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## 2022 Denman Island Phone Directory

**I**T'S that time of year, again! Production of the 2022 Denman Phone Directory is now underway.

By *Ian Lark* Are you new to the Island or recently moved? Please submit changes and new listings to [denmanislanddirectory@gmail.com](mailto:denmanislanddirectory@gmail.com) (preferred), or leave a message at 250-335-1483 by February 28. We rely on your feedback to keep the Directory accurate and up-to-date - if you spot any errors or omissions, old listings that should be deleted, please let us know!

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This project is a fundraiser for Arts Denman, and proceeds benefit a wide range of arts programming on the Island.

## The Zella Clark Health Centre

**T**HE Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the membership of the Denman Health Centre Society (DHCS) was held on January 10, 2022. At the meeting the following Board of Directors was elected: Keith Clark, Vice Chair, Dr. David Scruton, Secretary, Lyndsey Jennings, Treasurer, John Wigle, Maintenance, Gill Forsyth, Membership, Dr. Lori McFarlane, Director-at-Large and Jennifer Villard, Chair.

By *Jenny Villard*

### COMMUNITY INFO

The following is the text of the Annual Report from the Chair.

On behalf of the Directors of the Denman Health Centre Society I welcome you to the Annual General Meeting of the Society Membership. As we reflect on 2021, we recognize the unforeseen changes and 'new normals' that we as a community, and the world community have had to acknowledge. Covid 19 and the subsequent variances have taken, and continue to take, huge tolls. It has been very difficult for many, but to date, Denman Islanders appear to have adapted well to the challenges and restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

The Zella Clark Health Centre has seen a few changes this year. To briefly recap the events of 2021, the Society leased the clinic facility to Dr. Steve Fox Inc, with the understanding that he would provide primary medical care at the clinic. Dr. Fox would attend on Mondays, Dr. Alsoon Brine on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Dr. Ron Wilson on Thursdays and Fridays. This continued until June 2021 when Dr. Fox, for personal reasons, reneged on his lease and left the country. Fortunately Dr. Wilson and Dr. Brine continued on with the lease and operated the clinic until Dr. Brine retired this past December. We will greatly miss her expert advice and the excellent care that she gave to her Denman patients. Heading into 2022. Dr. Wilson is continuing on at the clinic working Thursdays and Fridays and has secured the help of another physician two times a month for two days a week. In addition, Dr. Wilson has placed our clinic on the list for the Island Health Locum Program for the provision of relief physicians. We are sincerely grateful and appreciative of Dr. Ron's dedication to the health and well being of the Denman Community. Thank you Ron.

As you are aware, the mandate of the Denman Health Centre Society is to maintain the Zella Clark Health Centre for the provision of health care services for the Island. We, in effect, are the landlords and the doctors and the Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society (HDCHCS) and Island Health are the tenants. Under this umbrella, on a part time basis, the health centre is serviced by physicians, social workers, a physiotherapist, a pharmacist, a nurse and Life Lab technician. Dr. Ron will elaborate on this in his report. In planning for the future, we, as a

Society, do assist with finding suitable tenants when requested and along with the doctors we are actively looking for physicians interested in providing primary care on Denman Island. We have placed several ads in National Medical journals and on websites and are following up on leads. We are also very supportive of new initiatives in the community. Lori Nawrot, Executive Director of the HDCHCS has established a steering committee to investigate setting up a Community Health Centre for both islands, This is an exciting new concept in health care delivery with a focus on community input and a professional team based approach. Updates will be circulated as details are known.

I would like to express my gratitude to the very competent and diligent Denman Health Centre Society Board of Directors. They are Keith Clark, Dr. David Scuton, Lyndsey Jennings, John Wigle, and Gill Forsyth. Their dedication to the Society has been invaluable this past year. Thank you all.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you, the members of the Denman Health Centre Society, for your support of the Zella Clark Health Centre. It has been my honour to serve as Chair of the Society this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Villard, 2021 Chair DHCS

P.S. A question was asked regarding the distinction between the DHCS and the HDCHCS. This is to clarify the roles of the two separate societies. The Denman Health Centre Society (DHCS) maintains and operates the Zella Clark Health Centre, the hub of health care services on Denman. They are not involved in the delivery of health care but do assist the doctors with long range planning when requested. The Hornby Denman Community Health Care Society (HDCHCS) on the other hand, is involved with the delivery of health care services (non primary care) for both Hornby and Denman. These essential services include Home Care, counselling for children, youth and families, mental health and substance abuse outreach, medical equipment loan program and community education and more. Their website is [hornbydenmanhealth.com](http://hornbydenmanhealth.com).

## Islands Trust Budget & Timing of Public Feedback Survey

By Mairead Boland  
• Saturna Island

### COMMUNITY INFO

I asked myself?

After my delegation in Dec 2021 to the Trust Council, when my request that IT use last year's results was disregarded, I decided to conduct a Citizen Survey based on the central question asked in each of the IT past surveys.

In January 2022, I launched the Citizen Survey with the question which is central to each of the previous IT surveys (2019, 2020, 2021).

### “What Budget Principle do you support?”

The results were provided to the Islands Trust FPC for the January 19th meeting.

As of today, 524 people responded from across the islands, of whom 316 commented.

42% of islanders want the budget, expenditures, taxes, to be reduced through the reduction of services and programs.

90% want no increase – this is the sum of those who want a reduction and those who want the budget to remain the same.

9% voted for increased expenditure and activities.

The trends though the IT surveys (2019, 2020, 2021) and now this survey, are significant – none more so than this; 38% wanted an increase in 2019, by Jan *continued on P.5...*

## TIDE TABLE

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

### 2022-01-20 (Thursday)

Time	Height (m)	Height (ft)
PST 00:54	0.9	3.0
08:22	4.8	15.7
13:53	3.5	11.5
18:12	4.1	13.5

### 2022-01-21 (Friday)

Time	Height (m)	Height (ft)
PST 01:28	1.1	3.6
08:48	4.8	15.7
14:36	3.3	10.8
19:07	4.0	13.1

### 2022-01-22 (Saturday)

Time	Height (m)	Height (ft)
PST 02:03	1.4	4.6
09:14	4.8	15.7
15:23	3.1	10.2
20:10	3.8	12.5

### 2022-01-23 (Sunday)

Time	Height (m)	Height (ft)
PST 02:41	1.8	5.9
09:40	4.8	15.7
16:15	2.7	8.9
21:26	3.7	12.1

### 2022-01-24 (Monday)

Time	Height (m)	Height (ft)
PST 03:24	2.3	7.5
10:08	4.7	15.4
17:09	2.3	7.5
23:03	3.6	11.8

### 2022-01-25 (Tuesday)

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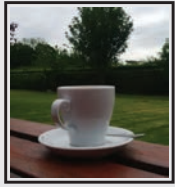
### 2022-01-26 (Wednesday)

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PST 01:04	3.8	12.5
05:23	3.3	10.8
11:16	4.6	15.1
19:02	1.5	4.9

### 2022-01-27 (Thursday)

Time	Height (m)	Height (ft)
PST 02:42	4.1	13.5
06:46	3.6	11.8
12:01	4.6	15.1
19:58	1.1	3.6





ARTS&LIT

## An Unpainted Portrait: Who, Me?

By Leo Simmons

As we stood panting gently in the growing heat of the morning, we were informed of a new and exciting feature of the annual parade display. For this marvelous spectacle, only twenty-four of us would be chosen. With a little more organization based upon height, we had four teams of young men standing together and looking a little bewildered. Bottomley then cheerfully introduced each team to one of the coloured logs. Each was approximately sixteen feet long (I would be more precise, but I never seem to have a tape measure with me at such times) and painted in chequered patterns; one blue and white, one red and white, one yellow and one green. I presumed it was so that a) we didn't lose them, or b) we didn't accidentally wander off and use another team's pole by mistake.

We carried the poles on shoulders – hence the height requirement - onto the very front of the parade square, at which point the remainder of our intake, until then kicking their exquisitely white heels and becoming increasingly bored, began to watch with interest - and with good reason. We lined up and then, after some instruction and very nervously, we began to throw and catch these two hundred and-something pound lumps of splintery wood. Straight up and down, over our heads - throwing it up on one side and spinning underneath it to catch it on the other side. We even dallied with testicular splinters and slid the bloody thing between our legs (yes really). Hopefully, you get the idea, because re-living this once is enough for me. It wasn't the first time that I'd cursed evolution for giving me external gonads, and neither would it be the last.

It was all a bit dangerous and very silly but since Mr Bottomley was behind it, we complied without a word of complaint. The theory, as I understood it, was that we were providing a very important person (Sir Lionel) with a dazzling display of disciplined teamwork, something that was sure to amaze and delight both the great man and the attendant audience. They, incidentally, would be there in order to support their relative graduate and not watch a gang of badly dressed idiots fooling around with large painted logs. Instead of creating a marvellous spectacle, it felt like a rather pathetic and half-hearted exercise that belonged to the same era as our PT kit. On the plus side, I suppose I learned that multi-inch splinters can be every bit as painful as they look.

Once we'd finished throwing, juggling and shuffling our logs, we were lined up for a little competition: a thrilling race. This silliest of all silly ideas involved us shuffling the poles between our legs, over our heads and doing some other just-as-daft throwing stuff with them, before raising each pole vertically and having the most monkey-like member of each team shinny up to the very top of it, there to claim a glorious victory. Dennis, a remarkably hairy and wiry guy from my own class was, fittingly, chosen to be our team's 'monkey'. He had been a merchant seaman and was no doubt well practised at making his way up masts and yardarms etc. It didn't really matter - just so long as it wasn't me trying it. It was all very 1930s, very silly, and worst of all, it meant that when the exercise finished, I ended up looking directly up the voluminous shorts of one of the hairiest men I'd ever met. It wasn't what I'd envisaged doing with this part of my life.

In deference to the well-established fact that modern politicians are quite happy to send people off to war/into harm's way, yet detest the icky sight of blood, we were ordered not to injure ourselves lest we disturb Sir Lionel's carefully established and in-no-way-cognac-infused equilibrium. Therefore, we had to be good at this...thing, whatever it was supposed to be. In other words, repetitive practice loomed large in our futures. Great, just great. Subsequent rehearsals for this display of dubious wisdom were inevitably fraught with injury; ranging from pretty darned impressive (six inches long) splinters to significant bruises, minor crush injuries abrasions, strains and sprains. I was fortunate to avoid any significant injury because my head usually got in the way first.

To me, this kind of upper-class 'let's entertain the great unwashed masses to prevent a revolution' dickery was an anachronism. I very much doubted that any audience - apart, of course, from the Home Secretary, who would be privy to the arcane reasoning for such things - would be anything other than a little puzzled as to why trainee policemen were throwing telegraph poles around and shuffling them between their legs. I mean - have you ever seen your local constables demonstrate this skill? No, you haven't, and for very good reason; that would be because only a very few were so carefully and specifically selected and trained to do so! It was probably comforting for the onlookers to consider that, should a power/telephone pole emergency break out in the high street, the brave expertise of the pole-shuffling squad was close at hand. Perhaps.

For the next month, we practised several times each week. Thankfully the summer weather that year was spectacular, and the sun always seemed

to be shining as we went through the increasingly dull routine. The format was that we would troop onto the empty parade square in a single file with me at the back. Everyone would jog in step - harder than it sounds when we were all strung out in a very long line - to their allotted position. I was the last to come to a stop on that (freshly re-painted) dot directly in front of where Sir Lionel Nutbar would ultimately be seated in all his glorious, toffee-nosed political boredom.

After a short introduction speech which was comically ad-libbed by Mr Bottomley on each occasion, we were started with a single whistle peep, upon which we jumped from attention to a 'stand-at-ease' position. From that point, with the music blaring scratchily from a huge forty-year-old speaker cone - it looked suspiciously like the foghorn from an old battleship - on top of the adjacent building, it was all up to me to take everyone through the routine on tempo. They moved when I moved. I was counting to a rhythm, but it looked like I was making them all move; if only I had been, I could have had some fun, albeit at the expense of a career. If I screwed up, however, I would be taking everyone else - including Bottomley - with me. Memories of my marching 'expertise' occasionally reared their ugly heads and for a split second all control of my limbs would leave me but, fortunately, the routine was easy to remember and easy to perform. It almost became fun. As my confidence grew and my trepidation about being the focus for so many pairs of eyes receded, the universe rubbed its hands with glee and hatched its evil plan for me.



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In summary, the survey is conducted too late in the budget planning cycle to be effective, the survey key questions are poorly worded and little effort is spent analysing the results.

In my opinion the public feedback survey results are not being used to develop or adjust the budget.

At the FPC meeting (Jan 19th) it was agreed in principle to conduct the survey earlier. There was an extensive discussion on the facts and figures to be represented in the survey. There is tension between providing a lot of information and a belief that people will be impatient with an extensive survey - especially if they are using a small mobile device.

I personally believe that the Islands Trust could create an ad-hoc community working group to collaborate on budget creation - those people could become ambassadors to explain the budget to others. This would be true community engagement and consultation.

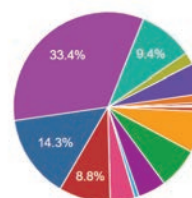
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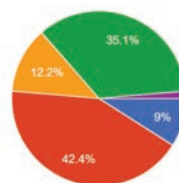
524 responses



- Mayne
- North Pender
- Salt Spring
- Saturna
- South Pender
- Thetis
- The entire Islands Trust Area
- Keats

What budget principles do you support?

524 responses



- INCREASE taxes to add new programs/ services or to improve existing services or programs
- DECREASE taxes by reducing services and programs from current levels
- KEEP TAXES THE SAME to maintain staffing, services and programs at current levels
- KEEP TAXES THE SAME, but decrease spending in some areas while increasing in others
- Don't know



## Memoir of a Rural Introduction Sisyphus-Redux

ARTS&LIT

By Bill Engleson  
[www.engleson.ca](http://www.engleson.ca)

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

### Strikes

October 11, 2005

I have always supported a workers right to strike. My first strike was a pulp workers cessation of labour in 1957. I was ten. It was winter and I went on the picket line with my old man. I remember fires burning to keep everyone warm. I remember swigging my first cup of coffee. Harmac, the mill being struck, was miles out of town. We had to drive *continued on P.6...*

*...continued from P.5* down the Island highway, snow banking deep on both sides, and then take the Cedar turnoff. A few miles along, we drove over the old bridge that hung high above the Nanaimo River.

The strike camp was pretty close to the mill but was nothing more than canvas tents and burn barrels.

As vague as the memory of that single occurrence is, I have repeated the tale numerous times over the years. Any time I found myself on my own picket line, and that was six or seven times including one of the summers I worked at Harmac as a student earning the coming years tuition—a time when that was possible— I have invariably boasted about my introduction to a union picket line.


The papers these days are full of under-stimulated journalists decrying the current teachers strike. “It’s anarchy,” they rail. “It flaunts the rule of law,” they add.

The courts have struck at the pocketbooks of the teachers, freezing their strike pay. Think coal miners for a moment. Think Dickensian child factory workers. Assuming they had strike pay, had progressive unions, what would be our view if the courts froze their union wages to coerce them back into the coal pits, the poisoned air of slave labour factories?

I admit strikes grind things to a halt. Often they have no immediate benefit. At the end of the day though, people have the right to withhold their labour. Their labour is them. There often is little differentiation between the two.

More to the point, however, is that strikes are often mostly about the future, hopefully ensuring improved conditions for the ones that follow.

While strikes beget sacrifice, they usually beget change.

Therein rests their principal value. 

## Phoenix Riting! A Hornby Perspective

*By Phoenix Bee* **A**FTER more than thirty years living on the Coast, I am amazed by how quickly the snow melts. It still seems like magic. One day, we are digging out from under a foot or more of snow, the next day bare green grass is everywhere. By the third day, it's gone. For a Northern kid like me, it's a genuine miracle. And now, it's almost time for nettles, that abundant staple of springtime.

We did have a white Christmas, for those who enjoy such things (I'm not a fan), and now we're back to the green, so I can ride my trusty e-bike again. I've learned, thankfully not the hard way, that e-bikes don't do well in icy conditions, though I'll ride in the rain and cold without a qualm. I'll wait until it warms up a little to do some Denman exploring though—coffee at the Guesthouse sounds good to me.

And there's so much to do right now! Summits and roundtables and gatherings, my little head is spinning. All from the comfort of my cozy room, obviously, a mixed blessing. Something about a screen full of talking heads feels disconnecting, as though I'm trying to exist here-and-now and somewhere-else simultaneously, and my body doesn't deal well with that nebulosity. On the other hand, real people are behind those talking heads, and I'm excited about the ideas, connections and possibilities of this event.

By the time this is printed, the Hornby Arts Digital Summit (three full days!) will be over, but as I write this, it hasn't started yet. This free event is a means of building an arts communication network and support system for Hornby and Denman Islands. There will be presentations from other islands arts council representatives as well as First Nations representatives, and a lot of talking and sharing. I won't be able to attend everything, but the schedule covers a lot of ground and I look forward to it. I hope to share some impressions next week.

I've signed up for a semi-local roundtable cafe next week as well, online also, of course. It does save on travel. I'm signing up for a lot of things right now, which is not my normal practice, but it seems a good way to begin this year. It's January, and I'm bored and lonely for human contact, feelings that I hope these digital connections and events can mitigate. There's no real substitute for actual eye

contact and face to face presence, but I will take what I can get. Some years I'm happy to dive into my introvert cave, but even introverts have a hard time with extended isolation. How are you doing? Do you find winter difficult too? That's one of the challenges of living in a small rural community, even when we aren't locked down and distancing.

Paradoxes are everywhere. On the one hand, so much boredom, isolation and loneliness. On the other hand, many projects, possibilities and potentials are opening up. I sense optimism in the air, that we can create a new normal from the ashes of the old, which let's face it, wasn't the best of all normals. Perhaps going forward we will find a way to stay connected through these (shorter than most in Canada, but still way too long) winters. It's the hardest part about living here, for myself and for a lot of people I've talked to. I hope we're all managing to survive, or better, to thrive in whatever ways we can. I know it's hard. Let's come up with ways to make it easier. Don't forget to breathe.

*I want to hear from you! You can email me at [phoenixhornby@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixhornby@gmail.com), or if you see me on the street, at the Co-op, or wherever, I'd love to chat. And thank you to all who have done so already, you help so much.*



## Green Wizardries: This Week in the Garden

**SPECIAL INTEREST**

By Maxine Rogers

I am writing this on 16 January 2022. Spring seems to have struck with a great deal of force. The ice and snow melted away, warm balmy winds caress the islands and I have the first winter aconite blooms in my garden. The blooms are small and not yet open but their brave yellow is out in the world. The winter aconite flower is the very first to bloom here. Mine were given to me by Jimmy Tait of blessed memory.

Jimmy was a veteran of WWII and even after that had an adventurous life. Jimmy was the unofficial Queen of Denman and ruled the island like a benevolent dictator. She gifted flowering plants far and wide and it is a rare garden on Denman that does not owe her a debt of gratitude.

The first spikes of garlic are up in the vegetable garden. The peach tree branches are thronged with swelling buds. With good luck and a following wind, we might be self-sufficient in peaches this year.

We have heaps of carrots, beets, leeks and celeriac still in the garden. This is my first time ever growing celeriac and we harvested our first one and ate it grated with a carrot as a salad with some home-made mayonnaise and dried tomatoes from last summer's garden.

I want to stop and say a couple of words here about olive oil, for you cannot make a good mayonnaise without good olive oil. There is a lot of adulterated or counterfeit olive oil on the market. We bought a Greek olive oil at a popular store in Courtenay and for a while, I was able to make good mayonnaise from it. Then, suddenly, nothing I could do would turn the oil into mayonnaise. I had never had this trouble before.

I decide to check my oil and poured some of it into a small bowl and put it in the fridge for 24 hours. It was still liquid after all that time in the fridge. A real olive oil would have become thick like yogourt and a little opaque.



We called the store in question and were told to bring all the oil back and they would refund our money no problem. We took several cans of the oil back to them and they eagerly returned our money even though we did not have a receipt. They knew damned well it was counterfeit olive oil and just wanted us to go away.

They still carry the same brand of Greek fake-olive oil. The problem with this is if the oil is counterfeit, how do we know it is wholesome at all? So I would advise all my readers to get up now and put some of their olive oil in the fridge and check it again tomorrow.

Why would the Greeks choose to tarnish their good name by selling bad oil? I had this explained by a friend who had visited Greece and spoken to the farmers there. Greek farmers are not allowed by the EU to sell or even press their own olives but have to buy in sub-standard (rancid) olives from abroad and or cut the resulting oil with vegetable oils. The EU gives all the olive oil quotas to Spain and Italy because they are more important members of the EU.

I have had successes in last year's garden but it is even more important to talk about the failures. I did not think we were going to get such an Arctic winter here and I left many Brussel's sprouts plants standing in the garden. We had always been able to do that when we had a garden in Victoria. We used to have only four or five plants but they were all so tall and mighty that we left them in the field and harvested them all winter long. Turns out, you can't do that here.

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**KJM Construction**

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*...continued from P.7* When the ice and snow melted, we went out into the garden and found the Brussels's sprouts were much rotted. I was so disappointed as we love fresh Brussel's sprouts. I have pulled most of the plants up and am feeding them to the hens who are not so fussy and feeding the best remaining sprouts to the rabbits who are.

This year, I hope to grow many more Brussel's sprouts but this time, I will harvest them at the peak of readiness and blanch and freeze them. We did that with our huge cauliflower harvest last year and still have many bags of cauliflower to use in salads, soups and other recipes. Blanched cauliflower makes a wonderful salad with a lemon juice, olive oil, salt and chopped garlic dressing. Green beans likewise.

I know that if everyone is really well prepared for an extreme winter that we will have a mild one. I think this is a little, simple, natural magic that we would be well advised to pursue as a community.

When I was out in the garden, I noticed a huge host of those small, grey slugs fornicating in the heavy mulch. I also found a too high number of cutworms. I think we had all better start slug hunting early and often this year.

We have a single, ancient Muscovy duck who is too old to lay eggs anymore. She has been a good duck and given us many, many eggs and reared dozens of ducklings for us so we keep her as a pet. We caught her and clipped the flight

feathers on one of her wings so she cannot fly away.

I carried her into the garden and orchard complex so she can hunt slugs and cut worms to her heart's content. We catch her in the evening and put her back in the secure hen house so she can sleep safe from mink attack. I maintain that having a couple of hens or ducks in the garden is the most efficient way to deal with slugs and she turns those slugs into high-quality manure to fertilize the garden.

Just one more thing, my husband said to explain that we do have thin cables strung across the gardens to dissuade the eagles from hunting our garden poultry.



## Kosma Busheikin Quartet

**L**AST November, I had the pleasure of taking in the Kosma Busheikin Quartet at the Guesthouse. Denman is an open-hearted, ardent musical community with no shortage of support no matter what your interest or level of musicianship may be, so I did not want to pass up the chance to find out how a true son of Denmanistan got to go pro.

**MUSIC** *By Anthony Gregson*

Kosma is an island lad, arriving from the Czech Republic, aged two, with his parents, Laura, and Tomas. He began taking music seriously when he started to learn the guitar at age 16 under the tutelage of Kevin Mitchell. Kevin brought not only his knowledge and skill on the instrument, but also, as a composer and performer, what Kosma calls "respect for the song."

Kosma began to put himself out there, first at the Thursday night open mike sessions of the Audio Collective. He subsequently invited Ram Sudama and Ken Hatch to busk with him at the Guesthouse. Jazz had never been much to mind until Ram hired him to perform at the Seniors Hall for a summer event. He also took lessons from Marc Atkinson and played with Ray Ulovec, amongst others.

Denman isn't exactly a hotbed of jazz, nor did Kosma spend time going to jazz venues in Vancouver or the very few on Vancouver island. Growing up on island, he was used to spending more time on his own and even today, finds himself somewhat amazed by the music scene in Nanaimo, Victoria, and Vancouver. In fact, the first time he was ever in a jazz club was on a trip to Prague. But Denman did offer musical companionship, something, Kosma points out, essential to jazz because a quartet depends on finding fellow musicians with the right chemistry.



Eli Hilberry thought Kosma should look at trying at least one year of the new four-year jazz program at Vancouver Island University. He was also encouraged by Marc Atkinson's evaluation of his progress. There was much to weigh before taking the plunge because Kosma knew he would have to give it his all. He had done a lot of playing, but his music education was still sketchy. Undeterred, he got through the audition and was accepted. He ended taking up the upright bass, with a major in guitar. As part of the requirements, he also had to learn to sight read, not only playing, but singing. By his own admission, not much of a singer himself, he would strike a note and his friends would tell him if he hit it with his voice. With a lot of practise, he was eventually able to do it on his own. Then there was all the theory, orchestration, composition, and constant practise.

At the end of it all, he was one of only four graduates out of an initial class of thirty. So often we think that only people who are born virtuosi or have brilliant creativity can make it as musicians, but as the saying goes, the better part of talent is hard work.

Apart from Kosma (bass), the quartet members are vocalist

Tasha Adams, Graham Villette on drums, and Liam Mackay, guitar. They are based out of Nanaimo and were getting by until Covid shut everything down. The work is starting to come back for them with a weekly gig at a Nanaimo restaurant. The members are all trained at different university programs, some back East. The quartet plays jazz covers, the classics, Cole Porter and what have you, including one arrangement by Kosma himself. "You've got to have a repertoire," Kosma points out. "The difference is in the performance."

That's what I like about the jazz quartet or trio, how each member gets a chance to riff and take the music in their own direction within a framework of a beloved familiarity, and the sweet tension of whether they can make a three-point landing. I am reminded of what Bronwyn Schuster said of her mural, Herring Spirit, on the Activity Centre, about the need to let the eye breathe. The same applied to the Quartet, letting the ear breathe, between the riffs, and the return to the song. Everyone was technically strong, with a confident attack, an altogether professional sound. The challenge, Kosma says, is to find their own voice as a quartet, something only possible with constant opportunities to play together. I can only say, they are getting there.

If you missed the show, there is a short video clip on the Grapevine website courtesy of my iPhone. 🍷



## Lost Comrades

**S**INCE August 2021, two Fairy Creek defenders have tragically vanished into thin air.

OP/ED

By Eartha Muirhead

Gerald (Smiley) Kearney walked off the mountain, in late August, after about 10 days. He spoke to someone at the Roadside camp, who reportedly said he was tired and was heading home to Victoria. He did not have a vehicle, so we assume he hitchhiked. No body has been found. Kevin (Bear) Henry, was last heard from on November 27. He was sleeping in his van in Lake Cowichan, on his way to the blockade. He texted family members that night, saying someone was trying to break into his van. His van has not been found and neither has his body. I am trying not to spend time speculating, so here are the facts.

<https://www.vicnews.com/news/friends-and-family-begin-fundraiser-for-missing-kevin-bear-henry-last-seen-near-fairy-creek>.

Bear Henry has been missing for more than a month, and friends are worried. A few of them started a fundraiser via Go Fund Me—to fund search efforts. Henry was reported as missing on Dec. 11, and since Dec. 15 friends with winter-ready cars have been searching the area around Lake Cowichan's south shore. The RCMP have conducted two helicopter fly-overs.

On Jan. 2, fundraiser organizer Tareen Sangha wrote that they had hired a helicopter to conduct an aerial search of the Lake Cowichan cliffs. "No leads yet but we will continue to search and hope to bring our friend home," Sangha wrote. Sangha met Henry in university several years ago, and the two were roommates on and off. "We became family," he said. Henry is a Victoria-based outreach worker who had been involved with the blockades at Fairy Creek, and before that was part of a group at Beacon Hill Park advocating for people experiencing homelessness. His aunt, Rose Henry, is a prominent Fairy Creek activist. To learn more about Bear Henry, go to The Capital Daily website, April 3, 2021, an interview with Nina Grossman.

The search organizers are waiting for a bill from the helicopter company to know how much money is left to continue the search. In the meantime, they're reviewing map data to find areas that haven't been searched by helicopter and boat. Sangha said they're looking for people with snowmobiles and boats already on Lake Cowichan to help. If you can help, the name of the fund-raiser is "Bring Bear Home".

Last week, after a series of requests, the RCMP finally authorized a search party of friends to go inside the injunction zone. However, when the search party tried to gain access, Teal-Jones' employees, the outfit given the Tree Farm License to illegally log that area, refused them entry. This causes many to speculate that Teal-Jones has something to hide. Maybe they are just afraid that a few exhausted and grief-stricken folks might try to steal one of the world's last remaining three thousand year old Yellow Cedar Trees. Or, maybe Teal-Jones' seven private detectives, who have been spying on the blockades since early summer, were off duty that day. 🍷

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## Thoughts About the 2022/23 Budget

OP/ED

By Margie Gang

**T**HE cost of the Islands' Trust is too high, its programs expanding out of control, its connections to the communities it's supposed to serve increasingly hostile.

More trustees are needed to promote democracy. Islands with over 1000 residents should have three elected trustees, and islands with over 4000 residents should have five. There would then be no need to have Executive Committee members serve as ties-breakers on at least 6 of the islands, and so EC members shouldn't attend those meetings. The elected LTC Chair could report to the EC.

Some thoughts about the budget could be scaled back:

Three-year moratorium on new hires.

Three-year moratorium on sponsorship applications other than Indigenous cultural ones.

Two-year moratorium on hiring of co-op students.

New projects for RPC/LTCs should be achievable in one fiscal year or deferred or dropped acknowledging that a new LTC/TC may have different priorities.

Planned work should be reduced to account for a 'shortened' year due to elections taking place in November 2022

Development application fees should cover a much larger share of the actual processing costs.

Development applications formerly processed through the Capital and Nanaimo Regional Districts (and maybe other RD's) shouldn't require pre-approval from the Islands' Trust.

Cost-saving recommendations from the governance review should be implemented.

LTC projects should prioritize using staff, not consultants.

The Climate Indicators Project should be dropped as potential results re. global environmental impacts from one-half of one percent of BC's population couldn't justify the cost. The IT should publicly acknowledge its limitations in addressing this global problem.

The Freshwater Sustainability Strategy should be scaled back to the scope of the freshwater policy of the most progressive of our 7 Regional Districts, rather than the IT positioning itself to be "the most progressive regional government in British Canada (typo?) and indeed the country." (Econics Consulting, 2021).

Limit of \$5,000 to be awarded to community environmental initiatives authorized by Bill 26. These to be decided by community referendum. If community groups need additional funding, they should seek it through environmental organizations grants.

No more than one Planner and one Regional Planning Manager and a recorded should ever be allowed to attend a regular LTC meeting, in-person or electronically.

Numbers of Planners on staff should parallel numbers of Planners on staff in other jurisdictions of similar population.

Numbers of staff attending committee meetings should be limited.

Elected trustees should serve as communication specialists, and the full-time Communication Specialist position should be dropped. At least three LTC meeting in each year should be replaced by a "Trust café" session, on a weekend or evening. These should serve coffee and cookies (or whatever), play music, other friendly things, and the trustees should explain in plain language what's happening in the IT, including controversial issues and costs of programs. Trustees should include explanation of the governance structure of the IT, its jurisdiction, and what projects/problems are ongoing on other islands and how their LTC's are coping with them.

Mapping initiatives should reflect need, not technological capability. If maps duplicate those made by other jurisdictions, the IT shouldn't make them. If they haven't been used for meaningful on-the-ground work in a year, they shouldn't be updated until a need arises.

No public money should be spent on advocacy letter-writing to higher jurisdictions.

No staff time should be spent on paperwork exercises re. affordable housing that don't directly generate new affordable housing.

The words "unique amenities" should be dropped from all IT language, too be replaced by "environmental, social, and economic amenities." 🍷

## The New Normal

OP/ED

By Sally Campbell

**A**S Rivera Sun (Editor of Nonviolence News, a weekly roundup of nonviolent actions for social justice around the globe) says, "In 2022, resistance is the only new normal. Keep it up, everyone. Our world needs you." I find this particularly relevant these days when our politicians seem unable to hear, let alone respond to

the will of the people.

Are we really that selfish and myopic that we can't agree to waive patents for Covid vaccines to allow the majority of the world's

people access? Are we that war-mongering that we station Canadian troops on Russia's borders in Latvia & the Ukraine, as part of NATO's push into territory it promised Gorbachev NATO would not encroach upon when the Cold War ended?

Are we that blind and indifferent to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza that we ignore Canada's role in funding and arming the Israeli military? (See Just Peace Advocates webinar: "Yes, Canada does arm and fund the Israeli military", January, 2022.) Are we so sedated and/or comfortable with nuclear weapons in our world that we refuse to join the majority of the world's nations in signing the Ban Treaty?

January 22 marks the first anniversary of the Ban Treaty, the UN Treaty on the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. I wrote about this treaty a year ago in *The Grape*. What with the climate crisis and Covid, it might seem as if this treaty is irrelevant. Alas, with the US ramping up its new cold war against Russia and now China, it becomes more imperative than ever that we adhere to international law and expect other governments do so as well.

What might psychologists say about Canada's blatant inconsistencies between what we say and what we do? They might raise the idea of the "shadow" - those parts of ourselves we don't want to recognize or acknowledge, the less likeable parts, the potential for violence we carry within us, most often at an unconscious level. We're not really aware of these aspects, though they drive much of our behaviour.

Every grouping also has a shadow - families, communities, religions, nations - all have dark sides we'd rather not acknowledge. Let's look at Canada. When nations criticize other nations for behaviours they themselves engage in, but are blind to, it's called "shadow projection". We in Canada, for example, like to think of ourselves as a peaceable nation, our global role one of diplomacy, support for "developing nations", and peacekeeping. "What is a Canadian? An unarmed North American with health care." Now this gives us a smile as it captures two highly valued aspects of established public policy. It also gives us a point of contrast with the US, one which invites a little smugness on the part of the tiny mouse living in the shadow of the giant. It has to do with our projection of our shadow onto the US. Perhaps we can focus on what we actually do as Canadians on the global stage rather than blaming the US for the state we're in.

What we don't often reckon with is our history of supporting empire and imperialism. As members of NATO, we have engaged in wars in former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, & Libya, to name a few. We now have Canadian Forces in Latvia & Ukraine, right on Russia's borders. Our military budget is largely driven by our expected "contributions" to NATO. The Canadian government's decision to purchase 88 fighter jets from the US is connected to NATO and NORAD. How well will fighter jets help anyone address climate crisis?

Canada has less than 45 people involved in the UN Peacekeeping Forces.

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...continued from P.11 Former Ambassador to the UN Stephen Lewis has stated that a number of countries are now taking extreme nationalist positions; he cited the UK, US (under Trump), Brazil, India, Hungary, & the Philippines. Canada, he says, is a “small trading country, who relies on international agreements...Canada is listened to when our voice is authentic and when we stand by what we say”.<sup>2</sup> PM Justin Trudeau is on record as saying that we’re committed to achieving a world free of nuclear weapons. And yet, not only have we not signed the critically important Ban Treaty, we actively opposed its negotiation, and voted “no” when 130 of the world’s nations voted “yes”.

We say we want our decisions to be rooted in international law<sup>3</sup>, yet we regularly look the other way when our allies breach it. Lewis says we need to maintain and support the International Criminal Court (ICC). We could help strengthen the UN and its global impact, but we have dealt ourselves out of a position of influence at the Security Council. According to Lewis, Canada lost its bid for a revolving seat on the Security Council (always held before when we stood for election) “because of our politics and policies”, such as buying a pipeline whilst giving lip service to the climate crisis (his example). To have a say in our foreign policy, Canadians need to let our leaders know what we want, with voices strong enough to be heard.

The Canadian Foreign Policy Institute (CFPI) is just two years old. Its purpose is to reevaluate Canada’s foreign policy and advocate for a progressive policy reflecting Canada’s role as a middle power, committed to multi-lateralism. World Beyond War Canada has offices in Winnipeg and Montreal. Just Peace Advocates out of Toronto is another emergent group worth exploring. Then there’s Canadians for Justice & Peace in the Middle East. And Progressive International, led by such influencers as Naomi Klein, Noam Chomsky, Vijay Prashad.

These groups offer realistic ways we can participate.

Stay-at-home periods can drive us crazy. They can also offer space to google groups such as these and to resist the inertia that keeps our world so filled with crushing inequity, suffering and danger. An added benefit is the increased sense of well-being that comes from being connected to our global community and joining the effort to create a better world. Our feisty little communities know about resistance. Why not channel that spirit toward resisting Canada’s mistaken priorities and its militarism? Could this become our new normal?

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2 Meme gone viral

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## Prayer, “Don’t Look Up,” and the End of the World

OP/ED

By Graeme Isbister

**T**HE topic of prayer seems to come up a lot lately. There are obvious reasons: covid, the crazy weather, the larger issue of climate change, the opioid crisis, covid, housing challenges (and assessments!) the dark days of January, covid, climate change, etc.

All of these and more suggest why those belonging to a particular faith tradition or no faith at all or somewhere in between would invoke their God/Higher Power/?. The recent Netflix offering “Don’t Look Up” is a good example.

This dark satire presents a doomsday scenario where scientists, played by Jennifer Lawrence and Leonardo Dicaprio, discover a huge comet on a trajectory that in a matter of months will destroy all life on earth.

The title of the movie refers to a head-in-the-sand response to scientific realities that might just strike a chord with some of us.

Political leaders such as U.S. President Janie Orlean, played by Meryl Streep, and media celebrities initially treat this news with indifference until they figure out ways to spin the story to their own advantage.

Yes, you heard that right: for some, the end of the world really isn’t if you can use it in the short term to boost polls and ratings.

Prayer comes into this as a means to further personal agendas: President Orleans prays from the deck of a U.S. battleship: “May Jesus Christ bless every single one of you, especially the members of my own party...” President Orlean’s son, Jason, her Chief of Staff, offers a similarly howlingly self-serving but strangely familiar sounding prayer: “There is ...material stuff, like watches and cars and clothes and I don’t want to see that go away so I’m going to say a prayer for that stuff.”

As the end draws near the scientists and a few others gather for their own Last

Supper. The non-religious Leonardo Dicaprio character wonders if someone should offer a prayer before they eat. Yule, played by Timothee Chalamet, despite his rejection of his evangelical upbringing, volunteers this prayer:

“Dearest Father and Almighty Creator, We ask for your grace tonight, despite our pride; Your forgiveness, despite our doubt. Most of all, Lord, we ask for your love to soothe us through these dark times. May we face whatever is to come in your divine will with courage and open hearts of acceptance. Amen.”

As one commentator observed, this prayer is not “weaponized” as prayers can often be. It is not forced on anyone who hasn’t expressed a desire to receive it. It is not used to manipulate others or push an agenda.

It simply but wonderfully expresses the longing of a humble, open heart for the character and above all, love, that will allow us to face and deal with whatever is to come.

Not a bad place to start as we deal with whatever “comets” are heading our way...



## Letters to the Editor

**T**his week's Grapevine seems to me the best in a while. I liked the heads-up about the Concerned Residents Association, Max's article about sharing music learning, and especially Charles King's letter about the failings of nuclear power. I was horrified by last week's paean to nuke power by the ever-giddy technophile Gwynne Dyer. King's reprint of the experts' litany of reasons why it is not a good solution was right on, and in line with many real stories I have covered and heard for decades around this issue.

Even if all the plans could be perfect, the execution of nukes by humans leaves much to be desired. I vividly recall when the story broke about a Houston, Texas, nuclear power plant, that the inspectors who were supposed to X-ray every weld had faked the inspections, repeating the same picture in every report. I also attended and recorded a talk by Vladimir Chernousenko, the Russian physicist in charge of the Chernobyl cleanup, who was expelled from Russia for telling the true dimensions of the disaster and speaking out against nuclear power. There's much more to be said. The Germans made a smart decision to take nukes out of their plans.

My mistrust of Dyer's technophilia goes back a decade or more to an article of his supportive of geo-engineering - in that case, seeding particles into the upper atmosphere as a means of blocking the sun and cooling the planet. He never seems to ask "what could go wrong" about any technology. Like, what happens when the next volcano does the same trick naturally and perhaps doubles the intensity of a nuclear winter.

His article in this week's Grapevine started out as a terrifying litany of the unregulated opportunistic race to occupy space with all manner of devices. I thought for once he was being critical; but no, he thinks it grand - a step on the way to humans populating the moon and Mars! (Such a pleasant lifestyle, penned up in an artificial environment! No more walks in the woods for you!) He clearly hasn't heard the news I am hearing: for example that the tens of thousands of Musk communications satellites are only expected to work for 5 years, but will continue to orbit either as dangerous space junk or if, perhaps, self-destructing, spread out as aluminum dust contamination. That the amount of space junk already orbiting is a constant danger to other objects in space. That the few thousand communications satellites already in orbit make it harder to observe the stars. And items in space sometimes fall to earth in dangerous ways. The environmental risks of laying fiber optic cables under the sea pale by comparison and they can be expected to have a MUCH longer useful life.

If you must continue publishing Dyer (he is a friend of yours?), please start adding a header that says: Fiction.

**Frieda Werden  
Denman** 

### Life & Taxes

**L**I have not begun with Death &...because I am still alive after reading my Property Assessment Notice - although I immediately sent off a check to the Heart & Stroke foundation.

As this is my first ever Letter to the Editor, I will make this a brief appeal to property owners on the premise that "union gives strength to the humble" - a Latin Proverb - to appeal your (In my case, an increase of 46% property value) tax assessment. Unless of course, you approve your assessment, which plays into the hands of BC Assessment because "A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul" - George Bernard Shaw.

According to the rules, I must compare my assessment with similar properties that have recently sold to validate my appeal. Well, I have been here for almost 4 years and if I compare our land with my near neighbour's, I'm in trouble! Because in those 4 years, the property has changed hands 3 times, with the next owner renovating and flipping the land as an absentee owner to the current absentee owner. As equality consists in the same treatment of similar people, I'm not even on the same playing field.

So what principles are guiding the current property assessment people? As a senior citizen living below the poverty line, do I simply add up how much money I made last year and mail it in? Or defer my taxes and when I finally die, hand the bill over to our children who cannot afford to buy a house anywhere?

I like living here so I'll close with an unknown quote: "Is life worth living? That depends on the liver". May your appeal be appealing.

**Cheers!  
Bob Morley** 

## Corporate Interests

by Thomas Provençal

Self-loathing is an attitude  
of a conscious human being.  
To align with corporate interests  
is to face the wind while peeing.

Modern corporations  
are more concerned with money  
than protecting social interests  
like producing milk and honey.

And yet the people bow  
before the altar of success,  
measured by the profits  
and ignoring all the mess.

Our natural world pooh-pooed upon  
in support of economics  
while the role of politicians  
is reduced to stand up comics.

To champion social justice  
and not hog all the meat  
is to insult the example  
of the corporatist elite  
who play with money markets  
instead of economic growth,  
pretending to be spending,  
defending technocratic oath.

In defence of freedom  
the people must unite  
yet the system keeps us fat enough  
to erode our will to fight.

Unconsciousness is dominant  
as people fall in line  
as a measure of obedience  
that the 1% define.

## Covid Fatigue

By Gwynne Dyer  
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OP/ED

ONCE they called it 'combat fatigue', and treated the soldiers who showed the symptoms with a mixture of pity and contempt. Then they renamed it 'post-traumatic stress disorder' (PTSD) and broadened the definition to cover similar responses to other stressful situations.

And now we have Covid fatigue.

We're coming up on two years since the first round of lockdowns and overflowing hospitals, and heading for yet another peak in the pandemic. At least five million people have died of Covid-19, and more than half a billion have had it. People are worn down, and it's starting to show.

Tens of millions who were just getting by 'before covid' have now fallen into real poverty. A whole generation of young people feels that their lives have been put on hold. Inflation is now taking hold in most countries, which will make matters even worse. Most people have behaved well through a long, hard time, but patience is running out.

The anti-vaxxers are the first to feel the weight of public resentment. Once they were just seen as gullible simpletons taken in by online conspiracy theories. Now, in countries where the great majority of people are vaccinated, they have been promoted to the status of a public health risk.

They were always a reservoir of the virus, but now that most people are vaccinated the harm they do is more visible. In countries like Canada and France, where 80% or more of the population is fully vaccinated, up to 90% of the people filling intensive care beds that could be serving other critically ill people are unvaccinated Covid cases.

That's why French President Emmanuel Macron, facing an election in April, found it politically advantageous to say: "We have to tell (the unvaccinated)... you will no longer be able to go to a restaurant. You will no longer be able to go for a coffee, you will no longer be able to go to the theatre. You will no longer be able to go to the cinema."

Macron later told a newspaper: "as for the non-vaccinated, I really want to piss \* them off." So that they would go and get vaccinated, presumably, but he knew he was also catching the popular mood. He later told reporters in Paris: "People can get upset about a way of speaking that seems colloquial, but I fully stand by it. I'm upset about the situation we're in."

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took the same line, although in more genteel language. But he didn't go as far as Quebec, the hardest hit of the Canadian provinces.

Quebec is not doing badly by international standards; the same population as Austria or Switzerland, and about the same number of deaths. But last week it required people to show proof of vaccination at provincial cannabis and alcohol shops – and it has now declared that the unvaccinated will have to pay a monthly 'contribution' to the cost of health care.

Even the Pope has chipped in, saying that getting vaccinated is a "moral obligation," and you don't have to share his faith to agree with that statement. Vaccines protect

not only the people who get the jab, but all those who may come into contact with them. That was always true, but now the patience has run out because people are tired.

The most dangerous consequence of covid fatigue, however, is the magical thinking that it induces even in some health professionals. 'It's been so long; surely it will be over soon' is a wish, not a scientific statement.

Early this week Dr David Nabarro, the World Health Organisation's special envoy of Covid-19, suggested that most countries have already passed the halfway mark in the pandemic 'marathon'. "We can see the end in sight, but we're not there (yet), and there's going to be some bumps before we get there."

Nadhim Zahawi, responsible for Britain's vaccine deployment last year, said "I hope we will be one of the first major economies to demonstrate to the world how you transition from pandemic to epidemic, and then deal with this however long it remains with us, whether that's five, six, seven, ten years."

And Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said that the European Union should stop detailed tracking of the pandemic and "start evaluating the evolution of this disease with different parameters." In plain Spanish, that means: treat it like a flu epidemic.

This is wishful thinking and nothing more. There is no reason to believe that the end is in sight, or that the next Covid variant won't be worse than Omicron, or even that infectious diseases always evolve towards lower lethality. Some do; some don't.

And it won't be over until the vaccination rates in Africa and Asia are the same as in Europe, East Asia and the Americas, plus 6-12 months.





*Jay Douglas Miller Magoon was born in Tulsa, OK on September 25, 1962 and passed away at the age of 59 in Santa Cruz, CA on January 12, 2022.*

He is survived by his father, Bruce Magoon; his two sisters, Debbie Brown and Sharna Bovasso and brother-in-law Steve; his nieces, Ashley, Katilyn, and Ali; and his nephew, Blake.

Doug was one of the kindest, most gentle souls to walk the planet. To know him was to love him. His warmth and generosity were qualities many of us can only aspire to. He was good natured, thoughtful, and loved to laugh. He would do anything to help others, which was evident in the many acts of kindness he performed for strangers and

loved ones alike. Doug always remembered everyone's birthday with his remarkable memory, and called to check in when he was thinking about someone. He loved spending time with people in most any capacity (and most often in his trademark tie dye shirts and cargo shorts), but especially over a good meal, at a concert, or while watching a football game.

Life in all its forms seemed to blossom in his presence, whether it was the children and animals who loved to play with him or the plants he cultivated with his landscaping business. He was also a savvy investor, often years ahead of trends.

Doug had friends and loved ones in many places he considered to be home. Doug was raised in Tulsa and returned often to visit his family and friends. He fell in love with California after attending College of the Redwoods, and established his home in Santa Cruz soon thereafter. He also came to find the beautiful and charming Denman Island in British Columbia as a second home, where he spent several months each year.

Doug never lost sight of the most important things in life: caring for others and his relationships with friends and family. Despite any hardships he endured, Doug retained his optimism, hope, and faith in humanity. May his memory be a blessing to the many people who loved him, and may we all endeavor to carry that spark of joy in ourselves that came so naturally to Doug.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are being accepted at The Second Harvest food bank in Santa Cruz, <https://www.thefoodbank.org/> or Zarrow Pointe Retirement Center in Tulsa, <https://zarrowpointe.org/> - the Doug Magoon Fund.

• THE ISLANDS GRAPEVINE •

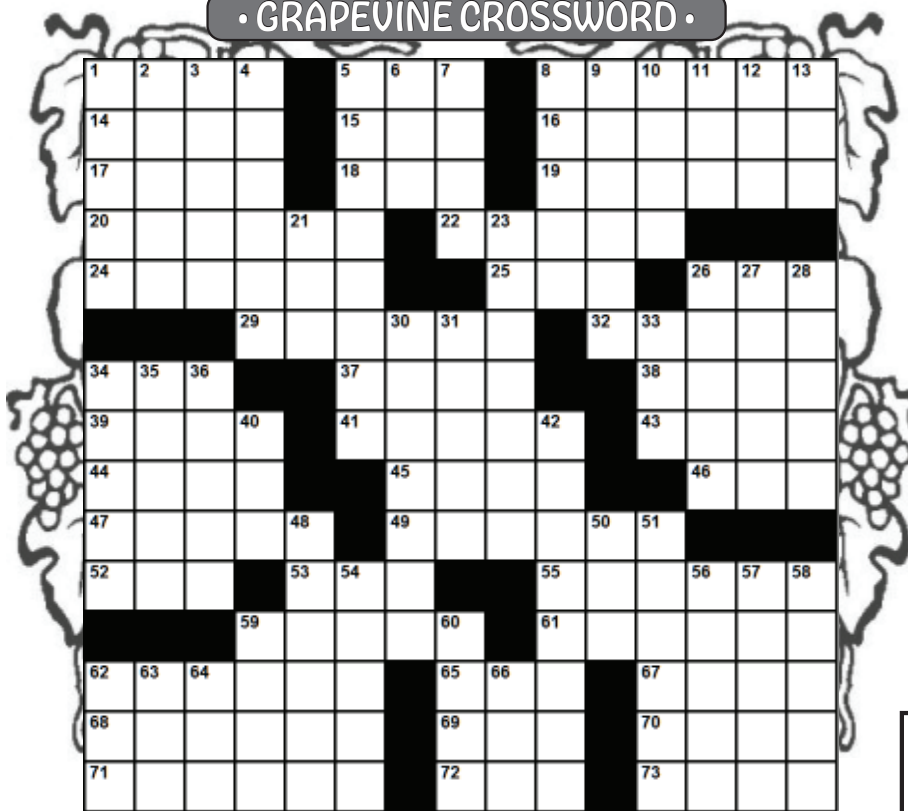
**EDITORIAL POLICY**

The Grapevine is dedicated to fostering a sense of community on Denman and Hornby by covering events, issues, and the creativity of the many gifted people amongst us. The following is our policy on content:

- Profiles of individuals, history, reviews and op ed are published free of charge.
- Literary content including poetry, stories, belle lettres is published free of charge.
- Promotional content for products, services, programs, and events will be published at going advertising rates.
- Public service announcements, notices of meetings, and news releases will be published for a fee. Exceptions will be made for emergencies where the public is immediately endangered.
- With regret, no exceptions can be made for non-profit status.

Please keep in mind that Hornby and Denman are a very small market for newspaper publication. We do our best to provide quality content at no cost to our readers but we ask you to understand that this depends on financial viability. Paper, ink, postage, equipment, and rent all add up. As it is, the Grapevine can only be brought to you with considerable subsidy of time and energy by our team which is very willingly given. The Grapevine would like to accept more content free of charge, particularly around community news, and is working on plans to expand its reach and revenue base to move towards that goal.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Fungi spore sacs
5. Alley prowler
8. It has a bit part
14. Any time now
15. Antiquity
16. Ethnic
17. Faulty bombs
18. Two year old sheep
19. Name source
20. Bible prophet
22. Length of yarn
24. Raoul or Fidel
25. Annex
26. A murid
29. Sideways colon
32. Fifth Avenue sight
34. Alehouse fixture
37. Without much effort
38. Bugbear
39. Big story
41. Eager to meet challenges
43. Currency of China
44. Actress Powers
45. Mangle
46. 19th of 26
47. Fork part
49. Full of passion
52. Baseball great Mel

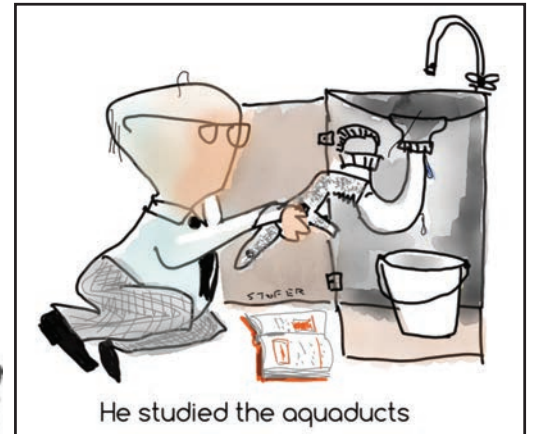
53. Barley bristle

55. Riot thief
59. Good will
61. Print goofs
62. Cake bits
65. Last abbr.
67. Chosen, in Chartres
68. Like some chips
69. Allow
70. Carpooled
71. Flipped a coin
72. Barely manage
73. Adding column

• DOWN •

1. Measuring equipment used in water
2. The march king
3. Closing measures
4. In position
5. Universal
6. Aquarius, e.g.
7. Clothing
8. Chihuahua, e.g.
9. Rafting hazard
10. Computer pix
11. Clamor
12. Deposit
13. Blighted tree
21. Biceps site
23. Kind of grasshopper
26. Dishonest person
27. Hanging for Polonius
28. Bar Mitzvah boys
30. Unyielding
31. Of an arm bone
33. Canine category
34. Musical speed
35. Asunder

36. American employee
40. Certainly may
42. Brunch order
48. Play the slots
50. And also not
51. Corrida hero
54. Smartened up
56. Hawk grabber
57. Chopin creation
58. Last breaths
59. Band aids
60. Certain log
62. PC monitor part
63. Brazilian city
64. Bullish market times
66. Albanian currency



He studied the aquaducts

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Grumpism



“Noah was a brave man to sail a wooden boat with 2 termites”  
(Thank you Sue Hammell)

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

M	A	K	O		L	A	R	G	E		C	O	T	E
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• **CLASSIFIED ADS** •

• **SERVICES** •

**HORNBY  
COMPACT  
EXCAVATION**

Versatile machine and operator.

Small footprint efficient for ditches, holes, levelling, brush clearing, etc. Please inquire email: Call: 2503350770  
Matthewlingle@hotmail.ca



**RUBBISH REMOVAL AS WELL AS  
TRASH REMOVAL**

from house, sheds, etc. 1 ton truck and single axle trailer at your service. Call Brian at 250-335-2390 or 250:650-2390. Lawnmower service come Spring.

**THORLACIUS TRUCKING** Top soil, bark mulch, gravel and sand. Call Chris & Lora, 250-650-9986. denmantruck@gmail.com

**MR. FIX-IT PLUMBING & ALL** household major and small appliances. All large and small machinery. Yard machinery, chainsaws, outboards, automotive, sharpening, welding and fabricating. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.(HI)

**MAGNIFICENT TOPSOIL,** (Serving Denman & Hornby since 1988) Bark Mulch, all gravels, Bison compost, Treework, site clean up, fir mill end firewood, roof tear off, demolition. High grade lumber. 30 years local Entr. Call Dave 218-9667.(DI)

**GUTTERS** seamless, supply and install also repairs, for free estimate contact Kevin at 250 335 1986 or cell at 250 667 3233. Serving All Areas.

• **FOR SALE** •

**RECUMBENT TRIKE - \$1700/obo**  
- call 335-2377 for more info.

**FENDER 5 STRING BANJO** barely used, hence reason for selling. Comes with hardcase, tuner, various finger picks, plus many cord and learn to play books. happy picking :) \$375.00. email: bdippo@lekheadu.ca Ph: 250-643-2164

**WAGNER FIREWOOD.** 2 cords to Denman, \$580 plus GST. Hornby, \$600 plus GST. Text or call Scott at 250-334-7323

**APPLIANCES FOR SALE.** Ranges, washers, dryers, fridges, dishwashers, gas/electric range. All fully restored and come with a full six month warranty. Call Rick Graham 335-0954.

• **COMMUNITY NOTICES** •

**COMOX VALLEY TRANSITION SOCIETY** Emergency Crisis Line: 250-338-1227 or Text: 250-218-4034 For more info visit <https://cvts.ca>

**COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM DENMAN WORKS** Projector and screen: Book with Abraxas Books and Gifts 250-335-2731 [abraxas9@telus.net](mailto:abraxas9@telus.net) Zoom meetings (unlimited time and free recording): See [denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/](https://denmanworks.wordpress.com/contact/)

• **EMPLOYMENT** •

**THE GENERAL STORE** needs two more employees to start right away. The applicants must have some work experience, be able to take direction but also be able

to determine and prioritize what needs to be done. A Serving It Right certificate is necessary, as are references. Call 250 335-2293 or email [denmanisland.generalstore@gmail.com](mailto:denmanisland.generalstore@gmail.com) if interested. A resume could also be dropped off at the Store.

**THE ABRAXAS CAFE** located in the heart of Denman Island is looking for a barista and sandwich maker. The job pays \$17 an hour with experience (on average with tips \$21 an hour or more). I am looking for a commitment through to September (it can get to a high pace environment in Summer) or hopefully longer! Start training Feb. 16 2021. Please call during banking hours 2507021769 or email resume to [Abraxas9@telus.net](mailto:Abraxas9@telus.net).

**LOVE PLAY?** Work with local youth & adults with diverse learning needs. Internships, work experience & volunteer opportunities, PT year-round positions on Hornby Island. Training provided. Apply at [www.hiplay.ca](http://www.hiplay.ca)



**• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •**

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •  
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

**• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •**

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
- Denman Community Hall Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)  
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system  
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

**• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •**

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloutier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Jenessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)
- Katarina Mešlic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

**• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •**

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded 335-3122 (D/H)
- DB clearing & excavations • call or text 250-465-1889 (D)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)  
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • Licenced, Bonded & Insured 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)
- Scott Knight • Licensed Home Inspection 604-779-9335 (D/H)

**• SERVICES •**

- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Pefer T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- 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)

**• HEALTH & WELLNESS •**

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac • 778-992-0165 (D/H)
- Acupuncturist, Herbalist, Physiotherapist • Carmen B-G, RPT, RTCMP  
335-2260 (D/H)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Denman Village Vet Clinic • 3646 Denman Road • 339-2511 (D/H)
- Inner Island Somatics.ca • Mette SEP, MQP • 650-3172 (D/H)



**FORTNIGHT EVENTS**

THURSDAY 20

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm



FRIDAY 21

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 22

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

SUNDAY 23

MONDAY 24

TUESDAY 25

WEDNESDAY 26

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

THURSDAY 27

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm

FRIDAY 28

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- FREE STORE 9-Noon

SUNDAY 30

MONDAY 31

TUESDAY 1

WEDNESDAY 2

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

THURSDAY 3

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5pm-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".  
theislandsgrapevine@gmail.com

## Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation – Personal Lines

As many of you are aware, on December 12, 2021, Denman Island Fire Rescue completed the final test in Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation (STSS). I am pleased to advise you that the Fire Underwriters Survey has evaluated our test results and application for accreditation to deliver Superior Tanker Shuttle Service for properties insured under Personal Lines within the Denman Island fire protection area of the Comox Valley Regional District and has determined that Denman Island Fire Rescue qualifies for STSS accreditation.

Personal Lines STSS accreditation applies within 8 km in road travel distance of the Denman Island Fire Hall at 5555 Denman Road and within 5 km in road travel distance of a recognized water supply point. Details regarding coverage areas are published accordingly in the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index.

What does that mean? Simply put, if you own property within the specified areas, you are eligible to receive a cost reduction in your fire insurance rates from the majority of insurers in Canada. It should be noted that insurers are under no obligation to accept this equivalency (Dwelling Protection Grade 3B(S).), however the Fire Underwriters Survey recommends they do so.

How do I know that my current insurance provider is aware of this change? If you have not been contacted by them already, the best way is to email them a copy of the notification letter on the other side of this page. It is the official notice of Fire Insurance Grading from Fire Underwriters to insurance providers. If they have any questions, please have them contact Fire Underwriters or email me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Denman Island Fire Rescue that worked collectively to enhance the water storage and delivery for fire suppression on the entire island and made it possible to reduce fire insurance rates for over 80% of the island by achieving STSS.

**Don Lockett Fire Chief**

**Denman Island Fire Rescue**

**[rluckett@telus.net](mailto:rluckett@telus.net)**





## **FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY**

A SERVICE TO INSURERS AND MUNICIPALITIES

December 13, 2021

### **RECOGNITION FOR FIRE INSURANCE GRADING RECEIVED**

*Denman Island Fire Protection Service Area of the Comox Valley Regional District  
Denman Island Fire Rescue*

### **Superior Tanker Shuttle Service – Accredited**

I am pleased to advise you that the above-mentioned fire protection service area within the province of British Columbia was recently registered in the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index as being accredited for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service for properties insured under Personal Lines.

**Properties insured under Personal Lines:**

Denman Island Fire Rescue has shown through testing their ability to provide 200 IGPM for 2 hours to specified areas within the Denman Island fire protection service area of the Comox Valley Regional District. This accreditation is an equivalency to the minimum requirements for hydrant protection as set out by the insurance industry and the Fire Underwriters Survey. Dwelling Protection Grade 3B(S) can be applied to properties insured under Personal Lines that are within 8 km in road distance from the accredited fire station (Denman Island) and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point.

Fire Underwriters Survey has provided information on fire protection and risk levels to the insurance industry in Canada for more than 100 years. Fire Underwriters Survey was originally operated under the auspices of the Insurance Advisory Organization until 2002 when the I.A.O. and all of its related services were repositioned under the flag of CGI and more recently, Opta Information Intelligence within SCM Insurance Services.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) accreditation process or any other related area, please contact us for further information.

Michael King, CTech  
Public Fire Protection Specialist,  
Fire Underwriters Surveyor of British Columbia

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