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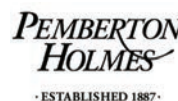
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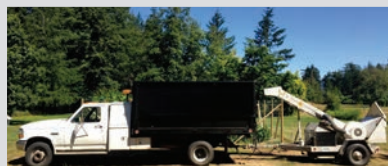


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Cutting Trees in Denman Conservancy Lands

COMMUNITY INFO

By DCA

well off the trail, and some of the wood from these trees appears to have been removed from the Nature Reserve.

Also, it was recently reported that some large logs (remaining from 'danger trees' felled by road maintenance crews) were removed from the side of East Road in Lindsay Dickson Nature Reserve by a nearby resident. Just a reminder that the Nature Reserve property boundary goes to the very edge of East Road in this area since this section of road is designated as a Scenic/Heritage Road. Therefore, the removal of these logs (perhaps presumed to be within the 'grey area' of MOTI road allowance where people sometimes think they are entitled to remove downed wood) was actually an act of trespass and potentially subject to a \$25,000 fine for damages under the conservation covenant protecting this land.

DCA is the legally designated manager of both the Inner Island Nature Reserve and Lindsay Dickson conservation lands. While DCA appreciates volunteer help with clearing trails and windfalls, this needs to be done in communication with and under the direction of the DCA Lands Committee. We have management plans and conservation covenants that protect the natural amenities of the lands we steward. This is just a reminder that no cutting or removal of wood is permitted from any of DCA's conservation lands. If you would like to help as a trails volunteer, please get in touch with the Land Manager: Erika Bland | dcalandmanager@gmail.com 🍷

Buzz on Bees: A Peek Inside Our Hives

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Rachel Halliwell

FALL is fast approaching and as the weather begins to change, so does the activity of our once robust honeybee hives. The honeybee colony will follow the weather and forage bloom and start to reduce in size, activity and begin the winterizing process. Although what does that look like?

The honeybee's winter preparation is typically triggered by our seasonal weather changes and natural abundance of nectar and pollen. As we enter the cooler months, the nectar flow ceases and we tend to have one last boost of pollen forage. Weather this is from the sunflowers, thistles or squash flowers, the last pollen source is an important element to creating those winter bees. Bees feed their babies pollen therefore as long as there is pollen available, the honeybee Queen will continue to produce offspring. As the pollen availability reduces, this triggers a reduction of population and a shift in forager behaviour. The foragers will increase their flights to collect tree resin instead of nectar and pollen. Tree resin is a key component in propolis - an incredible substance that the hive creates to seal any cracks in the hive structure in order to strengthen its structural integrity and repel rainwater from entering the hive.

For the beekeeper, we can help our colonies prepare for winter. There are many ways to prepare your hives for winter although there are a few points to keep in mind. During the winter months, the older bees and the weaker bees will not survive and the remaining population will cluster together in order to keep themselves warm. Therefore when you prepare the colonies for Winter, you may want to think about reducing the boxes down to an appropriate size. If there are only enough bees to fill

one box, assess your best frames in all your boxes and consolidate the fullest food frames and any wintering brood into that one perfect box. In addition, the colony will not be foraging for the next few months, therefore ensure your colony has enough full frames of honey. Just in case, you may want to add some dehydrated sugar blocks on top of the frames to ensure the colony has enough food to last until Spring. And lastly, check for gaps. You do not want any gaps between your boxes or between the boxes and lid. This will ensure that rain water does not entire your hive and the bees stay dry and warm!

If you have any wintering hive questions, send us a email at: info@homegrownbee.ca 🍷

This Week in the Garden

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

THE cantaloupes did very well in my polytunnel. In fact, I have never done so well with melons. I have 3 large, ripe cantaloupes sitting on my kitchen counter with a few more in the polytunnel. We have eaten a lot of melons and even taken some to archery practice as, "Shoot for Your Supper", targets. It is amazing how much a sweet, juicy cantaloupe can improve the aim of some women.

Polytunnels are really easy to build and very helpful to get a crop of peppers and melons in the summer and extend your salad greens in the fall and spring and are a great sheltered spot to get seedlings used to living outdoors. There is a lot of information online. Anyone who likes can phone me for an appointment to look at mine. I am in the book.

So, I ended up with too many melons but you never know how many seeds will come up and how well all the seedlings will do; some years, you just have to put up with a bumper crop. The same thing happened with the cauliflowers. I bought packet after packet of cauliflower seeds last spring and most refused to germinate. I bought one last packet and planted all the seeds and, of course, they all came up.

We have been lucky so far and I had a bit of room in the freezer to fit some bags of early cauliflower florets that I blanched and froze for winter. The other caulis have come along at a rate of one a week but that is all to the good as the one I harvested this morning was five and a half pounds trimmed weight. We are having cauliflower cheese for supper tonight. Blanched and cooled cauliflower also makes a good salad dressed with olive oil, lemon juice, salt and chopped garlic.

A friend came over and was exclaiming at how many leaves were on each cauliflower and what a waste that was. You need the leaves to photosynthesize and produce the big head of curds and it might be a waste on some farms but here every bit is eaten. My hens like to eat the large tender leaves and my rabbits do too. The rabbits will eat most of the stem so only a small piece of root ends up in the compost box.

Another crop that has done very well are the calendula blossoms. I grow these flowers in the vegetable garden to provide a balanced and continuous diet for the pollinators and the bright colours of the yellow or orange flowers cheer up the garden.

Every day or two, I wade deep into the brassica patch and clip off the spent blooms to keep the plants flowering and providing pollen and nectar until the Michaelmas daisies are blooming later in September.

Next spring, I intend to plant a whole row of calendulas because they are vital for the pollinators and the young flower heads, picked before they are quite open and are sticky, are an ingredient in a superior face cream. I make most of my own cosmetics and grow quite a few herbs for cosmetics and medicines which I find work just like magic. Making your own cosmetics is fun, reduces packaging, chemical contamination and cost. Making cosmetics and medicines at home means you are not trying to squeeze a profit out of it so you more or less always produce a superior product. 🍷

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

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

2021-09-10

(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:48	1.8	5.9
08:54	4.3	14.1
14:47	2.2	7.2
20:49	4.7	15.4

2021-09-11

(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:33	1.5	4.9
10:02	4.3	14.1
15:34	2.7	8.9
21:20	4.6	15.1

2021-09-12

(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:21	1.2	3.9
11:19	4.3	14.1
16:30	3.1	10.2
21:55	4.5	14.8

2021-09-13

(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:14	1.1	3.6
12:44	4.3	14.1
17:43	3.4	11.2
22:37	4.3	14.1

2021-09-14

(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:13	1.1	3.6
14:06	4.4	14.4
19:13	3.6	11.8
23:33	4.1	13.5

2021-09-15

(Wednesday)

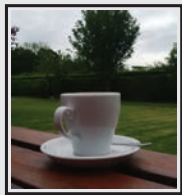
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07:18	1.0	3.3
15:16	4.6	15.1
20:42	3.5	11.5

2021-09-16

(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:49	4.0	13.1
08:24	1.1	3.6
16:12	4.7	15.4
21:53	3.3	10.8





ARTS&LIT

A Work in Progress: Booze, Smoke & Telephones

By Leo Simmons

been in her post for as long as she could remember and blushed whenever I entered the room. This made me blush in return, and not infrequently turn around and walk out again, utterly unable to deal with the obvious signals. Audrey was around twenty years older than I, lived with her elderly mum and wore tweed skirts and *extremely* sensible shoes. Most of the time she brooked no silliness and indeed had some time ago grown tired of dealing with the nonsense which surrounded her. This did not, however, include the young woman who sat only a few feet away throughout the day. Kim was in her mid-twenties and, apparently, some kind of tiny elf. She was so small, I felt bad standing next to her. She was more gregarious than Audrey and had yet to give up on the foolishness of the male gender. Kim's Liverpool sense of humour was a joy, but we crossed her at her peril. "Look, yooz" she would say, standing on the tips of her toes and looking up at me from hip level; "...don't be startin' somethin' ya can't finish!" She was great fun, but we knew that both she and Audrey were the operational hub of the office, and we needed them more than they needed us.

Bernard, either safely jammed into his closet or out wandering the hostelrys of the city centre, rarely troubled the rest of us but his immediate superior – in title if not deed – was a different matter. Donald Protheroe – the boss who had once thrown up onto my hideous, BRAND NEW suit – was a constant, brooding presence. It was rare for him to arrive in the office before most of us, but if ever he did, he was not happy about it. He would sit morosely behind his unnecessarily massive desk, glowering at anyone foolish enough to pass the door and look within. "What do YOU want?" was his standard greeting. I learned quickly that the best response was to ignore him and keep moving. Any further conversation was likely to end badly.

It wasn't that he was a bad person; he simply couldn't face the prospect of handling the next few hours without getting his blood alcohol levels up. Within the office, Donald engaged in extraordinarily loud – one might say, performance – phone calls, banged and crashed about in his small room and generally interrupted everyone's work. He spent every lunch hour out of the office, either with associates, colleagues or alone. To be invited – or in reality, ordered – to join him for lunch could be hazardous. He rarely partook of solid food and ingested his calorific needs in liquid form while encouraging us to join in. Only once did I try to keep pace with him at lunchtime, and much to the joy of one of my colleagues in particular, it destroyed the rest of my working day. Sitting at my desk with my face in both hands and muttering "Oh Jesus" repeatedly, it's safe to say that not much business was drummed up that afternoon by this trainee insurance inspector.

The glee I mention was expressed quite freely by a young man who had joined the company two weeks after my own appointment (I closely guarded my fourteen days of seniority). Neil Blenkinsop shared my age, and at that point, we diverged. Although we had no such thing in Britain, I probably resembled something approaching a 'jock', being primarily interested in sport and cars while wistfully admiring the opposite sex from a comfortable distance. Neil had by contrast taken a very different approach to the world in which he found himself. For one thing, he smiled a lot and in so doing alienated himself from much of English society. He wore a carnation in the buttonhole of his suit - his suit had a buttonhole for crying out loud – and a handkerchief in the top pocket. He called me "young man" and everyone else either "good sir", "good lady" or "my good friend". It remains unclear how he had survived intact up to that point.

Neil also had other strange traits. He *enjoyed* irritating other people, including his bosses. He would giggle when, on occasion, his use of "young man" prompted threats to his personal safety. He beamed after emerging from Donald's office, having been yelled and cursed at for five long minutes. If – or rather, when – he was told to "...

OFFICE life was a new way of being. For starters, it brought with it a small captive group of humans quite unlike anyone I had worked alongside at school. There were *women*, for one thing. Kim and Audrey were officially the office secretaries, however they proved to be the constant force of reason which kept us all together, if not entirely sane. Audrey had

go away, you silly little boy!" by Kim or Audrey, he would skip into our office and with no little delight, share his minor 'victory' with me. As someone who had been brought up to feel guilty about almost everything, I found him utterly bewildering. Avoiding the ire of people, animals and God was my maxim; his idea seemed to be quite the opposite.

Neil reserved his best efforts for the third man who shared our office. Eric King had been with the company for *ever* and had the T-shirt to prove it. Eric was fifty-five, competed with Kim for the title of the shortest employee and was quite wonderful. I'd never met anyone like him before. Having survived one major heart attack, Eric smoked like an industrial chimney, had mountains of salt on all his food, and operated at a speed I could never hope to emulate. He was, it rapidly became clear, the engine room of that branch of the company. He knew everyone, could fix anything and was irrepressibly funny. On my first sojourn out of the office with him, I also discovered that he drove his company car/ashtray like a maniac. Eric spent much of his waking hours either laughing or making others laugh, and my first two weeks sharing the office with him were made endurable entirely because of his efforts.

That changed when Neil arrived. I mean that quite literally; things changed the minute Neil strolled into the room, shook my hand with a "How do you do, young man?" and approached my colleague with an outstretched hand and "And you must be Eric." Eric's face darkened. I hadn't seen him react this way before. "Who" he responded, "...the f*** are YOU?" They stood locked in a handshake test-of-strength and surrounded by swirling layers of cigarette smoke for several tense moments until finally, something in Neil's hand made a popping sound and he withdrew it quickly with a nervous giggle. I watched fascinated as Neil, towards whom I instinctively felt some antipathy, seemed utterly unphased by such a disastrous first meeting. "Oh yes," he said with theatrical conviction as he sat in the vacant chair opposite my own, "I can see we're all going to become great friends." My mouth dropped open a little, while the faint noise behind me indicated that Eric was giving his new dentures a fresh grinding...





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Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux

By Bill Engleson
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ARTS&LIT

Introduction

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.

Chapter Five

Women and Children

August 29, 2007

The book-marked, dog-eared, dog days of August

The three-hour shift at the Dora begins early as is my custom. But not by much today. The hall is filling up with small fry attending the 3rd of a 4 or 5-day circus event. Mats and costumes, hats, and long plastic pokers to twirl and twiddle the afternoon magically away. Mothers drop their children off. Some come by bike, with those fragile looking bike seats at the rear that a cautious person might consider nervously toting a loaf of bread but never a cooing gurgling offspring.

Several women gather on the stoop of the hall. I am sitting in my plastic chair, also on the stoop, reading *All the Kings Men*, losing my way as I listen half-heartedly to these women, 30ish or so, perhaps older, anyways in that wise and wonderful mid-thirty and beyond age bracket. They may be chatting about husbands who seem or sound slovenly, (*remember I am eavesdropping and not every word is clear*) and are often preoccupied at any rate; it may be a complaint session, a shared domestic harangue that many engage in.

Regardless, they are enjoying themselves, the weather is fine, the children are entertained, and I am doing what writers do, listen, learn, wonder.

They switch to horse riding chatter. One is about to learn to ride, this experience only a few days before she starts a new job. She casually has mentioned her equestrian longings to her new boss who lives in the interior. I wonder what job we are talking about that she could have a boss so far away? She drives a reforestation truck...I assume it's a corporation.

It's such a small community. I grasp that I, a relative newcomer, know so little of the people, how they earn a living, who they love.

They speak seven feet away from me; rarely glancing my way. I occasionally peek but resist any further intrusion upon their private chatter. At one point, the door to the hall is closed by the circus mistress, a clear message that the chatter is a little too loud. With the door closed, the circus continues; the chatter elevates.

Books are returned. I process them and resume my outdoor vigil.

Clustered in small vibrating mounds, a collection of Summers' End children, too old to join the circus, too young to have that feeling of control that adults suppose they have, are meandering back and forth between the park (*by which I mean the yellow and red custom designed playground purchased by parents and the larger community some years ago*), the store and the hall. Occasionally a twosome or threesome disappears to my left only to wander back within moments. They are not all the same age; some seem 10-12 others in that pancreatically awkward age between 13-15. A few are affiliated with some of the dallying adults who have sent their even younger offspring to the circus. I have an idle thought: What does it say to a child when your parent encourages you to join the circus? I remember occasions when my mother would have gladly packed me off to a passing circus parade.

Two of the aimless teens are girls, with the look of having been forlorn some time ago. (*Am I reading too much into the look in their eyes?*) They seem ill at ease, unsure of themselves, barely able to meet my eye, barely in control of their panic, their sense that they don't even know what it is they want to do.

This has been a cruel summer for teens. The weather has been unctuous, miserably wet, and barely hot. Not so much a summer as a second-rate fall.

These adrift children later gather around a large tree and climb it only to walk limbs and swing down to a safe point to drop back to earth before repeating their Tarzan and Jane-like feats of derring-do.

I have to say that my Denman people-watching, often a very modest activity, was exceptional today.



Publisher's Notes

CAREENING towards our 30th Anniversary issue, we again look back through the years.

In the spirit of the upcoming Fall Election we harken back to simpler times. 2008 to be more specific.

Denman Hornby Island Grapevine

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History shows that voting Canadians did heed Catherine

Bell's plea to 'stick together', leaving Harper without his coveted majority. However, they didn't stick together quite enough to send Catherine back to Ottawa as John Duncan beat her to the seat. A quick check shows that the Gulf Islands National Park's northern most boundary is still miles from Denman & Hornby. Not unlike the distance that can exist between *advocating* and *making so*. Something worth considering in the lead up to voting day.

From the very same Oct.9th, 2008 issue, we observe the Island's Flu Clinics readying themselves in anticipation of the traditional high season. Replete with a Hotline. Simpler times indeed! Nowadays, a 'Hotline' could be classified as a transmission vector of concern!



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Letters to the Editor

To what extent is the anti-COVID vaccination movement sustained by poor reading comprehension and gullibility? Case in point: Doug Rennpferd wrote a letter based on a misunderstanding of Dr. Fauci's statement about viral shedding in vaccinated patients who are HOSPITALIZED with COVID-19. I wrote a response, explaining his mistake.

He didn't get it.

"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?"

As I tried to say: Because if they're not seriously ill, they are very unlikely to be "full of the virus". You, on the other hand, are much more likely to be "full of the virus", even if you haven't gotten sick yet.

As a fully vaccinated person, I'm much less likely to catch the infection from you, and much less likely to get seriously ill even if I do. But it's a risk I'd prefer to avoid, thank you—and I don't appreciate the selfishness of people who are unconcerned about spreading that risk in their community.

continued on P.8...

...continued from P.7 It's easy to downplay the gravity of the pandemic in our corner of the woods, especially if you question the "mainstream media" reports from the hot spots. Even aside from those reports, though, I get first-hand horror stories: from a colleague who's an emergency room physician in Kentucky; from a music professor telling of a singer whose lungs may have suffered permanent damage from COVID.

Gullibility: Rennpferd brandishes the anti-vaccine lawsuit by "1000 lawyers and 10,000 MEDICAL EXPERTS". Is that an actual thing, or just a meme supporting a fundraising grift? Google that phrase and you'll find yourself in the conspiracy website echo chamber. Rennpferd boasts that the lawsuit's leader, Reiner Fuellmich, "got Volkswagen convicted for massive emissions fraud"—sorry, but government agencies (the US EPA, Environment Canada, etc.) did that. Do the research!

Regardless, remember that important lawyer's maxim: Anyone can sue anyone about anything. Lawyers filed over 60 lawsuits claiming that Donald Trump actually won the 2020 election. All got laughed out of court, and the lawyers who filed them are now at risk for losing their license because of unprofessional conduct. That's particularly relevant, because many of the folks supporting the Big Lie about that election also support the pile of misinformation and disinformation about COVID-19 and the COVID vaccine.

No doubt Rennpford will "refute" this letter with citations from conspiracy mongers that (if you bother to track them back) don't actually support the claims.

Sorry, but I'm done with traveling down those rabbit holes.

Laura Chalfin, M.D. 🍷

September 5, 2021 Covid Language

As a writer I am intensely aware of the power and importance of language. My daily work involves the accurate use of language as the clearest form of communication I can conjure.

Language plays a vital part in the Covid narrative.

Calling the Covid injection a vaccine is false. It is a computer-simulated synthetic pathogen, about which no-one knows the long-term results. When you embark under a false name, everything that follows is called into question.

The word science is frequently misused, unscientific being thrown out as a challenge to veracity. Science in the context of Covid indicates evidence-based healthcare. What many people are using in the absence of accurately documented evidence is scientism, i.e. science as ideology. Scientism claims that science is the only source of knowledge. It uses the word science as dogma, making claims that are unsupported by current scientific knowledge.

The term "conspiracy theorist" is used as a damning insult. The correct term would be conspiracy analyst. The distinction between theory and analysis is as follows. A theory is an idea - imagined, made up, or perhaps representing an opinion. When a conspiracy actually exists (as in the case of Klaus Schwab, who is quite transparent about his plans), one is looking at a reality and analyzing it. The evidence is readily available. It is no secret. Anyone who disseminates information on this is a conspiracy analyst.

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The obsessional PCR test might well be re-named Russian Roulette. We know that the test is wildly unreliable and contributes to the multitude of false statistics reported hourly into our homes. As a small example, August 24th, 2021, the CBC announced the admission of over 100 false positives in a seniors' home.

Anti-vaxxer means someone who is against all vaccination. The majority of people lumped into this category are against the misuse of vaccines, as seen in the proliferation of vaccines administered

to children of the past two generations, starting at age two months. Regarding the Covid injection, the term is simply wrong, because none of the treatments are vaccines.

We need a return to clarity of language, diversity of opinion, and original thinking. When you communicate inaccurately, and exclude everyone who disagrees with you, you end up spouting rhetorical propaganda, because you have no stimulation for fresh thinking.

"Millions of people worldwide are turning off corporate and government news sources as they rediscover the value of thinking for themselves" - Reid Small, BC correspondent for *The Western Standard*.

Most importantly, clear thinking will help to heal the rapidly growing rift between "vaccine" believers and those of us who choose to defend our right to continued good health.

Amanda Hale 🍷

Following their Open Letter to the Unvaccinated, printed in the Aug 5, 2021 Grapevine courtesy of Carie McGregor, a group of Canadian scholars has now written a letter addressing "the vaccinated". The writers expose the divisiveness of vaccination status and denounce the resulting rift in society.

Giving up civil liberties in exchange for a false sense of safety is futile. We must not accept a descent into medical apartheid in Canada and around the world.

The letter appeals both to those who chose to take the vaccine and those who were coerced. It reflects on the broader implications of our actions in an effort to collaborate on a constructive path forward.

Open Letter to the Vaccinated

Prime Minister Trudeau recently warned that "there will be consequences" if federal employees do not comply with vaccine mandates. This is a voice of tyranny that has reverberated fear and heightened agitation across our country. It has launched our nation into deep division around mass vaccination and brought our collective recovery from this pandemic to a critical head. In fact, it forces us, as a country, to finally ask: indeed, what are those consequences?

What are the societal consequences of being divided along the lines of vaccination status? What are the consequences of mandating such an insufficiently tested medical intervention? How is this all supposed to end well?

The consequences will be dire, to be certain. And the consequences will affect all of us, the vaccinated and the unvaccinated alike.

Over the last six months, many of us made our decision to accept the vaccine in good faith – doing the right thing in order to work, travel and visit the people we love. Sadly, some of us have been pressured or coerced. And now, mounting evidence worldwide shows that these vaccines cannot stop the transmission of the virus and variants, yet vaccination mandates continue.

Meanwhile, the pharma corporations are earning billions of dollars of public money, and pushing to fast-track the vaccines towards full approval, without due process or public discussion. It is abundantly clear that when money and politics intertwine, science and ethics take a back seat.

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...continued from P.9 Maybe you once resented those who hesitated to get the vaccine, as people who were not doing their part; but maybe it is time to consider that we have all become passengers on the same runaway train. The meaning of “fully vaccinated” is rapidly changing as leaders demand the next booster upgrade and threaten ousting us from public spaces if we don’t comply. So, if you are among the “fully vaccinated” today, by tomorrow you may become one of the “insufficiently vaccinated” and be coerced into taking another shot.

If history is any indication, this will not stop with barring admission to concerts or bars. When you can no longer buy food, access banking, vote in person or cross a provincial border, it will be crystal clear that the same discriminatory practices that you hope to abolish will be ever more firmly established. The real consequences await all of us.

Perhaps you’ve had your full round of doses and are now having doubts about whether to continue based on the alarming number of infections among the vaccinated. Or maybe you know someone who has been vaccine-injured or are concerned about the mounting death reports in conjunction with vaccinations.

We keep asking ourselves, “Why is the data not allowed to be scrutinized and why are independent experts being censored if they attempt to do just that?” It is incomprehensible, and decidedly un-Canadian, to see the silencing of highly regarded doctors and health scientists in our country and around the globe.

History has taught us that one-sided arguments and outlawed dissent are signs of totalitarianism lurking at the doorstep. Soon, asking questions will make you an enemy of the State. Mandating vaccines is a breaking point. “My body, my choice” has been one of the hallmarks of a free and democratic society, but this is changing. Canadians are being robbed of personal decision making.

With lockdowns already scheduled for the fall, and boosters at the ready, we are entering a watershed moment. Are we all willing to continue being injected indefinitely? In Canadian provinces and around the world vaccine passports are demonstrating our new, long-term relationship with medical coercion in exchange for basic freedoms. Thus far, each treatment has been promised to be the last, but it couldn’t be clearer that there is no end in sight.

And now they’re coming for our children.

With extremely low risk of becoming ill and practically no risk of dying from COVID-19, the mass vaccination of children and adolescents remains unwarranted. Lining up our healthy children for medical treatment was never part of the deal. Most disturbingly of all, we are being primed for mass vaccination campaigns in our schools that do not require parental consent. Does the government decide what is best for our children? Without question, the family ties that bind us are being undone. Justifiably, parents are appalled by this unprecedented overreach and are debating pulling their children out of schools.

Despite our best intentions, families are scarred, friends are divided, and partners are at odds with each other. We have been weakened by our division and manipulated through fear.

Just how far will we allow this to go? “All the way!” some of us declare. But “all the way” is a place we will never reach. We need to stop this medical catastrophe and face the truth: this isn’t about our health; it is about politics and it is about control.

The consequences of following Prime Minister Trudeau’s current orders are greater than his threatened consequences. We entered into this for one another, not for our politicians. We have done what we felt we had to do, and now we must say, “This is far enough, no more!”

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The Marketing Behind Covid-19, With Government Connivance

OP/ED

By Hersh Chernovsky

about being vaccinated.

Herd immunity occurs in nature once a herd becomes extinct. Because the system has no idea of how many people got mildly sick, and recovered, it hasn't a clue what constitutes herd immunity in us. Given that the virus seems to accelerate nagging health issues into more critical stages, anecdotal evidence would suggest that at least 10% of the population were infected. 1.5 million are on the record. That's about 4%. 53 million jabs were administered. The difference of 6% adds up to millions of unnecessary injections. @ about \$40 per. Add in the cost of logistics and overhead.

Million are wasted on the altar of political expediency. If we can trust the stats, there were 1.5 million cases and 27,000 deaths out of a population of 37 million. The current rate of death has fallen to .25%. The lower the age, the higher the chances of surviving with your life. Not big numbers. So suddenly we only hear about the number of infected. Nothing about that drop in rates of mortality. Nor comparable side effects of the have and have nots. Children and young adults are virtually immune. 82% of India is under 45 years of age. The average age in much of Asia is under 25. Speaking of infections, not fewer deaths, skews the message.

Since the virus affects the bronchial passage, a healthy lifestyle is obvious. Children play. Children are healthy. Adults take a pill for every ill. Easier than taking up a healthy lifestyle. And so they die. A real vaccine provides 100% protection. There's no such thing as catching a little bit of polio or rabies. There is such a thing as a little bit of COVID. 49% of the RNA vaccinated remain vulnerable to the infection.

Reliance on a synthetic cocktail only makes sense if it was tailor-made to deflect a lab produced virus. To deny that the lab located beside where the virus first appeared is innocent stretches credibility. Better to lie than admit that every militarized country is into biological warfare. Which explains why that military grade science is not shared with smaller labs that can produce vaccines for their own populations.

Pfizer was advertised as being 95% effective. A British study now has it at 84%. With each new chastisement and advertisement from politicians, Pfizer and Moderna jack up the prices. Same goes with the vaccine card. A myopic policy betrays those who are immune through organics. War profiteers should be punished, not rewarded. A joke of a study led to the inoculation of children. A new British study raises serious concerns for children between 12 and 15. Get

Afghanistan: Keeping the Elephants Away

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer

• OP September 1st, 2021

The only other person in the compartment, puzzled by his behaviour, asks him why he's doing it. "I'm keeping the elephants away," the man replies, tossing another piece of paper out.

"But there are no elephants here," the questioner protests. "See, it works," says the crackpot triumphantly. Western strategic thinking about the alleged 'terrorist threat' from Afghanistan has followed a similar logic for the past twenty years.

ORIGINALLY the jab had as much to do with the virus as it did with Trump's indifference to the loss of life. Politics is still to the fore. Pertinent facts and questions are shoved aside. Elective surgeries are shoved aside. Given the ambiguities and outright lies, is it any wonder that so many people are hesitant

past the ambiguities, and the study on children was 99% accurate 19 times out of 1000. As for expediency, kids get the same size dose as adults.

A The new flu virus appears in winter. The "D" mutation appeared from tropical India. Why there? Nobody seems to care. Look to the source to find the solution. Vaccines produced in China aren't cleared for use in the west. No word on studies on those who recovered there. Nothing on how long an organic immunity lasts. Nor anything about how tests in the States are free, while in Canada they start at \$120. Resistance has a cost.

What if the Spanish flu of 1918 died off because the flu of 1919 killed it off? Species adjust to threats upon the carriers they live by. When humans tamper with that symbiosis, they disrupt that flow.

The 60's generation distrusted the system. Rednecks went to war. There's a complete turnaround in groupthink. The fascists are the sceptics, while radicalized Yuppies shame them in the name of patriotism.

A jab is cheaper than getting a proper picture. A simplistic message gets politicians elected. Maybe and could be and might be and can be are not science. In the weird world of politics we're smothered with one big patriotic number. In so doing, that leaves gaps in the facts. So trust your family pharmaceutical! Who will likely be honoured with the Nobel Prize for something.



The final withdrawal of US and other Western troops has strengthened rather than ended that delusional thinking. Retired military officers, civilian defence pundits and senior politicians are now claiming that the 'international terrorist threat' is bigger than ever.

A typical example was Frank Gardner, the BBC's 'security correspondent', who lamented the loss of intelligence sources

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...continued from P.9 in Afghanistan that were “vital in disclosing the covert activities of al-Qaeda, ISIS-K, and other jihadist militant groups. Afghan, US and other special forces were then able to swoop in...and close down those bases before they could successfully launch any international attacks.”

Those operations were so successful, Gardner claimed, that “for 20 years there has not been a single transnational attack launched from Afghanistan.”

Where to begin? Maybe with the idea of ‘transnational attacks launched from terrorist bases’ in Afghanistan. Because with the exception of the 9/11 attacks on the United States in 2001 (which were not made by Afghans), there has never been a ‘transnational attack launched from Afghanistan’ – and there are no ‘bases’.

Even during the guerrilla war of the past two decades, the Taliban didn’t really have ‘bases’. There were Taliban groups operating all over the country, and they had to live somewhere, but it was generally just in various houses spread throughout a village or a district.

They would have had some cell-phones, and personal weapons and improvised explosive devices would have been hidden not far away, but there was almost no physical infrastructure. That’s quite normal in guerrilla warfare: don’t give an enemy with superior firepower easy, fixed targets to shoot at.

The Taliban were fighting a classic ‘war of national liberation’ against foreign occupiers and their local puppet government, using tactics identical to those of guerrilla movements from the Mau Mau to the Viet Cong. Those tactics always include a lot of terrorism, but it’s not usually ‘international terrorism’, and it wasn’t in the Taliban case either.

As for the notion that terrorists must have ‘bases’, it belongs to the James Bond universe, not to the real world. Its constant use in reference to the Afghanistan invasion is an essential device for those who are still trying to justify that misbegotten adventure, but it was never true, not even in 2001.

to attack the United States, which was bound to result in a US invasion and the end of Taliban rule.

The Taliban’s ideology is theological, which is theoretically a transnational doctrine, but in reality they have been nationalists totally fixated on gaining power in their own country. Now that they have it, they are unlikely to pay much attention to the rest of the world.

Last time they were in power, in 1996-2001, they spent most of the time obsessing about the details of dress and behaviour that really matter in their version of Islamic morality. There are genuine international jihadis in Afghanistan, mainly in the form of ISIS-K members, but they are few in number and they are at war with the Taliban, whom they see as sell-outs to the West.

So the final ignominious departure of Western military forces does not signify an increased risk of international terrorist attacks from Afghanistan – and the elephants will still stay away, too.



Reality

by Thomas Provençal

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The 9/11 attacks were mostly planned by Arab members of al-Qaeda living in Germany, with flight training for the pilots on the hijack teams carried out in the United States. Some of the young men who served as ‘muscle’ on those teams spent time in al-Qaeda’s camp in Afghanistan, but that training could have been done anywhere.

The only real purpose of the ‘training’ in Afghanistan was indoctrination in jihad, a function that is now better done on the internet. And the camp was only in Afghanistan because Osama bin Laden was already a hunted man, and the Taliban leader, Mullah Omar, offered him refuge there.

The two men became friends in the 1980s while fighting the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. There is, however, little reason to believe that bin Laden ever told the Taliban leader about his plan

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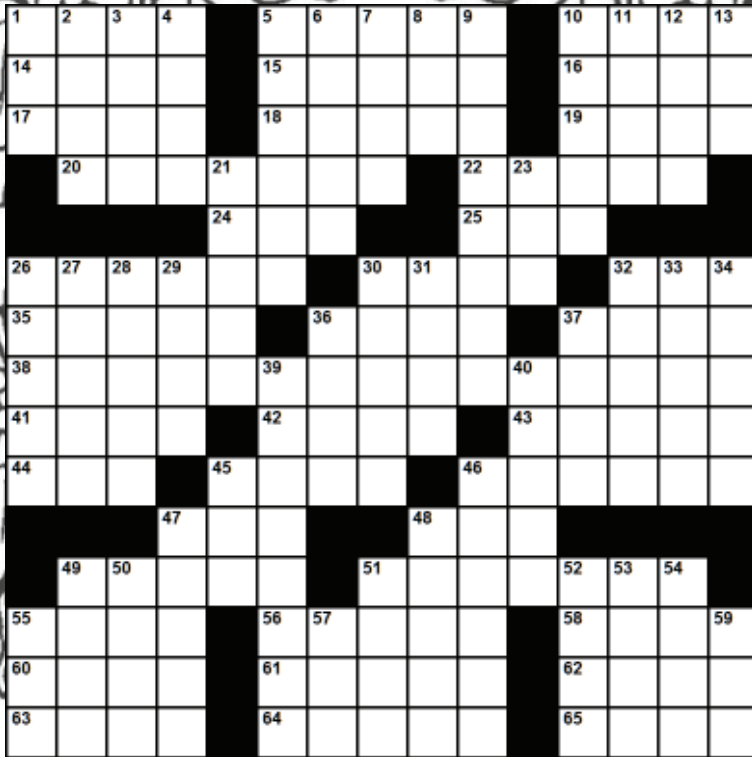
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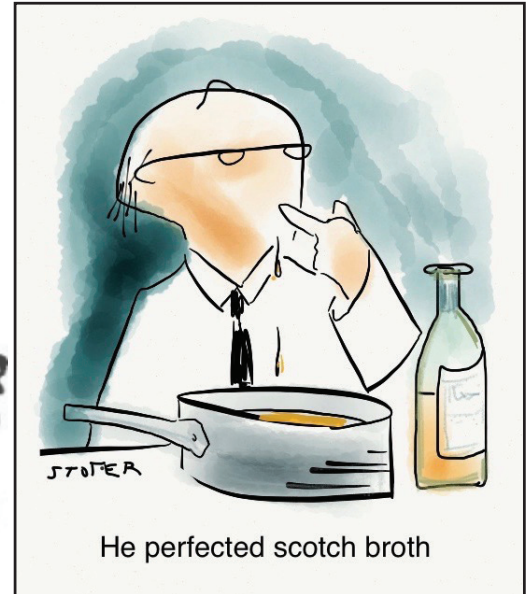
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- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

**The Monthly Calendar is on
hold for now.**

Instead we offer a 2 week summary of
upcoming events on the Back Page.
Email us with your event to be listed
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