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coma since June 26, 2024

me: oh boy, I can't wait to see all the different  
UDLS lectures that have been presented






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## UDLS?

- Free, casual lectures on a variety of topics held Fridays at 5pm in the 8th floor boardroom (X836) of the ICICS/CS building
- Began in 2007
- Brought to at least two other universities

# Current Organizers

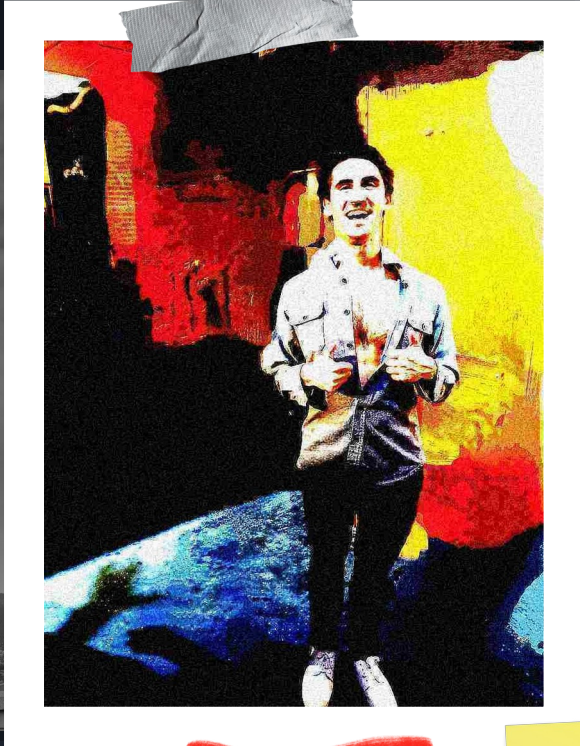


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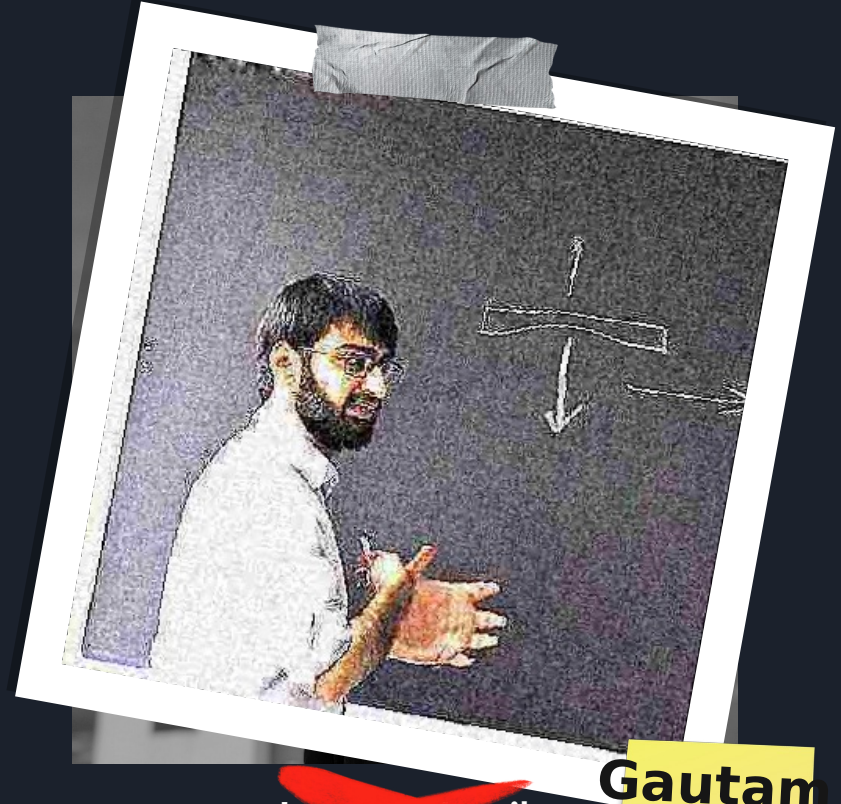
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Paulett ~~Stevenson~~ Kevich

**Ryan  
Smith**



Jose ~~Basil~~

**Gautam  
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- The Pug. A comprehensive excursion on its roles and perception with an emphasis on German culture
- A History of Photography: From Representation Towards Expression
- Olives: what are they anyways?
- Reading from "This Is How You Die" while candles melt
- Bananas
- Coffee (again)
- Fantasy Drag Race
- [Whatever the heck it is Ryan does]

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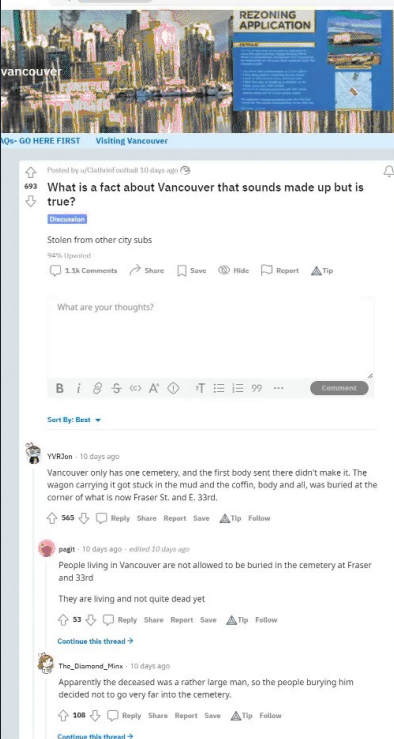
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[Discussion](#)

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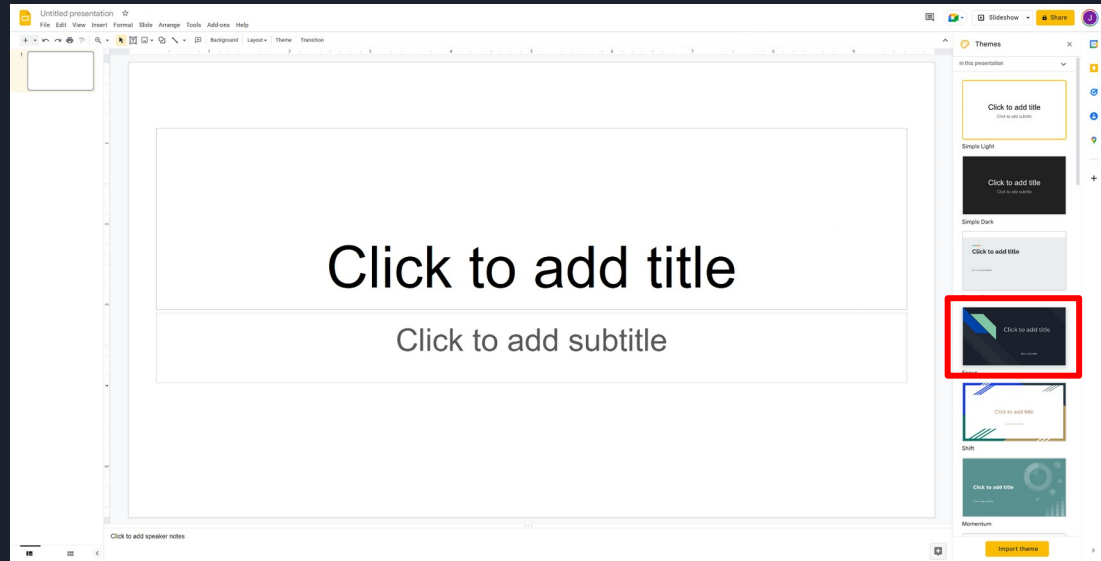


The screenshot shows a Reddit post on the 'Vancouver' subreddit. The post title is "What is a fact about Vancouver that sounds made up but is true?". It has 3.1k comments and was posted 10 days ago. Two replies are visible:

- YVRJen** (10 days ago): "Vancouver only has one cemetery, and the first body sent there didn't make it. The wagon carrying it got stuck in the mud and the coffin, body and all, was buried at the corner of what is now Fraser St. and E. 33rd." (565 upvotes)
- pag1** (10 days ago, edited 10 days ago): "People living in Vancouver are not allowed to be buried in the cemetery at Fraser and 33rd. They are living and not quite dead yet." (31 upvotes)
- The\_Diamond\_Min** (10 days ago): "Apparently the deceased was a rather large man, so the people burying him decided not to go very far into the cemetery." (108 upvotes)

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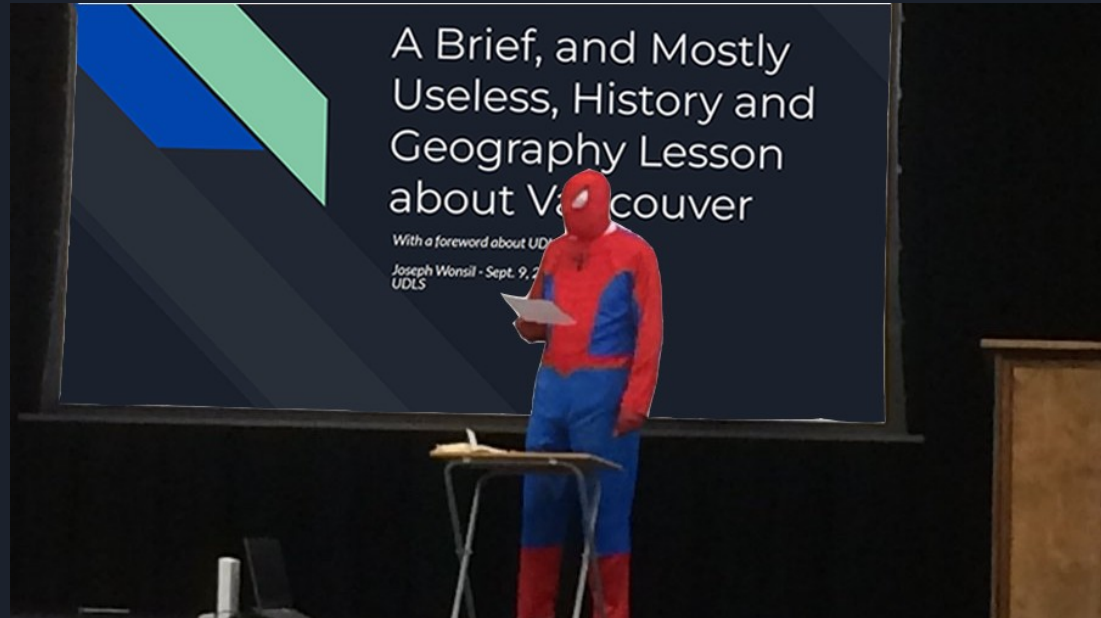
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- We're talking **longitudes**
  - Westernmost: -139
  - Easternmost: -114
  - Vancouver: -123.1



# But why a city?

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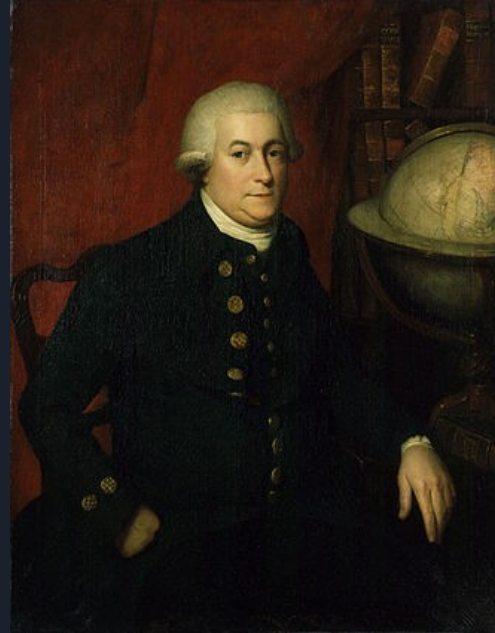
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- Europeans wanted a bar
- “Gassy” Jack opened a bar at the request of his friend, a mill owner
- The building constructed by idle mill workers in exchange for all-you-can-drink in one sitting whiskey
- The next bar was 25 miles away
- Became the “Gastown” area
- Also was most likely a terrible person



# So the name...

- George Vancouver
- English explorer
- He got around...
  - Vancouver Peninsula, Australia
  - Mount Vancouver, Yukon
  - Mount Vancouver, NEW ZEALAND
  - Vancouver Road, London
  - Vancouver, WA



# Vancouver is actually pretty young

- Incorporated in 1886
- Same year as Coca-Cola's founding





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- All other "Burrards" named after the inlet...
  - Street
  - Bridge
  - Peninsula
  - etc....



# Leg-in-boot Square

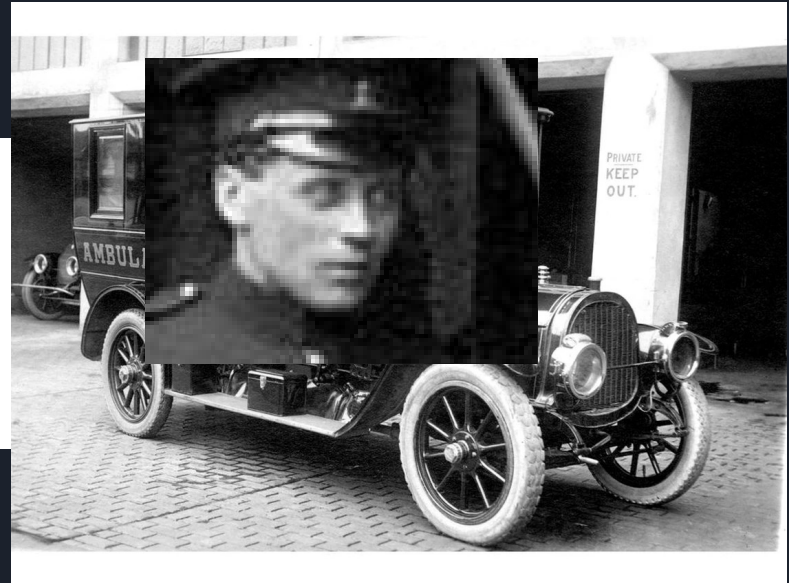
- Human leg washed up on False Creek's Shore in 1887
- Police placed it on display in case the owner wanted to claim it
- The leg has yet to be claimed



# More Historical Emergency Services

## **This Week in History, 1909: On first test drive, new 'auto ambulance' kills a pedestrian**

*On Oct. 6, 1909, Charles Cocking took Vancouver's new "auto ambulance" out for its first test drive, and promptly killed a pedestrian.*



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- Electrical since 1986, originally supposed to be backup



# Remember “Gassy” Jack?



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- They wanted a connection to their new housing development “British Properties” where only white people were allowed to live
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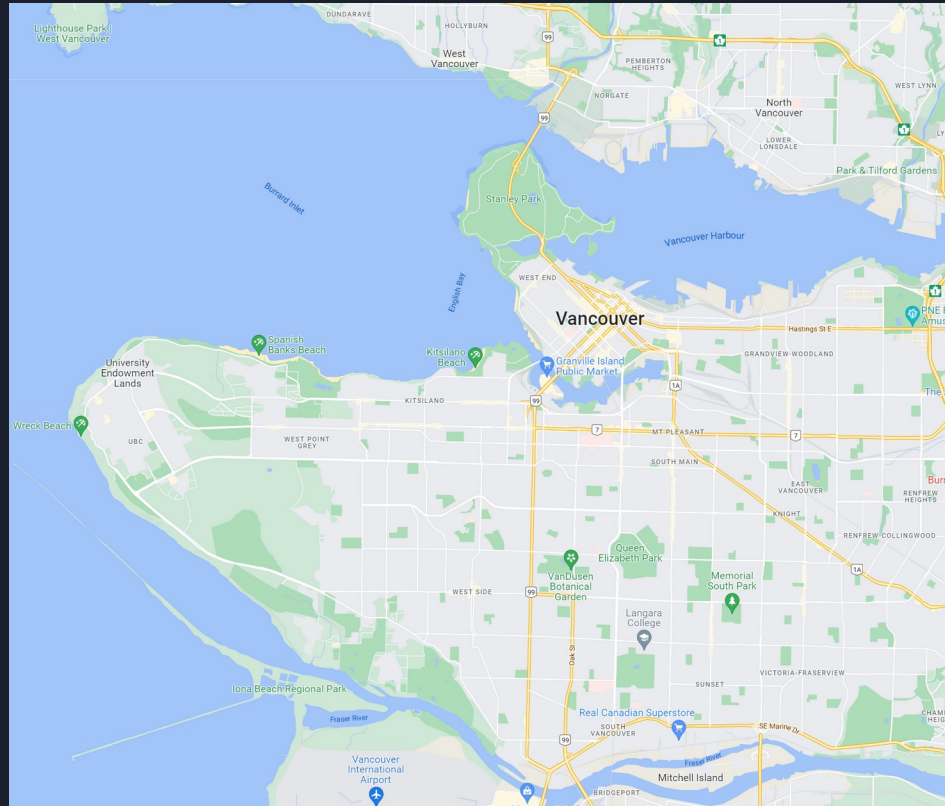


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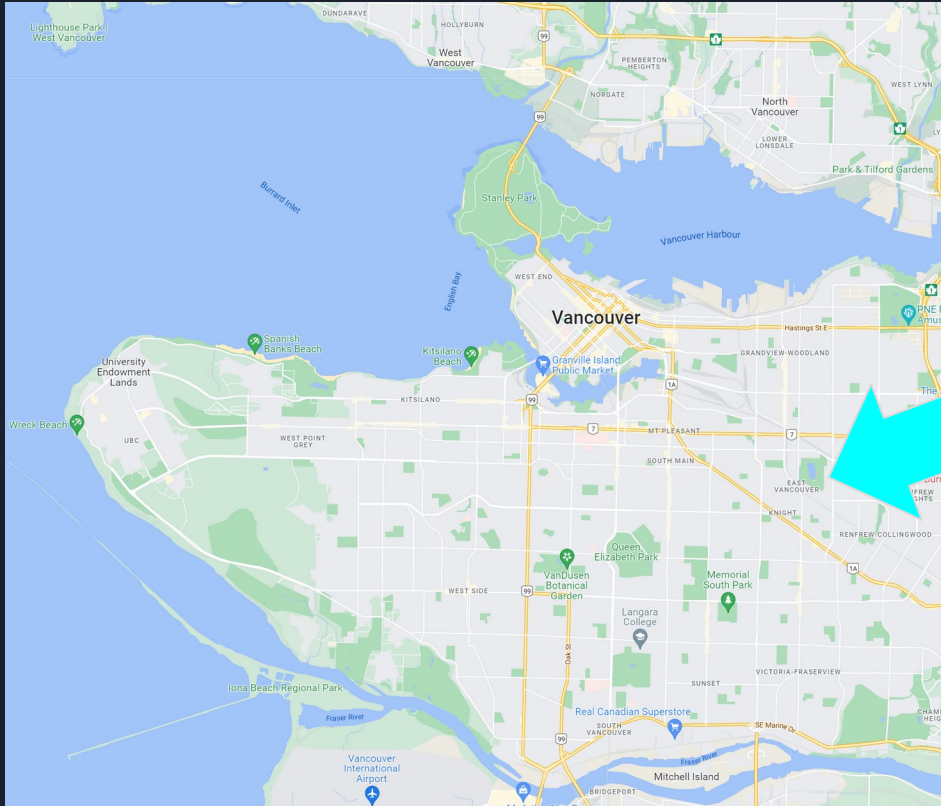
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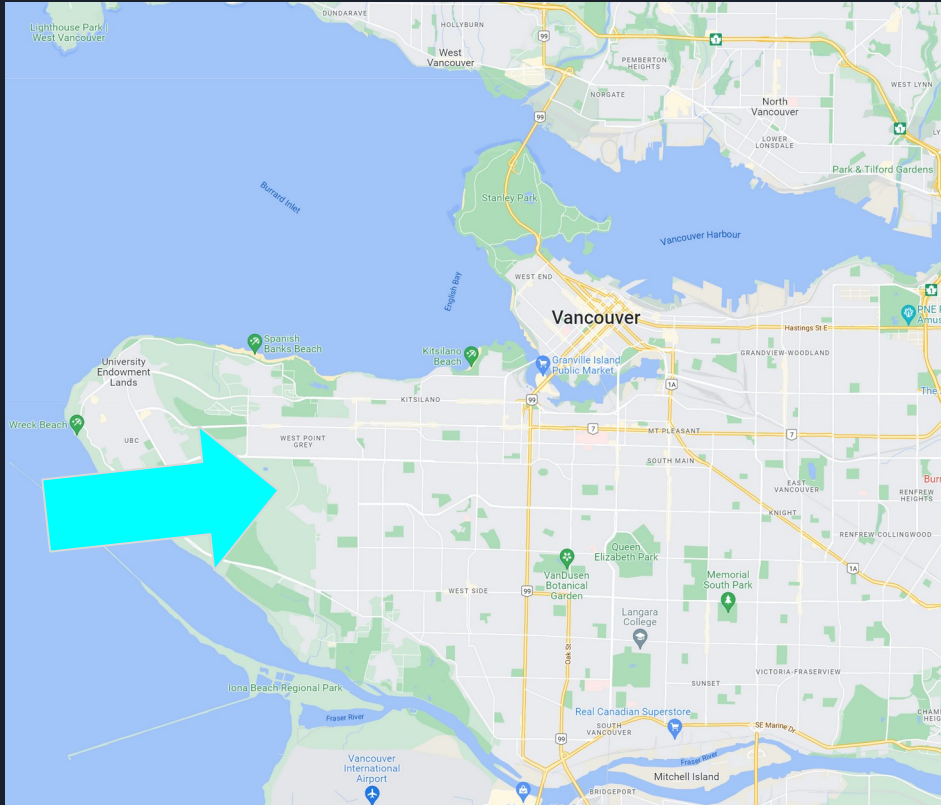
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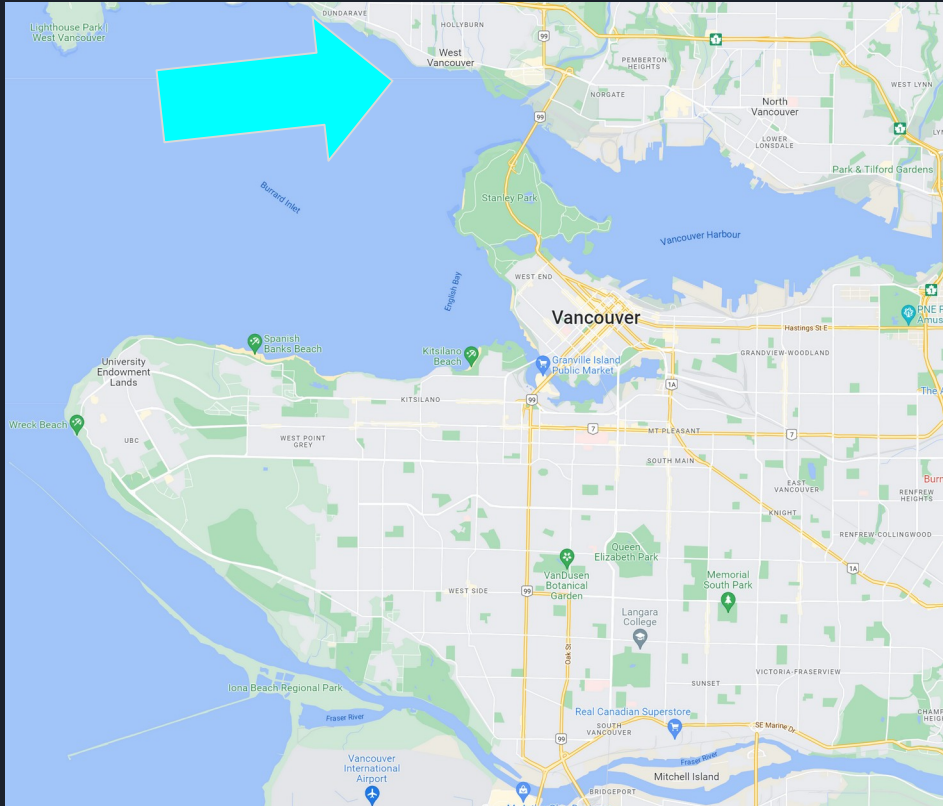
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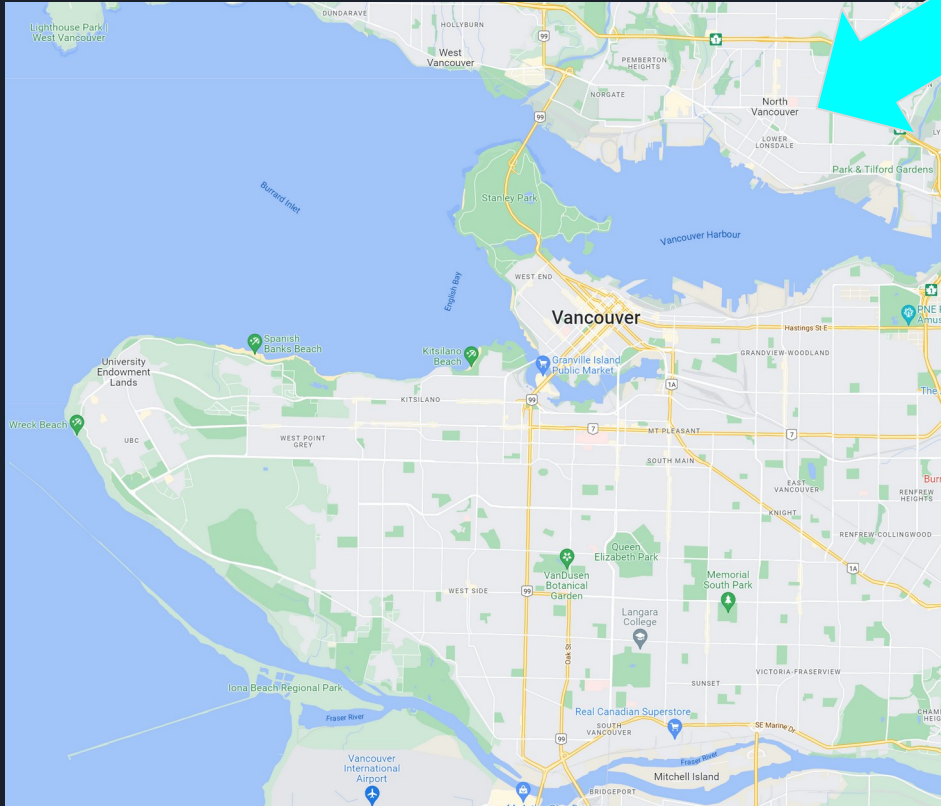
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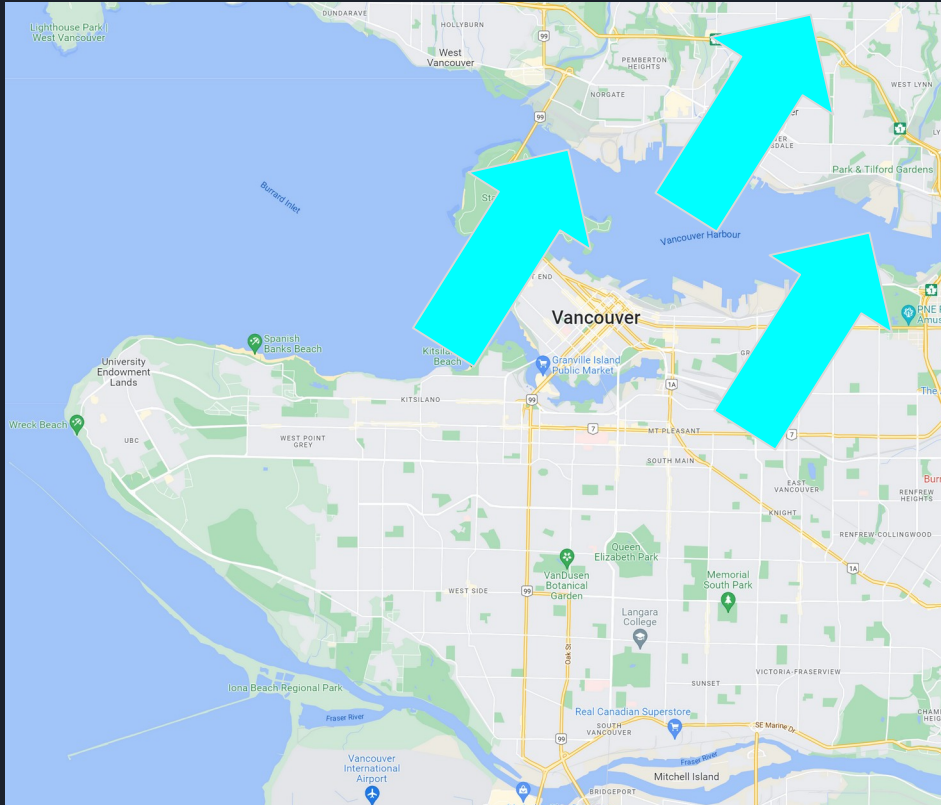
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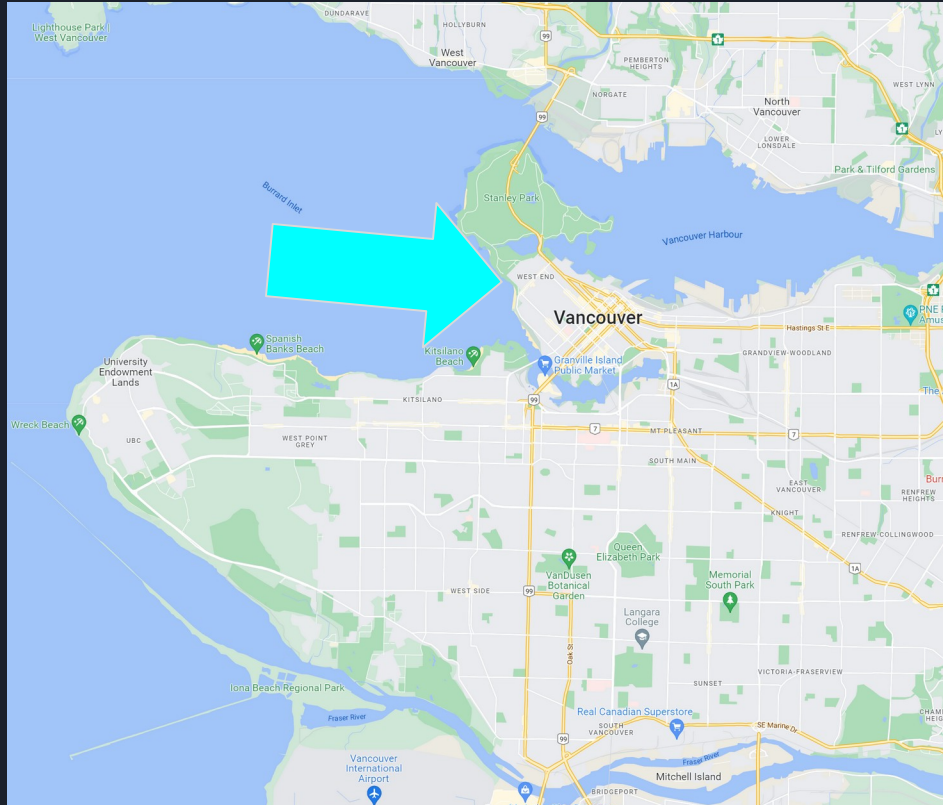
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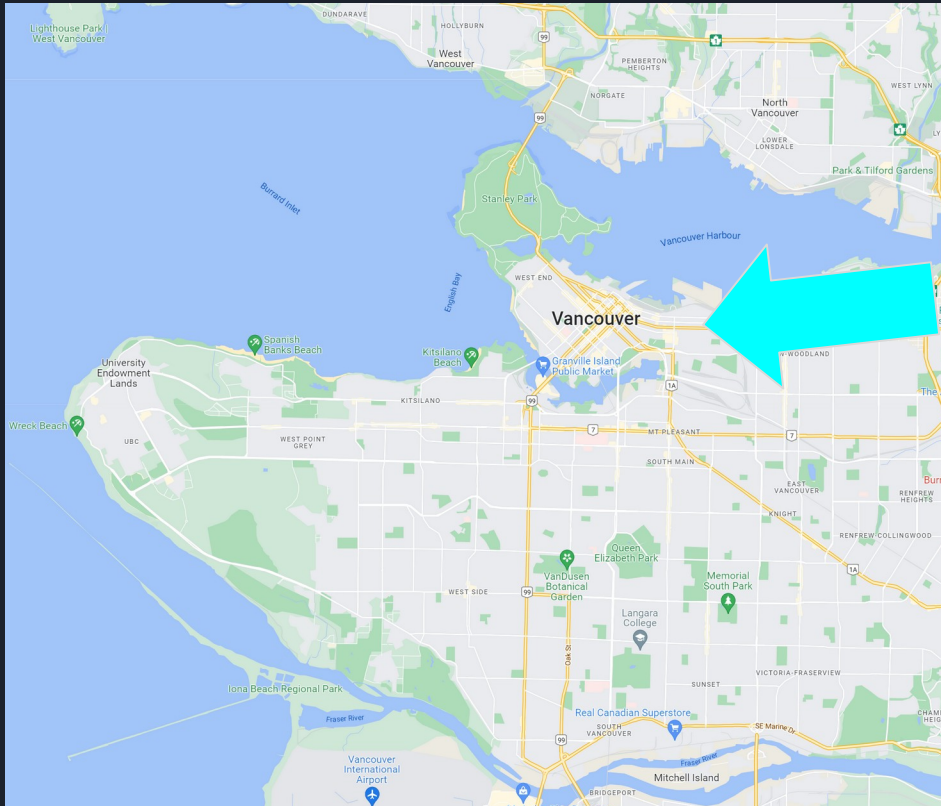


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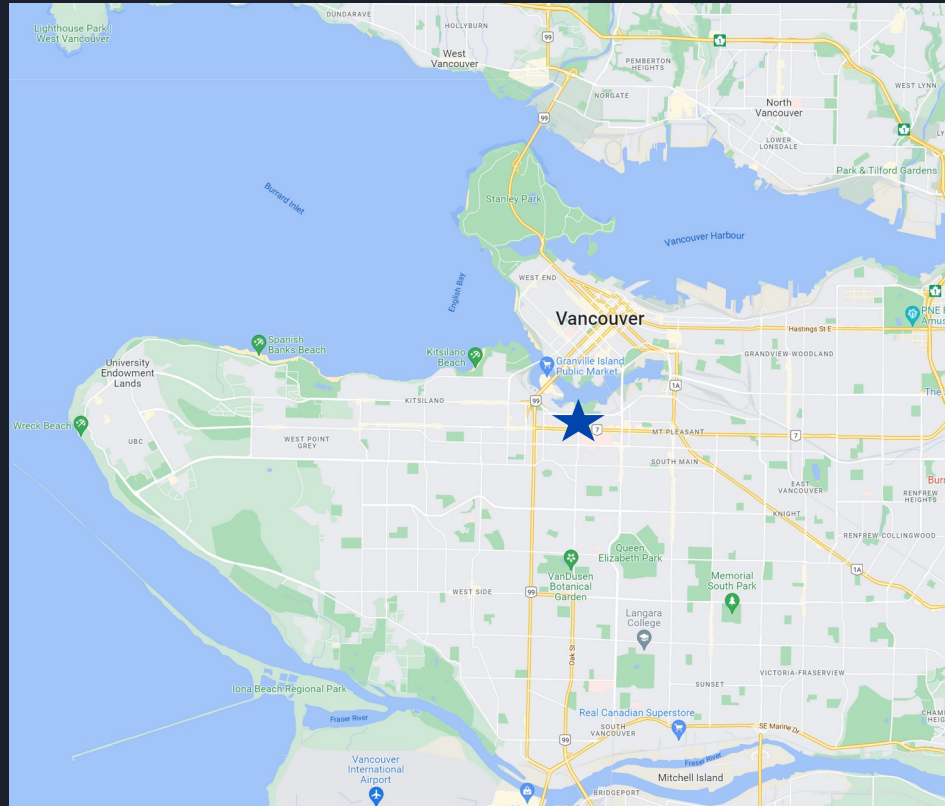
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Downtown Eastside

# South Vancouver?

- Oak
- BC 99
- Interstate 5 WA,  
OR, CA...
- Mexico F 1...



# Tijuana, Mexico



# Stanley Park

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  - A cannon that shoots directly at downtown every day at 9 o'clock referred to as the 9 o'clock gun that UBC engineering students stole and held for ransom in 1969



**UBC ENGINEERS EYED AS SUSPECTS**

## City 9 O'clock Gun Vanishes

Park board chairman Andy Livingstone said today his prime suspects in the theft of Stanley Park's 9 o'clock gun are engineering students at University of B.C.

He added that if and when the gun is returned he will demand that those who took it pay the estimated \$150 bill for replacing it in firing order.

The 1,500-pound gun was stolen sometime Saturday night and was still missing today — the first time in 75 years that the gun has left the park.

Livingstone's chief clues to the culprits are the way it was stolen and the timing.

He said the bolt of the wire cage surrounding the gun was cut with a hacksaw, the strap securing the brass barrel to an oak cradle unhooked and the electrical firing mechanism "carefully" disconnected.

"It was all done with somebody who had expert knowledge of this kind of thing," Livingstone said. "It wasn't somebody going down there and just casually taking it."

Shavings of paper used in wrapping found near the cage indicated a planned attempt to move the gun unharmed.

Timing of the theft is another clue — Engineers' Week started at UBC today. It is traditionally a period of hijinks for engineer students.

Said Livingstone: "Nobody would take the gun for their home or for sale. It has to be a stunt for something like the Mardi Gras type of thing the engineers are having."

There were other clues pointing to the engineers.

One of the engineers told The Sun Sunday that he had heard at 8 a.m. the engineers had stolen the gun.

But 8 a.m. was before the theft became public knowledge.

Most of the UBC engineers were on the campus Sunday preparing for today's festivities. They neither confirmed nor denied any involvement with the gun.

After removing it from its cage, the thieves hauled it up a grassy, snow-covered slope to the road near Brockton Point where, presumably, they had a truck waiting.

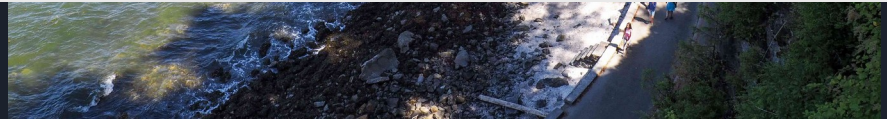
Park officials said it would take at least four strong men to lift the gun.

Livingstone said it would

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—Ralph Bower Photo

**PARK CAGE . . . gun missing**





# Vancouver has some famous beaches



Nude



137 meters pool next to the water

This is a segway



# “Canadian Tuxedo”

- Bing Crosby initially refused entrance to upscale Vancouver hotel due to looking like a “bum” in denim-on-denim
- Levis responded with an entirely denim tuxedo for Bing Crosby
- “Notice to All Hotel Men: a perfectly appropriate fabric and anyone wearing it should be allowed entrance into the finest hotels.”



# London Fog

- Mary Loria at the Buckwheat Cafe in 1997
- Loria, pregnant, wanted a coffee substitute and chatted with the barista to try something new
- Landed upon a “tea latte” with earl grey tea



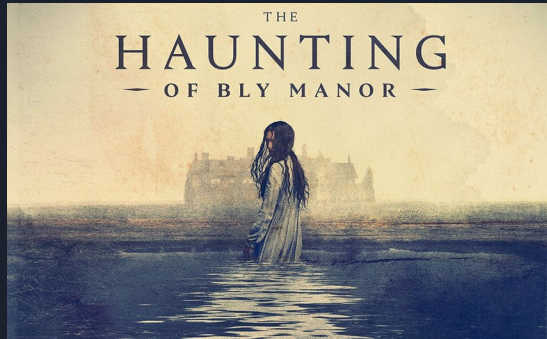
# Halloween Fireworks

- Banned now, significant tradition to Vancouver
- Difficult to say when it started
- Some say inspired by Guy Fawkes Night, Devil's or Mischief Night
- Vancouver has a high concentration of immigrants from China, where fireworks are prominent (and were invented)



# "Hollywood of the North"

- Juno
- Twilight Series
- Fifty Shades of Grey
- Exorcism of Emily Rose
- Psych
- Lucifer
- Fear the Walking Dead
- The Haunting of Bly Manor
- The Last of Us



# Crows Commute to Vancouver

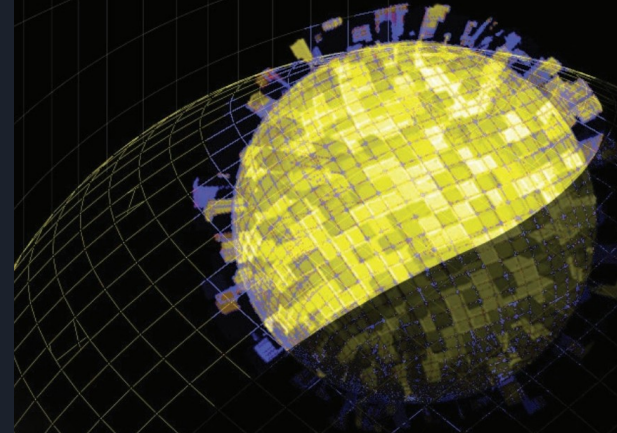
- Crows in Vancouver fly in from near Still Creek in Burnaby
- At dusk they fly back
- Housing prices.....





- Restrictive liquor laws
- Highly commercialized/Expensive Land Costs:  
Less indie/local venues
- NIMBYs complaining about people and noise
- Lack of culture

[NO]  
FUN  
CITY.





# UBC is not in Vancouver

- Unincorporated land known as the University Endowment Lands
- Administered by the province
- Set aside by BC for the University

