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editorial

Seeing through the trees

By Brian Lee



Who doesn't enjoy cashing in one of our rare days of winter sunshine to get out for a drive?

We don't get around as much in the winter and it's worth a look to see what changes took place during our hibernation.

For the past year or so I've been noticing how much the forest bordering local roads has matured to expose contours of land previously hidden from view by the lower vegetation of immature trees.

For anyone with a curiosity for what lies beyond the green curtain, it can be distracting — especially on a sunny day as the filtered light reveals a massive tree trunk or a home previously obscured.

It's especially so in the winter when the deciduous plants bordering the treeline are bare and sightlines extend hundreds of metres from the road.

But it has exposed something else too.

I can't help but notice there seems to be an alarming level of poverty peeking out from leafless stands of salmon-berry and alder.

Homes that seem barely habitable or trailers that would look abandoned if not for the smoke rising from a chimney or moisture collected on a window.

The past few years have widened the gulf between those with and those without and it's clear that many in our community are suffering.

Some may not even seem marginalized but if you could look at their bank account, you would understand there is a growing number whose only hope for a worry-free retirement is an early exit.

In other words, if their health holds out during their senior years, their

money won't.

A recent study conducted by CIBC economists suggests poverty in retirement is going to get worse.

The study found that among Canadians between the ages of 25 and 64 today who earn less than \$100,000 a year, 5.8 million of us will experience a decline in our standard of living at retirement of more than 20 per cent.

That figure climbs to 30 per cent for those in their late 20s or early 30s.

The study concludes that much of that decline owes to the fact that they entered the job market at a time when private pension plans are scarce.

And, as Tony Parsons reminds us each evening, Canadians aren't saving enough.

In a community whose main industry is retirement, it poses a potential problem.

But poverty isn't restricted to those past the working age.

A quick glance through reports by the Sunshine Coast Youth Action and Awareness committee shows that, at any given time, our community hosts a number of school age kids not living with their parents or with "inadequate shelter."

Local church groups, the food bank and Rotary have been working for years to offset these problems but others tend to dismiss them as isolated cases of laziness or drug abuse.

While this may sometimes be the case, it's hard to ignore that the problem is growing.

And soon the leaves will return.

Poverty will once again retreat from view as we resume our facade of a carefree summer resort.

But it's still there, hidden in the bushes, and by next winter we might see more of it.

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P. H. BLUES SOCIETY MARDI GRAS: March 9, 9 p.m.

In what's becoming an annual kickoff to spring, the Pender Harbour Blues Society presents its Mardi Gras Dance featuring Cannery Row on March 9. Doors of the Pender Harbour Community Hall open at 8:30 p.m. and there will be prizes for best costumes. Tickets are available at the Garden Bay Pub, the Copper Sky Gallery and Cafe and Strait Music.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS ARCHIE FISHER: March 10, 2 p.m.

Master guitarist, singer and songwriter Archie Fisher is Scotland's foremost troubadour and is known throughout the country as the host of BBC Radio Scotland's award-winning *Travelling Folk* show, which he has presented for over 25 years. He's returning to Pender Harbour to perform once again at the P. H. School of Music on March 10.

JOE STANTON AT THE GARDEN BAY PUB: March 30, 8 p.m.

Live music is rarer than tourists this time of year so take advantage of Joe Stanton's performance at the Garden Bay Pub on Saturday, March 30. Ask him to play his tasty instrumental cover of *Ghost Riders in the Sky*.

photojournal



Heather Rule photo

The audience attending the Feb. 8 School of Music Coffehouse was treated to original compositions and jazz standards performed by the complementary pairing of Kenneth Norman Johnson and Jena Crozier. Crozier is an up-and-coming alto on the Coast and Johnson is an accomplished local composer, pianist and recording artist.

Mixal Lake algae bloom a 'scientific curiosity'

"Yuck. What is that?"

It's a question drivers passing Garden Bay's Mixal Lake have been asking since early January about the brown slime coating the lake's normally clear surface.

Initially, a number of Garden Bay residents claimed it was the lake's natural cycle of "turnover" — the annual event in which stratified layers of sediment react to changes in seasonal temperature and mix.

"It's algae," say a handful of experts who have taken a look but none can yet say what type it is and why it's lingered for so long.

"I've never seen it before — I've seen lots of algae blooms on lakes but this is a weird time of year," says Department of Fisheries and Oceans biologist Grant McBain.

"It's more a scientific curiosity."

Biologist Dr. Michael Jackson says algae blooms are common natural occurrences but this one seems exceptional.

"It does seem very odd as normally these things come and go pretty quickly," says Jackson.

"I definitely think it needs some investigation although it doesn't seem to be doing any great damage."

Jackson says our relatively mild winter could have facilitated conditions to support an early blooming algae but also warns it could be influenced by non-natural causes.

"More worrying is that it might be something to do with some kind of nutrient enrichment getting in there and that is something that would definitely need to be explored," says Jackson.

Jackson says nutrient enrichment can occur by sewage contamination or by a release of plant fertilizer.

Vancouver Coastal Health drink-



Brian Lee photo

This layer of brown algae has coated the surface of Mixal Lake since mid-January and possibly earlier. Though probably not a cause for alarm, local biologists are curious to learn what is at the root of the lingering bloom.

ing water officer Tim Adams says officials collected a sample on Feb. 20 to rule out the possibility of a spill but didn't expect lab results before press time.

"It doesn't have a real strong sewage smell or hydrocarbon smell

but we're going to get it tested anyways," says Adams.

"It looks organic and it looks natural so we'll look to see if our lab can do an algae test. If not we'll send it to another lab."

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Three suspected poachers nabbed near Ruby Lake

Three people “found unlawfully in possession of three female Roosevelt elk” have been arrested in connection with a suspected poaching incident near Ruby Lake.

At least one resident heard 10 or more gunshots on the evening of Feb. 19.

The next day, conservation officer Murray Smith received a tip that three gutted Roosevelt elk carcasses were concealed beneath branches and foliage just 20 metres from the Sunshine Coast Highway.

A source told the *Harbour Spiel* that at least one of the cows killed was pregnant.

Conservation officers with the assistance of the RCMP arrested three people when they returned to retrieve the elk in the late hours of Feb. 20.

The next morning, on Feb. 21, conservation officers were seen gathering evidence and combing the site with metal detectors



Brian Lee photo

This is all that remained of three slaughtered Roosevelt elk cows near Ruby Lake after conservation officers removed the carcasses. Three people were arrested in connection with the shooting that took place just metres from the highway.

In a written statement delivered to the *Harbour Spiel*, Smith confirmed that two of the people arrested were from Pender Harbour while the third was a Powell River resident.

At press time, the Conservation Officer Service wouldn't confirm if any charges have been recommended in connection to the incident but did say the investigation is ongoing.

news briefs

McNEILL LAKE TIMBER SALE

BC Timber Sales has amended a controversial timber sale near McNeill Lake.

The amendment extends the tender closing date by three weeks to Feb. 28.

In an e-mail to the *Harbour Spiel*, a BCTS spokesperson wrote: “The timber sale area is being amended such that the 1.7 hectare block nearest to McNeill Lake will be deleted from harvesting.

“This will also remove the requirement to modify the tree crowns (pruning) adjacent and build the spur road within this block.”

An organizer of the event said the money from a combination of donations, ticket sales, a 50/50 draw and a silent auction will make up a portion of an estimated \$30,000 required for travel and treatment costs.

DRIVER FAIL

On Feb. 13, RCMP pulled over a southbound vehicle without tail lights on the Sunshine Coast Highway near Francis Peninsula Road.

The driver exhibited signs of possible intoxication, admitted to drinking a couple of beer and was given a roadside alcohol screening test which resulted in two “fail” results.

The driver was issued a 90-day roadside prohibition and his vehicle was impounded.

ISLA SILVEY FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser at the Grasshopper Pub on Feb. 8 raised \$11,134 for the treatment of MPES student Isla Silvey who is suffering from chronic vomiting syndrome.

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Just how big can a boat get before it can't get through Canoe Pass? Bigger than this one, of course, but this photographer couldn't resist getting his camera out anyway. Just in case.



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Is it art? A statement about roadside garbage? Some effort was involved to install pieces of roadside litter — four, at last count — in lofty branches along the highway near Narrows Road.

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Harbour Publishing brings Douglas & McIntyre to Madeira Park

National media shifted its focus to Madeira Park's Harbour Publishing last month after owners Howard and Mary White announced their purchase of iconic BC book publisher Douglas & McIntyre.

The move essentially rescues the brand and over 500 D&M titles after D&M Publishers Inc. filed for creditor protection last fall.

D&M was based in Vancouver and published under two imprints, Douglas & McIntyre and Greystone Books.

During the reorganization, the imprints were separated and sold as individual entities with Victoria's Heritage House Publishing snapping up Greystone less than two weeks earlier.

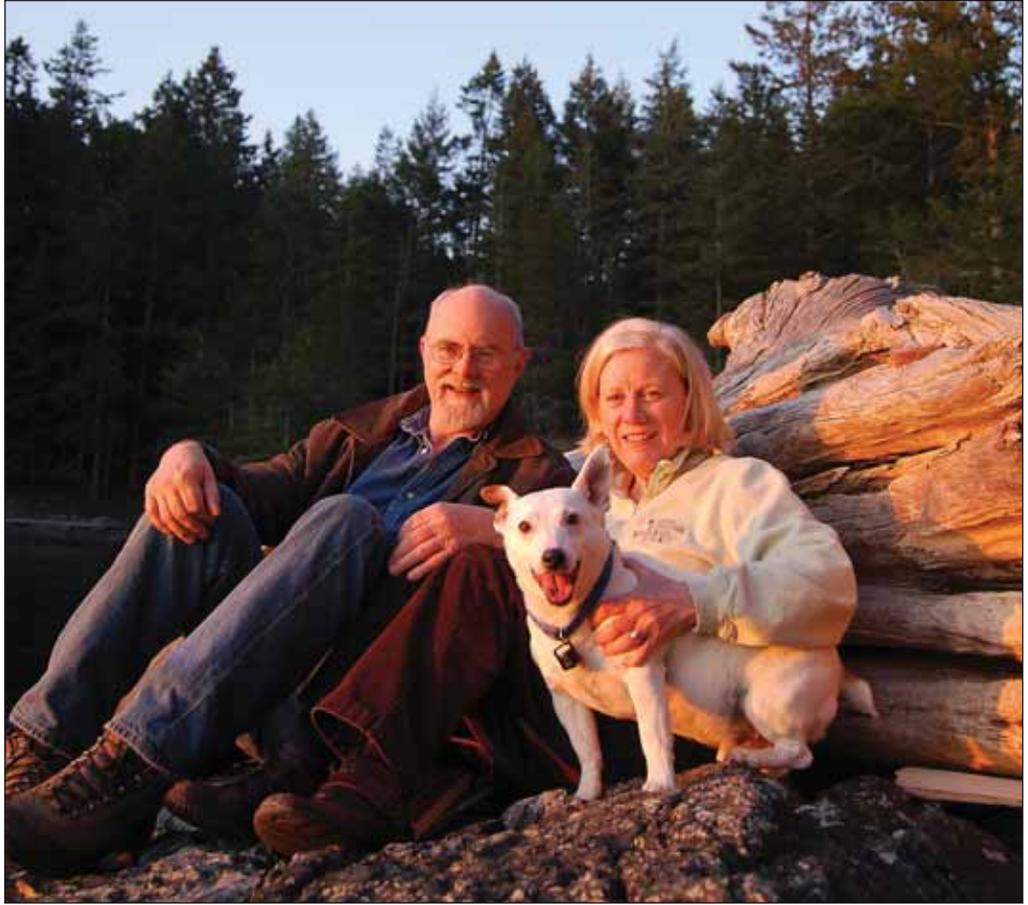
Howard White said it was a sudden turn of events and one he hadn't planned on.

"I would have much rather this happened 10 years ago if it was going to happen," said White.

"I never expected to see the day where Harbour would be in the position to buy D&M which has always been a much bigger and more prestigious press."

White says he acted partly out of a wish to see that D&M's program of publishing valuable BC books continue but he also hopes to leverage financial advantages from the purchase.

"It will be a big financial under-



Brian Lee photo

While most might be thinking about winding down their careers, Beaver Island's Howard and Mary White just nudged the throttle ahead by adding the assets of iconic BC publisher Douglas & McIntyre to their already bustling enterprise.

taking with a big adjustment for us and I hope in the end it will actually work to Harbour's advantage," said White.

"They were better known outside of BC than Harbour is and they have a more developed distribution system outside of BC than Harbour does.

"So we hope we can take a lot of our books that previously only sold in BC and get a wider market for them in eastern Canada and the U.S. and even Europe."

Harbour employs 10 full-time and three part-time staff at its Madeira Park operation.

The purchase effectively doubles the number of titles Harbour Publishing is able to offer including current bestsellers like Richard Wagamese's recent CBC Canada Reads contender, *Indian Horse*.

Though *Indian Horse* lost out in the literary debate, White says it's enjoying good sales from the publicity generated by the program.

But book publishing is largely

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Just some of the 500+ titles Harbour Publishing acquired in a deal to acquire Vancouver-based Douglas & McIntyre.

fuelled from sales of new titles and the purchase of D&M has introduced him to a host of well-known authors.

Despite that, White says he'll proceed cautiously for now and doesn't plan to match D&M's previous publishing output.

"We're going to have to add a couple of staff, maybe three.

"In the short term, probably, they won't be working here — although we might have to add to our production staff because we will be doing more books.

"In the long term, I'd like to consolidate all the staff up here but right now we'll be working with ex-D&M employees who are firmly planted in Vancouver and don't want to move."

White says he will maintain an office in Vancouver that will liaise with Madeira Park but say he's already uncomfortable with the number of ferry trips the transaction has forced him to make.

"Ultimately I don't want to cre-

ate a parallel infrastructure because then all of the economic advantages that we're looking to get would be negated."

The Douglas & McIntyre imprint dates back to 1971 when the original publishing company was cofounded by Jim Douglas and Scott McIntyre.

The Douglas & McIntyre list of

books includes Giller prize-winning novel *The Sentimentalists* by Johanna Skibsrud, and *British Columbia: A New Historical Atlas* by Derek Hayes.

Other titles included in the sale are works by such eminent Canadian authors as Emily Carr, Bill Reid, Wayson Choy, Doris Shadbolt, Wade Davis, Bill Richardson, Douglas Coupland, Will Ferguson and others.



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Local swim team Harbour Seals having a breakout year

The handsome coaching staff of the Pender Harbour Seals swim club drew up a busy schedule to start 2013 and it's already paid off with tremendous leaps in performance.

"We attended a university duel meet at Simon Fraser University to watch some top notch athletes do their stuff and it really sparked something in the kids," says coach Robert Hynd.

"After we came back from that trip all of the coaches were astounded to see the difference in focus and desire to swim faster."

At the last two swim meets, personal best times dropped by huge amounts and Hynd says he expects some club records to be broken at a meet in Sechelt later this month.

At their recent swima-hon on Feb. 21, 15 swimmers tallied 1,437 lengths of the Pender Harbour pool in one hour, raising over \$1,600 to be split between the club and the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Last year at the same event 13 swimmers recorded 868 lengths.

This year saw eight members of the team — most under 12 — notch 100 lengths or more.

Derek Ewen swam the most



Tommy Gamble photo

Members of the P. H. Seals swim club slogging it out during a swimathon at the P. H. Aquatic Centre on Feb. 21. The team logged 1,437 lengths in an hour raising over \$1,600 for the club and the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

lengths in the hour with 136.

Though they have lots on the go for a busy spring, Hynd says the club's already looking ahead to next year as the coaches and parents get organized to join Swim BC and to compete provincially.

"We're ready to compete at the

next level and it's rewarding to see the excitement in the kids' eyes when they shock themselves with their performance."

The Seals train on Monday and Thursday afternoons at the P. H. pool and welcome new swimmers.

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After watching this swim meet between Simon Fraser University and Seattle Pacific University on Feb. 2, members of the Harbour Seals received SFU swim caps and other memorabilia autographed by team members.

Veal disputes Eckardt's take on Bill C-27

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter of Ziggy Eckardt, as published in the *Harbour Spiel* (Jan., 2013).

Ziggy seems to have bones to pick with Thomas Mulcair of the NDP, as well as many First Nations leaders who earn incomes roughly equivalent to or greater than those of Canadian politicians.

I will address three glaring implications in Ziggy's argument.

First, do we judge leaders in terms of quantity or quality of performance?

How well is the Harper government governing Canada when, for example:

It has dramatically increased the size of the national deficit?

Mishandled or misled us about the F-35 file?

Swept scandals such as illegal party overspending and robocalls under the rug as long as possible.

Hired a parliamentary budget officer and then tried to muzzle him and auditors general?

Expended vast sums in Mali and Afghanistan, yet acted like Scrooge to returning wounded vets?

Built a multi-million dollar fake lake retreat for the enjoyment of G20 fat cats?

And what of the salaries, pension plans and expenses of federal backbench MPs and senators, who contribute next to nothing but act as yes-men?

Is this good and non-corrupt governance?

Second, the salaries paid to First Nations leaders are presumably matters determined by their communities, in account with the Canadian government.

We taxpayers rely on Ottawa to maintain proper accountability practices in this file — but it seems the Harper government has not, over its tenure.

Elsewhere, taxpayers have virtually no say in why a CEO of BC Ferries could be paid nearly \$1 million a year over a March 2013

decade, plus a lifetime pension virtually equal to PM Harper's annual salary, or why executives of other public corporations and services earn salaries and bonuses which might make even Queen Elizabeth blush.

But Ziggy doesn't mention that kind of "blind" robbery.

Third, are corruption, nepotism and favouritism in government, business, or

culture, limited to aboriginal societies?

The above surely suggests not.

We all have our biases, preferences, and blind spots but what's good for the goose must surely be good for the gander.

I encourage us all to stand up for freedom of responsible speech, action, and mutual respect.

Marshall Veal

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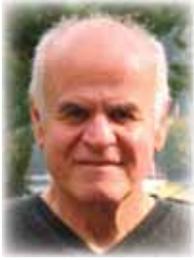
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Trees, roads and bushes



By Frank Mauro,
Area A Director

TIMBER SALES NEAR McNEILL LAKE

In last month's article I expressed my concerns about the non-consultative process BC Timber Sales was following when they put up for sale a timber license near McNeill Lake, the drinking water source for south Pender Harbour residents.

This month I am happy to report that significant positive steps have been taken.

After considerable discussion with BCTS I arranged a meeting and site visit with BCTS to discuss the issue.

Joining us was SCR D Chair Garry Nohr, Sechelt Indian Band Chief Garry Feschuck, Director Donna Shugar, Director/SIB Councillor Ben Pierre and three SCR D water systems staff members.

Our concerns regarding the risk to the drinking water source, particularly with the cutblock within 50 metres of the lake and concerns about the water treatment plant construction were presented and discussed.

Other topics discussed included responsibility and liability for the logging/road work, monitoring of activities during the logging, plans, process, and restrictions on the performance of the logging work and the lack of a consultation process.

The discussion was positive and informative.

Shortly after the site visit we received a welcome response from BCTS.

The cutblock of most concern, nearest to the lake, has been withdrawn from the sale.

Of the two cutblocks remaining in the watershed, one is near Haslam Creek but well below the drinking water intake and the other is several hundred metres from the lake.

Also, the access for the logging activity will be from the Menacher Road side and will not interfere with access for construction of the water treatment plant which will be from the south.

Also, importantly, BCTS has committed to establishing a communications/reference protocol with the SCR D so concerns can be addressed

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

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee -

Round 3 Budget Review
March 4, 5 and 6
at 9:30 a.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee
March 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Community Services Committee
March 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board
March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee
March 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Regional Hospital District
March 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
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before such cutblocks are put up for sale.

Setting up such a protocol will greatly reduce interface conflicts to help support a sustainable forestry industry on the Sunshine Coast.

It was gratifying to receive the strong support of the SCRD board, SIB and SCRD staff and their quick response in presenting the case.

BCTS is to be applauded for taking these positive steps.

There is still work to do in establishing the communications protocol but we are heading in the right direction.

ROADSIDE MOWING

Spring will soon be here (we hope) and the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure contractors will be out mowing along roadside right-of-ways to improve visibility and safety.

They have many kilometres of roadway to maintain and we are all familiar with the loader mounted mowers they use for the job.

Obviously this type of equipment is designed to quickly clear large areas and cannot be used for detail work.

In residential areas, if you have hedges or other such vegetation on the road right-of-way it is important to keep the vegetation trimmed a couple of metres back from the travelled portion of the roadway.

The people who operate the

equipment are usually local and give homeowners the benefit of the doubt and generally won't mow if the vegetation is well back and looks like it has been tended; but they are required to keep the roadways safe.

Remember that the road right-of-way in most places is 20 metres wide so it usually extends at least four metres past the edge of the pavement.

MOTI generally does not mow more than 1.5 metres past the edge of the pavement so there is a lot of leeway.

It is best to keep hedges trees etc. clear of this margin otherwise they may be mowed.

ROADWAY CENTRE LINES

MOTI has indicated that there may be an opportunity to have a few of the centre lines on roadways repainted during the highway line painting program this summer.

If you are aware of candidates for this "refresh" please let me know and I will submit a list for consideration.

OPEN DISCUSSION

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

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

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1. In what year was Skookumchuck Provincial Park established?

- a. 1957
- b. 1971
- c. 1982
- d. 1996

2. Name of the (in)famous bloodhound that roamed Madeira Park during the 1980s.

- a. Sparky
- b. Moses
- c. Duke
- d. Bryan

3. Name of the high school in Gibsons.

- a. Howe Sound Secondary
- b. Elphinstone Secondary
- c. Sunshine Coast Secondary
- d. Bruno Gerussi Secondary

4. Name of the bank that once occupied the former P. H. Realty office (now vacant) in Madeira Park.

- a. Bank of Nova Scotia
- b. Toronto Dominion
- c. Bank of Montreal
- d. Royal Bank

5. Which philanthropist is associated with a large donation to the formation of Francis Point Marine Park?

- a. Paul Allen
- b. Bill Gates
- c. Larry Ellison
- d. Steve Wozniak

6. What is the name of Nelson Island's largest lake?

- a. Blind Lake
- b. Cockburn Lake
- c. West Lake
- d. Hardy Lake

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



Brian Lee photo

As part of their halftime show at a recent game, the members of the Pender Harbour and Chatelech Secondary junior boys basketball teams perform an interpretive dance inspired by Celine Dion's *My Heart Will Go On*. When the game resumed, Pender fought hard to crawl back from a formidable deficit. They beat Chatelech two days earlier 31-30 but the central Coasters were on fire this day and by the end of the third quarter, the Sakinaws still trailed 26-35. PHSS coach (and principal) Mark Heidebrecht applied some heat before the start of the fourth and the boys responded, outscoring their opponents 12-8. But it wouldn't be enough as the buzzer sounded the cry for a rematch — Chatelech winning, 38-43.



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P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

On March 12, Elaine Park of the P. H. Living Heritage Society will speak about the history of the Sarah Wray Hall and offer an update on what is happening there today. Park requests members bring photos of life in the Harbour before 1990 and plans on having a scanner so that the photos can be scanned and returned.

On March 26, RCMP Const. Coutts will talk about personal safety for women, how to protect yourself from fraud and scams, and how to protect our homes from theft. Deb Cole, manager of the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre, will also be present to talk about the centre's spring program.

MPES PARENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Madeira Park Elementary PAC is holding a contest to find a new logo. Entry fees are \$5 for an adult and \$2 for students. The prize? The PAC will use the winner's logo. Entries must be dropped off at or mailed to MPES (General Delivery, Madeira Park, V0N 2H0) by March 21.

The PAC will choose a small number of finalists after which the winner will be chosen by voting at either the school or the Oak Tree Market. (The winning entrant accepts that copyright for the artwork will become property of MPES and the PAC reserves the right to make alterations as required.)

APRIL TOOLS WOODEN BOAT CHALLENGE

The 12th annual April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge will take place this year on April 27, starting at 10 a.m. at Millennium Park in Madeira Park. Teams of up to four people will build a boat from materials provided and race around the harbour for cash prizes. There will also be youth races and mini boat building for the kids as well. The entry fee is \$160 with an early bird option of \$140 before April 1.

Entry forms are downloadable from www.apriltools.ca. Contact Jackie Ordroneau or Richard Haschke at (604) 883-0539 for more details.

GARBAGE RECYCLING IN PENDER HARBOUR

GRIPS will be holding its annual general meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 18 at the P. H. School of Music. SCRDP staff will present details of the planned resource recovery park and information about the Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee and will answer any questions on the subject.

GRIPS is looking for new board members to offer guidance during this exciting time in its development.



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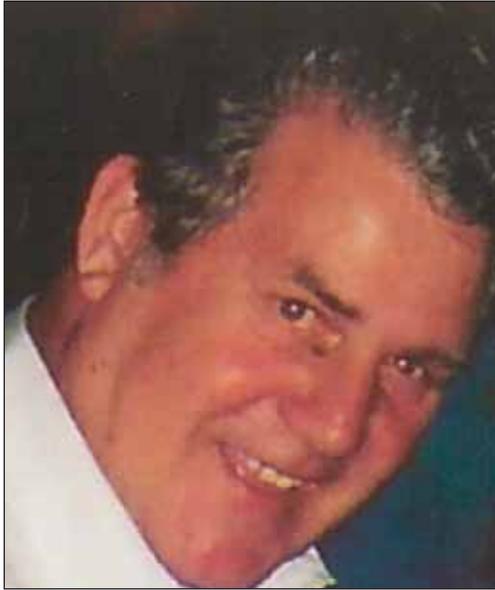
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Stan was born, schooled and raised in Pender Harbour.

He was a fisherman and trucker all his life.

In the early 1970s he married Marg Bell and they had two children — Max in 1972 and Charlene in 1974.

When the children were young

and experiencing mischievous adventures like reaching into the fridge to grab a handful of Jell-O to stuff in their mouths while it oozed all over them from between their fingers, Stan wouldn't react like most parents.

Instead, he'd see it as an opportunity to laugh with them.

Stan loved his son and daughter as he did his two grandchildren, Connor and Mason.

They will miss him terribly as Stan loved to spend time with them.

When Marg was terminally ill, Stan and their children brought her back to Pender Harbour and lovingly cared for her until her passing.

Stan's soulmate and partner for the past few years has been Lee Jenkins.

Lee's two adult children, Ann and Randy, were readily accepted by Stan as his extended family.

Ann and Randy's children, Am-

ber, Dillan, Shyla and Mya were also part of Stan's extended family.

Lee and Ann were by Stan's side with Max and Charlene until the end.

Stan was predeceased by his parents, Flora and Bill Scoular and sister Jessie Rietze (née Scoular).

He is also survived by his brothers Arthur, Allen, Donald (Brenda) and Dave (Ellie) as well as many nephews, nieces and friends.

Many friends Stan has had his entire life while others gathered along his life's journey.

May you rest in paradise.

We will miss you Stan.

A celebration of life will be held at the Pender Harbour Legion Hall in Madeira Park on March 9 at 1 p.m.

It will be a casual get-together for family and friends to remember Stan, tell stories and talk about the good times and good old days.

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P. H. LIVING HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society is holding its annual general meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 2 p.m. at the School of Music in Madeira Park.

There will be an opportunity to join the society or renew your membership (\$10/individual, \$15/family) and lots of interesting volunteer activities will be on offer.

Visit www.penderharbourheritage.ca.

P. H. WILDLIFE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society's March presentation will be "A Winter Bird Watcher's Paradise." Dr.

Peter Ward will conduct a slide show and talk on the birds of Zimbabwe and South Africa. Please join us at 7:30 p.m. on March 19 at the Madeira Park Community Church (behind the fire hall). Complimentary refreshments will be served, and a short meeting will follow the presentation.

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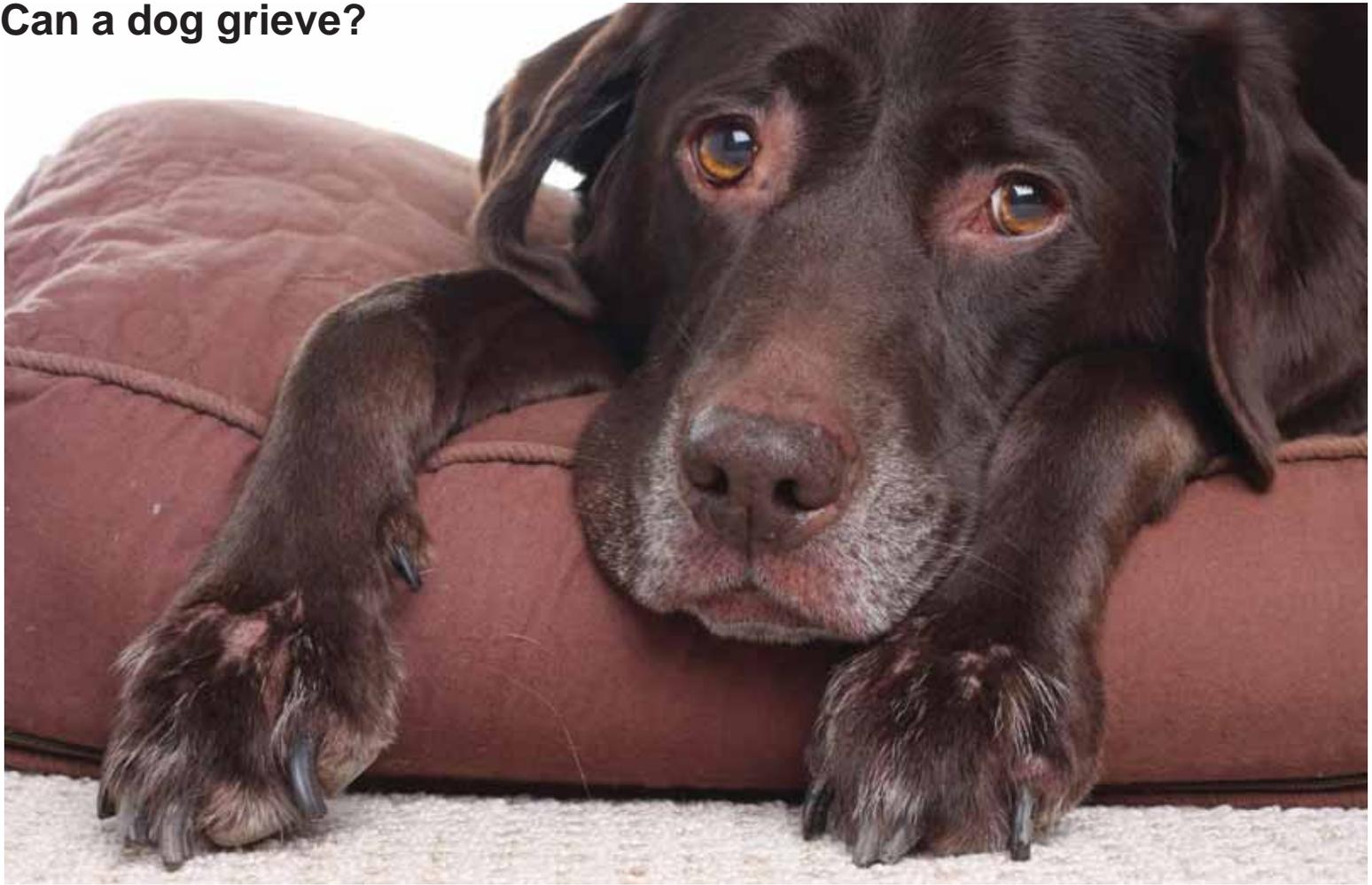
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Can a dog grieve?



By John Wade

Dear John,

My husband died almost two months ago and our dog seems to be coming out of his blue mood but when I

leave the house he gets very upset.

For example, I left the house yesterday and he had chewed his tail into a wet, stringy mass, was overexcited to see me, greeting me like he would a pack member, nipping, circling and yipping at me.

It is almost like he thinks I won't be returning home to him.

Is there a way I can help him?

~ L.F.

Dear L.F.

The word anthropomorphism often pops up in situations like this.

Many people seem to think it means the attributing of human characteristics to a non-human.



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It is actually the attributing of uniquely human characteristics to non-humans.

Is mourning a uniquely human characteristic?

Can a dog become depressed or be overwhelmed with anxiety, grieve, have compassion?

Some might attribute the behaviour change not to your husband's passing but as reaction to change in general and that you would have seen the same symptoms had your dog been boarded for an extended time, or if a long established day to day schedule had been changed.

I might have been one of those people until I saw a video recently of a dog risking its life to save another dog on an extremely busy freeway.

In it the dog that had been hit by a car lies in the middle of one lane and the other runs out and with its paws drags it out of harms way.

I've never seen anything like it and can't explain it with conventional dog behaviour wisdom.

If a dog can perform a compassionate heroic act, grieving for a deceased family member is not a stretch.

This may be one of those occasions where one of the anti-depressants tailored for dogs might help.

However, in my opinion, very few veterinarians prescribe the drug correctly.

They aren't provided with any realistic support from the drug company as to what the behaviour modification component should encompass other than some superficial "shake your keys etc." to desensitize your dog strategies.

I have without success, suggested/pleaded with the manufacturer to provide a better resource like a small instruction manual, one for the vets

prescribing and the other for clients.

I've even tried to appeal to their pocket books as well.

People abandon this treatment option because they don't see results far more often than those that do.

I know for a fact that this is because they were not advised properly as to efficacy timelines and have been offered few or silly behaviour modification strategies.

Here are two things I always recommend for stressed dogs:

EXERCISE

I mean tongue hanging to the ground exercise, not a walk around the block.

Ideally timed before you go out.

This will get the "feel good" endorphins flowing.

MIND COMPONENT

It's equally important but tougher to engage with a dog when they are highly anxious.

I use a marrow bone because few dogs don't enjoy a good bone.

Test the dog on a bone a little at a time for a few days before you leave it alone with one.

Once satisfied, 20 minutes before you leave give the dog the bone.

Then 15 minutes later take it away; then as you're going out the door give it back.

The idea is to get the dog's mind into the chewing zone rather than the worry you'll never come back zone.

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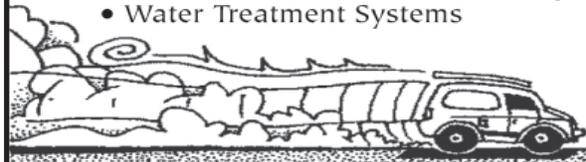
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pender golf

Spring has sprung at the golf course

By Jan Watson



Spring is in the air which means it's time to dust off the clubs and play a round.

and the first event for 2013 will be on March 14.

Come at 9 a.m. for the traditional coffee and muffins followed by the nine-hole scramble.

Men's day is every Tuesday and starts on March 19 at 10 a.m.

Non-members and visitors are always welcome to participate in these events.

There will be an "Introduction to Golf" for ladies starting in April on Tuesday evenings.

Interested participants should contact the Pro Shop at (604) 883-9541 or e-mail cathm@telus.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a St. Patrick's scramble and dinner on March 16.

The Clubhouse will also host a rib dinner on March 23.

Please call ahead to make reservations.

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

With Christmas being very mild, there were several golfers out over the holiday. Several of us played on Christmas Day and worked up a great appetite for our turkey dinner.

Then we played again on Boxing Day to work it off.

The annual Christmas Holiday Scramble on Dec. 29 was well attended with the winning team of Merv Oleksyn, Jamie Tufford, Rusty Ellis and Jan Watson shooting five-under-par 31.

A pot luck dinner followed.

The Valentine Scramble on Feb. 16 saw six teams enjoy a nice afternoon and the winners were Don and Mary Ball with Merv and Roberta Oleksyn with 36.

Breathing down their necks were the team of Rob Metcalfe, Michelle, Lorraine Wareham and Jan Watson with 37.

Dinner followed and Krys Paranto won the draw.

SPRING SEASONS UNDERWAY

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Ernie Rietze was all smiles after making off with the prized Stella Artois popcorn maker in the silent auction at a recent fundraiser at the Grasshopper Pub for local MPES student Isla Silvey. (See story p. 6.)

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Sincere thanks to all the wonderful people who offered condolences on the loss of our husband and father, Butch.

He requested there be no service or obituary but would be very grateful for the support for his family and your warm words and kind thoughts continue to help us through each day.

Special thanks to our supportive family, home care nurses Kathy and Heather and to Dr. Robinson.

Carol, Terry, Dan (Ken) and Darren Reid



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BIRTHDAYS

March 1 ~ John Ellis, Bob Hubbard and Linda Dunaway.
 March 2 ~ Sandra Bosch and Marcus Delaney.
 March 3 ~ Ernie Carswell, Lana Ross, Terry Bosner and Jim Reid.
 March 4 ~ Brian Lee.
 March 5 ~ Mackenzie Stewart, Kirk Mackie, Brigit Garrett, Sylvia Heiliger, Alicia McDonald and Valerie Reid.
 March 6 ~ Freda McDermott and Ron Minch.
 March 7 ~ Mitch Higgins, Cassidy Craig-Watters and Bob McDonald.
 March 8 ~ Jeremy Morin and Trevor Tiefenbach.
 March 9 ~ Mary Cain, Bobbie Wendland, Eldor Dougan and Denise Cymbalist.
 March 10 ~ Stuart McLean.
 March 11 ~ Tannis Campbell and Gayle Adams.
 March 12 ~ Alicia Whittaker, Sunny Charboneau and Gord Wenman.
 March 13 ~ Ian McDonald and Paul McDonald.
 March 14 ~ Peter Hunsche and Heather Smith.
 March 15 ~ Bev Higgins, Arlen Howitt, Carissa Gilkes and Justin McKimm.

March 16 ~ Steve Hanna and Brad Zayshley.
 March 17 ~ Bill Bradshaw, Jim Weir, Michelle Cymbalist and Chris Cavielier.
 March 18 ~ Mike Reid, John Struthers, Tayler Metcalfe, Blair Landry, Janie Arduini and Michelle Bernier.
 March 19 ~ Megan Knock.
 March 20 ~ Larry Curtiss, Patrick White, Kim Smail and Tammy Collins.
 March 21 ~ Melissa Charboneau and David Massullo.
 March 22 ~ Eric Graham, Margaret Hartley, Ross Palmer and Dennis Cotter.
 March 23 ~ Mary Ann Haase and Barb Cowan.
 March 24 ~ Jane Reid, Heather Fearne.
 March 25 ~ Hailley Schroeder, Lexine Scoular, John Seabrook and Shirley Norish.
 March 26 ~ Motoko Baum and Halle Bosch.
 March 27 ~ Maureen Lee, Donna Edwardson, Cole Edwardson, Doris White and Rick Wagner Jr.
 March 28 ~ Tom Barker, Joka Roosen and Jill Bennett.
 March 29 ~ Melanie LeBlanc, Rod Webb and Terry Jacks.
 March 30 ~ Del Deguire.
 March 31 ~ Merv Charboneau.

MARCH ASTROLOGY

PISCES: FEB. 19 - MAR. 19

Pisceans have a boundless imagination and a natural aptitude for acting. They are sympathetic, highly tolerant and incurable romantics. Pisceans are often religious or mystical. It's important this month to apply pressure on anyone not meeting your standards and rid yourself of responsibility for the failures of others. That may include siblings or even children.

ARIES: MARCH 20 - APRIL 20

The sign of the ram gives Arians loyalty, generosity, high energy and courage. They love adventure and often fiercely defend the underdog. Greater involvement in an organization or group working toward a goal you believe in will lead you to people who can alter your life in the future. Opportunities for romance are at an all-time high.

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OF MARCH

WHEN WIT WON

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to four-letter words.

A member of the British parliament to Disraeli:

"Sir, you will either die on the gal-lows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, sir," said Disraeli, "On whether I embrace your poli-cies or your mistress."

He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.
~Winston Churchill

I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure.
~Clarence Darrow

He has Van Gogh's ear for music.
~Billy Wilder

I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.
~Mark Twain

He loves nature in spite of what it did to him.
~Forrest Tucker

He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary.
~William Faulkner
(about Ernest Hemingway)

In order to avoid being called a flirt, she always yielded easily.
~Charles, Count Talleyrand

He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others.
~Samuel Johnson

He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.
~Oscar Wilde

I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial.
~Irvin S. Cobb

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.
~Oscar Wilde

MARCH WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

Our average March daily high is 9.2 C, our average daily low 4.3 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 6.7 C. The highest March temperature recorded is 15.6 C (March 11, 1965); the lowest, -3.3 C (March 3, 1976).

PRECIPITATION

March has an average of 127.7 hours of bright sunshine and 15 days with rainfall. The monthly total rainfall averages 78.6 mm; monthly total snowfall averages 1.5 cm. The highest March daily rainfall recorded is 44.7 mm (March 4, 1968). The lowest March daily snowfall recorded is 8.9 cm (March 2, 1962).

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A cold and dark place brings warm memories

By Sandra Mclean RN, BScN

Recently, I travelled back to Canada's High North to do a four-week relief contract at a nursing station in Aklavik, N.W.T.

Aklavik is a small and remote community in the Beaufort Delta, above the Arctic Circle but not totally above the treeline.

The community has almost 600 residents, of whom roughly half are Gwich'in and half Inuvialuit people.

I travelled for two days with three large suitcases; two were packed with as much fresh and fresh-frozen food as I could fit.

Many people bring in their own food when travelling because the quality, variety and price of food in the Arctic are significant issues.

It cost \$6.65 for two litres of milk, expired or not.

The sharing of food is a cultural norm and an expectation.

It is customary for an "outsider"

like myself, coming in to a community, to be prepared to share their food.

To get there, I travelled by plane from Vancouver to Inuvik via Edmonton, Yellowknife and Norman Wells.

From Inuvik, I then travelled up an ice road for almost two hours before finally arriving in Aklavik.

It was -40°C with the sun only making a brief appearance a week after I arrived.

I worked a six-day week with every third night on-call.

Calls ranged from questions regarding Tylenol dosages for children to allergic reactions to sudden chest pains.

There wasn't a dull moment.

Working in a three- to four-nurse station without a doctor — except by phone — sets the stage for a very broad scope of practice.

For this reason, rural and remote nurses often describe themselves as "Jack of all trades, master of none."

Having moved from the North

back to B.C. over a year ago, I felt a little rusty on my suturing skills and X-ray techniques.

I hoped, with a little luck, I could make it through my four weeks without having to put these skills to practice, but that wasn't to be the case.

My first night on-call included a snowmobile accident that had me suturing two patients and X-raying another.

As with riding a bike, these advance practice nursing skills came rushing back to me in the midst of the adrenalin rush.

For me, the most important resource in rural and remote nursing is a supportive team of colleagues.

Working together, communicating and supporting each member of the team is critical for success.

The spirit of the North and its camaraderie is what I enjoy the most about working in the cold, dark North and it's what keeps calling me back from time to time.

Health centre program updates

S. C. HOSPICE SOCIETY

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

The Sunshine Coast Hospice Society will be offering an eight-week grief support group at the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

The sessions will be on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., starting March 13.

To register, please call the Coast hospice office at (604)740-0478.

DIABETES AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Changes are coming that will affect the diabetes and nutrition program at the P. H. Health Centre.

Dianne Paulus and Nancy Mackay will be stepping down from their roles as diabetes dietitian and nurse at the health centre as of March 1.

The program of blood testing every three months with concurrent blood pressure and nurse counselling about diabetes concerns will continue.

The nurses at the health centre have experience, knowledge and many resources to help people with their care of their diabetes.

St. Mary's Hospital, through registered dietician Jan Stephens, offers a wide range of diabetes services including glucose meter certification, education and nutritional advice.

Your doctor can refer you to

these services as needed.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS

Harbourside Friendships meets weekly on Thursdays at the Legion, starting with coffee and socializing at 10:30 a.m.

On March 7 the program will focus on memory quizzes and word games relating to specific topics.

Gwen will get us moving with some fun and games on March 14 and for March 21, bring your ideas to talk about all things relating to "going green" and gardening.

On March 28 we'll celebrate with a special Easter lunch as we welcome Evans and the Inspirations.

Two books seeking to transport us back in time



By Theresa
Kishkan

There are many books that capture the wondrous land and seascape of our British Columbia coast. M. Wylie Blanchet's *The Curve of Time*, Edith Iglauer's *Fishing With John*, Ballard Hadman's *As the Sailor Loves the Sea*, Beth Hill's *Seven-Knot Summers*, Judith Williams's *Two Wolves at the Dawn of Time*. They all take us to the heart of a richly storied place and as readers we are sorry to finish the last page.

Mel Dagg's novel *Passage on the Cardena* (TouchWood Editions, 2012) fits this tradition. It takes place in the summer of 1930. Matthew Clayton is 15 and his mother has just died. She

left him a Union Steamship ticket and the directive to find his father, a logger working somewhere on the West Coast. The young boy boards the Union Steamship *Cardena*.

A fellow passenger asks Matt where he's going.

"He didn't know where he was going because his father could be anywhere up the coast. Passengers rushed past him: families on summer excursions, Indian women with babies wrapped in wool shawls, loggers, gamblers, prospectors, promoters, students, Chinese cannery workers. Everyone knew where they were going except the boy..."

Dagg knows the coast. He captures the lively beauty of its communities:

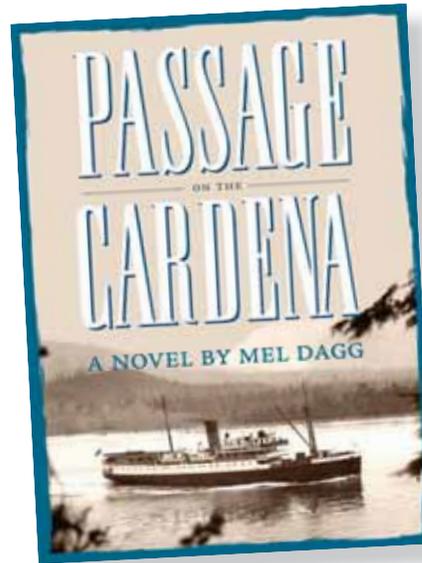
"...Today was the kind of day that made poets out of mariners, and poetry out of life on the sea — smooth water, or as smooth as it gets around Campbell River, the jingle of tackle, and masts bobbing in the wake of small craft off-loading freight on a summer day."

He also knows that a boat is a perfect metaphor for the world, a place where a shipboard romance takes an unexpected direction, where a father is found but then just as quickly abandoned, where a woman with a small dog turns out to be Emily Carr heading to Quatsino Sound to find the source of some of her finest work, and where Matt is given the chance to prove himself as a junior member of the crew.

* * * * *

*Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer by this sun of
York;
And all the clouds that lour'd upon our
house
In the deep bosom of the ocean buried.*

Those are the beautiful lines which open Shakespeare's *Richard III*, perhaps one of the most convincing examinations of power and corruption ever written. And with the recent news that a skeleton discovered in a car park in Leicester, England is truly the remains of Richard, the last Plantagenet king, killed at the



Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485, we realize yet again how often Shakespeare located his work in historical events.

Richard describes himself this way in the first speech of the play:

*I, that am not shaped for sportive tricks,
Nor made to court an amorous looking-
glass;
...I, that am curtail'd of this fair pro-
portion,
Cheated of feature by dissembling
nature,
Deformed, unfinish'd...*

And medical researchers indeed found evidence of extreme scoliosis in the skeletal remains of the King buried under the car park.

Neil MacGregor's *Shakespeare's Restless World* (Penguin, 2012) is a

BC Bestsellers:

(For the week of Feb. 17, 2013)

- 1. Making Headlines** by Shelley Fralic
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- 3. British Columbia** by Derek Hayes
- 4. Unlikely Love Stories** by Mike McCordell
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- 6. The Book of Kale** by Sharon Hanna
- 7. No Sailing Waits and Other Ferry Tales** by Adrian Raeside
- 8. Canada at War** by Paul Keery and Michael Wyatt
- 9. Art of the Impossible** by Geoff Meggs and Rod Mickleburgh
- 10. Escape to Gold Mountain** by David H.T. Wong

~ Assn. of Book Publishers of BC

wonderful and timely exploration of the world of Shakespeare's plays and his audiences by looking at 20 objects relevant to both.

MacGregor is director of the British Museum in London. He knows how to select artifacts that resonate with history. And he is such an elegant writer himself, bringing these objects to life with wit and intelligence so the reader understands their potency.

The first object is Sir Francis Drake's circumnavigation medal, commemorating that captain's voyage around the globe in 1580. As a young man, Shakespeare was fascinated by how the boundaries of human knowledge, adventure, and exploration were constantly expanding.

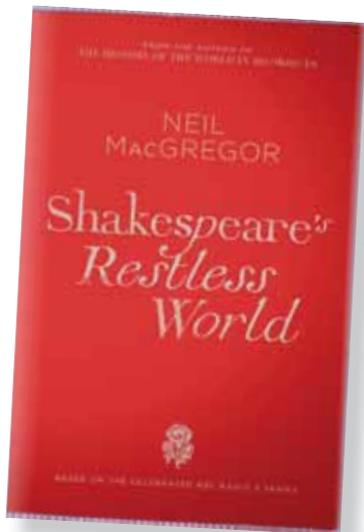
I expected weapons and yes, there's a chapter devoted to a rapier and dagger found in the mud of the Thames foreshore. What's unexpected is the way MacGregor uses these as an opportunity to show us how the famous swordfight scene in Romeo and Juliet is a meeting of two styles of fighting – the English fashion of swordplay and the Italian school of rapier fighting. And that the scene

echoed the street violence of the times: "If the scenes between those young blades Tybalt and Mercutio are still vivid today, it is because such fights were not some fanciful invention, but the rough stuff of daily life."

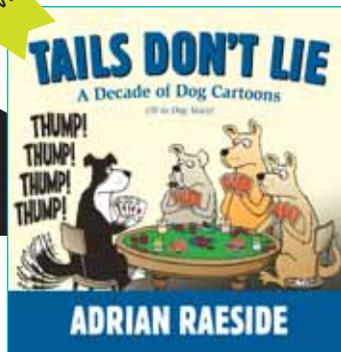
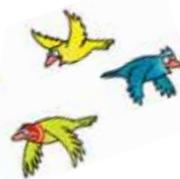
Sound familiar? Maps, an iron fork found amid the excavated site of the Rose Theatre among the remains of snack food (mussel shells, nuts, and fruit seeds, though no popcorn...), the magical mirror of magus Dr. John Dee (who resembles Prospero from *The Tempest*), and perhaps

my favourite object in the book, a pedlar's trunk containing linen, silk, and damask. Think of all the plays in which disguise is at the heart of the plot — *As You Like It* and *King Lear* to name just two. Think of the political climate of Elizabeth I in which it was dangerous for Catholic priests to conduct mass. So a pedlar carrying a trunk which turned out to hold a secret portable church is the very stuff of Shakespearean drama.

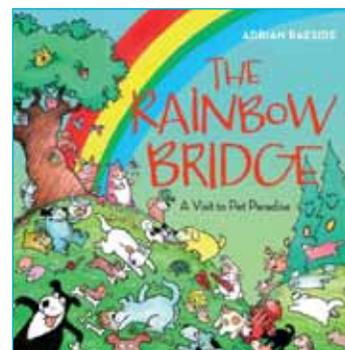
And in light of the discovery of Richard III's remains, it's fitting that one of the objects is an ingenious portrait of the Tudor dynasty that supplanted him.



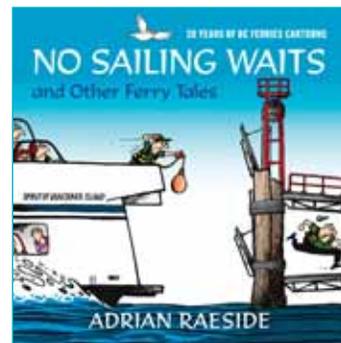
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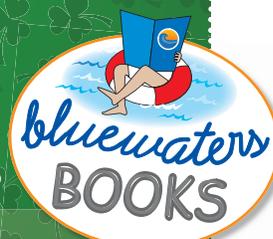
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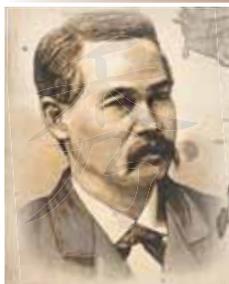


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it might have happened...

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



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

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

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

By Anne Crocker

PART XXXII **(Continued from February 2013)**

Commissioners of the joint federal-provincial Reserve Commission visited what would later be known as the Sunshine Coast in 1876. Prior to that, the Sechelt Indian Band had been reserved only 45 acres at the mouth of Wilson Creek. Meanwhile at least one absentee white settler had applied for and received grants for tracts of land near their village that were over five times as large.

After the 1876 visit, the Sechelt Indian Band was granted an additional 607 acres at their village at the head of Sechelt Inlet. Since that time, the Sechelts made strong arguments in favour of reserving more land at other traditional sites in Jervis Inlet and Pender's Harbour.

The men who landed at Wei Hsu's dock in the spring of 1882 were sent to document these claims and to identify both potential reserve lands and those suitable for future white settlement. Like the previous visit by the Reserve Commission, attention was given to current settlement not necessarily historical sites of occupation. After the band had endured close to 100 years of turmoil brought about by measles and smallpox, the snapshot the commissioners recorded of the BC Coast in those years often ignored pre-contact settlement patterns. Land rights were often recognized for those locations where Indians were found. The rest of coastal BC was looked upon as potential for white settlement.

Wei Hsu's existence was scribbled in the margins of the developing province. But though he was neither white and nor an Indian, he had no reason to believe the Crown's surveyors

when they told him there was no title attached to his land. He'd lived on the land since the summer of 1874 with a certificate of pre-emption that showed he was the title holder. When he presented the two men with his papers, they were noticeably confused but seemed to accept it. The men recorded his details and carried on with their work. Records from that encounter with the Hsu family erroneously listed the occupants of the bay as

Pender Harbour:

1-Chinese, 1-Sechelt, 1-mixed blood child.

The two men, O'Reilly and Byrnes, enlisted the help of Qwuní as a guide to help identify locations of past and present settlement. After two weeks spent taking special note of the few pockets of Indians and settlers who happened to be scratching out a living in the area, the men planned to investigate Sechelt claims of territory in Jervis Inlet. Qwuní was to accompany them on their trip and, after several days of insisting and making special efforts to prove her capabilities as a strong rower, Mary Hsu was also allowed to join them.

The four set off in mid-April heading north up Agamemnon Channel. Mary Hsu had never travelled to the end of Agamemnon Channel and was awestruck upon entering the fjord. Their boat was 18 feet long with a mast and sail and two rowing stations. Occasional pockets of wind appeared in the afternoons but for the most part, the group clawed their way past the steep walls of Jervis Inlet with their oars. Despite the unsea-

it might have happened...

Pender Harbour

sonable lack of wind, they were lucky in receiving little rain to make for an enjoyable, albeit arduous, trip.

Jervis Inlet can be an inhospitable place with few locations to land but Qwuní directed them to sites where they could camp and also identify signs of settlement. The men noted distant and not so distant signs of settlement at Deserted Bay and Xenichen at the head of the head of the inlet.

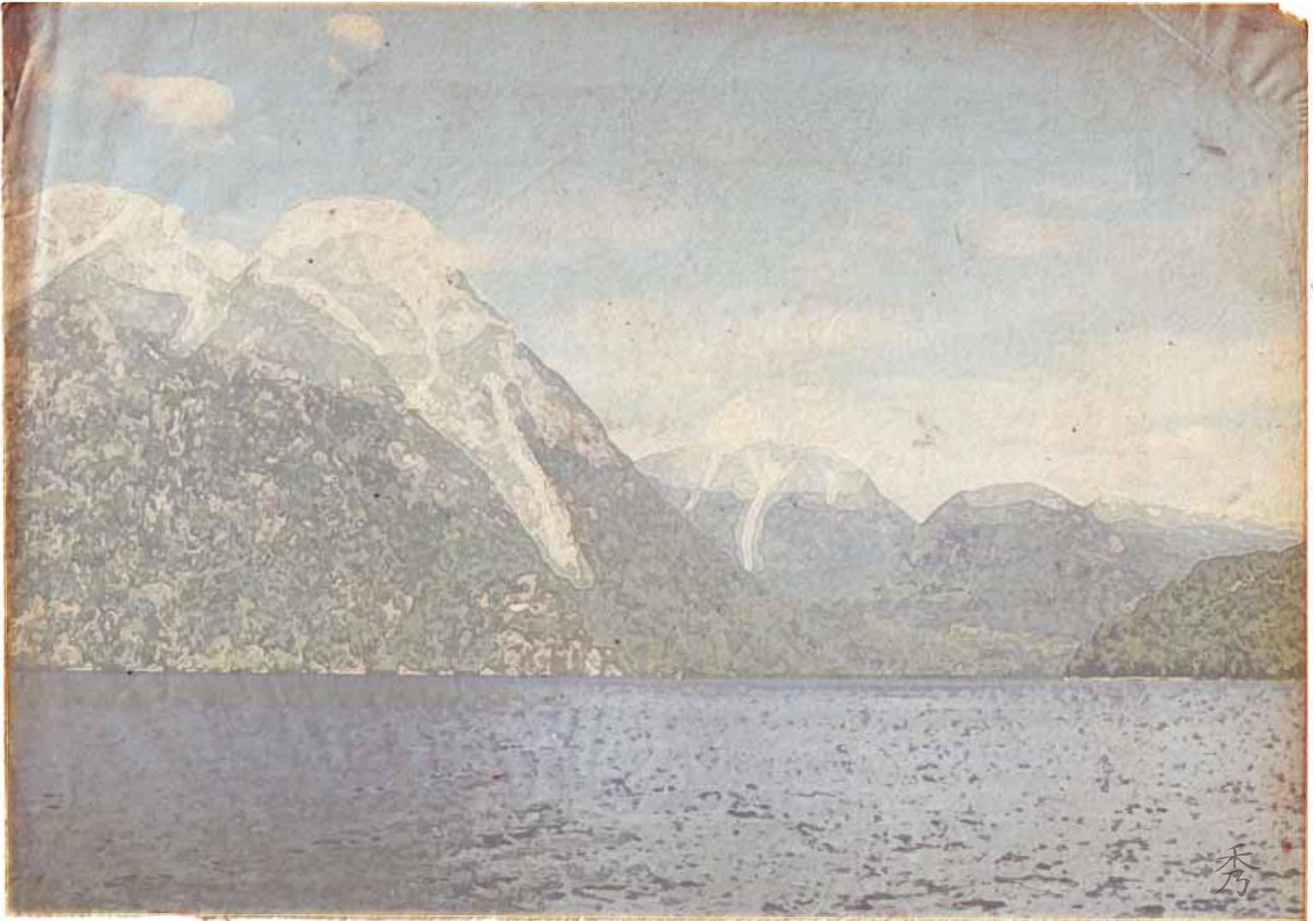
As notations were scribbled and survey data recorded, Mary Hsu painted. Mountain goats could be easily seen on awe-inspiring cliff faces overhead and around every turn lay another vista crying out to be painted.

The cold mountains grow from the water, so big to make us small. I understand where God is. My paint can not draw this God or this beauty. I will enjoy to return soon.

~ April 8, 1882

After returning to Pender's Harbour to deliver Mary and Qwuní, the two men set off to briefly inspect Nelson Island before carrying on to the north. Mary returned to the salt shed, "delighted" to find her friend Dom hard at work helping out in her absence.

Continued next month.



Artwork courtesy of Hsu family archives

Possibly of Deserted Bay, this is one of three paintings Mary Hsu made while accompanying Reserve Commission surveyors on a trip to the head of Jervis Inlet in April 1882.

community calendar

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

MARCH

- Fri. March 1.....In Touch Therapeutics 2nd anniversary free yoga open house - ITT Yoga Studio, 5 p.m.
 Sun. March 3.....Sunday Jam with James Buddy Rogers Band - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. March 4.....Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour AGM - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
 Wed. March 6.....P. H. Legion free customer appreciation lunch - P. H. Legion, noon - 2 p.m.
 Thurs. March 7.....Marketplace IGA customer appreciation day
 Fri. March 8.....Second Fridays Coffee House at the School of Music - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. March 9.....Celebration of life for Stan Scouler - P. H. Legion, 1 p.m.
 Sat. March 9.....P. H. Blues Society Mardi Gras dance - P. H. Community Hall, 9 p.m.
Sun. March 10.....Daylight Savings time - clocks move ahead one hour.
 Sun. March 10.....Sunday Jam with Gary Comeau and the Voodoo All-stars - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. March 10.....P. H. Music Society presents Archie Fisher - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Mon. March 11.....P. H. Garden Club AGM - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Mon. March 11.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Wed. March 13.....Nicholas Simons campaign office grand opening - 5652 Dolphin St., Sechelt, 4 p.m.
Sun. March 17.....St. Patrick's Day
 Sun. March 17.....Sunday Jam with Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. March 18.....GRIPS AGM - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
 Tues. March 19.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Dr. Peter Ward - P. H. Community Church, 7:30 p.m.
Wed. March 20.....First day of spring
 Sat. March 23.....Rib Night @ the Clubhouse Restaurant - P. H. Golf Club, 6 p.m.
 Sun. March 24.....Sunday Jam with Peter B3 and guests - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. March 24.....PHMS presents Robert Kortgaard Peter Tiefenbach, P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Mon. March 25.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Mon. March 25.....P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary general meeting - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
 Wed. March 27.....P. H. Living Heritage Society AGM - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Sat. March 30.....Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
 Sun. March 31.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.

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

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Horseshoe Bay

- ☉ 7:20 a.m.
- 9:20 a.m.
- 11:20 a.m.
- 1:20 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m. (March 28 only)
- 5:30 p.m.
- 7:25 p.m.
- 9:15 p.m.

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- ☉ 6:20 a.m.
- 8:20 a.m.
- 10:20 a.m.
- 12:20 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. (March 28 only)
- 6:30 p.m.
- 8:20 p.m.

*Earl's Cove

- ☉ 6:30 a.m.
- 8:25 a.m.
- 10:25 a.m.
- 12:20 p.m.
- 4:25 p.m.
- 6:25 p.m.
- 8:20 p.m.
- 10:05 p.m.

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*Saltery Bay

- ☉ 5:35 a.m.
- 7:25 a.m.
- 9:25 a.m.
- 11:20 a.m.
- 3:20 p.m.
- 5:25 p.m.
- 7:20 p.m.
- 9:15 p.m.

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

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"We are very fortunate that within a short time frame both Ryans came to us with a shared vision of establishing a marine services company that shares Wakefield's values of providing professional quality craftsmanship, with deep green building practices," says Sparling. "It's a perfect fit for Wakefield and we look forward to growing this part of our business with these talented individuals leading the way."

Ryan Daley joined Wakefield in the spring of 2012 as a marine services specialist in building decks, ramps, floats

and boathouses. Originally from Burnaby, BC, Ryan moved to the Sunshine Coast over 10 years ago. He has worked in various fields throughout the years including construction, long-shoring at Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Corporation, and sales at Sunshine GM. Prior to joining Wakefield, Ryan worked as a general manager for a local marine construction and transportation company.

"I'm thrilled that both companies recognized the competitive advantage of joining forces so we can better serve our homeowners and clients," says Daley. "Ryan Hanson is truly a unique talent and we are lucky to have him."

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Canucks Game? Pizza.



| Date | Visitor | Home | Time |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Sat, March 2 | Kings | Canucks | 7 p.m. (CBC, NHLN-US, RDS2) |
| Sun, March 3 | Canucks | Flames | 5 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Tues, March 5 | Sharks | Canucks | 7 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Thurs, March 7 | Canucks | Bluejackets | 4 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Sun, March 10 | Canucks | Wild | 5 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Tues, March 12 | Canucks | Bluejackets | 4 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Thurs, March 14 | Predators | Canucks | 7 p.m. (TSN, Sportsnet-P) |
| Sat, March 16 | Wings | Canucks | 7 p.m. (CBC, NHLN-US, RDS2) |
| Mon, March 18 | Wild | Canucks | 7 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Tues, March 19 | Blues | Canucks | 7 p.m. (TSN) |
| Thurs, March 21 | Canucks | Coyotes | 7 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Sat, March 23 | Canucks | Kings | 1 p.m. (NHLN-US, Sportsnet-P) |
| Sun, March 24 | Canucks | Avalanche | 5 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Tues, March 26 | Bluejackets | Canucks | 7 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Thurs, March 28 | Avalanche | Canucks | 7 p.m. (Sportsnet) |
| Sat, March 30 | Canucks | Oilers | 7 p.m. (CBC, RDS2) |

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