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The buck shops here

By Brian Lee



I swore I'd never
become like them.

I witnessed my
parents' futile battle
with deer my whole life
and thought it absurd.

"Why?" I'd ask, pointing out the
irony in their planting pretty things only
to disfigure the effect with chicken wire
and rebar fencing. Added to the eyesore
were rags soaked in wolf pee hanging
from shrubbery like the strange fruit in
a Billie Holiday song.

So when I bought my place and it
came with a "natural garden" that had
survived decades of Darwinian selec-
tion at the mouths of Francis Peninsula
deer, I went with it.

I'm not a huge fan of fancy flower
gardens anyway and shun the idea of
trying to recreate a Guatemalan jungle
in a BC backyard. I appreciate the look
and practical benefits of native plants
and if anyone questions it, I just call it
xeriscaping.

I pruned the salal to fit the con-
tours of the rockeries and trimmed the
ferns every spring to allow the new
growth full advantage.

Basically, it was a low-effort
experiment in allowing nature to take a
somewhat guided course but it also cul-
tivated a smashing relationship between
me and the deer.

I usually made efforts not to startle
them as I went about my business.

"Help yourself, deer. Mi garden es
su garden — keep it trimmed."

I looked upon it as a symbiotic
model for humanity — if only the rest
of the world could learn to live in such
peace.

But then someone close to me took
it upon herself to uncover some ancient
terraced gardens, long overgrown with

salal and St. John's Wort.

Despite arguments about her
insistence that if it wasn't purchased
in a four-inch pot it was a "weed,"
she pressed on until, finally, I had to
admit it looked much better.

Pretty soon I got involved and
as we hacked and dug away the un-
desirables, added soil and revealed
rock work hidden beneath thick mats
of moss, my gardening vision had
undergone a profound change.

After some hasty research into
"deer-proof" plants, we invested a
small fortune at a nursery.

The gratification of seeing the
completed project, with all its po-
tential for future growth and esthetic
reward was worth it.

But it wasn't to last.

I first became aware the deer
proof garden wasn't so while work-
ing at my desk. I happened to look
up to see a healthy buck with velvet
horns plucking out one of the plants
whose name I can't remember.

Our truce now shattered, I
chased it off with a crazed yelp fol-
lowed by a pang of regret over how
everything had changed.

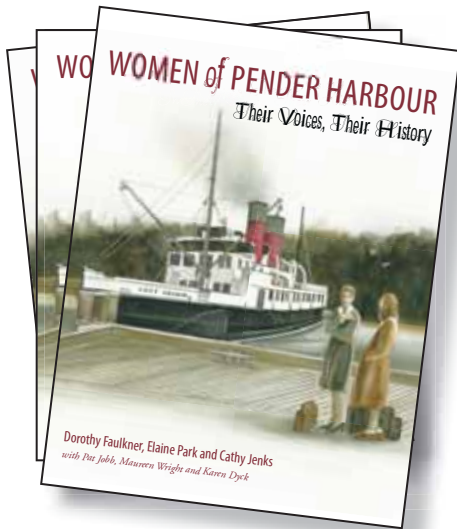
But there was no going back
and I thought conditioning the bug-
ger with a pellet in the ass now and
then might work.

That just made him warier and
he seemed to understand that when
the black truck was gone, the salad
bar was open. Not long after, we
returned home from a day at the lake
to find the garden demolished.

Now I've sprayed the plants
with an internet concoction and if
that doesn't work, I guess I'll have
to buy one of those expensive elec-
tronic frequency repellers.

I figure that's still cheaper than
the next step — buying a cougar.

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if it's not in the Spiel.



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The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society
announces the publication of

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

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SPIEL PICKS

SEVENTH ANNUAL PENDER HARBOUR SHOW AND SHINE - AUG. 8

The Garden Bay Pub will host the seventh annual Pender Harbour Show and Shine Aug. 8. The all day event is usually about fabulous cars but this year will also include motorcycles. Come out for the vendors, displays and the Rotary Club barbecue and Joe Stanton and the Precious Littles will end the day with a concert in the pub.

SIXTH ANNUAL P. H. CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL - AUG. 20-22

Pender Harbour's second biggest music festival is back with another stellar lineup on the third weekend in August. (See p. 34 for more details.)

PENDER HARBOUR GARLIC FESTIVAL - AUG. 28 AND 29

There'll be music, festivities, food, garlic and more music on the August 28 and 29th weekend at the Pender Harbour Lion's Park. The first of what is hoped to be an annual event, the Pender Harbour Garlic Festival is the brain-child of the local Lions' club. It's way to celebrate everyone's favourite onion with music and fun. (See p. 34 for more details.)

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After a long winter wearing nothing but a colourful hat, this Egmont Road bear who graced the March cover of the Harbour Spiel hoped to capitalize on his fame by selling smooches. There were no takers this day.



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Egmont Community Hall now on a solid footing

After months of construction, the Egmont Community Hall now has a new foundation.

The cement foundation was poured July 19 underneath the raised building.

Egmont Community Club member Beverly Saunders said Supreme House Movers from Maple Ridge were lined up to drop the hall on July 29.

Saunders said the Egmont Community Club contributed over \$50,000 from funds raised through raffles, donations, a saloon night and income from their management of the Klein Lake campground.

Another \$25,000 was granted from the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia.

A further \$25,000 came in a community benefit package negotiated by the SCRD as part of the rezoning application by developers of the proposed Jervis Inlet Resort.

The Egmont Community Hall was built in the mid-1940s as a recreation hall for the Brittain River logging camp in Jervis Inlet.

In 1952 it was cut in half, towed to Egmont and skidded up to its present site where it was rebuilt with log posts for a foundation.

The hall recently received the distinction of becoming the first building listed on the Sunshine Coast Regional District's Community Heritage Register, recognizing it as a prime example of the type of forestry camp buildings that were once common on the BC coast.

Saunders says a reopening celebration will be held sometime in this month.



Tom Lavis photo (bottom)

After raising the entire building and constructing forms underneath, the new foundation for the Egmont Community Hall was poured July 19.

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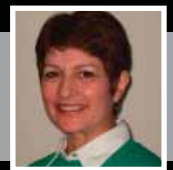
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Pender Harbour's first traffic light is only temporary as crews work to replacing aging culverts with a bridge over Meadow Creek on Garden Bay Road. The project will cost just over \$1 million and will be paid for by federal infrastructure stimulus funding .

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Pender Harbour Secondary School Class of 2010. Back row (l-r): Nathan McKeil, Benjamin Bradley, Trevor Thorpe, Chase Campbell, Brody Storoschuk, Cody Goodwin, Eric Bakewell, Oliver Garrett, Damien Jamieson, Eric Pearson, Luke Hansen, Dion Pickles, Dominic Christian, Jeremy Hargrove, Kelly Roach, Lance Marchand, Wesley Frewin, Cooper Rancier, Logan McCormack. Front row (l-r): Vanessa Lanteigne, Courtney Herdman, Stephanie Phillips, Lauren Paton, Nicole Polacek, Cheyenne Lightbourn, Alexa Dornbierer, Katie Edwardson, Katie Woods, Kelsey Nattall.



A witness who lives near this July 14 accident scene near Webb Road on Francis Peninsula Road says someone was helping launch a friend's boat but may have misunderstood the concept of safety chains. The driver of the purple car, Doreen Johnson, came over the hill to find a boat and trailer coming towards her in her lane. Apparently the trailer came unhitched from the truck towing it and didn't come to a stop until the broken hitch was a foot from Johnson's face. Doreen and her husband Emil moved to Nanaimo on July 23. 'I'd heard people who leave Pender Harbour like to do it with a bang but they have surpassed all who left before,' said the witness.

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Aug. 1	9:45 am +M, 3:31 pm +M
Aug. 2	11:05 am +M, 4:27 pm -S
Aug. 3	12:32 pm +M, 5:29 pm -S
Aug. 4	1:44 pm +M, 6:39 pm -S
Aug. 5	2:44 pm +L, 8:04 pm -S
Aug. 6	7:43 am -L, 3:37 pm +XL
Aug. 7	9:12 am -L, 4:22 pm +XL
Aug. 8	10:16 am -XL, 5:02 pm +XL
Aug. 9	11:05 am -XL, 5:37 pm +XL
Aug. 10	11:49 am -XL, 6:08 pm +XL
Aug. 11	12:32 pm -XL, 6:37 pm +XL
Aug. 12	1:16 pm -L, 7:07 pm +XL
Aug. 13	2:02 pm -L, 7:38 pm +XL
Aug. 14	8:39 am +M, 2:52 pm -L
Aug. 15	9:55 am +M, 3:45 pm -M
Aug. 16	11:21 am +M, 4:46 pm -S
Aug. 17	12:39 pm +L, 6:00 pm -S
Aug. 18	1:46 pm +L, 7:40 pm -S
Aug. 19	8:18 am -M, 2:44 pm +L
Aug. 20	9:23 am -M, 3:35 pm +XL
Aug. 21	10:13 am -L, 4:19 pm +XL
Aug. 22	10:53 am -L, 4:57 pm +XL
Aug. 23	11:20 am -M, 5:26 pm +XL
Aug. 24	11:32 am -M, 5:47 pm +L
Aug. 25	11:49 am -M, 6:00 pm +L
Aug. 26	12:20 pm -M, 6:13 pm +L
Aug. 27	12:58 pm -M, 6:34 pm +L
Aug. 28	1:41 pm -M, 7:02 pm +L
Aug. 29	2:28 pm -M, 7:35 pm +M
Aug. 30	3:19 pm -S, 8:13 pm +M
Aug. 31	10:32 am +M, 4:15 pm -S

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Sadly, the Egmont/Pender Harbour bus didn't arrive in time for this poor fellow on Maple Road in Egmont. A lady who lives nearby said, 'He's been waiting 15 years!'

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Oram paints four for 'em



Davyd Oram stands beside the second of four murals he will be painting to raise funds for the Egmont Heritage Centre.

Though he lives in West Sechelt, Dave Oram's ties to Egmont run deep.

The 29-year-old artist's grandfather was Ben Vaughn, a longtime Egmont local and he says he still feels a connection to the area.

It's why Oram says he jumped at the opportunity to be able to help out with a fundraiser for the Egmont Heritage Centre.

Oram is painting four murals, each on the first Saturday of the month from June to September.

The original murals will remain on display with prints taken to be sold to help fund the centre's operations.

Oram says the murals reflect coastal themes based local heritage.

"The first one was the Skookumchuck, this one's fishing and the next one will be logging. So it will be a big old spar tree and then the one after that will be like a free form coastal theme."

Oram paints acrylic murals and paints a lot of "coastal landscape-y stuff."

"I don't want to say pop-surrealism; it's just my own style," he says.

Oram makes his living painting commissions but plans to go back to school next year to pursue his master's degree.

Oram attended Chatelech High School in Sechelt where he says he was inspired by art teacher Enid Kelly.

Oram says she was the one who put a brush in his hand in Grade 8 and he hasn't put it down since.

Oram will paint the third mural on Aug. 7 at the Egmont Heritage Centre where carver Arnie Jones will also continue work on a 24-foot totem pole.

The Egmont Heritage Centre will hosting a barbecue from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a beer garden from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on each of the remaining two Saturdays while Oram works.

Oram's work can be viewed online at www.veniceissinking.com.

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Malaspina Regatta boasts 21-vessel sails force



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The 20th Malaspina Regatta begins near the entrance to Pender Harbour July 3.

By David Twentyman

The Garden Bay Sailing Club sailed into a picture perfect day for its annual Malaspina Regatta July 3.

It was the 20th running of the annual sailing race with 21 boats lined up at the start line at the mouth of Pender Harbour between Martin and Pearson islands.

After the jostling for best starting position, the horn sounded and all headed to the first mark, 2.5 miles out

in Malaspina Strait.

The second leg took them just south of Cape Cockburn and with the wind just right, many of the boats proudly flew their colourful spinnakers.

The third leg forced sailors to “head to wind,” resulting in much tacking.

The first boat to finish the 10 mile course was David Pritchard in *Seven*, a Martin 242.

Pritchard was followed closely

behind by Ron Badley in *Blast*, another Martin 242.

The third boat across the line was *BC Navigator*, a Spencer 1330 skippered by Tom Barker.

The final results are based on a handicap system that allows for adjustment to finish times according to boat length, weight, sail area, etc.

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Seen here running with the wind are (l-r): *Frendy*, *Peregrine* and *Ainsley*.

WINNING BOATS:

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Avanti (Dave Zuest)

Division A:

BC Navigator (Tom Barker)

Division B:

Seven (David Pritchard)

Division C:

Sean B (Ray Phillips)

After the race, crews landed at Fisherman's Resort and Marina for a delicious barbecue on the lawn, complete with a serenade by Milton Cameron and his lusty bagpipes.

Thanks to hosts David Pritchard and Jennifer Love for offering to hold the BBQ at Fisherman's Resort and all the folks who contributed.

For the Garden Bay Sailing Club, the satisfaction in knowing that everyone really enjoyed themselves is all worth it and we hope to do it again next year.

August 2010



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The Malaspina Regatta barbecue has become as much an event as the race itself.

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Pot 'em up: Fill those bare spots



Coreopsis, or tickseed, is easy to dead-head, takes a sunny spot and repels deer.

By Jim Rutherford

Do you have spots where annuals that you paid good money for just didn't flourish?

As summer arrives with heat for those plants that are performing well, just cut out the sickly ones.

These ne'er-do-wells won't come back by the end of the season.

We suggest you replace them with perennials that are just hitting their stride.

A big old serrated butcher knife will be very handy for this operation.

Cut around the offending plant to remove it without disturbing the root system of the good guys.

A good pointy trowel will also do well but the serrated knife will be better at leaving the other root systems in place.

Size-wise, most perennials are now marketed in one gallon pots but if you can find plants in four-inch pots, so much the better as the smaller

plants will have smaller root masses, causing less disturbance of the neighbouring annuals.

If you feel that you've failed in a border or container, these perennials will give you a timely pick-me-up.

Not only that but, by definition, perennials return year after year and you have a renewing investment.

Annuals are the reverse, they'll give you quick colour to start the season but they're kind of a lost investment by fall.

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Special thanks to those who generously donated items, the P. H. Legion for allowing us to hold the auction in on their Christmas in July weekend and to the P. H. Community Club for tables.

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Coreopsis (tickseed), is one of our favorites.

It's easy to dead-head and will really take a sunny spot.

And deer leave it alone.

Who could ask for anything more?

To help water collect around the plants, plant a little deeper than you usually would with a cupped effect.

A secret to help stop the pull of evaporation on hot sunny days is to mulch around your new plants (or even the whole container) with sphagnum moss.

Pack a lunch and off you go to the forest to collect some.

Gaillardia (blanket flower) is another perennial that's easy to use as a spot filler.

Keep the soil light in texture and choose a sunny spot for them.

You can even plunk in pots of plain old shasta daisies to fill places that look a little barren.

They'll give you some height and, clumped in groups of three to five pots, will give you a nice little showing.

Penstemon hybrids are about as large a plant as we'd go in planting at this of year.

Large plants like delphinium may not be able to take the stress of planting into a sunny spot void of the shade that they need to prosper.

We always say, "Ask your nursery person."

Some perennials like monarda (bergamot), napeta (cat nip), hemerocallis (day lilies) are just too aggressive for small spaces and should really be planted in spring or fall.

Scabiosa (pincushion flower) will do quite nicely in a confined container in a shady spot, astilbe can be as well and the same with hostas — but not

the big-leaved ones.

Leave the root ball intact to lessen the shock of planting.

The stress of planting in warm/hot temperatures really makes a difference, compared to cooler spring time.

The killing factor is water tran-

spiration from the leaves, the shock this creates and the plants' ability to replace this water.

The little space we have here offered you some ideas for mid-summer "fix-me-ups" and will hopefully prove that those people who said you couldn't garden are wrong.

Teeth: Dollars and sense

Recession is a nasty word whether we are talking about our income or our teeth.

Did you know that dentists see recession on a daily basis? It's the kind that causes your gums to recede and expose the roots of your teeth, causing pain in your mouth and eventually in your wallet.

As with any recession the sooner it is recognized and treated the more likely that invasive and expensive treatment can be averted.

For example, did you know that tooth decay is not always painful right away? By the time you notice a small brown spot on the surface of a tooth, the bacteria causing decay may already have eaten its way through the hard outer shell of enamel and into the softer dentin that surrounds the pulp chamber.

At this stage the tooth may be hot or cold sensitive. This softer inner layer protects the nerve but once the decay reaches the pulp chamber the tooth will be very painful because bacteria is attacking the nerve.

If ignored, the tooth will die and the pain may subside, however, untreated

cavities can lead to a severe dental abscess due to bacteria entering the pulp chamber and working its way to the root tip, where it infects the surrounding bone. The tooth now needs a root canal and a crown to restore it, or an extraction to remove it.

So skipping your check-up and hygiene appointment may seem to be saving you money at the moment but in the long run it could be a very expensive decision.

Be pro-active in handling this recession. Don't wait for a pain in your mouth to prompt a visit to your dentist.

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A World War II veteran, she served under Montgomery as an ambulance and transport driver with the British 8th Army in occupied Europe.

After the war, having been formally trained as a registered nurse, she immigrated to Canada in August, 1953 and worked in various hospitals in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

While nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay, she married John William (Jack) Potts of Pender Harbour on Oct. 2, 1959.

A longtime resident of Pender

Harbour and most recently Gibsons, she is survived by her son Anthony (Tony), daughter-in-law Mary (Buote-Potts) and grandson Johnathan, all residing in Bedford, N.S. and dear friend Werner Born of Christensen Village in Gibsons, BC.

Ivy was predeceased by husband Jack, brothers Edward, William and James, and sisters Ethel, Ellen and Lillian.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 17, in the chapel of the Devlin Funeral Home, Gibsons.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind or the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society.



No Meetings in August

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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, August 25 at Pender Harbour High School, Room 107.

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Sechelt's Kris Sneddon (l) and his Kona teammate Barry Wicks (r) were leading over 400 other riders and a tight pack of eight as they rode through Pender Harbour in the fourth stage of the BC Bike Race on June 30. Wicks and Sneddon would later stand atop the podium at the end of the grueling seven-day, seven-stage race that travelled from North Vancouver to Vancouver Island before coming through the Sunshine Coast on days four and five and finishing in Whistler.



Canadian Paul Robertson is one of many riders who travel from all over the world to compete in the BC Bike Race. Many come just to sample our famous single-track trails.

August 2010



Here Canada's Jennifer Shulz rolls through Pender Harbour's 'Dry Feet' trail. Shulz finished fourth in the solo women category.

Wei Hsu: The first non-native to live in Pender Harbour?



By Anne Crocker

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

Vague recollections have persisted for many years that the first non-native person to live in Pender Harbour was Chinese.

Before Charlie Irvine landed here and lent his name to what became Irvine's Landing, a family named Hsu lived on the rocky outcrop guarding the western entrance to the Harbour.

They arrived in Pender Harbour unintention-

ally, landing here in 1873 as a result of a series of unfortunate accidents.

But the resilient Hsu, his wife and nine-year-old daughter stayed four years, running a small fish saltery and cannery in the shelter of the small bay at the western entrance to Pender Harbour.

Wei Hsu was a castoff from the gold rush. He'd seen many friends fall chasing fantasies of gold from China to San Francisco and then north to BC. Like many Chinese who landed in California in the 1850s, Hsu was fleeing war and famine at home and was eager to believe ru-

mours of wealth across ocean.

Not long after he arrived in San Francisco, California's gold rush was soon eclipsed by talk of a new bonanza up north. Hsu found the promise of Californian gold to be an empty one and as word drifted in about a place the Chinese prospectors called "Gold Mountain," Hsu followed the rumours north and landed in Victoria in 1860.

That summer, Hsu staked a claim vacated by a white miner near Boston Bar. Racism was rampant and he quickly learned the relative order of law enforced in California was absent in Britain's western colonies.

Chinese miners weren't able to prospect new claims — they were only able to work claims already abandoned by other miners.

Despite the discrimination, Hsu set to work and found he was able to fill a modest poke missed by the inexperienced and rushed white miner.

But he wasn't a powerful man and interloping miners were quick to take advantage of his size. With few other Chinese nearby Hsu found he had very few allies. Added to his problems were hostilities from local Indian bands who resented the sudden arrival of white and Chinese newcomers to their territory.

A year after arriving in Boston Bar, Hsu took a Nlaka'pamux wife named Lucy. It eased some of the tension between himself and the native locals but made no favours with the white prospectors.

With a young wife to protect, Hsu began to fear for their safety.

Before light one morning in early spring, Hsu nearly lost his life trying to protect his stash of gold from thieves. While fighting them off, one of the men hit him in the back of his head with a shovel, nearly killing him.

The blow left him with recurring headaches and dizziness that would plague him for the rest of his life.

While he recovered, Hsu decided gold mining might be too costly a way to make a living.



Chinese immigrant and first non-native in Pender Harbour, Wei Hsu on his wedding day near Boston Bar, 1861.

He had travelled from California by steamer and witnessed scores of boats fishing off the coast of Vancouver Island when he landed in Victoria. He grew up in a province on the south-east coast of China called Guangdong where generations of his family had survived repeated famines by fishing.

Though he couldn't swim, Hsu knew that no matter how harsh conditions might be, the sea provided food.

When he learned Lucy was pregnant, he took what little gold he'd managed to hide from thieves and set off for the coast in late summer.

With the help of Lucy's family the two made it safely to Yale before continuing on their own in a canoe provided by her father.

After a leisurely honeymoon spent along the banks of the lower Fraser, Hsu and his pregnant wife landed in New Westminster a week later.

The year was 1864.

(To be continued.)

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Pet Talk causes 'angst'

Dear Editor,

I'm also emailing Mr. Wade regarding his article, but wanted to express my "angst" to the Harbour in general.

I'm an RN who has been fortunate enough in my 46-year career to have worked along the way for several veterinarians.

I'm a little upset by the innuendo that the vets are only interested in the cash flow.

I suspect that when anyone enters their physicians' office, they don't think "ka-ching" — probably because we are fortunate enough to enjoy universal health care and therefore don't see the amount of their bill.

Except for the folk who purchase health care policies for their pets, the public supports the veterinarian.

I never met a vet who thought "Gee, I can really gouge the public in this profession."

However, all of their expenses are paid by the vet and surprise, surprise — they don't have government subsidies.

I don't know if Mr. Wade is a member of the group that consider pets "just an animal" that doesn't rate first class health care.

I believe pets have a soul and spirit like the rest of us and have never

denied my animals a thing during their lifetimes.

I don't understand how Mr Wade automatically assumes that when treating a constipated cat (which is as painful for them as it is for the humans that come into our ER with the same problem) that the vet is more concerned with the amount of the bill than the state of the animal.

I also wonder what qualifications Mr. Wade has that allow him the right to suggest health care for animals.

I don't see any medical letters after his name but his attitude doesn't fit any vet I ever met.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. P. MacQueen, RN



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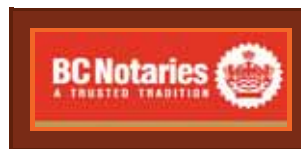
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JULY 23 TO AUGUST 23 (LEO)

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant, but these characteristics often hide a preoccupation with licking themselves. Another typical Leo attribute: they are usually very flexible.

AUG. 24-SEPT. 23 (VIRGO)

Virgos value knowledge highly. They make good teachers and advisers while avoiding positions of high power. Often shy, Virgos hide their sensitivity under a self-controlled surface and overt sexual delinquency. A 2006 survey revealed 86 per cent of Canadian exotic entertainers were Virgos.

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Allium sativum, commonly known as garlic, is a close relative of the onion, shallot, leek, chive, and rakkyo.

Garlic has been used throughout history for both culinary and medicinal purposes. The garlic plant's bulb is the most commonly used part of the plant.

With the exception of the single clove types, the bulb is divided into numerous fleshy sections called cloves. The cloves are used for cloning, consumption (raw or cooked), or for medicinal purposes, and have a characteristic pungent, spicy flavor that mellows and sweetens considerably with cooking.

The leaves and flowers (bulbils) on the head (spathe) are also edible, and being milder in flavor than the bulbs, they are most often consumed while immature and still tender. Additionally, the immature flower stalks (scapes) of the hardneck and elephant types are sometimes marketed for uses similar to asparagus in stir-fries.

The papery, protective layers of "skin" over various parts of the plant are generally discarded during preparation for most culinary uses, though in Korea immature

whole heads are sometimes prepared with the tender skins intact. The root cluster attached to the basal plate of the bulb is the only part not typically considered palatable in any form.



Garlic is grown globally, but China is by far the largest producer of garlic, with approximately 10.5 million tonnes (23 billion pounds) annually, accounting for over 77 per cent of world output.

India (4.1 per cent) and South Korea (2 per cent) follow, with Russia (1.6 per cent) in fourth place and the United States (where garlic is grown primarily as a cash crop in every state except for Alaska) in fifth place (1.4 per cent).

Much of the garlic production in the United States is centered on Gilroy, California, which calls itself the "garlic capital of the world."

Pender Harbour hopes to claim that title after its own garlic festival on Aug. 28 and 29.

~Source: Wikipedia.com

AUGUST WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average August daily high temperature is 21 C and our average daily low is 14.6 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 17.7 C. August averages 22 days with temperatures above 18 C, and the highest August temperature recorded is 32.2 C (Aug. 4, 1961); the lowest is 8.9 C (Aug. 18, 1973).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

August averages seven days with rainfall and a total of 38.1 mm for the month (the lowest of the year). The highest daily rainfall recorded in August was 42.4 mm (Aug. 4, 1962). August has an average of 275.3 hours of bright sunshine.

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Golf course hums with activity

By Jan Watson



MEN'S CLUB

The men completed their interclub matches at home with a win over Myrtle Point by nine points, but lost overall as they were well beaten last month in the away match at Powell River.

A money ball tournament on July 6 saw each team start with two coloured balls and each team member takes it in turn to use a coloured ball.

If both balls are lost then the team is out of the competition.

The winners were Alex Kerr, John Cameron and Gerry Reiter with a combined score of 160. Kps on No. 3 was Garry Noble and on No. 6 it was Bob Ducich.

A Stableford July 19 saw Wayne Babcock take the victory with 40 points. Kps on No. 3 was Peter Kenny and closest to the pin on No. 6 was Lorne Campbell.

LADIES CLUB

The ladies played the home leg of the interclub with Sunshine Coast Club on July 5 and won by eight points.

But it was not enough as they had lost the match in Roberts Creek by a larger margin.

On July 12 they lost their home leg of the match against Sechelt to go with a previous loss in Sechelt.

With most of the ladies sporting red for Canada Day, July 1 was a novelty scramble with winners Denise Jones, Heather Cranston and Kathy Needham scoring 80.

Wendy Simmonds, Linda

Klikach and Anita Caspersen won the team low net on July 8 with a score of 60.

Ladies Steak Night and Scramble on July 9 was a fun night, as usual, with the winning team (Reni Ducich, Nora Brooks, Kathy Bergman and Debbie Warburton) shooting a 34.

It was a beautiful evening and the golf was followed by a lovely dinner on the deck.

MONDAY MIXED TWILIGHT SCRAMBLES

On July 5, seven teams competed

and the winning scramblers were Fred Baldwin, Blake Priebe, Gloria Wetmore and Doreen Stark with 34.

July 12 saw six teams out and the winners were Jamie Tufford, Jan Watson and Bob Alexander with 35.

Kps on No. 3 was Jan Dean and Rod Springman and on No. 6 it was Bob Alexander.

On July 19 there were six teams and the winners were Bob Reed, Rob Metcalfe, John and Doreen Stark with 34, Kps on No. 3 was Bob Ducich and on No. 6, George Grout.

P. H. LEGION TOURNAMENT

The Legion tournament on July 17 was a fun event with the winners Kirk Mackie, Glen Higgins and Lorne Campbell shooting 33.

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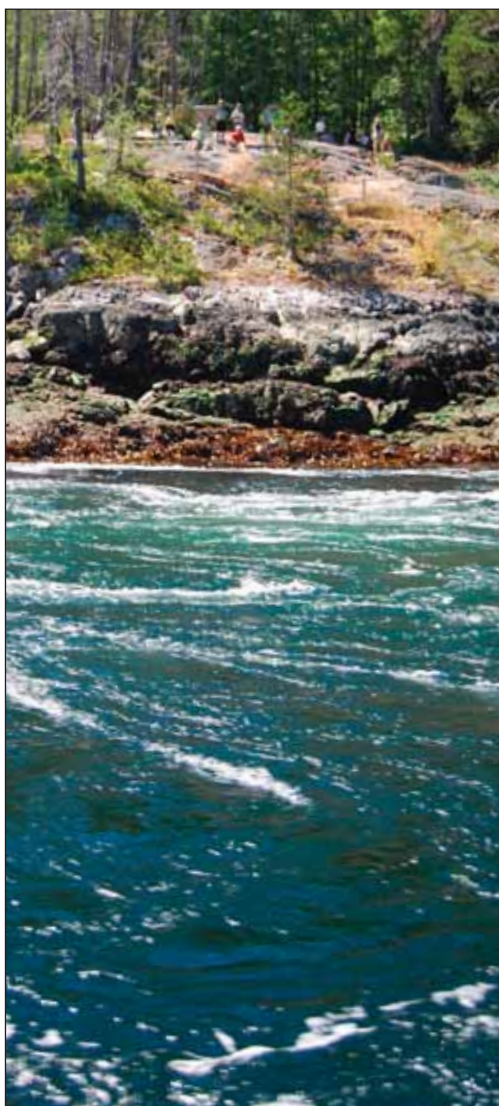
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Pender Harbour Lions Club

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Jennifer Jones

Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve

A big "thank you" to **the many people who responded** to see how I was after my beautiful car was attacked by a runaway boat! Thanks also to the ambulance attendants: **Sherryl, Val and Becky**.

We shall miss all our many Harbour friends but hope to visit them from time to time.

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Big money investors re-energize the Coast



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By Alan Stewart

Last month, my father sent me an article by real estate “guru” Ozzie Jurock which promoted the value of Sunshine

Coast Real Estate.

It was published in Westcoast Homes & Design, an insert magazine that featured a paragraph or two on the major areas of the Sunshine Coast.

Titled “Paradise a ferry ride away,” it touched on home values and lifestyles the areas offered.

Before launching into a description of what defined Keats Island, Gibsons, Sechelt and Pender Harbour, Jurock wrote:

“People used to buy here because it was cheap. Now they buy because it is special — many even willing to pay a premium to live here... The Coast has not seen the huge price increases that its nearby neighbour, Vancouver, is experiencing and waterfront is (well, almost) cheap again.”

Jurock summarized his article with,

“We have always liked the Coast. A fantastic retirement area,

where stress and cell phones seem to be replaced by smells of gardens, barbecues and relaxed living.”

That should get the phones ringing.

It’s these kinds of promotional editorials that refocus the attention of the masses in the Lower Mainland on our area and all it has to offer.

Having lived on the North Shore for the better part of my life I can attest to the fact that except for the odd high school basketball excursion, the Sunshine Coast was primarily just the shorter ferry line we looked at enviously while we waited for the next

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Whether it's the attention of the press on the virtues of the area or some other factor driving savvy investors back to the Sunshine Coast, high-end buyers are leading the pack in purchasing on the Coast and the trickle-down effect is undeniable.

Between 2006 and 2009, the number of luxury properties selling for above \$1 million has remained very stable at between three per cent and 4.5 per cent of the total sales on the Sunshine Coast.

This year to date that number has increased to six per cent of total sales, double the percentage of 2009.

Of the 14 sales over \$1 million, Pender Harbour has realized three, Halfmoon Bay five, Sechelt one, Roberts Creek two and Gibsons two.

So, while Pender Harbour, Halfmoon Bay and Roberts Creek have been lagging well behind Gibsons and Sechelt in the volume of sales this year, their high end markets are recovering nicely.

Fully 12 per cent of the sales in those areas have sold for \$1 million-plus.

From 2003 to 2007, real estate values in general in these traditionally recreation and retirement areas increased disproportionately to the rest of the market as a result of high end sales in the neighbourhood.

Conventional family homes which shared the same street name with high end waterfront homes in Pender Harbour raced skywards and suddenly found themselves valued on par with homes in Sechelt, a market generally worth 15-20 per cent more.

Over the past two years those houses which were riding the coattails of the million-dollar waterfront homes have had to reduce prices dramatically

to affect sales.

With luck, the interest in luxury properties will also revitalize the lower end of the market.

When it comes to the amount of inventory available at over \$1 million, sellers have to appreciate that it is still a very competitive segment of the market.

While there have been 14 sales over \$1 million this year, there are 79 properties offered for sale.

That's a list to sell ratio of 15 per cent.

Compare that to the rest of the market where 32 per cent of houses listed have sold.

So the message to high-end sellers is the same as to the rest of the market: check your value against comparable properties offered for sale and be sure that your home offers the best value.

Oh, and if you have friends in the press, why not suggest they write a nice editorial piece on the unsurpassed

quality of life and the exceptional real estate value offered here on the Sunshine Coast?

And Ozzie, if you are reading this, thanks for getting the message out!

Please send any suggestions for story lines to alan@sunshinecoasthomes.com.

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What you need to know if you are taking blood thinners

*Compiled by P. H. Health Centre
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We all look forward to this time of year and part of summer's appeal is the variety of fresh greens and vegetables available from the garden.

But for some, the increased intake of vitamin K in foods from the garden can cause problems.

Folks who take warfarin (Coumadin) might find fluctuations in the results of their international normalized ratio (INR) blood tests.

This month's article is aimed at helping those on warfarin enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of their labour, with minimal fluctuations in their INR level.

WARFARIN

Warfarin is a medication used to reduce the formation of blood clots.

It is prescribed for conditions such as irregular heartbeat, artificial heart valves, clotting in the veins, post heart attack and stroke.

Too much warfarin may lead to serious bleeding and too little will not prevent clotting.

To prevent this from occurring, your doctor will request that you have frequent blood (INR) tests.

Your doctor will determine the range of INR that is right for you and decide how frequently it should be checked.

You should take your medication at the same time everyday, and store it in a cool dry place (i.e. not in the bathroom cabinet).

There are many factors that can affect your INR including illness, heavy alcohol consumption and use of herbs and supplements.

Common over-the-counter products that can affect your INR are



Aspirin, Tylenol, ibuprofen (including Motrin, Advil, Aleve etc.) and herbs such as ginkgo, danshen and devil's claw.

All of these can increase the effect of warfarin so you need to discuss this first with your doctor.

VITAMIN K

Vitamin K helps our blood clot.

Therefore an increase in Vitamin K will cause warfarin to be less effective leading to possible complications.

The best way to avoid these problems is to keep the vitamin K content of your diet consistent.

You shouldn't avoid vitamin K rich foods but simply ensure that the content in your diet remains consistent.

Should you introduce big changes

to your diet, you should inform your doctor.

OTHER SUMMER CONSIDERATIONS

Summer is also a time where we engage in new activities that may result in injury.

Be aware of injuries that result in new bruising and bleeding.

Continue to use soft toothbrushes and brush softly, as well use an electric razor if possible.

If you have any bruising or bleeding concerns, contact your family doctor as soon as possible.

If you have to see any other health care providers like specialists, emergency room physicians, dentists or pharmacists etc., make sure to tell them you are taking warfarin.

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PENDER HARBOUR CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The sixth Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival, held Aug. 20 - 22, promises to offer another weekend of sublime chamber music.

Beginning with the musicians' gift to the community, Friday afternoon's "Chamber Music Doesn't Bite" will present a wide variety of music to please every taste.

On opening night, we celebrate the 200th anniversaries of two pivotal romantic composers, Frederik Chopin and Robert Schumann. Saturday afternoon has the Gryphon Trio performing Beethoven's "Archduke" Trio in B-flat major, the crowning masterpiece of his cycle of piano trios. It will be followed by Trio Verlaine playing Debussy's evocative Sonata for flute, viola and harp.

In what promises to be an enlightening and entertaining Intermezzo event late Saturday afternoon, we will be treated to an interview of Canadian-born violinist Corey Cerovsek by CBC's Bill Richardson. It is only appropriate that Cerovsek will play the first piece of the evening event, Bach's Partita No. 3 in E major, showcasing the technical capability of the violin as a solo instrument.

On Sunday afternoon, the audience will be treated to works by the Spanish composer Joaquin Turina and by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla, whose unique style of jazz-influenced music has been referred to as "nuevo tango."

The last two offerings are by Saint-Saëns, including his best known work, the playful and entertaining "Carnival of the Animals," narrated by Bill Richardson. It is sure to be a great finale to the weekend.

PENDER HARBOUR GARLIC FESTIVAL

There'll be music, festivities, food, garlic and more music on the Aug. 28 - 29 weekend at the Pender Harbour Lion's Park. On Saturday, performers will be Penny Lang from 11 a.m. to noon, 12 to 2 p.m. is TBA, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. is Gaetan and the French Connection, 4 to 6 p.m. is Cat in the Middle, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters and closing it out from 8 to 10 p.m. are The Shrugs.

On Sunday we'll have Penny Lang 11 a.m. to noon again, noon to 2 p.m. Joe Stanton and the Precious Littles, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. is Angie McCauley and Dave Groom, and finally from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. is Katie and the Cornpones.

There'll be plenty of garlicky food, vendors and fun. Come on out and support the Pender Harbour Lions and this first of (hopefully) many future garlic festivals.



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Sinclair Bay: A who's who of Hoo-Hoos (Harbour Spiel, May 1996)

By Al Lloyd



The bay got its name from Bertrand William Sinclair, Bill Sinclair as he was known to those who were fortunate enough

to be acquainted with him.

Bill was born in Scotland in 1881 and moved with his family to the Northwest Territories at the age of eight (at that time the Northwest Territories was everything west of Manitoba to the Rockies).

They settled in Regina — Pile of Bones as it was known locally — and at that time cattle were replacing the buffalo as farmers from the south pushed onto the fertile plains with their herds of longhorns.

Before Bill reached his teens he was tending a small herd and at the age of 14 he decided to go on his own.

He rode south and found work as a cowboy in the Billings area of Montana.

There he met Betty Bower, an author of cowboy novels who had success with her book *Chip of the Flying U*.

Bill decided that if a woman could write about cowboys, he could too.

A brief attendance at Stanford University polished up his English (he had little prior schooling).

For some years he wrote novels and short stories for the pulp magazines of the day on the cowboy life.

Before World War I he moved to the BC coast and wrote novels of the area like *Big Timber* and *Down the Dark Alley*.

He acquired a boat, the *Hoo-Hoo*, and explored the coast, gathering material as he went.

His writing was going well and it provided him with the finances to convert the *Hoo-Hoo* into a troller.

It seemed that the life on the water and the fishing was crowding out the writing.

Much of Bill's writing reflected his opposition to war and its waste of life and effort.

I am not sure when Bill Sinclair, with his wife Ora, finally moved to Pender Harbour but he was well established by 1943.

(Editor's note: According to Betty Keller's *Pender Harbour*

Cowboy, Sinclair purchased a three-acre lot in Pender Harbour in 1923.)

His boat *Hoo-Hoo*, with an owl painted on the steady sail, was part of the off-season Harbour scene.

Bill had a great gift of friendship. He was always ready for new ideas, new people, new adventures and a drink of whiskey. He had a great

voice and with the advent of the radio-telephone on fishing boats, he would broadcast news and views in his inimitable way to his fellow fishermen.

Bill lived to be 91 and his passing left a real gap in the fabric of the local and coastal fishing community.

Twenty-five years after his death, he is still fondly remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

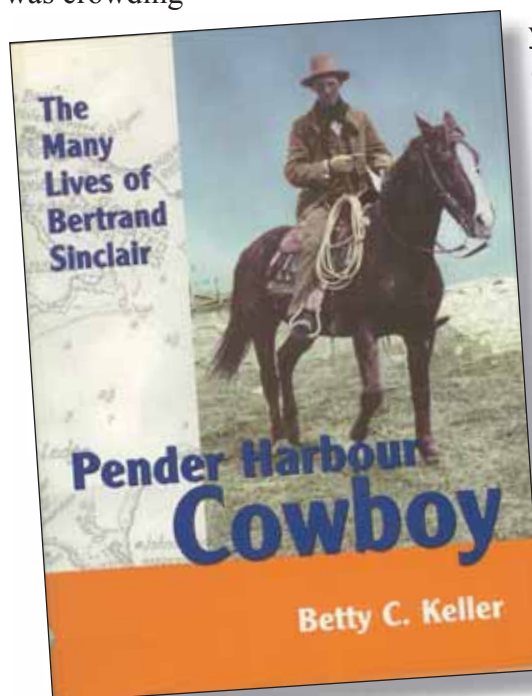
Seems they just don't make many people like Bill... pity.

Betty Keller's 2000 book, *Pender Harbour Cowboy*, is a well-researched and very interesting history of Ber-

trand Sinclair's life.

Pender Harbour figures prominently in the book offering a fascinating history of the area as it does Sinclair himself.

Pender Harbour Cowboy is available at local bookstores.



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Water polo set to make a splash on the Sunshine Coast



One of the organizers of the recently formed Sunshine Coast Water Polo club says he's overwhelmed by the early enthusiasm shown for the sport on the Coast.

"We were hoping to bring out a few people just to throw the ball around," says Darren Molder.

"Then suddenly we had people showing up who had played as kids in countries like Argentina and Bulgaria."

The club was launched back in March and has attracted players from Pender Harbour to Gibsons but has been practising out of the Sechelt Aquatic Centre.

An annual maintenance closure at the pool forced them to Trout Lake

where they've been practising every Tuesday evening since the start of July.

The idea first came about when Molder ran into another player at the Sechelt pool from the Vancouver league he used to play in.

Both now live on the Coast and were eager to find out if there was anyone else interested in playing.

"We met to throw the ball around a few times, spoke with the aquatic programmer and then put some posters up at the pool," says Molder.

"Pretty soon we had a dozen people showing up to play. Some had played, some hadn't but everyone was having a good time and in no time at all we had something that looked like

water polo."

Molder says he hopes they might eventually attend games in Vancouver or Powell River.

Molder says there's a similar recreational club in Powell River and thinks it would be great to set up the odd fun game with the other Sunshine Coast team.

But he says they can still use more people.

"Not everyone can make it out every week so we really need a few more bodies to keep the scrimmages healthy."

Men's water polo was the first Olympic team sport, appearing in 1900 but women's Olympic water polo didn't appear until 100 years

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Before one of the club members built a regulation-sized floating net, the team had been shooting at traffic cones set up as goals at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre.

later at the 2000 Sydney games.

The sport is extremely popular in Europe especially in eastern European countries such as Hungary.

In recent years the sport has seen rising popularity in North America and is considered the fastest growing intercollegiate sport in the US.

A teams consists of seven players including a goalie. Play involves swimming while advancing the ball towards the opponents' goal. Players

are only allowed to touch the ball with one hand and fouls are common.

Goals are scored by shooting into a net defended by a goalie.

The sport has strong similarities to the land-based game of team handball but is often compared to ice hockey for its use of penalty "power play" situations.

Molder says the club is still looking for a few more people and any aquatic minded individuals, male or

female (ages 15 and up), with moderate swimming skills are encouraged to come out and give it a try.

The group will resume weekly practices at the pool in September but for now the club is meeting every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. at Trout Lake.

For more information, contact-Darren Molder at (604) 885-5200.



Without enough people to make two teams, players had to draft this pooch. Surprisingly, dogs make able defenders but they can't shoot very well.



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Exiled on Shane street: Lament of an analogue junkie

By Shane McCune



Technology keeps giving us new and better ways to enjoy music. Well, new ones, anyway.

Take Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag." Written at the end of the 19th century, it was the first instrumental to sell a million copies of sheet music.

In 1916 Joplin recorded it on a player piano roll, and one of his biographers says it was recorded for phonograph six times in each of the three decades following its publication.

It was revived yet again on the soundtrack of the 1969 film *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and has never really gone away.

So it is possible to imagine a wizened ragtime enthusiast who has, over the decades, listened to "Maple Leaf Rag" on piano roll, Edison cylinder, wax platter, 78-rpm acetate, 45-rpm single, long-playing vinyl, eight-track cartridge, audio cassette, compact disc and MP3.

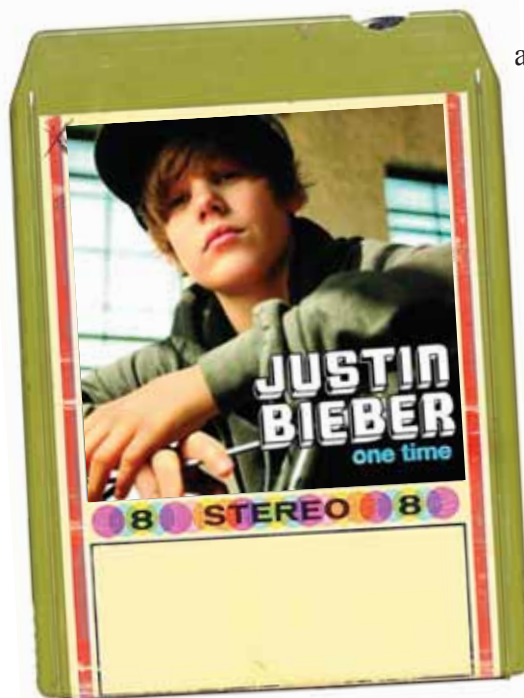
Which makes me feel a little less foolish for buying the Rolling Stones' *Exile on Main Street* again. It's the third version I've owned: The original 1972 vinyl double album, a 1994 remastered single CD and now a remastered and expanded double CD.

This may be the last time (to quote an earlier Stones song) that I shell out for this minor classic but I can't say for sure. As a music lover I'm a hostage to technology and my own tastes, and both are evolving along high- and low-tech paths.

Come to think of it, the idea of remastering *Exile* is almost perverse, because the album is known for its grungy sound. But those extra songs? I had to have them.

"Why do you even buy CDs anymore?" asks a friend whose music purchases are now almost exclusively MP3 downloads.

Of course I reply that CDs have about 10 times more digital information than the highly compressed files available online, yielding richer sound quality. But I can't afford the kind of audiophile equipment that would make the most of those ones and zeroes. Besides, once I unwrap a CD I immediately transfer it to my iPod in compressed form.



The truth is I just like my music in a tangible package. I still have the LP owner's habit of poring over an album's cover art and liner notes while I play it. You don't get those if you download *Exile* from Apple's iTunes store, although you do get a few alternate takes and videos that aren't on the CD.

But then you're buying a low-fi copy of a hi-fi copy remastered from a low-fi version. Kind of makes the head spin at 78 rpm, doesn't it?

In late 2007 the U.K. band Radiohead announced it would let fans download its *In Rainbows* album for whatever they felt it was worth. Sales revenues were never divulged, but the experiment was abandoned after three months and has not been repeated.

A few months later Neil Young unveiled an utterly opposite marketing strategy: Releasing his entire catalogue on Blu-ray Disc, starting with a 10-disc box covering 1963-1972, available from his website for \$300.

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AND ANOTHER THING...

Young has railed for years against digital recording, which he once likened to looking at a painting through a screen door. But he reserves a special scorn for MP3s and iPods, which he says have reduced the quality of recordings to “Fisher-Price toy” levels.

“Apple has taken a detour down the convenience highway,” he was quoted as saying. “Quality has taken a complete backseat — if it even gets in the car at all.”

He hoards analogue tape, recording over old material that didn’t make the grade. That may sound odd for a guy committing his life’s work to Blu-ray, but Young said the inevitable development of high-quality formats won’t do much good if the source material is inferior.

“That’s why these records have got to be re-mastered from the analogue originals every time there’s an improvement.”

For now, though, the compressed recordings and shoddy earbuds of iPods are reducing music to “wallpaper,” he said.

True, especially when music players are designed to shuffle songs at random or create playlists based on algorithms, instead of playing albums in order.

But then a lot of people are happy with wallpaper. They don’t want to sit quietly through a Lil Wayne or Lady Gaga album, listening intently to the lyrics, harmonies or drum fills. They regard pop music not as art, but as an upbeat soundtrack to the daily routine.

Me too, sometimes. I use the Genius function on my iPod to serve as a DJ when I’m busy driving or washing the dishes, just as I often use the shuffle function on my living room CD player.

I also listen intently to some albums all the way through — you just don’t put Joni Mitchell or Miles Davis on shuffle — and I invested in half-decent earphones to get as much out of the music as possible.

So I empathize with both camps. I understand how those who love their handy iPods might think Young is being unrealistic. But there’s compromising for the sake of convenience, and then there’s listening to music and watching movies on a cell phone.

Really? You’re watching a *phone*? Dad just knocked out a wall to install a 500-inch high-def flat

screen and you’re squinting at a screen the size of Dick Tracy’s two-way wrist TV circa 1964?

If you’re happy with that sound quality, you might be interested in a crystal-powered Rocket radio from the same era.

Or maybe a turntable. Somewhere out there music lovers are learning the tactile pleasure of lowering a stylus onto vinyl and bathing in the

warm, organic sound of analogue pop (with a little analogue snap and crackle thrown in).

In the U.S. LP sales have soared from about 850,000 in 2006 to 2.5 million in 2009. And these aren’t just old farts like me grokking on Hot Tuna or Quicksilver Messenger Service.

Radiohead topped the 2009 vinyl chart with nearly 48,000 LPs sold. And while Michael Jackson, the Beatles and Bob Dylan made the top 10, so did Wilco, Animal Collective and Bon Iver.

Maybe I will buy one more copy of *Exile on Main Street* — when they remaster the vinyl.



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Books might save us from what the internet is



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By Theresa Kishkan

First of all, a confession: because I'm immersed in a writing project which requires a great deal of research, I haven't read any current novels or cook books or works of history to review this month. What I have read is fascinating to me but somehow I don't imagine that *Birds of the Early Explorers in the North Pacific*, self-published in 1968 by Theed Pearse, or a monograph on the 16th century Danish artist Melchior Lorck would be very interesting to anyone else.

But I've been thinking a great deal about books, and reading, and the future of both. There is much debate these days about e-books and e-publishers and whether they will supplant their more traditional counterparts. Everyone has an opinion. The magazines that I read regularly publish articles about the end (or the survival) of books and there are always heated exchanges in the letters columns offering pretty convincing arguments both for and against.

A new book by Nicholas Carr, *The Shallows: What The Internet is Doing To Our Brains*, engages this topic by suggesting that printed books focus attention and the internet encourages rapid distracted sampling. He consults neuroscientists who suggest that the new technologies literally reroute our neural pathways.

I live in a house filled with

books. Sometimes it seems that every spare surface has a stack of them waiting to find a place on the shelves.

Reference books, facsimiles of Shakespeare's plays, and old periodicals keep company with current field guides and novels.

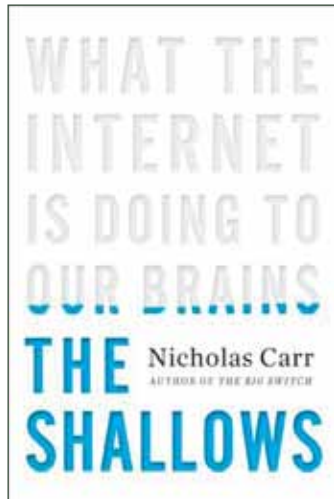
But I use the internet for research too and welcome its increasingly democratic accessibility to materials. Repositories of archival photographs and documents provide citizens with online access to their holdings; our own library system also offers interlibrary loans which allow library patrons borrowing rights to extensive collections. It is truly wonderful to look at resources from museums and libraries all over the world in my small study in the woods near Saki-naw Lake.

Still, there's nothing like bookstores to inspire reading. We're lucky on the Sunshine Coast to have

wonderful independent bookstores. My favourites are Talewind Books in Sechelt and Bluewaters Books in Madeira Park. The owners and staff are friendly and knowledgeable about their stock. They know their customers too. Both stores support the local literary community by featuring the books of resident authors and by hosting

events to introduce their new books to potential readers. As both an author and a reader, I'm grateful for this kind of support. Most chain bookstores operate on a different business model and while of course that business is primarily books, the focus is not as personal and community-oriented.

Not long ago, I asked Bev Shaw



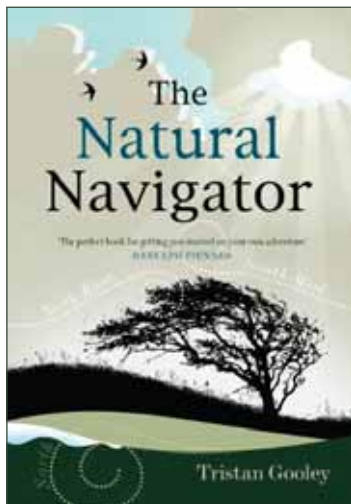
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at Talewind Books about *The Natural Navigator*, by Tristan Gooley. I'd read a review of it in a British magazine and it sounded terrific — an exploration of the use of nature's signposts to find one's way in the world.

Why not just rely on GPS, you might wonder? Well, yes, but the notion that you can find north by looking at puddles and determine wind direction by studying spider-webs is intriguing. The book was only available in hardcover, Bev told me, and it was expensive in North America. I decided to wait for the paperback. So imagine my delight when she called me upon her return from a trip to England to say she'd found a copy in a London bookstore and brought it back for me as a gift! (I'll review this book later.)

I recently spent part of a morning browsing in Bluewaters Books and was impressed with how bright the space is and how extensive the stock. I made notes of books I'd like to read in the near future — *Summertime*, a new novel by J.M. Coetzee; the beautiful *Voyages of Discovery: A Visual Celebration of Ten of the Greatest Natural History Expeditions* by Dr. Tony Rice; *Canada's Weather*

by Chris St. Clair; the 2010 edition of *Had A Glass*, a guide to inexpensive wines by the irrepressible Kenji Hodgson and James Nevison; a series of kids' books, novels in cartoons, by Jeff Kinney called *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*; and *Charlie: A Home Child's Life in Canada* by Beryl Young, looking at the history of 90,000 child immigrants to Canada between 1870 and 1938.



And I bought something at Bluewaters Books which sort of bridges the chasm between the books of the past and books of the future: Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species: A Graphic Adaptation* by Michael Keller, illustrated by Nicolle Rager Fuller. I've just dipped into this but can say that Darwin's lan-

guage and ideas are presented in an innovative format with gorgeous illustrations, helpful maps, and charts to elucidate his discoveries and theories.

Weekly we hear about independent booksellers having to close shop because of the arrival of the big box stores or the prevalence of online sales.

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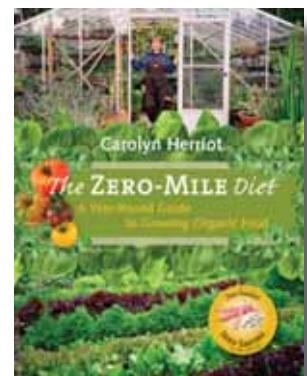
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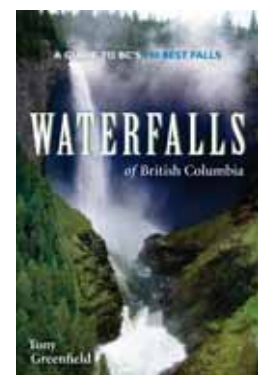
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AUGUST

- Sat. July 31.....Big Book Sale - Pender Harbour Reading Room
 Sat. Aug. 7.....Davyd Oram paints Mural #3 - Egmont Heritage Centre, 11- 5 p.m. (BBQ/beer garden 1-5)
 Sun. Aug. 8.....Pender Harbour Show and Shine - Garden Bay Pub, all day
 Mon. Aug. 9.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Thurs. Aug. 12-15.....Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts - Rockwood Centre (Sechelt), various times
 Sat. Aug. 14.....P. H. Legion serves Chinese dinner with live music by Skinny Jimmy - P. H. Legion
 Sat. Aug. 14.....Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate course - Pilothouse Marina
 Fri. Aug. 20-22.....Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival - P. H. School of Music, various times
 Fi. Aug. 20.....Author Trish Thompson - Bluewaters Books, 1 p.m.
 Mon. Aug. 23.....P. H. Food Bank pick up - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Sat. Aug. 28 & 29.....Pender Harbour Garlic Festival - P. H. Lions Park, 11a.m. start both days
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Deep Thoughts . . .

If a kid asks where rain comes from, I think a cute thing to tell him is 'God is crying.' And if he asks why God is crying, another cute thing to tell him is, 'Probably because of something you did.'

— Jack Handey

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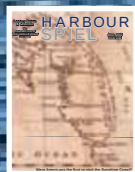
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