four-inch stock and still make high quality plywood.

It enables plywood producers to get the same quality product from inferior timber as they used to get from high quality wood and has created sophisticated markets defined by specific grades.

This particular cutblock was already logged about eighty years ago and holds about 15,000 cubic metres of timber.

Most of it's down, either stacked along the left side of the road waiting to be hauled or on the right, waiting to be processed — sorted and bucked.

"If it's clear enough to have smaller than one-and-a-half-inch

knots, it goes to Japan," says Sladey.

"Then anything about 12 inches (diameter), no matter how gross it is, will go to China. But every job's different."

Even below the prices fetched for export logs going to China are those destined for our own plywood mills.

"There's so few mills left in BC now just because of the bad times, that we could flood the peeler market here like nothing and nobody would be able to sell their wood," says Sladey.

"You'd much rather sell them domestically but it just doesn't work sometimes."

As we move along the stacks, one of Doug's crew asks a few questions to make sure he has the market specifications straight before he begins.

Brandon Jensen followed his dad Arthur into Sladey Timber about five

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This cutblock in Halfmoon Bay was first logged in the 1930s and holds about 15,000 m³ of marketable second-growth timber.

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years ago.

Art has worked for the company for over 25 years and the two are a good example of Doug's practice of ensuring a healthy mix of young and old on his crew.

Sladey says he always has three or four guys threatening retirement so to keep it going he needs to mix youth with experience.

The younger Jensen has just been pulled down from the Jervis Inlet operation and it's his first day on this site.

He operates a processor — a machine that will take a log and with the help of an onboard computer, strip it of branches and cut it to length according to pre-programmed market requirements.

It can buck and process a log for three different markets in seconds but the operator still has to know which buttons to push and errors can cost a lot of money.

Not only are logs graded according to how clear and straight they are but each market requires different lengths.

Plywood in China comes in six-foot sheets instead of the eight-foot sheets North American mills produce.

Sladey Timber is contracted to log this stand of timber for a buyer who owns the timber rights and already has a market for the raw logs.

Sladey first consults with the buyer before relaying specific market specifications back to the crew who will then grade, buck and sort every log before it gets trucked out.

"And everybody thinks we're all just a bunch of dumb loggers."

Sladey says when he started logging, they didn't bother taking second-growth trees.

His dad Olli logged when he was a kid but had quit the industry by the time Doug finished school.

He started out sorting and boom-

ing at OB Logging's camp at Treat Creek in Jervis Inlet about 1970.

There was still plenty of old-growth timber to be cut but even then crews were forced to work farther up in the hills to get it. This meant the dropping snowline put him out of work every winter.

"The first year I was off for about four months and after sitting around the beer parlour for awhile, I got pretty sick of that so I bought an old skidder and went logging private property," says Sladey.

"Pretty soon it got out of hand because I got a little too much timber to log and still do my booming so that's when I hired Gerry [Pockrant] to come work with me."

Sladey would work 17 days booming and on his four days off, he and Gerry would fell trees.

After Doug returned to camp, Gerry would work by himself for 17 days skidding and bucking what they'd felled.

After awhile they got busier, so when Doug's brother Mark graduated from high school he took over the booming and sorting.

"Then, you know, we just kept buying more machines," says Sladey.

"We rented an old yarder and it worked pretty good so then we had to go buy one. And geez, we were sick of hiring logging trucks so we bought an old logging truck too."

For the next four decades, Sladey Timber kept acquiring new machines — and employees — positioning itself with a good reputation for getting the job done well while treating its employees with respect.

As Doug talks about Sladey Timber's roots, his younger of two sons, Victor, wrestles down trees nearby at a Bunyanesque rate in a machine that



The modern logger makes international decisions. Here Brandon Jensen sorts and processes timber destined for various Asian markets with an attachment head worth almost as much as the machine itself — \$250,000.

would have seemed like a spaceship in 1970.

The recently acquired feller-buncher cost almost \$500,000 but Doug says it's worth every penny.

Not only is it more efficient but the feller-buncher cuts so fast the tree can't "barber chair" (split up the middle) as it's going over which poses a hazard for a faller on the ground and ruins a portion of the log.

Even if it did, the operator can take a hit from just about any size tree without concern.

When Doug bought the machine a few years ago, none of his crew knew how to run it so he brought in a retired operator and paid him to "sit on a stump for a couple of weeks" and share some tips with Victor.

Now it's second nature as Victor lets the speed of the heavy blade regain its centrifugal force before beginning the next cut.

Even from a couple hundred yards away I can feel the whump as the saw blade slams through the trunk and lays it down in one clean motion.

Feller-bunchers have typically been used for logging relatively flat terrain but this machine is self-leveling, enabling it to safely log slopes of up to 55 degrees.

Despite the efficiency of the new machine, fallers aren't in danger of becoming obsolete just yet.

There are always snags or steep slopes or trees just too big for the feller-buncher to tackle.

"We've got three fallers and we keep them busy all the time."

The fallers are off by themselves at the top end of the cutblock.

The only sign of their existence is the distant hum of their saws and the regular pattern of trees cascading from the tree line.

Keith Mackenzie is in his mid-30s and has been falling for 15 years, most of it with Sladey Timber.

Like everything else in the operation, the faller's job is closely scrutinized by government regulators looking to improve safety.

By definition, falling trees is dangerous work but forestry regulators are continually pushing for guidelines and certification to reduce the number of fatalities in the industry.

Training and certification is required for all manual fallers in BC and audits on the ground are common.

As Keith replaces his chain on the stump of a freshly cut 80-year-old Douglas fir, he offers an example of what WCB inspectors will look for to ensure fallers are following the rules.

A perfect cut should show a precise bevel below the splintered holding wood (the wood that breaks off when the tree starts to fall).

This one shows a small "Dutch-

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LOGGING TERMS:

Barber chair – Splitting of the butt of the log during the latter part of the fall. The tree often remains attached to the stump, thus creating a danger zone and ruining much of the log.

Dutchman – The seat that interferes with the smooth closing of the notch. Caused when one of the notch cuts is made too deep and extends beyond the endpoint of the other notch cut, known as "Bypass."

Feller-buncher – Motorized logging harvester that can rapidly take down and place felled trees.

Grapple yarder – A tracked machine that uses a system of pulleys and cables to bring logs into a landing. The grapple closes like teeth around the log and is controlled by the machine operator.

Hoe chucker – A excavator-like machine used as an alternative to cable yarding that picks up logs and moves them over the ground to deliver them to the roadside.

Snag – A dead or dying tree that is still standing. Snags must be felled prior to beginning work on an area.



The feller-buncher is a tough and sophisticated tool – it's self-levelling to log slopes up to 55 degrees and can shrug off a direct hit from just about any size tree it runs into. But with a sealed cockpit and a hot engine right behind it, what shuts it down faster than anything is an air conditioner that quits.

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man,” or a flat step left inadvertently above the wedge between the holding wood.

This one would pass but if there was a little more it might be a cause for concern to an inspector.

An excessive Dutchman in-



Because the fallers' job requires a high level of exertion and alertness they're only allowed to work six hours per day to avoid fatigue-related injury. Here Keith Mackenzie makes an undercut on a Douglas fir.

creases the danger of “barber-chairing” when the tree bottoms out on the step and splits up the middle.

Mackenzie says he might go days without leaving a Dutchman and then suddenly can't shake them. If an inspector found too many, he could yank his licence.

WorkSafeBC is an independent agency created to administer BC's Workers Compensation Act to prevent workplace injuries, rehabilitate injured workers and compensate workers for lost income while recovering from injuries suffered on the job.

Occupational health and safety regulations cover every facet of worker safety from high visibility clothing and footwear to proper road flagging, falling techniques and safest practices for just about every job onsite.

But having strict regulations doesn't mean they're always enforced and Mackenzie cites a company he worked for during a layoff with Sladey.

“He didn't have an ambulance,” says Mackenzie.

“Not even a first aid kit or a frickin' Band-Aid. No radio communication — nothing.”

If a company dodges safety provisions they're often less likely to pay too and Mackenzie says he didn't stay there long.

Legally the contractor is required to provide these and many other pieces of safety equipment and articulate procedures to keep their employees safe but Sladey says the reality is that many companies cut corners and take the attitude of “Do you wanna work or not?”

For a contractor who pays his men every two weeks and takes an obvious pride in providing benefits and a safe workplace, it's frustrating to have to bid against companies that don't.

But he's seen companies like that come and go and knows there's only one way to maintain the longevity he has.

Talk turns back to the lone operator we encountered that morning on the way up.

“The two worst names in companies on the Coast are both from Powell River,” he says.

“(People) wonder why the hell they can come in and say they can log cheaper. Well, of course they can. They don't have anything or pay their bills.”

Sladey tells a story of how earlier in the week his crew got a compliment when the outfit down the road was shut down by WCB for not having adequate safety equipment.

“They said to the inspector, ‘Well, Sladey's working up the road, you better go and shut him down,’ and the inspector says he told them, ‘I don't even have to go there. I know they're working up there and I know they have all their stuff — I guarantee it,’” says Sladey.

“So then they show up at our gate like a bunch of crows to see if Art [Jensen, one of Sladey Timber's first aid attendants] will cover them.”

With any number of different companies contracting and subcontracting to get Halfmoon Bay timber to a Chinese mill, there's still a reward for following the rules.

“Some of the companies are good — Interfor's one. They're a big, big company but they're just happy to have us for contractors, happy as hell. They don't put it out to these two-bit guys, if they have some extra work they get one of their reputable contractors,” says Sladey.

“And they don't fight about the rates. We sit in a meeting to discuss

the rates and if it's bad times, they tell us and we try to make something that'll work for both guys and we go to work."

And these are bad times.

When the economy falters lumber prices usually take a direct hit and if forest companies were forced to pay regular stumpage rates (a royalty paid to the provincial government on every cubic metre of timber logged) there wouldn't be a profit in the sale and logging would come to a halt.

The forestry industry is so important to the BC economy that the provincial government will all but waive its stumpage royalties in order to keep loggers working because the spinoff from forestry is as important to provincial coffers as the value of the wood itself.

Stumpage rates never go to nothing — the lowest is 25 cents per cubic metre — but Sladey says when they built the road into this 15,000 m³ cutblock three and a half years ago, the stumpage rate was \$40/m³.

That's a potential drop in revenue to the provincial government of almost \$600,000 from this site.

Sladey says back then the logs here might have been sold to an Inter-mill in the Fraser River for \$110/m³ but now will go to China fetching only 70/m³ — and that's after paying export taxes and the costs of getting it there.

But a good reputation and a little luck has allowed him to keep the crew logging through most of the slump.

When there was nothing to log, Sladey made every effort to keep his guys working by finding stuff to do on a couple of subdivisions he's involved in.

It's not just out of a responsibility to his employees.



Because it whisks logs over the ground on cables, grapple yarding is considered less destructive than conventional skidding methods which drag logs through a cutblock. Here operator Wayne Newcombe reels logs up to the landing while his son Ken sets another choker far down the slope and out of sight below.

Sladey says a key to the company's resilience is keeping good guys working for him.

"The only way to do it is pay them right and keep them busy," he says.

"You trust everyone with your life. They're all handpicked guys and they're all excellent loggers."

While we're in Halfmoon Bay, Sladey's running another operation

up Jervis Inlet where he has close to a dozen men and even more machinery working.

He has been logging that particular cutblock intermittently for close to two years. As they near the end, they've pulled about 200,000 m³ of timber out of there.

It's a much larger operation with a variety of terrain requiring grapple

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yarders to haul logs up the steeper slopes.

The crew travels an hour by boat every morning to get there and more than an hour back down in the afternoon when the inlet winds come up, making for a hellish buck back to Earls Cove most days.

By the time you read this, both operations will have been cleaned up and the entire Sladey Timber operation will be working in a remote camp in Toba Inlet.

It's the first time in many years that Doug has taken a camp contract and none of the crew, Doug included, is keen to spend most of the summer logging far from home.

But no one grumbles much.

They're happy to have the work and it's all Doug could scrape up until the fall.

Luckily, Interfor already has a camp up there — a converted BC Ferry, the *Queen of Tsawwassen*.

Sladey has rented space from Interfor, thus avoiding organizing his own camp with cooking and cleaning staff but moving his crew up there is still a logistical nightmare.

Before setting off, the crew spends a week organizing gear and catching up on training and maintenance.

They'll be hours by boat from Campbell River or Lund — and a day's trip from Pender Harbour Die-



There's aren't many offices with a view like this. Doug Sladey chats with son Steve and Brandon Jensen as they finish the last of 200,000 m³ of timber logged at the Deserted Bay cutblock in Jervis Inlet.

sel — so the crew has to make sure everything is running smoothly before they go and carry enough spare parts in case it doesn't.

All their equipment and mobile mechanic and welding shops have to be hauled up and then there's the mounds of paperwork required for every new job.

In an operation with this much machinery, crew and regulatory burden, it's not just the guys in the bush that keep the show rolling smoothly.

Doug is quick to credit the back

end office work that, were it to falter, would shut them down just as quickly as anything else in the company.

His wife Betty is helped by Jodee Young to keep the financials and red tape at bay.

Betty Sladey has long been involved in the forest industry herself.

She helped start up the Sunshine Coast branch of Canadian Women in Timber and for many years was one of its directors.

Canadian Women in Timber was formed in 1989 to "enhance and foster

BC Softwood Lumber Exports By Destination (2005-2009)

Year	USA	Japan	China	Western Europe	S. E. Asia	South Korea	Taiwan	Middle East	Other	Total
2009	\$1,542,556,548	\$531,680,056	\$315,293,446	\$152,625,772	\$35,824,018	\$34,564,036	\$30,761,104	\$30,512,410	\$18,159,198	\$2,749,344,599
2008	\$2,193,889,589	\$719,263,184	\$177,366,504	\$256,822,950	\$34,348,634	\$38,022,232	\$34,960,831	\$42,618,568	\$25,019,306	\$3,606,401,095
2007	\$3,376,875,570	\$741,268,813	\$98,681,606	\$251,154,008	\$51,686,813	\$46,947,764	\$56,832,742	\$47,750,115	\$26,048,546	\$4,772,985,828
2006	\$4,322,666,733	\$988,739,660	\$65,267,218	\$233,390,586	\$39,357,313	\$30,241,075	\$40,130,688	\$32,251,549	\$27,360,299	\$5,849,311,583
2005	\$4,805,107,483	\$969,008,501	\$54,454,595	\$213,345,786	\$44,696,989	\$25,371,039	\$41,580,180	\$24,737,890	\$24,296,811	\$6,272,014,192

Source: Statistics Canada

This table illustrates how even an increase in trade to China hasn't replaced the once insatiable US lumber market.

public understanding of BC's forest resources and sustainable forest management."

Betty and Doug would host school groups at logging operations and then take them back five years later to show how the forest was growing back.

It was all part of an effort to demonstrate how the industry is evolving from the more destructive practices it has been known for in the past.

These days they're not as involved as they used to be and are making more of an effort to enjoy the rewards of their hard work.

That might mean handing off the company to their two sons someday.

Stephen and Victor Sladey both followed their dad into the bush right out of high school.

Now, as they move into their late 20s, they've been at it long enough to shake off the moniker of "Doug's kids" and are experienced loggers in their own right.

Though the industry little resem-



Tom Clark makes about six or seven trips a day from the Halfmoon Bay cutblock to the log dump in Sechelt Inlet. His biggest hazard? Dirt bikers.

bles the one when Doug started, he sees no reason his sons can't continue the company for another 40 years.

"There's still a great future in logging," says Doug.

"In my lifetime of working, it's the toughest cycle that has ever come along and we're doing just fine."

And Doug doesn't show any sign of putting down his saw just yet.

"Five years ago, I quit — I'm

actually retired now," laughs Doug.

"If I want to go hunting or spend some time on my boat, I just go. I know I'm never gonna just sit around and play in my garden with a business like this but I can go away for a few days and everything runs just fine.

"If I didn't enjoy it, I'd be long gone."



With the help of a log loader, Clark dumps the bundle of logs into Sechelt Inlet. The bundles will be made into booms and towed to a dry land sort before they are shipped across the Pacific.

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Davyd Oram and brother George with a mural Dave painted on Egmont Day for the Egmont Heritage Centre. Oram will paint three more murals for the Centre on the first Saturday of each month as a fundraiser for the museum.



Andrea Curtiss photo

Just one of the big events at Egmont Day, the tug-of-war separates the girls from the boys.



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Kudos to women of Pender Harbour

Dear Editor,

Regarding the *Women of Pender Harbour* Project:

Sincere congratulations to everyone who worked on this book — what

a fine publication!

So carefully researched and respectful.

So artfully pieced together.

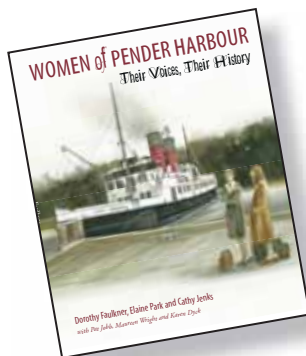
It's top of the line in its genre: I'm so impressed.

Huge thanks to you all on behalf of my mother, Inge Bremer, and all the other women whose voices are seldom heard in traditional histories of place.

Special kudos to Dorothy Faulkner who started it all.

Excellent work.

Solveigh Bremer Harrison



More kudos

The following letter was sent to the P. H. Women's Connection and copied to the Harbour Spiel.

Dear Marlayne,

I bought the book at May Day, and came home and started reading and couldn't put the book down.

What a wonderful array of pictures and stories from the past.

Well done!

Unfortunately, we are leaving on holiday on June 1 and I won't be able to attend the book launch.

But I do want to express my

sincere thank you for all the work and the wonderful results of your project.

One of the great things for me to see over the past 20 years is the new influx of people who have brought such great spirit to Pender Harbour.

From the beautification of Madeira Park with plants, flowers and wooden carvings, to the undertaking of this large project of a historic book just published.

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Sincerely,
Lorna Klein

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Konstipated kitty



By John Wade

Dear John:

We have a 13 year old female cat. She has been a great pet, always very clean and very little trouble.

About a year ago she started crapping in the family room down stairs on the rug. Her litter box was in the next room clean and accessible. She will pee in the litter but not poop.

We took her to the vet and he said she was severely constipated with hair balls. We have pumped tubes of this laxative he gave us into her for months to no avail. He suspects she has something called mega colon. She will go outside for hours, come in and run downstairs to pass her stools. They are quite large and firm.

The vet says she won't go in the litter box because she associates it with pain and will go else where to "do her business." Any ideas?

- JH

Dear JH,

When cats aren't feeling quite right physically or mentally more often then not their bowel and/or bladder send us the message. I call it pee-mail.

Sometimes it's a physical problem, sometimes something is bothering them mentally.

It may be some cat is making its presence known outside or worse some dog just took up residence in their house.

It is odd she'll pee but not poop in the box.

I'm not sure I buy the avoidance



due to pain idea. If it's painful, she'd likely be switching from room to room instead just moving to the family room.

Maybe it started that way and now that the constipation has been cleared up it's now a bad habit.

Try to get her back on track with the addition of another brand new litter box for the family room gradually moved to accompany the location of the other. That usually works.

Your veterinarian must have had some suggestions beyond suspecting mega-colon and prescribing laxatives.

Sometimes people leave out the part where the veterinarian says, "But in order to confirm or eliminate that possibility I'm going to have to . . ."

All they hear is a cash register – ka-ching.

There should have been an option of some testing beyond history and abdominal palpation and pumping tubes of laxative — at the very least an X-ray.

Your cat is getting up there in age and if it hasn't had them already is overdue for a range of tests. Now is as good as time as any to have them done.

Regards,
John Wade

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Summer sun safety tips

By Susan Nattall, RN

Now that summer has arrived, there are a few sun safe recommendations to review so that you and your family can enjoy the long hot days of the season.

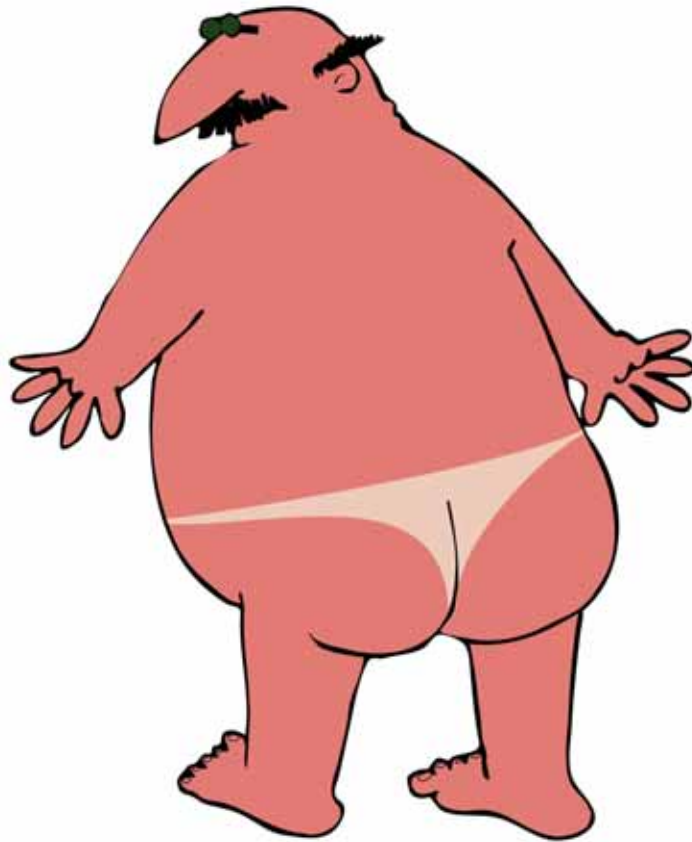
- Stay out of the direct sunlight during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Cover up with appropriate clothing — closely woven materials act as a natural protection from the sun.
- Wearing a broad-brimmed hat is recommended.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or more for adults and 30 or more for children.
- Sunscreen is not recommended for babies under 6 months of age.
- Wear sunglasses that provide 99 to 100 per cent UVA and UVB protection

Heat-related illness occurs when your body gains heat faster than it can cool itself down.

Heat can lead to weakness, disorientation, swelling, exhaustion, and even, in severe cases, heat stroke [aka sunstroke].

Heat stroke is a life-threatening medical emergency. There are a variety of mild to severe symptoms linked with heat-related illness, including:

- Pale, cool, moist skin
- Heavy sweating
- Muscle cramps
- Rash
- Swelling, especially hands and feet
- Fatigue and weakness
- Dizziness and/or fainting
- Headache
- Nausea and/or vomiting



- Fever of 40 C or 104 F or more
 - Confusion, hallucinations
 - Red, hot, dry skin — in late stages of heat stroke
 - Shortness of breath
 - Seizures
 - Unconsciousness/coma
- Infants and children up to the age of 4, people 65 years or older and young, healthy individuals engaging in strenuous physical activity or those who work in a hot environment should take special precautions.

When recognized early, most

mild, heat-related illnesses can be treated at home by:

- Moving to a cooler environment.
- Drinking plenty of cool, non-alcoholic fluids.
- Resting.
- Taking a cool shower or bath.
- Wearing lightweight clothing.

If your symptoms persist longer than one hour, change, worsen or cause you concern, contact a health care professional.

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OF JULY

FILONE OR BAGUETTE?

Nowadays, it seems when you go to your local grocery store to buy a fresh loaf of bread, what used to be called a baguette has become a filone. Are they same thing?

FILONE

Filone is a classic everyday Italian yeast bread, with a texture and crumb similar to the French baguette. The name of the bread comes from the Italian word “filo”, which means “line.” Filone is made using a somewhat slower fermentation process. It contains a blend of natural sours and is characterized by a very moist crumb, superior crust and an unsurpassed flavour.

The regions of Tuscany and Calabria are famous for the production of bread with rustic flavours and traditional forms. The principal types are the round form called “bozza,” longer versions called “filone” and flat bread called “ciabatta.”

BAGUETTE

A baguette, also known in English as French stick or French bread, is a long thin loaf of French bread that is commonly made from basic lean dough (the dough, though not the shape, is defined by French law). It is distinguishable by its length, crisp crust, and slits that enable the proper expansion of gases. A standard baguette has a diameter of about 5 or 6 cm and a usual length of about 60 cm, although a baguette can be up to a metre long.

A Parisian baguette typically weighs 250 grams but 200-gram baguettes are also very common in France; the weight is not legally regulated and varies by region. French bread is required by law to avoid preservatives, and as a result bread goes stale in under 24 hours, thus baking baguettes is a daily occurrence, unlike sourdough bread which is baked generally once or twice a week, due to the natural preservatives in a sourdough starter.

~Various (internet)

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A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **P. H. Women's Connection** for the great trip to the Laughing Oyster. You ladies make a working day real fun. Thanks and I can't wait till next year. You guys rock.

Wendy Haddock

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Carole Rubin
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A chuck load of Harbour Seals to the **Egmont Day volunteers and board of directors, the Egmont Fire Department and all the supporters and participants** on Egmont Day from Pender Harbour, Ruby Lake and Earls Cove. You help make Egmont Day a special celebration.

Beverly Saunders
Egmont Community Club



Alan Moberg photo collection

St. Mary's Hospital and Lloyd's Store, May 1956. According to former resident of Pender Harbour and singer/songwriter Alan Moberg, the boats tied to the government wharf at left are (l-r): the stern of the Columbia Mission boat the *John Antle*, skippered by Canon Allan Green, Red Nicholson's "little white gas boat" the *Arvida* and Archie Walker's troller the *Caspian Sea*. Moberg says Red Nicholson was a neighbour who taught him his first guitar chords and he later wrote a song about him called "Saltwater Cowboy."

On the Lloyd's Store float (now John Henry's), the boat ahead of the (unknown) gillnetter is the *Man Way Tay*, which was Vancouver Bay's familiar logging camp tender.

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LOCAL MUSIC

Local singer raises money for St. Mary's

submitted

A voice ethereal, strong and pure, destined to soar, local 19-year-old musician Katherine Rowlands has been passionate about music since early childhood.

On July 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music, Rowlands performs "Through a Mirror Blue," an evening of classical, jazz, folk and contemporary music.

Accompanying Katherine will be the Sunshine Coast's Serena Eades on violin and Teun Shut on the guitar.

Katherine will also be releasing her first CD album "Eclectic" at the concert — Katherine's third on the Sunshine Coast.

Her previous two, "Sound of the Waves" and "Amongst the Lilies Fair" were sellout events.

"Katherine Rowlands is a poet amongst singers," said Jude Neale, guest singer at "Sand and Water," Katherine's first concert.

"She is adept at phrasing and fits her impressive vocal talent into old jazz standards or beautifully intricate opera arias.

"Her passion for music, in its broadest spectrum, is apparent in her choice of repertoire and her ability to move from one genre to another.



photo submitted

Local singer Katherine Rowlands will perform in a concert raising funds for the St. Mary's Hospital expansion.

"Katherine is fluid and lyrical and we are fortunate to hear her at the genesis of her career."

Katherine's concert is in support of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Society and St. Mary's Hospital/Healthcare Auxiliary whose \$2 million fundraising goal will assist with the purchase of new clinical and non-clinical equipment and furniture for hospital expansion.

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Pender girls soccer team repeat last year's Osoyooan success

By Michele Mocellin

With 20 girls in Grades from 7 to 12, the Pender Harbour girls soccer team has been training since March with one goal in mind — to qualify for the provincial finals in June.

Coach Robin Millar holds practices twice a week and has boosted game experience with road trips to Powell River, Comox, Vancouver, Osoyoos and Pemberton.

The girls have played well all year long, especially at the recent BC Rural Schools Invitational tournament in Osoyoos.

Small rural schools like PHSS often compete against private academies in Vancouver with strong and well-funded athletics programs that draw student athletes — creating a somewhat unbalanced playing field.

Osoyoos Secondary School recognized this and hosts a tournament of teams from rural areas with fewer than 80 girls in grades 11 and 12.

This year, Pender Harbour equalled last year's mark by finishing third of 16 teams competing.

Khoya Craig, a Grade 10 student, won the Golden Boot award, given to the player who scores the most goals during the tournament.

Craig also picked up a Team MVP award, as did Grade 9 teammate Arhea Howitt, for both her goal output and rugged play in the opponents' penalty area.

The Pender squad fell just short of qualifying for the provincial finals this year but coach Millar is confident about their potential for next year.

With a team like this, with such a bounty of youth and talent, provincials can't be far off.



photo submitted

The Pender Harbour Secondary School girls Soccer team during a recent road trip to Osoyoos where they placed 3rd out of 16 teams.



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Khoya Craig won a Team MVP award (r) and the Golden Boot award (l) — given to the player who scores the most goals during the tournament.

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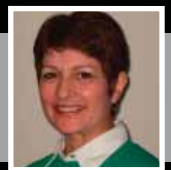
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All funds raised go towards St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary efforts.

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Coast Guard auxiliary honours Dave and Diane White

By Alan Skelley

Editor's note: David White passed away shortly before publication of this issue.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 61 and the Pender Harbour and District Marine Rescue Society recently honoured Dave and Diane White, longtime boating safety advocates and Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron pioneers.

Dave and Diane came to Canada from England in 1975 and found their way to the Sunshine Coast in 1986 when Dave came to work on the design and manufacturing of fish farms.

Besides their children Chris and Donna, they brought with them a wealth of experience in competitive rowing, sailboat racing and a zest for all things nautical.

Dave and Diane became involved in the formative stages of the foundation of CCGA Unit 61 and the Pender Harbour Marine Rescue Society and actively participated as owner-operators in the duties of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Crews were called to duty by telephone in those days, and owner-operators could only look forward to reimbursement for fuel costs when training or on a rescue mission.

The Harbour's first dedicated rescue vessel, the ex-fisheries boat the *Harold Clay*, was acquired in April 2004 and after much work refitting by all who could help, was commissioned one year later in 2005.

The new state of the art Fast Response Rescue Craft, the *Iona C*, was acquired and commissioned in 2007.

Dave's experience and expertise in the initial refitting of the *Harold Clay*, and later the design of specifications and commissioning of the *Iona C* was an asset everyone relied upon,



photo submitted

Members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 61 recently presented Dave and Diane White with a painting of the *Iona C* (seen in background) for their 'unstinting contributions to the training, equipment and activities' of the organization.

and the unit is grateful it is still there to be drawn upon today.

Management and governance details of both the unit and the rescue society couldn't be ignored either and this is where Diane's secretarial and record-keeping skills were shown to advantage.

Diane recalls a time when she was serving as secretary of the two bodies when Dave volunteered to become treasurer. This meant, of course, that she automatically became secretary-treasurer.

Dave and Diane have been unfailingly generous with both time and expertise, participating enthusiastically in the activities of the power squadron and in reviving the Malaspina Regatta.

But it is for their unstinting contributions to the training, equipment, and activities of the Coast Guard Auxiliary that they are gratefully recognized on this occasion and we could always call up one more time with the question,

"Dave, what do you think of..."



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Real estate 101: FAQ for the prospective home buyer and seller



By Alan Stewart

It never fails to surprise me how real estate works in different parts of the world.

Even close to home there seems to be a wide range of customs, fees and expectations.

Who pays what? What taxes apply (don't get me started on the HST)?

Why isn't a deed issued on completion? Contracts? Subjects? Deposits?

The list is endless.

While it's incumbent on Realtors to explain how their business works to prospective clients, we often fail to appreciate the differences in expectations of the people we are working with.

HOME BUYERS' EXPECTATIONS

A recent study conducted by the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver uncovered that homebuyers today are looking to Realtors less for the property search aspect of the process and more to help negotiate an acceptable purchase price and walk them through the specific intricacies of making an offer.

The same study revealed that Realtors believed the search for a suitable property was the most important



function of their relationship with homebuyers.

This shift in the role of Realtors was referred to as a "transformative phenomenon." Great term.

BUYERS' RANKING OF IMPORTANT REALTOR TASKS

1. Explain and advise on conditions to include in an offer.
2. Negotiate a reasonable purchase price and conditions.
3. Provide listings that are tailored to you.
4. Advise you on a competitive offer amount.
5. Explain what is happening at each step.
6. Facilitate property viewings.
7. Understand your financial situation.

8. Explain how both buyers and sellers agents are paid.

9. Be available to you outside regular business hours.

10. Help with arrangements for other services such as lawyers, inspectors and mortgage brokers.

HOME SELLERS' EXPECTATIONS

Sellers hire Realtors to ensure a smooth transaction with their most valuable possession — their home.

Specifically, sellers expect Realtors to understand their financial situation and the timelines they face.

In Canada, Realtors work under an umbrella organization called CREA (Canadian Real Estate Association) and in order to hold a licence, all Realtors must abide by a common code of ethics and business practices.

They must also maintain errors and omissions insurance through their Real Estate Board.

This insurance is critical and often overlooked when people are deciding how best to sell their homes.

Home sellers also look to the expertise of Realtors to identify an appropriate value of their home.

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expectations of their home's value, but they are six times more likely to have over-inflated expectations in a down market.

It's in these down markets that a Realtor's expertise is critical in ascertaining a reasonable listing price.

BC REAL ESTATE FAQ:

Q: What legal responsibilities does my Realtor have to me?

A: Realtors can operate in a number of capacities for their clients but the primary relationship is called the "agency relationship." In this relationship, not unlike the relationship you share with your lawyer, a Realtors' brokerage is responsible for providing their clients with undivided loyalty, obeying all lawful instructions, and keeping all their clients' confidences.

Q: Why would I only use one Realtor to help me buy a home?

A: Building a relationship with a Realtor who understands your wants, needs and financial situation gives you a full-time advocate who can monitor new listings and price changes and may even get you information on listings before they hit the market.

Q: Who pays the commission?

A: Commissions costs come out of the proceeds of the sale. The seller contracts with the listing brokerage to pay the commission and the responsibility to pay commissions and taxes on those commissions rest squarely on the shoulders of the seller.

Q: Can a Realtor show me property listed with another firm? Do I have to write an offer through the listing Realtor?

A: When utilizing the Multiple

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rangement allows Realtors to provide independent representation to a buyer, regardless of who is representing the seller.

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Silent threats

Oral cancer is an extremely dangerous and disfiguring cancer — it is diagnosed in 3,000 Canadians every year and each year 1,000 people die of it.

To screen for cancer, a dentist thoroughly checks the tongue, palate, gums, inside of the cheeks, lips, face and neck for any bumps or unusual sores.

Dentists know that a history of tobacco use by a patient warrants special attention to spot the disease processes early.

Although oral pain may be a sign that cancer is present, it is more predominately a sign of a dental infection and can have serious repercussions if left undiagnosed and untreated.

A decayed tooth can trigger an infection in the surrounding tissues.

These can crop up quickly and spread like fire through the mouth and even the rest of the body.

If a dental infection is not addressed promptly, it can spread into the deeper tissues of the neck and lead to obstruction of the airway.

It can also lead to such things

as kidney damage, brain abscesses or heart-valve infections which require medical intervention to eradicate.

Diagnosing cancer and infections is just the beginning.

Dentists can also spot signs of gastrointestinal problems such as Crohn's disease, skin diseases, autoimmune diseases and more.

Even signs of diabetes may be seen in the mouth.

The mouth is full of blood vessels and nerve endings that exhibit colour changes, small sores and a change in saliva that a dentist can identify, sometimes with even just a look.

Visiting your dentist for regular check ups will lead to early diagnosis and treatment.

Your dentist can do much more than save your teeth and gums; he or she can save your life.

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



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How to survive a tsunami in style in Kauai



By Emily Gray

At the beginning of the year I figured it was time to venture out in the world and Hawaii caught my imagination.

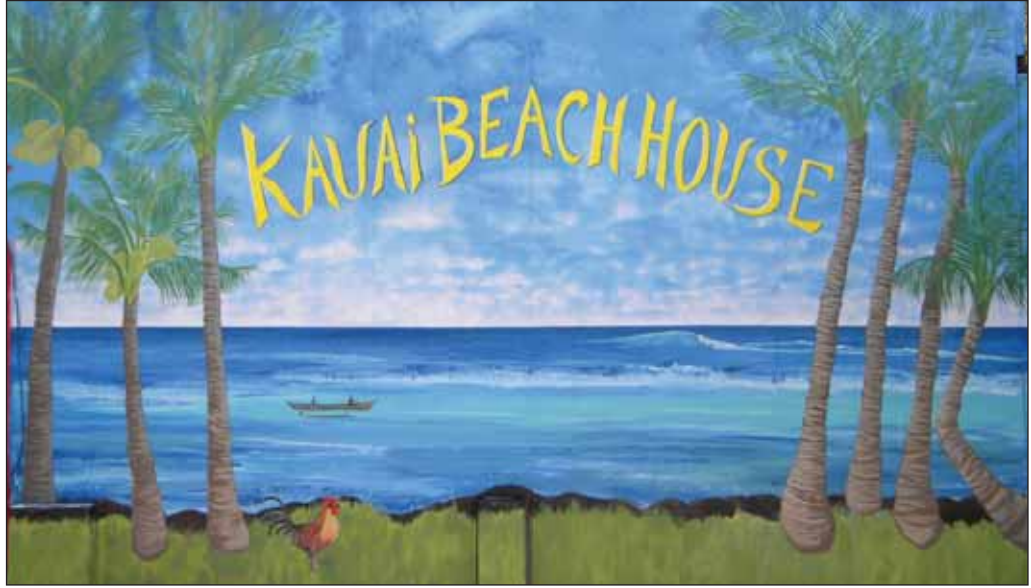
Though the magic of the internet, I landed a job painting a mural at the Kauai Beach House on the northern "garden" island of Kauai.

This was an unreal opportunity to have a free two months stay in Hawaii while painting a mural!

I realize there are lots of walls in the world and most of them could use a mural in my opinion.

I am truly grateful to Ken Walters for being my mural mentor and inspiring me to pursue art and my Mom and Dad for encouraging me to draw on my bedroom walls.

Who knows where my next mural might take me?



Emily Gray photo

Through the 'magic of the internet,' Gray landed a job painting this mural at a beachside hostel for two months in Kauai this past winter.

KAPAA, KAUAI (FEB. 26-27)

Before lights out in the hostel the news hit that there was an 8.8 magnitude earthquake in Chile.

Tsunami waves were expected to hit Hawaii the next morning around 11:30 a.m.

With this relaxing bedtime story I went to sleep trying hard not to worry.

At 5:30 a.m., my co-worker

woke me because sirens would sound at six and we had to inform the guests.

Everyone met in the kitchen where the manager explained the situation — all coast communities are being evacuated to higher ground.

We had time to prepare but no one really knew how big the tsunami was going to be.

However, the American media and the hourly sirens did a great job of



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Some of the participants of the impromptu 'Tsunami Fest 2010.'

spreading fear.

Being right on the beach, we expected to get hit so everything was taken upstairs — piles of mattresses and luggage and even the goldfish.

We filled jugs of water as the radio described outrageous prices on bottled water and gasoline.

We had been planning a barbecue for that Saturday evening so once the tsunami precautions had been prepared, the manager turned to me and said, “Start making potato salad.”

Priorities, right?

But I was happy to have something to focus on as most stood around speculating on our fate.

The whole town of Kapaa was evacuated but the surfers next door couldn’t pass up the perfect pre-tsunami conditions and paddled out.

Around 9:30 a.m. we drove up to higher ground overlooking Kapaa and wondered what to do as the field filled with people.

Should we wait in scared sobriety? Or should we go get beers?

I’m happy to say we did the right

thing and got the party started — Tsunami Fest 2010 had hit Hawaii.

Just about everyone had the day off work and it became a statewide party. By 11:30 a.m. no one had a worry in the world.

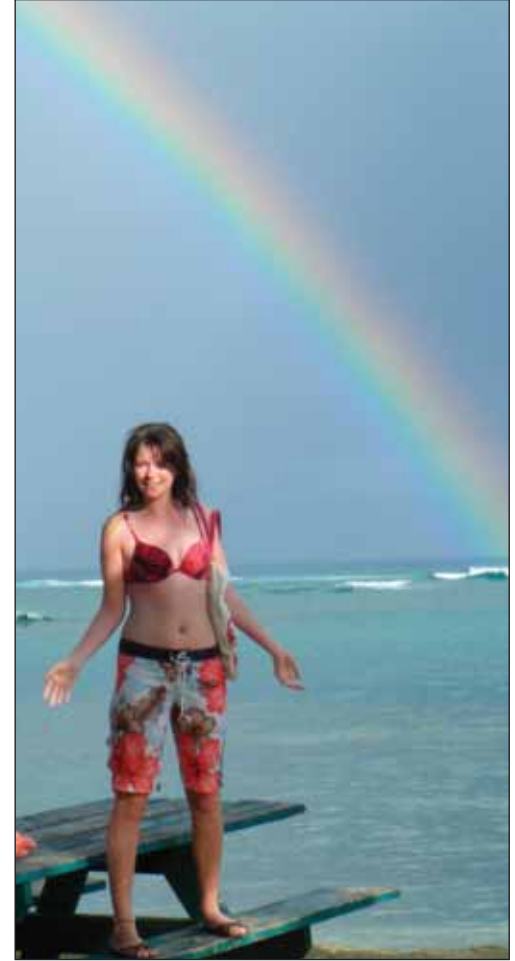
The “tsunami” had already hit the rest of the Hawaiian islands so we felt pretty confident that we were going to be OK (except maybe extra hungover the next day).

But the police still wouldn’t let us back down so we went to a nearby waterfall for a refreshing swim before finally returning to the beach house to prepare for the barbecue.

It was the perfect way to end our exciting day, sharing food and stories of how we survived the tsunami with a feeling of relief that all it delivered was a story to write home about.

Mahalo nui loa (Thank you big time!)

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Nice work if you can get. Emily Gray takes a little time off from painting.



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PENDER GOLF

Greens keep you healthy



By Jan Watson

A common goal of most golfers is to shoot their age and special mention goes to Eldy Gandy

who did just that on June 8 shooting a 79. Well done Eldy.

MEN'S CLUB

The June 8 Stableford was taken by Eldy Gandy with 48 points.

Bruce Forbes was second with 42 after a tie breaker with Ian Grant.

Kp on No. 3 was Rusty Ellis and on No. 6, Ron Needham.

LADIES CLUB

The June 3 modified Stableford was won with 22 points by Jan Watson.

Reni Ducich came second with 19.

June 10 saw team match play and the winners were Mary Carlsen and Jan Watson, Heather Cranston and Shelley Stunell and Linda Klikach and Rosemary Bonderud.

LADIES STEAK NIGHT

On June 11 we had 24 golfers

on a beautiful evening with four of the six teams tying with 36.

After retrogression, the winners were the Klikach clan — Linda, her sister Donna, daughter-in-law Dee and Chrystl.

Runners up were Moni Langham, Mary Carlsen, Kathy Needham and Laura Dixon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men's Day - Tuesdays.
- Ladies Day - Thursdays
- Mixed Twilight Mondays,
- Men's Golf & Dinner - Thursdays.
- Ladies Steak Night - July 9.
- Royal Canadian Legion Tournament - July 17.

Phone the Pro Shop for more information — everyone is welcome.

News at 11: Beaver meets Fox



By Shane McCune

Canada may finally get its own version of Fox News, if Pierre Karl Péladeau and Kory Teneycke have their way.

Péladeau runs Quebecor Inc., the parent company of Sun Media Corp., the second-largest newspaper chain in the na-

tion.

Teneycke is the recently appointed vice-president of Quebecor in charge of the proposed Sun TV News Channel, which he says will be an “unapologetically patriotic” and “less politically correct” rival to the all-news outlets of CBC and CTV.

Unveiling their baby last month, Péladeau and Teneycke vowed it would spring to life on Canada’s TV screens starting Jan. 1, 2011, and promised funding of \$100 million over five years.

But before that happens there are a couple of unknowns to clear up.

One is the CRTC. That \$100 million won’t go far without a lot of ad revenue. That in turn depends on a Category 1 digital specialty licence, which requires cable and satellite providers to make it available to anyone who wants to subscribe.

Only the CBC and CTV all-news networks have these licences, and the CRTC has expressed its reluctance to issue any more. But the Sun News bosses seem confident they’ll get one. Some suggest they are counting on Teneycke’s political connections — he used to be chief spin doctor for Stephen Harper.

(Heritage Minister James Moore has voiced support for the new channel and would not rule out cabinet overruling an unfavourable CRTC decision.)

The other unknown is whether there is a market for Fox-style propaganda in the Great White North, and whether it would help or hurt the Conservative cause.

In a recent blog, former CBC Politics host Don Newman noted that Harper has succeeded so far by leaning toward the political middle and muzzling the wingnuts on the party’s fringe.

“Do they really need a right-wing news channel urging them to be more rabid and stirring up the party’s hard-core base, which would only make some Conservative MPs less easy for the PM to control?” he wondered.

Teneycke, in his witty way, dismissed Newman as “Canada’s answer to Helen Thomas,” the 89-year-old drummed out of the White House press corps for sharp criticism of Israel.

(The turtle-ish Newman is 69. Teneycke is in his mid-30s but looks eerily younger — picture Eddie Haskell as a Scientologist.)

So what sort of programs will Sun News offer?

“Our aim is not to bore people to death; we’ll leave that to the CBC,” Teneycke said, though I’m not sure if he said it before or after he tried to lure Rick Mercer away from the boring CBC. Beyond that he offered no specifics.

But a brown manila envelope that may or may not have been slipped under my door could have contained a leaked memo that may or may not have been sent to Teneycke by a programmer for the new channel, with notes on proposed shows:

“Superfox & Friends”: As discussed, this will be the morning news roundup, built around Krista Erickson, (former CBC reporter]. But I’m not sure she can pull off the Ann Coulter shtick. And while I know we’re all about the non-PC thing and she is definitely H-O-T-T hot, is it wise to refer to her as a superfox?

“Parliament Hell This Week”: I think we’ve figured a way to sell political talking heads to the rural base: Panellists list unco-operative Opposition MPs and speculate on how Satan will torture them in eternity. Need to find at least one panellist who’s not from Alberta.

“The Dragon’s Den”: Kid’s show. No luck so far with the actual dragon, but Ezra Levant has offered to wear a costume and breathe fire at the little beggars.

“I’ve Got a Secret”: Stars Helena Guergis, w/ contestants trying to guess why she was kicked out of caucus.

“The Nightly Show”: Like the Daily Show, only with a better title. (Because it’s on at night, get it?) All we need is a funny conservative to host it. Any ideas?

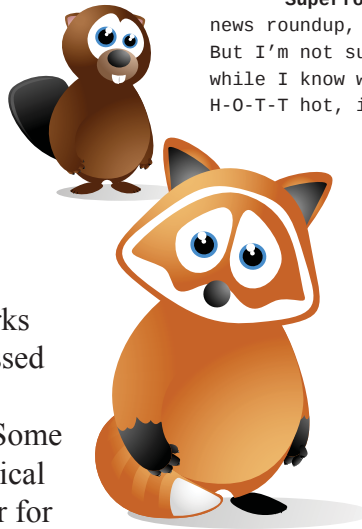
“Fraser”: Sitcom about a jolly economics prof who quits his university gig in Ontario and moves to the West Coast to launch a right-wing think tank. So far the writers have him calling for the privatization of schools, hospitals and even oceans, but we need more believable plot lines.

“Are You Smarter Than A Turnip?”: Contestants test their knowledge of the week’s politics against host Mike Duffy.

“Gas Corner”: Cooking show with Levant, Duffy and whatever’s left in the fridge.

“The Oh Really? Factor”: Celebrity guests try to guess when Rahim Jaffer’s telling the truth.

“Marketplace”: Don’t regulate it. Just leave it alone.



BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of June 20)

1. **Quinoa 365** by Patricia Green & Carolyn Hemming
2. **The Zero-Mile Diet** by Carolyn Herriot
3. **Trauma Farm** by Brian Brett
4. **Birds of Interior BC and the Rockies** by Richard Cannings
5. **The Shores We Call Home** by Carol Evans
6. **The Way of a Gardener** by Des Kennedy
7. **Incontinent on the Continent** by Jane Christmas
8. **On To Victory** by Mark Zuehlke
9. **Darwin's Bastards** ed. by Zsuzsi Gartner
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Summer delivers a bounty for BC history buffs



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By Theresa Kishkan

Last October, I devoted my column to books about Point Ellice House in Victoria and mentioned that I was looking forward to a new biography of Peter O'Reilly. That book, *Peter O'Reilly: The Rise of a Reluctant Immigrant*, by Lynne Stonier-Newman, has just been published by TouchWood Editions.

The book is a biography written as a novel. Firmly anchored in factual material, well-researched and carefully detailed, this life of a man who arrived from Ireland in 1859 and became a gold commissioner, an assistant land commissioner, a county court judge and Indian Reserve commissioner exists in tandem with many of the significant events in our provincial history.

Through O'Reilly's eyes, in what Stonier-Newman imagines to be his voice, the reader follows the transformation of the colony of 1859 to British Columbia's entry into Confederation in 1871. Peter O'Reilly was married to Caroline Trutch whose brother Joseph participated in negotiations with Ottawa regarding the terms of union; the sections of the book dealing with this material are particularly lively. Many of the players in the early years of B.C. politics make appearances: James Douglas, Matthew Begbie, Dr. John Helmcken, Amor de Cosmos; and Sir John A. and Lady MacDonald came to tea in 1886, taking cuttings of Caroline's famous

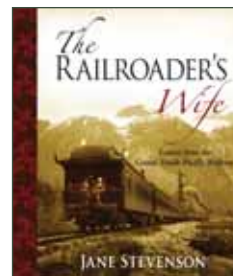
cream roses back to Ottawa.

Peter O'Reilly's work as Indian Reserve commissioner in particular was not without its controversies and those echo to this day. Still, one has to admire his courage, travelling throughout wild country on horseback with surveyors, trying to balance the requirements of settlers and Native communities.



In February, 1912, newlyweds Bernice and Leslie Martin arrived in Prince Rupert from Wisconsin. Leslie was returning to his work on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway as a bookkeeper and his bride was about to embark on the adventure of keeping house for the two of them in a series of tents and log cabins along the construction site.

The Railroader's Wife: Letters from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (Caitlin Press, 2010) by Jane Stevenson brings together Bernice's letters home to her family with a wonderful narrative putting the couple's lives into a specific historical and geo-



graphical context. Sidebars provide more background though occasionally I found the page layouts a little distracting; a letter might be interrupted for several pages by an information box which could have been placed less obtrusively.

In October, 1912, Bernice writes to her mother:

"The bed is made, the ceiling wiped, the clock dried and the mirror wiped off. The cabin has been sweating since the fire is hot and the drips drop, most of them go down my back... Praise be! Our house was

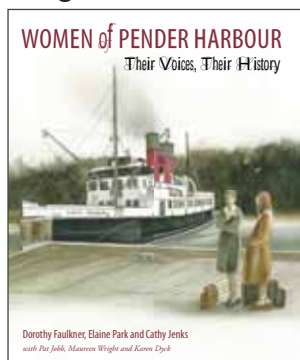
banked yesterday... now I am surrounded by a moat. At present any daring knight who would enter my castle must leap the draw.”

Bernice notices and has an opinion on everything. She is quite fearless and willing to travel long distances for parties or dances. Her letters report horses in her hard-won flower bed, ask for hairpins and ribbon, and almost never complain. Women and men in the various camps are described with affection, even when they arrive at dinner time and Bernice must scramble to feed them from her limited resources.

The couple left on the day of the Grand Trunk's last spike, April 7, 1914 and eventually settled in Los Angeles where Bernice died in 1973 at the age of 91. It's extraordinary to think of the arc of her life and how this brief chapter must have provided stories to fascinate her family for decades to come.

Nine years ago, a small group involved with the Women's Connection in Pender Harbour were determined to do something to locate and preserve the stories of the women who settled in this area prior to 1973. They proceeded to interview women in the community and to gather material rel-

evant to the project. *Women of Pender Harbour: Their Voices, Their History*, capably organized by Dorothy Faulkner, Elaine Park and Cathy Jenks with further assistance from Pat Jobb, Maureen Wright and Karen Dyck is the result.



The book is a beautiful object. Motoko Baum's cover image captures the mood of an earlier time, the days when the Union Steamships provided lifelines to the larger world. Well illustrated with family and archival photographs, memorabilia, sketches and maps, the book immerses

the reader in a world both familiar and exotic. Looking at faces of some of the Harbour's matriarchs, I saw their children and grandchildren — the turn of a smile or shape of a cheekbone.

The interviews are integrated with a graceful text, allowing the voices their own inflections and tone, but giving the reader a time-frame and the necessary connective tissue to make a whole story of disparate elements. The appendices contribute a timeline, genealogies and biographies.

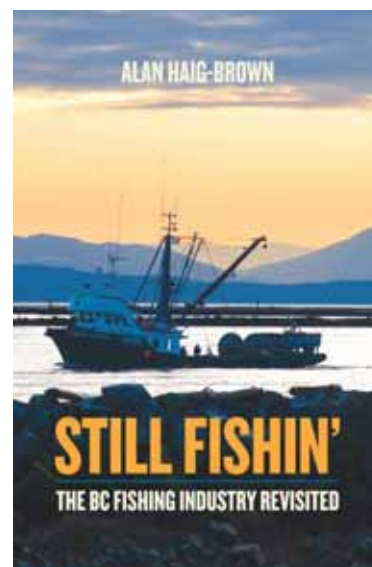
There are surprises and pleasures in this book and I heartily recommend it to anyone who is interested in learning how our community developed and what riches it contains.

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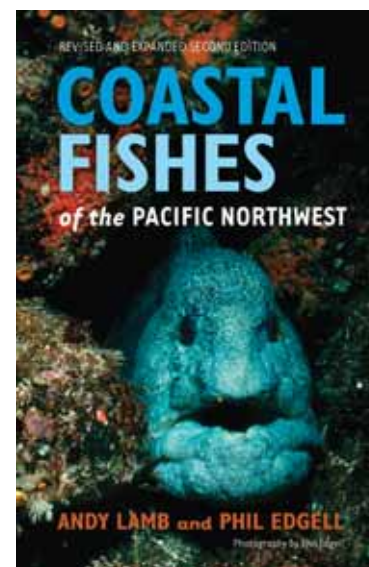
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JULY

- Thur. July 1.....Harbour Gallery's Membership Summer Show opens daily - Harbour Gallery, 11a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Thur. July 1-4.....P. H. Branch of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary Silent Auction - P. H. Legion #112, 11a.m.
 Sat. July 3.....Garden Bay Sailing Club's 20th Malaspina Regatta - Malaspina Strait, 11 a.m. start
 Sat. July 3.....Meet author Gillian Kydd - Bluewaters Books, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Sat. July 3.....Davyd Oram mural painting - Egmont Heritage Centre, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sat. July 3.....Pender Harbour Legion Xmas in July (turkey dinner) - P. H. Legion, 5:30 p.m.
 Sun. July 4.....P. H. Farmers & Artisans Market - Cross Roads Grill, 10 a.m.
 Sun. July 4.....Sunday Jam with Larry Cook - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. July 4.....Motoko's Artist Reception - Motoko's Gallery, Noon to 3 p.m.
 Sat. July 10.....Furniture 'n Fish Grand Reopening Celebration - RONA Shopping Plaza
 Sun. July 11.....P. H. Farmers & Artisans Market - Cross Roads Grill, 10 a.m.
 Sun. July 11.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton and the Precious Littles - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. July 12.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, Noon
 Sat. July 17.....Katherine Rowlands fundraising concert for St. Mary's Hospital - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. July 18.....P. H. Farmers & Artisans Market - Cross Roads Grill, 10 a.m.
 Sun. July 18.....Sunday Jam with Gaetan - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. July 19.....GRIPS Annual General Meeting - GRIPS depot, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. July 25.....P. H. Farmers & Artisans Market - Cross Roads Grill, 10 a.m.
 Sun. July 25.....Sunday Jam with Peter van Deursen and Surveillance - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. July 26.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, Noon
 Sat. July 31.....Big Book Sale - Pender Harbour Reading Room

Deep Thoughts . . .

If trees could scream, would we be so cavalier about cutting them down?
 We might, if they screamed all the time, for no good reason.

— Jack Handey

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4:45 p.m. (Sat. only)	4:30 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	8:35 p.m.
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