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Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) Annual General Meeting

By Jessi Schlegel
DICES

Night, Parent and Tot's, Food Bank, health and wellness education, continuing education for life-long learning, and recreational programs.

See you on Tuesday, October 17th in the Hub (food bank location)! 🍷

Phoenix Riting!

By Phoenix Bee

WHAT is it about winter on the island? It happens right after Equinox, or, like last year, holds off until nearly Hallowe'en, but it's always sudden. We leap from summer's heat and abundance to a sudden damp chill that I forget to anticipate. Daylight time is noticeably shorter than dark time. The garden stops growing. Market season ends, with indoor markets to come. Speaking of that, the Thanksgiving market will be Saturday October at the Hall from 10am to 1pm.

These seasonal cycles happen every year, and I'm never ready. Part of me never quite believes in winter, no matter how many times it comes around. It doesn't get as cold here as it does up North, but it's plenty cold enough to suffer or die of exposure without warmth and shelter. I am grateful for the warmth and shelter I am privileged to enjoy. I wish this for all, while I am keenly aware that too many people in our community (and everywhere) suffer for the lack of adequate or secure homes.

I'm encouraged by some initiatives I've seen set in motion to make housing available, and daunted by how long they are taking, how much time is spent talking about it rather than doing something about it. In some cases, it's hard to discern motion at all. People require housing; it's a basic human right. And we try and try. Yet still vulnerable people, including children, shiver in the cold in winter, or occupy couches or car seats or other uncomfortable and unsustainable temporary shelters. Demanding that things change is important, and in addition, we need to be real about what the actual problem here is.

We struggle to comply with bureaucratic regulations that do not allow communities any degree of internal autonomy when it comes to defining their own housing needs and standards. What used to be called ISLA here on Hornby, "Islanders Secure Land Association," now included with Elder Housing under the umbrella of the Hornby Housing Society, has tried hard for years. Volunteers exhausted themselves exploring every possible path forward. The best of intentions fizzled out over years and years of frustration dealing with bureaucracy, so that eventually once-unacceptable compromises were reluctantly accepted, previous momentum stalled into apparent immobility and now what?

There is another series of public engagement meetings this fall that might, maybe, open something up (I'm being optimistic but you have to hope). HICEEC has received funding from the Island Coastal Economic Trust to have consultants help us to build on and develop our Economic Development Strategy to meet our unique needs, to update the 2015 Economic Action Plan for Hornby Island. We really must ensure that housing for workers and marginalized islanders is made a priority.

About the consultants from Wellesley (quoted from HICEEC mailout):

5 members of WCG's team will be attending September 26th's Community Engagement Session for the Economic Development Strategy: <https://www.wellesleyconsulting.ca/team/>

Ross Birchall, Lyn Hall, Allan Lingwood, Kathleen Soltis, and Ian Wells.

They have extensive backgrounds in community engagement, municipal government (both elected leaders and senior management positions), business management, and all aspects affecting local economies.

The consultants have clearly stated that they are seeking our input and engagement and are at the behest of the community to create meaningful objectives and action items for the next 5 years in the key areas affecting residents and business owners alike. The first sessions are engaging with the public on these areas, hearing all opinions from all walks of life no matter what they are, so that they can accurately identify the priorities of our local community. They will return a month later to engage with the public again to make sure they got it right. Following that they will deliver a report and strategy to the community that identifies these areas of action and who is responsible, and what can be done to reach the goals of the community, and that strategy can then be used to raise funds as needed and build capacity to take further action in those areas. They have committed to walking us through this process.

The team is interested in action, not studying and putting a report on a shelf, and acknowledges that the community has been subjected to many studies and consultations in the past that, for some, have perhaps missed the mark or not met the needs of the community. They have reviewed what studies, plans and strategies have been made available to them and are thankful for the participation and context those have provided. In order to maximize the impact of this work, attendance is critical no matter what the stance is on the local economy. They are encouraging attendees to trust in the process, and be prepared to "roll up their sleeves" to engage and share ideas.

That sounds hopeful, right? There are to be a total of four meetings: two in person at the Hall, and two on Zoom. The first meeting is in person Tuesday September 26th; if you didn't go to that, you'll have missed it. I plan to be there; I'll let you all know how it goes. The next meeting will be on Zoom on October 2nd. Following meetings will be in November. You can register online and get more information here: <https://www.wellesleyconsulting.ca/team/>. I hope as many people as possible will engage with this process and add your voice to help guide us on a good path.

That's what I think. What do you think? email me at phoenixhornby@gmail.com 🍷

SPECIAL
INTEREST

Green Wizardries, Passum & Priapus

By Maxine Rogers

I am back at work after two weeks of holiday. Before I left, we started a batch of wine. My husband stayed home to take care of our tiny farm. That is an occupational hazard of having such a complicated homestead; one of us has to stay behind to manage all the projects while the other goes off, usually in the name of family duty.

The first step in making wine is to grow the grapes and then pick them when the grapes are good and sweet. Picking grapes is a fun job that we two do together. We pile the bunches of grapes into wicker baskets and take them into the house where we crush the grapes and remove the stems which have a bitter flavour.

The juice and crushed fruit are poured into nylon bags in the primary fermenting vessel. In our case, this is a large plastic bucket-shaped vessel with a tight fitting lid. Now, grapes have the right sugar and acid balance to become wine, along with the right sort of yeast naturally present on their skins. My husband is the wine maker and he adds water and sugar according to some mysterious formula that I really should learn one day. He also adds wine yeast to get a more predictable fermentation.

After some days of primary fermentation, he removes the nylon bags of crushed fruit and moves the wine into a secondary fermenter which is, in our case, a very large glass vessel with an airlock on top to keep the wine clean and free from the attentions of fruit flies who's fondest desire in life is to contaminate wine with bacteria that would cause the wine to spoil.

I take the wine to the next stage when it is almost finished fermenting. We like to make the wine into Passum which is a dessert wine the ancient Romans used to make. The finished product tastes a lot like Sherry or Marsala wine and is a considerable improvement in the way the wine tastes without being made into Passum.

I recently tried an Italian white wine that I believe is the direct descendant of Passum. It is called Passito di Pantelleria and comes from the island of Pantelleria which is located between Sicily and Tunisia. It is made with dried (passito) grapes of Muscat of Alexandria grapes.

The ancient recipe for Passum calls for the wine to be almost finished fermenting and then add another quantity of grapes that have been allowed to shrivel and dry on the vine. These grapes are on their way **continued on P.4...**

TIDE TABLE

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

2023-09-29 (Fri)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
00:14	2	6.7
2023-09-30 (Sat)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
06:57	4.5	14.8
12:57	1.9	6.3
18:58	4.8	15.8
2023-10-01 (Sun)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
01:39	1.2	3.9
07:59	4.6	15
13:42	2.4	7.7
19:27	4.8	15.7
2023-10-02 (Mon)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
02:20	0.9	2.9
09:01	4.6	15.2
14:29	2.8	9.2
19:57	4.7	15.3
2023-10-03 (Tue)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
03:02	0.8	2.5
10:03	4.6	15.2
15:20	3.2	10.5
20:27	4.5	14.7
2023-10-04 (Wed)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
03:44	0.8	2.6
11:07	4.6	15.2
16:22	3.5	11.5
20:57	4.2	13.9
2023-10-05 (Thu)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
04:30	1	3.2
12:15	4.6	15
17:46	3.7	12
21:26	4	13
2023-10-06 (Fri)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
05:20	1.2	4
13:29	4.5	14.9
19:50	3.6	11.9
21:53	3.7	12.1
2023-10-07 (Sat)		
Time PDT (m)		(ft)
06:19	1.5	5
14:41	4.5	14.8

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The addition of more sweet grapes starts the fermentation again and the yeast is killed by the alcohol when it reaches about 14%. The recipe then calls for the wine to sit and age with the shrivelled grapes in it and this makes the wine sweeter, stronger and more full bodied.

The Italian Passito wine made in this manner is a good deal less strong and sweet than the Passum I usually make. Ancient recipes usually say something like, "add a good quantity of..." so a lot of experimentation is necessary and one must also keep good notes.

We do not have a climate that is conducive to getting grapes to shrivel on the vines and our birds would scarcely allow us to keep any grapes left out for their delectation, so I buy organically-produced raisins and we use those instead.

It is vastly important to use organic raisins as the conventionally-produced sort are adulterated with mineral oil and sulphites. Sulphites kill the yeast so you would not get the second fermentation. I plan to keep very detailed notes, this year, on the weight of raisins used in each batch of Passum. This way, I will be able to see how much variation I can achieve in this year's vintage and then take notes on which vintage we like best. I imagine this technique could be used

SPECIAL
INTEREST

Shucking Oysters: So, Who Wants to be a Billionaire?

By Alex Allen

Bezos followed, adding \$46.5 billion to his worth. And these boys are not alone.

No surprise that the US has the highest number of billionaires, 735 members with a combined net worth of \$4.5 trillion. On a global scale, there are a staggering 2,640 billionaires worth over \$9 trillion. To put that into perspective, in 1987, when Forbes produced the first list of the world's billionaires, there were only 140 individuals.

Global Citizen estimated that for less than \$10 billion, billionaires could fully fund the UN's refugee programs. And for \$35 billion annually, billionaires could close the global funding gap for education, ensuring that every child can go to school. But hey, there's better stuff to spend money on.

Billionaires love to buy huge swaths of land. They also love



with berry wines or apple wine as well.

The fellow in the photo is the God Priapus and he is one of the most ancient of the Roman Gods. Priapus is a God of fertility and he is a very gentle fellow who enjoys being offered fruit and flowers. The lore states that his statues must be made of wood and this statue was made by one of my talented nieces who gathered driftwood off the beach here to make this statue for me.

Priapus is a God well worth worshipping as he is not only a fertility God but is also a protector of bees. I guess you may be thinking you don't believe in the Immortal Gods but that is no hindrance as they require worship, not belief. It is only the God of the monotheists (Christians, Muslims and Jews) who requires belief. The other Gods are, perhaps, more self assured. Appropriate offerings for the

Lord Priapus include prayers which should be short, to the point and not grovel-y, lit candles, frankincense plus the fruit and flowers previously mentioned.

I can tell you that we have been worshipping Priapus for years now and have received benefits from his kindness. This year, we had so much produce, we had to give away tomatoes, cucumbers and even grapes to our friends.



remote islands for their lavish villas and estates. Many billionaires seem to think the world is doomed and spend vast sums of money buying properties in remote parts of the world to escape the looming apocalypse. They also like to build underground bunkers and stock them with tons of food, water, and really expensive toys to amuse themselves. Sometimes, they dispossess communities and harm the environment in the process. But oh, well. Billionaires also love to burn fossil fuels. Whether it's through their private planes, mega yachts, or convoy of cars, they burn a lot to get from A to B. An analysis by researchers at Indiana University noted that billionaires have carbon footprints thousands of times greater than the average person.

For billionaires like Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, and Richard Branson, who have poured billions of dollars into personal space flight programs, the sight of a clear night sky is apparently not good enough either. Bezos spent a mere \$5.5 billion for four minutes in suborbital space aboard his Blue Origin vessel.

But are they happy? At a certain level, the next million isn't going to suddenly revolutionize their lifestyle. Another million dollars doesn't make anything newly affordable. That's when other motivations take over. Michael Norton, a Harvard Business School professor, says there are two central questions that people ask themselves when determining

whether they're satisfied: "Am I doing better than I was before?" and "Am I doing better than other people?" This applies to wealth, but it can also relate to attractiveness, height, and other things that people obsess about.

Norton asked more than 2,000 people who had a net worth of at least \$1 million (including many who had more) how happy they were on a scale of one to 10, and then how much more money they would need to get to 10. "All the way up the income-wealth spectrum," Norton said, "basically everyone says [they'd need] two or three times as much" to be perfectly happy.

Jeffrey Winters, a professor of political science at Northwestern University and the author of *Oligarchy*, said that in addition to social comparison, really rich people are often motivated to acquire more and more money by the sheer thrill that comes with multiplying one's fortune. "For those of us who make wages and have expenditures that we are trying to meet—a mortgage, pay our health insurance, food, whatever happens to be our kid's tuition—we link the making of money to our expenses," he says. Meanwhile, many ultra-wealthy people "use their money to make money," he says—an exciting, status-enhancing process. It's different if the goal is to keep accumulating, in which case "there's no number at which you have enough," Winters says. He adds, "Every billionaire I've spoken to, and I've spoken to quite a number of them, is extremely excited by each additional increment of money they make."

Brooke Harrington, a professor at the Copenhagen Business

School wrote, "the sensation of 'being well-off' is not about fulfilling a childhood dream of buying a sailboat or something; feeling wealthy is about comparison with others in your reference group. So the question is not what individuals want to buy, but what they feel they must buy in order to keep up their status."

Psychologist Elizabeth Lombardo—who studied high-net-worth families for her book, *From Entitlement to Intention: Raising Purpose-Driven Children*—explains that "We think external things we buy will bring us happiness, but then we get them and we wonder 'what's next?'" "That [next thing] has to be bigger and better" than what we had before and than what other people around us have, she adds.

So, you still want to be a billionaire? You'll fly private jets, yes. You'll eat gourmet cuisine all the time, you'll have a massage therapist, a life coach and staff who will save you time. The problem is, the novelty will wear off. Even the private jet doesn't cut it, because you'll be comparing it unfavourably to other private planes you've flown on. And the mega yacht; not big enough. The hedonic treadmill. The reality, of course, is that plenty of research shows that most material possessions don't make us happier—instead, it's things like experiences and having more time to do things we love—and spend time with people we love—that drive happiness.

Sigmund Freud is said to have confided that if he had to choose between a rich patient and a poor patient, he'd choose the rich one any day. Why? Because the rich patient already knows that money is not the answer to his problems. 🍷

ARTS&LIT

March 26th, 2007 *Bad Lunches & Dumb Luck*

By CS#05943451

impression that forms submitted of such nature would immediately get filed in the garbage. To see that our lunches have indeed altered since my last complaint confirms otherwise. The problem is that they didn't improve, they got worse. I think I'm beginning to see how things work around here now. So allow me to try a new tack.

AND now for my latest complaint lodged about
our laughable lunches:

To whom it may concern,

As previously, I write regarding Crew #2's lunches. Personally I am surprised that you even have complaint forms given this is jail. Until now I was of the



I asked for a 'Commendation Form,' but apparently you find little reason to make available such forms. Anyways, I just wanted to say that the slice of meat and processed cheese, nestled between two dry slices of bread was delicious! With no butter to cook them with it's a good thing such savoury fare gets my salivary glands pumping. Were it not for the anticipation of such delectable morsels, I might be at risk of choking to death on such dryness. Thank you and keep up the good work!

CS# 05943451

Our crew lunch woes aside, I must now pause for a genuine moment of recognition for how fortunate I feel to be me. It's nothing much really. Not meant to be self-congratulatory or anything. It's just that I'm all too often hearing guys in here talk of how little they weighed prior to landing in the clink. The result of crack addictions. Skin and bones. Over the course of their imprisonment, despite the bland and calibrated diet, they have near magically ballooned to their more normal weight. Certainly a good many of them utilize the weight room up in the gym to aid in their physical rehabilitation. I suspect that the obsessive compulsion to lift weights is a convenient substitute for their past obsessive compulsion for drugs. Either way, I'm just feeling blessed that I never wandered down such a path. My usual 145 pound mass I suspect is much the same given my ever steady metabolism. I don't know who or what is reason for my station. God, fate, genes, choices, dumb luck? But this mustn't pass my notice. I'm glad to be me! Especially when these very same guys proclaim how they 'can't wait to get back on the pipe' as their release draws near. 🍷

Sports Report

By Buck 'The Man' Manly

AS a lifelong Canucks fan I carry pain. I wouldn't say it's debilitating but there have been moments where it becomes unbearable (insert your own Canucks tale of heartbreak here).

For this reason my chosen method of pain management is a slow and steady drip feed of skepticism that provides insulation from swelling expectation and swooning disappointment. 52 seasons of fandom has taxed this heart to such a degree that the ol' Buckster simply mustn't ride the emotional rollercoaster ever again. Besides, as beat writer for local darlings of the slo-pitch diamond, your Denman Hashers, my winter months are already largely spent in therapy.

Why do I tell you this? Well, if at any point in the hockey season there could possibly be hope for this franchise it is before it even starts, right? The person who coined the phrase, 'Hope springs eternal,' I'm willing to bet wasn't a sports fan. And for the Canuck fan well, 'hope' has a very narrow window. And this narrow window is presently wide open to the possibilities! With a new coach and management team touting a plan of 'changing the culture,' I managed to resist the temptation to rip the IV from my arm and scheduled an extra therapy session. Because deep down 'The Man' knows changing the culture of the 'Nucks requires something more than white boards and whistles and 'holding one another to account.' Something more like voodoo, perhaps.

To prove my point, lets check in on the squad as they kicked off their preseason against division rivals, the Calgary Flames:

Rick Tocchet buries his own players after ugly preseason performance.

The head coach of the Vancouver Canucks did not mince words during his post game media availability.

Jonathan Larrivee/HockeyFeed



It is the National Hockey League preseason and the games technically do not matter in the grand scheme of things, but that did little to diminish the embarrassment Vancouver Canucks head coach Rick Tocchet felt on Sunday night.

Tocchet stood behind the Canucks bench as his team put out one

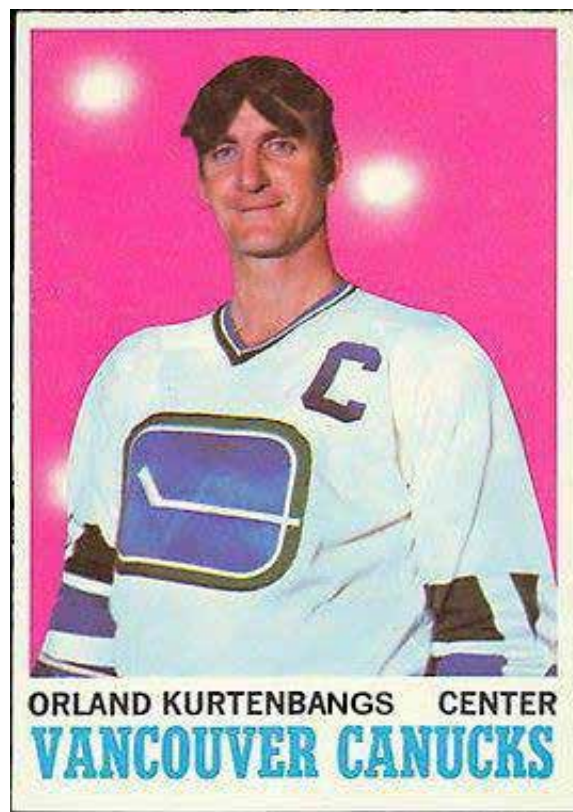
of the worst performances we have seen so far in the preseason during a blowout against the Calgary Flames, one that mercifully ended after the Flames put up 10 unanswered goals. That's right, the final tally when it was all said and done was 10 - 0 in favour of the Flames.

Needless to say Tocchet was not very happy with what he saw on the ice, and following the game he let members of the assembled media and his players know exactly how he felt.

"If I have one goal for this our 53rd season, aside from the team scoring one obviously, is that I'm still gainfully employed by Christmas. Now if you'll excuse me, I have much digging to do."

I rest my case sports fans.

If the Grapevine is going to bring you the Canucks coverage you expect and deserve, Buck 'The Man' Manly is not the man for this job. So as I refasten my IV, I'd like to announce the Grapevine's new Sports Bureau signing, Orland Kurtenbangs.



Look for Orland to bring a wealth of hockey knowledge to our sports reports as he draws on his 13 year NHL playing career. And, as inaugural Captain in Canucks franchise history, K'Bang has also demonstrated unassailable levels of hope. Something all who follow the Orca must be imbued with to endure what this team puts us through. So welcome to the Grapevine Orland! While Gwynne may no longer feature in our pages it now falls to your Canucks coverage to remind our readers of circumstances dire.



SPECIAL
INTEREST

Broken Trust

By William Thomas

PART 1 - A TOWER TOO FAR

ON June 14, 2022, then

Islands Trust Regional Planning Manager, Heather Kauer inquired by email to SitePath consultant to Rogers Communications Brian Gregg's bombshell, "Could you confirm that what you are proposing is a brand new cell phone tower?"

Rogers' point man answered: "Yes that is correct." Some emails explode.

Five years after Gregg's 2017 open house debacle at Hornby's community hall, in support of a Telus cell tower, he was trying again. On June 10, he had contacted Kauer with a new cell tower proposal — this time, to erect a multi-antenna, 207-foot-high telecommunications tower in the centre of an island renowned for defeating his previous Telus application. The new Rogers proposal included an optional 20% antenna extension that would not require any additional permitting.

Yet, 15 months after first approaching the Islands Trust, Brian Gregg has not held the required live public meeting on Hornby Island. And Islands Trust planners were still prodding him to finish notifying school officials, community groups, and Hornby residents closest to a multiple-source of electrosmog far stronger than they could have guessed.

As of Sept. 24, 2023, Rogers was not yet compliant with Canadian Federal regulatory requirements of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) and the Model Antenna Siting Strategy in Hornby's Official Community Plan (OCP). Both land use regulations call for a live public presentation here.

So it seems odd to read Northern Region Planner, Margot Thomaidis declare in the Sept. 8, '23 Islands Trust Staff Report: "Staff finds that the proponent (Rogers) has fulfilled all consultation processes to date."

Even more puzzling, this Islands Trust planning document further states that when Rogers finally went public with its tower application on November 23, 2022 — "neither the planning staff nor Rogers knew the Hornby antenna Strategy had been adopted."

Motion HO-LTC-2022-053 had been moved, seconded and carried — the Trust's then northern regional planner Heather Kauer neglected to add — at a Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting *attended by herself* on September 9. During that open session of the LTC, Kauer had announced that the newly adopted "Model Strategy federally compels companies to engage in extensive public consultation before installation

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She did not mention the Rogers tower proposal. (LTC official minutes, confirmed by head planner Sonja Zupanec in a Dec. 23 email to Brian Gregg: “Heather Kauer did not discuss the Rogers proposal with the elected officials.”)

Emails released to this reporter under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that on June 14 last year, Gregg emailed Kauer: “Would it be fair to assume that we would likely need their support [Local Trustees Alex Allen and Grant Scott] in order to obtain concurrence at the September 9th meeting?”

“It’s not a bad idea to reach out to the Trustees individually,” Kauer responded. Especially since notifying the LTC of cell tower applications is required under federal ISED (Industry Canada) regulations and Hornby’s (OCP).

But this was not done.

Instead, from June to November, 2022 — acting separately and sometimes cc’ing or directly appraising each other via emails — the Islands Trust planning staff and Brian Gregg had between them notified ISED; the CVRD’s Doug DeMarzo; the CVRD’s fire chief; Hornby fire chief, Doug Chinnery; former Hornby trustee Tony Law; the K’ómoks and Homal-

OPINIONS

But What About Me? Part 2

By Sally Campbell

I swam obliviously in the waters of my post-sixties women’s lib, white-privileged, western individualistic, Eurocentric, middle class, “But what about me?” universe. Born and raised in Vancouver, I knew nothing of the indigenous cultures all around me. I had so much to learn. I was, as they say, overdeveloped on the outside and underdeveloped on the inside.

Thankfully, mediation is a great and humbling teacher. So is working with indigenous communities and faith communities like Ismaili Muslim. So is a gifted T’ai Chi Ch’uan teacher like the late Doreen Hynd. So is therapy. And the writers, the poets, voices of the heart and soul – on loss, grief, inequality, racism. I especially enjoy reading and learning from those with different backgrounds from my own. Conflict is a terrific lens because it’s a hard human experience, a universal one, and one of life’s most powerful teachers. As tough as it is, we need to ask what it is teaching us right now. And take the learning!

At a very deep level, our values drive how we respond in conflict situations. Yet they are something we rarely examine or even question. Interestingly, people world-wide share most of the same values, but they play out in distinctly differing ways.

WHEN I took my initial training as a mediator in 1986, I had no idea how culture-blind I was.

co Nations; Rogers’ Michael August and Claudia Castro; SitePath’s Heather Oliver and Brian Gregg; the RCMP; the forest/lands/resources ministry; Telus representative Doug Anastos; Jesse Hopps (provincial FOREX); the Trust’s Director, Local Planning services, David Marlor; and Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services Islands Trust of the Rogers tower application. (page 33; FOIAs)

The frequency and extent of telephone conversations between Trust planners and SitePath’s Brian Gregg are unknown, as staff calls are not required to be logged.

Throughout those months of wide-ranging discussions, Hornby’s remaining residents and LTC remained unaware of the proposed cell tower until a notice appeared in the *Comox Valley Record* on November 21. Even then, most of us did not see that off-island newspaper and remained unaware of this much-advanced project until SitePath placed notifications in the Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 editions of *The Islands Grapevine*.

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What seems logical, sensible, important and reasonable to a person in one culture may seem irrational and unimportant to one of another culture. Stella Ting-Toomey* has written a great deal about culture. She says that when people talk about other cultures, they tend to describe the differences and not the similarities. And that differences between cultures are often seen as threatening, so they’re described in negative terms. And yet it is very valuable to understand the differences, to look into them, and see where these judgments lie, particularly our own. For instance, the more ego-centred life style of individualists is considered utterly selfish and immature by more collectivist orientations, while the group allegiance valued in collectivist cultures is considered by individualists to be sheep-like adherence, blind conformity to the dictates of the group.

Freedom - a highly valued and vaunted aspect of western culture, is a not a value you hear expressed by most of the world’s population. (No one likes the idea of incarceration. Ironically, the freedom-loving US has the highest rate of incarceration in the world.) Maintaining harmony and belonging are much more highly valued in a collectivist worldview. My freedom is only as important as the freedom of my entire group in collectivist perspective.

As well, with collectivism, separate interests are inextricably tied to the interests of the group. I experienced this orientation when working in the Northwest Territories, as a facilitator with the 7 indigenous nations of that region. It was a 3 day gathering exploring impacts and benefits of a proposed gas pipeline. When asking representatives of their respective nations to identify their own specific interests (what mat

tered to them), they never once separated out their interests as individuals from those of their group; the idea itself was foreign to them. I remember thinking how utterly different a response this was from that of folks at a negotiating table of non-indigenous people. They would speak of the interests of those they represented and also from their own perspective, without hesitation. Sometimes the latter would come first.

These ideas are intended not to stereotype people but rather to provide a general framework for understanding deeply-rooted ways of being.

Here's a few more ways these cultural value frameworks play out:

1. Individualism emphasizes personal goals; collectivism, in-group goals.
2. Individualism expects horizontal relational primacy (loyalty to spouse or partner); collective worldviews expect vertical relational primacy (obedience and respect for elders, and for those in authority).
3. Individualism anticipates competition in conflict; collectivism expects avoidance of conflict.

4. Individualism values free & frank disclosure and expects personal face-saving; collectivism teaches mutual and other face-saving.

5. Individualism has a resolution focus ("get the job done"); collectivism has a harmony focus (build relationship first).

6. Individualism values enforcement of legal rights (self-face-saving); collectivism values forbearance and non-interference (mutual- and other-face saving).

7. Individualism seeks formalized agreement (task focus); collectivism offers ceremonial closure (relationship focus).

It's worth remembering that we all show aspects of individualism and collectivism in differing contexts. Nonetheless, we have each been taught certain values by the primary culture in which we were raised, and these values run deep.

*Many of these ideas are from Ting-Toomey & John Oetzel's scholarly book: *Managing Intercultural Conflict Effectively*. Sage Publications: California, 2001. 🍷

OPINIONS

Notes From the Edge of the Narrative Matrix

By Caitlin Johnstone
OP September 26, 2023

on the side of the Nazis, you crazy Russian shill.

Nobody Who Fought Against Russia Could Possibly Be Bad!

JUST because Ukraine has Nazi paramilitaries and just because it's impossible to take photos of Ukrainian soldiers without capturing Nazi insignia and just because Ukrainian Nazis get applauded in parliament (1) doesn't mean we're



<https://twitter.com/caitoz/status/1706116389029969957>



Western minds have become so warped by cold war hysteria these last few years that it never occurred to a single person in an entire giant room full of professional politicians that someone who fought against Russia during World War II might be a bad guy. Having fought against Russia at any point in history is just reflexively assumed to have put you on the right side.

Remember when US liberals were conditioned to hate Russia by a completely false narrative which was fed to the media by the western intelligence cartel, while the west was engaging in actions that same intelligence cartel knew would provoke a war with Russia? (2) Crazy coincidence.

Ukraine, wait til the information becomes declassified in a few decades about the **real** nasty shit they were up to behind the veil of government secrecy.

If you think the US government has been doing evil things in

The media and online psyops alone will be jaw dropping.

I love how it's no longer seriously disputed that NATO expansion provoked this war and even the head of NATO now admits it (3), so now empire apologists' only argument is claiming that Russia simply shouldn't have viewed NATO expansion as a threat. As though that's an answer.

They work so hard on internet control for the same reason they've worked so hard on media control: to control the public. The easiest way to control people is to control how they think, and the

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...continued from P.9 easiest way to control how they think is to control what information they consume.

When Russia and China draw a "red line", it's about a threat to their national security on their own borders. When the US draws a "red line", it's about the internal affairs of another country on the other side of the world.



<https://twitter.com/RnaudBertrand/status/1706465816181637555>

I guess if you spend generations training a population to believe that it's perfectly fine and normal for your government to work to topple communist governments around the world solely because they are communist, a lot of them will be on board when it's time to go after China.

The US empire is a global version of Israel. One's a nation that can only exist by endless war, the other's a globe-spanning power structure of allies, assets, military bases, and economic/monetary norms that can only exist by endless war.

The fastest way to get me to completely lose interest in your analysis is to start pouring your energy into divisive culture war issues. In a world that's hurtling toward nuclear annihilation and environmental collapse there's just no reason to be running around shitting on trans people and shrieking about pronouns or whatever. Even if you're generally right about other important issues, the fact that you think that's a wise expenditure of your political energy tells me you don't truly understand the gravity of those other issues and only have a very limited perspective.

Leftists who oppose past wars but never the present one are the absolute worst. Their posture on past wars allows them enough anti-imperialist cred to maintain influence over leftist circles, while their position on what's happening here and now (the only thing that actually matters) is indistinguishable from John Bolton or Lindsey Graham.

tional, and dominated by ego. That's just where the human species is at right now. Socialism has failed to manifest in the western world for a whole host of reasons, but a big one is just that humans are too easily distracted, divided, manipulated and led astray to create a healthy world at this particular point in spacetime. We're not going to be able to organize effectively and start moving toward health until we wake up from the dysfunctional relationship with thought that allows manipulators to continually neuter and nullify our political energy.

- 1) https://consortiumnews.com/2023/09/25/apologies-in-canada-for-honoring-ukrainian-nazi/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email
- 2) https://www.caitlinjohnst.one/p/this-war-wasnt-just-provoked-it-was?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email
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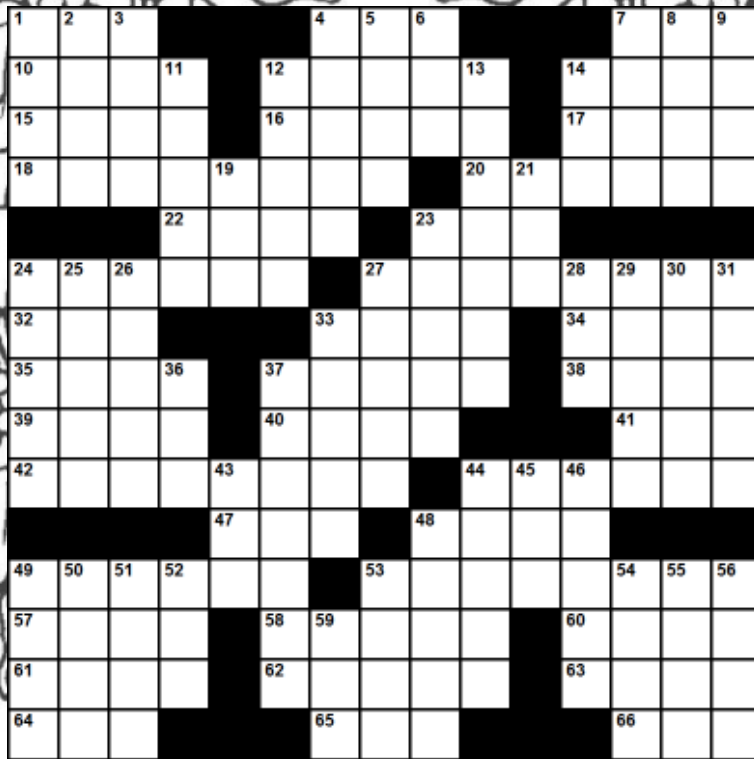
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34. Excellent
35. Puts in turf
37. Rough woven raw silk
38. Break ground
39. Black-and-white cookie
40. Circumference parts
41. Billboards
42. Like some jobs
44. Fish hawk

47. Grimly

48. Bingo card word
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53. Purchase add-on
57. Chestnut or bay
58. Emcee's job
60. Unit of pressure
61. Charming chap
62. Integration grp.
63. A 1977 movie
64. Antlered animal
65. Brief farewell
66. Biblical possessive

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9. Culturally showy
11. Digression
12. Rustle, as silk
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19. Fleur de ---
21. Additionally
23. Synagogue platforms
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26. Golf cup
27. From this place
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33. Golf term in match play
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Grumpism



“Why is that my bald friends have combs but won't part with them?”

Thank you Anonymous

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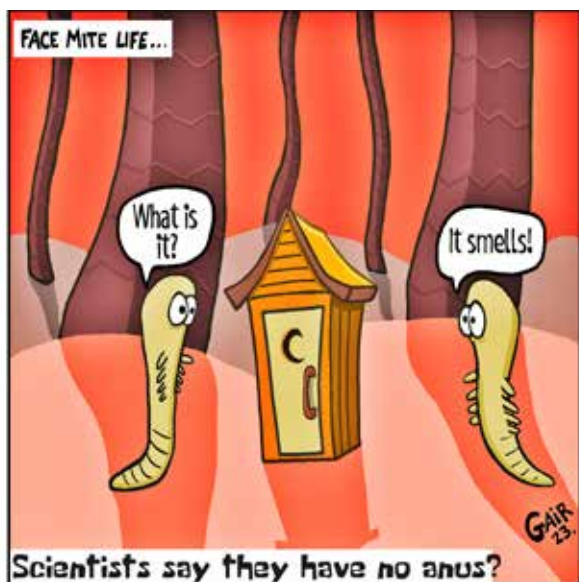
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FRIDAY 29

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 30

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30-12:30
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm

SUNDAY 1

MONDAY 2

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

TUESDAY 3

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- CAP SITE Hub Comm. Hall 4-7pm
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FRIDAY 6

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 7

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
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ACTIVITIES

AA Meeting DI United Church
Gathering Place 7pm

OLD SCHOOL

Recycling 2-6pm

Free Store 4:30-6pm Wed
Free Store 9-12am

Bottle Depot 2-6pm Wed/Thu
Bottle Depot 9-5pm Sat

Farmer's Market 9:30-12:30

HUB

Food Bank Comm. Hall 4-7pm

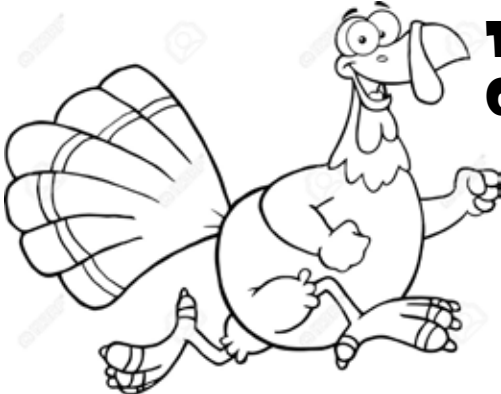
Dora Drinkwater Library
1:30-3:30pm

Cap Site Hub Comm. Hall
4-7pm

Garbage Pickup Thurs.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GEM Reading at the Activity Centre 2:00pm - 3:30pm01	02	03	04	05	Ballet Rocks Comm. Hall 7:30pm06	Activity Centre Apple and Nut Festival 9:30am - 3pm07
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Morning Prayer Service at St Saviours 10:30am08	Thanksgiving Day09	10	11	12	13	14
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Denman Writers Group Meeting at the Senior Lounge 1:30pm - New Members Welcome15	DIRA Public Meeting Back of Comittee Hall 7:30pm16	DICES AGM 2:45pm at The Hub17	DIGS plant exchange at UC 1:30pm DIGS Plant Meeting at UC 2-4pm18	19	Flagstone Deadline for November20	21
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THE ISLANDS Grapevine

THANKSGIVING
OCTOBER 9TH

HALLOWEEN
OCTOBER 31ST

