

♥🇨🇦 2019 WVM-13: Lunar New Year!; Weekend; Grammar

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New Year stirring!

Robbie Burns suppers still going on (JP Fell in NV on Sat), so more info on that + Chinese New Year info -- happy scrolling!

Some music, other events, etc + Grammar at the end :-)

First Nations have started celebrating -- got this notice

☆ HOOBIYEE 2019

Nisga'a New Year - Hoobiye - Feb 1 & 2.

This free event will be held at the PNE Forum. Dancing, drumming, vendors, & food trucks on site. The schedule of performers will be published as soon as it becomes available. All are welcome!

☆ GROUNDHOG DAY -- Feb 2



Wiarton Willie prepares for Saturday moment in the sun (or

[58-sec video] <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/wiarton-willie-2019-prediction-groundhog-day-1.5000639>

☆ LPPS MONTHLY BIRD COUNT -- Feb 3

Everyone welcome

Meet at the upper kiosk of the parking lot in

Lighthouse Park on the first Sunday of the month.

8:30 am - Feb. 3 (Mar 3, Apr 7)

For more info call Suann, 926 9094

☆ CHINESE NEW YEAR -- Feb 5

but celebrations starting this weekend, the Year of the Pig

The most common Chinese ways of saying Happy Lunar New Year are Gong Xi Fa Cai (Mandarin) and Gong Hey Fat Choy (Cantonese). And, of course, I'm quite partial to Gung Haggis Fat Choy.



HOOBIYEE
2019

We invite you to join us...

*Celebrate the Nisga'a New Year
by sharing our culture through stories,
songs and dances*

When: February 1 & 2, 2019

Where: PNE Forum
2901 E. Hastings St, Vancouver

FREE ADMISSION

This is an alcohol free event.
We reserve the right to refuse admittance at the door.

For More Information Contact:
Nisga'a Tsamiks Vancouver Society
3983 Danfrices Street, Vancouver BC V5N 5R3
Phone (604) 646-4944 | Website: www.tsamiks.com

Gung Haggis Fat Choy is a cultural event originating from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. ...

... Gung Haggis Fat Choy was created in 1993 when a [Simon Fraser University](#) student Todd Wong was asked to help out with the University's annual Robbie Burns celebrations. Wong, a 5th generation Canadian, quickly learned about Scottish-Canadian culture with its traditions of men wearing [kilts](#), carrying swords, playing [bagpipes](#), and eating exotic foods. In 1993, the Chinese Lunar New Year fell on January 27, only two days away from Robbie Burns Day, which is always January 25 in celebration of the Scottish Bard's birthday. "Gung Haggis Fat Choy!" said Wong, "I can celebrate two cultures at the same time." And thus was born the persona of "Toddish McWong" with his growing appreciation of Scottish Canadian history and culture.

In 1998, Wong hosted the first Gung Haggis Fat Choy Robbie Burns Chinese New Year Dinner as a private dinner party for 16 friends. In 1999, the first public Gung Haggis Fat Choy dinner was created as a fundraiser for the dragon boat team. Forty people attended. ...

...By 2005, the event had grown to a fundraising dinner serving 570 people, and co-hosted by [Shelagh Rogers](#) - the host of CBC Radio's "[Sounds Like Canada](#)" morning flagship show. The dinner event featured Asian Canadian poetry by author [Fred Wah](#), singalongs of Scottish songs such as [Scotland the Brave](#) and [Auld Lang Syne](#), plus new twists such as "When Asian Eyes are Smiling." [Highland dancing](#) was performed by champion dancers Vincent and Cameron Collins. Traditional [haggis](#) is served as well as deep-fried haggis [won ton](#), and haggis lettuce wrap.

2005 also saw the start of the SFU Gung Haggis Fat Choy Festival ^[4] when the Simon Fraser University Recreation department wanted to create a student-oriented event to help kick-off the Winter Semester. Since SFU always celebrates Robbie Burns Day in January, the Recreation Department invited Todd Wong, SFU Alumni, to help them create a fun event ...

...A 2007 CBC documentary film *Generations: The Chan Legacy*, included film footage and interviews of the Gung Haggis Fat Choy dinner event. The documentary is Chinese Canadian history is told through the lives of Rev. Chan Yu Tan, a minister for the Chinese United Church, and five generations of his family descendants, including great-great-grandson Todd Wong. Film clips also featured an interview with Peter Mansbridge, host of CBC TV's *The National*, and Japanese-Canadian author Joy Kogawa, as Wong was instrumental in helping to save Kogawa's childhood home from demolition. ^[2]

In 2008, wider recognition of Gung Haggis Fat Choy and "Toddish McWong" spread to other cultural events. The 2008 Celtic Fest ^[6] in Vancouver featured ^[7] - as a poetic showdown between Scottish poet (Robbie Burns), Irish poet (William Butler Yeats) and Welsh poet (Dylan Thomas). ...

Scotland ^[edit]

Gung Haggis Fat Choy has spread to Scotland and throughout the Chinese community. Wong has been interviewed by [Sing Tao Daily](#) news, [Ming Pao](#), CBC radio and television, [The Scotsman.com](#) and [BBC Radio Scotland](#). ...

For Homecoming Year Scotland, a picture of Todd Wong dressed in "Gung Haggis Fat Choy" costume (kilt and Chinese Lion mask) was featured in a {travelling} photo exhibition titled "This Is Who We Are: Scots in Canada" ^[3] . The project {travelled} all over Scotland, and finished with a special closing night reception at Scottish Parliament, attended by Todd Wong. Project organizer Harry McGrath was able to introduce Wong to Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond. ^[4]

[FYI Background and Information](#)

Chinese New Year - Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_New_Year

Chinese New Year is a Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. The festival is usually referred to as the ...

2019 date: Tuesday, 5 February, [Pig](#)

Chinese New Year 2019 – Year of the Pig

<https://chinesenewyear.net/>

Discover the traditions and taboos, dishes and drinks that are part of China's most important holiday, the **Chinese New Year**, or Spring Festival.

21 Things You Didn't Know About Chinese New Year – Chinese New ...

<https://chinesenewyear.net/21-things-you-didnt-know-about-chinese-new-year/>

Why is called the Spring Festival? What is lucky money? How do you say “Happy **New Year**” in **Chinese**? Get the answers to these questions and more.

☆ MORE EVENTS this WEEKEND

> FRIDAY and SATURDAY

VSO: Tovey Conducts Bruckner & Debussy

Maestro Bramwell Tovey makes his return as VSO Music Director Emeritus after eighteen extraordinary years as the **longest-serving Music Director in the VSO's century-long history**. He will conduct a piece by the very first composer he commissioned as Music Director, featuring the VSO's former Principal Cello Ariel Barnes. This concert also features the towering sonic architecture of Bruckner's Symphony No. 6.

Start date 2/1/2019 End date 2/2/2019 **8pm, pre-concert talk at 7pm**. Orpheum Theatre vancouverSymphony.ca

> SATURDAY

Winter Wander

Your \$5 admission includes admission to Museum of Vancouver, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, Vancouver Maritime Museum, City of Vancouver Archives, Vancouver Academy of Music. Experience unique waterfront attractions showcasing art, history, crafts, science, and performances from and the Vancouver Academy of Music. Enjoy local food vendors and enter to win great prizes. winterwander.com

Winter Watershed Snowshoe Tours

Explore the connection between snow and your drinking water. Learn about your water supply in a fun and active way while discovering alpine plants and animals. After a moderately strenuous snowshoe, warm up with a cup of hot chocolate. Ages 16+ * **Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 3, 10, 16, 23 and 30.**

10am - 1:30pm. Price: \$18 with your own snowshoes, \$25 with snowshoe rental. Reservations required **Mt. Seymour**
604 432 6359 metrovancover.org/events

> SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)

With famous arias like the Queen of the Night's devilishly tricky Der Hölle Rache and Pamina's heartbreaking Ach ich fühls, this beloved Mozart opera is an audience favourite as well as a delight for both students and professionals to perform. Presented by UBC Opera.

Start date 1/31/2019 **End date 2/3/2019** tickets.ubc.ca Chan Centre

> SUNDAY

Vancouver Chopin Society: Lukáš Vondráček

The clear, undisputed, and unanimous winner of the 2016 Queen {Elizabeth} Piano Competition, Lukáš Vondráček stunned the distinguished judges with his performance of {Brahms's} Sonata in F minor. Don't miss the Vancouver debut of this remarkable young musician, already making musical waves everywhere he plays.

2/3/2019 **3pm**. Vancouver Playhouse chopinsociety.org

Artist Talk with Annette Nieuwerk

When Sunday, February 03, 2019

1 - 2:30pm

Location Silk Purse Arts Centre

westvanartscouncil.ca/event-3168253



Mixed media artist [Annette Nieuwerk](#) delivers a behind-the-scenes look at her artistic process & inspirations behind her series of paintings *In Praise of Older Women*. Learn how she creates the intricate layers of walnut drawing ink, graphite & oil paint on translucent mylar to capture the beauty, stories & strength of her subjects with a slideshow & Q & A. Nieuwerk's work is on display in the exhibition *Females, Florals & Felines*, in the gallery from Jan. 22 - Feb 10. *Free!*

The New Butterfly Lovers

Renowned Vancouver choreographer Joshua Beamish brings a 1700-year-old Chinese love story alive in this brand new full-length contemporary ballet, with Maestro Ken Hsieh's Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra and Coastal City Ballet. Presented by LunarFest as part of the Year of the Pig celebration.

2/3/2019 **7:30pm.** Queen Elizabeth Theatre <https://lunarfest.org/>



SUNDAY -- SUPERBOWL



Watch the game on the big screen **starting at 3:30 pm** Prizes, 50/50,
****DRINK SPECIALS**** BBQ smokies with coleslaw and baked beans at half time -
\$8 tix available at the bar in advance and on the day LOUNGE: 922-1920

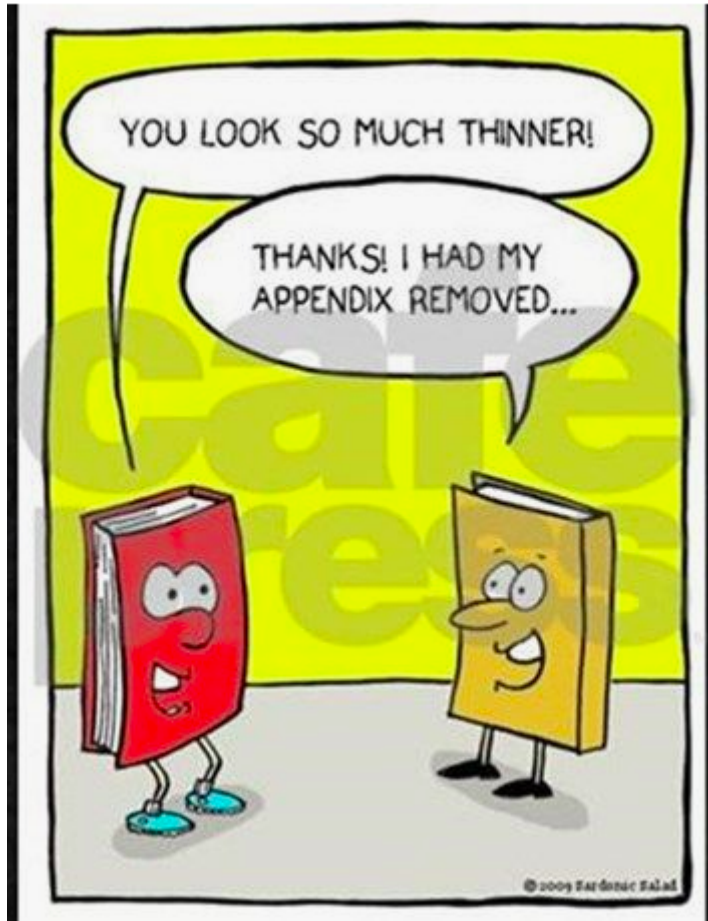
+ ATTENTION SOCCER/FOOTIE FANS!

Branch 60 is delighted to inform our soccer fans that we have acquired a subscription to DAZN (streaming service) so we can show Champions League and Europa Cup games. They usually are on Monday to Thursday. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU "PUNTERS"!!

☆☆☆ **GRAMMAR** ☆☆☆



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It's eye before flea,
except after sea.