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Service with Safety Policy

(RE: pandemic and endemics)

COMMUNITY INFO

By DICES being put into practice to ensure that the Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) continues to provide the best possible service to the community while maintaining the safety and well-being of its staff and volunteers. DICES accepts that there may be clients and staff who either are not fully or partially vaccinated, and who may actively/passively oppose some or all of the means recommended and or expected by Public Health officials and Government directives.

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Update on the Denman Covered Recreation Space

As you might have heard, there are plans to build a Covered Recreation Space on the concrete pad next to the Denman Island Community Hall.

In the last months, the project has been through a phase of deciding on design and hiring a contractor. Of the different proposals received for the structure, the Covered Recreational Space Committee (CRSC) selected a local company, Tree Island Construction.

The CRSC is now in the process of waiting to receive a final quote and pictures showing the structure in situ to present the project and get DICES and DIRCS approval. Additionally, a number of grant proposals seeking additional funding for the project have been submitted in the last few months and confirmation of grant approvals are still pending.

The Covered Recreation Space is aimed to be a space accessible to the whole community for both scheduled activities and free play and will be used for events and activities. The structure will be designed in a way that will lessen the risk of transmission of COVID-19, by allowing proper air flow. More information on this project, please visit our website <https://dices.ca/covered-recreation-space/>.

We look forward to sharing more information about the design of the structure and its features as the project progresses. To get in contact with DICES and the Covered Recreation Space Committee please contact Maya Rytz at dices.director@gmail.com or 250 335 2058. 🍷

That Bus - How Did it Work Out?

By Anthony Gregson
• Denman Works!

COMMUNITY INFO

want to see numbers at least double. That will not be hard with more lead time (this year there was only two weeks to get it up and running), and the experience of actually promoting an island bus service. People who actually used the service were almost universally enthusiastic and grateful that there was some way to cross the island without a car.

Enough cannot be said about the day driver, Cheryl Veley, who drove all the way up from Qualicum to catch the 7:40 from Buckley Bay and ended the day at 6:40, often left to catch the 8:30, with an hour's break to eat lunch, gas up and get back on the road. Unique in the transit system with two ferries in shuttle mode to chase, the schedule was frustrating, but Cheryl's enthusiasm for the service, and constant attention to ways to make it better never flagged. She was the best customer rep we could possibly have had. The same can also be said of Lindsay Harrison who took on the late Friday evening Hornby ferries, a lonesome task, it turned out, with very few riders, and for that reason, on Lindsay's sage advice, not worth repeating unless the Thatch is reincarnated at Shingle Spit (though the idea of riding an empty bus in the summer twilight winding along shadowed East Road is great literary fodder).

The service also received great support from BC ferries terminal staff who thought the service much needed and were always helpful and supportive. The whole thing would have been a nightmare without the Traffic Control at Gravelly Bay who flagged the bus through with hardly any delays and watched out for the parking.

The CVRD's vendor, Ambassador Transport lived up to their contract, providing a safe, reliable vehicle right-sized for the summer service, enthusiastic about Denman and the possibilities, always open to suggestions. Pre-trip inspections were never skipped. Ridership and scheduled stop times were assiduously logged. Their fleet offers some interesting options should they continue.

Finally, Denman Work's team, led by Patrice Leblanc, kept their eye on the service every day, meeting with the drivers and answering customer calls, keeping the posted schedule up to date, and promoting the service as best we could with a brochure, articles, posters, and social media posts. In our support role, the goal at Denman Works was to develop a trusted working relationship with the CVRD and the vendor. It is safe to say, that was achieved. Being a pilot, there was more time spent than you would normally do once all the bugs are worked out. Almost 200 hours was spent, when all is said and done. It's a serious matter to offer a service on which the public expects to rely. Even though Denman Works wasn't the operator, we found that not a day could go by without paying attention and being available. There's no question that an on-island presence is always going to be needed.

From a purely cross-island, ferry service viewpoint, there are other ways in which the summer service could improve apart from promotion. In particular, two buses, the 17-seater we had for the summer, and maybe a mini-van, would be better able to keep up with the ferry shuttles.

A final report with recommendations is posted on the Denman Works bus page.

All well and good but the elephant in the room cannot be ignored. What about the community bus service? In all this, how can Denman islanders feel confident that a bus service is meeting their needs? It was a common perception that the summer service was just for Hornby, for tourists.

The summer service did include roadside ride-hailing which was a purely community element. Though there was no attempt to ask riders where they came from, there's

continued on P.5...

TIDE TABLE

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

2021-10-14 (Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
06:46	1.2	3.9
14:39	4.8	15.7
20:56	3.2	10.5

2021-10-15 (Friday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
00:57	3.6	11.8
07:54	1.4	4.6
15:31	4.8	15.7
21:56	2.9	9.5

2021-10-16 (Saturday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
02:29	3.6	11.8
08:59	1.6	5.2
16:15	4.7	15.4
22:43	2.6	8.5

2021-10-17 (Sunday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
03:47	3.7	12.1
09:59	1.8	5.9
16:51	4.7	15.4
23:23	2.2	7.2

2021-10-18 (Monday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
04:53	3.9	12.8
10:52	2.0	6.6
17:21	4.6	15.1
23:59	1.9	6.2

2021-10-19 (Tuesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
05:51	4.0	13.1
11:38	2.2	7.2
17:46	4.6	15.1

2021-10-20 (Wednesday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
00:32	1.6	5.2
06:44	4.1	13.5
12:18	2.5	8.2
18:10	4.5	14.8

2021-10-21 (Thursday)

Time PDT	Height (m)	(ft)
01:03	1.4	4.6
07:32	4.3	14.1
12:56	2.8	9.2
18:31	4.5	14.8





ARTS&LIT

An Unpainted Portrait: A Windy Day

By Leo Simmons

life affected her that way.

Six days later I arrived in a slightly sweaty mess at Police Headquarters having parked my jalopy far away to prevent prying eyes examining it. As mental preparation for the big day, my father had let me know that my high-ranking interviewer's status was only two steps away from being a deity (Chief Constable), which as you can imagine had been a great help steadying my nerves. I was almost petrified with fear by the time I arrived at the headquarters building. If only my bowels had been petrified too. Alas, since I'd woken that day, three visits to the smallest room had done little to quieten my demons and an internal cauldron was unhappily bubbling away by the time I strode, perspiring enthusiastically, through the doorway of the large and impressively dull headquarters. Thankfully, the doors were open, and we avoided a nasty incident involving the imprint of an oily teenage face upon nice, clean glass.

The entrance to the headquarters was under the iron control of a pair of three-hundred-year-old gentlemen in pseudo-uniforms. They sat/slumped at an isolated desk, and appeared to be the full extent of the security measures. This, by the way, was at a time when the IRA was not without the ability and inclination to spread mischief in the form of explosives and bullets. All I had to do to breach this outer layer of protection was quickly take a couple of steps to the right or left. I fancied my chances but thought better of testing the defences.

The spritely one of the two was almost upright in his chair and could breathe without mechanical assistance. After slowly and painstakingly issuing me with a visitor's badge and thereby granting me access to the unguarded area next to him, he directed me by pointing over his shoulder with a gnarled thumb to the elevator doors immediately behind the two of them. He proactively identified the necessary floor to get off at; "Fourth floor, kid!" while his slack-jawed colleague with a drip on the end of his nose – and an oxygen tank by his side – watched in silence and apparent distaste over the top of his mug of formaldehyde. By now vibrating at an inappropriate amplitude in my cheap suit, I rode the shiny, silent, stainless steel lift to the fourth floor. The machine jolted a little as it stopped, but the doors opened with an authoritative and smooth 'swishhh'. Unable to avoid leaving a little colonic olfactory message behind me for the next occupants, I stepped out into the corridor just as a small man with his head buried in a newspaper came around the corner and stepped straight into the malevolent grasp of my little gift. As the doors closed, strangled coughing noises could be heard.

On TV, the world of the police is exciting, vibrant and dynamic. Every important office has an open door and there are always plenty of police officers in full uniform, including their headgear. Detectives in shiny suits hurry hither and thither and occasionally thither and hither. Crime is a tangible foe, and the heroes of law enforcement shall never rest until it is vanquished. High-ranking officers drop in on subordinates at regular intervals to pester them with awkward and suspiciously well-informed questions about individual cases...however...

In the absence of other humans, I sat in the waiting area of a suite of pleasant, climate-controlled offices with my feet all but entirely obscured by extraordinarily deep carpet and...well, I waited. This would be the most important conversation of my life so far, and yet I felt waves of drowsiness begin to wash over me in that uncannily church-like atmosphere. As I was to one day find out for myself, it is largely true that police stations are busy, exciting places to be – if devoid of anyone wearing their headgear indoors – but the truth is that the higher up the rank structure you go, the more important you think that you have become. The more money that you earn, the quieter and less urgent working life becomes.

Once – having mastered the correct handshake – you reach the level of an assistant chief constable, professional life is conducted in hushed halls where deep, luxurious layers of carpet cushion every potentially distracting or alarming footfall. Secretaries perform the annoying details of office life such as answering the 'phone and cancelling any police-work-related appointments arranged by mistake. Lush greenery – almost exclusively yucca or 'umbrella' plants – fills every corner of warm yet austere offices. At such dizzy metaphorical heights, people speak only in whispers and doors close softly and respectfully for fear of offending the delicate sensibilities of the county's top cops, most of whom have rarely seen an angry human up close.

Unfortunately, in those hallowed, antiseptic and most carefully climate-controlled halls awaiting my fate, I suddenly had an overwhelming, sacrilegious urge to again break wind. This was, however, not an ordinary kind of urge – not the "Oh dear I may surreptitiously make a faintly detectable noise/smell!" kind of feeling which I had satiated in the elevator mere moments before. No, this was the kind of seismic rumbling that you just know will result in a window-rattling concussion, followed by muffled yells of surprise, cautiously opened office doors and expressions of alarm and/or wonder. It was going to be nasty if I unleashed this Kraken.

Wisely, and with no little clenching, I sacrificed my long-term health and the comfort of my inflating lower intestine. Alone with my thoughts, I fought a rising panic about whether methane can travel upwards through the digestive tract. Looking around to occupy my mind, I spotted a portrait hanging on a wall outside what I took to be a super-important person's office. To my consternation, it was a picture of the anonymous little fellow who had jumped into the foul-smelling elevator just as I was leaving it. What a strange coincidence... The pounding in my head grew a little louder as I read the small plaque on the frame: 'Mr. Daedalus Groaning. Chief Constable'. Oh well, I thought, he couldn't sack me for farting in the lift – not before I'd even become an employee. Could he?



...continued from P.3 enough bus data to indicate that at least 20 percent of the ridership was local. Driver reports left no doubt that residents were using the service. Clark Sifford, who used to run Denman Hardware, once told me that it takes three years to establish a business on Denman, and many people took that view of the bus service. It'll get there.

The Transport Survey was a part of the project that sought to determine what needs a community service might meet with a scope that went beyond the bus. With a statistically respectable response of 103 questionnaires, plus numerous comments in social media, we got some answers. About a third of Denman residents use some other means to get around than their car. There was substantial support for public transportation to events with alcohol, and for downtown shopping. Over 80 percent of respondents knew someone who they thought could use public transportation.

The full survey is available on the Denman Works bus page.

These results support the original vision of the Transport Committee, further borne out by the experience of the summer bus. They wanted to see a community service that would service events, get people downtown to shop, help out with home care, and cover the island north-south, not just circuit between the ferries. A bus permanently on island was essential.

The CVRD contracts with the vendor and with Denman Works included provision for a fall community bus pilot. Covid, and not enough left in the budget, as well as a lack of continuity with a short-term experiment, have led to a postponement. The thinking now is to try a pilot in the spring of 2022, with a segue into the

summer service that might blend the two elements, serving the island while also dealing with the ferries.

The community service is going to be quite different, fitting into a broader picture of transportation that will include public (within CVRD transport plan), community (on-island needs), commercial (events), and even private (cars). There is a need for a transportation vision that covers all aspects, even in respect to the recent CVRD Regional Active Transportation Plan covering bikes, walking, and trails (from which Denman and Hornby are conspicuously absent).

At least we now have real experience of public transportation on Denman. Perhaps the best part for me was helping those two people who lost their wallets on the bus. There's nothing like an emergency to make you feel really needed.



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This Week in the Garden

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Maxine Rogers

I think they are hunting in the jungle of plants for the caterpillars of the cabbage white butterfly. I have not had much, or any really, noticeable harm from the caterpillars despite seeing a lot of white butterflies in the patch over the course of the growing season.

The beds are densely mulched with the hay we have used as bedding in the various stables and coops. Wolf spiders love a mulch like that and the garden abounds in them. Wolf spiders are agile hunters who do not make webs and they love to pounce on caterpillars. So do the little birds such as chickadees and even juncos who relish extra protein in the breeding season.

I keep food out for the wild birds year round to attract them to my garden. This week, we are building a brush pile near the vegetable garden and as soon as we started the project, some white-crowned sparrows came to inspect the pile as a potential nesting site. I hadn't expected such interest from them in the autumn but here they are and eating at the feeder too.

If you want these large, handsome sparrows around, the best thing is to build them a nice brush pile as they love to nest in a nice dense tangle. As soon as we built the first brush pile, we had heaps of white-crowns and they are lovely birds. We have also had wrens nesting in our old brush pile but it is too old and decayed now to be attractive to birds. It was a machine-built pile from land clearing and the birds loved it at first but it has settled too much and they must have a new one. This is a simple trick to bringing birds to your land for they are useful creatures and make the heart glad.

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BIRDS are really important in the garden. Many times in the brassica garden, I have been working and noticed chickadees and other small birds perched in the branches of the Brussels sprouts. I

think they are hunting in the jungle of plants for the caterpillars of the cabbage white butterfly. I have not had much, or any really, noticeable harm from the caterpillars despite seeing a lot of white butterflies in the patch over the course of the growing season.

I have heard a lot of people are blue and tense these days and think that is what comes of too much staying inside and watching television. The best cure for the blues is to get outside and work in the garden. If people lack a garden, they can still cheer up by going for a vigorous walk in nature or helping a friend who does have a garden.

The garlic needs to be planted now and there are a number of ways to do this. I will mark out where the beds are to go and add some sand and lime to improve the soil. Then, I will place my bulbs of garlic on the surface of the beds and when they are all lined up on the surface, I will cover them up with layers of compost, stable waste, shredded leaves from the chicken yard and similar until they are tucked up under a thick layer of the richest mulch I can find. I call this feather bedding as I want to achieve a nice thick quilt over the garlic about 8 to 10 inches deep. This will settle over the course of the winter so it must be thick to protect the garlic from frost.

In the growing season, the thick layer of organic matter will retain moisture in the heat of the summer, if it is hot and if we get a summer. Garlic is a heavy feeder and if you want big, beautiful crowns to show off or Gods willing, to show at the Fall Fair if we get one again some day, you must feed the garlic heavily.



Phoenix Riting:

ARTS&LIT

By Phoenix Bee

IVE lately pondered the puzzle of how we as a community might migrate to a convenient online forum that was not owned by a massive corporation with inscrutable motives and dubious methods. I recalled Duncan McCaskill speaking many years ago on the subject of an intranet, located on the island, owned by and accessible only by the community. That sounded promising, so I contacted Duncan to ask him about it. Would it indeed be feasible to establish a locally situated intranet server system here?

Early on, we encountered a communication glitch. As I had created WordPress sites in the past, Duncan assumed I spoke the language. Not so! I merely read instructions and puzzled things out. Meanwhile Duncan, an expert on computer systems and communications technology, had been rattling on as if I were a peer in the field. Once we sorted that, he dumbed things down for me, and a fascinating and illuminating conversation ensued.

The answer was "Yes, maybe, no." With an existing fibre optic system such as may be coming through CityWest, it could technically be possible, but since the infrastructure is owned by outside agencies and used for their purposes, we can't access it. Should society crash and burn, we survivors might conceivably

rig up a local intranet using existing fibre optic infrastructure. But until the crash of civilization, it seems we are stuck with the existing Internet.

There are alternatives to Facebook, however. Duncan suggested we could set up a Discord server to create a flexible community forum with the capability to accommodate various interest groups and media. Failing that, perhaps a WordPress site with multiple channels. But that idea makes me tired--been there, done that! I have found it almost impossible to lure people away from Facebook; they stay because that's where everyone else is.

Just how much longer can Facebook last, though? An article in the New York Times (October 4, 2021) suggests that Facebook is experiencing 'the kind of slow steady decline that anyone who has ever seen a dying company up close can recognize.' According to insiders, a 'cloud of existential dread' hangs over the company. What would we do if Facebook went away?

Once upon a time, if you craved social intercourse, you headed down to the local coffee shop or watering hole, and there you would find people to chat with. Often, talk would jump from table to table to include the whole room. Now, if you can even find a place open, people tend to circle in on their devices or their table companions. Is it just me, or are folk less social than they used to be now that they rely on 'antisocial media' to fill their need for connection?

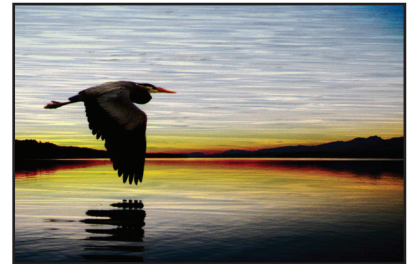
When I spoke with Duncan about alternative venues for public conversation, he pointed out that many (if not most) who move to these islands do so because they are introverts who wish to be left alone, to tend their gardens and do their thing. And that is true (waves hand), but by and large we are a social species who crave embodied connection and a voice. The current state of social media only highlights the void where connection used to be. So many conversations on social media take the form of pointing out to our personal echo chambers how wrong 'those other people' are.

Gabor Maté points out that disconnection is the true cause of suffering and addiction. So, how can we grow a sense of connection in this age of masks and social distancing? Well, zoom meetings and gatherings offer us the ability to see each other's faces and hear voices, which is better than text, but nothing can beat sitting together and sharing the same space. Here on Hornby, our coming Arts Centre may well be a game changer.

There is a magic in the connection between the living land and its people. I am excited about the new Centre--that it may be a home for the various arts, but also for folk to gather and share space, to think deep thoughts out loud in others' presence, to ruminate, to fulminate, to express: creatively, emotively, visibly, audibly.

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Denman Island
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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 16th, 2021
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Join us: To summarize this
eventful year and review
our bylaws

Les Indes Gallantes

ARTS&LIT

By Anthony Gregson

refreshed during the eighteenth century in several versions, staying in the repertoire until 1773 and revived only in 1925.

The Festival's pre-Covid operatic productions (Purcell's Faery Queen, and Monteverdi's Orfeo) were substantial community affairs, drawing on both



Andrew Fyson as Bellone

LAST Saturday, Denman was treated by the Denman Baroque Festival to a thoroughly professional performance of Jean-Phillipe Rameau's opera, Les Indes Gallantes (The Amorous Indies), premiered in 1735 and subsequently

The performance was a judicious program of selections from what would otherwise be a marathon three and a half hours. The theme of the work is the triumph of love over war. The full opera is a tour of the Baroque world view with four acts set in Turkey, Persia, Peru, and North America, chiefs from what is now Michigan having been introduced at court to Louis XV in 1725.

In an era long before the nineteenth century discovery and exaltation of national musical traditions, I must admit, I did not detect much difference between one country and another, even

though the Air de Sauvage (Song of the Savages) was a strikingly novel idea at the time, better received than the riot over Stravinsky's Rite of Spring in 1913. Even so, to give Rameau his due, it should be noted that no court anywhere else, Turkish, Chinese, or Persian ever had the slightest interest in referencing Europe in their music (the Inca court, wiped out 200 years earlier, must be excused). I was reminded of this by a visit to the famous Harem of Topkapi in Istanbul where a piano, donated by Queen Victoria, was pointed out in the main salon that I very much doubt was ever used to play an Ottoman version of a Strauss waltz.

Not too much should be made of this, however. Most of the selections were taken up with the universals of love in all its moods. Hearing the music so close up, with each instrument clear, invited involvement.

The rehearsals, Robert Newton and Andrew Fyson told me, were intense, eight hours every day for a week. This was partly due to the exactitude of maestros Marco Vitale and Romeo Cuiffa, but also to the sheer difficulty of the music. A great deal of counterpoint carried from one instrument to another, so that they are not all playing in unison made keeping everyone together a challenge. There is also a great deal of ornamentation, sometimes at very fast tempi.

Les Indes gallantes is an opera-ballet, but in this abbreviated form, there was no dancing. The singing was also limited but satisfying. Soprano Abby Schuliger sang Hebe and L'Amour from the Prologue, and Zima from Act IV, the Savages. Andrew Fyson, in a huge wild wig of red hair and a bright red surcoat, sang Bellone, the god of war, in the Prologue, and Don Alvar in Act IV. Abby Schuliger's soprano was a real pleasure, giving expressive poise to the elegant containment of Baroque emotion. Andrew Fyson's basso was strong and dramatic. At the very end they were joined on stage by the countertenor Winsor, Abby's husband, and Marco in a really beautiful quartet of tender celebration.

Myself, I am not good at following lyrics, so the English surtitles were really appreciated. These were accompanied by titles and images for each scene played by the orchestra, some of which strained for political correctness, like the image of the slave crying Freedom when any such notion was very far from the French court of the day, no doubt enjoying their investments in the sugar plantations of Hispaniola (now Haiti/San Domingo). The prescient irony of Zima and Adario's

aria in the Dance of the Peace Pipes was more to the point:

*Peaceful forests
May an unrequited love
never trouble out hearts.
If they are susceptible,
Fortune, it is not because of
your favours.*

Right on. That's why we have Reconciliation today.

The rainbow flag was also paraded past the stage at one point which seemed a trifle forced, but why not? Afterall, Bellone, it must be noted, wore an armoured brassiere over his surcoat. Best of all, in a moment of unintentional brilliance, Bellone lost his pantaloons in a tussle behind the orchestra with his work boots and was compelled to celebrate the triumph of love in his shorts. That the God(dess) of War loses there pants to love – what could be more appropriate? 🍷



Soprano Abby Schuliger

Fairy Creek Update

OP/ED

By Eartha Muirhead

A BC Supreme Court judge overturned last week's decision to end the Teal Cedar (Teal-Jones Group) injunction at Fairy Creek. Justice Sunni Stromberg-Stein agreed to hear the logging company's appeal on November 15, and she also reinstated the injunction until then. Now, forest defenders will be subjected to the same old special operations RCMP unit known as the C-IRG. In Justice Douglas Thompson's September 28 decision, he disagreed with police misconduct, which included assaults resulting in severe injuries, pepper spraying people not blocking roads, unlawful destruction of personal effects, improper constraints on freedom of the press, illegally expansive exclusion zones and wearing of the banned 'Thin Blue Line' badge, among other misconduct.

Public opposition to clearcut logging of ancient forests continues. Canopy Planet released a new petition, with more than 200 signatories including William Shatner, Greta Thunberg, Jane Goodall and others. On Tuesday, October 12, a letter signed by more than 200 doctors and nurses from across BC will be delivered to Premier Horgan.

Teal-Jones is logging the last remnants of BC's old growth; since enforcement began in the area, more than 113 hectares have been logged and 216 more hectares

are still on the chopping block across tree farm license 46. The Rainforest Flying Squad and other groups are trying to save a forest so small; about half the size of Vancouver's Stanley Park. The economic rights of Teal-Jones must not supersede the importance of protecting the last of these rare and majestic forests. This volunteer-driven, grassroots, non-violent direct action movement is 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



Letter to the Editor

Apology to be printed in Oct 14th Grapevine:

I apologize for an error in my letter published in the October 7th Grapevine. I am happy to report that the Hornby Island Free Store is in fact open to everyone, vaccinated or not, on every day except Thursday. Thanks to Colleen Work for enlightening me.

Amanda Hale 

Dear Editor, October 10th, 2021

Kudos to Phoenix Bee for her column, Phoenix Riting XXX. She jumps right out of the frazzled virtual frying pan into the fire of print discord with her opening sentence: "ONE of the debates currently raging on Hornby revolves around 'dangerous opinions' and whether they should be allowed a platform in local publications."

A similar debate exists on Denman though, unlike the First Edition, the Flagstone has had the good fortune to stay above this particular fray.

Community Facebook Bulletin Boards on both Islands have been rife with folks staking out with vampire-hunter ferocity their respective finely honed positions on Covid. Similarly, the Islands Grapevine, offered on both islands and elsewhere, has been front and center in accommodating a range of competing sentiments.

While I applaud the new column which seems to view humanity as a wonderful collection of well-meaning people, the letter from Amanda Hale in the same edition chooses a different but familiar tact. Ms. Hale is by no means the first pseudo-influencer to wander down the back alley of metaphorical despair by contrasting mandatory vaccines and Apartheid. For example, an article in the August 2nd, 2021, edition of the Times of Israel had the following headline: European protesters compare vaccine passes to Holocaust, apartheid.

Contrastingly, in a Mid May 2021 Reuters report, World Health Organization Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, opined that the world had reached a situation of "vaccine apartheid." The Director-General was referring to the lack of sharing of Covid vaccines to poorer countries by wealthier countries and big Pharma, a far cry from Ms. Hale's inelegant allusion.

To further gain imaginary pandemic points amongst her cohorts, she proceeds to accuse "government" of perpetuating "a crime against us all."

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And what is this crime?

Supporting public health measures to combat a virulent epidemic?

Distributing a range of monies to keep the economy and our citizens afloat?

Making decisions based on the latest information?

If there is a crime here, aside from the death threats proffered to Dr. Henry and Liberal MLA Mike Bernier to name but two, it is the malignant and contagious resistance to measures that maintain our collective public health.

Finally, though Ms. Hale initially manages to resist mentioning the Holocaust, she does tumble into that terrible rabbit hole by ending her missive with the beginning line from Martin Niemöller's poetic shaming of German intellectuals who failed to oppose Hitler. Godwin's Law would seem to apply to her as much as it does to failed social media provocateurs.

All quite sad. And not terribly surprising.

Regards,
Bill Engleson. RSW (Retired and Non-Practicing)
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Letter to the editor

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Or, on the CVRD homepage, type in the word 'internet' in the search bar and it should take you directly to the mail-in ballot site.

If voting by mail ballot, please be sure to do so as soon as possible to allow time for turnaround of the mail-in ballot.

Thankyou for taking the time to vote!

K. Vogt 🍷

Residents of Denman and Hornby Island should be shocked and disappointed to see that they have no role or future in the CVRD's new Regional Active Transportation Network Plan (Press Release in The Grapevine, October 7). Last month the Region's Board authorized its staff to pursue grant funding for a list of 24 priority projects, none of which were on our islands. The Plan document listed 6 "benefits" of active transportation, and defined 6 "goals" for future planning, yet nothing on our islands was included. How could such a Plan exclude the completion of Denman's Cross-Island Trail, which upon examination would be seen as a model for most of these benefits and goals? The Plan lists 7 possible "future opportunities for active transportation", none of which will be on our islands. It is pathetic to observe CVRD's Long Term Active Transportation Plan map showing Denman's Cross-Island Trail dead-ended at Corrigan Road – what kind of long-term thinking is that! Our residents should be aware that CVRD's Board appears oblivious to our existence.

Peter Spurr,
Denman Island 🍷

Will China Invade Taiwan?

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer
• OP October 10, 2021

state media, in the form of the ever-rabid 'Global Times', warned that war "could be triggered at any time."

On Sunday, President Tsai Ing-wen replied that "nobody can force Taiwan to take the path China has laid out for us." She added that the island country of 23 million people faced a situation "more complex and fluid than at any other point in the past 72 years." That is, since the Nationalist government of China lost the civil war and retreated to Taiwan in 1949.

And the United States, while not directly promising to defend the island at the expense of a war with China, let it be known that there are US special forces and Marines in Taiwan on training missions. Beijing

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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knew that,
of course (Trump sent them there two
years ago), but Washington's open
confirmation of it was a clear warning
to China.

So there is a crisis of sorts, although a
slow-moving one. As Defence Minister
Chiu Kuo-Chen said in Taiwan, Beijing
is capable of invading the island even
now, but will be fully
prepared to do so in three
years' time.

"By 2025, China will bring
the cost and attrition to its
lowest. It has the capacity
now, but it will not start a
war easily, having to take
many other things into
consideration." What did he
mean, exactly, and is it true?

In part it's a recognition
that China is rapidly
accumulating weapons
that will make a seaborne
invasion across the Taiwan

Strait possible, although it is 180 km. wide at its narrowest point.

The key Chinese weapon is long-range rocket artillery that can reach all points
in Taiwan with high accuracy (guidance by the BeiDou satnav system), and can
be launched in such numbers that Taiwanese anti-missile defences would be
overwhelmed.

Such a weapon exists. It's called the PCL-191, and it's a glorified version of the
'Stalin organ' and other multiple rocket launchers of Second World War vintage,
but with a range of 350 km. There are eight or twelve rockets on each mobile
launcher, depending on the range and the explosive power required, and they can
be reloaded quite fast.



President of Tawain - Tsai Ing-wen.

There are already two
brigades of these rocket-
launchers stationed on
the Chinese coast facing
Taiwan, and the number
is going up all the time.
Soon, if not already, they
will give Beijing the power
to launch saturation
strikes on all of Taiwan's
airfields, radar stations,
anti-aircraft defences and
ports simultaneously.

If all the runways and
ports in Taiwan are
shattered, then its planes

and warships cannot stop Chinese assault troops crossing the Strait in ships (ten
hours), and nobody else will be close enough to help even if they want to. Taiwan
is at extreme range for fighter aircraft based in Japan, and the US Pacific Fleet is
very unlikely to be within reach if the attack is a surprise.

So what 'other things' may still deter China from making such an attack even after
it has enough rocket launchers on the coast? Just one is enough: the certainty that
even if the United States could not intervene militarily in time to save Taiwan,
it would certainly institute a complete naval blockade of China immediately
afterwards.

That might be of little consolation to the Taiwanese, but the Chinese economy
is utterly dependent on foreign trade, and China's geography makes it extremely
vulnerable to blockade.

Ships from China crossing the Pacific must pass between the 'first chain' of islands
(Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines); shipping to the Indian Ocean, the Middle
East and Europe has to go through the Strait of Malacca (Malaysia and Indonesia).
In practice, there's no way out: China's economy would be strangled within months.

Further escalation by either side would be deterred by the fear of nuclear war,
and some sort of deal would have to be made. It could be very humiliating for
China, perhaps so humiliating that it would even undermine the control of the
Communist Party. So Xi Jinping won't ever really risk it.

That's the way people steeped in classic strategic thinking see it, and they're
probably right. Although you don't get your money back if they're wrong.

Mother Earth

by Thomas Provençal

*Our mother is so beautiful.
She gives us all we need
but like delinquent children,
egotistic, full of greed,
we abuse her wantonly,
aloof, we watch her bleed.
All of the petroleum
she's hidden deep inside
to sequester tonnes of carbon,
the air to purify,
is pumped up for the profit;
too few are asking why.
Most of us are ignorantly
buying dirty fuel
cause we can't afford to change
an economy gone cruel.
Look around and ask yourself,
Who's acting like a fool?
We know the rules we should
respect
obediently-ish
but nutrition that she offers
is left rotting on a dish
while junk food fills our bellies
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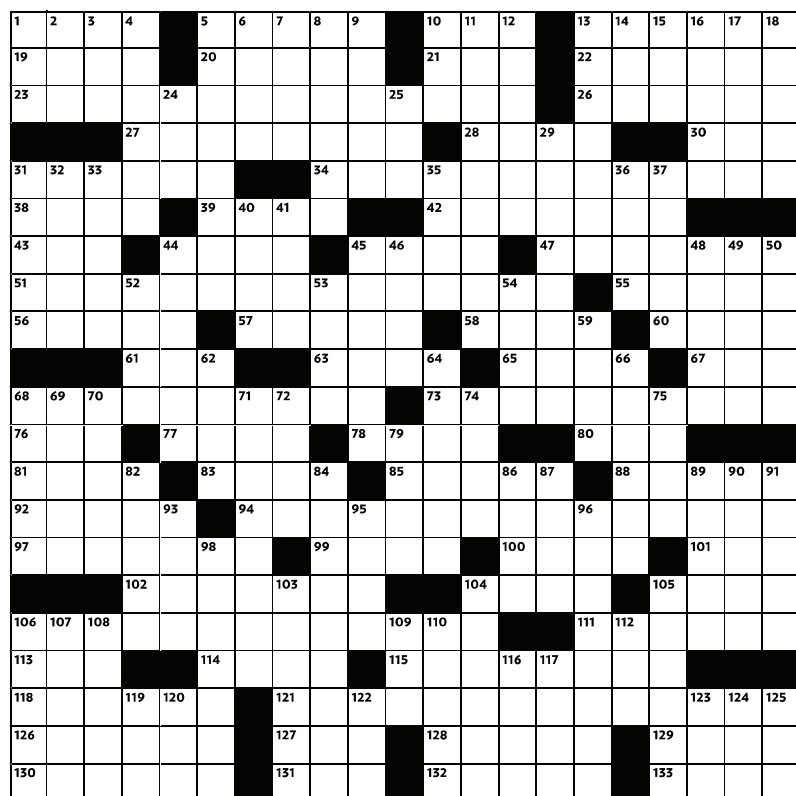
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Apologies to the crossword crowd . . . the site I usually use was down for maintenance - last week's solution will be printed next week . . . here's something to get you through for now . . . apologies once again for any distress this may have caused. 🍷

Trickery or Treat

By Matt Gaffney



Across

- 1 Butcher-shop cut
5 Food featured in a "Seinfeld" episode
10 Merrick Garland's org.
13 Actress Kirke of "Girls"
19 Like some fishes
20 Kept the car in neutral
21 "Dear Yoko" subject
22 Up
23 Halloween candy eaten in the 1960s White House?
26 Unfounded story
27 Practice
28 "What the ___?"
30 Card in a wheel, in poker
31 Maneuver
34 Candy that's not produced by some mega-corporation?
38 First word in a Shakespeare title
39 Aussie animals
42 Average Joes
43 Dessert slice
44 Drains, as energy

- 45 Underwhelming
47 Some artists
51 With 94-Across, response when someone tells you their favorite candy bar is Snickers or 3 Musketeers?
55 Lovable little rascal
56 "Hamilton" actress ___ Elise Goldsberry
57 African territory on a Risk board
58 In one's birthday suit
60 Comic Rodriguez
61 They catch fly balls past the second baseman (abbr.)
63 Symbol of peace
65 Wield power
67 Palindromic holiday
68 With 73-Across: They're torus-shaped, come 14 in a roll, and contain 15 calories apiece?
73 See 68-Across
76 ___ Rooster (Harlem restaurant)

- 77 Neighborhood next to Greenwich Village
78 Lose sleep over something
80 Before, in poetry
81 Thespian Estrada
83 Model Holliday
85 Central Florida city
88 The gods punished her hubris
92 Lever-puller
94 See 51-Across
97 As a substitute
99 Stuffs in one's cakehole
100 Low pair
101 June honoree
102 "Narcos" role
104 List shortener
105 Currency in Chile
106 Halloween candy you shouldn't cry over?
111 Blemishes
113 Invader of Europe in the fourth century
114 Mix ___ (try something new)
115 Low entrances
118 Lifelong chum

- 121 The best medicine when a kid scrapes their knee on Halloween?
126 Airline named for a continent
127 Charge
128 Heart chambers
129 "My mistake!"
130 Escort past the foyer
131 Dir. away from NNE
132 Microscopic
133 California Cabernet county

Down

- 1 Lady Bird was his First Lady
2 Reaction to bad news
3 Media coverage, metaphorically
4 MetLife Stadium team, in shorthand
5 Alaska catch
6 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
7 Tough-going task
8 Introduction words
9 Forum overseer
10 Mr. Cheadle
11 Where a boxer may take one
12 46, formally
13 Big win
14 Historian's study
15 Opposite of max.
16 "The Love Boat" bartender
17 Big Pharma member
18 Mt. Aconcagua's range
24 Prefix with cycle or corn
25 Perot ran as one in 1992 (abbr.)
29 Needs to be paid
31 Long-snouted animal
32 She fell down a rabbit hole
33 Oven setting
35 "Got it"
36 Stamp on a bill
37 Actor Milo of "The Verdict"
40 One of its letters stands for "Petroleum"
41 City on a fjord
44 Edberg who won Wimbledon in 1988 and 1990
45 Ask for permission to attend something

- 46 Ukrainian city, in Soviet times
48 Online party announcement
49 Passenger
50 Mattress holders
52 Soft ball
53 Prefix with European or Chinese
54 Territory
59 Besides that
62 Adam Smith, e.g.
64 Puts into power
66 Put in the hours to succeed
68 Roman fountain
69 Plumed wader
70 Changes copy
71 "Go ahead, I dare you!"
72 Middling
74 "Let's just leave ___ that"
75 Mining find
79 Lopsided victory
82 ___ One (vodka brand)
84 British dishes
86 It's so not right
87 District
89 Nash of light verse
90 Beauty's counterpart
91 Mathematics legend Paul
93 Take a breather
95 College on the Hudson River
96 Was on the mend
98 Italian soccer team since 1899
103 Poker table tactics
104 Magnificent home and grounds
105 Engine part
106 Underwater bank
107 Heartbeat
108 Lucknow's land
109 Letters on brown trucks
110 Coup ___
112 "Midsommar" director ___ Aster
116 Desperate
117 Ragnarok participant
119 Note-taker's need
120 "32 Flavors" singer DiFranco
122 VCR button
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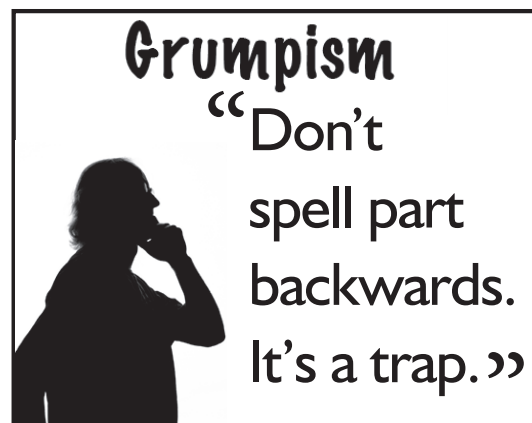
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- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 15

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 16

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

SUNDAY 17

MONDAY 18

TUESDAY 19

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 20

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



THURSDAY 21

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

FRIDAY 22

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 23

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

SUNDAY 24

MONDAY 25

TUESDAY 26

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 27

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

THURSDAY 28

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- 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
in "Fortnight Events".
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DENMAN AND HORNBY ISLANDS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONTRIBUTION REFERENDUM

Notice is given that qualified electors within Denman and Hornby Islands will be asked to vote for or against the following question:

“Are you in favour of the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) adopting Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672, 2021, Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 673, 2021, and Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Capital Contribution Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 678 to authorize the following:

- establish and operate a service for providing capital financing for high-speed internet infrastructure;
- borrow \$767,677 to be repaid over a maximum 10 year period to finance the development of the high-speed internet infrastructure; and
- enter into a 20-year agreement with City West Cable and Telephone Corp. to provide up to \$760,000 in capital financing for the development of the high-speed internet service infrastructure.”

The area that is subject to the proposed bylaws is Hornby Island and Denman Island. Full copies of the proposed bylaws are available for public viewing on the CVRD website at www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/islandsinternet or at the CVRD office located at 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay, B.C.

Voting Dates and Locations

- **Advance Voting:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the CVRD Office, 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay
- **Special Voting:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021:
 - Denman Island Seniors Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
 - Hornby Island Community Hall from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- **General Voting:** Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 - Denman Island Seniors Center
 - New Horizons Seniors Hall, Hornby Island
- **Mail Ballot Voting:** Qualified electors may vote by mail and can request a mail ballot package by filling out an online application form available on the CVRD website.

Scrutineers

Members of the public who want to act as scrutineers may complete an application form available on the CVRD website or by contacting the CVRD office during regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Applications will be received by the Chief Election Officer from 8:30 am November 1, 2021 to 4:30 pm November 10, 2021.

Elector Registration

There is no need to pre-register to vote as the registration of qualified electors will take place at the time of voting. Voters must show two pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

For more information, call: 250-334-6000, or
email: elections@comoxvalleyrd.ca or visit:
www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/islandsinternet



BRITISH COLUMBIA
FireSmartFREE

YARD WASTE WOOD PICK-UP

The Comox Valley Regional District and K'omoks First Nation using Community Resiliency Investment Grant funding are, once again, offering a **free wood debris pick-up** on Denman Island for several consecutive days in mid-October. All the chipped wood will be kept on Denman Island. It will go to Two Roads Farm to be mixed and composed for use on the farm. The chipping initiative is undertaken to encourage FireSmart safety on residential properties by removing wood debris that could easily spread wildfire to homes and other structures and to minimize smoke pollution if the waste wood were to be burnt.

If you want to take advantage of this free program to dispose of wood wastes, the rules are:

- No rocks, no nails, no roots (to prevent damage to the chipping machinery)
- No treated lumber. No leaves.
- In fairness to all, keep the size of the bundle reasonable. This program is not intended for land-clearing
- Tree trimmings must be under 16 centimeters (6.3") in diameter and under 10 meters (32') in length
- No invasive species such as Scotch Broom, English Holly, Giant Hogweed, Knotweed permitted
- "Butt-ends" of the branches must be stacked in the same direction to facilitate efficient chipping
- The contractor reserves the right not to pickup any piles that they feel doesn't meet these rules
- Bundles are to be placed clearly visible at the end of your driveway – Not on public roadways
- Any debris brought to the end of your driveway after the start of work on **October 18th** may not be picked up.

This is a free program

To participate, your bundles of wood debris must be by the road by the morning of October 18th

Denman Island Fire Rescue strongly endorses this program to remove fire fuel from our Island. We encourage all Denman Island residents to become familiar with and implement the FireSmart Program to reduce the potential impacts of wildfire on your home. We have an extremely informative booklet that will assess your property's risk and outline steps needed to minimize your risk. If you do not have a copy of FireSmart Homeowner's Manual, they are available in the red box beside the Firehall's main door (5555 Denman Road).

If you have any questions about the free chipping program or about FireSmart, please email Denman Island Fire Rescue at divfd@island.net

