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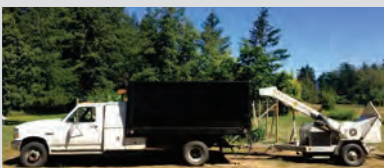
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DI Christmas Craft Fair Postponed

COMMUNITY INFO

By Autumn White

event would not be able to conform. Please remember that many studios are open to visit as well as our wonderful Craft Shop. The VisitDenmanIsland website has a list of a number of these studios. Also, there are crafters at the Farmers Market until Thanksgiving weekend, for people who want to start gift shopping early. 🍷

TreeEater Fall Sale

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Magdalene Joly

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Buzz on Bees: Hibernation

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Rachel Halliwell

A peek inside your wintering hive

AT this point in the season, beekeepers are on their last steps of wintering their honeybee colonies. You may have reduced the hive size down to one box, placed a dehydrated sugar block on top of the frames, or even added an insulating 'quilt box.' Whichever your wintering methods may be, you are trying your best to ensure your beehives survive the long, cold and often wet wintering months. To best set up your hive for overwintering success you may want to consider these three questions:

1. Is your hive disease free?
2. Does your hive have enough food?
3. Will your hive be warm and dry?

While we may be faced with factors outside of our control, such as the weather, by covering these three questions you can rest assured that you did everything you could to best support your colony.

Now that your colony is just about tucked away for winter, what is actually happening inside the hive? During the long winter months, the honeybee colony huddles in a

tight cluster surrounding the Queen. The workers shiver by vibrating their wing muscles in order to increase the internal temperature of the hive. As the worker bees on the outside of the cluster become cold, they rotate inwards to warm up. To maintain constant movement (or shivering) honey is required for energy. This is why it is important to have plenty of food stores and wait to extract honey for ourselves until our hives are well set up for Winter. This is also why dehydrated sugar blocks are important as they act as an insurance in case honey stores run out mid-winter. As the outside temperatures warm come Spring, you may notice some bees leaving the hive. This is to relieve themselves, typically known as 'cleansing flights.' It is also a great opportunity to stretch their wings and acquire some fresh air!

Happy Overwintering! 🍷

Clanna Morna

MUSIC By Earth Club Factory

HAILING from the stolen territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ nations (Victoria, BC in Canada), Clanna Morna brings their take on the Celtic Traditional genre to the west coast. Their sound is rooted in the traditional Irish, Scottish and English music that many love, and features carefully crafted arrangements, rhythmic spirited energy and captivating storytelling. Comprised of an ensemble of multi-instrumentalists, their excellent musicianship and attention to detail create a unique sound. Members of Clanna Morna have been arranging and performing traditional Celtic and original music for over a decade in other projects, sharing their melodic arrangements and stories both internationally and locally. 🍷



Phoenix Riting

ARTS&LIT By Phoenix Bee

LAST night, I rode my bike under a glorious full moon, bathing in the ridiculous gorgeousness of this spectacular place. Sometimes my island home stuns me into stumbling, humbled awe. It is a privilege to live in paradise, indeed, yet also, it was an epic journey to get here, a sequence of difficult choices, great and small sacrifices and struggles. After thirty some years, here I remain.

This is my first column on behalf of Hornby Island, land of myth, mystery and magic. Also petty politics, squabbles and polarization. Somehow, we manage to get things done with dispatch and efficiency. Co-operation, community and shared values triumph over and over! Of course, opinions vary wildly about this. Not everyone likes every decision made or action taken. What is the best direction for our community in changing times? Why do groups 'in power' (ie, those who volunteer to do the work of attending meetings, who persevere, who care) choose as they do? And why do so many view the ones 'in power' with such suspicion?

A microcosm of greater society, we do hold a mixed bag of opinions, a full spectrum from wokest of woke to the reddest of necks. It didn't used to be this way. Back in the day, we all shared values and pulled together without complaint. Remember those days?

Me neither. Islanders have always been contentious. Some blame the internet, especially Facebook, for the apparent decline in civil exchange, and I say, ever been to an in-person meeting on this island? People have always shouted and blamed, name called and fallen prey to scapegoating. Not that there aren't plenty of civil and productive meetings; there are. But face to face has never

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TIDE TABLE

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

2021-09-23

(Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
02:02	1.8	5.9
08:04	4.2	13.8
13:51	2.3	7.5
19:51	4.6	15.1

2021-09-24

(Friday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
02:36	1.6	5.2
08:54	4.2	13.8
14:25	2.7	8.9
20:11	4.5	14.8

2021-09-25

(Saturday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:08	1.5	4.9
09:47	4.2	13.8
14:59	3.0	9.8
20:30	4.3	14.1

2021-09-26

(Sunday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:41	1.5	4.9
10:44	4.1	13.5
15:39	3.4	11.2
20:46	4.2	13.8

2021-09-27

(Monday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
04:16	1.5	4.9
11:51	4.1	13.5
16:33	3.6	11.8
21:01	4.0	13.1

2021-09-28

(Tuesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
04:58	1.6	5.2
13:10	4.1	13.5
18:21	3.8	12.5
21:13	3.8	12.5

2021-09-29

(Wednesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
05:52	1.7	5.6
14:29	4.2	13.8

2021-09-30

(Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
07:01	1.7	5.6
15:28	4.3	14.1
22:18	3.5	11.5
23:35	3.5	11.5





ARTS&LIT

An Unpainted Portrait: *The Grudge Match*

By Leo Simmons

HUMAN nature is a puzzling thing. While working in the office of The Venerable Engineering Insurance Association, I was treated to an almost daily display of how weird people can be. The bulk of my education was provided by the interactions between Neil and Eric, most of which took place within a few feet of me.

As we have learned already, Neil had chosen to introduce himself to us with a display of weird (Thatcher's Britain, remember) cheerfulness mixed with unwise and unfounded familiarity. Let's not forget the ****ing carnation that he wore in his buttonhole, either. Nobody my age wore flowers in their buttonholes, even if they had buttonholes. Most of us, of course, did not. Buttonholes belonged to a fading generation of Captain Peacock figures – don't pretend you don't know who that is – and most definitely not to nineteen-year-old trainee insurance inspectors. Similarly, greetings such as "Good morning, young man" were better received issuing from the mouths of my elders – people such as my old headmaster or aged aunt – than from the slack-lipped orifice of a young man still unaccustomed to wearing long trousers.

Since both of us had finished our schooling at the same time, I was curious about the timing and the process of acquiring these strange mannerisms. The timing was the easiest to pin down; he had obviously taken on these strange ways after his school days had ended. I knew the school that he'd attended and it had a reputation for being rough. He simply wouldn't have survived if he'd tried calling any of his peers 'young man' or had worn a handkerchief in his blazer pocket. That narrowed down his development into a complete pillock to the period between final exams and his employment by Protheroe. I'd been fully occupied enjoying never having to go back to Ridgeway Grammar, but it seemed clear that Neil had been busy studying the manual for becoming an Edwardian pretentious arse.

While I found him irritating and distracting, Eric – the otherwise cheerful, friendly and helpful fulcrum of the office – almost instantly developed a deep and fulsome hatred that seemed at odds with the man I'd come to like and admire. Neil was the Yang to Eric's Yin; the darkness to his sunlight and the Worcestershire sauce to his birthday cake. I'd never before seen anyone have such a startling effect upon a human being, and it was as fascinating as much as it was unsettling. In the universe that I was familiar with, had I managed to thoroughly piss off the most popular – and significantly more senior – member of the office I was joining, I'd have kept my head down. I'd have tried to redeem myself, perhaps attempted to begin a second time as the new boy. In short, I'd have done anything but what Neil did.

He doubled down.

It happened very soon after their first, disastrous handshake encounter. Following the unusual kerfuffle, an uneasy and tense quietness had settled upon the room. Neil busied himself opening and closing some drawers. Then he did it again, noisily and seemingly to attract attention. The third time he started the routine, he included some verbal accompaniment: "Most disappointing. Oh dear, how uninspiring. Good gracious, I had hoped...but no." By the third drawer, I'd put down my pen and was watching him with open interest, wondering what this performance was leading up to. I didn't have long to wait. With an exasperated sigh, he began another exclamation. "Well, I never –" Eric, unable to contain himself any longer, interrupted. "What is your bloody problem?" Neil looked up, an unmistakable twinkle in his eye; his game was afoot.

"Excuse me, Mr King?" he said, the ensuing silence as expressive as a heavy leather gauntlet slapping the ground. After several seconds, during which I clamped a hand over my mouth to prevent any sounds interrupting what was bound to follow, there came the sound of Eric's chair scraping on the parquet floor. When he appeared in my peripheral field of vision, Eric seemed quite calm, although closer examination revealed a tension in his forearms and shoulders. His face was a mask, unlike any expression I'd seen him produce before. He spoke slowly and quietly, somehow dangerously. "I asked you what your problem is. You seem to be...somehow dissatisfied." Neil looked up, his

smile beginning to develop. "Indeed, Mr King. My desk appears to be missing the requisite forms in order to complete my duties." Somewhere, a pin dropped to the floor; I know this because I heard it quite clearly.

Eric remained silent, staring down at Neil who seemed oblivious to several things, most important of which was the fact that he was making an absolute arse of himself. The younger man opened his mouth to speak, but Eric, holding up his index figure in warning, interjected. "Be careful. I'm not a violent man, but we've not exactly made friends so far, so...choose your words carefully." My new colleague at least had the grace to squirm in his seat ever so slightly before clearing his throat, but then he overplayed his feeble hand. "Would you be so kind as to fetch them for –" was as far as he got before Eric seized him by the shoulders and began to lift him. Neil had the kind of physique that was perfectly suited to boiling a kettle, and so Eric was able to provide a significant amount of lifting force as he assisted him out of the seating position.

Concerned about Eric's delicate vascular system, I looked on much as a goldfish peers out through the walls of its spherical bowl: silently and with my mouth open. Eric pulled the limp example of youth towards him and spoke quietly but fiercely. "First, shut...your...pie...hole. Second, get your skinny little arse into that room and ask Audrey what you need to find for yourself, and third, keep your f***ing gob shut for the next hour, or else I might just lose my famous self-control and stuff you into one of these filing cabinets." He released his grip and Neil, whose feet were still in contact with the floor, flopped back into the chair like a wet towel.

With a superb sense of comic timing, Donald Protheroe chose this moment to push his bleary face around the door, belch and ask hopefully "You fellahs all getting to know each other, then?" He took one look at Eric's purple/red complexion, Neil's pale countenance and my bewildered expression, thought better of pressing the point and quietly withdrew, leaving his new team to continue bonding.



...continued from P.3 guaranteed civility.

Somehow, though, it feels more perilous these days to hold opinions that vary from the accepted norm. Political correctness once seemed to me a synonym for kindness, awareness and discernment. Now there are thoughts that are not to be thunk, let alone spoke. Divergent opinions are scathed, not solely for their wrongness, but for the fact that they are allowed expression at all.

As admin for a local website, then blog, then Facebook group (Word of Mouth Hornby Island) which has been active since 2003, my focus was always to allow oppositional views expression, within boundaries (ie no personal attacks). I have held to the view that humans are naturally a mentally, ethically and politically diverse bunch and that a raw ferment of seemingly incompatible ideas, expressed cleanly and responsibly, was a crucial first step toward generating a healthy sense of social cohesion. Everyone has a piece of the truth. Call it a social experiment. It seems not to have worked, however. It makes me tired. My island is a unified geographic whole, but made up of oppositional other-blamers, just like the rest of the world.

I still believe that listening to those who disagree with us, however egregiously, eye-rollingly 'wrong' they may seem or be, is crucial. Not listening with a view to debunking, but to understand, why does this human believe as they do? What can I learn from them, and how can their perspective flesh out my worldview?

In this column. I'll be talking about Hornby happenings, interviewing local personalities, examining the direction we are going and questioning everything. If you have ideas for subject matter here or if you would like to be interviewed, please contact me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com. I'll consider everything. 🍇

This Week in the Garden

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

WINTER, or at least the cold of October, has come early. I am still harvesting cantaloupes from the vegetable garden. They are not perfectly ripe and they will not ripen more in this weather but they will be as safe out in the garden as they would be in the fridge.

These melons are about as ripe as ones you could buy at the grocers. They are sweet but quite crisp. My husband likes them better this way. The truth is, if I wait for the melons to be perfectly ripe

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...continued from P.5 and develop a raised bump around the stem or to come off the stem on their own, they are usually too ripe. The damned wood bugs have been able to bore into them and spoil a part or even the whole melon. So I will know better for next year.

My main job today, besides voting in the Federal election, was to harvest the winter squash. Did you wonder who I voted for? I vote the same way in every election. I vote for the brave suffragettes who died to get women the vote in the first place. We shall not see their like again!

Back to the squash. I planted a variety of squash. Some of the seeds were of a strain of locally-produced land-race squash and they were the most hardy and largest of all the squash. I just hope they taste good. I planted the squash on unbroken ground in the new garden. We didn't have time to paper over the area but I knew the squash would send their leaves higher than the weeds and it wouldn't matter. I made little hills of compost and some sand for them and planted the transplants into the hills. I watered them but other than that, they had no other care.

I harvested a wheelbarrow full. I count them as 24 squash because I lumped 3 little ones into one for the purposes of bookkeeping. Starting in October, we can and should eat 3 squash a month to be done all the squash by the end of April. Starting with the smallest squash first as the big ones keep better.

I washed the squash in the garden and put a thick layer of newspapers down on the guest bed and put them there to dry and cure for a few days. I keep my cured

squash on a shelf in the warm laundry room and they keep very well there and are always under my eye.

The bed they came from needs to be covered with paper feed bags, newspapers and cardboard to kill the grass and weeds. We will cover the papers with soiled hay and manure from the rabbit, poultry and sheep barns. We did this to most of the garden last autumn and it has been the easiest and most productive garden we have ever worked with.

My next job is to draw a plan of all the garden and detail which crops were in which beds so we can rotate the crops to keep plant diseases for getting established and to ensue the soil is not depleted of the same nutrients every year.



Colonial Courts Stall on Fairy Creek Injunction

OP/ED

By Eartha Muirhead

whether corporate interests will prevail, or whether to consider overarching public concern about climate emergency.

Despite recent claims by the Premier that logging is not occurring, film footage exists of trees being felled in tree farm license #46 before September 14. Premier Horgan's statement to the Union of BC Municipalities three days later on September 17 that "no logging is going on there" is false. The Premier is either ill informed or intentionally spreading misinformation to the public.

Lawyers representing protesters said this week that people with environmental concerns are being treated like terrorists by police. "Our governments have a responsibility to act for the public good, not to bow to private economic interests," says Steve Kelliher, lawyer for one of the accused forest defenders.

"Teal Cedar offered no substantive evidence to contradict the implications of old-growth logging on the climate crisis. Their argument amounts to this: our economic interests in using old-growth trees to produce shakes and shingles is of a greater public interest than the decimation of our natural heritage," added Kelliher. The courts usually pass public policy to the Legislature. However, in his argument, Kelliher reminded the court that the Supreme Court of Canada has just issued a decision declaring climate change as real and human-caused, adding that numerous parliaments and local governments have declared a state of climate

emergency. Kelliher further argued that the United Nations has issued a Code Red for humanity, and there is a growing understanding among psychiatrists and other medical professionals of the effects of depression and despair felt by young people due to potential climate collapse.

Overwhelming evidence of the effect of logging old growth on climate change was put before Judge Thompson, including that areas clear-cut would not recover for millennia. In his arguments that public concern about climate emergency should be considered, Kelliher cited experts Dr. Suzanne Simard and others. The lawyer for the Ministry of Forests claimed that Dr. Suzanne Simard, a UBC professor in the Faculty of Forestry, is not an expert on climate impacts and forestry. RFS lawyers expressed alarm that the BC government has failed to investigate the connection science has established between old growth forests and their ability to clean air, clean water, support habitat for endangered species,

moderate climate and resilience. Kelliher asserted that the depth of public concern, combined with the impacts, and the declarations made by many legislatures that we are experiencing a climate emergency are now too big to ignore.

Fairy Creek forest defenders are now focused on stopping old growth logging currently taking place in Granite Creek. This area is just outside the deferral zone announced earlier this year but these contiguous forests affect the Fairy Creek watershed and are home to many 2,000 year old ancient trees. Since enforcement began in the area, more than 113 hectares have been logged and 216 more hectares are still on the chopping block across TFL 46. The contiguous forests of immediate concern are in Granite Creek, where video footage shows trees being felled. Also at risk of clearcutting are ancient forests in Camper Creek, upper and central Walbran, upper and lower Caycuse, Looper Creek, Edinburgh Mountain, and Falls Creek.

Kelliher pointed out that what is occurring with Fairy Creek protests is akin to the civil rights movement of the 60s. Forest defenders are everyday people—skilled workers, professionals, academics, scientists, entrepreneurs, and students. The real difference, he said, is that the stakes today are much higher. Elizabeth Strain, RFS lawyer, showed many horrifying videos of the police violence, one where a RCMP officer rips off the masks of a woman and her daughter to ensure the pepper spray did as much damage as possible. She argued that militarized, heavily armed, and unidentified cops are a reason why the court cannot be seen to sanction the use of inappropriate force. Kelliher added, “The Attorney General has the authority to direct the RCMP to enforce the law.”

The Rainforest Flying Squad is a grassroots, non-violent direct action movement, committed to protecting the last stands of globally significant ancient temperate rainforest in British Columbia. The Rainforest Flying Squad, Last Stand for Forests, and other like-minded organizations stand in solidarity with Elder Bill Jones and others of the Pacheedaht Nation in the protection of the ancient forest of their ancestral territory. www.laststandforforests.com 

Memoir of a Rural Sisyphus-Redux

Introduction

By Bill Engleson
• www.engleson.ca
ARTS&LIT
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. Except maybe this one.

For several years, I kept a diary of my inauguration into the Denman Community. This column, recently

encased in sneakers (though I prefer sandals) the sluggishness of the investigation is causing me personal angst. I expect more from my National Police, to say nothing of the National Shoe Manufacturers' Association Inspectors and others who have not stepped up sufficiently...

Chapter Nine

Found Feet-A Man of Letters Wonders

July 11, 2008

“It’s a morbid game of shoe and tell.” A casual comment by a news commentator

Dear Editor,

I find it especially reassuring that the RCMP is “treating as suspicious” the washing ashore of the fourth foot. And presumably the first three errant feet are also considered ‘suspicious.’

One hates to riff off the fear that something awful, and perhaps man-made, was the cause of the severed feet. Not knowing engenders a raft of speculation. Three feet, size twelve, the fourth foot’s size undetermined (or size not released) all found in sneakers, a suggestive word not far removed from subterfuge.

There is clearly mystery afoot.

As a man who lives by the sea and who has size twelve feet, which are sometimes

Yours,

Bill Engleson

The mystery of the shoed feet continues. Two of the feet are from one fellow. One of the feet belongs to a woman.

They say now that the feet were not manually severed, that they decomposed naturally. We are given no sense of how long the parts have been in the water. No sense of ethnicity or age.

I am drawn to the conclusion, one quite radical I suppose compared to the cautionary leaps the police are expected to make, that the rest of the bodies belonging to the errant feet are still out there, little more than fish food.

It all remains to be seen. 

AUKUS: An Alliance is Born!

By Gwynne Dyer

OP/ED

• OP September 18th, 2021

WHEN the 9/11 attacks struck New York and Washington in 2001 and the US armed forces went on full alert, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice immediately got on the direct line to Moscow and told Vladimir Putin not to worry: the United States was not going to attack Russia. Putin replied that he understood, and was standing Russian forces down.

When Donald Trump claimed in late October that the election was being stolen, and again after the attempted putsch on 6 January, Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called his Chinese counterpart, Gen. Li Zuocheng of the People's Liberation Army, to reassure him that the United States would not attack China.

The Chinese were understandably frightened, because Trump was getting frantic and behaving quite erratically. So Milley went further on the second call: "General Li, you and I have known each other now for five years. If we're going to attack, I'm going to call you ahead of time. It's not going to be a surprise."

Rice and Milley were both grown-ups, trying to keep their people safe but operating in an international system that still runs by the rules of our hunter-gatherer ancestors. Alliances are fickle; surprise attacks are common; war is normal. So you never stop talking to the people who might become your enemies, and you try to stop them from panicking.

This is how wise leaders behaved among the Yanomamo of the Amazon headwaters and the San Bushmen of the Kalahari, and it's also how wise leaders should behave in the capitals of the great powers today. Most of the time, they actually do – but sometimes they get distracted or confused.

And the notion of distraction brings us smoothly to the alliance of the week, AUKUS (rhymes with 'caucus'), which has been cobbled together since the fall of Kabul last month to draw attention away from the shambles attending the American retreat from Afghanistan.

You could tell that the three wise leaders involved hadn't spent a lot of time negotiating the nature and role of the new US-UK-Australian alliance, because Joe Biden couldn't even remember the name of the Australian prime minister, Scott Morrison.

There they were, each in his own capital with the other two on screens, and Biden managed to thank Boris Johnson by name, but when it came to Morrison the US president had to fake it: "And I want to thank that fella from Down Under. Thank you very much pal. Appreciate it."

You may say it's just a brain fart, and you might even be right, but there are other indications that this 'alliance' has not been gestating for very long. Consider the case of the French submarines.

The French foreign and defence ministers spoke with their Australian counterparts as recently as 30 August and declared: "Both sides are committed to deepen defence industry cooperation and enhance their capability in the region. Ministers underlined the importance of the future submarine program." (In 2016 Canberra agreed to spend \$66 billion to build a dozen French-designed submarines.)

It's not unknown for a sovereign state to rat on an international deal, but it's bad form to pledge undying loyalty to a deal just two weeks before ratting on it. When Australia announced last Wednesday that it will build at least eight nuclear submarines using American and British technology instead, French foreign minister Jean-Yves Le Drian called it "a stab in the back."

Then there's the fact that the US, the UK and Australia will spend the next 18 months trying to fill in the details of how this nuclear submarine deal and the alliance it serves will actually work. There were some earlier tentative discussions, but AUKUS was obviously cooked up on the secure equivalent of Zoom early this month to make US strategy in the Far East look coherent. But it isn't.

The Chinese responded to the creation of AUKUS just as foolishly, with the state-owned 'Global Times' warning that Australian troops are "likely to be the first batch of Western soldiers to waste their lives in the South China Sea." The US and NATO pull-out from Afghanistan was long foreseen and no big deal, but everybody has lost the plot.

So it's probably time to bring in the Yanomamo elders or some other wise leaders to calm all these excitable politicians and journalists down. Remind them that alliances always look frightening to those they are aimed at, and that threatening to kill the other side's people almost never has a positive outcome.

Even if we must now talk about 'sides' in the Asia-Pacific region (and we really shouldn't), eight Australian nuclear submarines in fifteen years' time isn't going to make the slightest difference. It's short-term gesture politics of the worst kind, and a number of people deserve to be spanked.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I continue to read the 'Vax' or 'not to Vax' debate going on in the Grapevine. Both sides have excellent point of concern.

Unfortunately, in the real world, hospitals' in Canada are presently filling up with unvaccinated Covid19 patients. This is putting stress on our hospitals capacity to treat all who need hospital care.

So my question to the Anti-Vax'ers is; what should we do with people who's life saving/life prolonging procedures are being cancelled due to lack of hospital capacity?

Paul Marmion 🍷

Lies, Damned Lies,

The news media including print journalism has, perhaps, always been corrupt. It may be at an all-time high of corruption at the moment. I look at a lot of different sources of news and find it startling and humorous to see how the same story is told in Al Jazeera English, the BBC and Fox News. It is as if they are not talking about the same event at all.

I told my sister I had been looking at Fox News and she was incredulous. Why had I done that? They were doing a story on church burnings in Canada. The Fox News person was talking to a Canadian from Toronto and they discussed a few details of the church burnings and the Jewish fellow from Toronto said it was almost a Kristallnacht for the Christians.

At no point did the two men discuss the hundreds of unmarked graves that had been found at the apple orchard of the Residential School in Kamloops. They did not touch on the history of abuse, neglect and wilful murder of young children by ordained members of the Christian clergy here in Canada. Not a single mention was made of our national disgrace. The story was intentionally misleading.

I find most of the news stories I look at are intentionally misleading and are little better than propaganda, no matter the source of the story. For example, the BBC had many pictures of desperate Afghani people trying to get into the Kabul airport and out of Dodge. Al Jazeera ran a story of the Taliban takeover the same day and it had a picture of a happy-looking Afghani lady in veil and tablecloth holding the hand of a contented little boy. I doubt if either story is telling all the truth.

I have also found through sources in Britain that they are having a hard time getting fresh fruit and vegetables at grocery stores even though the crops are ready to harvest. The BBC is not running stories on this and neither are the smaller news outlets in Britain.

The fact is, the Brits think themselves too grand to work in agriculture and leave the job to Poles and Bulgarians and other

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Hornby & Denman Island High Speed Internet Referendum Online Open House

On November 27, 2021 there will be an electoral assent vote in respect of the Hornby and Denman Islands high-speed internet initiative. The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) with CityWest will be offering online information sessions on October 6th and 7th to provide details about the referendum, costs to residents, and details regarding the CityWest Service.

The information sessions will include presentations by both CVRD and CityWest staff and will conclude with a question and answer period. Submit questions prior to the event by email: communications@comoxvalleyrd.ca. Participants can phone into session or attend virtually by Zoom.

Online Information Sessions

Wednesday, October 6
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Thursday, October 7
5:00 - 6:00 pm

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...continued from P.9 people from Eastern Europe who, to my certain knowledge, have been doing these jobs since I was a youngster. The news media in Britain will not run the story because it makes the British look bad and foolish on a number of levels. The French papers are reporting this story gleefully and speculating on how long it will take the Brits to fall apart after leaving the EU. No love is lost between those cousins.

The quote I started this article with is from Mark Twain. He used to say there were lies, damned lies and statistics. I have been hearing a lot of shrill, hysterical babble the last few months about people, "believing the science."

Sorry, but science is simply a human creation and it has its fads and its failings as does every other profession practised by humans. The gathering, manipulation and falsification of data is a major scientific industry. Using such cooked statistics it was scientifically proven that Jews were racially inferior and had to be exterminated. The same science was used to oppress Black people in the States and the First Nations in Canada, Australia and elsewhere. So let us not be too trusting of, "the science," and statistics.

Let us talk about medicine. This is a science that regularly touches our lives. In the last few months, one friend has suffered from hand cramps of surprising strength and pain. The physician he went to see said that nothing he could put on it would help because it was caused by a dislocated bone in the hand.

I was with my friend one day when his hand seized up and I persuaded him to let me put an ointment I had made of some local herbs. My friend said it would not work because the Doctor had said no such thing could work. I put the ointment on and in a few moments, his hand relaxed and the errant bone went back into place. The force of the spasm had put it out of joint. The antispasmodic I put on it fixed the problem.

Another friend had a badly swollen wrist. Again, the Doctor said nothing could be put on it to reduce the swelling and discomfort. I called bullshit on that and gave my friend some leaves of comfrey which he made into a poultice and the swelling was down in a few hours. Are you starting to see a pattern here? Just because a Doctor does not want to help, they insist that nothing at all can be done.

So, it seems Doctors are not always right. It would be strange if they were. They would first have to start paying attention and getting a good history from the patient. I am sure they are all far too busy to do something as elementary as that. Far easier to decide at a glance that the person is female and nothing could possibly be wrong with her and she is only there to waste the Doctor's time.

One woman I know had doctors tell her there was nothing wrong with her even though she was presenting with a variety of neurological symptoms. They said her symptoms were all in her head. They were in fact correct as she had a brain tumour. When she went unconscious, they decided to investigate and she had a painful and dangerous surgery to remove the tumour.

I will also tell you about the woman who felt unwell and was told it was because her son had married a couple of years previously. She was given some preposterous psychotherapy but it didn't help. She persisted in not feeling well. Eventually, she was given a chest x-ray and both of her lungs were found to be full of cancer. She died shortly afterwards.

So I encourage everyone to be a little skeptical and not to accept the dictates of conventional medicine, or "the science," in a too trusting manner. I urge a healthful distrust of statistics used as evidence when you have no idea who collected the statistics or how or why. Could it be so they could sell you something unnecessary?

Humans are great liars naturally. Every time a journalist writes a story, they are hoping to sway your opinion. Read the stories by all means but remember there is likely not the devil of a truth in it. As for trusting the Government, well that is just stupid.

by Maxine Rogers 🍷

INTERNET NOTICE (For Denman and Hornby households in sparsely-settled areas)

We have heard that some residents on roads that only have a few homes are concerned that CityWest will not actually install fibre services in their areas. Such concerns were raised with Dino Tsakonas, CityWest's Regional Manager for the Gulf Islands, when he was at the Denman Saturday Market in recent weeks. Dino explained that City West has every intention to provide a connection port for every home and business on Denman and Hornby. He encourages people with such concerns to fill out the CityWest Home Drop Approval Form, and to outline any issues in its "Comments" section. This will let CityWest know the specifics of people's concerns, where such problems are located, and who CityWest can contact to resolve them.

The CityWest Home Drop Approval form is online at www.citywest.ca/dropping-in, and paper copies are available to pick up and drop off at the Denman General Store and Ab-raxas on Denman, and on the porch of the Co-Op store on Hornby. Completing this form provides CityWest technical staff with information that helps them develop efficient fibre networks, installation plans and schedules for our communities.

We encourage everyone to co-operate to bring us real high-speed internet and excellent television and telephone service at reasonable cost. We must work together to solve our internet problems. We need all of our residents to complete the Drop Approval forms, to vote in the November 27 referendum, and to approve it.

We invite people who wish to discuss problems with any aspect of our initiative with CityWest to contact that firm or the islands' internet committee. CityWest's Dino Tsakonas may be reached by telephone at (250) 202-6004 or by email at dino.tsakonas@cwct.ca. The committee contacts are Karen Ross on Hornby (250) 335-1199 and Peter Spurr on Denman (250) 858-7678.

Denman Hornby Internet Committee

September 21, 2021

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Denman Island Recreational Commission Society (DIRCS)

will be holding its

2021 Annual General Meeting on
Wednesday, November 10th, 2021,
at 7:30 pm.

The meeting will be held in the Front Hall.

Every resident of Denman is a member of the Society and is welcome to attend.

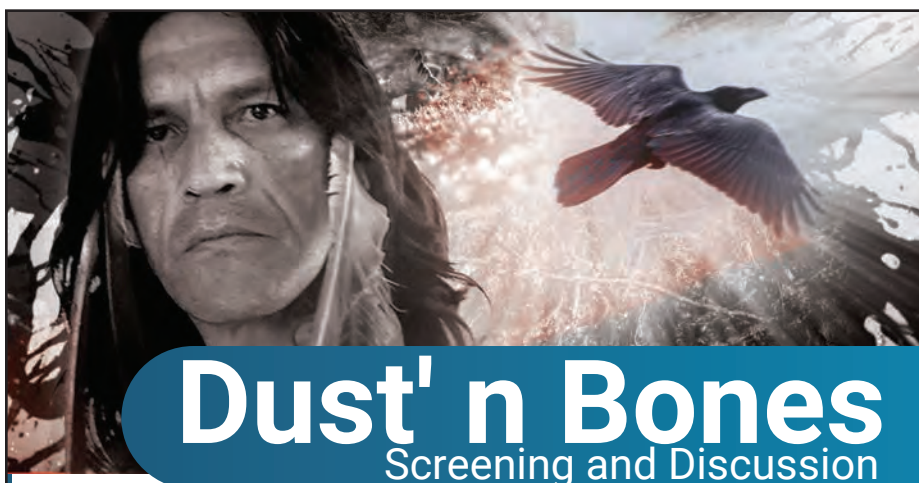
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by Thomas Provençal
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attention
like little children on
detention
until receiving monthly
pension
our world will slowly shrink*



The documentary *Dust 'n Bones* examines threats to the preservation and rededication of First Nations artifacts, cultural heritage, and ancestors in Coast Salish territory. The story is told by Harold C. Joe, a Cowichan Tribe member and Spiritual Knowledge Holder who has dedicated his life to caring for the spiritual and cultural well-being of this place we all call home.

Following the film, Harold and Islands Trust staff will talk about the work we can all do to help preserve and protect cultural heritage in the Islands Trust Area.

WHEN: Sunday, September 26, 2021
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Film starts at 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Denman Island Community Hall

PRESENTER: Harold Joe

COST: FREE - no tickets required

COVID protocols will be followed as per BCCDC and Community Hall regulations at the time



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Publisher's Notes

WELL I'm pleased to report that the Grapevine's 30th Anniversary party managed to go off without a hitch! With attendance scuttled due to the prevailing restrictions the magnitude and intensity of flames licking from 30 burning candles proved a far tougher blaze to contain on one's own than I would've imagined, or preferred. **Note to self:** Remove mask when blowing! Still, that frantic period, *all 2 minutes and 18 seconds of it*, lent some genuine entertainment to the occasion, even if borne by no witness.

I can already hear you saying, "Mike, can you really call it a party if nobody showed? In covid times, who's to say, really? I think the more prudent question would be, "can it really be called a party *without* entertainment?"

All this preamble is to say that we're pleased to introduce a new contributor to island readers. For those who aren't already familiar with them, at least!

As doth the phoenix rise from the flames, so, too, doth Phoenix Bee rise *from the charred and waterlogged remains of our Anniversary celebration!* As a longtime resident and active community member, I'll encourage readers to follow along as Phoenix lends voice to Hornby Island. Its happenings and its personalities. Striding into its 31st year, the Grapevine welcomes you, Phoenix. We're excited at the prospects of bringing a Hornby perspective to readers through your stylings. Titled, *for now at least*, 'Phoenix Riting!'

I will request that readers understand Phoenix is purely contributing to the Grapevine. Understanding how contentious Grapevine content can get at times, I feel it must be stated that any Hornby-ite who takes issue with the Grapevine's editorial policy (or imagined lack thereof) and who feels compelled to say as much, please lodge those misgivings directly with me at the Grapevine and not with Phoenix. It ought to be easy spotting the difference between us. Where the phoenix rises above the heat, I'm the one in the flames, all sweaty and covered in soot!

Cheers. 🍷



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Elaine passed away quietly on September 16th in her own home surrounded by family and close friends. Elaine will be so missed by her husband Steven, her daughter Debbie and husband Glen and grandsons Zach and Riley, her son Geoff and her niece Xan and her wife Sam, along with all the folks that she helped and loved and leant a quiet ear to over the years. She had a huge bright smile and a laugh you could hear for miles. Elaine was that special person who was able to break the generational chain of child abuse, but was, unfortunately, not able herself to fully recover from her childhood traumas. She worked to lessen her PTSD all her life and made wonderful progress. Her stained glass work is in churches and private homes all over North America. She had a keen sense of style and textiles and her common sense was profound. She loved construction, helped design and build laboratories and schools and would have been an architect if times had been a little different when she was growing up. Elaine did not suffer fools and was outspoken against racism and cruelty of any kind, to humans and any other animals. Devoted to helping others, she often wondered why people she barely knew would stop her on the ferry and tell her their life stories. I like to think it was because some how they sensed her inner strength and unbounded compassion and knew she would give freely to those who needed it, any time, day or night.



Elaine Head
April 11, 1946
-September 16, 2021

Huge thanks to the Denman Island Fire Rescue folks who responded several times in a short period, Rob, Steve, Vali, Ryan, and the EMTs Jeremy, Alex, Jason, and Miles. Also to all of those who provided care to her here at home. Charlie Johnston for so much help. Wendy and Angela from Friends and Neighbours and all the people who called and offered to run errands and shop for us. Dr. Ron for his support throughout and Doreen Tetz for her help in just understanding what was going on. It all happened so fast that it's a bit of a blur and I'm sorry if I missed anyone.

It was truly wonderful to see all the people that came to say goodbye to Elaine at the cemetery. It is such an honour to be a small part of such an enormously caring and nurturing community. Thank you all.

An open house is scheduled between 2 and 5 for September 26 at our home, 3060 Lake Road, where we can all gather to laugh, listen to her favourite music and share stories about Elaine.

Phillip was born in Ventura, California, in 1946. In high school he ran track and field, and worked summers in the orange orchards outside of Fillmore, the town where he was raised. Phillip always said he left Southern California because he wanted seasons. He moved north for college. He studied electrical engineering and psychology at Oregon State and San Jose State, and graduated with a psychology degree from San Francisco State College.



Phillip Stephen Fairbanks
1946 – 2021

and Alice), his six grandchildren (Adrian, Moss, Dylan, Chloe, Cassia, and Ronan), his sister Anita, and his former wives, Janet Fairbanks and Anne Davis. He was loved and will be deeply missed.

During the Vietnam War he was granted conscientious objector status, which involved serving on the home front in a variety of jobs, including working in a hospital kitchen and doing building maintenance work at a retirement home. In early 1972 he was released from his draft board obligations, and immigrated to Canada that summer. He lived briefly in Edmonton before moving to Vancouver Island.

Phillip lived in various places on Vancouver Island and on Denman and Hornby Islands in the years that followed. He built a house in Merville. He worked as a tree-planter for fourteen years, and later had a one-man plumbing and gas fitting business. He was married twice. He had five children. He sometimes wrote poetry, and was proud that one of his poems had once been kept by an editor at *The Raincoast Chronicles*. He loved canoeing, fishing, photography, music, and camping with his kids.

When his mother's health began to decline in the '90s, Phillip moved back to California to take care of her and stayed there for a few years. A decade later, in search of adventure and a change of scenery, he lived for three years in New York City, where he worked in the building maintenance department of an art school in Brooklyn and spent a lot of time walking the streets of New York, taking photographs. Phillip never lived in any one place for very long. But home, broadly speaking, was the British Columbia coast, to which he always returned. He lived the last few years of his life in Victoria.

He died peacefully at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria on September 17th. The cause of death was lung cancer. He is survived by his five children (Nate, Emily, Evan, Colin,

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4. Smears
9. False god
13. Antiquity
14. Divvy out
15. Court call
17. Space, e.g.
19. Giraffe's cousin
20. A pop
21. Kind
23. Colloid
24. Feeding time aid
27. Native American tent, var.
29. Angry state
30. A lot of land
31. Soaked
32. Overly particular
35. Do slaloms
36. Billboards
37. 1 billion years
38. Emblems
41. Disentangle
45. Boring tool
46. Braying beast
47. Actor Kilmer
48. Mysterious stuff
51. Actor Marvin
52. Bottled beverage
53. Certain Asian
54. Funeral stand

56. Actor Wilson
57. Office holders
58. Exercise area
59. Addition column
61. Drupelets
63. One-legged ballet pose
69. Bat signal
70. Aesop ending
71. Coffee shop vessel
72. Casino city
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74. Assistance

• DOWN •

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2. Aquarius, e.g.
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5. Axillary
6. Last abbr.
7. Catcall's kin
8. Get naked
9. Barnes & Noble buy
10. Aquatic zoo
11. Music movement
12. Shunned ones
16. Bendix role
18. Altar area
22. Driver's ID
24. Bull fiddle
25. Cloyingly sweet
26. Fedora feature
27. Danson and Knight
28. Possessive pronoun
31. Medium-sized kangaroo
33. In what manner
34. Any person
39. Angora call
40. Be master of
41. Exploiter
42. Admit frankly
43. Goodbye, to Galus
44. Exuberance
46. A Canadian export
48. ABC spy series
49. Hatred
50. Secant's reciprocal
52. Cell dwellers
55. Mosque leader
58. Propeller craft
59. Aspen apparatus
60. Electric fish
62. A Darling dog
64. Baby fish
65. Common verb
66. Sine --- non
67. Altdorf's canton
68. Author's last word



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- Physiotherapy • Christopher Mainella • 236-255-3354 (D/H)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Trueview Treecare, seniors' discount • Wildbill 898-7246 (D/H)
- Music Lessons & Piano Tuning • Scott Knight 604-779-9335 (D/H)
- Landscaping & Home Services • Beech&Cedar Home Maintenance
(Kane) • 335-0745 (D/H)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)

FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 23

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 24

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- CLANNA MORNA Guesthouse 6pm

SATURDAY 25

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 26

- ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH 10:30am

MONDAY 27

TUESDAY 28

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 30

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 1

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 2

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 3

MONDAY 4

TUESDAY 5

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 6

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm



THURSDAY 7

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

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