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DICES Community Programs News

COMMUNITY INFO

By DICES

WE are looking forward to another bright school year, and busily prepping classes for adults and students alike.

Old News! Our Summer Camp finished August 9, and by all accounts was a huge hit among the younger set. Despite the heat, many outdoor games, crafts, sports, and other artistic events were enjoyed by participants. Many freezies were consumed. A slip n' slide may have been involved. We look forward to another fun-filled summer next year! In the meantime...

Great News! We have been granted permission from the school district to resume our community programming for adults at the school in the fall. Provincial mandates require masks and proof of vaccination for instructors and participants of our indoor offerings. We will announce our programs here and on our website at dices.ca as soon as scheduling is in place.

Mixed News! The school district is revamping their facility use permission and scheduling protocols - they are going digital. In the long term, this is great news, as it allows us to book space for programs with efficiency and immediacy! In the short-term, we are looking at delays: until the software is up and running, we do not have access to school facilities for after-school programs. As a result, we are looking ahead to mid-October for program start dates for both after school programs and community programming for adults. These changes are affecting schools across the district.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate evolving School District and Provincial Health protocols for our programs!

We also would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for our long term collaboration with the Denman community school that enables us to offer a diversity of programs for the community.

Other News! Our computer access hours are changing back to our Fall and Winter hours.

Computer Access with tutoring by appointment: 4-7pm Wednesdays
Computer Access (not tutoring) 4-7pm Thursdays

Our Food Bank continues to see increasing use. We're grateful to have received grants to improve both our dry storage and BC Food Banks have been supplying us with a variety of goods, allowing our cash budget to go further. We are also carrying pet food, with gratitude to the Comox Valley SPCA who keeps us well-supplied. At this time of year, we welcome financial donations as well as donations of fresh fruit and veggies if you have an abundance that you would like to share. 🍇

Choose to Move at Home

By Lori Nawrot

• HDCHCS

COMMUNITY INFO

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DCA Holds Book Sale Every Saturday in September

COMMUNITY INFO

By DCA

because we have gratefully accepted donated books from the community for the past few months, DCA now has a roomful of books! The DCA board has decided we can still hold the sale and protect the health of the community by enforcing COVID-19 public health restrictions. Weather permitting the sale will be held outside at the market, but if the rain finally comes, the book sale will be held upstairs in the Old School in the Conservancy room. When the sale is indoors, masks will be required, the number of browsers at any one time will be limited, and after September 13, proof of vaccination must be shown.

The book sale is a major fundraiser for the Conservancy and all funds that are raised help DCA maintain the protected lands in its care.

All books are available by donation, and we appreciate the generous support of the community. 🍷

Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux

Introduction

By Bill Engleson

• www.engleson.ca

ARTS&LIT

Spellcheck and callow youth
January 11, 2005

For a few years, I kept a diary of my inauguration into the Denman Community. This column, recently renamed Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux, will extract a few of my observations from a dozen or so years ago and share them. Hopefully, they will have some modern times currency.

Yesterday, I had a brief but delightful enquiry from Betty-Ann Grodecki, the Flagstone editor. Did I have a romantic story or poems for the February Valentine Day issue? I wish I did. I wish that I were a more romantic man. The painful, effervescent truth is that once, in the long-ago, I was a teenage love-gusher, a callow romantic youth who gave his heart like confetti at a wedding. In time I was trampled by the awful reality of male-female duelling. The weight of the intensity that overwhelmed me when I fell in love again and again and again simply crushed the tangled spirit that dwelled within my heart. Well, perhaps it was somewhat less impactful on my love organs but still, and I may not be alone here, wouldn't we all like the opportunity, not to relive the whole big soggy essence of our lives, but the romantic diversions, the romantic rivulets, those long packed away in the closet somewhere love dreams of our youth?

As I write, I am having notions of future romantic thoughts, written creative thoughts. I wonder if other writers are given to craving experiences, not for their intrinsic worth, their pleasure, but rather for the quality of the experience given and subsequently captured in print, or paint, or clay.

On a tangent, when I was spell-checking this latest entry, the little electronic spelling gremlin queried Betty-Ann's last name and offered 4 choices: Grotesque, geodesic, griddlecake, and Greek. I love entering people's last names when I word process because spell check is a delightful tool that almost randomly demonstrates a sense of humour. For instance, on a whim, I am entering the name of the immigration minister Judy Sgro to see what laughs spell check might come up with. I am offered AGRO, SCROD, STROP, SAGO, GROW, GROG, STROH, SURE, and GROH. Well, that puts the kibosh to that speculation that there is humour afoot here. Undaunted, I try again with another liberal Cabinet Minister, Joe Volpe. Nothing! This may get a little tiring. The pleasure is often gained because of the accidental nature of the spell check humour. I reach into the past for inspiration. Humphrey Bogart? Nada. Ralph Klein? John Diefenbaker? Horatio Alger? Nothing. I have wasted enough time on this, and the reward has been slight. Best leave my enjoyment of spell check humour to those moments when I stumble upon them, when for whatever reason, I wander into the spell check stand up comedy club and a crackling good name joke gets posted. Bill Hufnagle. Who is he, you ask? Before I let this tangent go, I turned around and lo and behold, there was our cookbook collection. Mr. Hufnagle is the author

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TIDE TABLE

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2021-09-02
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:07	3.8	12.5
09:06	1.5	4.9
17:11	4.3	14.1
22:43	3.6	11.8

2021-09-03
(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:04	3.7	12.1
09:59	1.3	4.3
17:43	4.4	14.4
23:13	3.5	11.5

2021-09-04
(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:23	3.9	12.8
10:47	1.1	3.6
18:13	4.5	14.8
23:42	3.3	10.8

2021-09-05
(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:21	4.0	13.1
11:30	1.0	3.3
18:41	4.6	15.1

2021-09-06
(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:14	3.1	10.2
05:13	4.2	13.8
12:10	1.0	3.3
19:06	4.6	15.1

2021-09-07
(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
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12:48	1.1	3.6
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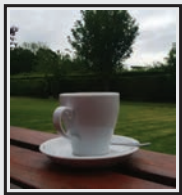
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(Wednesday)

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13:26	1.4	4.6
19:55	4.7	15.4

2021-09-09
(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:05	2.1	6.9
07:53	4.3	14.1
14:05	1.7	5.6
20:21	4.7	15.4





ARTS&LIT

A Work in Progress: B.M.

By Leo Simmons

LIVERPOOL has a long history of trade and commerce, having been very much a part of the old empire's dealings in goods. The city had seen it all; trade in slaves, sugar, spices and more slaves. The war had brought bombs from the air and convoys by sea filled with food and soldiers. The return of peace had signalled more trade in goods and a revival of the passenger liner industry. One of the tangible legacies of such a varied history was a well-established central business district. The history was evident in some of the names: India, Pekin and Kansas Buildings respectively. The scale was very grand too. Since the city's prosperity had hit its peak in the nineteenth century, the CBD was replete with enormous, impressive neoclassical architecture. Marble seemed to be everywhere, architectural restraint nowhere.

The Venerable - occasionally referred to as 'The Venereal' by mistake - occupied only a tiny part of a building that took up more than half of Falkirk Street. Along more than one hundred yards of imposing stonework, only one door presented itself. It would take me some time to discover that this was, in fact, the side door; the tradesman's entrance if you will. The enormous, hugely impressive main entrance opened grandly onto Derby Street, where the important people would have once arrived amid no little splendour. Despite its humble status, the side doorway was also framed by truly enormous marble pillars and an impressive decorative stone lintel. The Victorians liked to flash the cash when it came to their buildings of commerce.

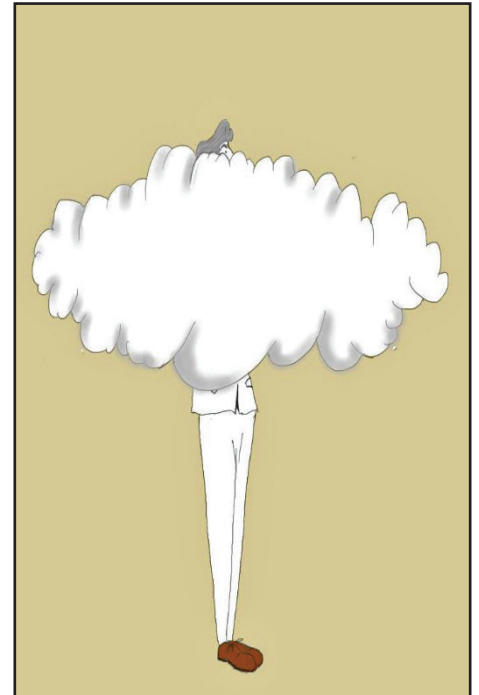
Once inside, an atrium faced entirely with gleaming marble greeted the visitor. Soaring some forty feet, the patterned floor - intricately patterned tiles - stretched across a circular space of perhaps thirty feet. It was one hell of a side entrance, and somewhat intimidating. Only two interior doors could be seen. The smaller of these portals was the entrance to the elevator, while the larger double doors some twelve feet in height were never available for people as insignificant as I. Entering the elevator - the only way to get to The Venerable's office - was something of a shock. Leaving such a huge space, humans were expected to squeeze themselves into what felt like an impossibly small closet-like enclosure. I'd never felt the clutches of claustrophobia until the moment I first stepped into that tiny box. According to the brass plaque fixed to the rear wall, the machine could theoretically carry up to eight people at a time. Some experimentation involving a little shuffling and shimmying revealed that only three people of my size would fill the available space to capacity.

The minuscule elevator would each day noisily transport me heavenward to the office which occupied the very top floor of the building. The elevator doors opened directly into the premises occupied by The Venereal - sorry, Venerable. Perhaps once part of a penthouse apartment for a merchant of the city, the office suite consisted of only four rooms including the manager and assistant manager's offices. The latter was barely larger than a wardrobe. It was directly into this space - if space is the right word - that the elevator faced as the door opened. Its unlikely occupant could, if you were fortunate, be observed hard at work/sleep as the door slid open.*

(*This sentence should be read aloud using the voice of Sir David Attenborough.)

Bernard Millington was six feet and five inches of former wartime RAF pilot resplendent in a brownish, faintly tartan-ish suit which was as awful as it sounds, together with perpetually scruffy brown brogues. Apart from the suit, Bernard also occupied the wardrobe-sized office. In fact, he filled it. Frequently, he could be found arranged within the ridiculous room in such a way as to suggest that he had

been fired there from a cannon. He was fast approaching the age of compulsory retirement, but with the stoic dignity of his great generation, had foreshadowed this sad event by totally losing interest in his work some years earlier.



Bernard and pipe.

I had discovered this to be true during my duties which involved dealing with many of his clients, and by necessity reading through their files. Many of them were bulging at the seams with correspondence, however the merest scratching of the surface revealed an overwhelming majority of these pieces of paper were little more than fluff. Most of them could be distilled down to "Hello! It's me. I'm a bit bored. How are you?" or similar. They had no apparent purpose or value otherwise. When I mentioned this to the two secretaries whose job it was to type all of his missives - which he would flamboyantly sign with flourishes - they rolled their eyes and declined to comment further.

An occasional foray into his office was akin to visiting a stationery cupboard after it had gone for a ride inside a washing machine. Such raids suggested that the evidence was more widespread. Bernard enjoyed his licence to roam 'on business,' although he rarely went further than his favourite pub, and was

rumoured to be a founding member of a local gentlemen's establishment of refuge. On average, we saw him for three hours a day, and in his absence it was often necessary to hunt down missing files which had last been seen in his possession. Even then, his office was wreathed in drifting layers of pipe smoke, through which could be made out piles of paperwork, scattered bundles of files and an impressive array of office pens. The latter was puzzling, since Bernard only ever wrote with a very fine fountain pen (those incredible signatures).

His desk blotter/planner – yes, it was still the age of planners – could be found covered with 'work' such as: 'I like this pen!' or 'Supercalerfradgerlisticexpiyaledocious' in a series of different spellings. He drew pictures, too. Mostly, he drew wartime aircraft, but he was also a dab hand at caricatures of his colleagues. When he received a multi-colour ballpoint pen as a gift from his granddaughter, his doodles became more enterprising. However, it became clear a short time following his quiet and uneventful retirement that he had used up a lot of ink decorating paper aeroplanes which he had then thrown out of his window onto the roof below. The man had *class*.

He was an old-fashioned eccentric, and we tolerated and enjoyed his foibles as much as they sometimes irritated us. When he left the office on his final Friday, he did so somewhat unsteadily following yet another 'busy' afternoon at a local watering hole. Festooned in a cloud of smoke, his grey trilby knocked itself askew on the door of the elevator as he folded himself into it. As the tiny box descended, his bewildered face could be seen through the small window, pipe still clutched between his teeth while he checked his pockets for tobacco. We had all said our goodbyes and despite knowing him so briefly, I felt unaccountably emotional to see him leave the room for the last time. Perhaps it was the underlying, *horrifying* notion that one day, that might be me...



...continued from P.3 of *BIKER BILLY'S Freeway-o-fire Cookbook*. Hufnagle presented the following spelling alternatives. UNABLE, JUNGLE, BUNGLE, HUNGER, HANAIEI, HOBNAILED, and HINGE.

I have to leave this.

Sorry!

I'm becoming UNHINGED 

Letters to the Editor

It is irresponsible to knowingly allow transmission of a potentially dangerous virus.

Unfortunately being vaccinated does not mean you can not transmit the virus. Those vaccinated can still spread covid on clothes, hands and through breath despite having a card saying they have been vaccinated. Being vaccinated also does not make you morally better than anyone else.

Believing you are "safe" or are a "safe person" does not make it true.

The virus can easily be transmitted from a vaccinated person who has not been taking precautions and most likely believes themselves to be "safe", both from a piece of paper and a strong sense of self righteousness in that they're "doing the right thing for family and country!" In reality this person has spread the virus around thinking they're "safe" because they've been vaccinated and thus aren't likely to die of covid. So much for your high opinion of yourself! You may have just infected a bunch of people, some of whom may have legitimate reasons for not being able to be vaccinated and so much for providing a covid free environment for our children and other vulnerable community members to gather in the expectation they will be safe!

Moving on.

Dividing Canada into the vaccinated and the unvaccinated will only do more harm than good and will lead to violence. Finding solutions that are compassionate to everyone equally is the only way forward.

I don't believe in hope, I do believe in the best answer and not the answer that's best for one party at the cost of another. I'd rather live here and now, accepting and dealing with problems in the real world than being hopeful for better days.

I'm not opposed to public safety or vaccination.

There are times when doing something to someone without their consent is commonly agreed upon in the name of public safety, but for sane logical and well thought out reasons.

The problem we have here is we're comparing cops using a taser to stop a maniac running down the street threatening people with a knife; to a virus that while not good isn't ebola, plague or polio (vaccination for which is elective btw!). Do you really hate your neighbours that much you equate them to homicidal maniacs for not being vaccinated?!

If businesses are to remain open in any capacity than correct procedures for allowing both vaccinated and unvaccinated people to access those facilities while doing more than what's required to minimize risk of infection will need to be found and implemented.

This may dramatically change how some services operate and may necessitate significantly increased measures to reduce the risk of transmission. This can not however be allowed to harm or marginalize anyone, if that means no businesses that are "vaccinated only" then so be it.

I'm not telling people to not get vaccinated, I'm saying that it should be an informed decision and making that decision should not marginalize you.

*There are folks who can't be vaccinated even if they want to so **continued on P.6...***

...continued from P.5 how is blaming the unvaccinated for anything going to help?!

Then there's those of us who don't trust the medical system, the government or big pharma. I don't want to scare someone out of getting vaccinated, but I need to point out that people have good reason to question it and there really could be more to this story than what we're being told. Until I see some solid facts, proven and checked by a qualified entity that isn't getting paid to tell me what to believe; I won't.

Everyone with a motive and agenda has taken full advantage of this situation. I don't think I'm taking advantage of anyone by warning you to think for yourself, sometimes you find the difference between reality and what you believed is stark.

I'm not recommending you follow the popular media ant-vaxers as most actually are tinfoil hat wearing fools desperate for likes and subscriptions or are properly insane. What I'm saying here is that it's really hard to trust the authorities right now, especially when they look so damned thirsty. I mean trying to convince people via any means necessary like pretty girls holding puppies, trading candy for compliance while engaging in a campaign of terror to dissuade opposition just doesn't look very trustworthy to me.

We're supposed to believe the Canadian government has our best interests at heart? Excuse me while I choke on the damage Fee For Service is causing or the Olympic village affordable housing scam or Ritalin [clinical meth] as the solution to bad behaviour in children or how about the Canadian governments program of sterilizing young native women... do I really need to go on?

Perhaps you remember Thalidomide = 10,000 babies severely injured or dead because it was "said to be safe" and was initially [instantly] approved in Europe just because it was "said to be safe"... BY THE COMPANY MAKING IT!!!

Obviously the covid vaccine isn't thalidomide, but that doesn't mean we aren't taking a serious risk in trusting what's said just because it's being said by someone wearing a badge of officialdom.

I got my jabs along with all the other 80s kids and we didn't have much reason to question it then, but a lot has changed in the past forty years. The potential to abuse this technology is now a very real danger that wasn't physically possibility when I was a child. Of course any 80s tech that could be abused by authority was at some point so again I have no belief that people who say they're doing what's best actually are.

Perhaps now would be a good time to mention the Milgram experiments?

I will directly oppose any and all attempts to segregate, marginalize or forcibly anything to anyone without consent.

We need to make the right decision today so our children can live in a world where they don't need to be microchipped to attend school or grow up totally accustomed to a doctor/anyone of authority doing whatever they want without any questions, consent or moral boundaries because "It's for the better good" - Well \$#!π, where have I heard that before? We can not allow forced vaccination, what will we be forced to do next if we don't stand together now?!

It may be your choice to surrender your consent because someone said it was the correct thing to do, but that doesn't make you or them right and doesn't mean I will surrender like you did. The true threat here is not and has never been the vaccine or the virus, the immediate danger has always been how we've chosen to react.

People of authority can do really bad things.. so always trust that your local authority has your best interests at heart in the name of safety and always do what your local leaders say no matter what. Never question. Always obey with blind faith. Your government loves you and would never ever ever abuse that authority...

Like they have so many times in the past.

Remy Skolney 🍷

At the end of a letter to the editor of the Grapevine of August 26th, re Bill Engleson's poetry, B. Patrick thanks me for reading. As well he (she?) might. Wading through the preciosity of the language required a bit of an effort for one thing, and what could the writer possibly have meant by "Taking a lot of liberties with the medium of words"? Isn't that what they're for?

I suggest he type "political poetry" into Google. He's in for a big surprise.

But my real issue with B. Patrick's letter is that it seems to have no purpose other than to vaunt the writer's superior judgement at the expense of someone else. What it does accomplish is to expose his lack of knowledge on many many fronts, including but in no way limited to, those he disparages in others.

I am disappointed to see such a mean spirited letter in a publication meant to foster community, including community among

writers. It is the antithesis of the person about whom it is written. No one is vying for the Nobel. Our community paper needs to be a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Christine Stewart 🍷

Dear Grapevine and Doctor:

Although I probably should defer to the superior intelligence and knowledge of Dr. Chalfin, it needs to be said that she entirely missed the point of my letter.

The point of my letter was this: Why would someone want to avoid my presence because I'm unvaccinated when they can still be full of the virus when they've had the 'vaccine'? That makes no sense. BECAUSE IF I WAS 'VACCINATED' I COULD STILL BE CONTAGIOUS! It's just so stupid...

("What they can't do anymore," referring to vaccinations, "is prevent transmission." That's C.D.C. Director Rochelle Walensky, in an Aug. 5th CNN interview...)

And then of course, it seems vaccinated people now need continual boosters and are still getting quite sick (see interview with Israeli hospital director.)

Granted, I may be just a dumb anti-social bumpkin. Then perhaps a person wants to inquire why there is a coalition of 1000 lawyers and 10,000 MEDICAL EXPERTS prosecuting the Davos Group, WHO, and CDC under the Geneva Convention, for crimes against humanity. (Incidentally, they are led by Dr. Reiner Fuellmich, who was in the news a few years ago when he got Volkswagen convicted for massive emissions fraud. His specialty is actually corporate fraud, Doctor.)

Doug Rennpferd 🍷

Gord Johns Visits Denman

COMMUNITY INFO

By Anthony Gregson

GORD JOHNS met with constituents outside the Denman Activity Centre late Saturday afternoon. By way of introduction, he said he had never seen so much anger before, going door to door, and on the hustings, where he even had a communist party emblem painted on his face. Climate change, Covid, the opioid crisis, affordable housing, residential school graves: he could not think of a time since he entered politics actively 13 years ago when there were so many issues. "We are in a different time," he said, pointing out that the Chamber of Commerce in Courtenay has now made childcare and affordable housing their top priority where it used to be the usual stuff about lowering taxes and cutting red tape. On Hornby, where he spent the day, he said the main issue raised was affordable housing. On Denman, the questions were largely focussed on climate change.

Threaded throughout much of what Johns had to say were remarks on the political process. He told the story of taking what he saw was a problem to a deputy minister, who told him to find a solution because that was the role of the opposition. "I finally got it," he said. Holding the balance of power with a Liberal minority, the NDP has apparently been able to leverage that advice very effectively. Advised by 2018 Conservative candidate Byron Horner that that you have to form government to get anything done, Johns said it just isn't true. There has been 14 times more investment in the Comox Alberni riding under NDP representation.

Johns is always interesting on how things can get done. He's learned how to play the shame game, without naming names, then starting the conversation. The NDP, he said, try to make everyone look good, rather than

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Collective Consciousness

by Thomas Provençal

When the world is quiet
and machines are all asleep,
minds are free to wander
with the spirits of the deep.
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...continued from P.7 throwing rocks. Even if it has a place, partisan politics is a huge problem, but there are some collaborative tools such as informal road caucuses when MPs travel, and all-party caucuses where you do not need the permission of a whip. The National Biking Strategy, which Johns initiated, is one of them and has just been funded with \$400 million. (The members are going to celebrate, whether we get elected or not, he said.) Climate Change is another, including MPS from all parties except the Bloc Quebecois, perhaps because French translation is not provided outside the House. They are not enough.

Above all, he emphasized the MP's dependence on the ideas and spade work of constituents. The development of legislation to clean up marine plastic waste and debris, originated on Denman through ADIMS, was a prime example where he at first had no idea what to do and Ottawa thought the whole issue was wingnut crazy. Another has been an initiative, lead by Denman's Wolfgang Zimmerman, to provide a framework for people injured in the workplace to get employers to accommodate them because, if they do not get back to work within a year, the chances of them working again are one percent. Three days before the election, it was funded with \$2.7 million.

When the idea of a climate change lens was raised as a focus for every Federal agency, Johns compared it to what happened to the Reconciliations lens adopted by the Liberals. It went nowhere because it was not enough. What's really needed is a cabinet committee on climate change, a secretariat, independent of electoral turnover, that can hold government to targets, and the necessary legislation. The problem, he said, is the lack of accountability. Beyond that, the whole business needs to be put on a war footing, where everyone has a part to play. Nobody had any trouble with that.



This Week in the Garden

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

WHAT worked and what did not? That is what I am thinking as I look around my gardens.

This year, I thought my hollyhocks were doing fine outside the wire fence and they bloomed well and grew well. The pollinators, especially the hummingbirds, loved them. However, the deer must be pretty hungry as they have started eating the leaves of the hollyhocks which does the plant no good. I will dig them up when I have a moment and plant them where they are protected from the deer.

What did work well outside the protection of the fence was the Cosmos daisies. They have bloomed very well and are popular with the pollinators especially butterflies and moths of which we can never have enough. I see a few butterflies by day but I know 90% of of the family is comprised of night- flying moths. They are all very useful pollinators and beautiful creatures besides. They especially favour flowers from the daisy family. Daisies have a cluster of small nectar-producing florets in the centre and they suit the small mouth parts of the butterflies and moths.

I always keep some fennel growing as it is a good food plant for the Anise Swallowtail butterfly. I found one of the brilliant, green, yellow and black caterpillars on my fennel which was cause for celebra-

tion. The past few years, there have not been very many of the large and showy Anise Swallowtails and this year we did much better. So keeping faith and keeping their food plants for adults and babies is very important and something almost every gardener can do.

Besides food there is the issue of water. I have a large ceramic saucer in my flower garden and keep it filled with water. It has little stones in it so the flyers can land easily for a drink. It makes my garden a more attractive space for the little creatures.

I did not do well this year with my sweet peas but no one did in the extreme heat. I am growing the flowers out for seed as well as my Cosmos, Calendulas and Hollyhocks of course. I will share the seeds with the Garden Club and the Food Bank and anyone else who needs some seeds. I do this because I find commercially available seeds to be so expensive and so few in a package and them sometimes so old they will not germinate.

What worked in your garden?





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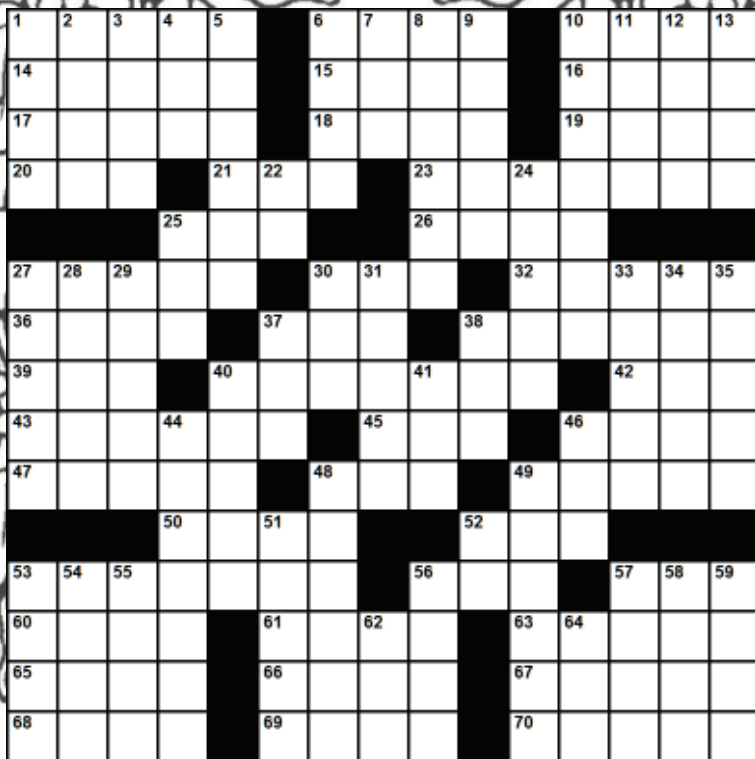
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• ACROSS •

1. Worthless matter
6. Canisters
10. A lot of land
14. Airport need
15. Dull as dishwater
16. Bamboo like grass
17. Cover story
18. Body of an organism
19. Ebb or flood
20. Automation, abbr.
21. Cut off branches
23. Greek letter
25. Claus aide
26. Grass covered grazing fields
27. Cloudless
30. Give it a go
32. Comes ashore
36. Opinion page, briefly
37. "Annabel Lee" author
38. Partial suspension of breath
39. Burnt tree
40. Furtiveness
42. Up to
43. Iran, once
45. Actor Marvin
46. Cult

47. Wounded by a wasp
48. Cassowary cousin
49. Carving stones
50. Excuse me
52. In what manner
53. Overact
56. Auto gear, abbr.
57. Bar bill
60. Asian sea
61. Wealthy, in Madrid
63. Cockamamie
65. Fast sled
66. Dental exam
67. Braves legend
68. Encompassed by
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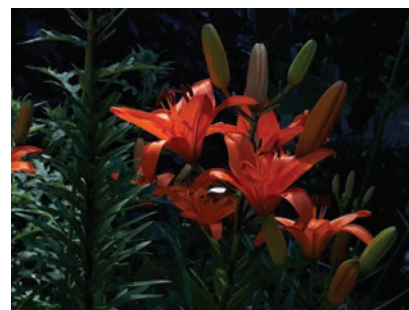
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1. Common crustacean
2. Angels' symbol
3. Colliery entrance
4. Early Beatles describer
5. Lacy
6. Cookbook qty.
7. U.N. labor arm
8. Specifically
9. Contour
10. Craftsman
11. Furnish a lining
12. Perform again
13. Biblical garden
22. -- course!
24. Graceful woman
25. Author's last word
27. Bath cakes
28. Improbable victory
29. Hindu statesman
30. Bearing pivot
31. Kingdom
33. Celebrated
34. Apply antifreeze
35. Epsom and the like
37. Bake sale grp., maybe
38. Did lunch
40. Spot
41. Hundred bani
44. Crawled slowly
46. Beheld
48. Star Wars group
49. Good humored
51. Mark replacers
52. That man
53. Dance to chants
54. Calla lily, e.g.
55. Biblical trio
56. Actor's part
57. Card of a sort
58. Auth. unknown
59. Gazzara and Franklin
62. Automobile
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MONDAY 6

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- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

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- TWIN BANDITS Guesthouse 6pm

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